

FEDERAL SUIT IN SP TRAIN DISPUTE SOUGHT

Long Residence In Roseburg Ended



Chris Hestnes, above, retired cabinet maker and resident of Roseburg for the last 45 years, left today by airliner for Brooklyn, N. Y., to make his future home with his son.

Born in Norway 81 years ago, Chris, after four years' as an apprentice in his trade came to the United States in 1898, and to Roseburg in 1910. During his first 17 years here, he was employed at the former W. L. Dysinger planing mill and later, for 26 years, he was with the A. S. Coen Supply Co.

An ardent angler and hunter during his spare time, he became one of the best known sportsmen in Douglas County. Still retaining his love of sports, Chris said upon taking leave of some of his many friends and well-wishers here, that he was looking eagerly forward to attending the coming world's baseball series, in which it appears at the present time that the Brooklyn Dodgers will represent the National League.

Banner Event In Offing

Opening Week Of County Fair Sees Entries Pour In For New High Mark

County fair week opened with a bang Monday morning. Superintendents of the hobbies, arts and textile departments reported a record-breaking number of entries. All entries were not totaled by Monday, but the figure in fine arts was 107 exhibits entered.

Fair Manager Dick Turley said the quality of exhibits was "superb." Some 35 persons registered entries Saturday and Sunday at the fairgrounds. Deadline for all other entries is 6 p.m. Thursday.

Turley reported that the new starting gates for the horse races Sunday were brought to the fairgrounds Sunday by race chairman Harry Hucker. Hucker and fair grounds employee Jack Smith used a pickup to pull the gates from Canby.

Workmen were busy Monday gravelling a large outside area of the fairgrounds where farm machinery exhibits will be placed.

The water coolers in the flower department were to be checked this afternoon. They were installed about two weeks ago.

Manager Turley said the cooling system, to keep the flowers fresh and crisp throughout the fair, is the only known one of its kind in the state. He said the floral exhibit would rank with any in the nation.

Reminder To Cannors
Douglas County cannors were reminded Monday that entry in any

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Sad news: Sergeant James Gallagher was sentenced by a court martial to confinement at hard labor for life. The sentence came shortly after he was convicted of various offenses, including the unprompted murder of two fellow American prisoners of war while in a North Korean prison camp.

He was also found guilty of charges involving mistreatment and informing on fellow Korean war prisoners and collaborating with the Chinese Reds.

I suppose there have to be had apples in every barrel. Let's think of the MILLIONS UPON MILLIONS of good apples in our armed services barrel.

In addition to the other damage they caught in their binges, Connie and Diane took a heavy toll of Southern and Eastern crops.

North Carolina's Governor Lee

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The Weather

Fair today, tonight and Tuesday. Cooler both days.

Highest temp. last 24 hours 49
Lowest temp. last 24 hours 31
Highest temp. any August 106
Lowest temp. any August 29
Precip. last 24 hours 0
Precip. from Aug. 1 0
Precip. from Sept. 1 22.51
Deficiency from Sept. 1 7.76
Sunset tonight, 7:05 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 5:27 a.m.

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Death Toll In Floods Nearing 200

5 States Put In Disaster Area Status

Estimates Of Damage Continue To Increase Into Many Billions

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The flood-dazed Northeastern states struggled Monday to get back on their feet, with President Eisenhower taking a personal hand in the agonizing task.

With human misery and destruction spread over a six-state region, and the death toll near 200, the President announced in Denver he will make an aerial inspection of the devastation Tuesday and confer later in the day with state governors on the staggering job of rehabilitation.

An incomplete survey by the American Red Cross showed that 34,169 families were driven from homes, most of which now lie in soggy warped mud-glutted ruin.

Sanitation hazards, debris-littered streets, bodies of dead livestock, shattered store fronts—a massive, grim specter of blighted fortunes and lives—confronted scores of communities.

Over all—covering thousands of square miles—was a dismal, slimy sea of mud, fresh-cut ravines and waste.

Eisenhower appealed to people everywhere in the country to "pitch in and help" a drive for relief funds by the Red Cross, which Monday had 290 experts busy surveying critical family needs.

As the rampaging streams and rivers receded to normal levels, astonished citizens surveyed the heart-breaking devastation. It was so vast that only the broadest estimates of the damage could be made, but these ran to billions.

Homes were wrecked or completely gone. Factories were damaged, some beyond repair. Bridges were down and roads washed out.

