

Douglas County Rodeo Days Return



WHERE'D HE GO?—Cowboy Dwight Maddox got a quick, short ride on this brahma. Lots of brahma riders will take part in the event this weekend. (DeVere Helfrich).

Queen's Ball Tonight, Big Parade Launch Festivities

RODEO EVENTS

Friday
8 p.m. — 1 a.m. — Frontier Town, Community Building, Douglas County Fairgrounds
9 p.m. — 1 a.m. — Queen's Ball, Community Building
Saturday
10 a.m. — Rodeo parade in downtown Roseburg
1 p.m. — RCA - approved rodeo at fairgrounds
8 p.m. — 1 a.m. — Frontier Town, CB
9 p.m. — 1 a.m. — Wranglers Ball, CB

KP Drum And Bugle Corps Raising Funds For Instruments

Members of the Knights of Pythias Girls' Drum and Bugle Corps are about halfway toward their goal of raising enough money for new bugles, according to director Bill Black.

He said the last tally showed about \$500 in the fund. Much of the money has been raised through sales of pencils and through donations. He said more sales will be held by the girls until the goal of \$1,000 has been reached. He also said that more donations would be accepted.

Black reported that the \$1,000 would outfit 20 girls with bugles including two new types which will add depth to the music of the band. A French horn bugle will be added to replace the tenor horns. Also to be added are bass-baritone bugles. To be replaced will be four baritone and 12 soprano bugles. Black said efforts had been made to have the 10-year-old bugles presently used repaired. But he said the cost was almost as great as replacement of the bugles would be.

Meanwhile, Black stated that at least three more public performances of the corps are scheduled this summer. The girls will take part in both the rodeo parade this Saturday and in the State Veterans of Foreign Wars convention parade next week in Roseburg. Then, the corps will again appear at the state high school Shrine football game, Portland Aug. 18. The trip to Portland will be paid for by Alpha Lodge 47 of the Order of Knights of Pythias.

VAGRANT FINED
Tom Jefferson, 43, Grand Hotel, paid a \$15 fine levied Thursday morning by Municipal Judge Randolph Slocum after he pleaded guilty to vagrancy. The arrest was made by Roseburg police Wednesday night.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
Yugoslav President Tito this week signed agreements in Moscow pledging cooperation with the Soviet Union in party and government affairs "on a basis of equality." Following the signing, Tito pinned on Soviet Defense Minister Zhukov's bosom Yugoslavia's highest decoration. It was quite a low feat.

Zhukov struck an attitude and said Yugoslavia will fight shoulder to shoulder with Russia in any future war and Tito was quoted as predicting that his country will march arm in arm with Soviet Russia from now on.

Tito evidently thought that one over and counted up on his fingers the amount of money the United States has shelled out to him during the years when he was making faces and thumbing his nose at (Continued on Page 4, Col. 5)

The Weather

Fair today through Saturday. A little warmer.
Highest temp. last 24 hours — 74
Lowest temp. last 24 hours — 46
Highest temp. any June — 106
Lowest temp. any June — 34
Precip. last 24 hours — 0
Precip. from June 1 — 1.48
Precip. from Sept. 1 — 30.14
Excess from Sept. 1 — 20.22
Sunset tonight, 7:57 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 4:33 a.m.

The 1956 Douglas County Rodeo officially gets under way tonight at the fairgrounds near Roseburg.

Frontier Town, a carnival-type city with a variety of amusement areas, encloses the dance floor at the Community Building.

Two special dances are planned there during rodeo weekend.

The first, The Queen's Ball, will be held tonight at 9. The Douglas Court and other visiting queens and princesses will be honored guests. Music is by the Melody Wranglers of Medford.

Tickets for the dance are on sale at the door. Special script for Frontier Town activities may be purchased inside the Community Building.

Saturday is a big day for rodeo goers.

The annual rodeo parade starts at 10 a.m. in downtown Roseburg. Some 200 entries are expected. They include marching and float units and a host of rodeo royalty from other areas.

