

Firms Designated For Final-Stage Satellite Building

WASHINGTON (AP) — California and Maryland firms were named today to construct the final-stage rocket designed to propel a U.S. satellite into its orbit around the earth.

Only the payload of the satellite itself now remains to be assigned to a manufacturer in project Vanguard. Plans are to send up such a man-made moon within the next two years.

The contract for the final rocket was assigned to the Grand Central Rocket Co., Redlands, Calif., and the Allegheny Ballistics Laboratory, Cumberland, Md.

The Navy and the Glenn L. Martin Co. of Baltimore, prime contractor for the project, also named subcontractors for an intricate system of gyroscopes and for an automatic pilot that will control the flight.

The gyroscope mechanisms are to be built by the Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co., Minneapolis. The Vickers Electric Division of the Sperry Rand Corp., St. Louis, will design and make the automatic pilot system.

The Navy had announced earlier that the Martin aircraft firm will construct the launching mechanism, that General Electric has a contract to build the first-stage rocket motor and that the second-stage rocket will be manufactured by the Aerojet-General Corp., Azusa, Calif.

After the first two rockets have been launched and automatically dropped off, the third rocket is supposed to boost the medicine-ball-sized satellite to a speed of approximately 18,000 miles an hour.

Jury Convicts Boy, 14, Of Murdering Playmate

WHEELING, W. Va. (AP) — Tommy Williams Jr., 14, was convicted of first degree murder Thursday in the slaying of 9-year-old Cub Scout David Powell.

The verdict carried a recommendation of mercy, which means a mandatory life sentence.

The jury of 12 men deliberated for about four hours.

Defense Atty. General Callahan immediately moved to set the verdict aside and grant a new trial. Judge David A. McKee set hearing on the defense motion for next Wednesday.

Young Tommy stood unemotionally as the verdict was read. As he was led back to jail, newsmen asked him how he felt and he replied: "Okay."

The state accused the teenage boy of beating the Powell boy to death to get \$15 he believed the youngster was carrying as proceeds of a Scout sale. His pockets were empty.

Franco, Ben Youssef Continue Parley Today

MADRID, Spain (AP) — Generalissimo Francisco Franco and Moroccan Sultan Mohammed Ben Youssef planned to continue their parley today for an independent Morocco Thursday after a brief sightseeing tour.

Informants said the two leaders signed a declaration Wednesday ending Spain's protectorate in Northern Morocco and completing independence for all the Sultan's Moslem empire except the small international zone of Tangier.

France formally recognized the independence of her Moroccan protectorate March 2.

Earmarked Sales Tax Favored By School Group

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ey to all areas where it was needed.

He was not alone in opposing the earmarking.

One committee member of the state aid group, Donald Dole, Roseburg, speaking as an individual, said he was opposed. He said "Earmarking has always ended up with making someone better than someone else."

Dole cited two examples: Earmarking of the oil pump-tax in Oklahoma and the sales tax in Colorado, both for public welfare. Free loaders, he said, raced to the states.

Dole urged unrestricted use of the expenditures. "Before you earmark," he said, "Take a long look at what you want to give a blank check."

Committee by committee the reports ended as follows:

1. Teacher shortage — adopted unanimously as presented.

2. State aid — the amending of percentage of school aid to approximately 50 per cent and a change in wording to allow that "at least" one-half of the remaining funds needed be provided by the county.

3. County equalization — amended to read that "no less" than 50 per cent of remaining amount necessary to operate schools be provided by county after state had provided "approximately 50 per cent of total."

4. Douglas County School District Organization — amended one recommendation to read: "That Section 2, Subsection 3, Chapter 674, Oregon Laws of 1955, be amended to provide that funds remaining in the non-high school district account after all claims have been paid shall be distributed to former component elementary school districts of the former non-high school district in the proportion to the assessed valuation of each elementary district which contributed to said remaining funds."

5. Financing buildings, sites and equipment — adopted unanimously.

6. Federal aid — adopted 14-1. (The report opposes any additional federal aid.)

7. County school office — adopted unanimously.

Copies of the reports will be sent to the interim group, State Board of Education, Legislative Interim Committee on Taxes and any other interested group, according to association President Eugene Fisher, Elkton, who presided.