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Two Traffic Crashes Draw Inquiry By Police

Two accidents were investigated by state police over the weekend on the county's highway.

The worst involved two cars on the North Rural Road and Plat 1 Road junction Saturday night.

Police say both cars were going west and a car driven by Roger Huffard of Sutherlin apparently tried to make a left turn. The second car, driven by Delbert Hodges, allegedly bumped the rear end of the Huffard car. The impact threw Huffard's car into a ditch, police report, and the Hodges car went into another ditch. Both vehicles were damaged badly.

Huffard suffered a head cut and Hodges had a cut and bump on his forehead. Huffard was cited for failure to signal. Two passengers in the Huffard car, Alice and Kevin Huffard, were uninjured.

The second accident was minor. It occurred early Sunday morning on Highway 99 near Myrtle Creek. It involved three vehicles, one driven by Georgia Byrland of Myrtle Creek, another driven by Earl LaVerne Powell of Oklahoma City and a third driven by Lloyd Albert Deardorff of Myrtle Creek.

State police said the first two cars apparently slowed down and the Deardorff car didn't slow in time, pushing the Powell car into the Byrland car. Only minor damage resulted.

Teenage Youths Fined For Liquor Possession

Three teenage youths pleaded guilty today and were fined \$25 each for illegal possession of alcoholic liquor, reports District Judge Warren Woodruff.

Two of the boys, 17 and 16 of Winston and Brockway entered pleas and Zethel Meadows, 19, Winston, also pleaded. An 18-year-old girl, Barbara Cantley of Grants Pass, was scheduled to plead later today in district court at Roseburg.

Arresting the foursome were sheriff's deputies. Police said the four were allegedly sitting in a car in possession of beer.

Also arrested over the weekend was a 17-year-old Dillard youth for being drunk in a public place.

DRUNK CHARGES FACED

Two men were arrested Sunday on charges of being drunk in public by Roseburg police.

Ernest Hugh McDermott, 33, Portland, posted \$70 bail. He was to appear in Municipal Court Monday. McDermott was arrested at the Harris Cafe at 6:30 p.m.

Roy Riback, 29, Creason Hotel, Roseburg, was jailed at 10:30 p.m. He was arrested in the 500 block on North Carolina Street. He was to appear in Municipal Court Monday.

Youngs Bay Suffers Loss

As firemen and trucks raced to control the Winston grass fire, a call came from Youngs Bay Lumber Co., on East Second Avenue South. A short in an electric motor ignited the company's sawdust bin, causing an estimated \$2,500 in damages, according to Roseburg Rural Firemen. A repair crew

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Ex-County Judge Arba F. Stearns Passes On At 100

Douglas County patriarch, and former county judge, Arba F. Stearns, died Sunday night at a Roseburg hospital. He was 100 years old.

He was believed to have been the oldest living county resident and probably the oldest living native Oregonian.

Funeral services for the Oakland man are scheduled Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. at the Oakland Presbyterian Community Church. Dr. Homer Noble of the church will officiate. Graveside services and vault interment will follow at the IOOF Cemetery at Oakland.

Stearns was a native of Douglas County. He was born Oct. 24, 1854 to Daniel and Almira Fay Stearns at Scottsburg. His parents had arrived in the territory after their marriage in New Hampshire, a mule ride across the Isthmus of Panama and a short residence in San Francisco.

Later the family moved to Roseburg and still later to Elkton where the elder Stearns ranched.

Arba Stearns ranched in the Stearns Mountains in eastern Oregon for a couple of years when he reached 20. In about 1872, he returned to Douglas County. Shortly after, he and Creel Chenoweth bought out the Oakland hardware store from P. F. Taylor and Charley Hall. He has been identified with that business since. He retired only in 1946.

Stearns was married to Nancy Elizabeth Chenoweth in October of 1881. Two of their three children still live at Oakland, Edwin and Mrs. Esther Peeler. A second son, Harry, died a few years ago.

Stearns was Douglas County judge from 1904 to 1908.

A community birthday party was given for Judge Stearns on his 100th birthday Oct. 24, 1954. Shortly after, he received congratulations from President Eisenhower.

Surviving beside his son and daughter are a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Harry (Elizabeth) Stearns of Oakland; 19 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Fatal Fall Marks Prospecting Trip

An unusual accident Saturday evening took the life of a Tacoma man visiting at Riddle.

He was Andrew Hart, 83, of 707 S. Fawcett St.

