

Roseburg Teen-Agers Hold Chairmanships At Mock Legislature

Two Roseburg teen-agers were elected chairman and alternate chairman of a legislative committee this past weekend at a YMCA sponsored pre-legislative session at Eugene. The two will act in their chairman roles when the mock legislature meets in Salem in May, according to YMCA secretary Don Naden.

William Kelley, a member of the Roseburg High School Hi-Y, and Carolyn Jackson, a member of the Beth Randall Tri-Hi-Y club, were chosen chairman and alternate respectively. About 25 Roseburg teen-agers attended the Eugene meeting.

The purpose of the mock legislature and of the participation of the young people in the program is to teach them the fundamental operations of government, Naden said.

As a part of this, he added, the three "Y" clubs in Roseburg will each prepare a bill for the legislature. The Beth Randall Tri-Hi-Y club is presenting a bill to settle future disputes over election of presiding officers in houses of the legislature. The Wakiya Tri-Hi-Y is working on a bill which would increase personal and property liability rates for car owners in Oregon and the Hi-Y is preparing a bill which will increase car license fees to pay for improvements on state highways.

Multnomah DA Pleads Innocent

PORTLAND (AP) — Multnomah County Dist. Atty. William Langley Monday pleaded innocent to a charge of neglecting his duty by failing to prosecute gambling.

This was one of three indictments returned against him by a grand jury earlier this month. It was the only misdemeanor charge.

The other charges, both felonies, accuse him of conspiracy to hinder justice and malfeasance in office. He has not yet entered his plea on these.

Langley is among some 20 persons subpoenaed to testify in Washington next week when a Senate subcommittee opens hearings on charges of racketeering by unions and underworld figures.

Other subpoenaed include: former Portland Mayor Fred Peterson, City Commissioners Stanley Earl and Oregon Teamster head Clyde C. Crosby.

All made charges which were the subject of last summer's grand jury investigation of vice conditions in Portland.

Portland Labor Council To Oppose School Bill

PORTLAND (AP) — The Portland Central Labor Council voted Monday night to oppose the so-called key district school bill now before the Oregon Legislature.

A resolution condemned the controversial measure as "unsound in principle" and a threat to the Portland school district.

The Teachers Union local introduced the resolution which described the bill as "unsound in principle because it is an effort to equalize taxes for the support of the schools in all parts of the state rather than an effort to equalize the educational opportunities for the children of Oregon."

The bill, the resolution said, would encourage uneconomical school districts to operate on an unsound financial basis rather than "encourage these school districts to reorganize and to consolidate on a sound financial basis."

Jaycee Initiation Team Makes Medford Jaunt

Eleven members of the Roseburg Junior Chamber of Commerce, acting as an initiation team, will go to Medford today to participate in an initiation ceremony for the Medford Jaycees. The team will be headed by Dr. Bill Allen, president of the Roseburg group.

At a meeting of the Roseburg Jaycees at the Hotel Umpqua Monday night, the date of April 8 was set for the annual Roseburg High School basketball team banquet.

Arrangements were also made at the meeting for sponsoring four Roseburg youths in the state ski tournament at Willamette Pass ski area this weekend. The four skiers representing Roseburg are Jim Jensen, George Kuhn, Ronnie Malenour and Larry Fredrickson.

CARTS AWAY JUNK

A. G. Moore, Umpqua R. Box 43, Oakland, told the sheriff's office Monday that a man who represented himself as a "junk dealer" had removed some junk from Moore's property without paying for it.

The man took away two loads and was to return for a third load and pay for the entire amount removed, Moore told the sheriff's department, but he failed to show up Feb. 11, when he was expected.

Federal Spending Curb Hits Snag In Postal Dept.

WASHINGTON (AP) — House members today faced a major test of their professed determination to curb federal spending.

They had to decide whether to approve a recommendation of the House Appropriations Committee that 34 million dollars be cut from the amount President Eisenhower asked to run the Post Office Department for the year starting July 1.

The postal appropriations is part of a \$3,884,927,000 money measure financing the Treasury and Post Office departments for the fiscal year. It is the first of the regular annual money bills on which federal spending next year will be based. All the bills together embody requests for more than 73 billion dollars on new money.

The Appropriations Committee cut the Post Office budget by 38 million and the Treasury by \$22,364,000.

