

Contracts Given For Developing A-Powered Planes

WASHINGTON — The Air Force has awarded two new contracts to further development of an atomic-powered airplane.

It announced Monday it has signed Lockheed Aircraft Co., Burbank, Calif., to build a multi-million dollar laboratory at Davisville, Ga., for development of the frame of an atomic plane.

The facility, expected to be the largest of its kind in this country, will be owned by the government but will be operated by Lockheed. The firm has bought a 10,000-acre site and decided it to the government for \$1.

At the same time, the Air Force gave the Convair Division of General Dynamics Corp. a contract for continuing an air frame development project which had been under way for more than four years at Convair's plant in Fort Worth, Texas.

Convair has been working with the aircraft gas turbine division of General Electric Co. The Convair airframe would house the atomic engine that GE built at the gas turbine division plant in Lockland, Ohio.

Scientists say a nuclear powered airplane might be able to fly two million miles, or 80 times around the earth, on a single pound of U-235 fuel.

Glendale Council Gets Sewer Bids

The Glendale City Council Monday night received bids for construction of the city's sewerage disposal plant and system but tabled action until additional information can be received from consulting engineers.

Low bidders were: Den Herder Construction Co. of Lebanon, \$22,856 for construction of the sewerage system and Everett L. Wiggins of Portland \$60,788 for construction of the disposal plant. Reports correspondents Mrs. G. B. Fox.

The bond issue voted by Glendale some time ago was for \$92,000. Combined low bids come to \$83,644.60. The council has 30 days in which to make a decision.

Other bidders for the system were: Soule Construction Co. of Portland, \$37,103.30 and J. P. McAllister of Roseburg \$28,457.09. Other bidders for the disposal plant were: P. S. Lord of Portland \$106,848.50 and John Kovichovich of Portland \$80,546.

The consulting firm of engineers, Clark, Groff and Caves of Salem, has agreed to furnish more information to the council for the special session of the council April 23.

Mother, Children Injured In Crash

A mother and four children escaped serious injury Tuesday when the car in which they were riding collided with a log truck.

According to ambulance driver Billy Mohr, Mrs. Betty Singleton, Box 523 Idlewild Rd., apparently was driving her four children to school when the mishap occurred. Mohr said the log truck was turned on its side and the Singleton car appeared to be destroyed when he arrived.

Attendants at Douglas Community Hospital in Roseburg said the Singleton family was given emergency treatment for bruises and contusions. One youngster, Jackie, suffered a broken arm.

Driver of the log truck was not known.

The accident took place about 8:45 a.m., about four miles east of Dixonville on the Strader Road.

Rezoning Of Harvard Postponed For Study

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we are making an error in this spot zoning until an overall plan is developed.

Earlier, Jones had been asked if he approved of the idea of the council putting in more study and then making a decision. He said it may lead to "an unreasonably long delay."

To meet this objection, Councilman Robert Harris moved that the commission make an overall study of the so-called West Side and develop a plan for methods and control of commercial development. The motion also requested that the plan be presented to the council within the next six weeks. The council approved.

Three opponents appeared against business zoning of the strip between Stanton and the point west of Fairhaven. They were George Neuner, Kenneth Bailey and A. J. Ellison. All have property across the street from the strip.

They contended plenty of area for business was already zoned. Neuner said: "This proposal appears to permit 'strip' zoning which detracts from the substantial residential area and shows poor planning."

In favor of the rezoning besides Jones were L. C. Latham and Myrtle Baker. All said the area for residential sales had lost its value. Its greatest value is for business. Jones introduced a report from 11 city realtors saying there was no demand for residences in the area. "By restriction, a lot of damage can be done," Jones said.

Harold Schmeier, vice president of the U.S. National Bank, appeared to say "I am on no side of any fence but he said he had been asked if he would loan a "maximum on a piece of property there. I would not," he said.

The council did take action, however, on rezoning of three lots between Brown and Harvard avenues in Fairhaven. The lots were rezoned from residential to business.

The council also:

Received bids on the city's liability insurance. Contract was awarded to Ken Bailey at a price of \$1,943.35. Other bids were from Dwayne Buell \$2,092.89 and Tipton Insurance Agency \$2,724.23. City Manager George Farrell said the rate was \$600 under the present year's insurance.

Decided to approve a steel-reinforced concrete garage in Lincoln between Klamath and Malheur subject to approval of the appeals board. The construction would not comply with the setback ruling, since it would only be back a foot from the street line. The request was turned down by City Building Inspector N. Currier.

Approved the city manager's request to buy addressing equipment for city offices after investigation by the finance committee.

Local Policeman Hurt In Motorcycle Accident

Roseburg policeman Bud Mace, 945 NE Lincoln St., was in Douglas Community Hospital Tuesday where he was receiving treatment for injuries received when he spilled from a motorcycle Monday.

