

Climbers Brave High Winds, Snow



ROBERT NEWTON appointed Riddle city recorder this week, is one of about 30 physically handicapped persons in the county aided by the state vocational rehabilitation and employment offices. A paraplegic, Newton was appointed, coincidentally, during National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week. He, his wife and 2½-year-old son formerly lived at Los Angeles, but Newton prefers Oregon to the hustle of the California city. Newton likes his job because it means he can stay in Riddle, which he likes very much. He previously had vocational rehabilitation schooling at Klamath Falls. (Paul Jenkins photo).



GEORGE RIGGS of Riddle is an outstanding example of men doing a good job after being placed by the Oregon State Employment Service Office working with the vocational rehabilitation office. Like Robert Newton, he is a paraplegic and a veteran. He is payroll clerk for Harbor Plywood Corp. He attended Lassen College in California on the GI Bill. Riggs and his wife have a home in Riddle. (Paul Jenkins photo).

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Russian building experts—who are presently touring the United States—visited a housing development in the Boston suburb of Braintree. They were fascinated by an electric oven built into the wall at eye level to make things easier for the housewife.

They gathered around the gadget and Oh'd and Ah'd and pointed and talked and admired. It was obviously as strange to them as a man from Mars would be if he showed up unexpectedly in the middle of an American Main street.

Sutherland Woman Suffers Skinned Knee In Accident

A Sutherland woman suffered a skinned knee Thursday about 8:30 p.m. when her husband lost control of his car about three miles south of Roseburg on Highway 99.

Gilson Mardin, 46, told state police he slammed on his brakes when he suddenly noticed a high-way divider near the Hanley & Post truck shop. The car flipped over into a ditch.

Mardin was uninjured, but his wife, Betty Mae, 32, suffered a skinned knee.

23 Former Nazi Generals Begin First Day Of Freedom

CAMP FRIEDLAND, Germany—Twenty-three former generals in Hitler's Wehrmacht and one retired rear admiral began their first day of freedom here Friday after 10 years in Russia as prisoners of war.

Their return was marked by an emotional exchange between Gen. Walter von Seydlitz-Kurzbach, 68, who helped establish the Soviet-sponsored "National Committee for Free Germany" in Moscow during the war, and other returnees.

Seydlitz-Kurzbach declared that only German-Russian friendship can save world peace and called West Germany's military alliance with the West "50 years of occupation by the Western powers."

The other liberated generals said they had snubbed him on their train in Moscow. A former medical officer, who had served under him at Stalingrad, appeared at the welcoming ceremonies at Camp Friedland and shouted out:

"Hundreds of thousands of our comrades lost their lives on account of you!"

This referred to the wartime surrender appeals Seydlitz-Kurzbach, his commander Field Marshal Friedrich Paulus, and others of the Free German Committee made to German troops still fighting.

French Minister Trying To Salvage Reform Plan

Billotte Named As Successor To Diplomat

PARIS, France—Gen. Pierre Billotte, new minister of defense in Premier Faure's Cabinet, flew off to Morocco Friday to try to salvage the government's reform program for the strife-ridden North African protectorate.

He might be able to assure the survival of the government, if he can get some quick action.

Billotte was named defense minister Thursday, to succeed Gen. Pierre Koenig. Friday morning, after news of Billotte's mission to Morocco was announced, his party—the Social and Republican Action group, a DeGaulist splinter faction—asked him to resign under threat of expulsion from the party.

The party also has expelled Pierre Koenig, minister for Tunisian and Moroccan affairs, who had a big hand in drawing up the government policy.

Koenig, the outgoing defense minister, was one of four members.

Roseburg To Host Moose Legion State Convention

The city of Roseburg will host members of the Loyal Order of Moose Legion at the group's first statewide convention scheduled during the second week of April, 1956.

Announcement that this Douglas County city had again been selected as a convention site was made Thursday by Chamber of Commerce Secretary-Manager Harold Hickerson.

The legion (not to be confused with the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge) is a very old organization within the Moose order, according to Vernon Murdoch Sr. Murdoch has just been appointed publicity chairman for local Lodge 1037.

Membership in the legion is made up of Moose members who have reached a certain goal in securing new members. Murdoch told Hickerson there were several reasons for the Roseburg choice. One was the efforts put forth by local delegates who attended the lodge's midwinter convention in Portland. Another was the active work of the chamber in promoting the city as a good convention host.

Some 400 delegates, men only, are expected for the event. They will be accompanied by their wives, but no session is planned for the women, Murdoch said.

The chamber convention committee, headed by Emil Ramberg and the Moose committee, directed by Mel Lusk, will work "hand in glove" to make the convention outstanding, Hickerson said.

