

Court Ends Building Department



SPACE VISITOR—Clarence Rasmussen holds what was recently identified as a meteorite. He found the 22-pound object about two years ago on Starveout Creek near his home. A small piece was sent to the Smithsonian Institute, Washington, D. C., and was confirmed to be from a meteorite. Rasmussen says three geologists have checked the object and also made the confirmation. A partial analysis shows it to contain iron, nickel, cobalt and a trace of gold. The visitor from space was found half buried in the center of a depression about four feet in diameter and a foot deep. (Paul Jenkins).

Myrtle Creek Considering Elections To Fill Vacancies Existing From Resignations

Special elections to name two new Myrtle Creek councilmen and to decide on a charter amendment authorizing the public vote on the councilmen are under consideration.

Schmeltzer Home Is Badly Damaged By Fire Tuesday

A general alarm fire destroyed the residence occupied by the M. L. Schmeltzer family, 1811 SE Giles St., Roseburg, about 1:30 p.m. Tuesday. Roseburg Fire Chief W. E. (Dutch) Mills estimated the damage to the frame structure and furnishings at \$1,700. The fire spread, chief Mills said, after a living room couch caught on fire. Mrs. Schmeltzer, an employee of the U. S. National Bank, was rushed to the home a few minutes after the fire sirens were sounded. She stated that she distinctly remembered putting out a cigarette in an ash tray along side the couch. The only thing she could imagine happening Mrs. Schmeltzer said, was a spark from the cigarette getting on the couch. The fire was first discovered by the Schmeltzer's youngest daughter, Debby, 8, who tried to put out the then small fire. Mrs. Schmeltzer said, "by pouring on water and more water and more water." When the daughter thought she had put it out, she walked down town and told her mother. Mrs. Schmeltzer then called her oldest daughter, Barbara, 10, who was taking calls at the Crown TV repair shop for Mr. Schmeltzer who was in Portland on a business trip. She asked Barbara to go home and check, Mrs. Schmeltzer said, and when the girl did, she saw smoke coming from inside the house and telephoned the fire department. The house is owned by Ollie Sanders, but the furniture was the property of the family, Mrs. Schmeltzer said.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

The American Communist party has been holding its convention in New York. Dispatches tell us the party faces a dilemma. The dilemma's horns are:

1. Whether to go on taking Moscow's interpretations of the communist doctrine, or—
2. To make its own interpretation.

National Chairman William Z. Foster favors strict adherence to the Kremlin line, but John Gates, editor of the Communist Daily Worker (the American Communist party's newspaper) advocates what he calls "national" communism.

This is the BIG issue: Shall communism go on as a monolithic structure, dominated by the Kremlin, or shall it break up into KINDS of communists? Let's put it this way: All communies are bad, but from our standpoint the so-called "nationalist" communies are the least kind of communists, each

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The Weather

Cloudy with a few light showers tonight, becoming partly cloudy Thursday.

Highest temp. last 24 hours 48
Lowest temp. last 24 hours 35
Highest temp. any Feb. 39
Lowest temp. any Feb. 24
Precip. last 24 hours .14
Precip. from Feb. 1 .25
Precip. from Sept. 1 12.56
Snowmelt from Sept. 1 4.02
Snowmelt month, 5.71 p.m.
Snowmelt year, 7.13 p.m.

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Israel Asks U.S. To Clarify Plan

Proposal Said Too Indefinite For Guarantee

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Israel fired the ball back to the United States Wednesday in the diplomatic play-off over the future of Aqaba shipping and the Gaza Strip.

Premier David Ben-Gurion's government asked Washington to clarify the U.S. proposals—which contained conditional promises of American support—on freedom of navigation in the Gulf of Aqaba and safeguards for the security of the Strip. Ben-Gurion himself was ailing.

His Cabinet postponed until Thursday a scheduled meeting to consider the proposals, advanced by Secretary of State Dulles Monday with the aim of getting the last of Israel's troops off Egyptian soil conquered last fall.

Israel has demanded guarantees of its interests in both areas before considering compliance with U.N. resolutions calling for the troop withdrawals. The Israeli press reaction to the Dulles plan, which lacks hard and fast pledges, was generally skeptical.

Dulles' idea is that the United States would support free navigation.

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Highway 42 Plans Said Tabled; Group To Back Schroeder

A report was made at Tuesday night's meeting of the Southern Douglas County Highway Assn. that plans have been tabled temporarily for any relocation studies of Highway 42.

Members reported that the State Highway Dept. was holding up any major investigation for relocation until the completion of a flood control survey west of the Coast Range by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers.

In the line of business action, the highway association decided to throw its support behind E. L. Schroeder of Myrtle Point for highway commissioner if Chairman Ben Chandler resigns.