The regular spring meeting of the school board association will be held May 3 in Reedsport, starting at 6:30 p.m. dinner. Gardner Knapp, president of the state association will be featured speaker.

Princess Margaret Plans Another Solo Royal Tour

LONDON (AP) — Princess Margaret, who made her first solo royal tour last year, will embark on another one next fall. She will visit Britain's Indian Ocean and East African territories.

Buckingham Palace announced the Queen's sister will leave by plane in September for the Indian Ocean where she will board the royal yacht Britannia.

The two-month royal itinerary includes calls at the island colony of Mauritius, the Zanzibar protectorate of East Africa, the trust territory of Tanganyika and the Kenya colony, land of the anti-white Mau Mau.

Margaret made a month-long tour of the British West Indies in February 1955.

Crown Colony Clearing House For China Trade

HONG KONG (AP) — This British crown colony is a clearing house for a small legal trade in non-strategic materials between two enemies—red China and the Nationalist Chinese on Formosa.

Hong Kong businessmen who boast they will sell to anyone merely shrugged their shoulders at a recent Washington controversy about trade between the Red and Nationalist Chinese. Such trade has been going on here for years.

Both the Chinese ship goods to this commercial city. The goods are stored in warehouses before reshipment. Communist and Nationalist Chinese buyers rub shoulders while purchasing their respective countries' needs — regardless of origin.

Products like camphor, citronella oil and nonstrategic chemicals can be shipped freely between the two Chinas through here. The Hong Kong government has made legal trade in strategic items impossible and is combating smuggling. Occasionally revenue officers of the colony intercept Chinese junks carrying American cars or kerosene for Communist jet planes trying to reach Red China after dark. The penalty for such activity is stiff.

Grace Kelly Takes It Easy Aboard Big Liner

ABOARD THE S.S. CONSTITUTION, (AP) — Grace Kelly, weary from her New York embarkation party, took it easy aboard ship Wednesday night and Thursday.

Only near noon did she emerge in black slacks and black sweater to walk Oliver, her poodle, on the liner's sundeck.

Previously she had come out of her suite only once. This was for a late lunch Wednesday after the hectic embarkation at New York for the eight-day voyage that will transform her from movie actress to Princess of Monaco.

She went to bed at 7:30 last night, confiding to her companions that she never had felt so tired in her life.

Truman Makes Tentative Reservations For Trip

NEW YORK (AP) — Former President Harry S. Truman has made a tentative reservation to sail on the liner United States for Europe on May 11 for a two-month visit.

The tentative reservation for a suite for Truman was made yesterday before he and his wife left by train for Independence, Mo., after an Easter visit with their daughter Margaret and a speech before the Overseas Press Club Tuesday night.

The former President told newsmen yesterday that he wanted to go to Europe to accept an honorary degree from Oxford University in England, which had been seeking his presence for three years.

Two More County School Buildings Now Standard

Two more Douglas County school buildings have been declared "standard" by Harry Johnson, supervisor of elementary education for the State Dept. of Education, according to County Supt. Kenneth F. Barneburg.

The school buildings are Tri-City in the Myrtle Creek district and the Canyonville primary unit, constructed about two years ago. The rating came after a recent visit to the schools by Johnson.

Eugene Man Elected DFPA President; 1955 Report Made

Charles Preppernau of Eugene was elected president of the Douglas Forest Protective Assn. at the group's annual meeting Wednesday at the Hotel Umpqua. He succeeds Henry Champeaux, also of Eugene.

T. H. Pargeter was re-elected secretary - treasurer, and Fred Southwick was continued as district warden. Both are from Roseburg.

Elected vice president was Tom Clark of Roseburg, who with Preppernau and Champeaux will also serve on the board of directors.

Other directors are Frank Heath of Coos Bay, Ben Martin of Oakland, E. A. Heacock of Tacoma, Ross Bowles of Roseburg, Tom Mehl Jr. of Glendale and A. J. Myers of Reedsport. Clark and Martin are new to the board.

In the association's 44th annual report, it is noted that the 1955 fire season was very favorable with the exception of two or three short periods. A permit closure was in effect in the Coast Range from Aug. 19 to Sept. 17, and there was one logging closure during a hazardous period early in September.