The parade route as announced by Chairman Wayne Oftedahl is as follows:

It forms at the Jackson Street Triangle at 9:15 a.m. and starts up Jackson Street to Lane Street. It travels west on Lane Street to Rose Street. It goes north on Rose Street to Central Junior High School, where it will disband. Oftedahl stressed the route is not the same as last year's.

Saturday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. (Continued on Page 2 Col. 5)

Adventists Planning New Church On Site Recently Purchased

The site bought by the Western Oregon Conference Assn. of Seventh-day Adventists will be used for a new church for the Roseburg Seventh-day Adventist congregation.

The announcement was made today by Elder Walter Riston, pastor of the Roseburg church.

He related that the church "hopes and expects to build a house of worship in the not too distant future."

He said the church has "long since outgrown its church on South-east Main Street and Lane Avenue. That building was sold to a Mormon religious group, the Latter Day Saints. The Adventists have been meeting in the school auditorium for worship while awaiting until a suitable site could be found and a church built."

The property sold last Friday by the General Services Administration included 7.98 acres, which was formerly part of the Veterans Administration Hospital grounds. The Western Oregon Conference Assn. of Seventh-day Adventists paid \$18,000 for the tract of land. It is located near the Calkins Road on the Garden Valley Road.

Elder Riston said the church organization has a membership of about 500. It was estimated the new church must seat at least 700.

British Impose Heavy Fine On Greek Cypriots

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — British authorities imposed a collective fine of 35,000 pounds (\$88,000) Friday on the Greek Cypriot community of the town of Limassol.

An announcement said that since the beginning of this year there have been six assassinations in the town, that 10 persons have been wounded in attempted assassinations and that there have been 70 bomb incidents.

Details of the assessment and the method of collection will be announced later.

Extremists of EOKA, the underground movement demanding union of Cyprus with Greece, have been active in Limassol and the surrounding area since the start of the year.

The British levy on Limassol follows a similar \$122,000 "tax" imposed some time ago on Famagusta.

Angling Expected Good At Umpqua River Mouth

Angling conditions at the mouth of the Umpqua River are expected to be "very good" this weekend, reports Gard Safley, manager of Salmon Harbor.

A large run of chinook salmon appeared Thursday. And the sun broke out this week on the coast, calming the water. Safley, however, advised inland residents of Douglas County to check with the Weather Bureau to learn if there will be any change in the weather.

Some silver salmon also have appeared over the bar. On Thursday, the improved conditions spurred commercial activity, and sports fishing began picking up, Safley said.

Famed British Poet Walter De La Mare Dies

WALTER DE LA MARE, England (AP) — Walter de La Mare, 83, internationally known British poet, died today.

De La Mare was one of the few members of the Order of Merit a non-life member reserved for more than 24 living persons of special eminence. Queen Elizabeth II named the poet to the order in 1953.

Forest Service And O&C Lands Exchanged

83,000 Acres Of Government Land Affected

More than 83,000 acres of federally-owned timber land was officially exchanged today, according to a joint report from the Roseburg offices of the U. S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management.

The unangling of the complicated federal land pattern in the county and the rest of the O & C counties in the state was made official today when the secretaries of the departments of Agriculture and Interior signed an order exchanging certain lands under their administrations.

The order carries out the provisions of Public Law 428 on June 24, 1954, which was sponsored in Congress by former Sen. Guy Gordon and Rep. Harris Ellsworth, both Roseburg men at the time.

The order, signed by Interior Secretary Fred A. Seaton and Agriculture Secretary Ezra Benson, directs exchange of lands to eliminate a "checkerboard" of holdings on Oregon and California grant lands in 13 Oregon counties. Douglas County has the greatest amount of such land in the state. The law (Continued on Page 2 Col. 3)

Umpqua Plywood To Close Plant At Myrtle Creek

Umpqua Plywood Corp. operations in Myrtle Creek are being finally closed down entirely after a hectic recent history.

In a story in the Myrtle Creek Mail Thursday, it was reported that George Rittenhouse, sawmill manager, announced this week to company employees that the sawmill operation will be closed about Sept. 1.

This will eliminate the jobs of about 55 men. The operation which was once the biggest single industry in Myrtle Creek, has been closed down by stages. Some hope was raised about a year ago when plans were announced by the Myrtle Creek Plywood Co. to form a workers-shareholder operation to take over the corporation's holdings. But not enough support ensued and the dream died.

