

# Scout Troop For Handicapped Youngsters In Danger Of Losing Charter Next Month



**FINGERPRINTING**—Lyle Wait, left, and Walter Simpson of Boy Scout Troop No. 93 learn fingerprinting from scout master Harold Lester. The troop, which is sponsored by the Roseburg Moose Lodge No. 1037, is made up of handicapped boys. The troop's charter will not be renewed next month unless more handicapped boys join the organization. (Staff photo).

## Special Troop 3rd Of Its Kind

By DARRELL MADDOX Staff Writer, News-Review

Roseburg Boy Scout Troop No. 93 can claim the distinction of being the third troop of its kind to be established in the United States, according to Bill Scarth, field executive for the Douglas Fir District. The troop is for exceptional children.

"Boy Scout troops of this kind are usually established only in bigger cities," Scarth said. All is not going well with the troop, though, for it is in danger of losing its charter unless more boys join.

The organization's charter comes up for renewal next month and the troop needs five or more boys. It only has four at the present time. They are: Lyle Wait, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wait; Walter Simpson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Neel Simpson; David Vineyard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roderick E. Vineyard; and Jim Stanchiff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Stanchiff, all of Roseburg.

The troop, which was organized one year ago, is sponsored by the Roseburg Moose Lodge.

"There are troops in the United States that have boys of one particular handicap, but the Roseburg troop takes boys with all disabilities," Scarth said. Each boy who wishes to join is considered as an individual. "Boys with types of disabilities which require the constant care of a doctor, nurse or parent cannot be accepted," Scarth added.

"We are not handicaps, we're scouts," Harold Lester of Melrose, scoutmaster, said. Lester has been a scout leader for 15 years. He meets with the boys every Tuesday night at 7:30 in Hill's Shoe Service, 435 SE Jackson St.

Fifteen-year-old Lyle Wait is the oldest boy in the unit. He is a ninth-grade student at Roseburg High School and a member of the school's Future Farmers of America chapter. The troop has studied knot-tying. Wait will demonstrate knot-tying at the Boy Scout Skills Show which will be held at the



**LYLE WAIT**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wait, demonstrates his ability to tie knots even though physically handicapped. The 15-year-old scout will show his ability during the Boy Scout Skills Show which will be held at the fairgrounds Saturday. Lyle is a member of troop 93, which is composed of physically handicapped boys. (Staff photo).

fairgrounds Saturday.

The four boys range in age from 13 to 15. "There has been as many as seven boys in the troop," Lester said.

Lester is currently teaching the boys fingerprinting. A booth sponsored by the troop at the Skills Show, will include demonstrations on fingerprinting, knot-tying and signaling. All four boys are second-class scouts.

Composer Howard Barlow (remember his "I've Got Tears In My Ears From Lyin' On My Back In Bed While I Cry Over You") was a U.S. Army Warrant Officer in World War II.

## U. S. Delegates Give Advice On Disarmament

LONDON (AP)—The U.S. delegation thinks more progress might be made toward disarmament if the U.N. Disarmament subcommittee would stick to one field at a time.

Harold Stassen, special assistant to President Eisenhower on disarmament, offered that advice to the subcommittee yesterday and suggested that it begin its latest series of negotiations by considering a reduction in conventional and nuclear disarmament to be completed by the end of 1959.

To Western observers, the Soviet plan appeared to be a re-statement of previous Russian proposals with some slight differences. These included the first Soviet suggestion that rockets and other means of weapons delivery be included in any arms control program and a paraphrase of a previous Russian proposal on the limits for aerial inspection in Central Europe.

Eisenhower originally advanced the aerial inspection plan in 1955, suggesting the Soviet Union and the United States permit aerial reconnaissance over their territories as a first disarmament step.

The Soviets finally suggested that such inspection be allowed to a depth of 500 miles on either side of an undefined line in Central Europe. The latest Russian proposal stuck to the 500-mile limit but also referred to the coverage of "vast areas of Europe" in which North Atlantic forces and the Communist Warsaw Pact forces are stationed.

One high Western source said a "change in the way a sentence is worded may be quite significant to the Russians." He said the West would try to find out whether the Soviet limit applied to the Iron Curtain north and south of Russia or just to Central Europe.

The meeting of the subcommittee, made up of the United States, Russia, Britain, Canada and France, may last five weeks.

## Bill Would Open Motor Vehicle Accident Reports

SALEM (AP)—The House passed and sent to the Senate Tuesday a bill that would open motor vehicle accident reports to inspection by persons involved in an accident or members of the family of persons killed or injured.

Present law makes these reports confidential.

Rep. Robert Bennett (R), Portland, said the proposal would restore in part a provision of the original law enacted in 1925 requiring reports and later amended to permit public inspection. In 1943, the Legislature decided they should be confidential.

Bennett said the proposal wouldn't give either party in an accident an unfair advantage in damage claim cases. But Rep. Guy Jonas (D), Salem, an insurance executive, argued a report could be used to "bully or coerce" an accident victim into recanting his report or waiving damages because of an inadvertent misstatement.

Bennett replied that secrecy has hindered traffic safety studies.

"What good are statistics if you can't obtain the basic facts involved in an accident?" he asked.

## Site At Steel Bridge Selected For ER Center

PORTLAND (AP)—The Portland Planning Commission recommended Tuesday that the city's proposed eight million dollar exposition recreation center be built at the Broadway-Steel Bridge site.

The planning group disclosed its official stand on the location Tuesday and said its recommendation was being forwarded to the Exposition - Recreation Commission. It is the E-R agency that has the job of choosing the site and operating the center.

