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ROSEBURG TELEVISION NEARS—These men hope station KPIC-TV will be operating before Feb. 15. Delay in receiving equipment has hindered setting exact telecasting date. From left: S. W. McCready, general manager of Eugene's KVAL-TV, and Gene Pierce, resident manager, KPIC-TV. (Paul Jenkins picture).

Gene Pierce To Be Resident Manager Of New TV Station

The resident manager of television station KPIC, Roseburg, is

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Equipment Arrival Delay Stalls Date For TV Opening

An unexpected delay in arrival of transmission lines has made it impossible for KPIC-TV personnel to set an exact time for the start of actual programming from their Rose Mountain tower.

Engineering Director Al Barnard Tuesday said the station would not be in operation earlier than Feb. 1 nor later than Feb. 15, but he was unable to give a definite date. According to S. W. McCready, general manager of KVAL-TV who is supervising the Roseburg operation, the missing transmission lines are the last pieces of equipment which "can give us any trouble." The lines connect the transmitter to the antenna atop the tower.

Despite the delay, work on the station is going very well, McCready added. The tower building is completed and the equipment has been moved in. Its installation is of a permanent nature, McCready added. Right now, crews are putting the antenna together.

The television station will make its downtown office in the Carter Building on Main Street, next door to the News-Review. Studio personnel will be moving in next week, according to resident manager of KPIC-TV Gene Pierce.

This newspaper will publish a special TV section Jan. 31.

Burglars Take Tools, Money In Five Thefts

Tools and money were the loot in five burglaries which occurred Sunday and Monday in central Douglas County. The Sheriffs Dept. and state police are investigating.

About $800 worth of tools, oil and electric cords were stolen from the Hamilton and Thomas Construction Co. at Ford's Camp near Canyonville Monday night, according to Sheriff Ira C. Byrd.

The locks were removed from several buildings at the bridge construction site of the company.

State police reported about $75 worth of small tools were stolen from the Flury Logging Supply Co., Newton Creek Road and Stephens Street, the same night. About $1.60 in dimes from a soft-drink machine also was missing.

A Burge Welding Co., Winston, four acetylene welding tips, a 2-pound roll of copper wire and a pair of welding goggles were taken Monday night, a deputy sheriff said.

Two homes were among the targets of the burglars. A piggy bank containing about $13 was taken from the Don Hinch home near Camas Valley. A box of .22 shells and candy were stolen, probably by juveniles, from the Ross Lovelace home at Dixonville. Both house entries are being investigated by the Sheriffs Dept.

ANOTHER ANTENNA BROKEN

Another case of vandalism in which a radio antenna was broken off a car has been reported, Roseburg police said Wednesday. Like several other cases, this one was in the southeast part of town. Complainant was Leonard Ratliff, 1302 SE Mill St.

COMMISSION TO MEET

Douglas County Public Welfare Commission members will meet Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the commission office in Roseburg. They'll hear a six-month resume of welfare work.

The Weather

Patchy valley fog tonight. Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday. Cooler tonight.

Highest temp. last 24 hours	51
Lowest temp. last 24 hours	45
Highest temp. any Jan.	71
Lowest temp. any Jan.	-6
Precip. last 24 hours	.39
Precip. from Jan. 1	7.41
Precip. from Sept. 1	32.34
Excess from Sept. 1	16.21

Sunset tonight, 5:06 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 7:40 a.m.

'Short Route' Plan Opposed In Petitions

Completion Of Existing Road East Of Wilbur Asked By Protesters

A move against construction of the so-called "short route" between Sutherlin and Glide has been started in Douglas County through the circulation of about 50 petitions.

The petitions, which are being passed around in the Roseburg, Glide and Sutherlin - Oakland districts, call for using available county road funds for "existing county roads rather than construction of new roads such as the short route."

They also advise the Douglas County Court, to which they are addressed, that if funds are available, existing construction east of Wilbur should be finished.

The county road there was started a few years ago, but never completed. It runs about 12 miles east of Wilbur along the north bank of the North Umpqua River. Cost was in the neighborhood of $300,000, it is understood.

Purpose of the road originally was to connect Glide to Wilbur. A river crossing west of Glide would carry the road onto the south side of the river.

The petition urges completion of the road for "utilization of a substantial investment already made."

