

Roseburg Hospitals To Get Funds

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TOPS IN FIELD — Young JoAnn Busenbark, 17, Melrose, grows good corn. Her 10-ear exhibit in the hybrid yield contest, Western Oregon non-irrigated, at the Oregon State Corn Show, averaged 109 bushels per acre with a very low moisture percentage. It won her a 4-H trophy. A senior at Roseburg High School, Miss Busenbark is in her eighth year in club work. She has won honors at Douglas County Fair with her champion jersey and champion shorthorn. (Paul Jenkins picture)

Douglas Co. Corn Growers Get Good Share Of Ribbons, Cash Awards At Corn Show

Corn growers in Douglas County walked off with a healthy share of ribbons and cash awards when the judging results of the Oregon State Corn Show were announced Monday. They took three first place ribbons, one 4-H trophy and at least \$125 in cash.

The 4-H trophy in the hybrid yield contest was won by Miss JoAnn Busenbark, 17, Melrose.

Dog Placed Under Observation For Possible Rabies

A dog which hit a Roseburg High School girl last week is still under observation to see if there is a possibility it has rabies, it was learned today.

A veterinarian pointed out that a 14-day observation period is required by state regulations in all such cases. A suspected animal should not be killed. A bitten person has not been exposed to rabies if the dog remains healthy for 10 days following the incident. People are cautioned not to kill an apparently healthy animal.

Seattle Women Jailed In Lieu Of Paying Fines

Two Seattle women were jailed in lieu of payment of fines Monday afternoon after they pleaded guilty in Myrtle Creek Municipal Court to disorderly conduct.

TAIPEI, FORMOSA

U. S. Army Secretary Wilber M. Brucker today visited Quemoy, Nationalist-held island in Formosa Strait within artillery range of the Chinese Communist mainland.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
Something for the left wing (government - run - everything) Democrats to think about:
The right wing coalition government of Prime Minister Robert Menzies won a LANDSLIDE victory in Australia's general elections yesterday.
Two and a half hours after the counting began, the right wing coalition appeared certain to win 71 seats out of a total of 122 in the all-powerful Australian house of representatives. At that hour, the opposition Labor party had won only 47 seats, with four seats (districts) remaining doubtful.
In the present house (which will be replaced by the new one elected yesterday) the right wing coalition party held only 64 seats against the Labor party's 57. A majority is 62 — which left the right wing coalition a narrow majority of only three.
In the new house, chosen yesterday, the right wing coalition party held 77 seats against the Labor party's 45. A majority is 62 — which left the right wing coalition a narrow majority of only 15.

The Weather

Partly cloudy today and Wednesday. Cooler today and tonight. Highest temp. last 24 hours — 48. Lowest temp. last 24 hours — 39. Highest temp. any Dec. — 70. Lowest temp. any Dec. — 7. Precip. last 24 hours — 7. Precip. from Dec. 1 — 3.57. Precip. from Sept. 1 — 12.57. Excess from Sept. 1 — 1.83. Sunset tonight, 4:38 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow, 7:38 a.m.

Five Per Cent Utility Tax Is Proposed

Levy To Apply Unless Franchise Is Negotiated

(See story also Page 3.)
Utilities franchises took the spotlight at the Roseburg City Council meeting Monday night.

The council took a giant stride toward bringing about paying franchises for most private utilities operating in the city. Two readings were given the ordinance which calls for a 5 per cent privilege tax for use of Roseburg streets by the utilities for anything but travel over them.

Under it, a 5 per cent privilege tax can be levied on the gross earnings inside the city by any utility which does not negotiate a franchise agreement with the city. A third reading is still necessary. At present, gas companies and Pacific Telephone and Telegraph are not affected since neither would have franchises with the city. A 50-year non-paying franchise with Oregon Water Corp. and California Oregon Power Co. runs out next year.

Meanwhile, the first public break in the negotiations with Pacific Telephone and Telegraph was reported by Finance Committee Chairman George Luoma. He reported the committee and the company had agreed on a 10-year contract under which the company would pay \$10,300 per year or 2 per cent of the gross telephone revenues within city limits, whichever is greater.

