

Patterson Dies Of Heart Attack

Governor Stricken Suddenly While Talking With Aides



GOV. PAUL PATTERSON
... dies of heart attack

FUNERAL ARRANGED
SALEM — State funeral services for Gov. Paul Patterson will be held at 2 p.m. Friday in the House Chamber in the Capitol, the governor's office announced.

The family asked that persons wishing to make memorials to give their contributions to the Oregon Heart Association.

Other details were to be announced later in the day.

Republican Party Loses Its Chief Senate Contestant

PORTLAND — The Oregon Republican Party lost its chief political hope through the death in Portland Tuesday night of Gov. Paul Patterson.

Only Saturday Patterson had declared himself a candidate for Republican nomination to seek the U. S. Senate seat now held by Democrat Wayne Morse. Morse is the only Democratic candidate so far.

The death threw the Republican Party politics in the state wide open.

Patterson's term as governor would have run into January, 1959, had he been successful in his bid for the Senate. His successor, State Senator Elmer E. Smith, of John Day in Eastern Oregon, now must win the governorship in this year's election. If he wishes to retain the position, his interim term will run only until early January, 1957.

Gov. Patterson's death leaves State Rep. Elmer Dietz, Canby, the only Republican candidate for the U. S. Senate position. Dietz is well known for his legislative work on Oregon milk laws, but is not generally considered to carry the political weight Patterson did.

Thus the governor's death turns an off-year election already of good size into a full blown fight for political power in the state.

Coldest Weather Of 1956 Recorded In Local Area

Central Douglas County residents shivered this morning in the coldest weather so far this year.

The temperature dropped to 17 degrees, coldest since Nov. 13 when the mercury recorded an unusual 15.

More chilly weather is on tap tonight, and it's likely of milder groundings, even boisterous, will poke his nose from his burrow Thursday — Feb. 2.

The Weather Bureau predicts clear weather Thursday, meaning the groundings would have to hole up again for six more weeks away.

STUDENT TO SPEAK

Donna Lingle, Boring, an International Farm Youth Exchange delegate to Greece for six months in 1955, will speak Thursday at a Roseburg Rotary Club luncheon in the Hotel Umpqua. She will talk about her experiences among the Greek people.

The Weather

Clear today, tonight and Thursday. Increasing cloudiness and rising temperatures Thursday.

Highest temp. last 24 hours	38
Lowest temp. last 24 hours	17
Highest temp. any Feb.	79
Lowest temp. any Feb.	0
Precip. last 24 hours	0
Precip. from Feb. 1	0
Precip. from Sept. 1	35.17
Excess from Sept. 1	16.94

Sunrise tonight, 5:25 p.m.
Sunset tomorrow, 7:28 a.m.

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Green Sanitary Dist. Vote Thursday

Opposition Seen At Meet Held Tuesday Night

The Green Sanitary District gets another test Thursday when voters determine whether it will be dissolved or not. Opposition is still strong judging from a turnout at a meeting of the district board Tuesday night.

The second election on the question of dissolution in the short history of the district will be at Green School from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

At the meeting Tuesday night, Sid Lasswell, a representative of the engineering firm of Cornell, Howland, Hayes and Merryfield, and Howard Harris, manager of the North Roseburg Sanitary District, made reports.

Harris related that the North Roseburg district had a smaller assessed valuation when it was formed than Green now does. He said the valuation, however, has almost trebled since then.

The approximately 35 people who turned out for the meeting heard Lasswell explain that a preliminary study had shown the district to be feasible. He said another feasibility study would be made to determine the worth of connecting the Green system with the Roseburg system. He said it would appear that such a rearrangement would be "of real benefit to both communities." Such a step, however, would have to be approved by the Roseburg City Council, and a contract would have to be drawn up between the two areas.