It also went on record in favor of a change in the state law for selection of highway commissioners.

The association also recommended that a bridge at Astoria on Highway 101 be constructed. It went on record requesting that the highway department install passing lanes and correct dangerous spots on Camas Mountain.

The association also decided to go to work on a project to secure a timber access road from Powers to Eden Ridge in Coos County.

During the meeting, President Jim Daugherty of Winston reported on the highway sign program on Highway 42. It was also announced that the association plans to send a representative to the school for public officials staged by the State Highway Dept. at Oregon State College.

The next meeting of the association will be the third Wednesday in March.

45,000 Cargo Loaders Strike On East Coast

NEW YORK (AP)—Forty-five thousand East Coast ship cargo loaders struck Wednesday, shutting down major shipping operations in the big ports from Portland, Me., to Hampton Roads, Va.

The longshoremen, resuming a strike halted by presidential intervention last November, tied up scores of ships along the Eastern seaboard. Cargoes remained piled on docks or in the holds of vessels.

Railroads immediately banned shipment to the ports of most freight intended for re-shipment on overseas or coastwise vessels. Exceptions included military cargoes.

The longshoremen are members of the International Longshoremen's Assn. (I.L.W.U.), whose contract negotiations with employers bogged down at the last moment Tuesday amid optimism over settlement prospects.

But the optimism turned to gloom Wednesday after the strike began. Both sides saw little chance of an early end to the tie-up.

Obstacles to a settlement were believed to hinge largely on such items as vacations and holidays rather than wages.

The longshoremen's walkout was the second half of a double

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Mother Got Worst Of It

DENVER (AP)—Five-year-old Mark Farmer tumbled off the garage roof at his home. His mother Mrs. Bert Farmer, running to his rescue, fell and broke her arm. Mark, not badly hurt, went to one hospital, mother to another.

House Votes Anti-Picketing Law Repeal

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.

SALEM (AP)—The Oregon House of Representatives voted 45 to 12 Wednesday to repeal the anti-picketing law that was passed four years ago.

The vote came after the House approved, 55 to 2, a bill to create a state conciliation service under the state labor commissioner.

Both bills, sponsored by organized labor, go to the Senate.

The Democrats voted 36 to 1 in favor of repeal of the anti-picketing law, which forbids unions from picketing for the purpose of influencing employees to join a union.

But the Republicans voted 11 to 9 against repeal.

After the anti-picketing law was passed by the 1953 Legislature, the state Supreme Court declared unconstitutional the section which allows picketing by unions only after they have been certified as bargaining agents.

Rep. Don Willner (D), Portland, chief advocate of repeal, told the House that the law "has made labor-management relations more difficult."

"It has been used by employers to cause delays, has restrained and hampered labor. We would have better labor relations if it were repealed."

Rep. John D. Goss (R), Portland, answered that the law should remain on the books because we "should protect industry," too.

Goss admitted that the bill would be passed because, he said,

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James Johnson Named Motor Vehicles Head

SALEM (AP)—James F. Johnson, 38, Coos Bay lumberman and port commissioner, was appointed state director of motor vehicles Wednesday by Gov. Holmes.

He succeeds Varne Nunn, who took over the new department when it went into existence last July 1.

Johnson won't assume his new duties for another month, as he requested a delay to close up his job as Coos Bay port commissioner.

Nunn resigned the \$9,500 a year post to become assistant secretary of state.

The department has 500 employees, and 33 field offices.

Johnson was chairman of the Coos County Democratic Central Committee during the last campaign. He has lived in Coos Bay since 1943, and has owned a retail lumber yard since 1950.

Born in Seattle, he attended the University of Washington for two years.

Johnson went to sea in 1937 as a commercial fisherman, and served in the merchant marine during World War II.

He was employed by a Coos Bay lumber firm before establishing his own business.

He and his wife have two daughters.

Recent Freeze Hits Cauliflower

Cauliflower raisers in the area suffered about a 50 per cent loss of their spring crop because of the recent freeze.

Fred Burks at Dillard has about 15-20 acres planted in March and April cauliflower, and estimates about half of it lost. He is the largest grower in that district which raises about 40 acres of cauliflower.

The March variety stood the freeze better than the April, Burks said. A total loss had been expected because of the nine degree temperatures. Ordinarily, farmers say cauliflower is killed when the mercury drops to about 15 degrees.

The cauliflower is planted in July and the different varieties mature in different months. Most of the Dillard growers concentrate on the March and April stock.

FLUE FIRE

The Roseburg fire department answered a call for a flue fire at 8:10 p.m. Tuesday at the home of John Woods, 1208 SE Pine St. There was no reported damage.