It's understood that in the neighborhood of 50 petitions — enough for between 2,000 and 3,000 signatures — are being circulated.

The County Court now is comparing two proposed "short

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Taxing Districts' Problems Outlined

STATE INTERIM COMMITTEE and advisors are shown during a preliminary session to the public hearing Tuesday night. The committee is working on a $50,000 budget in an effort to aid taxing districts through state legislation. Seated in front are: Paul Geddes, Roseburg; Ormond Bean, chairman and Portland mayoral candidate; Stewart Hardie, Condon publisher. Standing in rear are: Kenneth Towlenaar, Portland, committee researcher; John Misko, Oregon City; V. Edwin Johnson, Eugene mayor; Judge Raymond Lathrop, Grants Pass; Curtis M. Everts, Portland; and Robert R. Johnson, executive secretary. (Paul Jenkins picture)

Patterson Names Robert L. Johnson Finance Director

SALEM (AP) — Robert L. Johnson, 37, Oregon's first civil service director and now secretary of the Legislative Interim Committee on Local Government, was appointed by Gov. Paul Patterson Wednesday as state director of finance and administration.

Johnson will succeed Harry S. Dorman, who is retiring on March 1.

Johnson did the survey work for setting up Oregon's civil service system in 1946, and then stayed on as the first civil service director. He took a leave of absence from that job to work for the Legislature's Commission on Reorganization of the State Government.

That reorganization commission set up the State Department of Finance and Administration, which took over all of the state's budget, purchasing, pripting, and office management functions.

In 1951, Johnson went to Greece as civil government adviser to the Greek government. He returned to Oregon last year to join the Legis-

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Bandit Takes $8,001 From Linn Treasurer

ALBANY, Ore. (AP) — The man who held up the Linn County treasurer Tuesday made off with $8,001, county officials said Wednesday.

The amount of the loss was determined only after a check of records after the bandit had used the butt of his pistol to knock out Raymond Tomlinson, 62, county treasurer, who was alone in his office.

A doctor said Tomlinson's scalp wounds were not serious, but the treasurer would be kept under observation several days while he recovers from shock.

The holdup man emptied the office cash register, then made Tomlinson sit on the floor. He hit Tomlinson on the head with the gun several times. When Tomlinson recovered consciousness, the man was gone and a safe had been emptied of currency. Officials said the bandit "cleaned out" all of the cash in the office.

Plaintiff Gets Damages From Southern Pacific

A circuit court jury Tuesday night awarded $3,950 general and $1,375 special damages to Frank Hogmire, who sued the Southern Pacific Co. for injuries received in a auto train accident at Rice Hill Nov. 19.

Hogmire, a carline worker, claimed he was required to ride on a gravity car being towed behind the work train. The method of towing, he charged, was by his holding onto an adz handle or chain attached to the train.

He was hurt when the gravity car derailed and overturned because of what he termed too much speed by the train. He had asked $57,000 general and $3,[illegible] special damages.

The suit was one of three on the circuit court docket in which the railroad is defendant this week.

Sutherlin Youth Returns As Searchers Organize

A 17-year-old Sutherlin youth returned home at nightfall Tuesday just as a search party was being organized.

He is Benjamin F. Harris, who was believed to have been lost on Huckleberry Mountain, east of Sutherlin. His parents informed state police, who in turn notified the Sheriff's Dept.

Sheriff Ira C. Byrd said Harris walked home just as reserves were getting ready to search for him.

Harris apparently had been hunting. The state police said the youth was carrying a rifle when he was reported lost.

Michael Dunstan Suffers Injuries When Hit By Car

A 12-year-old Central Junior High School student, Michael Dunstan, was reported in satisfactory condition at Community Hospital today, despite painful injuries received when struck by a car.

The boy's bicycle collided with a car on Douglas near Rose Street shortly after 8 a.m. as the youth headed for school.

He has fractures of the left hand and right wrist, a deep laceration on the left leg, a broken tooth and bruises, including a bump on the head. He was not knocked unconscious, however.

Roseburg police did not cite driver Robert D. Barrow, 24, of 301 Emerald Lane. Officers said Barrow was headed east on Douglas as the Dunstan boy headed west.

The boy apparently turned quickly in front of Barrow about 30 feet east of the intersection, intending to head up Rose Street to his school. Two witnesses verified that such was the case, officers said.