With the exception of operation permits, compliance with forest fire laws was good. A total of 176 violations were detected, and 40 arrests were made, all resulting in convictions.

Total loss in 33 fires, in which 355.70 acres were burned, was \$8,320. Fire causes were: Lightning 5, incendiary 2, smokers 4, debris burning 4, slashing 1, logging 8, railroad 2 and miscellaneous 7.

A total of 1,443,793.57 acres were protected during the year. New equipment added include two trucks, a pickup, two jeeps, a tractor and two pumps. A 14 by 14 look-out house on a 50-foot tower was constructed on Old Blue mountain at a cost of \$3,841.43.

There were other improvements in facilities, and the absence of critical fires made it possible to spend a maximum of time on the construction and maintenance of protection improvements and facilities. In 1955, 429 miles of truck road were maintained at an average cost of \$29 per mile, 85 miles of trail at \$6.50 per mile and 17 miles of telephone line at \$8.50 per mile. There were 11.30 miles of road constructed at an average cost of \$269 per mile.

Lumbermen Protest ICC Ruling On Rail Boxcars

EUGENE (AP) — A group of lumber wholesalers met here Wednesday to protest an Interstate Commerce Commission order against delays in rail boxcar movement and possibly to set up a permanent organization.

The order, which goes into effect Monday, provides for stiff penalties for delaying the movement of rail freight cars. The order is designed to minimize effect of the annual car shortage.

Robert Taylor of Portland, a spokesman for the group, said that many wholesalers buy lumber by the carload and then sell it while the car is moving east. Sometimes movement of the cars is delayed until the sale can be arranged.

Taylor said the order would not ease the car shortage. "It eliminates slow service, which is our most economical way of merchandising," he said.

FHA Order Rules Lumber Grade Not Acceptable

PORTLAND (AP) — The Federal Housing Administration Thursday banned the use in home construction of boards produced by much of the West Coast lumber industry under a new grading system.

The FHA order said the boards failed to meet by 1-32nd of an inch the federal agency's thickness requirements. FHA requires boards to be 25-32nd of an inch thick. This conforms to American Lumber Standards regulations.

Recently the West Coast Lumbermen's Assn., representing a large segment of the lumber industry in the Pacific Northwest, adopted new grading regulations which place the thickness of boards at 3/4 inch, or 24-32nds.

Lumbermen say that actually the 3/4-inch thickness has been used unofficially for several years at scores of western and southern pine region mills, but only since March 15 have the size been stamped on the lumber in this area.

H. V. Simpson, executive vice president of the West Coast Lumbermen's Assn., said the American Lumber Standards Committee is scheduled to meet April 30 in Chicago to consider a change in thickness specifications.

The Portland Home Builders Assn. was to meet Thursday with FHA officials to discuss the ban.

Lumber Wholesalers Slate Meet In Seattle

EUGENE (AP) — Oregon lumber wholesalers who sell white pine are in transit, will meet with Seattle wholesalers to discuss reviving the Western Forest Products Shippers Assn.

That was decided at a meeting here Wednesday, called to protest a recent Interstate Commerce Commission order aimed at banning the slow movement of loaded freight cars.

The transit wholesalers fear the order will damage their business. They ship to the east and while the lumber is en route they try to arrange sales. Sometimes when sales are slow, cars aren't cleared rapidly—a practice the new ICC order bans.

The group here said they hoped to include firm-order wholesalers as well as transit shippers if the old organization is revived.

Bob Burnett, of the Traffic Service Co., Seattle, told the group that "there are many other problems being a particular order on which an organization such as this can work effectively."

Circus Opens Without Stars

NEW YORK (AP) — The circus opened last night without its most famous clown and with none of the stage, screen and television stars who usually take part in the premiere benefit performance.

A dispute involving the American Guild of Variety Artists kept the sad-faced tramp clown Emmet Kelly away. This time there was no Kelly to get the children chuckling right away by trying to sweep a spotlight beam under a rug.

But Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey's circus was as glittering and bespangled as ever without the glamorous frosting of outside stars who were to perform for the benefit of the Police Athletic League.

Stripped of this ballyhoo, the opening night turned out to be just plain circus — more than enough of it.

