

Thompson Served With Complaint

Schrunk Claims He's Being Persecuted, Asks Oregon Legislature To Intervene

PORTLAND — Mayor Terry Schrunk, indicted a fifth time in a continuing vice investigation, lashed out Tuesday at what he called "the whole grand jury mess" in Portland.

"Indictments are being used to persecute and intimidate public officials and respectable citizens," said Schrunk, calling for the Oregon Legislature to investigate the latest grand jury to probe into the vice situation.

That grand jury, the fourth to take up vice charges in the last year, has indicted Schrunk five times. A number of other indictments also have been returned, including some against men in the district attorney's and sheriff's offices.

The chairman of the Oregon Senate Judiciary Committee said at the state capital in Salem that he plans hearings in which principals in the Portland vice investigation will be called.

The aim will be, said Chairman Warren Gill, not to get to the bottom of the vice controversy, but to determine whether charges are needed in the laws governing grand juries.

He said Schrunk, Dist. Atty. William M. Langley and Clyde C. Crosby, Portland Teamster Union

official, will be among the witnesses. All have been indicted here.

Schrunk, accused in the latest indictment of conspiring to get two women to blacken the character of racketeer Big Jim Elkins, said the recent indictments are diverting attention away from the main issues.

"If the technique succeeds, Portland will be delivered back into the hands of... Big Jim Elkins," the 44-year-old mayor asserted.

Elkins, 55, is the Portland racketeer who leveled charges of corruption against Schrunk, Langley, Crosby and others in testifying earlier before the Senate racket committee in Washington, D.C.

Schrunk and the others say Elkins is trying to frame them because they will not protect his activities.

"It's not my intention to pull either Elkins or Schrunk's chestnuts out of the fire," said Gill, a Republican, in announcing plans for the state Senate committee hearings.

Gov. Robert D. Holmes also said he will discuss the charge.

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Rural School Budget Vote Slated Friday On 2 Levies Outside Legal Tax Limit

Voters in all but four school districts in Douglas County will be at the polls Friday to determine two special levies outside the legal tax limit to finance the proposed 1957-58 budget in the Rural School District.

At issue is a \$298,642 special levy for elementary school purposes, and a \$185,689 levy outside the 6 per cent limitation for high schools.

The total levies for next school

year are actually higher than for the current year, even though the total rural school budget has been cut by \$9,553.

The reason, according to County Supt. Kenneth Barneburg, is that the district figures to lose some revenues from county-owned timber which it had counted on in previous years.

That will be responsible for raising the tax rate about 3 mills from the present 18.3. This year, the total levy necessary to balance the budget was \$789,888, but in 1957-58, it's estimated, the requirement will be \$998,361. Of that, \$484,331 is outside the 6 per cent limitation.

The county school board had figured timber revenues at \$280,285 this year, but next year's revenues have been estimated at only \$59,330.

Child Custody Petition Filed, Hearing Slated

A Myrtle Creek couple, claimed to be illegally holding a 10-year-old boy, has been ordered to appear in circuit court with the youngster Thursday morning at 10 o'clock.

Judge Charles S. Woodrich issued a writ of habeas corpus at the request of the boy's father, William L. Belin, in his petition, charged that Vern and Mary Etta Gardner are holding his son, Leonard Dale, without legal right.

Belin claims that the boy's mother, Mertie Irene Shelton, was burned to death in Ontario on April 9. His petition states that Mary Etta Gardner, Myrtle Creek, is a sister of the deceased woman and that she took the boy after the death of his mother without any order or permission of any court.

Belin states that he and the mother were divorced in 1947 in Houston, Texas, and that the mother had been awarded custody of the boy.

His petition alleges "that the said imprisonment or restraint of the said Leonard Dale Belin is illegal in that said Vern Gardner and Mary Etta Gardner are strangers to the said Leonard Dale Belin, and they are withholding the said child for reasons of spite and hatred directed toward the petitioner."

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In The Day's News

HEADS MINISTERS
PORTLAND — The Rev. Isham Crane, Eugene, Tuesday was elected executive chairman of the West Coast Ministerial Assembly of the Church of God.

Mystery in the news
An "unidentified object" has been seen over the English Channel. It was picked up by British radar. It was flying so fast that jet fighters (the British jets are no slouches in the way of speed) couldn't catch up with it.

