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MISS ROSEBURG 1957, Judith Hensley of Sutherlin, was crowned by Joyce Bill Kramer. As winner she was presented with a bouquet of red roses, and a wardrobe to take to the Miss Oregon contest at Seaside July 25-27. Also see page 3. (Paul Jenkins)

Judith Hensley, Sutherlin, Becomes 'Miss Roseburg'

By SHIRLEY STONE
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First Miss Roseburg Pageant in nine years concluded last night with the selection and crowning of Judith Hensley of Sutherlin as "Miss Roseburg of 1957."

Miss Hensley is 5 feet, 2 inches tall, weighs 100 pounds, measures 34-21-34, and has short light-brown hair. For the evening gown competition she wore a three tiered white, ankle-length evening dress with small scattered pink flowers. She twirled batons as her talent entry in an interpretive dance of a farmerette on a picnic, dressed in a blue little-girl shorts, white blouse, big straw hat and carrying a picnic basket.

Judith chose a white bathing suit with green polka-dots for the swim suit competition. She was presented with a bouquet of red roses and a crown of white carnations by Bill Kramer.

Third place went to Luella Ruth White, who is 5 feet, 3 1/2 inches tall and weighs 112 pounds. She measures 34-22 1/2-35 1/2 and has black hair. She chose a white length gown of light green tiered tulle. She presented a bare-foot interpretive dance to "Birth Of The Blues" in a flame colored jersey dress. She wore a pink and white swim suit.

Others entered in the contest were: Bergisa von Koppelow, 5-foot, 6-inch tall German girl, measured 36-21 1/2-36 and weighed 109 pounds. She wore a blue ankle-length gown and a blue, green and white swim suit in the competitions. As her talent entry she did an international ballroom dance.

Sing's Religious Song
Pamela Claire Trenholm of Myrtle Creek is 5 feet, 9 inches tall and weighs 135 pounds. She measured 36-25-36 1/2. She wore a blue green evening gown, a white swim suit, and sang "Bless This House."

Sandra Marie Howlett is 5 feet 6 1/2 inches tall and weighs 118 pounds. She measures 35-21-36 and has extremely long light brown hair. She gave a reading, "What Is A Boy," and wore a white and green ankle length evening gown and a green and white swim suit.

Judges were Elaine Dill, fashion coordinator from Meier & Frank Co., Salem; Vernon M. Murdoch, Sr., former make-up artist for 20th Century Fox; Laverne Patterson, Charles of the Ritz Consultant; Miller's Carol Kerr, women's director, KPIC-TV, and Jerry Hiett, president of Douglas Broadcasters, Inc., KYES. Arthur W. Lamka, Jr. was vote auditor.

The judges met the contestants at a luncheon Friday to help them judge on personality, friendliness and poise. Each competition was voted on separately, three finalists chosen, and a final vote cast.

Winston Girl Second

Pamela Ann Ferguson of Winston was runner-up. She is 5 feet, 3 1/2 inches tall, weighs 123 pounds, measures 36-24-37 1/2, and has short light brown hair. She wore a coral, ankle-length evening dress, presented a song from the second act of Madame Butterfly in the talent competition, and wore a blue swim suit.

Boy Is Knocked Down When Hit By Pickup

An 11-year-old boy, Kim John Curtis, 434 NE Cummins St., was treated for scratches and bruises after he was knocked down by a pickup truck on Diamond Lake Boulevard near the county shops Friday afternoon.

The pickup driver, Clyde Edward Manning, Oakland, told the sheriff's office that the boy rode out onto the boulevard on his bicycle in front of the truck.

The boy was taken to Douglas Community Hospital by Mohr's ambulance.

Bids Called By County For Pleasant Street Job

Bids for improvements of East Pleasant Street, north of Roseburg, east of Highway 99 RR, were called for by the County Court Friday.

Specifications for the street call for grading, draining, and paving 1,140 feet. The surface will be two inches of asphalt concrete. Deadline for bids is Aug. 2.

County Court Accepts Bid For Transport Truck

The low bid of \$15,996.71 for a transport truck was accepted Friday by the County Court from Mack Trucks. Other bidders were Sig Felt, Canyon Motors, A. B. Searlett, Automotive Equipment Co., and Gunderson Bros.

The Weather

Cloudy with occasional rain this afternoon; showers tonight. Sunday cloudy in the morning, sunny in the afternoon.

Highest temp. last 24 hours — 85
Lowest temp. last 24 hours — 55
Highest temp. any July — 109
Lowest temp. any July — 40
Precip. last 24 hours — .04
Precip. from July 1 — .04
Precip. from Sept. 1 — 29.47
Deficit from Sept. 1 — .63
Sunset tonight, 7:53 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 4:45 a.m.