Missing Plane Wreckage Believed To Be Sighted

TOKYO (AP) — The U.S. Air Force reported late Thursday wreckage of an aircraft—believed to be a missing C-119 Flying Boxcar—with five Americans aboard—had been sighted on a mountain peak of Shikoku Island.

There was no word that any survivors had been seen. The site is 20 miles south of Saijo on Shikoku, and more than 400 miles southwest of Tokyo.

The wreckage was reported 6,000 feet up the 6,100-foot peak. An attempt will be made Friday to reach it with a rescue team dropped by parachute.

The C-119 disappeared early Tuesday on a cargo flight from Tachikawa Airbase near Tokyo to Ashiya Air Base, on the northern coast of Kyushu, Japan's southernmost island.

Douglas County Tax Assn. Elects New Officers

New officers of the Douglas County Tax Assn. were elected Wednesday in Roseburg at the annual association meeting.

Ross Bowles, Roseburg, was named president. Others are: Tom Clark, Roseburg, vice president; and T. H. Pargeter, Roseburg; secretary - treasurer. Retiring president is Henry Champeaux.

The association serves as a liaison group to work out tax problems with various county groups. It represents large timber owners in Douglas County.

Roseburg Firemen Note Small Damage In Fires

The Roseburg Fire Dept. reported no damage Wednesday as the result of an overheated stove, but \$15 damage on a small roof fire this morning.

The call resulting from the overheated stove came from 428 S.E. Rose St. Living there was Gordon Dugan. The fire today on the roof of a house at 1035 S.E. Lane was caused by a spark from a fireplace chimney, according to Chief W. E. Mills. Living there was Y. G. Yeske.

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Innocent Man Gets Freedom After 16 Years In Prison

ROCK ISLAND, Ill. (AP) — An innocent man who spent 16 years in prison is free today because of a prosecutor's diligence and a guilty man's conscience.

The one year to life sentence of Roy E. Eaton, 52, was vacated in the same Circuit Court room in which he had been convicted in 1940.

Judge Leonard E. Telleen issued the order after State Atty. Bernard J. Moran presented a paroled convict's signed statement that he and another man had committed the crime for which Eaton was punished.

Eaton was sent to Stateville (Ill.) Prison when James L. Crooks, a soap salesman, identified him as one of two men who robbed him at \$50 in Rock Island Oct. 4, 1938.

Louis G. Burrall, Davenport, Iowa, was identified as the other robber. He was not prosecuted because in the meantime he had been sent to a federal prison for robbing a post office branch.

At his trial and ever since, Eaton protested that he was innocent. He claimed he was in Lordsburg, N. M., where he then lived, on the day of the robbery. But he didn't have the money to bring witnesses from Lordsburg to Rock Island to support his alibi.

In the ensuing years Eaton made repeated but unsuccessful efforts to be absolved of the crime.

Moran, who had assumed office in the meantime, became interested in the case two years ago.

"After being convinced of Eaton's innocence," the state's attorney recalled, "I decided the man who could prove it was Burrall, who was paroled from federal prison last year. I went to him in January."

"He said he and John B. Davis had committed the Crooks robbery. He said that while he and Davis were in prison together he had tried to get Davis to come forward with him to clear Eaton but that Davis wouldn't do it. Two lie detector tests showed Burrall was telling the truth."

Six Firemen Killed, 13 Hurt In New York

NEW YORK (AP) — A wall collapsed during a roaring blaze which gutted a Bronx factory building last night. Six firemen were crushed to death and 13 others were injured.

Fire Commissioner Edward Cavanagh Jr., struck by a flying brick, saw six of his men buried under an avalanche of debris. Five died as they reached a hospital. The sixth man died a few minutes later.

The five-alarm blaze broke out shortly after 8 p.m. in the basement of a one-story, 40-by-80-foot brick structure occupied by an artificial flower manufacturing firm. Firemen fought for 3 1/2 hours to put it out.

Reedsport School Budget Vote Set On Special Levy

A public hearing on the budget for Reedsport's School District 105-C has been set for April 18 in Pioneer School at 8 p.m. The 1956-57 proposed budget calls for \$206,953 outside the 6 per cent limitation.