British officials have ordered a full investigation.

Well, at least it adds to the spice of living.

Everybody loves a mystery story.

The United States has offered the tiny kingdom of Jordan ten million dollars in immediate aid— which, the dispatches report, King Hussein's government is "expected to accept."

It's probably a reasonable expectation.

Refusals of American handouts

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The Weather

Intermittent rain tonight. Scattered showers Thursday with partial clearing.

Highest temp. last 24 hours 45
Lowest temp. last 24 hours 52
Highest temp. any May 102
Lowest temp. any May 26
Precip. last 24 hours .02
Precip. from Sept. 1 .81
Excess from Sept. 1 27.66
Sunset tonight, 7:14 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 5:06 a.m.

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NATO Nations Begin 3-Day Conference

BOON, Germany — NATO foreign ministers assembled here Wednesday for a three-day meeting which Secretary of State Dulles said "will seek to assure to our peoples the blessings of justice and peace."

A special four-engine plane of the U.S. Air Force landed the secretary and Mrs. Dulles in brilliant sunshine after a direct flight from Washington.

Dulles acknowledged a round of applause from thousands of persons at the airport with a jaunty wave of his hat and then drove directly to the headquarters of West German Chancellor Adenauer. A dinner conference was expected to concern matters as the U.S. program of equipping the Bonn republic's emerging armed forces.

Soviet Russia's latest disarmament proposals, announced Tuesday night, were certain to be a major topic at the talks opening in Bonn Thursday on mutual political problems of the 15 NATO nations.

Initial Western reaction to the Soviet proposals, which included a limited acceptance of President Eisenhower's "open skies" inspection plan, was generally cool.

Dulles made no direct reference to that in a statement on his arrival.

The new Soviet disarmament plan was advanced for initial consideration within the U.N. Disarmament Subcommittee which is meeting in London.

Search By Plane Reveals 3 Fires Set By Lightning

A plane scanning the Umpqua National Forest for fires started in Monday evening's thunderstorm turned up three more small blazes Tuesday.

Two others — and possibly four — were discovered on private lands by the Douglas Forest Protective Assn. They were started by a storm Tuesday afternoon. Six were spotted on DFPA — protected lands after Monday's storm. All are minor.

Forest Supervisor Vondis E. Miller said none are serious. The three were in addition to two spotted during the storm.

Two of the newly found fires are in the Cow Creek District, and the third is in the Twin Lakes area of the Little River District. Miller said the one at Twin Lakes was seen burning through forest litter, but it hadn't touched any timber.

The flight over the forest was in sunny weather, and Miller said the dry weather probably will turn up some "sleeper" fires in the next few days. Spotters in the plane reported they saw "lots of trees" which had been hit during the storm, but weren't burning.

The storm in the high elevations of the forest brought little rain, unlike the valley areas, which were hit by downpours. Miller said the high areas received about .15 of an inch of rainfall.

Fire suppression crews were dispatched to the three fires, but Miller said he has heard no report of their progress at the fires.

The spotters said more thunderstorms occurred over the Cow Creek District Tuesday, but most of the lightning was cloud-to-cloud.

Freight Rate Rules, Taxation Get Attention

BULLETIN
By PAUL W. HARVEY Jr.
SALEM — The Oregon Senate defeated 19 to 11 Wednesday the bill to give the public utilities commissioner authority to regulate minimum rates of railroads, trucks and barge lines.

The railroads oppose the bill, while the trucks and barge lines favor it.

Sen. Lee Ohmart (R), Salem, opened the debate by saying "this bill would put all classes of carriers in the same position. We can't let any one carrier cut rates at competitive points in order to drive out competition."

Ohmart said that the railroads have cut their rates along the Columbia River.

"Railroads," he declared, "have taken losses in competitive areas at the expense of higher rates in non-competitive areas."

Sen. Donald Husband (R), Eugene, led the opposition to the bill. "There has been," he said, "no substance to the argument that railroads have run trucks and barges out of business. Both trucks and barges are prospering, while the railroads are losing business. Railroads are having a very difficult time, and they should have the right to establish their own minimum rates."