Atoms-For-Peace Agency Agreement Expected By U.S.

By HAX HARRELSON
UNITED NATIONS, N.Y.—The United States expects an agreement by early next year to set up an international atoms-for-peace agency.

This forecast was made Friday by Sen. Pastore (D-R.I.) in atoms-for-peace discussion in the U.N. Political Committee.

He spoke after the United States and Britain had submitted a joint resolution proposing that a second world conference on peaceful uses of atomic energy be held under U.N. auspices in about three years.

Pastore said a draft statute for the international agency had been circulated to all U.N. members. Negotiators are awaiting their comment.

"I am happy to say that enough progress has been made to warrant the hope that general agreement on the statute for the agency will be reached early in 1956," he said.

One of the big questions is whether the draft meets the approval of Russia. There has been no comment from Moscow since the draft was circulated in August by U.N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld.

The statute does not spell out the agency's relationship with the United Nations—a main point of controversy. It leaves this for later decision by the agency's board of governors.

Pastore said the United States feels the new organization should be linked loosely to the U.N. like the present specialized agencies. Russia has insisted in the past that it be responsible to the Security Council, where the big powers can wield the veto.

Roseburg Folks' Trial Testimony Quoted Wrongly

Five Roseburg residents who testified for the defense at the homicide trial of Joseph L. Quant at Albany this week are "taking a beating" from some people because of a paragraph which appeared in a few copies of Wednesday's News-Review.

The five—Harold A. Augustus, Lawrence Knudsen, Carlos Ravell, Harold Esselstrom and Claude Esselstrom—testified that it was Quant's habit to let the other fellows drive the car when he went on trips.

In a trial story, one sentence stated that the witnesses said that Quant turned the wheel over to Lemuel Bitner a short time before an accident in which Bitner was killed.

The accident occurred near Halsey on July 23. Quant was later indicted for negligent homicide, the state claiming he was driving at the time of the accident. The defense, however, claims Bitner was the driver. The car carrying the two Roseburg men crashed into the rear of a truck.

A new trial will be necessary, because the jury was dismissed by the judge early Thursday after having failed to reach a verdict.

Bob Grant Joins Staff Of Radio Station KRXL

The appointment of Robert H. (Bob) Grant as a full time staff member of radio station KRXL, Roseburg, was announced this week by station Manager Mrs. Iris Helliwell.

Grant will act as news director for the station. The position marks an expansion of the staff, Mrs. Helliwell said.

For the past several months Grant has been managing a national and local news for KRXL and was employed at Clark's Studio and Camera Supplies, 105 S. Jackson St.

Long experienced in the radio field, Grant is a former news director of radio station KNRH, Roseburg.

Faulty Flue Is Blamed For Hotel Basement Fire

A faulty flue from the range in Duffy's Kitchen, in the basement of the Hotel Empqua, was blamed for a fire in a storeroom at 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

Roseburg firemen said food cartons were piled around the flue in the storeroom. When hot grease leaked through a hole in the flue, the boxes caught fire.

Fire Chief W. E. (Dutch) Mills requested that the flue be repaired and the boxes removed. Damage amounted to about \$25, it was estimated.

At 1:30 a.m. today, a dave, shoveled too close to a heater, caused fire at the Alfred H. Allan home, 2218 W. First St. Firemen said damage was about \$150.

Council Studies Storage Of Gas, Oil Products

Study of a proposed ordinance governing handling and storage of flammable liquids in the city was turned back to committee Thursday night by Roseburg councilmen meeting as a committee of the whole.

A committee headed by Roswell Myers will make further study and bring the matter back before the council.

Proposed as a measure to insure greater safety in handling of liquids, primarily gasoline, the ordinance would limit delivery of gas in the city to tank trucks of 2,500-gallon capacity or less.

On hand at the session in the city hall to argue against the proposal was Carl Lowe of Portland, a safety engineer for Shell Oil Co., who appeared under the auspices of the Western Oil & Gas Assn.

Lowe's main contention was that such an ordinance would bring more danger through the necessity of more deliveries in smaller units. More handling and more trucks on the streets would bring greater danger, he said.

Lowe said he, personally, was against such an ordinance because of the safety factor, but he also struck out at the economic consequences.

Temporary Lifting Of Market Rules On Timber Asked

PORTLAND, Ore.—A temporary lifting of marketing rules on the Smith River area's timber salvage can be speeded, is sought by the Assn. of Land Grant Counties.

The association's executive committee meeting Thursday forwarded a resolution to Interior Secretary McKay asking that the change be made to permit expedited logging.

The timber is in Douglas, Coos and Lane counties and an extensive road building program has been under way to give access. A fire in the area was followed by a heavy blow-down in 1949.