While there were no audible complaints against the reduction in Treasury funds, the postal cut drew criticism from the department and from at least five committee members who opposed it.

Unless the money is put back, the department said, it would have to cut some services. Possible effects, it said, would be to fire about 10,000 employees, close some post offices on Saturdays and stop Saturday mail deliveries, as well as abandon plans to establish about 5,000 new city carrier routes.

Three Documents On Eugene Flier Are Released

WASHINGTON (AP) — Three documents related to the disappearance of Gerald Lester Murphy of Eugene, Ore., in the Dominican Republic last Dec. 3, were made public Monday by the State Department.

The documents are: The death certificate of Octavio de la Maza, a Dominican accused of slaying Murphy; a message purported to be the suicide note of Dela Maza; and a statement by Francisco Elpidio Beral, attorney general for the Dominican Republic.

Rep. Porter (D-Ore) who produced the State Department into releasing the documents, said of them: "I do not find the documents credible. In fact, it would be impossible for any intelligent person to accept them at face value."

The suicide note told of a drinking bout in which Dela Maza and Murphy participated. It said that the two men got into a heated discussion and that Murphy "of a fight, the note said, and Murphy fell into the sea. 'I could not save him. . . . Remorse is killing me and I am therefore ending my life. Forgive me," it concluded.

The attorney general's report said that Dela Maza had been picked up for questioning a few weeks after Murphy disappeared.

It also told of how the charge d'affaires of the U. S. embassy had expressed his doubt about the suicide in a "very rude" manner.

The report said that the American official, Richard H. Stephens, visited the jail cell where Dominican officials reported Dela Maza had hanged himself and tested the strength of the shower bath device and a mosquito netting noose.

This "implied a suspicion of the veracity and seriousness of the Dominican authorities," the report said. It said Stephens "assumed an attitude that wounded my sensitivity and that of the officers accompanying me."

House Defeats Higher Interest For GI Loans

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House Veterans Committee looked to government sources today for GI home mortgage funds after refusing to raise the interest rate on veterans' loans to 3 per cent.

Overriding requests by the administration for higher interest rate, the committee voted Monday to continue the present 4 1/2 per cent rate and find other ways to provide GI home financing.

As one alternative, committee members turned to a study of proposals to authorize use of up to a billion dollars of National Service Life Insurance reserves held in trust for GI wartime policyholders. The NSLI trust fund now approximates six billion dollars.

Monday's action on the GI interest rate came as the committee approved a bill authorizing an additional 150 million dollars for direct home loans to veterans in rural and small-town areas where financing is not readily available. This bill also would provide for advance commitments to builders for government financing.

Roseburg District 27th In Assessed Value Per Child

Roseburg School District No. 4 ranks 27th out of 49 unified first class districts in the rank of assessed value per child, according to a bulletin just issued by the Oregon Education Assn.

The report shows that the Roseburg district has \$3,334 assessed valuation per child in comparison with \$7,386 for Portland. Another Douglas County district, Glendale, appears to be the wealthiest district in Oregon according to the study. Glendale's assessed valuation per child is \$16,679.

A report issued by the Committee for Study of the Basic School Support Program, L. B. Mayfield, chairman, shows that only 4.27 per cent in 1955-56 came to the school in equalization funds. In other words, the report states, only this small amount was distributed with any regard whatever for the relative ability of the local school districts to support education.

According to Roseburg School Supt. M. C. Deller, Roseburg's financial ability as expressed in terms of cash value back of each census child equalized assessed valuation, is substantially lower than the average of rural school districts in Oregon. On the other hand, Deller says, Roseburg's ability is "greater than the average of all the first class elementary districts."

Other Douglas County unified first class districts listed in the report and their assessed valuation per child are: Dillard, \$3,789; Glendale, \$3,471; Sutherlin, \$2,895; Myrtle Creek, \$2,584.

Douglas County's Rural School District ranks 16th out of 31 such districts in the state with an assessed valuation per child of \$3,838. The highest rural district is Gilliam County's with an assessed valuation per child of \$19,048.

State Supervisor Advises Planning At Myrtle Creek

Walter Shold, state elementary supervisor, advised the Myrtle Creek school board Monday night to formulate another long-range plan for future facilities and improvements for the upper elementary school.