Husband also doubted that the bill is constitutional, and suggested that a legislative interim committee be appointed to study the whole transportation problem.

Ohmart pointed out that Washington and California have minimum rate regulation, and that the Interstate Commerce Commission also has it.

"The PUC," Ohmart said, "needs the power to prevent unnecessary high rates, to prevent discrimination against classes of shippers, and to prevent unjust rate cutting to eliminate competition. Let's treat all carriers alike."

The Senate passed and sent to the House a bill to provide that county, city and other local elections to fix new tax bases must be held at the same time.

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Douglas Co. Homemakers' Festival Here On Thursday

Dr. Karlín Capper-Johnson, professor of history and international relations at Lewis and Clark College in Portland, will speak on the "United Nations and the New World" at the annual Douglas County Homemakers' Festival Thursday.

"Living Today and Tomorrow" is the theme of the event being held in connection with National Home Demonstration Week, which is observed Sunday through Saturday.

Registration for the event is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. in the First Methodist Church. The program will start at 10:30. The main speaker, Dr. Capper-Johnson, is an author of books on international affairs, including "The New Instrument of Government," a study on the United Nations, and the "Christian Revolution."

The speaker is president of the Oregon United Nations Assn. and a member of the American Assn. for United Nations board of directors. In 1936 he served as a delegate to the League of Nations conference on security and peaceful change.

Dr. Capper-Johnson will speak in the afternoon. At a morning session, Dr. H. W. Schultz, head of the food technology department at Oregon State College, will speak on "Something New — Something Old in Foods."

Home extension units from throughout the county will have exhibits at the festival. Luncheon will be served in the church at noon by ladies of the church, Helen Chandler, home extension agent, said. Music will be provided by Roseburg High School music students. Miss Chandler emphasized that the festival is for all citizens and not just home extension members.

Ronald Shanafelt, a Glendale High School student, will be awarded a \$105 scholarship to Oregon State College. Awarding of the scholarship at the festival will mark the fourth year Douglas County Home Extension units have given a scholarship to a boy or girl graduating from a county high school.

Thursday evening at 7, Dr. Capper-Johnson will speak on "Should the United States back the United Nations?" He will appear at an open meeting in the county library. Interest has been expressed concerning the establishment of a United Nations group. Miss Chandler said. After Dr. Capper-Johnson's talk, such a group may be formed, she added.



DR. KARLIN CAPPER-JOHNSON... homemakers' festival speaker

Retired Inspector Refuses To Talk Of Taking Bribes

WASHINGTON — A retired government inspector refused Wednesday to tell investigating senators whether he accepted \$12,750 of bribes while working for the Army Quartermaster Corps in New Jersey.

He invoked the Fifth Amendment, pleading the answers "might tend to incriminate me."

The witness, Attilio Yadevia, had sworn last Jan. 30 that "I never took a bribe." His turnaround Wednesday drew a swift threat of prosecution on contempt of Congress charges.

Sen. Jackson (D-Wash.), presiding at a public hearing of the Senate Investigations Subcommittee on alleged graft in the procurement of military uniforms, ordered transcripts of Yadevia's testimony, at both the January hearing and the current one, sent to the Justice Department.

"It's quite clear there has been a violation of federal criminal statutes in connection with this case," Jackson said. "I'm quite sure the Department of Justice will desire to take expeditious action."

Right To Hold Office Of D.A. Is Challenged

Notice Of Suit Filed Is Given Immediately After Oath Taken

Not long after he took office as district attorney—at 10:10 o'clock this morning—Avery Thompson was served with a complaint charging him with usurping the office.

The suit was filed at 9:30 a.m. by James Richmond, Roseburg attorney and chairman of the Republican Central Committee, through his attorney, Paul E. Geddes. Service was made by a deputy sheriff, Mrs. Margaret Emmett, who works in the civil department of the sheriff's office.

In the complaint signed by Geddes, a law partner of Richmond, it charges that Thompson, who was appointed by Gov. Robert Holmes, "did and does usurp, intrude into, and unlawfully hold and exercise the public office of district attorney of the state of Oregon for the county of Douglas."

Richmond, who states that he is a citizen, resident and taxpayer, is instituting the action upon relation for the state and demands that Thompson be ousted from office.

