

Life Underwriters Back Hoover Report On Reorganization

The Umpqua Basin Assn. of Life Underwriters Thursday passed a resolution in support of the Hoover Commission report for reorganization of the federal government structure.

It was pointed out that the Hoover Commission has recommended withdrawing private enterprise activities from the jurisdiction of the federal government. It was contended at the meeting that some 3,000 enterprises, such as ice cream making, steamship lines, paint manufacturing, railroads, coffee roasting and insurance, are being operated by the government.

The insurance men said the commission feels these enterprises could better serve the people as private competitive activities.

In other business at the meeting Thursday, further business complaints were received about unethical solicitation in the Roseburg area. The association is working on steps to prevent such practices.

Also, final plans were made for the annual dinner for the association Saturday at Carl's Haven at 7:30 p.m. Robert Taylor, insurance commissioner of Oregon, will be the principal speaker. The Roseburg Barbershop Quartet organization will furnish music.

The next regular meeting is scheduled April 5.

Contracts Let For Paving Jobs

Contracts were awarded today by the State Highway Commission for two city paving projects in Douglas County.

A low bidder for paving of .11 miles of Pacific Avenue in Glen Dale was Warren Northwest Inc. of Portland. The bid was \$7,126. For grading and paving of .15 miles of Main Street in Riddle, the low bidder was also Warren Northwest with a bid of \$13,370. (More details on these jobs appear on Page 5.)

Tom Lillebo of Reedsport was awarded contracts for two jobs outside the county. The first was for construction of a 360-foot concrete deck girder bridge over the West Fork of Illinois River south of Junction. The bid was \$140,243.

The second was construction of a concrete overcrossing of Cascade Highway and 77-foot concrete bridge over Mill Creek on relocated North Santiam Highway near Sublimity in Marion County. Bid was \$71,274.

Police Use Tear Gas To Capture Man Here

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the building, a Roseburg policeman fired a warning shot in the trapped man's direction.

There was no answer from the building. Finally, shortly after 10 o'clock, officers Charles Harcourt and John Farnworth of the Roseburg police donned gas masks supplied by the Roseburg Fire Dept. and went into the building after Chytka.

Chytka surrendered meekly. Officers said the man had been drinking. That, plus the effects of the tear gas, took any fight from him.

The Roseburg chief explained the wait of nearly two hours paid off in no injuries. He said the officers didn't know if the culprit was armed, so tear gas was used rather than an attempt made to enter the building to bring him out.

About 100 spectators watched as officers waited for Chytka to surrender. Lights from police vehicles brightened up the scene.

Firemen stood by for a time with trucks, which proved to be unnecessary.

Joe Boatwright, owner of the business, said it was the third time in a week that the building had been entered.

Once about a week ago, clothing was stolen from the establishment. Police said today they had found some of the missing clothing in Chytka's room in the Douglas Hotel and they were questioning him about the earlier burglary.

There was no evidence today that Chytka had been involved in two other burglaries during the night.

One occurred at Pacific Fruit and Produce Co., 622 SE Douglas Ave., sometime after 5:30 p.m. Thursday. Nothing was taken, but the hungry burglar had helped himself to some bananas.

Also, the Christian Science Reading Room in the Pacific Building was entered during the night.

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Committee Asks For Improvement Of Highway 42

Members of a new Highway 42 Development Committee today are presenting resolutions to the State Highway Commission signed by groups in southern Douglas County for improvement of the highway, according to Lee Altendorf, secretary of the Winston Chamber of Commerce.

The resolutions will be presented by Jack Bowen, secretary-manager of the Coquille Chamber of Commerce, who is representing both Douglas and Coos counties at the meeting.

A meeting of the committee was held in Winston this week, presided over by James Daugherty of Winston. He gave a general resume of the aims of the committee.

The meeting drew representatives from civic groups in Myrtle Creek, Canyonville and Riddle, as well as Coquille and Winston.