Swift removal is said needed to prevent deterioration of the downed timber.

Present rules restrict sales to mills in the same area which Frank Sever, attorney for the counties, said meant in effect that only the coastal mills at Gardiner, Redwood and perhaps Coos Bay could bid. Some Lane County mills might bid, he said, but would be at a disadvantage because of the haul and grade.

The H and C counties, he said, have invested six million dollars in the Smith River access road and want all mills to have a chance to bid on the salvage timber. This, he said, would mean faster clean-up and less spread of beetle and other infestation.

The resolution adopted by the executive committee said the Interior secretary was requested "to remove the restrictions on sales insofar as salvage sales in the areas served by the Smith River road system are concerned, until the emergency has ceased." It also asked a speedy sales program.

1954 Agriculture Census Shows Decrease In Farms

A preliminary release from the U. S. Department of Commerce, concerning the 1954 agriculture census in Douglas County indicates a decline in many phases of agriculture within the county. The release is subject to revision.

The number of farms has decreased by nearly 500. The 1954 figure was 2,155 compared to 2,651 for 1950. As the amount dwindled, the farm size increased in acreage by an average of 35.3 acres from 221.7 to 257.

Similarly, the value of land and buildings was upped an average of \$9,011, from \$15,273 in 1950 to \$23,284 in 1954.

Dollar-wise the average per acre was up by \$24.40, from \$70.59 to \$94.99.

Decrease Not Uncommon

Douglas County Agent J. Roland Parker says the decrease in number of farms is common to the majority of areas. For example, in Marion County the number of farms dropped from 5,013 to 4,543 in the same four-year period. And there too, the amount of acreage average was higher.

The smaller farmers were hit hard. Those under 10 acres decreased by 81, from 320 to 239. The decline was discovered in all farm sizes up to those with 999 acres. Those of more than 1,000 acre size increased by 5. Hardest hit were farms of 10 to 29 acre size. There the drop was 98 from 460 to 362.

More Telephones Reported

But county farmers experienced improvements in facilities and equipment. They reported more telephones—1,420 as compared to 1,092; more home freezers—1,069 over 446; more grain combines—211 compared to 165; more corn pickers—20 over 15; and an increase in pick-up hay balers—145 to 70.

Television came to entertain the farmer during his few spare hours. A total of 235 sets were reported, with no comparative figure available.

Farms reporting electricity were down—2,057 opposed to 2,397.

The census showed farmers tending to grow livestock other than dairy and poultry. That general heading jumped from 282 to 434. Contrarywise, the numbers producing vegetables, fruits and nuts, and dairy and poultry crops were down.

Economics Irregular

The economic picture concerning crop (products) value was irregular. Those farms with crops value exceeding \$25,000 increased from 22 to 39 and farmers with crops valued from \$10,000 to \$24,999 scooped up 19 to 129. Not as lucky was the man in the \$5,000 to \$9,999 bracket. Farms in that category slipped from 227 to 172.

His neighbor in the \$2,500 to \$4,999 category declined— from 394 to 205. Class 5 farmers (\$1,500 to \$2,499) increased from 327 to 330. But down again were small farmers in the \$250 to \$1,499 bracket—from 161 to 125.

The number of farms reporting horses decreased from 2,124 to 1,512. But the tear for Dohmies also be shed for his so-called mechanical successors. Fewer motor trucks, tractors and automobiles were reported.

More Wool Is Shorn

In other areas, there were fewer cattle and calves, hogs, sheep and poultry. But in this sheep and



OIL QUEST on the Harry Dayton ranch near Riddle appeared encouraging this week. Thursday, W. M. Parnell, president of the Riddle Gas and Oil Producers, Ore. Ltd., interrupted his "swabbing" operation to talk with News-Review photographer Paul Jenkins concerning the many aspects of the work. There have been several "shows" of the liquid gold. The Riddle oil seekers are working to bring in their well now and are down to a depth of some 1,035 feet. They have drilled deeper, but a recent cave-in lost some drilling depth. (Paul Jenkins Picture).

New Violence Seen If Plant Of Perfect Circle Reopens

NEW CASTLE, Ind. (AP)—Mayor Paul F. McCormack announced Friday he is willing to let the struck Perfect Circle Corp. foundry reopen Monday under supervision of the Indiana National Guard.

"We have not been in contact with the governor but are attempting to do so," McCormack told a news conference. "The governor does have the right to countermand my orders."

The CIO United Auto Workers have warned that any reopening of the foundry may well touch off renewed violence. Eight persons were shot Wednesday in a riot at the plant gates and the foundry has been closed since.

Perfect Circle officials have said they intend to reopen that plant as soon as they can get a go-ahead from the mayor.