The boy was bounced on top of the car hood, then rolled off on the pavement. The front of the bike was crumpled; the car's left headlight and hood were damaged.

Michael is the son of Edna H. Dunstan. Mrs. Dunstan, who went to the hospital as soon as she was notified, and driver Barrow appeared shocked more than Mike seemed to be. His main worry at the moment: He might not be able to play football next season.

Fine-O-Meters Go Into Use In Myrtle Creek

Fine-O-Meters went into use on downtown Myrtle Creek streets today, following installation Tuesday, city police reported to correspondent Ruth M. Evans.

The boxes have been placed for the convenience of motorists in paying meter - violation fines. Money, with the ticket, can be dropped into the boxes, similar to ones installed in Roseburg last year.

Interim Group Hears Reports Tuesday Night

By GEORGE CASTILLO
City Editor, News-Review

If Douglas County's municipal and taxing district problems are any indication, the State Legislative Committee on Local Government has a gigantic project ahead of it.

Representatives of nearly a dozen cities and districts turned up to review problems they face in a rapidly and painfully growing county at a public hearing Tuesday night in the Hotel Umpqua.

Representing the committee on local government were: Sens. Paul Geddes (who acted as chairman) and Stewart Hardie; Rep. V. Edwin Johnson; and lay members Ormond R. Bean (regular chairman), Judge Raymond A. Lathrop, John P. Misko and Curtis M. Everts.

Mostly they heard reviews of the painful demands being made by rapidly growing populations in cities, school districts and water and sewer districts. But one bright spot was a report by County Planning Commission Chairman O. J. Fett Jr. of the impressive steps the commission is taking to form some pattern in county growth.

Members of the interim committee verbally patted the commission on the back for the work it has

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Two Myrtle Creek Girls To Be Returned Home

The parents of two Myrtle Creek girls who ran away about a week ago were to go to Eureka, Calif., Wednesday to get the girls, reports correspondent Ruth M. Evans.

In the meantime, a youth apprehended with the girls at Eureka, Walter Miller, 20, Roseburg, will be returned here to face a criminal charge.

Myrtle Creek police told Mrs. Evans that a complaint has been filed in municipal court charging Miller with contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Board Accepts Revised Salary Base Schedule

The recommendations of the Roseburg Education Assn. for revision of the basic salary schedule for instructors were accepted by District 4 school board members meeting in special session Tuesday night.

The board will present the recommendations on the stipulation that the overall increase does not exceed $10,000 more than the present schedule. As explained to the board earlier, the revision provides salary increases of $300 at the minimum of each training level. The levels refer to teachers with three years of college, bachelor degrees, bachelor's plus 45 hours, and masters.

Salary increases, as proposed, drop each year for the first to the eighth within the district. At the ninth year, as set up, there are no increases over the present schedule, other than annual increments.

In commenting on the new proposed schedule which will be taken to the district budget board tonight, Supt. M. C. Deller said "it places the administration in a better position to acquire better new teachers and to hold younger instructors."

In other action, the board extended annual increments for certain maintenance staff members, as recommended by buildings and maintenance Supt. Guy Davis.

Action on proposed recommendations of a revised salary schedule for elementary principals in the district was tabled until the special board meeting of Jan. 25. The plan will be examined by a committee of board and administrative personnel.

Board members also tabled recommendations from Clerk V. J. Micelli concerning salaries in his department. They asked Supt Deller to prepare comparative estimates with other districts.

And, they authorized the superintendent to ascertain if the proposed school building site property on Howe Street meets state requirements.

Man Violates Probation Before Expiration Date

Only days before his probation was to expire, a Reedsport man was back in the county jail Tuesday on a non-support probation violation.

Huey Crabtree, 41, was arrested by a deputy sheriff over the weekend and lodged in the county jail. He had been sentenced to a year in the penitentiary on Jan. 15, 1955, but had been granted probation by Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly.

Fine, Jail Sentence Imposed On Motorist

Elbert Curtis, 67, Box 454 Idleyld Rt., was fined and given five days in jail Wednesday morning after he pleaded guilty to drunken driving.

Municipal Judge Randolph Slocum also imposed a $25 fine for no operator's license. Curtis, arrested on Diamond Lake Boulevard about 1 a.m. today, told city police he lost his license 10 years ago at Tillamook after being convicted of drunken driving. He never applied for another license, he said.