U. N. Committee To Take Up Soviet's Aggression Charge

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP)—The U. N. Steering Committee was summoned today to act on Russia's call for General Assembly consideration of her charges that the United States has committed global aggression.

The committee must recommend to the Assembly whether it should debate the new charges. Final decision will be up to the Assembly, which now is seeking to wind up its 11th regular session.

A Soviet letter from Deputy Foreign Minister Vasily Kuznetsov to Assembly President Prince Wan Wasitayakon of Thailand accused the United States of aggressive actions which "create a threat to peace and security."

The Russians raised these main charges:

1. The United States has outlined a new Middle East program designed to touch off "new military provocations."
2. The United States has committed aggression on a global scale by setting up military bases in Western Europe, Turkey, Iran, Japan and Okinawa that are geared for handling atomic weapons.
3. U. S. bases in France, Britain, West Germany, Italy, Turkey and Iran constitute a menace to peace.
4. The U. S. budget contains unprecedented expenses for war preparations, including new bases in Brazil, a jet base in Pakistan and Air Force bases in Formosa and West Germany.

Russia in the past has voiced similar complaints of aggression by the West, particularly the United States, but they have brought no U. N. action.

Dollar Company Buys Multnomah Peeler Plant

The Robert Dollar Lumber Co., Glendale, Tuesday completed purchase of the Multnomah Plywood Corp.'s peeler plant at Glendale, according to The Associated Press.

Officials of Multnomah, a cooperative firm, said some 50 million board feet of timber it owns in southern Douglas County isn't included in the deal.

The Robert Dollar Co. will assume actual management of the peeler plant Friday, according to Mrs. G. B. Fox, News-Review correspondent.

Earlier, L. L. Dailey, Multnomah vice president, said the timber may be put on the market at a later date.

However, Multnomah officials said Tuesday that they plan to increase production of veneer at their Portland plant.

Mrs. Fox said there will be two shifts at the Glendale plant. About 30 men are employed there now.

On Feb. 2, the Robert Dollar Co. announced it would suspend several operations at Glendale, but added that the effect on jobs of some 140 persons "would be partially cushioned by expanded operations in the company's peeler plant."

The curtailment of operations is scheduled for Feb. 28.

Production Credit Burns Mortgage

By DARRELL MADDOX
Staff Writer, News-Review

Members of the Southern Oregon Production Credit Assn. burned a \$20,000 mortgage at their 22nd anniversary and annual stockholders' meeting at the Riverside Grange Hall Tuesday.

The mortgage was owned by the Production Credit Corp. Original capital to start operation of the association was furnished by the government with the understanding that as member capital increased and the association became sufficiently capitalized, the government would withdraw its capital and money would be returned to the treasury.

On Dec. 31, 1956, the association retired the last \$20,000, making the Southern Oregon Production Assn. 100 per cent member-owned.

Paul Matson, president of the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Spokane, praised the members of the association for their initiative and operated. Matson, guest speaker at the banquet, reviewed the association's history and commented on the efficiency of the group's present management.

Matson told the members that the association could improve itself by building more volume. He said the association members should read publications which the organization sends, keep a good board of directors and attend meetings. Approximately 127 persons attended the 22nd anniversary banquet.

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MORTGAGE BURNED—Ralph Arensmeier, assistant secretary-treasurer of the Southern Oregon Production Credit Assn., burns the association's mortgage which was owned by the Production Credit Corp. Paul Matson, left, president of the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Spokane, Wash., accepts a replica of a \$20,000 check from Wesley Chappell, Bandon, president of the Southern Oregon association. (Paul Jenkins).

Inspectors Out Of Jobs; All But One Of Planning Commission Resign Posts



O. J. FETT JR. ... resigns



C. H. BONIOLS ... job yanked

By GEORGE CASTILLO
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The Douglas County Court today announced it had dissolved the county building department and accepted the resignation of all but one of the county planning commissioners.

This ended a running feud between the planning commission and the Douglas County Citizens Committee, which was formed to secure the abolition of both the building department and the commission.

At a press conference today, County Judge V. T. Jackson said the court had unanimously "decided to do away with building inspection." Thus, the jobs of Building Inspector C. H. Boniols and his assistant, Chester Hamm, are abolished.

Also losing jobs with the county are the technicians, Keith W. Charlton, Frank L. Johnson and Norman Klehmer, and Planning Consultant J. Haslett Bell. Bell visited Roseburg in his consulting capacity two or three days a month. His fee was \$60 a day.

Jackson said the court had met with the planning commission Tuesday night. He said all but one had resigned from the commission when they heard the court's plan "in order to give us a free hand" in reorganizing the department.