Efforts for development of the highway from Winston to Coos Bay are currently in the organizational stage. Tentative plans have been made to call a meeting in Myrtle Creek in early April for groups in Southern Douglas County to work together a strong committee at this end of the highway.

A group has already been organized in Coquille. It is sponsored by the Coos County Chamber of Commerce.

Vital Statistics

Marriage Licenses Issued
PARKS - WILLIAMS — Dennis B. Parks and Joyce A. Williams, both of Sutherlin.

JONES - MATHEWS — Elwyn E. Jones and Betty Jo Mathews, both of Roseburg.

BUCHHOLZ - BUCHHOLZ — Gary G. Buchholz and Vera M. Buchholz, both of Roseburg.

Divorce Suit Filed

MURPHY — Gladys L. vs. Joe M. Murphy. Married March 29, 1935, at Reno, Nev. Cruel and inhuman treatment charged. Plaintiff seeks award of personal effects, furnishings, requirement that defendant pay debts.

James Wales, 36 Remanded To Jail On Assault Count

James Howard Wales, 36, Rt. 1 Box 34, Oakland, was remanded to jail under \$5,000 bail Thursday afternoon on a charge of assault with intent to kill, according to Sheriff Ira C. Boyd.

Wales was arrested after he allegedly shot at his wife and beat up on her, the sheriff said. The couple, with their five children, live in the Rice Valley area.

When arraigned before Justice of the Peace Ward C. Watson at Sutherlin, Wales indicated he wanted legal counsel before deciding whether to request a preliminary hearing.

Sheriff's officers said investigation shows Wales has discharged a gun inside the Wales home on several occasions. The complaint, signed by Mrs. Wales, refers to an incident Monday morning. Later, it is alleged, he struck his wife and threw a radio at her and hit her on the leg, officers said.

Wales was jailed on April 6, 1934, on a similar charge, but it was later dropped on request of Mrs. Wales.

French Minister In Disagreement

PARIS, (AP) — Foreign Minister Pinea said Friday he is in deep disagreement with a propaganda phase of Western policy. He objects to the emphasis on talk of military security while the Communists talk of peace.

The French official declared in a luncheon address before American and British correspondents that the West will be beaten by the Red propaganda unless it ceases talking in terms of military security and comes out as the champion of peace.

Public opinion in the end, he said, will favor those who propose peaceful solutions—even if they are not sincere.

"Of course we need security," Pinea said. "Of course we need strong armies. But need we talk of this all the time?"

CUBS HEAR TALK

Wednesday Glade Cub Scouts of Dens 1, 2 and 3 met at the grade school cafeteria, to hear resident Deputy Sheriff Orville Shanfelt give a talk on police methods used in this area. Following his speech, Shanfelt held a question and answer period. Den mothers Mrs. Lincoln Kennedy and Mrs. Bobbie Evans served refreshments to the group.

WOMAN FREED

Laura Bell Carr, 45, Roseburg, was acquitted Friday in district court, where she went on trial on a vagrancy charge. Judge Warren A. Woodruff ordered her released and \$100 bail exonerated. The woman was arrested by the sheriff's office Thursday on complaint of Edward Hartz, who claimed she created a disturbance at Hartz' Cabins.

ARRIVES FOR VISIT

MOSCOW — Danish Prime Minister H.C. Hansen arrived in Moscow Friday for a state visit. His Russian hosts are expected to do their utmost to loosen Denmark's NATO ties to the West.

Premier Bulganin and Foreign Minister Molotov greeted Hansen at the airport.

FTA INITIATE

Miss Lorna Vance, a freshman at Southern Oregon College, was recently initiated into Future Teachers of America at SOG. Miss Vance attended Roseburg High School, and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Vance, Rt. 4, Box 1125, Roseburg.

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'The Desert Song' Now Being Readied By Roseburg High

Sigmund Romberg's living operetta "The Desert Song" will be presented for the first time in Douglas County March 9 and 10 in Roseburg. It will be given at Roseburg High School by the school's music department. Starting time is 8 p.m.