Planes Make Safe Return Flight From Antarctic

By SAUL PETT

ABOARD USS WYANDOT, McMurdo Sound, Antarctica (AP) — The four aerial work horses of U.S. Operation Deepfreeze flew safely back to New Zealand Wednesday, en route to the United States.

All hands of the Antarctic expedition breathed easier at the word that the two twin-engine Neptunes and two four-engine Skymasters had landed at Christchurch 11 hours and 2,250 miles after their takeoff from the Ross Sea ice shelf here.

The same planes had made history's first flight from New Zealand to the Antarctic on Dec. 20, proving it could be done. But the return was still considered a worrisome mission, with flight conditions along the way ranging from excellent to poor.

On the way down, the planes had been supported by six ships spaced across the ocean as weather beacons and rescuers if needed. On the flight back, they had only the support of the Coast Guard icebreaker Eastwind, stationed about 750 miles north of McMurdo.

The four aircraft will undergo maintenance in New Zealand for about 10 days, then will be flown home across the Pacific.

Beginning Jan. 3, these fliers of the expedition made nine long, tiring flights in 12 days into the unknown interior of the Antarctic continent.

Through mountain passes and over snow-covered pleateaus at least 9,500 feet high, they flew in all more than 23,000 miles. Four times they flew over the South Pole. They also flew twice over the area known as the pole of inaccessibility—the center of the continent—and once over the south magnetic pole. Neither had been reached by air before.

Retired Teacher Takes $32,000 TV Winnings

NEW YORK (AP) — Mrs. Mabel Morris, a 75-year-old retired school teacher who has been receiving city financial aid, took her $32,000 winnings and quit. The $64,000 Question CBS television quiz show last night.

She said doctors had examined her pulse and told her the excitement of trying for the grand prize would be too great.

Mrs. Morris, an English - born widow, had reached the $32,000 mark in four previous sessions of the show by answering complicated questions about Charles Dickens and his books—her chosen category.

She has been a resident of the Home for Aged and Infirm Hebrews for several years.

DISTRAINT WARRANTS

Thirty - two distraint warrants, the result of non-payment of state taxes, were filed in circuit court judgment docket here Tuesday. The warrants are effective liens against private property.

Amounts claimed due by the State Tax Commission ranged from $9.97 to $915.68.

HUSBAND, WIFE FINED

Mrs. Lucille Dunn has been fined $250 by Dist. Judge Warren A. Woodruff on a drunken driving charge. She pleaded guilty earlier this week before she was supposed to go on trial in district court. Her husband, Samuel, likewise pleaded guilty to a drunkenness charge and was fined $25.

U. S. Pushing Construction Of Electronic Brain-Nerve To Meet Potential Threat

By ELTON C. FAY
AP Military Affairs Reporter

LEXINGTON, Mass. (AP) — The United States is pushing the building of electronic brain - nerve centers to meet the present threat of potential enemy bombers and the future menace of long-range missiles.

Under test at the Lincoln Laboratory here is the prototype of an eventual chain of such units — in which computing machines, radar warning systems and communications networks will provide, automatically and almost instantly, information needed for waging air battles.

Officials of the laboratory, run by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, said work on other centers will be carried on, even though operation of the first unit still is in test stage. They told visiting reporters the "critical nature" or defense needs required immediate start on other installations.

The laboratory, under contract with the Air Force, has developed the complex system called "SAGE"—named from the words "semi - automatic ground environment."

It is a system built around a new type of electronic, digital computer which, among other features, can store up statistics in its "memory" tube and feed them out at split-second speed to provide answers.

The computer, operating at a rate termed "hundreds of thousands of times faster than man," receives information flashed from radar stations on the ground, on ships, in the air and on offshore towers.

A commander at SAGE system sector headquarters thus would have before him a constantly changing picture of the course of a battle between invading bombers and interceptor planes, anti-aircraft guns and anti-aircraft missiles like the Army's Nike.

In a command post room, illuminated only by dim blue light, reporters saw the television - like

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Petty Larceny Added To Charge Of Threat

A man being held on a charge of threatening commission of a felony pleaded guilty to an additional crime in justice court, Canyonville, and was fined $50 and costs.