Jackson said the men had resigned voluntarily. Their resignations were not requested. He said the only one who did not resign was Robert Sund, a commissioner from Reedsport. Those resigning were: Chairman O. J. Fett Jr. of Roseburg.

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LSWU Members Are Urged To Continue Drive Against IWA

SEATTLE (AP)—Officers of the Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union (LSWU) were urged Tuesday night to maintain an unrelenting organizing drive against its fellow AFL-CIO union in the International Woodworkers of America (IWA).

The advice was given by Frank Chapman, general treasurer and director of organization of the Carpenters Union, also AFL-CIO, at the 20th annual convention of the Western Conference of Lumber and Sawmill Workers.

"Don't be charitable with the IWA, independent unions or the unorganized," Chapman urged. "Go out and organize them into your local and district councils."

The IWA formerly was the CIO representative in the woods, and the Sawmill Workers an AFL affiliate. Merger of the AFL and CIO led to talk of merger of the two unions but it has never come off.

The LSWU has 65,000 workers on its rolls in the eight-state Western Council. The IWA claims a membership of 40,000.

"Rightly or wrongly," Chapman said in his talk, "the impression has gotten around that now we are all brothers in the AFL-CIO. We want you to know that the Brotherhood of Carpenters has a made no arrangements with anybody regarding our jurisdiction."

"If there are any members of independent unions or the IWA or unorganized workers who want to come into the brotherhood, it is your duty to let them in."

Delegates approved a resolution asking an increase in state unemployment compensation payments from an average of \$35 to \$45 weekly.

E. Hartley, executive secretary of the LSWU's Western Council, said negotiations have been opened for unspecified wage increases under contracts expiring April 1. He said employers have been notified the union is "interested greatly in cost items, such as health and welfare, improved vacations and pensions."

Nine Bus Drivers At Glide Ask Pay Increases

Nine of the 11 school bus drivers in the Glide school district this week presented a petition to the school board requesting a raise in pay, reports correspondent Mrs. Arthur Selby.

The petition was presented by one driver, Robert Blakely, at the board's meeting. It requests that salaries be raised from \$170 to \$200 per month. It states that if such a salary increase is granted, the bus drivers will make short runs in the Glide and Roseburg areas for field trips. Under the present system, the drivers are paid \$5 for each of these trips.

Two teachers at the school, who drive buses, did not sign the petition, Mrs. Selby said. They are paid \$150 monthly.

In other business, the board continued its study of the 1957-58 budget requests. The board began to overrule requests for a deep freeze in the cafeteria and sinks in classrooms.

The board also examined requests for a major paving project on grounds of the high school and Junior High. It was requested that the area be leveled, drained and blacktopped. Estimated cost of the project is from \$7,000 to \$8,000. No decision was made by the board.

The next meeting will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in the superintendent's office.

Bill Would Change Name Of Oregon State Police

SALEM (AP)—Sen. G. D. Gleason (D), Portland, introduced a bill Tuesday to change the name of the Oregon State Police to the Oregon State Highway Patrol.

At the same time, Sen. Dan Dimick (D), Roseburg, sponsored a bill to give the state police salary increases of \$990 per year.

The new salaries would be: Private, \$4,500 a year; private first class, \$5,580; sergeant, \$6,180; lieutenant, \$6,720; and captain, \$7,320.

Continued Mild Weather Forecast For Oregon

Continued mild weather in Western Oregon is forecast through the end of the week by the U. S. Weather Bureau.

In its five-day outlook, the bureau says rising rain, some sunshine and above-normal temperatures will range between 48 and 60 during the days.

Precipitation will amount to 3 to 4 inches, most falling tonight.

Two-Way Smuggling By Air Ring Broken

COBLENZ, TEX. (AP)—The U. S. Border Patrol said the arrest of two men and seizure of a two-way aerial smuggling operation across the border.

Charles S. Bulson, a Tall, Calif., pilot, and Manuel Martinez, Mexico City, were charged with smuggling aliens into the United States and contraband into Mexico.

The Border Patrol said the Ground Observer Corps and Navy radar units helped it intercept the flights.

Evaluators State Fourth Meeting For Tonight

The fourth in a series of meetings by the Roseburg School Evaluation Steering Committee to hear subcommittee progress reports will be held tonight at 8 in Central Junior High School.

The subcommittees on administration and supervision are scheduled to deliver their reports tonight.

PREFER OPEN HOUSE

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—Orval Hefen, Utah State Senate president, says that when Warden Marcell Graham asked inmates of the State Prison how they would like to celebrate Graham's anniversary as warden, the prisoners replied, "Let's have an open house."

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizerstein

President Eisenhower owes us the probability of federal controls in his second administration against business in price and wage. The administration's findings were all concerned to have enough money in reserve for heavy federal taxes to pour down the drain in foreign aid.