About two weeks ago, 70 men lost jobs at the plant with the elimination of the night shift. Now, the sawmill operation will be closed entirely.

Rittenhouse said the decision to close the operation followed a conference of company officials last week with W. H. Gonyea of Eugene, general manager of the company.

It was explained that a combination of past labor situations, tax costs, complaints of burner smoke and emission and the flood situation led to the decision to close. The Mail says the extensive timber holdings of the company in the area will be used in the Roseburg plant, the Lake Pleasant Plywood Co. of Tillamook and a new plywood plant being completed at Drain.

The Mail quotes officials as engaged in research planning concerning utilization of wood wastes. They expressed hope, the Mail says, that some processing method which would fit advantageously the operation of company buildings at Myrtle Creek can be uncovered.

The plywood plant and sawmill began production in 1946 under the ownership of Elm Manufacturing Co. They were later taken over by Umpqua Plywood Corp. Both the sawmill and plywood plant were in full operation as late as Jan. 30, 1955.

Reedsport Asks Library Salary Funds Restored

A three-member delegation from Reedsport Thursday requested the Douglas County Court to restore \$8,087.04 cut from the proposed 1956-57 county library budget by the budget committee.

The sum was to have paid salaries for local librarians in 10 county communities. The Reedsport group told the court their city could not provide a library building and heat and light in addition to paying the salary. (It was set at \$1,347.84).

Members of the Reedsport delegation were city library board member W. A. Burdick, recorder Irving Johnson and Port Umpqua Courier Editor William Tugman.

The request supports an earlier one made by the county board, following the cut. Judge Carl Hill, speaking for the court, said the request would be considered. A public hearing on the county budget is set for July 2 in Roseburg.

Chief argument from the Reedsport visitors brought the city of Reedsport into the matter. The western county residents take issue to what they term the "free ride" of Roseburg. They contend other cities help pay the library's facilities, does not contribute financially to its support.

Roseburg council members voted down a proposed measure which would have allowed residents to vote for or against a special levy for the county library. Until the (Continued on Page 2 Col. 2)

Labor Council Asks For Federal Wiretap Probe

PORTLAND (AP) — The Oregon State Labor Council Thursday called for a federal grand jury investigation into reports of wiretapping in Portland.

The probe was urged in a resolution which was unanimously approved by the council of the newly merged AFL and CIO unions.

The resolution noted the Oregon Journal had reported that wire recordings seized in a recent sheriff's raid in Portland "were obtained by unauthorized and illegal tapping of telephone wires."

The recordings now are in the hands of Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton who is conducting a grand jury probe of Portland vice conditions.

The council also called for state and federal legislation requiring full annual reports on the operation of union health and welfare funds.

In other action the council: Urged appointment of a labor representative on the state Civil Service Commission.

Decided to study further a plan for a state-wide high school vocational center.

Proposed that the distribution of the road users' tax be changed to provide adequate funds for country roads.

Heard Bob Holmes, Democratic candidate for governor, say he willingly would put his legislative record against that of his Republican opponent, Gov. Elmo Smith.

Other speakers were Elmer McClure, master of the Oregon state Grange; Harley Libby, president of the Oregon Farmers Union; Harold Slater of the Washington CIO; Ernest P. Marsh, San Francisco arbitrator; and Norman O. Nilsen, state labor commissioner.

Five Girls In Contest For Timber Days Queen

Five girls have applied to take part in the contest for queen of the Douglas County Timber Days Aug. 11 and 12.

The five revealed today by Timber Days Chairman Harry Sprague are: Sharon Cox, 17, and La Donna Parker, 17, both of Roseburg; Debbie Fields, 18, Drain; Sandra McCullough, 17, Sutherlin; and Phyllis Griest, 17, Winther.

The queen will be selected on the basis of ticket sales to the Timber Days events. Tickets go on sale July 2. Joan Sprague is chairman of the queen contest.