If the council should approve (Continued on Page 2 Col. 3)

Douglas Co. May Serve As Pilot For Water Study

Douglas County may serve as the pilot project for study of water resources and regulations by the Oregon Water Resources Board created this year.

The Douglas County Court, with the endorsement of the Roseburg City Council, has sent a resolution to the board requesting that the Douglas County Parks Dept. plan a study, etc. It would serve as a pattern for studies in the rest of the state.

The county court's resolution points out that much preliminary work has been done in the last 1 1/2 years by the Douglas County Water Resources Survey. It relates most of the available data has been collected from the U.S. Corps of Engineers, Forest Service, Geological Survey and others.

Sutherland-To-Glide Short Route May Be Constructed Next Year; Plans Studied

Engineering and cost factors comparing two proposed "short routes" between Glide and Sutherland probably will be laid before the Douglas County Court soon after the first of the year.

County Engineer Floyd Frear said Monday computations on the proposed Bonanza Mine route have been completed, but some office work still needs to be finished on a second route — the so-called Gassy-Bradley creek route.

County Judge Carl C. Hill said that the court, if it reaches a binding conclusion after studying the two proposals, may order construction of the road to start in 1956.

However, he said the court would have to study long to determine which would be the most feasible route from the standpoints of economy and use.



ALLAN J. PETERSDORF ... school his responsibility

Petersdorf Resigns Sanitary Dist. Post; Petitions Circulated

The filing of another petition to dissolve the district and the resignation of the chairman of the board of directors highlighted the meeting of the Green Sanitary District board Monday night.

Allan J. Petersdorf's resignation was accepted by the board. He said that as principal of Green School he isn't in a position to take sides against people he works with. "My position at school is my prime responsibility," he stated.

The County Court is to be informed of the resignation on recommendation of Edward M. Murphy, attorney for the district.

The petition to dissolve is the second since the formation of the district in September. The first was carried to a vote of residents of the district. It failed by an eight-vote margin on Nov. 22.

The second petition was filed with the sanitary board Monday night. It was to be forwarded to the county clerk for validation.

Murphy said that if the petition is valid, an election must be called in early February.

Another petition is being circulated in the district, according to Director Richard Terrel. But it asks only that the three-member board be increased to five members.

Reedsport Man Takes Own Life Following Threat

A Reedsport man, Damon Ralph Harmon, killed himself about 7:15 p.m. Monday after threatening to kill his wife, Vera Beatrice, according to Reedsport Police Chief H. M. McCabe and Coroner L. L. Powers.

Powers said his office reported that the 45-year-old man shot himself in the heart with a 22 rifle at his apartment and apparently died instantly.

R. Tenneson Arrives Today In Hong Kong

HONG KONG (AP)—Richard Roger Tenneson, 22, turncoat GI former war prisoner, arrived here today from Red China. He said he was neither for nor against communism but that he believed the Red charges that the United States used germ warfare in Korea.

Tenneson, who comes from Alden, Minn., was among 21 Americans who refused repatriation after the Korean War. In September he said he wanted to go home, and the Communists gave him permission to leave.

American consular officials who met him at the border drove him to Kowloon, this British crown colony's mainland city opposite Hong Kong Island. He held a news conference in a hotel room provided by the Red Cross, the same room occupied by three other turncoats who came home last summer.

Tenneson was quite nervous as he spoke, talking rapidly in a high-pitched voice and gesturing constantly. He said he had been permitted to read both American and Chinese newspapers and concluded conditions in the United States were "favorable" for his return.

"I know definitely about communism today, more than in 1951," he said. "I am not fighting for communism, nor am I against it."

He said he believed the Chinese charges that the Americans had waged germ warfare in Korea because of the "evidence" the Communists had assembled. Had there been no germ warfare, he declared, then "things that have been collected could not have been collected. There are all kinds of evidence apart from statements—different kinds of bombs and so forth."

He added that he expected "some hostility when I arrive home because of my views on American germ warfare."

Mrs. Worden Freed Of Killing Husband

KINGSVILLE, Tex. (AP)—Mrs. Susan Worden was freed Monday by a Kieberg County Grand Jury of a charge that she murdered her husband on lonely Padre Island in October.

The 42-year-old mother of three children said after learning of the grand jury action "I have been fairly dealt with and vindicated. I am deeply grateful."

