

Myrtle Creek Man Seriously Injured

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G. Peterson, Councilman, Hit By Train

Crash Comes As Pickup Leaves Station; Copco Crew Aids In Rescue

A Southern Pacific freight train smashed into a loaded 1 1/2-ton feed truck near the Myrtle Creek depot today.

The truck's driver, Glenn Floyd Peterson, 52, of Myrtle Creek, apparently did not hear the train's whistle or the warning shouts of horrified onlookers. Moments later, he was trapped under the flaming wreckage of the truck, according to Myrtle Creek correspondent Ruth M. Evans.

State police reported shortly before press time that Peterson appeared to be in "very serious condition." He was undergoing surgery shortly before noon. Extent of his injuries was not known.

Chief of Police Jim Hahn of Myrtle Creek said he did not know his and the truck had been burned badly.

The injured man is a city councilman from Myrtle Creek's Ward II. He had held the position for about four months. He was appointed earlier this year to fill an unexpired term. He was elected to the post Nov. 6. Peterson is also an elder in the Latter Day Saints Church.

The speed of the train was not reported, but state and Myrtle Creek city police said the chassis of the 1 1/2-ton truck was dragged

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Highway Accidents Take Lives Of Six Oregon Residents

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A car skidded on ice, leaped the center divider on the Baldock Freeway southwest of Portland and brought death to two motorists Friday morning.

That raised the Oregon highway toll to six in the last 24 hours.

In the freeway crash, a southbound car driven by Gordon Willis Little, 17, of Portland hit a patch of ice in a hollow near the Bonita Road junction and jumped across to the northbound section into the path of a car driven by Mrs. Myrtle Ella Barbee, 53, of Salem.

Mrs. Barbee, en route to her school teaching job in Portland, and Little, the only occupants of the two cars, were both killed outright.

Four of the highway deaths came Thursday.

Fred Walter Roswurm, 71, of Portland, was killed when he was struck by an automobile after getting off a bus in Portland.

Wilfred William Bonner, 50, Junction City, was killed and eight persons were hurt in a truck-automobile collision south of Junction City.

Bonner was the driver of the car. Four of his passengers were hurt. The driver of the truck, Mrs. Judy N. Westphall, 20, Junction City, her daughter, Judyann, 3, and two other children, Richard and Victor Bailor, 5 and 6, suffered non-critical injuries.

Bobby Backhues, 23, recently discharged from the Army at Fort Lewis, Wash., was killed and five other persons were injured in a four-car smashup near Ontario.

State police said Backhues' car skidded on ice and collided with another vehicle. Two other cars crashed into the wreck in the fog.

John Bergin, 35, of Beaverton, was struck and killed by a hit-run motorist while changing the battery in his parked car in north Portland.

Bonner and Bergin were the city's 42nd and 43rd traffic victims this year. At this time last year there were 39 fatalities.

Apartment House Blaze Routs 30 At Coos Bay

COOS BAY — Thirty occupants of an old two-story apartment building here fled to safety, many in their nightclothes, as fire leveled the structure Wednesday night.

The blaze came only a month after the city council, which long had considered the building a fire hazard, had obtained an agreement with the owners to vacate the place by next June and have it torn down.

North Bend and Eastside departments joined Coos Bay firemen battling the blaze. It took three hours to control the fire.

TEEN-AGE DANCE

Roseburg Youth Center, Inc. will sponsor a teen-age dance in the Gold Room of the Hotel Umpqua Friday beginning at 8 p.m. Wayne Wagner's orchestra will play. The dance is informal and all teenagers are invited.

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

A university survey finds that of all classes of people, the ignorant are least susceptible to recurrent headaches. What a blessing in the probability that they have no taxable property and can't read the pronouncements of political candidates.

Nixon Confers With Chancellor Raab

Visit Bolsters Refugees Hope; Cost Runs High

VIENNA — Vice President Nixon made an unscheduled, secret visit to the Hungarian border at 3:30 a.m. Friday to watch Hungarian refugees slipping into free Austria.

