

Forest Debris, Warning System Take Spotlight

Meeting Slated For Studying Plan Of Action

The latest flood scare took the spotlight for a time at Monday night's regular meeting of the Douglas County Water Resources Advisory Committee in the county courthouse.

The two main items were damaging forest debris and the newly christened flood warning system.

The committee voted to arrange a meeting with the Douglas County Court, district attorney and supervisors of the Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service as the first step in attack on the debris problem.

The purpose of the meeting will be to determine if anything can be done to control debris in the streams through local activity. The committee will also attempt to determine what legal steps can be taken to stop dumping of debris in the streams.

Gen. Curtis T. Beecher, chair-

man of the Lower South Umpqua District of the committee, said he had lived on the river 9½ years and had "never seen anything like it." Ben B. Irving, director of the Douglas County water resources survey, described great masses of timber debris at Deadman Creek and Coffee Creek, both as results of the recent high water.

T. Claude Baker, county sanitarian, said "something ought to be done."

At first, the trend of feeling was to take steps to introduce state legislation to remedy the situation. But Charles Collins, a Roseburg conservationist, said the Umpqua Conservation Council had already launched a drive for state legislation.

He said the Izaak Walton League and the Oregon Wildlife Federation had taken over sponsorship of a bill which will transfer the power against cluttering streams to the State Forestry Dept.

Collins said the department must make inspections anyway, and sanitarians are not numerous enough to handle the job of forcing loggers to clear away debris from streams.

Vondis Miller, supervisor of the Umpqua National Forest, said the drift problem had become acute, but "somebody has got to take the responsibility of doing something about it."

The cause of the problem was not limited to loggers, however. Also blamed were beavers and falling snags. It was generally agreed that burning was the only answer for the debris.

Turning to the flood warning system, Irving indicated that it still has plenty of merit after its first "trial by water" last week. But he said several "bugs" had cropped up.

One of the most serious, he said, was the bog down of communications.

He said the two telephones in the Douglas County Water Resources survey office were not enough to receive all calls. He said the courthouse trunk lines were even clogged.

Another problem, he said, was the failure of Roseburg's radio stations to reach all areas of the county. Particularly cited were the areas from Scottsburg to Reedsport.

STUDENT NAMED

Clyde Pope, senior sociology major at Anderson (Ind.) College, is serving this year as a member of the publications committee named by the student council. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Pope, 438 NE West Ave., Roseburg, is also active in the International Relations Club.

Thornton's Voter Pamphlet Story Not Contempt

PORTLAND — Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton's election material in the Voters Pamphlet did not constitute contempt of court as Multnomah County Dist. Atty. William Langley contended.

The 19 judges of the Multnomah County circuit court ruled late Monday that Thornton should not be held in contempt although their memorandum opinion said use of the material "was not the best part of good judgment."

Some of the material, having to do with the Portland vice investigation headed by Thornton, would be used in prosecuting the cases, the judges said.

Langley, indicted on a charge of conspiring to permit gambling, said the widespread circulation of the Voters Pamphlet made it impossible for him to get an unbiased trial.

The judges, though, took note of a series of three articles signed by Langley which appeared in the Oregon Journal in which he presented his side. They said, too, that the material was printed by Thornton not in his capacity as prosecutor but as part of a political contest.

Doyle Funeral Held Today In Roseburg

Funeral services were held today for William John Doyle, 86, who died Sunday after having lived for the past 10 years in Roseburg. He came here from Wabeno, Wis., in 1946.

Surviving are seven children: William Doyle of Klamath Falls, Mrs. Theodore (Elizabeth) Schuh of Klamath Falls, Kathryn Doyle of Roseburg, Mat Doyle and Dennis Doyle, both of Roseburg, James Doyle of Glendale and Mrs. Louis (Marian) Thurber of Roseburg; 16 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were in St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Roseburg, with the Rev. Edmund Hyland officiating. The body will be sent to Wabeno for concluding services and interment.

Mr. Doyle's name was misspelled in a headline in Monday's News-Review.

LOCAL NEWS

Ray Snook Jr. of Eugene spent the weekend here visiting his son, Mark Snook, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Snook Sr.