He said the long-range plan should be submitted to the State Dept. of Education within the next 30 days, according to correspondence from R. M. Evans.

The board previously had been operating the school under a long-range plan based on booming conditions. Since then, the economic condition of the community has softened and the school census has dropped.

It was necessary in recent years to use a makeshift for classroom space because of crowding. The playshed and other classroom facilities of the school were improved along the lines of this plan as part of the standardization program. The State Dept. of Education had rated the school conditionally standard. The primary and Tri-City Elementary schools are rated standard.

The long-range plan is requested as part of the standardization program. However, in the case of the upper elementary, other factors will probably keep the upper elementary in the "conditionally standard" category, Mrs. Evans was told.

Should spoke as a member of a round-table. With him was County School Supt. Kenneth Barneburg.

Once again Khrushchev praised Stalin and said the Soviet people would not abandon their late leader.

Bulgarian Issues Threat Of Hydrogen Warfare

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pick off its members one by one in order to impose their puppet-like Nagy and other vile traitors upon them."

Seizing a microphone at a Russian-Bulgarian party, the Soviet Communist Party boss launched into a speech apparently aimed at observers abroad.

"Our foreign policy does not depend on any one individual," Khrushchev said.

He went on to expound the continuity of Soviet policy.

Andrei Shepilov had replaced Dmitri Shepilov as foreign minister Friday, three days after Shepilov outlined the government's foreign policy outlook to the Supreme Soviet (Parliament). Although Moscow Radio later announced that Shepilov's address still stood, observers here had come to the view that career diplomat Gromyko was being counted on for a tougher era of international negotiations.

They felt Shepilov, former editor of Pravda, had proved himself inept in the tough arena of international politics during his eight months as foreign minister.

Khrushchev told the guests at the reception:



MRS. C. D. WINSTON

Southern Oregon College Dean To Address AAUW

"Status of Women" is the subject of a talk to be given at a dinner meeting of the American Assn. of University Women on Thursday at the Country Club by Mrs. C. D. Winston, registrar and dean of women at Southern Oregon College. The dinner is scheduled for 6:15 p.m.

Mrs. Winston, according to News-Review Correspondent Hazel S. Marsh, is vice president of the North Pacific Region AAUW and a past president of the Oregon Education Assn. She is a graduate of Oregon State College.

Windigo Pass Timber Sales Set For June

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stressed that extensive and positive public benefits would result from an initial offering of sub-alpine timber, not previously utilized; that indefinite postponement of making such offering would delay opportunity for improved forest management; and that the cost of preparing the timber for offering for sale would be relatively minor.

Opposed to such sales was the Bend Chamber of Commerce which claimed such a timber offering would increase the area's sawmill capacity, asserted to be already in excess of the allowable cut of timber in the vicinity.

Following a June 16, 1955, conference with representatives of L&H Lumber and the Bend Chamber, McArdle decided that the Forest Service would proceed with the prompt preparation for offering for sale approximately 75 million board feet of sub-alpine timber on the Umpqua National Forest.

Coupled with the sale would be requirements that purchasers obtain the maximum of useable products from the defective trees, small logs and mill waste; that careful attention would be needed to provisions for slash disposal, timber restocking of cut-over areas and protection of scenic and watershed values.

McArdle's decision was appealed by the Bend Chamber of Commerce and a public hearing was held in Portland. Testimony given at this time was studied by Peterson in basing his support of the forest chief's sale decision.

North Bend Man Killed When Struck By Logs

NORTH BEND (AP) — Leo F. Lanton, Howard, died Saturday morning in a hospital here from injuries suffered a day earlier in a log truck accident.

A truck driven by William Snedigar, Roseburg, was traveling west on Highway 42 near Powers when a load of logs slipped off as Snedigar was rounding a curve and landed on Lanton's truck.

Lanton was first taken to a hospital at Myrtle Point, then transferred to Keizer hospital here, where he succumbed.

Reedspott Editor Heads State Press Conference

EUGENE (AP) — William M. Tugman of Reedspott, editor of the Port Umpqua Courier, is the new chairman of the Oregon Press Conference.

Carl Webb of Eugene was re-elected secretary and Verne McKinney of the Hillsboro Argus named representative at large was the Eric Allen Memorial trustee-ship as the conference ended its annual meeting here Saturday.