Berserk Truck Driver Kills Three Persons

WARREN, Ohio (AP) — A 37-year-old truck driver, going berserk after a quarrel with his wife, Thursday night shot and killed his two sisters-in-law and a teenage girl he didn't know, sheriff's deputies said.

Another man was wounded, but escaped, as the truck driver sped over a rural area here in an automobile in a ditch along a lonely road northwest of here.

A manhunt for the trucker, Alfred Wilson of nearby Leavittsburg, centered in an area near Windham, about 15 miles west of here, after Wilson's 1949 automobile was found abandoned along a county road.

Subcommittees Now To Go To Work On Umpqua Basin Water Resources Studies

At least 25 subcommittees, which have been standing by while organizational details were being worked out by the Umpqua Basin Water Resources Advisory Committee, will now go to work.

At a special meeting in the courthouse Thursday night, a list of assignments in gathering information were designated for the subcommittees. The assignments cover the first phase of the program. It involves gathering the data required.

The committees will begin work on gathering information on appraisal of water values and liabilities both now and in the future. The evaluation will be both economic and social.

The municipal subcommittees in the six districts will begin work on gathering information on domestic and municipal supplies and pollution abatement. The data will include volumes, flow, etc. The committees will ask for the aid of city engineers, water companies and districts and sanitary districts for help.

The recreation subcommittees will go to work in gathering information on fish and aquatic life and other recreation of the county. They will work with the Douglas County Parks Dept., Oregon State Game Commission, the Fish Commission, State Highway Dept. and others.

The agriculture subcommittees have the assignment of gathering facts on irrigation. They will work with the Bureau of Reclamation and the Douglas County agent.

Finally, the industrial subcommittees will study water uses and influences in industry. They will also study character and requirements of hydroelectric power. The industrial subcommittee will be primarily involved in gathering information on navigation.

The matter of flood control was designated for all subcommittees. It was explained at the meeting that this information to be gathered will serve as the foundation stone of any future actions. E. J. (Ted) Watson, engineer for the State Water Resources Board, gave the assignments to the board's blessing.

He said it would be of major significance in aiding the State Water Resources Board in its survey of the Umpqua basin. The basin earlier this year was designated as the first in the state to be surveyed by the board.

He said the aid of the people who actually live with the situations and problems.

Two other categories of data were designated to county agencies rather than to lay committees since they were already compiling such information.

The characteristics and potentialities of the basin are being investigated by the Douglas County Planning Commission. Gen. Curtis T. Beecher (USMC-Ret.), chairman of the Lower South Umpqua District, was asked to contact the commission and ask its aid in gathering information tailored to the needs of the advisory committee. The next commission meeting is scheduled June 28.

Meanwhile, Ben Irving was designated to continue his investigation of the quality and quantity of the water resource. He is chairman of the county water resources advisory committee, but the information is being gathered through the County Water Resources Survey, which he heads.

The next meeting of the executive advisory committee was scheduled July 9.

Douglas County Ahead In Tax Re-appraisals

Douglas County is ahead of most counties of Oregon in its tax re-appraisal program, the Oregon Voter notes in its June 18 edition.

Completed in the five-phase operation in the county is the re-appraisal of timber and mapping. Three other phases are less far along. Re-appraisals in cities and of industries each are 30 per cent done and re-appraisal of farms is 20 per cent complete.

The program in the county, according to the publication, is 68.94 per cent complete, compared to a statewide average of 35.57 per cent. Only five counties have finished their programs, and only four others are further along than Douglas.

The program was fathered in the 1951 Legislature with its aim as equality in property tax distribution.

Assault Charge Draws Fine At Myrtle Creek

Carl M. Wolf of Myrtle Creek was found guilty in a municipal jury trial at Myrtle Creek Thursday of assault and battery. Municipal Judge G. D. Mylbenbeck fined him \$75.

Wolf allegedly attacked Benny Benninger June 21, in the latter's real estate office. Wolf defended himself at the trial. Benninger was represented by James McGinty, a Myrtle Creek lawyer, reports correspondent Ruth M. Evans.

Two Mentally Disturbed Women Burned To Death

PRINCETON, N. J. (AP) — Two mentally disturbed women burned to death and a third suffocated Friday in a blaze which razed a wing of a private hospital and nursing home.