Evergreen Grange Christmas party will be held at a 6:30 p.m. dinner Friday, Dec. 21, at the hall. Ladies are requested to bring a covered dish or a salad and a pie. The remainder of the dinner will be furnished. A Christmas program will be held. Gifts, not to exceed \$1, will be exchanged. All members and their families are invited. Members are asked to bring donations for the Christmas basket to be made up for a needy family.

Oregon City Man Dies In Highway Accident

CANBY — William D. Lakey, 31, Oregon City, died Monday night in an accident on Highway 99E two miles south of here.

He lost control of his car, which was pulling a utility trailer, on a curve. The vehicles left the highway and Lakey was hurled into a waist-deep drainage ditch. The car landed on him and partly pinned him in the ditch.

An autopsy will be held to determine whether he drowned or was dead before he reached the water.

BURNS CLAIM LIFE

PORTLAND — Burns suffered when her bathrobe caught fire Nov. 28 claimed the life of Mrs. Lucy Grady, 56, Monday.

When the bathrobe was set ablaze by a spark from a fireplace, Mrs. Grady ran screaming outside. A passerby put out the blaze by wrapping her in a blanket.

Holt Completes Next To Last Run Of Orphan Airlift

PORTLAND — Farmer Harry Holt completed the next to last run of his airlift Monday when he reached here with 20 Korean orphans.

Holt, the Creswell, Ore., man who has found homes for nearly 250 Korean orphans, carried each tot down the ramp of the plane to the arms of new parents, some smiling, some near tears.

Among parents at the airport to claim the waifs were: Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Ditton, St. Maries, Idaho; H. A. King and G. A. Platt, both of Salem; G. A. Surdam, Creswell; A. J. McKoon, Stayton; and Rev. and Mrs. Paul Harting and E. E. Hines, all of Philomath, Ore.; L. H. Fournier, Grants Pass; C. A. Miller, Payette, Idaho; L. S. Willoughby, Alderwood Manor, Wash.; E. Harrison, Medical Springs, Ore.; and H. G. Daley, Parkdale, Ore.

Earlier in the day the plane had arrived in San Francisco with 89 tots, ranging from infants to a 7-year-old boy. Most of those stayed in California. Holt plans one more trip from Korea with orphans before the special immigration law, under which he obtains the children, expires Dec. 31.

At Portland there was a reunion of two blood sisters, Ruth, 3½, and Mary, 2½. The Rev. and Mrs. Harting adopted Mary earlier and took Ruth home with them Monday.

There was some confusion. One child who was supposed to have been taken off at San Francisco was brought to Portland. Another who was to have come here stayed in San Francisco. Holt promised to make the exchange quickly.

Holt looked excited and weary and said he hadn't "had time to think about" how he felt. He suffered a heart attack the last time he went to Korea.

His son, Stewart, and a daughter, Barbara, accompanied him. Another daughter, Molly, a graduate nurse, stayed in Korea to help line up the next plane load.

Holt, himself the father of six children, has adopted eight of the Korean tots and they live on his farm.

Five Liquor Licenses Renewed By Council

Five liquor licenses were renewed by the Roseburg City Council at its meeting Monday night.

The five establishments were: Umpqua Hotel Lounge, 612 SE Jackson St.; Pat's Tavern, 721 SE Jackson St.; Idle Hour Tavern, 216 NE Jackson St.; Elk's Club, 749 SE Jackson St.; and Moose Lodge, 919 SE Stephens St.

Square Dancers Meet; Elect New Officers

Lawrence Michaels of Canyonville Star route was elected president of the Belles and Beaus Square Dance Club at the last meeting of the group held Saturday night at Lavadoire hall in Milwaukie.

Mrs. Lawrence Michaels was elected secretary of the group. The next dance will be held at the Lavadoire hall on Jan. 5. New members are invited to attend.

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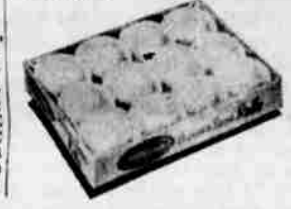
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