The conference also named Mrs. Allen Reed of the Delake News-Guard to preside over the 1958 meeting of the Press Women of Oregon.

Sponsors of the two-day meeting were the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Assn. and the University of Oregon.

County Home Extension Agent To Show Slides

Helen Chandler, county home extension agent, will speak and show slides on Douglas County at the Veterans Administration Hospital Thursday.

The Red Cross sponsors an educational program for patients at the hospital the third Thursday of each month. Miss Chandler will speak at 8 p.m. in the auditorium of the recreation building.

Dr. St. Pierre Will Present VA Certificates

Dr. R. G. St. Pierre, manager of the Veterans Administration Hospital, will present certificates honoring members of the Veterans Administration Volunteer Services for hours they have served at a special volunteers awards ceremony.

The ceremony will be held Friday at 8 p.m. in the auditorium of the recreation building at the VA hospital. Dr. Otto Schaefer, director of professional services, will give a speech entitled "Salute to the Volunteers."

Included on the program are songs by the hospital chorus and barbershop quartets, directed by Russell Johnston, hospital musical director.

President of the Speechcrafters, a club for hospital patients, will give a speech entitled "What the Volunteers Mean to us."

Among other activities of the VAVS was a program Sunday in the wards of the hospital. The program was given by 11 volunteers from the Eugene Number 3 Disabled American Veterans and the Eugene Veterans of Foreign Wars and their auxiliaries.

A VA Voluntary Services sponsored dance will be held at the hospital Monday.

New Entrance To Canyonville Okayed By State

Canyonville will get another entrance from the highway frontage road, Mayor Ed Oaks told the city council Monday night.

Oaks said the State Highway Department plans to put the entrance at the Anderson Addition in the northwest section of the city, News-Review correspondent Virginia Proctor reported.

Police Chief Ted Nimmo had another report ready for the meeting. Findings in a parking study he made backfired on some merchants who had complained that all-day parkers on Main Street were taking up room for shoppers.

Nimmo's investigation showed that most of the cars parked all day belong to merchants or their employees.

Two business licenses were approved. One was for Jim O'Neal accountant, and the other for Canyon Motor Co., owned by Ralph Shirliff of Myrtle Creek, for a new and used truck business.

The council agreed to mark the site of the new sewage treatment plant with a sign when construction starts. The property formerly belonged to Charles Pruden.

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Douglas Co. Has Fair Mineral Possibilities

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ury in tax payments and royalties, according to Dole, and it provides an annual payroll of 3 million dollars in the county. It provides some 600 jobs.

Important have been the chrome operations; mercury, which Dole said is "important to Sutherlin's basic income," and nickel.

He touched on other mineral subjects:

Gold: "It's shut down now. . . it's like money in the bank during a depression, but no one looks for it when times are good."

Uranium: "The rocks here are of the right structure, but heavy rains probably have leached it away or covered it with heavy overburden."

Gas and oil: "Oil, like gold, is where you find it. You'll probably see much more drilling." Dole said explorations were carried on for years in Alberta and North Dakota before oil was found. He said the geology is right for oil here.

Coal: Referring to the Eden Ridge plans of Pacific Power & Light Co., "Northwest energy is short. . . we'll have to use all (energy resources) we can find in the future." He said coal beds are located at Lookingglass and Comstock, but haven't been exploited.

Copper, zinc and lead: No large body has been found, and it would take a large producing body to make a smelter here feasible. Small sulphate ore bodies might be stalled in development because of ore-shipping costs to Tacoma or Selby, Calif.

Limestone: "A good basic mineral commodity," Dole pointed out that a limestone bed was worked at one time along Roberts Creek.

Clay: The department plans to start a small program to find uses (brick, etc.) in this area.

Dole asked chamber members to discourage withdrawal of land to prospecting, saying that mineral development requires "availability of land."

Mining scars fast are becoming a thing of the past, Dole said. Larger companies now recognize they have a "stake in the community," and work toward conservation of the land. New laws, too, protect the land from destruction.

He pointed out, in predicting a good future of the mineral industries, that "as Oregon grows, there will be a growing need for utilization of natural resources."