A fourth woman was hospitalized with injuries while seven patients were led to safety.

The institution, known as the Tenacre Foundation, identified the dead as:

Mrs. Bess Meyer, 77, Philadelphia, Mrs. Eleanor Sampson, 49, Boston; and Mrs. Ellen Huggett, 81, New Orleans.

Nehru Leaves Athens En Route For London

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — India's Prime Minister Nehru took off for London Friday after a 35-minute stopover in Athens and talks with Greek government leaders. He made no statement on the conference.

In London, Nehru will attend the Commonwealth Premier's Conference. Two weeks later he plans to visit President Eisenhower in Washington.

Both Issues Carry By 2-1 Vote Thursday

Roseburg is on the way to having a new city hall.

The "Old Towne Hall" was a doomed Thursday by Roseburg voters who approved by a near 2-1 majority a 10-year continuing tax levy which will raise \$25,000 a year to be put into a special building fund.

Also approved in the light Thursday vote was a special budget levy of \$140,732.04 outside the 6 per cent limitation.

The vote on each measure was similar. The city hall levy carried 452-276, and the budget levy was approved 470-261.

The city hall levy is expected to build up a \$250,000 sinking fund for eventual construction of a new city hall.

The \$140,732.04 levy is to balance the 1956-57 city budget of \$565,177.18.

The city hall levy represents about 2.5 mills assessment against property in the city, bringing the estimated rate in the city in 1956-57 to about 26.7 mills.

An estimated 24.2 mills will be levied to operate the city. That represents a total levy of \$263,533.18, of which \$122,810.14 is inside the 6 per cent limit.

The remainder of the revenues needed to operate the city are collected in state gasoline and liquor refunds, permits, fees and other sources.

The measure carried in each of the city's four wards. At two polling places, at the Roseburg Hotel in Ward 3 and Rose School in Ward 4, the measures were defeated. But they carried at each of the other eight polling places.

The voting by wards went:

Ward	Yes	No
Ward I	59	49
Ward II	174	84
Ward III	71	58
Ward IV	166	70

Riddle Planning Group Completes Zoning Ordinance

The city planning commission this week completed the proposed zoning ordinance for the City of Riddle, reports correspondent Emma Best.

One change in the ordinance was made at the commission's meeting. The west half of Maple Park Addition was changed from class C to B. This property is located between Maple, Mary and Park streets.

The ordinance has been referred back to the city council for a public hearing June 28 at 8 p.m. in the Riddle City Hall. If no objections are voiced at the hearing the ordinance will be read into a city regulation.

The zoning ordinance divides the city into six zones: 1-commercial business, which includes approximately the area between Main, I and L streets, and Front and Fifth streets. It contains roughly 14 blocks and includes most of the original business establishments; 2-industrial and warehouse, between Front and Main streets and the railroad, from city limit to city limit; 3-school property, now approximately 30 acres; 4-class A residences, housing a single family, includes Maple Park addition, Twin Oaks addition, Harbor addition and Bunker Hill addition; 5-low-density duplexes on outer fringes of residential area, except those already established; and 6-hotels, apartments or clinics, at the discretion of the planning commission.

Driver Cited Following Two-Car Collision

One driver was cited Thursday morning for failure to yield right-of-way after a two-car collision at Washington Avenue and Main Street, according to Roseburg police.

George Ellis West, of 1224 SE Reservoir Ave., received the citation. Police said he drove through the intersection, his car colliding with one driven by Marian Marlene Emmitt, 19, Rt. 2 Box 520. The accident occurred about 8 a.m. Police estimated about \$500 damage was done to the two cars.

Bend Woman To Face Second Degree Murder

BEND (AP) — Dist. Atty. George F. Bakestraw Thursday filed a complaint here charging Mrs. Jenny Bonita Balzhiser, 40, with second degree murder.

The 40-year-old woman is accused of firing through the window of her home Wednesday and killing her estranged husband, Bobby Black Balzhiser.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein
If you plan to eat that picnic lunch
Squatting on the seat of your pants,
'Twould be wise to include
In the basket of food
Insecticide for hungry ants.