One of the leaders of the opposition to the district, Gerald K. Lane, asked Lasswell several questions about cost of the construction. The feasibility report already completed by the firm shows the system would cost approximately \$247,490. Lasswell pointed out that a 100 by 100 lot would cost the owners about \$225 for laterals and connection. He said this could be paid over a 10-year period in semi-annual installments. This figure did not include the 6 per cent interest. He said to maintain the system and defray cost of construction, the service charge will be about \$3.50 per month. To pay for the treatment plant, it will take about a six-mill levy. He said that on an average dwelling assessed at \$2,000, it would cost about \$12 per year. He said as the area grows, it will be possible to reduce the assessments and sewer service charges.

The previous dissolution vote was against dissolution. The district has about 510 registered voters.



CHARLES DOERNER
... files for re-election

Charles Doerner Files Candidacy For Re-election

Charles Doerner is a candidate for re-election as county clerk. He filed Tuesday for the Republican nomination on the May primary ballot. He is now ending his first term in the office.

A native of Roseburg, Doerner succeeded Roy Agee after having served three years as a deputy clerk. Doerner attended Roseburg schools, later graduating from Linfield College. His major studies were political and social science, and he followed them up with graduate work at the University of Oregon and Oregon State College.

He taught at Roseburg High School for six years. Afterwards he farmed and later was department head in a local department store.

His slogan will be: "Incumbent: Continue a Courteous, Impartial and Faithful Performance of Duties."

Robert Grant Appointed To National Committee On Information Freedom

Robert Grant, news director for radio station KRXL, was advised today of his appointment as a member of the national committee on Freedom of Information for the Radio and Television News Directors Assn.

The appointment was made by Harold Baker, association president, of Nashville, Tenn.

Grant previously has served on other committees of the national association and was one of the members who initiated news report studies.

The Freedom of Information committee is headed by Nick Basso, Station WSAZ, Huntington, W. Va.

E. Myrtle Area Votes To Annex To Myrtle Creek

An unofficial count of votes today shows that the East Myrtle area overwhelmingly approved a measure which may allow it to become incorporated into the city of Myrtle Creek.

Ruth M. Evans, Myrtle Creek correspondent, said the unofficial vote was 32 in favor and nine against. District clerks said this was an almost 100 per cent turnout of the eligible voters.

An official canvass of the votes will be made by the City Council Feb. 7. On the same night a public hearing on the proposed annexation is scheduled.

Feb. 7 is also the date scheduled for a vote by city voters on a \$275,000 bond issue for construction of a water filter plant. This vote will be from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the City Hall.

One of the major reasons forwarded by residents of the east Myrtle area for wanting incorporation was to secure city water. It was expected that success of the effort to incorporate would rest heavily on the results of the fillet bond election. A vote on incorporation of the area is not necessary in the city. The City Council can make the decision unless remonstrances are filed.

If the east Myrtle area is incorporated, it will bring into the city between 125 and 150 families.

Old Landmark Torn Down For New Hospital Wing

Another of Roseburg's landmarks will soon be torn down for new construction.

Sister Mary Natalie, manager of Mercy Hospital, reported today that the nurses' residence just south of the hospital proper, will be torn down to make room for a new wing on the hospital. She gave no further details. Razing began today.

The nurses' home was sold to the Sisters of Mercy by the late George M. Brown, former Roseburg attorney, Douglas County district attorney and Oregon Supreme Court justice. Brown's son, Leonard, is presently city attorney at The Dalles.

Eisenhower-Eden Talks Shift Today To Disarmament

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
WASHINGTON — The Eisenhower-Eden talks shifted Wednesday to questions of disarmament and possible limitations on atomic and hydrogen bomb tests.

These subjects came up in a White House session attended by Harold Stassen, who is President Eisenhower's disarmament specialist, and Lewis Strauss, head of the Atomic Energy Commission.

British Prime Minister Eden and Foreign Minister Selwyn Lloyd met with Secretary of State Dulles, Stassen and Strauss.

Lloyd had conferred earlier for two hours with Dulles at the State Department on Middle and Far East problems.

Signs pointed to a call by Eisenhower and Eden for an all-out effort to make peace in the Middle East.