375 Persons Attend Farm Co-op Meet Here

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tilizer is effective within a year of application.

In the afternoon, Mrs. Strachan, the former Lucy Pinkerton of Roseburg, reported on the American Institute of Cooperation, held last year in Raleigh, N. C. She and her husband attended as representatives of the nine participating co-ops of Oregon.

She explained that the institute strongly emphasizes youth organizations such as FFA, 4-H and Future Homemakers, in agriculture. She said fully half the enrollment of 2,000 at the institute was youth from 12 to 30 years of age.

She said it was brought out at the institute that Oregon leads the Pacific Coast in its co-op youth accomplishments. She said it took 23 buses to transport the youth attending the conference on a tour of the larger farm operations in North Carolina.

Mrs. Strachan pointed out during her talk that 65 per cent of the farm supplies purchased in Oregon during 1956 came from co-ops.

One of the scheduled featured speakers, James Hill Jr., was unable to attend the meeting. Fog in Portland grounded his plane.

The Oakland High School band played through the luncheon hour.

MACARTHUR CALLS

TOKYO (AP) — U. S. Ambassador Douglas MacArthur II paid his first official call Tuesday on Foreign Minister Nobusuke Kishi.

The ambassador said it "was just my traditional courtesy call." MacArthur, a nephew of Gen. Douglas MacArthur, arrived Friday to replace Ambassador John M. Allison.

CYCLONE STRIKES

SYDNEY, Australia (AP)—Cyclone Clara battered the east coast of Australia today, closing all ports on the coast of New South Wales except Sydney Harbor. Dozens of small pleasure boats were wrecked but only minor injuries to persons were reported.

Vital Statistics

Marriage Licenses

HUFF-FOX — Robert C. Huff and Lorraine E. Fox, both Roseburg.

ELLISON - MORFORD — Lloyd Ellison and Sandra Sondra Morford, both Roseburg.

HIX-CONROY — Ronald E. Hix, Sutherlin, and Patricia Conroy, Roseburg.

Divorce Suits

HOLLIMAN — Maxine J. vs. Ray Holliman. Married at Sunny Vale, Calif., Oct. 20, 1932. Plaintiff asks custody and support for two minor children.

OLIVER — Dorothy Irene vs. Walter Daniel Oliver. Married at Vancouver, Wash., May 5, 1941. Plaintiff asks custody and support for five children.

DAVIS — Jessie E. vs. Richard E. Davis. Married at Hot Springs, S. D., Jan. 14, 1928.

SPENCER — Pauline vs. David Spencer. Married at Vancouver, Wash., Oct. 13, 1954. Plaintiff asks custody and support for one child.

Watershed District Figures Selected

By MRS. BRITTAIN SLACK

Elwin King and Andy Hempenius have been selected as representatives of the East Sutherlin Watershed District.

This announcement was made at the last meeting of the Fair Oaks Grange by Borden Beck, representative of the Soil Conservation Service at Sutherlin.

It was also announced that the Home Economics unit would meet today, with Pearl Thornton as hostess. A home economics conference will be held in Roseburg Friday at the home of Essie Olson for subordinate grange home economics chairmen, it was reported.

Two men were appointed to civic affairs at Sutherlin. Fred Brauninger was appointed Timber Days representative for the grange and Elwin King was named Fair Oaks representative to the Sutherlin Citizens school planning board.

It was announced that the third and fourth grange degrees would be given at the Sutherlin Grange Feb. 27. At that time, Mr. and Mrs. Campbell will be initiated. The evening will start with a 7 p.m. potluck supper. An invitation has been received by the degree staff to put on the first and second degrees at the Evergreen Grange in the near future.

The next meeting will be on Feb. 26 with a potluck supper.

Attending the latest meeting were 20 from Sutherlin Grange, two from Evergreen, two from Riversdale and 21 Fair Oaks members. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Pearl Thornton and Mrs. Betty Thornton.

Canyonville Slates Austrian Educator

Geuther Koerner, an Austrian educator and lecturer, has been scheduled as the featured speaker at the old-fashioned box social and meeting scheduled by the Canyonville Parent-Teachers Assn. Feb. 28.

The social and meeting were originally reported Monday to be scheduled Feb. 21, but the date is actually Feb. 28. It will be held at the Canyonville Youth Center.

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