The tuneful musical show was written in 1926. It has three times been made into a motion picture (the most recent starring Gordon Macrae) and has been produced on stage hundreds of times.

Set in colorful Morocco, the story concerns the Riff rebellion against French colonial rule in a mountainous sector known as Er Rif.

Heading the cast are romantic leads Gayle Geddes and Jim Powell. Comedy is an important part of the plot and Nancy Sullivan and David Lyons provide comedy leads, according to musical director Robert E. Robins. More than 100 other RHS students will be seen in the cast and chorus.

Choral Director Robins has expressed pleasure over the work of his cast, which he says includes several of Roseburg's most promising vocal students. Among the show songs are the title piece, "The Desert Song," "One Alone," and "The Riff Song."

Male romantic lead Jim Powell (the Red Shadow) was seen last year as Nanki-Poo, the wandering minstrel of "The Mikado."

Reserved seat tickets may be purchased at Harmony House, Graves Music and Art and Miller's record department. Tickets will be on sale at the door the nights of the performance.

Hill And Ashley Take Spotlight At Riddle Meet

Judge Carl Hill and Commissioner Frank Ashley of the Douglas County Court took the spotlight at the Riddle Chamber of Commerce meeting Thursday night.

At night, he expected, the subject was road improvement. Judge Hill outlined the general county road program. He related that planning for improvements have been extended on a three year basis.

He also gave a detailed account of road conditions. He pointed out that the county maintains 1,000 miles of roads on a budget of 2½ million dollars. He also explained the OAC source of money to the county.

He also listed proposed projects for the Riddle area being contemplated by the county. They include widening of the Glenbrook Loop Road and rebuilding Pruner bridge for two-way traffic. Hill said the county also hopes to improve the Shoestring Road and the Missouri Road.

Hill's speech was followed by a question - and - answer session and group singing.

Mrs. Robert G. Myrtle Creek played organ music during dinner. President Robert Linder was in charge of the meeting.

Allowable Cut On Two O & C Tracts Upped

WASHINGTON, (AP) — The allowable cut will be increased in two Southern Oregon master units of the Oregon and California railroad grant lands this year.

Secretary of Interior McKay said the increase would be from 82,400,000 board feet to 106,300,000 on the Douglas unit, and from 144,400,000 to 153,400,000 on the South Coast unit.

That will boost the total allowable cut on O & C lands from 388,200,000 to 614,100,000 board feet, he said. New inventories by local management units of the Bureau of Land Management made it possible, McKay said.

"This action reflects the latest forest surveys conducted by BLM to determine the annual sustained yield capacity of these lands," McKay said. He added there will be no change on the other 10 master units of O & C lands until up-to-date inventories are completed.

Saudi Arabia Reported Asking Also For Jets

WASHINGTON, (AP) — Saudi Arabia was disclosed today to have asked to buy a small number of jet planes from the United States in addition to 18 more tanks.

Officials who reported this said the request has not received U.S. approval. They indicated it would get the same, most careful scrutiny, promised for all Middle East arms requests in a Feb. 18 State Department announcement lifting a two-day embargo on such shipments.

Alaska, Siberia Have Exchanged Weather Data

FAIRBANKS, Alaska (AP) — Russia and the United States have been sending weather balloons over each other's territory, a new weather information has been exchanged for several years by Siberian and Alaska weather stations. The Daily News Miner said Thursday.

The newspaper said it is common knowledge in Alaska that balloons from Siberian stations have been found in this far north U.S. territory.

The News Miner made the report after the U.S. State Department announced earlier Thursday it had sent a new note to Moscow.