Fire Weather

Low fire danger in Coast range and Northwest Oregon through Sunday. Humidity above 30 per cent, scattered, light showers. Moderate, but decreasing, fire danger in interior southwestern Oregon, Cascades and eastward.

Cancer Takes Life Of Plucky Girl, 16

ENCINITAS, Calif. — Irene Jaromek, 16-year-old cancer victim who was not expected to live past last Christmas, died Friday night.

Her father, William J. Jaromek, said the plucky girl succumbed to the disease 25 minutes after her doctor had visited her and said the end was in sight.

Last rites of the Catholic church had been administered to the girl Friday afternoon.

Irene attracted the sympathy of the entire nation last December when it was learned that doctors said she would die of cancer of the liver before Christmas. Stories of her plight were carried on news papers and published in newspapers.

Irene received more than 10,000 pieces of mail from well wishers in all parts of the nation. She not only lived past Christmas but seemed to do well for a time earlier this year. She then began wasting away.

HEARING WAIVED

GRANTS PASS — Felix Jordan Brame, charged with first degree murder as a result of the shooting of his estranged wife here Wednesday, waived preliminary hearing on arraignment before R. E. Smith, justice of the peace, Friday.

Brame, retired Army major, was bound over for action by the Josephine County grand jury, at a special session to be called soon.

Retail Gasoline Dealer Price Front Shaken; Union Oil Posts Reduction

By JIM VANCE
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Gasoline prices at four Union Oil Co. stations in the Roseburg area were decreased late last evening, marking the first breach in the unified front against retail gasoline price reduction established by the Umpqua Retail Dealers' Assn.

The reduced advertised rates brought Union Oil Co. station prices near the price-level of Shell stations in the area. Shell has been selling ethyl and regular gasoline at levels of 33.9 cents for regular and 37.4 ethyl. The Union Oil drop was to 33.9 for regular and 38.4 for ethyl.

Union Oil's reduction marked the first renewal of price-slashing locally in gasoline since the initial outbreak by Shell more than two months ago. At that time, Shell stations lowered their prices by some three cents per gallon on both grades of gasoline.

Retailers Stand Firm
Following the Shell bolt, the local retail gasoline dealers' association fell solidly in line against any price reduction at other stations here. The line held until Friday.

The immediate reaction of other dealers and in the spoken words of the association president, Ken Gilkeson, was that Friday's breakthrough would force most or all dealers in the area to "meet the price."

"This is the first break in the solidarity of the dealers' association," observed Gilkeson.

"Before the day is over," he predicted, "it is very likely that many stations will come out with lower price signs. The suppliers are insisting that retail dealers meet competition."

Coersion Charged
Gilkeson, a strong critic of the original price-cutting move by Shell two months ago, lashed out severely at the suppliers in general this time. He denounced them for "forcing a price-cut on the dealers" and bringing about "a loss of about 30 per cent of the dealers' profit margin."

While the general trend of business is down in all local industry, Gilkeson chided the suppliers as justifying their price-cut move by pointing to any decreased business turnover and blaming it on "uncompetitive prices."

Shell Oil Co. stations here originally reduced prices on May 10 on the basis of meeting "competition" created by the prices advertised by "cut-rate" stations in the area. The price decrease here follows a general trend throughout the state which has seen gas "price wars" crop up and spread from locale to locale, sometimes working back to near-normal conditions and sometimes not.

Investigation Asked
During their two-month fight to

Operation Alert Still On Today After 'Bombing'

(Also see page 3)

SALEM — State civil defense continued round-the-clock operations Saturday following the make-believe nuclear attack on Portland Friday in the national civil defense exercise.

The only major problem in the state operations was a breakdown in radio communications to the state's counties during the day.

Planes Pass Over

While Portland officials were able to plot the make-believe path of attack, the state officials didn't discover the planes had crossed the state until they were in California.

The simulated bombing, involving a two megaton H-bomb on the heart of Portland and a one megaton device on the Portland international airport, came at 10:22 a. m. At Portland civil defense figured they were overhead at 10:23.

However, the state headquarters didn't know of the attack until the envelope disclosing the place and time of attack was opened just before noon Friday.

Portland officials reported that such an attack would have taken 40,000 lives but state officials placed the figure at 150,000. State civil defense said it figures the bomb caused greater destruction to a greater area.

The Portland fallout pattern extended northeastward into Washington and the San Francisco pattern reached southeastern Oregon, but was not of a high radioactive content.

Chicago Awash After Downpour

CHICAGO — Boats piled flooded streets Saturday in the area after a 4.24-inch rain took at least three lives and drove hundreds from their homes.

The downpour, concentrated in a severe six-hour electrical storm, flooded tens of thousands of basements, blocked streets and underpasses, and cut power and communication lines.

Air Traffic Stopped
In Chicago, itself, airline traffic was halted at O'Hare Midway Airport where at least 1,000 stranded passengers and motorists spent the night, splashing barefoot in waiting rooms or eating in chairs or atop newsstands and counters.