The attractive brunette had been free on \$5,000 bond.

The body of her husband, Don Worden, 43-year-old San Antonio real estate man, was found Oct. 29 in a shallow grave on Padre Island just off the Texas coast near here. Mrs. Worden several days later told Texas Rangers she killed him and buried his body after he had made her dig the grave and said he was going to force her to kill her five-year-old daughter and herself.

Mrs. Worden told officers that Worden had beat her, shot at her, and burned her with cigarettes during their brief marriage. She claimed that he got \$90,000 cash and a home worth \$45,000 from her by giving her drugs and hypnotizing her. They were married in Oregon.



DONALD S. KELLEY ... heads fund drive

D. S. Kelley Heads 1956 Membership Drive Of Red Cross

Sheriff Ira C. Byrd, Douglas County Chapter Red Cross chairman, Monday announced the selection of Donald S. Kelley of Roseburg as 1956 membership drive chairman.

The 34-year-old attorney will be in charge of raising funds through memberships for operation of the Red Cross program in 1956, Byrd said. The drive will start about March 1, 1956. The goal will be \$19,756.

Byrd said: "We know we have made an excellent selection and that Kelley will do a good job."

Byrd related that key personnel are being named over the county now. Individual chairmen will be selected in each of the communities.

Of the amount raised, 33.8 per cent will be used for the national level major disasters, operational and relief program and overseas service. The remainder will be used for different programs on the county level such as service to armed forces, the local blood program and home service, as well as the various volunteer programs.

Kelley has been an attorney in Roseburg for about five years. He was formerly deputy district attorney. He is a member of Oakland Lodge 16, AF & AM; Scottish Rite in Roseburg; Hillah Temple in Ashland; Civil Air Patrol and American Legion. He has been chairman of the Kiwanis Club fund-raising committee and chairman of the Junior Chamber of Commerce "Mile of Dollars" campaign in the March of Dimes.

Disorderly Conduct Charge Is Dismissed

A disorderly conduct charge filed against Joseph Brant, 36, of 1132 Bethel St., on Nov. 1, has been dismissed from municipal court on recommendation of the city attorney and the chief of police, according to Chief Stan Olson.

Brant was scheduled to go to trial Wednesday. He pleaded innocent and has been free on \$50 bail since his arrest about 3:30 a.m. on Nov. 1 in a cafe on Stephens Street.

Chief Olson said the complaint against Brant was dismissed because of lack of sufficient evidence and because the arresting officer (complaining witness) is now in California.

Building Permits Here Near New Annual Record

Building in Roseburg continued at a strong pace in November, figures supplied by the Equitable Savings & Loan Assn., Portland, reveal.

Grants Of Ford Foundation To Boost Salaries Include Eight Of Oregon's Schools

Two Douglas County hospitals have been included among 43 Oregon hospitals declared eligible for grants from the Ford Foundation.

Douglas Community Hospital is eligible for a grant of \$33,200, and Mercy Hospital is eligible for \$24,500. Both are Roseburg hospitals.

Both hospitals Monday received telegrams from H. Rowan Gaither Jr., president of the foundation, announcing their eligibility. The foundation has authorized the program of grants to assist voluntary non-profit hospitals in "improving and extending their services" to communities.

Both hospitals were awaiting more information on the grants, but managers of the hospitals were visibly pleased at the possibilities. Sister Mary Natalie, sister superior at Mercy, said: "It can certainly be put to good use. We have lots of places to use it." Community Hospital Manager Harry Salsola said the money, if accepted, would be "plowed back into better services for the community."

Telegrams to both hospitals said detailed letters on the grants would be forthcoming soon.

NEW YORK (AP) — Twenty colleges and universities in Oregon, Washington and Idaho are allocated \$3,801,900 in grants announced Monday by the Ford Foundation.

The Northwest educational grants are part of 500 million dollars in gifts to schools and hospitals announced by the foundation. Individual hospitals were to receive notification of their grants during the day.

In the Northwest, 10 Washington schools are listed for \$1,872,600; 8 Oregon schools for \$1,741,800 and 2 in Idaho for \$187,500.