The Broadway-Steel Bridge location includes 25 acres of land on the east bank of the Willamette River. Lloyd Keefe, planning director, pointed out that an additional 15 acres north of Broadway could be developed to accommodate a proposed National Guard armory.

Since the bridge site development would require razing of a number of houses, some federal urban rehabilitation aid may be possible.

## Oil Boom Developing In Heart Of Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES (AP)—An oil boom is developing near the downtown area of Los Angeles.

Three movie studios, a large chunk of Hollywood and a Los Angeles residential area constitute the parcel of several hundred acres that the Union Oil Co. is leasing with the intention of drilling this summer.

RKO and Columbia studios have signed leases, a spokesman said, and Paramount is coming in on the deal.



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**UH, IT'S THIS WAY**—R. R. (Reg.) Mikesell, secretary-treasurer of Joint Council 37 of the Teamsters Union, testifies before Senate rackets investigating committee in Washington. He said that certain financial records subpoenaed by the committee have "gradually been destroyed" because a union vault was "terribly crowded for space."

## Errión's Strong Box Has Records Of Transactions

SEATTLE (AP)—The strong box of Portland promoter Edgar R. Errión, opened Monday in the presence of a Seattle widow he was convicted of defrauding, was found to contain records of Errión's corporate and personal transactions.

Mrs. J. J. Connell, 81, who had the box opened on court order in an effort to collect on an \$83,000 judgment against Errión, said she hadn't expected to find any money.

She said she thought the records might help others suing Errión.

Mrs. Connell's judgment, upheld by the federal Circuit Court of Appeals, arose out of allegations that Errión and others defrauded Mrs. Connell by selling her low-value Oregon oyster land in exchange for holdings worth \$117,000.

Errión also has been indicted on fraud charges in another case, and in income tax evasion charges.

The strong box was crammed with folders, corporation records, photostats and stock sales receipts. Included were bills of sale for 17 blooded horses on Errión's Salem, Ore., farm.

## Sen. Magnuson To Push John Day Dam Construction

By FRANK W. VAILLE

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Magnuson (D-Wash.) Wednesday proposed that Pacific Northwest congressmen get together to plan strategy for "immediate construction" of John Day Dam on the Columbia River.

He said letters proposing the meeting have been sent to Sens. Jackson (D-Wash.), Church (D-Idaho), Dworshak (R-Idaho) and Morse and Neuberger, Oregon Democrats.

A similar letter, he said, has been sent to Rep. Don Magnuson (D-Wash.), who will coordinate the effort in the House.

Purpose of the meeting, Magnuson said, is to determine whether to seek appropriation of John Day construction money before the House Appropriations Committee, "or whether to make a record for the project there and make the big pitch in the Senate."

The Magnusons, as well as Dworshak, are members of their respective appropriations committees.

Sen. Magnuson said Army Engineers have advised him that pre-construction planning on the 1,250,000 kilowatt project will be complete by July 1.

He quoted them as saying they could use 8 million dollars for actual construction purposes in the year beginning July 1.

There is no money for the dam's construction in the administration budget now before Congress.

"Ever-increasing power needs of our area are well known," the

senator said. "To delay further because of 'partnership' talk would not only be extremely foolish, but actually border on criminal neglect."

A start of construction this year, he said, would permit installation of power generators at John Day as early as 1965, with the last generator coming into operation in 1967.

The project, which Magnuson said would provide the last link in slack water navigation to the Pasco-Kennewick-Richland area, would cost an estimated 350 million dollars.

## British Doctor Gains Confidence During Trial

LONDON (AP)—Dr. John Bodkin Adams beamed with confidence Tuesday as a star prosecution witness conceded the rich old lady he is accused of murdering was "deteriorating rapidly" a month before she died.

The 58-year-old society doctor seemed at times almost as a jaunty mood sitting in the dock at Old Bailey, and broke into faint smiles as his sharp-tongued chief defense lawyer hammered at testimony by nurse Helen Sironach.

Adams is charged with murdering Mrs. Edith Alice Morrell, wealthy 81-year-old widow whom he was treating. The prosecution claims the doctor killed her with drugs after winning her confidence, with the object of benefiting under her will.

Opening its case Monday, the prosecution charged the doctor administered massive doses of drugs to her although there was no indication she had been in great physical pain.

Miss Sironach, one of the nurses who cared for the old lady in her final days, said she was "rambling" at times and complaining of pain a month before her death.

"She was obviously going more rapidly downhill at this stage?" asked chief defense lawyer Geoffrey Lawrence.

"Yes, deteriorating rapidly."

## Bagdad Pact Nations Ready To Accept Britain

TUCKER'S TOWN, Bermuda (AP)—The four Middle East nations which cold-shouldered their British ally in the Baghdad Pact after Britain's attack on Egypt, today were reported ready to restore full operation of the five-nation alliance.

Informed sources said the foreign ministers of Iraq, Turkey, Iran and Pakistan have agreed to take part in an early meeting with British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd on ways of stabilizing the region and checking the spread of Soviet influence.

Such a meeting, suggested for Karachi, Ankara or Baghdad, would be the first get-together of all five ministers since mid-1956. After the British-French attack on Egypt, the four nations refused to sit down to work with Britain.

**History Teacher Wins His Feud With Yale U.**

WICHITA FALLS, Tex. (AP)—J. W. Williams, whose hobby is history, has won his feud with Yale University.

Williams, a schoolteacher, challenged Yale's claim that a proclamation by Stephen F. Austin in August 1823 was the "oldest Texas imprint" known to exist.

Williams says he finally located a prospectus of the Texas Courier, a newspaper printed in April 1823 at San Antonio. He said it was preserved at the University of California.

"I'm afraid we must cede this time," wrote Archibald Hanna, curator of Yale's Western American College.



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