He disclosed this Friday night and called it the "most thrilling experience of my life."

VIENNA — Vice President Nixon Friday predicted new U.S. aid for Hungarian refugees before Congress meets Jan. 3. This was reported by officials who heard Nixon at a meeting at the U.S. embassy devoted to refugee problems.

The meeting brought together representatives of almost all groups working with the refugees—private charity organizations, international bodies and official U.S. agencies. It was closed to the press.

Some of the meeting interpreted Nixon's statement to mean that President Eisenhower will permit more refugees to come to the United States than the 21,500 due to be admitted this year.

Earlier Nixon met Chancellor Julius Raab and most of the Austrian Cabinet for an hour and a half, discussing hard facts and figures of the problem created by 140,000 Hungarian refugees.

Nixon is seeking first-hand information to guide President Eisenhower.

The cash, if granted, would come as an entitlement from the Federal Housing and Home Finance Agency.

It would be granted if Roseburg is found to be among the school districts in the United States entitled to aid because of school problems resulting directly from employment of fathers on federal lands or in federal jobs.

The school board, with \$82,500 due soon under the same program, was undecided on what to do about proposing to spend the newest sum, which Asst. Supt. Arthur Judd said Thursday night may be granted.

The report was made to the school board.

It had been intended to build a four-classroom addition to Riverside School, but Supt. M. C. Deller pointed out that construction may be needed soon at Green School. Judd said that 16 new students enrolled recently in the school.

The board was to have selected an architect to draw plans for Riverside School, but the discussion upset those plans. The board, however, has virtually settled on requesting the services of Thomas A. Balzhiser, Eugene, if the Riverside project is approved.

In other business, the board:

1. Interviewed Herbert Quine, administrator of the district's insurance program, and requested an annual report of the insurance setup.

2. Tabled the request of Jake Leicht Insurance Agency to join the district insurance pool.

3. Ordered \$127.40 taken from the emergency fund to be paid as the district's share of drainage work near Fullerton School, Rosewood Homes and St. Joseph's School.

4. Approved the request of the Ellison Transportation Co. to add to a school bus shelter at Melrose School.

5. Adopted a tentative calendar calling for the start of school next fall on Sept. 3 and the close on May 28, 1958.

6. Accepted the resignation of June Doerner as second-grade teacher at Benson School and the appointment of Thelma Clune to replace her.

Days Creek District Awarded Entitlement

A telegram today from Sen. Richard Neuberger reports that Days Creek School district has been awarded a tentative entitlement of \$2,944.50 by the federal Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare.

The entitlement is made under Public Law 874, designed for districts in which school loads are aggravated by parents working for federal agencies.

Neuberger says the district is certified to receive immediate payment of \$2,325.

COOS BAY GETS CHANNEL

WASHINGTON — Television Channel 11 is being assigned to Coos Bay, Ore., in the Communications Commission.

The P.V. agreement Thursday is making the agreement to Coos Bay substituting Channel 19 for Channel 11 in Coos Bay, Ore.



CLO ANN MOWATT ... kidnaped

Girl And Parents Reunited After Wreck Ends Flight

DENVER — A pretty teenager whose freckled face and arms are swathed in bandages was reunited in her hospital room last night with the parents she last saw held at gunpoint and trussed by her wild-eyed husband and a companion.

The tearful meeting was the first between Mr. and Mrs. John Mowatt and their 17-year-old daughter since they saw her taken from their Daly City, Calif., home last Monday night.

Across the hall from young Mrs. Clo Ann Mowatt in Denver General Hospital lay her husband, surly Mike Wiegner, 36, a California mental hospital escapee.

Both in serious condition, they relayed vows of love to each other through detectives who sought to question them.

A wide search for Mrs. Wiegner ended before dawn Thursday when she and her husband were pulled from the wreckage of a stolen car in which Wiegner tried to elude a Denver police cordon.

Wiegner's companion Jesse Eastman, 34, was arrested late Thursday in another stolen car by state patrolmen in suburban Brighton.