The half billion dollars for schools and hospitals is the largest single gift in the history of philanthropy. Of the total, 210 millions is earmarked for 615 colleges and universities. It is to help raise teachers' salaries. All the schools are privately supported institutions.

The largest single grant is 5 million dollars for New York University. Harvard is listed for 4 1/2 million, the University of Chicago for over 4 1/2 million and Yale for 4 million.

The announcement said the income from the grants is to be used to increase faculty salaries. Every four-year privately financed college and university in the country is included. The amount for each (Continued on Page 2 Col. 1)

Dr. Otto John Has Returned To W. Germany

BONN, Germany (AP)—Dr. Otto John, the notorious German turncoat security chief, has returned to the West.

The West German government announced Tuesday that the defector "man of a thousand secrets" who deserted to Communist East Germany 16 months ago surrendered to West German security police.

German sources said he crossed into West Berlin Monday and was flown secretly to West Germany the same afternoon.

He is being questioned by the prosecutor of the West German Supreme Court, a terse announcement added.

Where he is being held and how he eluded the Communist police was not revealed. It was known here that the East Germans suspected he might be planning to flee back to the West and had put him under constant surveillance. His escape westward therefore may have involved considerable ingenuity on his part, considerable.

When Chancellor Konrad Adenauer told a meeting of his coalition government's parliamentary leaders that John was back in Germany, they roared with laughter.

Sherry Fong Will Get Life Sentence

PORTLAND (AP)—Sherry Fong, 24, will be sentenced to life in prison Friday for second degree murder in the death of her former baby sitter.

Circuit Judge Alfred P. Dobson set the date for sentencing Monday.

Dep. Dist. Atty. Howard Lonergan, who prosecuted the case, said that Mrs. Fong could be placed on probation after being sentenced, but that the life term was mandatory for conviction of second degree murder.

It will be the second time that Mrs. Fong has been sentenced to life in prison for the slaying of Diane Hank. The first time was after she and her husband, Wayne Fong, had been convicted of first degree murder. Judge Dobson overturned that verdict, however, and ordered a new trial.

JURY PANEL INCREASED

Three additional names were drawn Monday to fill the jury panel for the November term of circuit court, according to County Clerk Charles Doerner. They are Alice Fitzpatrick, Vera I. Gee and Guy Wilhoit, all of Roseburg.

Seniors To Hear Panel On Juvenile Delinquency

Seniors at Douglas High School, members of an American Problems class, will hear a panel discussion Wednesday morning on crime and juvenile delinquency.

On the panel will be District 116 Supt. William Bromley, County Juvenile Officer Julian Helleck, State Police Officer Joseph Haystead and the Rev. E. F. Coulter of the Winston Community Church.

Three aspects of juvenile delinquency will be discussed. At the request of the students: (1) The extent of juvenile crime in this area with possible comparison to other areas, including cost and nature of crime. (2) Cause of crime. (3) What can be done or is being done to reduce the amount and severity of juvenile delinquency.

CAR HITS SIGNAL

Police investigated one minor accident in Roseburg Monday evening. Officers said Donald Milton Bowers of 611 Alameda St. drove his car over a divider on North Stephens at Diamond Lake Boulevard, then hit a light signal at the railroad crossing. Damage to the signal and the car was moderate.

Head Of Farm Bureau Backs 'Soil Bank' Idea Advanced By Agriculture Sec. Benson

CHICAGO (AP)—The head of the nation's largest farm organization called Tuesday for a soil bank plan that would be part of the flexible farm price support program.

Charles B. Shuman, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, made the suggestion at the federation's annual meeting.

"The soil bank" idea has been proposed as a means to help solve the present problem of increasing surpluses and declining prices of farm products.

"The bank" device would take a number of acres out of production for the market and put them into soil building crops. The "banked" acres would be rented by the government.

Shuman, in a prepared speech, said the "soil bank" plan could make the surplus situation worse "if it merely proves to be a means of pumping more federal money into our agricultural plant."

Shuman also proposed seven steps toward high farm income. They were:

1. Orderly shrinkage in the agricultural production plant to balance supply and demand.

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VALUE DAY TOMORROW

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein
Instead of the traditional necktie for Christmas, why not give Dad a new fountain pen? Think of the joy he would experience breaking it in writing checks to liquidate the holiday bills.