Previous sessions of the Eisenhower-Eden talks have gone over joint U.S.-British preparations for another disarmament conference with the Russians next month at London. Past efforts to reach accord with the Soviets on disarmament have foundered on the critical question of how to make sure nobody cheats on pledges to disarm.

U.S. Skater Wins Medal

CORTINA D'AMPEZZO, Italy — Hayden Alan Jenkins, slender Colorado College senior, led an American 1-2-3 sweep of men's figures skating honors Wednesday and brought the United States its first gold medal of the seventh Winter Olympic Games.

Eighteen-year-old Ronnie Robertson of Long Beach, Calif., gave a brilliant demonstration in the free skating to gain second place, very close to the winner, while Jenkins' 19-year-old kid brother, Dave, won third.

Hayden Alan, who succeeds America's two-time champion Dick Button on the figure skating throne, piled up a total of 1,507.7 points to 1,492 for Robertson, a red-haired, muscular youngster who is a free skating wizard. Button, from Englewood, N.J., is now professional.

Carl Thompson Waives Preliminary Hearings

Carl A. Thompson, 39, Roseburg, Tuesday waived preliminary hearings on two felony charges and was held to answer in circuit court by Dist. Judge Warren A. Woodruff.

He is charged with obtaining money under false pretenses, a charge which police say involved the passing of a fraudulent \$25 check, and also with larceny by bailie, involving the carrying away of a tape recorder.

East Roseburg Site Selected By School Board

A site has been selected for the proposed East Roseburg elementary school.

District 4 Board of Education meeting in special session Tuesday evening selected the Thomas F. Kerr site. The 32-acre area is priced at \$22,500. Board members compared its price with that of the Howe Street area—four acres selling for \$20,000. They made the selection on comparative costs, according to Supt. M. C. Deller.

The board instructed the superintendent to bring them estimates on cost of a structure containing six classrooms, boiler room, boys and girls toilets and a small office. Members requested cost of an alternate bid on a multipurpose room.

They'll have the estimates tonight when they meet in a special session.

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Housing Authority Approves Increase To Sutherlin Coffers

As a result of a meeting last Friday night, the Douglas County Housing Authority board of directors Tuesday decided to raise the amount to be paid the city of Sutherlin in lieu of taxes on its 100-unit housing project.

The board decided to increase the amount by \$400. This will give the city a total in lieu of taxes of \$1,078.58. The authority has already paid \$678.58.

The Sutherlin City Council launched an investigation Friday as the result of the initial payment. The council contended the \$678.58 was not enough. It had budgeted about \$1,200. A committee appointed by the council met with the authority board members last weekend to request more money. The committee based its request on a contention the authority was not carrying its fair share of city taxation.

Administrator Charles Dondero explained at that time that about \$600 had been subtracted from the amount to be paid in lieu of taxes because that much had been used to pay for a street the authority had built. He said this was a method that had been used by the authority since the Sutherlin project was taken over by it.

The Sutherlin group called it comparable to an "alley" on private property.

BUDGET BOARD TO MEET

Roseburg's District 4 school budget board will meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday in Central Junior High School. Members will examine items of instruction, maintenance and repair and capital outlay. The session is open to the public.



ELMO SMITH
Oregon's new governor

Roseburg Students May Surpass '55 Polio Collections

A prediction that Roseburg High School students will surpass their own national March of Dimes collection record \$8,801.98 was made Wednesday by their faculty business manager.

By 5 p.m. Tuesday they had reached the \$7,829.72 mark, according to Ralph Snyder. He believes the total will push past \$9,000 when all returns are tabulated. Deadline report time is noon today.

The lusty freshmen continue to lead the intra-school race. Their latest count was \$2,453.29.

Biting at their heels are the seniors with \$2,376.46. Their sum is expected to boom when returns from the senior dinner are in. The dinner was a big success, according to one class member. Announcement that the school had hit the near \$8,000 figure was made there last night by Del McKay, Roseburg.