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SHIRLEY SHEPHERD, who portrays "Aunt Eller" in Douglas High School's presentation of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Oklahoma!" is shown above. The musical comedy is being presented by the music and drama department Friday and Saturday nights of this week and again March 7 and 8. It has previously been given four nights. (Paul Jenkins)



JOHN LE DUC, newly elected president of the Umpqua Camera Club, left, is shown receiving the gavel from retiring president, Lisle Timmeleit. Other officers recently elected by the club are: Chester Stonebraker, vice president; Edith Rodabaugh, secretary-treasurer; Joe Griffin, program chairman; Jack Hausotter, field trip chairman, and Mildred Jewell, publicity chairman. (Mildred Jewell photo)

Forestry Men, County Officials Study State Act

Forestry men and county officials at the Douglas County Courthouse Thursday afternoon at an annual meeting for land owners who have requested property to be placed under provisions of a state reforestation act.

The session was conducted by Elliott Jenkins of Springfield, member of the State Forestry Board. Others attending included Homer Lyon of the State Forestry Dept., Assessor Morris Bowker, Fred Southwick of the Douglas Forest Protective Assn., and members of the County Court.

Under the act, eligible landowners can obtain a lower tax rate under provisions set up to encourage retention of land for timber growing.

In lieu of the regular ad valorem tax, some property can become under provisions of the Oregon forest field and yield tax, at 5 cents per acre. Then, when any timber is harvested from the land, 12.5 per cent of the sale money goes to the state and county.

BIRTHS

Mercy Hospital

BEESLEY — To Mr. and Mrs. Russell Beesley, Oakland, Feb. 27, a son, Forrest Edwin; weight 7 pounds one ounce.

YATES — To Mr. and Mrs. Tom J. Yates, Sutherlin, Feb. 27, a daughter, Patricia Ann; weight 7 pounds 8 ounces.

Law Allowing Divorce Suspended In Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, (AP) — Argentina's provisional government has suspended ex-dictator Juan D. Peron's controversial law allowing divorce in this Roman Catholic country.

The new move is part of Provisional President Pedro Aramburo's campaign to re-establish friendly relations with the church.

The government decree suspended the Peron divorce law until Congress—now dissolved—can act on the issue.

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Portland GE, Idaho Power Plan Go-ahead

PORTLAND, (AP) — The Portland General Electric and Idaho Power companies apparently are determined to go ahead with construction of their controversial dams in the face of a challenge from Oregon's attorney general.

PGE Thursday joined in the stand Idaho Power had taken previously. That they have ample authorization from the Federal Power Commission and do not need state licenses to start construction.

Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton had challenged this Wednesday, threatening prosecution because Idaho Power did not have an Oregon license to build Brownlee and Hells Canyon dams on the Snake River, and because PGE did not have a state license for Pelton Dam on the Deschutes River.

Both firms have started preliminary work. Both hold FPC licenses. The state of Oregon challenged the Pelton licensing, but the U. S. Supreme Court upheld the FPC. The Pelton project is on a site reserved years ago by the federal government for a water power project.

"They argued before the Supreme Court and lost. . . . It is difficult for us and our legal counsel to comprehend upon what basis Mr. Thornton, who is a lawyer, has been able to reach a professional opinion running exactly contrary to that of the highest legal authority in the land," said Thomas Delzell, PGE board chairman.

Thornton had said a state license still was needed.

He was joined in this by G. Girard Davidson, attorney for groups opposing the Idaho Power Co. projects.

"Federal law requires a utility company to comply with state laws so far as irrigation, water supply and other vested rights are concerned," Davidson said.

Thornton had asked district attorneys to report on whether construction has started. He is awaiting their reports.

Umpqua Family Attends To Business In Ashland

By MRS. GEORGE MUNSON
Mr. and Mrs. Blake Baird made a trip to Ashland on business this week.

Attend Skating Party

The seventh and eighth grades of the Umpqua School were taken on a skating party to Roseburg on Wednesday as guests of the Sutherlin classes. They were accompanied by Mrs. Geny Murphy.

The Snip and Sew 4-H Girls of Umpqua met at the D. Murphy home recently. Songs, sewing studies and a business meeting occupied the afternoon.