Thompson after being served said, "I have been appointed and have filed an oath and 'shall proceed to carry on the duties of this office.' Meanwhile, he said, he will study the complaint and prepare an answer which will make an issue to be decided in court. Thompson declared he would carry on as D.A. until the court has spoken to the contrary.

Richmond, when he learned that the Democratic governor had appointed a Democrat as district attorney, said he would take legal steps to block the appointment. He said his action would be in the nature of a writ of quo warranto which in effect forces the person holding office to state by what right he holds office.

The appointment difficulty stems back to the May primary election

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Roseburg School Budget Printed In New Form

The proposed budget for the Roseburg School District is published in today's edition of The News-Review.

Inasmuch as the budget in its printed form appears different than usual, readers, we believe, are entitled to an explanation.

Normally a budget appears entirely in type form. The budget in today's News-Review is a photographic copy of the original document furnished the printers, and presents handwritten figures filling blanks on the budget form furnished by the State Board.

Setting type for a budget this size requires a good deal of time. This newspaper usually seeks a copy deadline a week or more in advance of publication, the deadline being determined largely by the amount of type to be set. Setting a budget in type demands, first, the mechanical process of typesetting, followed by proofreading and correction of errors, and then the reading of a proof to be certain that the document is correct in every detail. Obviously all this work can't be done in a few hours.

The school administration, however, was in a hurry. It didn't want to wait for the normal method of preparation.

To serve the school district, The News-Review turned the copy over to its engraver, Harry Hucker. The copy was "shot" in the engraving camera, plates were made by line etching and the copy reproduced in original form.

This is the first time this technique has been applied by The News-Review to legal publications. The process, however, was used several times last year by our sister papers, The Herald & News, Klamath Falls, the first, so far as we know, to adopt the method.

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Texas Flood Threats Eased

DALLAS, Tex. — The Red Cross Wednesday estimated the 14 days of Texas floods drove 9,000 persons from their homes, and called the figure conservative.

Floodwaters of the upper Sabine lapped at a residential district in Gladewater in the river's history-making rise, but the flood threat on other Texas streams eased greatly today.

Many oil wells in the petroleum-rich Gladewater area stopped pumping because of high water. The Red Cross said the floods destroyed 50 homes and damaged 2,000 in varying degrees.

Thousands of acres of crops still were under water, and some families remained isolated.

On the Sabine, the river spread out for three-quarters of a mile on the southwest side of Gladewater. The main part of the city is protected by levees.

Meanwhile, the drowning toll climbed to 13 in the 14 days of Texas floods. Latest victim reported was Earl Thomas, 27, a prison trustee who was sent out to "make tracks" for bloodhound training and drowned in a flooded ravine.

Absence of further damaging rains west of the Sabine helped relieve flood threats on the Colorado, Nueces, Guadalupe, Trinity and Brazos rivers.

Health Dept. Begins Control Of Mosquitoes

With the coming of hot weather this week, the County Health Department has begun full-scale mosquito control work.

Art Woody, sanitarian, said some mosquito prevention work already has been done, with community programs starting and some long ponds sprayed. Winston, for example, has been entirely sprayed, and control work has been started in Drain, Oakland, Yoncalla and some areas of Roseburg.

"The work now is finding the hatches," said Woody, who added that no set schedule for spraying has been made. He said his crews have made inspections at a number of points in the county to determine where new mosquito hatches are taking place.

Most communities will be treated in the program between six and eight times this year.

A DDT solution being used by the sanitarians and crews in their work has been approved by the Oregon Game Commission as harmless to fish life.

Ruthroff Sentenced To 5-Year Term

Pleading guilty of larceny in a dwelling, Gordon Edgar Ruthroff, 28, was sentenced to five years in the state prison today by Circuit Court Judge Charles S. Woodrich.

Ruthroff was charged with stealing a .38 caliber pistol, holster, cartridges, electric shaver and about \$1.50 in pennies from the Paul Jenkins home at 631 W. Stanton St.

During his court arraignment it was brought out that Ruthroff had served three previous prison terms — one in Oregon and two in Iowa. Judge Woodrich noted that he could sentence him to seven years but would reduce it to five on Ruthroff's pledge that he would try to go straight upon his release.