The complete budget has been revised to a figure of \$333,935. It is about \$48,000 less than the first presentation. The 1955-56 budget totaled \$272,023.44. Supt. Fred E. Pilling said teacher salary items accounted for the increase.

District voters will ballot on the budget May 4 at Pioneer School from 2 to 8 p.m.

Supt. Pilling said the tax levy is estimated at \$2.2 mills. That compared to 45.7 this year. Assessed valuation of the school district was estimated at \$3,900,000.

Instruction was the large sum. It was \$199,272. A new salary schedule of increments has been adopted. It calls for beginning teachers with a bachelor's degree to receive \$3,800. Starting teachers with master's degree are offered \$4,000.

The superintendent said the increment means teachers would realize pay increases from \$150 to \$700. The increment schedule next year is based upon "degree and number of years experience."

The district includes Pioneer School, Highland School and Highland Pool. The area is served by a union high school in a separate district.

BIRTHS

Mercy Hospital

WHITE — To Mr. and Mrs. Frank White, 3027 NE Hughes St., Roseburg, March 30, a son, Randall Ramon; weight 7 pounds 4 ounces.

MUIR — To Mr. and Mrs. Fredrick Muir, Rt. 1, Box 86-C, Sutherlin, April 1, a daughter, Diane Janice; weight 7 pounds 14 ounces.

CROY — To Mr. and Mrs. Donald Croy, Rt. 1, Box 439A, Sutherlin, April 3, a son, David Wayne; weight 6 pounds 1 ounce.

Vital Statistics

Divorce Granted

HUDDLESTON — June Anne from Irwin Alva Huddleston. Plaintiff awarded real property and furnishings, custody of four children, \$40 per month per child. Defendant, restrained from changing beneficiary of a life insurance policy, awarded automobile.

FLAT TELEVISION TUBE

LONDON (AP) — Britain's National Research Development Corp. Wednesday night announced the invention of a revolutionary flat television tube.

A corporation spokesman claimed it would be cheaper to make than conventional tubes and better for color television.

The tube, 21 inches square and 5 inches deep, was developed by Hungarian-born Dr. Dennis Gabor. The government-sponsored corporation backed his work.

Harvard Ave. Rezoning Plan Draws Protests

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established along the street. Most of the street between the Oak Street Bridge and Fairhaven Street is zoned for commercial use.

Jones took the opposite stand. He asserted that as a community grows, property values change. He stated that public home-loan agencies are refusing to guarantee mortgages on residences in the area along Harvard.

"Harvard," he said, "is destined for that (commercial) type of use. It's getting to be commercial property."

He told the commission, headed by President Pete Serafin, that his initial intent for the proposed zoning would be to erect a small office for his business at the corner of Harvard and Stanton.

He said he was against "spot" zoning, and would rather have the entire length of Harvard between the two streets rezoned. His property is a small lot at the west end of the land area.

He drew support from another realtor, Holden McTaggart, whose office is located near Fairhaven. He said he thought to rezone would be to increase the value of residential property.

O. J. Fett Jr., a planning board member and chairman of the Douglas County Planning Commission, spoke against "strip" zoning along the avenue. He claimed it would result in a bad traffic situation. He also said he had been told by Roseburg School District officials that they were against any change in zone. The school people, he said, feel that it's not best to zone commerce near a school — in this case, Fullerton.

Neuner said he was a backer of the 1933 annexation of West Roseburg because he felt it would offer "zoning protection."

"There's no demand for the change except by the petitioner," he claimed.

Both Neuner and Jones claimed the support of the trustees of the First Methodist Church, which owns three acres of property nearby.

The commission originally received the proposal about a month ago. At that time, the group recommended the zoning change to the City Council.

But the hearing was ordered when City Atty. Paul E. Geddes came out with a recommendation must come only after a public airing.

The council itself has a hearing on the proposal set for Monday night in the City Hall.

In other action, the planning commission approved the rezoning of three private properties between Harvard and Brown on Fairhaven Street from residential to business.

It also decided to change a recommendation of a proposed commercial zone north of Harvard to include dimensions of a uniform depth. The recommendation will be for a depth of 300 feet on the north side of Harvard Avenue between the Douglas Community Hospital and the Veterans Administration grounds for business purposes. The original recommendation was for the changing of the zone from residential to business along the property lines.

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