According to reports, Officer Mace suffered minor injuries. Details concerning the mishap were scant. It occurred about 5:30 p.m. on Douglas Street between Chadwick and Kane streets. He was on duty at the time.

COMMITTEE TO MEET

The Roseburg Regional Safety Committee will meet Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce office to complete plans for the coming safety conference which will be held in Roseburg May 19 at the Riverside School gymnasium. Edell Bryant is chairman.

Governor Smith Pays Tribute To Volunteers

Gov. Elmo Smith Tuesday paid tribute to the "unselfish" work of several thousand Oregon men and women who voluntarily serve patients in Oregon's three Veterans Administration hospitals.

April 15 marks the 10th anniversary of the founding of the Veterans Administration Voluntary Service. The VAVS will be honored during the week of April 15, according to Robert Kidder, director of special services at the Roseburg VA Hospital.

Kidder said a public program honoring the anniversary is planned for next Monday. Featured speaker will be Dr. R. G. St. Pierre, newly-appointed manager of the hospital. He will discuss "our volunteers."

In Oregon there are about 5,000 active volunteers serving VA installations. They daily help some 2,300 patients at Camp White in Medford, the Portland VA Hospital and the Roseburg hospital, Kidder said. Other volunteers serve only part time, and they number about 100,000 more.

In his tribute to them, Gov. Smith said: "It is entirely fitting that public recognition be given these unselfish men and women who have exemplified the finest traditions of brotherhood and devotion to those who served our nation in time of danger."

Monday's program will start at 8 p.m. It will be held in the Recreation Building of the local VA hospital.

Pros And Cons Debated On Water Fluoridation

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Damage to bones could occur 20 to 25 years from now, he said.

He lashed out at the Public Health Service for terming dental caries a public health problem. The government agency is trying to "force a medicament on us," he claimed. As to safety, he noted that the Salk polio vaccine had been declared safe by edict, but a defect later had to be corrected. The PHS could be just as wrong about the safety of fluoridation, he said.

Violation Seen

Fluoridating the water supply used by all people is a violation of the 14th amendment to the Constitution, he declared, and it does not warrant usurping police powers to bring it about.

Dr. Jeppeson also brought out that people drink varying amounts of water, therefore the "dosage" would be different for different users. Just as one person can stand more aspirin than another, one person can use more fluoride than another. He said those wishing fluoridated water should go to their druggist for tablets and take them on prescription.

In the question period, Dr. Kadak took issue with Dr. Jeppeson's use of the word "medicament," saying that medication is a treatment, that fluoridation is not a cure for anything but rather a preventive.

Later, Dr. Jeppeson said that "lethal dosage" is not a question, that the harm can occur in accumulation in the body. He admitted there is no proof fluoride is harmful, but also contended there is no adequate proof it is safe.

Cities where records have been kept and Bartlett, Tex., where fluorides occur naturally eight parts to a million were cited by both sides, but with no apparent proof as to the final answer. As the audience of about 150 to 200 persons began to disperse, some who had not had their full say continued the discussion on their own.

State School Standards Discussed By Huggins

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pate in annual distribution of the state Basic School Support Fund Law, he said. They refer to school plant, buildings, grounds and equipment, curriculum, teacher certification and general school administration. Under physical plant, for example, they deal with proper lighting, sanitation, classroom size and the like.

The speaker then presented a formula for cutting school costs and still complying with every state standard, in the event his listeners thought them to be the reason for cost — "the biggest matter bothering people today."

In order, he suggested: "Sell your own kids to school or let them walk. There is no law or standard (except for unusual circumstances) requiring you to haul a single youngster; close up your vocational education classes such as agriculture, shops, home economics; fire your art and music teachers; sell the band instruments; sell your visual education equipment; close your cafeterias which nearly pay their way; fire all your athletic coaches and carry on a minimum two year health and physical education program; dispense with typing classes; cut teacher salaries to the minimum under Oregon Law."

"If this," he continued, "and you still will be classified as standard, and I'll guarantee you that the State Department of Education will do nothing about it—except feel sorry for you." The trimming, he said, would cause any district to lose all its teachers and a number of good editors. Good schools, he said, are high on the list of criteria by which a community is judged.

The reputation of Oregon's having the nation's best schools (Look magazine) is not a bad one, he noted, adding that the plane could be higher. He said Oregonians today spend more on liquor than education and nearly the amount on tobacco and cosmetics.

Huggins delved into symantics. He told his 130 listeners state standards read with an advised "should" 10 times as often as with the mandatory "shall." He said the functions of the State Department of Education was "to lead not push." He said the state board realizes local school districts are the most wary of all political units concerning "outside control."