Another charge against Ruthroff, for auto theft, probably will be dismissed.

Two Trucks Collide; One Driver Injured

Two trucks collided early today on the Brockway-Dillard Road at the intersection of the Kent and Rice Creek roads.

Driver of one truck, which was carrying a "cat," was Alfred Louie Denton. The truck belongs to the Paxson Truck Lines of Roseburg.

Driver of the other truck, an unladen short logger, was taken to a hospital for treatment of injuries. His name and extent of injuries was undetermined by state police this morning at the scene of the accident.

Woman Musician Drives Into Elks Building

Gretchen A. McCarthy, a 29-year-old Los Angeles musician, was arrested early today on a charge of reckless driving after having driven her car into the side of the Elks Club building on Southeast Lane Avenue and Main Street.

It was the most dramatic notice she gave the police today. Earlier, an officer said he had noticed her car skid sideways to a stop at a stop sign.

Then, a little later, her car was going east on Lane and turned left on Main. The car failed to stop turning and banged head-on into the building. Damage was estimated at \$400.

City Building Inspector Prepares Permit Facts

A mimeographed breakdown of building permits issued by the City of Roseburg since 1949 has been prepared by C. N. Currier, city building inspector, for distribution among builders and others, he said today.

The fact sheet lists by month the type of construction permitted by the city each year since 1949. Currier said the fact sheets are available from his office in the city office building on Rose Street.

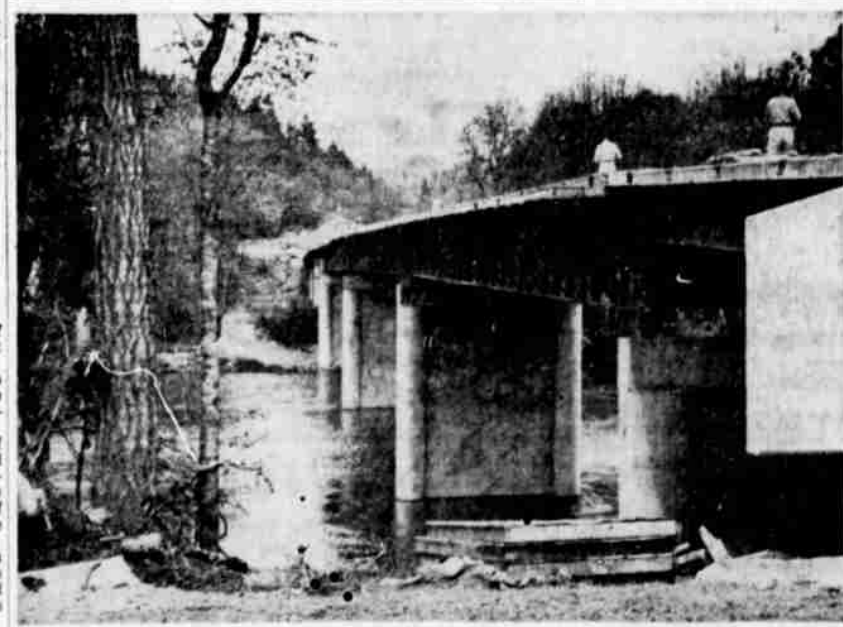
Spic And Span Bakery Reported Burglarized

Arthur F. Townsend of 1130 SE Terrace St. reported to city police today that the Spic and Span Bakery at 450 SE Jackson St. had been burglarized of \$7 in change.

The burglary was discovered at 3:40 a.m. today. Police discovered entry had been made by tearing out a screen in the rear of the bakery and breaking a window in the door. The money, in nickels, dimes and pennies, was taken from a cash register.

Levy Fact Rant

Chief justice of Georgia's Supreme Court, after swatting two cars on an Atlanta street, faces a charge of drunken driving. His Honor (?) aged 62, may possibly plead second childhood and gain referral of a Southern gentleman's peccadillo to the juvenile court.



FLOYD FREAR BRIDGE—West Coast Steel Works, Portland, contractor building this span across the North Umpqua River at Hog Rock, just west of Glendale, has poured the concrete deck on the last span across the river. The bridge is part of the new county road connecting the Wilbur-Sutherland area with the upper North Umpqua Highway. (Paul Jenkins).