Both escaped from the Napa, Calif., state hospital last Monday before taking the girl from her home 50 miles away and starting their stolen car jaunt over four states.

2 Boys Arrested On Check Counts

Three more Roseburg teen-age boys were arrested Thursday on charges involving passing bad checks in the city. The police department continued its investigation as more checks continued to come in.

The apprehended youths were 15 and 14 years old. The checks were for \$15, \$12.50 and two for \$14.50. They were passed at four downtown Roseburg business establishments on Dec. 3, 7, 10 and 12 and were drawn against both Roseburg banks.

The checks were cashed using a variety of names and generally were accompanied with no purchase receipts.

Police Chief Carl E. Rumpf said Friday that the fingerprint system initiated a year ago has not been used in nearly enough cases where merchants have cashed checks for strangers. He added that the police hope to have the check-passing stopped soon.

SALEM — Supreme Court Justice Walter L. Tooze, 69, died at his home Friday morning.

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New Salary Proposal Gets Board's Study

By CHUCK GRELL
Staff Writer, News-Review

A study of the requests of Roseburg school teachers for a revised salary schedule was started Thursday night by the school board, but it appears that it will be some time before any answers can be given.

The schedule was presented to the board two weeks ago by the Economic-Welfare Committee of the Roseburg Education Assn. Since that time, board members have been studying it, but not until Thursday night was time found to discuss it.

The discussion brought out a number of points on which there may be widely diverging points of view:

1. It's possible that if the schedule is adopted, some teachers could advance \$525 in salary in one year.

2. Salaries of principals would be tied directly to the teachers' schedule.

3. The schedule would boost the salaries of more experienced teachers, but leave those of persons with six years or less of experience at the present level.

Board members agreed that a "slow bell" would be the speed needed to arrive at equitable conclusions.

Only Chairman Harold Hoyt spoke in favor of the schedule, and he said that it probably couldn't be established in less than three years. His reasoning was that taxpayers "won't buy it" in one lump.

The final say on the matter would be by the taxpayers, who, of course, hold the decision when it comes time to vote on a special levy to balance any proposed budget. And the teachers' salaries have to come from the general school fund.

The REA committee, headed by Robert E. Robins, vocal music instructor at the high school, estimated that the new schedule would cost the school district \$22,056 more if adopted. That represents about 1 mill in taxation in the district.

With increased administrators' salaries added, the total increase would be an estimated \$38,032.

Mail Delivery Sunday In City

Mail will be delivered in Roseburg, but not on rural routes, Sunday, Postmaster Clyde W. Carstens said today.

Christmas Day, the post office will be closed and no mail, other than gift parcels, will be distributed, he said. The temporary postal station in Miller's Dept. Store will be closed late Saturday afternoon.

Carstens said Monday was the department's peak day for handling mail. Eighty thousand pieces of "letter mail" will be delivered.

Five extra parcel post delivery vehicles have been added to the department's regular complement of seven. Twenty persons have been hired during the Christmas rush periods, Carstens said. The persons are hired and let go as they are needed.

Roseburg Youth Center Leases Bowling Alley

Roseburg Youth Center, Inc. has leased the former Roseburg Bowling Alley building at 745 SE Rose St., Mrs. Charles Brown, advisor to the group, said today. The lease becomes effective today.

The building has been leased by Louis Fullerton, owner, for a nine-year period.

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Penitentiary Terms Meted Two Men Convicted Here

Three convicted men were sentenced to jail terms Thursday to cap a series of trials extending over the first part of the week.

All were convicted in the robbery-beating of George Joseph Altschaff, 29, Vancouver, B.C., near Lookingglass last July 12.

Sentenced were Marvin N. Harris, 26, Roseburg, five years in the state penitentiary.

Lester J. LaBonte, 23, Glide, five years in the penitentiary.

James Howard Eaves, 37, Roseburg, one year in the county jail.

Harris and LaBonte, tried Monday and Tuesday, respectively, each had been convicted of robbery by force. Eaves was deemed guilty of assault and battery, a misdemeanor. He was tried Wednesday.