Third place in the school race is held by the juniors with \$1,422. In fourth spot are the sophomores with \$1,067.95.

Snyder said miscellaneous contributions continue to add up. Under the category he lists: FFA — \$100; Pepsters — \$50; Ski Club — \$10; GRA — \$10; Future Teachers Organization — \$10; and miscellaneous — \$130.02.

Umpqua Highway To Be Reopened To Toketee Falls

The North Umpqua Highway will be open to Toketee Falls by this weekend.

This was the report from Dale Buck, principal of the Toketee Falls School in the Glade school district, who attended a meeting of District 12 principals at Glade.

Buck said that California Oregon Power Co. is working rapidly to clear up damage on the route to Toketee Falls which was caused by the first December flood. Correspondent Mrs. Arthur Selby was told the Copco crews were working on a bridge below Soda Springs and one on Slide Creek. Both were washed out by high water. Repairs allowing travel over the highway are expected to be completed by late this week, Buck said. He reached Glade by coming around by Big Camas.

The meeting of principals was called by Supt. Byron Evans to discuss district-wide policies and review 40 applications for the superintendency of the district. Evans has reported he will resign after this year. The school board had requested the principals to screen the applicants. The principals cut the list down to nine applicants and these will be studied by the board. Evans told Mrs. Selby the board will cut the list of applications further and then will call for interviews.

Accidental Gunshot Wounds Melrose Boy; Condition Said Good

A 16-year-old Melrose boy was hospitalized Tuesday evening after he shot himself in the left leg while hunting alone on his father's ranch.

Attendants at Douglas Community Hospital described the condition of Luther Edward Miller Jr., Rt. 3 Box 1709, as "fine."

A deputy sheriff who investigated said Miller was having trouble loading his single-shot 22 caliber rifle when it unexpectedly fired. The bullet entered the inside of his left leg and lodged near the outside of his heel. It missed the bones of the leg.

The boy was able to walk to a fence, where he summoned neighbors, Robert Hill Jr. and Gordon Tool, the officer said. They carried him home and his father took him to the hospital. There, the slug was removed.

The deputy said Miller apparently had had difficulty in unloading and loading the gun. He had fired just one shot before the accident happened.

Love-Struck Youth Admits Slaying Nurse

BOSTON — A lovestruck youth today was accused of shooting to death an attractive student nurse who had rejected him as a suitor.

Miss Rose Marie Da Silva, 18, of Brockton was slain in front of the Massachusetts Memorial Hospital nurses' home as three companion student nurses looked on in horror.

Shortly after the shooting last night, Charles Atwood Jr., 21, of East Bridgewater, walked into a police station and admitted the slaying. He was booked on "suspicion of murder."

Elmo Smith Is Sworn In As Governor

Senate President Takes Oath Of Office Today To Fill Unexpired Term

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.
SALEM — Senate President Elmo E. Smith, 46-year-old John Day weekly newspaper publisher, took the oath of office as governor of Oregon at 9:36 a. m. Wednesday.

It brings up for election the third position on the important State Board of Control. The board is composed of the governor, the secretary of state and state treasurer. Filled now by three Republicans, all three positions will be up for contest by the strengthened Democrats. It is believed the first time all positions have been open at one time. The board supervises all state institutions and serves as a state land board.

The important positions to be filled in the November general election include one U. S. Senate seat, four U. S. representatives, governor, secretary of state, state treasurer, attorney general, all state representatives and approximately half the state Senate seats.

Political leaders in the Republican Party expressed shock and grief at the governor's death. None wished to comment, so soon after the death, on the political implications.

The new situation will pose an unexpected opportunity for the state's Democrats. They showed strength in 1954 by electing Sen. Richard L. Neuberger and Rep. Edith Green. Neuberger was the first Democratic senator elected by the people since 1914. Mrs. Green was the first representative elected from the Democratic side since another woman, Mrs. Nan Wood Honeyman, was sent to Congress in 1937.