While standards were the chief ingredients of the fast-moving, fact-filled speech, Huggins expanded on the item of cost.

He said one writer aptly copied the problem with three words — "too many kids." He noted that young married couples today plan large families.

"What can any school board do about that?" he questioned.

"You lumbermen only talk about sustained yield! School administrators have it! Agreeing that school costs have exceeded those of city and county and state, the sometime educator (before entering the insurance field 37 years ago) pointed out a city doesn't have to build two city halls for double the population. Twice the amount of children, he continued, double the cost of school instruction. He termed "gross injustice to school administrators and gross ignorance of apparent conditions," citizen criticism of school taxes which zoom beyond other taxes.

He struck against curriculum critics, noting America's mass education plan as a "tremendous success." He said advocates of a return to the school of 50 years ago "when only one of 20 eighth graders ever finished high school" had short memories. He admitted thousands of students in Oregon schools today were doing below average work, appending the fact that school attendance in the state is mandatory until 18. He said the schooling was good as it controlled possible delinquency and improved society. "Let's keep in mind we are educating the masses, not operating fashionable and classical boarding schools like Groton."

Salaries, he noted, were improving, although the average length of teacher time in Oregon is "three years." He was introduced by chamber education "Cher" than D. Johnson, President J. Roland Parker presided.

The Huggins' address to the chamber was broadcast over KRRR at 9:30 p.m. Monday. Station Manager Aaron Bos said it would be aired at a later date "if there is sufficient demand."

Mrs. Kirkpatrick Elected President Of Sutherlin PTA

Mrs. Howard Kirkpatrick was elected president of the Sutherlin chapter of the Parent-Teachers Assn. at a meeting Monday night in the high school gym.

She will succeed Mrs. Fred N. Dieckrich as president. Mrs. Dieckrich, a petite blonde former resident of England, presided at the meeting, during which a debate on fluoridation took place.

The Sutherlin City Council has gone on record in favor of fluoridating the city's water supply, but no action has been taken to put the proposal into effect.

Other officers elected for the coming year are Mrs. Bud Holm, first vice president; Mrs. Earl Thatcher, second vice president; Mrs. Forrest Rewalt, secretary; and Mrs. Charles Skistrom, treasurer.

It was brought out at the meeting that plans are under way to organize a second PTA at the school in west Sutherlin. At present, one organization serves five schools of the district.

Members were reminded that the next meeting of the County Council of PTA will be May 12 at S.otts Valley.

Henry H. Rachor Dies Monday In Grants Pass

Henry H. Rachor, 69, died in Josephine General Hospital in Grants Pass Monday.

He was born Oct. 4, 1886, at Devil's Lake, N.D. He was a lifetime member of Ochoco Lodge No. 46, IOOF, Prineville. He was employed by the Department of Agriculture and for the last 17 years was with the Umpqua Forest Service.

Survivors are three daughters, Mrs. Irene Nutter, Grants Pass; Mrs. Frances Oyhanabal, S. n Francisco, and Mrs. Babe Wood, Klamath Falls. Five brothers: Clarence, Daly City, Calif.; Harold, Oakridge; Charles, Prineville, and Frank and Bill, Days Creek. Two grandchildren: Linda Wood, Klamath Falls, and John Nutter Jr., Grants.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, at 2 p.m. at Ganz Mortuary in Myrtle Creek with interment at the IOOF Cemetery at Canyonville.

First Grade Registration Planned At St. Joseph's

Registration of children who plan to enter the first grade at St. Joseph's School next year will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at the school.

A party, with entertainment and refreshments, will be given in the first grade room for the prospective newcomers and their mothers.

TUNISIAN PREMIER

TUNIS, Tunisia — Habib Bourguiba, a moderate nationalist who led his country out of its protectorate status, Tuesday was named the first premier of independent Tunisia.

Six Marine Recruits Drown In Midnight Hike

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the stream. I noticed some went too far out. I ordered the platoon out of the water. Then I saw some were in distress. I started toward them.

"I brought one man back to shore. Then I started back for others. One man who I thought was all right grabbed me for assistance. We both went down.

"I struggled for some minutes to get him out of the water, but he fought wildly. He went limp and I couldn't find him.

"I swam towards a group of about four or five men but the tide was too strong and they disappeared. I was the last one out of the water.

"Some of the men undoubtedly died trying to save others."

The men carried no weapons and were not in full field equipment when they entered the 65-foot-wide stream.

Survivors disclaimed early reports that the march was disciplinary in nature. They praised McKee for heroic action in helping to get men out of the water.

Gen. Randolph Pate, Marine Corps commandant, came here from Washington immediately to supervise the investigation. Maj. Gen. Joseph C. Burger, commanding general of the base, said "this is a most serious tragedy and one which I am investigating to the fullest extent."