Harris, tried before Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly, was the first to hear his sentence. He appeared before the judge at 10 a.m.

LaBonte and Eaves each were sentenced at 1 p.m. by Circuit Judge Charles S. Woodrich, who heard their trials.

All three had been accused of taking a watch from Altschaff during a fight between Altschaff and Eaves. The charge stood up in the jury's eyes in the Harris and LaBonte trials, but the third jury chose to convict Eaves only on the assault and battery count.

Mrs. Greenlee Heads Section Of Heart Fund

Mrs. Henrietta Greenlee, 742 SE Hamilton St., has been appointed to head the "wetter" of the Water Resources Survey of the Water Resources Assn. as chairman of a phase of its program called "memorial contributions."

Executive secretary of the association, Mrs. Leon A. Goldsmith, said the memorial contributions pay tribute to the memory of deceased relatives, associates or friends. The gifts are used for heart research exclusively.

The memorial program is entirely separate from the Roseburg Heart Fund campaign.

At the present time, the Oregon Heart Assn. is financing nearly \$30,000 in research projects in the state. Mrs. Greenlee said. Acknowledgements of contributions are sent to the families of persons in whose memory the gifts are made, she added.

Rock Creek Wettest Spot In Douglas Co.

The Douglas County Water Resources Survey office revealed Thursday that the heaviest rainfall recorded during last week's heavy fall was at its Rock Creek station were 9.18 inches were recorded for the week ending Dec. 15.

The Rock Creek station has proved to be the "wettest" of the Water Resources Survey's 15 stations in Douglas County, with an annual precipitation similar to that on the coast.

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Arrested Man Admits Break-ins At Yoncalla

A solution to the Thanksgiving holiday weekend break-ins at schools in Yoncalla, Drain and Oakland came via Thursday in a teletype message to Roseburg from the sheriff's office at Eugene, Calif.

The Humboldt County sheriff's office stated that Robert Kemmer, 25, arrested while burglarizing a safe in a local school, admitted in questioning that he broke into the three Douglas County schools.

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Heavy Fog Blankets Most Of Nation Today

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
A sea of fog 1,900 miles wide tied up most air traffic in the central section of the nation Friday.

The Weather Bureau at Chicago said the fog extended from western Iowa to Pittsburgh. It closed in while Christmas travel was building toward a peak.

Chicago's Midway Airport, normally the busiest commercial field in the world, reported only a few planes were moving.

Two Northwest Air Lines planes returned to Minneapolis because they were unable to land in Milwaukee, a major fog spot. Northwest said it expected its ports on its system to be clear for traffic by noon.



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LESTER J. LABONTE ... five years



JAMES HOWARD EAVES ... one year

Legion Seeking Funds For Vets

Steve Ferche, commander of Umpqua Post 16, American Legion, Roseburg, today made a request for contributions to a special fund to finance Christmas gifts to patients in veterans' hospitals.

Ferche said men at the Roseburg Veterans Hospital would receive pens and pencils if they can use them. Others will receive clothing.

The local American Legion post has placed in many stores and restaurants containers for the purpose of collecting the funds for the Christmas presents.

Similar containers have been placed in most stores in Oregon to pay for gifts on Christmas day for over 2,000 veterans in Oregon hospitals. Ferche said.

W. German Parliament Ratifies Saarland Pact

BONN, Germany — The West German Parliament Friday ratified the treaties returning the Saarland and its eight coal mines and steel mills to Germany on Jan. 1.

The Bundesrat, upper house of Parliament, unanimously approved the French-German pact ratified by the lower house Dec. 14. Only the signature of President Theodor Heuss now is required to complete West German action on the agreement returning the industrial region and its one million German-speaking citizens, taken from Germany after World War II.

The French National Assembly already has approved the treaties. France's Senate opens debate on the pact Dec. 25.



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Mahn landed at Quebec on an immigrant ship on his return. He brought a motor bike with him which he rode from Montreal to New York. He came the rest of the way to Oregon by bus because, he says, of the winter weather.

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