Coroner L. L. Powers reports the man fell on a sharp rock while returning from a prospecting trip. Powers said he was rushed to Forest Glen Hospital at Canyonville, but he was dead on arrival.

Powers said this is apparently what happened:

Hart went out on the prospecting trip with Emer Larwood and Tom Smally of Riddle. The three were returning home and walking along a steep edge. Suddenly, Hart slipped and fell about 22 feet. He apparently struck his head on a huge, sharp boulder. The accident occurred on Hacker Heights on Cow Creek, about five miles southwest of Riddle.

Hart had been at Riddle for about three weeks before his death.

Reedsport Woman Killed, Father Hurt In Traffic Accident

Mrs. Thelma Wessela, 41, Reedsport, died in a Eugene hospital Sunday night in a two-car collision just north of Eugene. She was a passenger in an automobile driven by her father, Evan Henry Campbell, 68, Eugene. He was injured and hospital attendants reported his condition critical Monday morning.

Campbell's wife, Mona, 65, also was hurt but was in fair condition. Mrs. Wessela's daughter, Merry Sue, 12, suffered only slight injuries. So did the driver of the second car, Kenneth Brondel, 30, Salem, and other passengers in his vehicle.

ROADMASTER DIES

PORTLAND — Multnomah County Roadmaster George W. Buck died in a hospital here Saturday. He was 67.

Buck, who held the roadmaster post for the past 30 years, had been ill for some time with high blood pressure.

The widow, Caroline, survives.

Sunday Fires Do \$17,600 Damage



GRASS FIRE NORTHWEST OF WINSTON Sunday afternoon burned over 150 acres and threatened to engulf homes on Landers Lane. It was brought under control by Winston-Dillard and Roseburg Rural Fire Departments and DFPA crews, shortly before 6 p.m. Fire started at 3:15 p.m. Hundreds of spectators, clogged Highway 99 to watch. (Staff photo)

Rodeo Performer Remains In Coma



DONNIE PYEATT
... friends assist

While Donnie Pyeatt, above, continues in his second month in a coma at Eugene's Sacred Heart Hospital, a host of friends are continuing to raise a healthy fund to care for him.

The young cowboy suffered head injuries when his horse fell on him at the Yoncalla Rodeo July 4. He has been in a coma since.

A report from Mrs. Dale Pitcher, of the Cottage Grove Riding Club reveals that in the "Donnie Pyeatt Weekend" this month, approximately \$1,750 was raised.

Meanwhile, a Eugene flying service reports it will donate money for the Donnie Pyeatt fund. Chuck's Flying Service in Eugene will offer airplane rides each afternoon through Aug. 28 between 2 and 5 p.m. A third of the money from this project will go to the fund.

Mrs. Pitcher lauded churches, organizations, business firms and individuals for their cooperation in making the fund-raising activities successful.

Free Parking-Program Project Still Problem

Roseburg Retail Trades and Professions members were probably still talking to themselves today.

Saturday, in an effort to ease the downtown parking problem for shoppers, they sponsored a free parking-with-bus-service program for shoppers.

The merchants organization opened the Pine Motor Theater to free parking, and, in anticipation of an overflow crowd, they also provided additional facilities for 1,000 more cars outside the theater. The county sheriff and deputies were on hand to help with parking, and the theater snack bar opened for customers. Records played over loudspeakers to serenade the expected turnout.

Three 30-passenger buses were hired to make regular runs between the theater and the business district. And both the Indian and Star theaters scheduled special free movies so shoppers could bring along their children.

But the project proved more idealistic than practical. It folded before noon. The reason: Not one car showed up at the Pine Theater. Merchants had some consolation however. Quite a few kids went to the free shows.

WASHINGTON — Buses and streetcars rolled again through Washington streets today as AFL transit workers returned to their jobs after a 52-day strike. The walkout was settled when the city granted Capital Transit Co. fare increases to offset a 15-cent hourly wage boost for drivers and mechanics.

Prizes Won By Youths In Angling Competition

Sixteen boys, ages 13 and under, participated in a fishing jaunt up Rock Creek Saturday sponsored by the Roseburg Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The youths competed for prizes of reels, hooks and fishing rods which were awarded by local merchants. Biggest catch of the day, a 10-inch trout, was hauled in by Jay Stone, 12. He won a spinning rod.

Tom Clapp, 10, caught the most fish, three, and all were legal size, according to project chairman Dale Fick.