McCormack emphasized to newsmen that he is not dismissing the National Guard. An estimated 600 guardsmen under direction of the mayor have maintained a modified martial law in this city since shortly after midnight Wednesday.

McCormack permitted the UAW to resume picketing at the foundry immediately, limited to five—the number specified in a court injunction which the union admittedly has defied from time to time.

The company acceded to the mayor's request not to reopen the plant Thursday.

The piston ring company's plants at nearby Hagerstown and Richmond were in production. A few pickets were at each plant.

OAKLAND MAN STRICKEN

"Pop" Hunter, longtime resident of Oakland, was taken to Forest Glen Hospital at Canyonville Thursday by Starnes & Little ambulance after he apparently suffered a heart attack. He was stricken while working at a mill.

DRIVER JAILED

Earl F. Oakley, 28, Myrtle Creek, was fined \$125 and given a five-day jail sentence Thursday after he pleaded guilty before Municipal Judge Gerry Myllynenbeck to a charge of driving while under the influence of liquor. Oakley was arrested earlier by Myrtle Creek police, reports correspondent Ruth M. Evans.

Riddle Man Pays Fine With 'Stinking' Pennies

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Clerks in San Francisco's traffic fine bureau found it a stinking, penny-ante job.

They received a parcel post package Thursday containing 399 bad smelling pennies—apparently treated with some malodorous chemical.

The pennies came from Navy Lt. Cmdr. Vernon Eugene Sutton, 47, until recently stationed at nearby Treasure Island, in payment of a \$5 fine for allegedly running a stop light.

Municipal Court Clerk Ivan Slavic said he will issue a warrant for Sutton's arrest unless he comes through with the other penny and 19 cents the city had to pay for due postage.

Sutton probably is beyond the court's jurisdiction. He has retired from the Navy and is reported living at Riddle, Ore.

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By L. F. Reizenstein

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Effort Made To Retrieve 66 Bodies

Difficulty In Reaching Scene Of Big Tragedy Told; Toll Is Highest

LARAMIE, Wyo. (AP)—Climbers battled high winds and deep snowdrifts Friday to retrieve the bodies of 66 persons killed Thursday on a 12,005-foot peak in the nation's worst commercial airline disaster. Officials said it would be late Friday afternoon before the first bodies could be brought down to a base camp. The climbers, including some of the most skilled in the Rocky Mountain area, were able to advance only about a city block every 20 minutes.

The climbers included rescue teams from the Universities of Colorado and Wyoming, from Lowry Air Force Base in Denver, Warren Air Force Base in Cheyenne and members of the Wyoming National Guard.

They were accompanied by Post-office and Railway Express inspectors who hoped to recover some of the mail and packages carried by the ill-fated plane.

The sun shone brightly and the temperature was 35 degrees when the first group started for the scene at 8:00 a.m.

Their goal was the near-perpendicular south face of 12,005-foot Medicine Bow Peak, where a United Air Lines DC4 crashed within an hour after leaving Denver for Salt Lake City and San Francisco. The flight originated Wednesday night in New York City.

Rescuers who struggled through deep snow and up the precipitous peak Thursday counted about 50 bodies before rising winds and darkness forced their retreat. They descended to a base camp slightly more than a mile from the tragic scene.

The big four-engine plane carried a crew of three and 63 passengers, including 17 Air Force inductees and two infants.

Among the dead were five women.

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Eisenhower To Hold Policy Conference With Sec. Dulles

DENVER (AP)—President Eisenhower will hold a hospital conference on foreign policy matters with Secretary of State Dulles next Tuesday. It will be the President's first discussion of policy problems since he suffered a heart attack.

The White House press secretary James C. Hagerty, announced Friday that Dulles will arrive in Denver Monday night from Miami, Fla., where he has a speaking engagement that day. He will see the President sometime the next day, with the hour dependent on word from Eisenhower's physicians.

The announcement came as doctors at Fitzsimmons Army Hospital put out another encouraging bulletin on the President's condition. They said at mid-morning that he was continuing to progress satisfactorily without complications.

Early Saturday morning the Chief Executive will pass the crucial two weeks milestone along the recovery road which he has been traveling without complications from the time of his Sept. 24 heart attack.

The decision to let Eisenhower meet next week with Dulles for the Chief Executive's first discussion of policy matters since he was stricken reflects the steady progress that he has been making. Eisenhower and Dulles will discuss, among other things, the Geneva conference of Big Four foreign ministers opening Oct. 2.

Hagerty stressed that the matters to be discussed there by Dulles and the other ministers have been under study for weeks, so the President was thoroughly familiar with them before his heart attack.

Vice President Nixon is arriving here Saturday for a visit with the President, but Hagerty has said that no controversial subjects will be discussed at that brief meeting.

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