The Marine Corps identified the victims as:

Donald Francis O'Shea of Brooklyn, N.Y.

Jerry Lamont Thomas of Alexandria, Va.

Charles Francis Reilly of Clyde, N.Y.

Leroy Thompson of Brooklyn, N.Y.

Norman Alfred Wood of Bay Shore, N.Y.

Still missing was Thomas Curtis Hardeman of Vidalia, Ga.

Parris Island primarily is a recruit training center. The men had been here since Feb. 22 and recently were moved to barracks near a rifle range about a mile from the swamp.

Hospital Auxiliary Will Be Discussed

Three Grants Pass residents, familiar with the operation of a women's hospital auxiliary, will be Roseburg visitors Thursday to talk to women interested in forming a Douglas Community Hospital auxiliary.

They are Mr. and Mrs. Rex Von Krohn and Mrs. Eva Harper. Von Krohn is administrator of the Josephine General Hospital and chairman of the public relations committee of the Oregon State Hospital Assn.

His wife has served as an auxiliary member in the mid-west as well as at Grants Pass. Mrs. Harper is president of the "Josephines," auxiliary at Josephine General Hospital.

Acting chairman Mrs. Roy O. Young said the meeting is open to all women in the Roseburg area. It will be held in the First Baptist Church Social Hall at 8 p.m.

Congress Alerted To Mid-Eastern Danger Signals

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Dulles alerted congressional leaders Tuesday to a possible administration request for use of American forces in the Middle East if acute danger develops there.

House Republican leader Martin (Mass.) said no such request by President Eisenhower is contemplated "at this time," but that if the danger develops there would "of course" be a request.

Martin said Dulles' alert was in the nature of "talk of what might come."

He made that comment when questioned about a possible administration request for Congress to adopt a resolution approving U.S. military intervention in the Middle East.

Dulles briefed 14 House and Senate chiefs-eight Republican and six Democrats. Officials said he heavily stressed concern over the fact that current fighting between Egyptian and Israeli units in the Gaza area had not been brought quickly under control.

Peace Mission Starts Against Violent Backdrop

TEL AVIV, Israel — U. N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold launched his Palestine peace mission Tuesday against a backdrop of mounting Arab-Israeli violence. He held a brief conference with Israeli government officials here then flew on to Cairo.

Hammarskjold landed Tuesday morning at Lydda Airport south-east of Tel Aviv and was met by Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, U.N. truce chief. He spent two hours in consultation with Burns and other U.N. officials, then came to Tel Aviv for lunch with the Israeli leaders.

In midafternoon, he took off for Cairo, accompanied by Burns. There he was to meet Egyptian Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser. He is to return to Israel Monday, a spokesman said.

Border clashes continued unchecked Monday and Monday night despite the imminent arrival of the U.S. secretary seeking means of easing Arab-Israeli tension.

Myrtle Creek's Superintendent Sees Vacancies

Al Neet, superintendent of the Myrtle Creek schools, reported at Monday night's school board meeting that he will interview teacher applicants for about 15 teacher vacancies in the system.

The board also accepted the resignation of John Haakanson as social studies teacher at the high school. He has accepted a position at Canyonville.

It was announced that the board will meet April 18 with the Myrtle Creek City Council to discuss mutual problems in a roundtable discussion.

A group of 25 teachers were at the meeting and complained of what they called a "discipline problem." The board tabled any action on the matter and said the complaint will be channeled through the administrator and then discussed sometime this week in a closed meeting, according to correspondent Ruth M. Evans.

Aid From Public Asked In Presenting Testimony

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ganizations are urged to do so," he said.

The railroad late last spring announced that it would discontinue the "Nightcrawler" into the southern part of the state. That resulted in violent protests by most southern Oregon communities.

The upshot of the protests was the race between a relay of saddle horses and the mangled passenger train between Eugene and Roseburg late in July. The train won by seven minutes over a 75-mile course.

The train, it has been acknowledged, was little used. But various groups have pointed out that the "Nightcrawler" — officially the Rogue River — ran on inconvenient night schedules, lacked speed, failed to connect with other trains and wasn't the height of gracious travel.

"It is possible that there may be other criticisms which should be made known," Geddes ventured.

The state senators last fall filed suit against the Southern Pacific to bring the matter to a direct issue after the company had ignored a prior PUC order not to terminate service.

The suit has resulted in two public hearings — the one here April 24 and one in Medford two days later.

Geddes commented:

"If the people of the area indicate a lack of interest in securing said service, either by so expressing themselves at the public hearing, or by failing to appear and state their views, all efforts to secure the service will be dropped. But if there is a contrary public demand, the efforts will be continued."

The hearing will be in the hearing room of the Douglas County Court in the courthouse at 10 a.m. An examiner from the PUC will conduct the proceedings.

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