"Most industrious fisherman" was John Bower, 6. Bower came fishing equipped only with his sack lunch. Junior Chamber members helped him assemble a willow stick pole and the youngster beat the brush all day, Fick said. He won a pole and reel for his efforts.

The boys met at the Court House at 8 a.m. They returned to Roseburg about 3:30 p.m.

Polio Strikes 4 Family Members Within Week

MARTINSVILLE, Va. — Four members of a Martinsville family have been stricken with polio in a week's time.

Roger Pugh, 12, was hospitalized a week ago last Saturday. His mother, wife of a power shovel operator, and the Pugh's oldest son, Donald Lee, 16, were admitted to the same Roanoke, Va., hospital last Thursday. Four-year-old William was stricken last Friday.

All of the cases were of the nonparalytic type. A fourth son, Jerry, 14, and the father have shown no signs of illness.

Sen. Lowry Of Medford Takes Action

Violation Of Congress Act Of 1866 Alleged In Train Abandonment

In a new tack on southern Oregon's trouble with the Southern Pacific, Philip B. Lowry, state senator from Medford, has requested U.S. Atty. Gen. Herbert Brownell Jr. to start a suit against the SP.

Lowry made the request Saturday. He asked that the government institute the suit in the U.S. District Court for Oregon, charging violation of an 1866 act of Congress.

"I earnestly urge," Lowry says, "that this matter be thoroughly and exhaustively made the subject of suit to determine whether we are receiving the protection of laws of the United States." Lowry also sent letters to Sens. Wayne L. Morse and Richard Neuberger and Rep. Harris Ellsworth.

Lashing at the SP, Lowry said that before the abandonment of the passenger service Aug. 7, SP had succeeded in discontinuing all rail passenger service and mail service south of Ashland into California. Now, he said, Jackson, Josephine, Douglas, Coos and a part of Lane counties are without rail passenger transportation of any kind. He says this represents a fifth of a million people.

Continuing, Lowry said the SP has "successfully challenged" the right of the state to regulate the railroad's operations with respect to ordering resumption of intrastate service.

He said the Interstate Commerce Commission has not taken part, but it is his opinion that the proceeding in Oregon does not "encompass all the issues involved." He said the "fundamental question involved is whether the Aug. 7 abandonment, together with the failure of the Southern Pacific

Nearly 800 Slain In Bloody Weekend In N. African Clashes

CASABLANCA, Morocco (AP) — Grim French troops and Foreign Legionnaires chased rebel bands into the Moroccan hills today as the official death toll from bloody weekend rioting across French Africa neared the 800 mark.

Quick action restored a semblance of order in Algeria, where most casualties occurred, but violence continued in Morocco as French foot troops supported by tanks and jet planes fought back at the terrorists.

In a desperate bid to restore peace to France's shattered North African holdings, Premier Faure, Foreign Minister Pinay and other top French figures hastened to the French resort of Aix les Bains today for a week of talks with Moroccan leaders. Their aim is a plan for granting more self-rule to the protectorate.

Despite the widespread violence, U.S. air bases in Morocco apparently escaped unscathed over the weekend.

In Morocco, some raids were ominously similar to the Mau Mau massacres which have ripped Britain's Kenya colony.

Worst hit was the little Moroccan mining town of Oued Zem, about 100 miles southeast of Casablanca. There, 4,000 supposedly friendly Moroccan tribesmen poured down from the hills shooting, burning and mutilating men, women and children.

Two Youngsters, Man Injured In Accidents

Two Douglas County youngsters were injured in falls Sunday.

Michael Hagan, 5, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hagan Jr., 1807 Grandview St., suffered a possible skull fracture, according to personnel at Douglas Community Hospital. They reported the boy was "doing fine" Monday.

Robert Cochran, 1, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cochran, Glendale, cut his tongue when he fell at home. He was reported in good condition at Community Hospital.

A third person, Delph DeBeyer, 31, Rte. 1 Box 375, Roseburg, was treated at Community Hospital Sunday for a broken right leg. Attendents said he was in good condition.

TAXPAYERS, ATTENTION!

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Wyeth Laboratories announced today that a new drug, which it says brings quick and safe relief from tension and anxiety, will soon be available to physicians for prescription use.

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By L. F. Reizenstein

Don't grouch about our hot weather. Be thankful you're not living in eastern U.S., which was scourged last week by a hurricane and record-piling floods that dealt multi-billion dollars damage and took an estimated 200 lives.