The Umpqua Youth Fellowship met at the hall near Umpqua recently with 28 young folk present. Bernadine Myers presented the discussion topic, with all young folks taking part. The next meeting will be Monday at 8 p.m.

The Tyee Road is again passable, after being closed for several days by a huge slide, which completely washed out a section of the road. Eight families were isolated for a day or two.

Nitrogen Can Double Growth Of Young Firs

SEATTLE, (AP) — Two University of Washington professors have found that growth of young Douglas fir trees can be doubled by use of nitrogen fertilizer.

They report that fertilized 30-year-old trees add 65 per cent more timber volume a year than non-fertilized trees.

Dr. S. P. Gessel of the College of Forestry and Dr. R. B. Walker of the Botany Department made public the results of research that started in 1951.

They said they are undertaking new studies of cost factors.

They said the tests are of special interest to commercial Christmas tree growers because the fertilizer improves the appearance of young trees while speeding their growth.

MEETING SCHEDULED

The Good Earth Garden Club will meet Monday, March 5, instead of Thursday, as previously planned. The meeting will be held at the community hall of Pine Grove Church.

DANCE LESSONS

The fifth in a series of dance lessons conducted by Mrs. Milton Hard will take place at the Roseburg Country Club Saturday at 8:30 p.m.

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Carlson Named Administrator Of Pair's Estate

Probate orders have been entered in Douglas County Circuit Court appointing Gordon G. Carlson administrator of the estates of a Tri-City couple who burned to death Feb. 3.

Forest Merl Ream and Hilda Marie Ream each left real and personal property with probable value of \$10,000. Ream's son and daughter reside in California, and a daughter of Mrs. Ream also lives in California.

He left a will in which Mrs. Ream was named executrix, but since she died at the same time, it was necessary to appoint an administrator. Estate appraisers are Paul E. Franks, Winston A. Hueland and Robert Jones.

In another order, Frances D. Lintott was appointed administratrix of the estate of Raymond D. Parslow, who died at Portland on Oct. 22 at age 53. His widow, Gladys Parslow of Roseburg, is the only heir.

Parslow left real property with probable value of \$10,000. Appraisers appointed are A. A. Wilder, Morris C. Bowker and John Runyan.

Malcom White Passes Friday

Malcolm Carlidge White, 88, resident of Roseburg for the past 23 years, died early Friday.

He was born Feb. 9, 1868, at Decata, Texas. He had for many years engaged in farming and was preceded in death by his wife, Emma, in 1927.

Surviving are six children: Clifford J. White and Mrs. Vera Hodges of Roseburg; Alice Kizlar of Shafter, Calif.; Mrs. Ruby Clark of Long Beach, Calif.; Mrs. Jewell Felt of Long Vale, Calif.; and Mrs. Francis Fritz of Corvallis, Calif.

Funeral services will be held in the chapel of Long and Orr Mortuary Monday, March 5, at 2 p.m., with the Rev. Newell Morgan of the First Christian Church, officiating. Concluding services and interment will follow in Roseburg Memorial Gardens.

Snowslide Buries Five Idaho Homes; One Dead

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9-month-old son were buried by the slide but were rescued quickly, treated and released from the hospital. Mrs. Steve Roanor and her four daughters dug themselves out and were treated for shock.

The slide curled down a steep hillside apparently at 1:13 a.m. Electric power in the area went off at that time. Officer August Pell said windows in other homes were broken.

Deputy Sheriff Harry Rude got to the scene about a half hour after the slide.

"It was pretty well flattened down. There was snow up to the second story floor. The Bell family is all in the hospital but the survivors all seem in fairly good shape."

"Those people were actually entombed by the snow, the timber and debris that came down. You just had to dig most of them out."

Nearly all the men in the little community work in North Idaho mines.

Trailerites Hold State Meeting Here Recently

A state meeting of the Oregon Mobile Home Owners Inc. was