Smith, speeded here from his home by a state police car after he learned of the death of Gov. Paul L. Patterson, took the oath in the governor's office. It was administered by Chief Justice Harold J. Warner.

He spoke in solemn, measured tones as he swore to uphold the federal and state constitutions, and to faithfully discharge his duties. After he took the oath, he said he would "continue the sound and good administration of Gov. Patterson with as little interruption as possible."

His first acts, he said, would be to see that the governor's family gets proper care, and that "proper tribute is paid to a great public servant."

The doors of the governor's office were locked during the day. The only spectators present for the taking of the oath were Justice William C. Perry, Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry, State Treasurer Sig Unander, Deputy State Treasurer Fred Paulus; William E. Walsh, Coos Bay, former Senator; and a number of members of the State Board of Higher Education; Fred Shideler, who only a month ago became administrative assistant to the governor; Edwin Armstrong, secretary to the governor; and a dozen reporters and photographers.

Smith made the trip from John Day in six hours, arriving here at 6:30 a. m. He immediately went to a hotel, and came to the Capitol shortly before 9 a. m.

After he made his brief statement about continuing Gov. Patterson's policies, Smith said he had nothing more to say because "I haven't had time to think this over."

Smith has served in four sessions of the state Senate, having been elected its president in 1955 without opposition.

He has been a newspaperman for 23 years, branching from advertising work to found the Ontario Observer.

He served as mayor of Ontario for three years, resigning in 1943 to enter the Navy. He was in the South Pacific and Far East for 18 months.

He owns the Blue Mountain Eagle, weekly John Day newspaper, and has an interest in the Madras Pioneer.

His chief interest in the Legislature has been highway legislation, the same as Gov. Patterson's main interest when he was a legislator.

Smith is friendly and highly esteemed by his fellow legislators. He also is a straight talker.

His voting record might be considered as middle-of-the-road among Republicans.

Smith was born on a cattle ranch near Grand Junction, Colo., Nov. 15, 1909. He went to high school at Wilder, Idaho, and was graduated from the College of Idaho in 1932.

He married Dorothy Leininger of Payette, Idaho, and they have a son and a daughter.

Mrs. Smith was expected to arrive late Wednesday from John Day.

SOLDIER HELD

Frank D. Elder, 21, Remote, is being held in the county jail as an Army deserter. He was arrested here by the FBI Monday.

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Suggested revision of the title of an old-time tear-jerker: Where is my 'Plundering' Boy Tonight?

March Proceeds \$5,465

Mothers in the Roseburg area braved freezing temperatures last night as they marched to a new record in collections—\$5,465.69. The sum is \$450.04 above the 1955 total for the Mothers' March Against Polio.

Throughout Douglas County returns in community marches by the mothers had raised \$9,442.24 by 10 a.m. Wednesday. All reports were not yet in, according to county Chairman Verner Anderson. A listing of reports will appear in a later edition of the News-Review.

For the first time in Roseburg march history rain did not fall. Chairman Mrs. Grady Mankins said coverage of homes and businesses was better than ever before "thanks to the many wonderful people." The Roseburg area march was sponsored by Jay-C-Elites.

More than \$250 of the totals reported by 11 p.m. Tuesday came from secret committee X which set up road blocks on five bridges. Members wore white raincoats and carried flashlights and flares.

One genial Kansan, flagged to a stop, threw a handful of coins in a bucket carried by one woman. He told her: "I've been marching ever since I left Kansas."

Evidence of the cold cropping up when one woman started to count the coins in her bucket. Earlier, she'd spilled coffee in the holder. She found the money frozen tightly in the liquid.

The road block committee was a new part of the Mothers' March. In all, the trick netted \$258.28.



ROAD BLOCK FOR POLIO—Mrs. Dale Lander was one of many Jay-C-ettes who flagged cars crossing bridges in Roseburg area, during the Mothers' March. She was stationed at Oak Avenue Bridge. Her husband is recovering from polio in Sacred Heart Hospital, Eugene. (Paul Jenkins)