Lester Leroy Seiber, 40, Myrtle Creek, admitted stealing a rifle which he's accused of holding on his daughter, Mrs. Roberta Peterman, last week.

Seiber still is to be arraigned in circuit court on the felony count. The arrest was made last week by a deputy sheriff who said the incident arose from a family problem.

The accused man is being held in the county jail in lieu of payment of $5,000 bail.

COUNCIL BOARD MEETS

Central Douglas United Fund board members met in Roseburg Tuesday night at the city hall. Lack of a quorum made board action impossible. Special guests at the session were G. Roderic Durham, executive director of the Oregon Chest, and Donald O'Neill, newly-appointed Southern Oregon Chest representative. The UF board plans another meeting soon.

CAR BUMPED

Minor damage was done to a car owned by Ray M. Miller, Eugene, Wednesday morning when a police car rolled from its parking spot next to the Roseburg City Hall and hit it. The Miller car was parked on Main Street across from the police headquarters, officers said.

CONDITION IMPROVES

Mrs. R. E. Herman, executive secretary, Douglas County chapter, American Red Cross, is reported in improved condition at Douglas Community Hospital. She has been receiving treatment for a severe cold, verging on pneumonia, according to hospital personnel.

Ship Burns Along Dock In Louisiana

Six Persons Rescued; Full Cargo Is Lost; Cause Of Blaze Unknown

LAKE CHARLES, La. (AP) — Cities Service Oil Co. workers Wednesday wearily battled swirling flames and choking smoke that may conceal the bodies of at least 16 seamen in a blazing tanker.

Loaded with a full cargo of 130,000 barrels of gasoline, kerosene and fuel oil, the tanker Salem Maritime exploded late Tuesday night.

A crew of 41 was believed assigned to the vessel. Cities Service officials did not know how many were on board at the time of the blast.

Firefighters picked up pieces of three bodies Wednesday morning. St. Patrick's Hospital here treated eight seamen, one in serious condition. A Cities Service worker also was burned seriously.

A spokesman for Cities Service, which owned the tanker, estimated the missing at 20. A seaman, who had been on board before the explosion, put the figure at 16.

The Salem Maritime's blast set two loading docks afire at the Cities Service plant in Lake Charles, about six miles from this city in southwest Louisiana.

The ship and the docks were a complete loss. No damage estimate was given.

About 1,500 workers attempted to douse the fire and succeeded in confining the flames to the ship and docks, away from the huge adjoining oil refinery.

At 3 a.m., a tugboat surveying the cracked, flaming Salem Maritime noticed a flashlight waving at the rear. Pulling alongside, the tug found three seamen, who jumped overboard.

The three—Frank Toto, 25, of Brooklyn, N.Y., George Emley, and Fred Gentry (ages and addresses unavailable)—had lain trapped in the tanker's engine room for four hours. When gusts of wind shoved flames away from their side of the tanker, they climbed out of the engine room and onto the deck where they signalled the tug.

The three were hospitalized for shock and minor burns.

Earlier another tug had picked up a trio who jumped into Lake Charles.

Donald S. O'Neill Regional Director For Oregon Chest

DONALD S. O'NEILL
... new director

The appointment of Donald S. O'Neill as new regional director in Southern Oregon for the Oregon Chest was announced in Roseburg Tuesday by G. Roderic Durham, executive director of the Oregon Chest.

O'Neill, 31, replaces former director Lee Kramer, now in Los Angeles where he has accepted a position with a building construction company. O'Neill will reside in Roseburg and will direct chest activities in seven counties: Douglas, Coos, Curry, Josephine, Jackson, Lake and Klamath.

This is the first time O'Neill has worked in a formal capacity with the Oregon Chest. For the past six years he has resided in Portland, where he worked for a chemical firm.

Durham and O'Neill were in Roseburg Tuesday to attend a board meeting of the Central Douglas United Fund.

The new staff member will move to Douglas County soon. He is currently looking for housing. He is married and has two children: Terri, 6, and Pat, 4.

He attended Seattle University, Whitman College and the University of Portland, majoring in premedics, with minor work in philosophy and sociology. In Portland, he was a member of the Active Club. O'Neill is a member of the Catholic Church.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Predictions of a "mild" economic recession in the U. S. this year may indicate that annual wage increase demands "across the board" may put some shaky industries "over a barrel."