Joliet, a city of 51,000 just southwest of Chicago, 200 persons were taken from their flooded homes by boat, and a refugee center was set up in the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall. Coast Guard cutters were trucked to Wheeling, northwest of Chicago, where a number of houses were inundated.

The bodies of three persons were recovered in flooded basements. William Leen, 38, was electrocuted in his flooded basement on Chicago's south side. Atella Toney, 7 months old, drowned in shallow water that covered the floor of a basement apartment.

Portland Sergeant Acquitted By Jury

PORTLAND — Portland police Sgt. Robert Sprague Friday was acquitted by a circuit court jury on a charge of lying when he denied the accusation of giving payoff money to a fellow officer.

The jury deliberated only 28 minutes before declaring him innocent by a vote of 10-2.

Sprague was among some 40 persons indicted on more than 100 charges in the year-long vice investigation here.

His chief accuser at his trial was Jack F. Olsen, who said he had received payoff money from Sprague, intended to keep him from enforcing vice laws.

Spokesman Reports Aly Gave Up Title For Stable

GENEVA — The director of the late Aga Khan's stables said Saturday Prince Aly Khan has inherited them and, at his father's request, sacrificed the leadership of 20 million Ismaili Moslems to manage them.

Mrs. Germaine Vuillier, who managed the Aga's vast racing interests, said the stables and the breeding farms with their stock, were worth "hundreds of thousands of pounds."

"The Aga asked Aly to keep them running," she said in an interview. "He told his son no one man could do both. Therefore he asked Aly to sacrifice the position of Imam (spiritual leader of the Ismaili Moslems) and run the stables."

Camp Fire Girls Slate Camp Tye Registration

Camp Fire Girls registration for Camp Tye, which opens Sunday, remain open, it was announced today.

Weeks open for registration include July 21-28 and July 28-Aug. 4. Blue Bird weeks are filled up, but they may go the weeks of July 28-Aug. 4.

Aug. 4-11 and 11-18 are the regular Blue Bird weeks.

Roseburg Man Appointed To County Commission

SALEM — Gov. Holmes Friday appointed two more members of county welfare commissions.

Charles W. Lynch, Roseburg, was named to the Douglas County commission, succeeding Nelson Grubbe, Sutherlin. The other appointment was Mrs. Martha Ann Adelheim, Portland, to the Multnomah commission, succeeding Mrs. Stanley G. Jewett, also of Portland.

Lynch is an official of the International Woodworkers of America. He came to Oregon in 1946 and since has been an employee of Umpqua Plywood Corp. A Democrat, he was active on the State Committee of Political Education for the Union in 1946.

BAIL FORFEITED

Elmore Leroy Hill, 39, of 837 SE Roberts Ave., forfeited a total of \$85 in bail Friday after his arrest on charges of being drunk and disorderly in the Hotel Umpqua Thursday morning. He was arrested by Roseburg police, who said Hill struck at them when he was put under arrest.

First Rain Since June Recorded In Roseburg

The first traceable precipitation to come to Douglas County in almost a month dived gently from the skies early Saturday. Recorded at the Roseburg weather bureau station was four one-hundredths of an inch of rain. The rainfall was the first here since June 15 when .02 of an inch was recorded.

Temperatures dipped some 30 degrees during the night, falling from Friday's high of 85 to 55 during the night.

Saturday's rain was part of a general coast weather front which has brought dampness on coastal states all the way from Seattle to Aracata, Calif. Occasional rain is in prospect this afternoon and showers tonight. But after a cloudy period Sunday morning, the forecast is for a sunny afternoon.

Local Lumberman Claims Cruise Of BLM Trespass Shows 400,000 Foot Error

By CHUCK GRELL
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A timber cruise on an area, over which the Bureau of Land Management several months ago charged a lumber company with trespassing, contains nearly 400,000 less board feet than the BLM claimed, it was said Friday.

The area is on Reston Ridge about 8 or 9 miles north of Camas Valley, where the BLM said the Paul B. Hult Lumber Co. in December 1955 cut over a section line into O&C timber.

The BLM, which last October announced it would demand treble damages from the Dillard company, claimed that 958,000 board feet of timber had been downed.

W. O. Kelsay, partner in the company, said Friday that the R. & J. Standley Logging Co., Camas Valley, contract logging for the Hult firm, actually downed 566,348 feet of timber.

His statement was based on a subsequent cruise by Mason, Bruce and Girard, Portland, whom Kelsay described as a peer in forestry consultation.

The bureau said the timber was worth \$35,683.77. Because of the trespass nature of the case, treble damages could be collected, making the sought-after damages by the Dept. of Interior \$107,651.31.

Kelsay said that would average out about \$39 a thousand board feet for the felled timber, based on the BLM estimates.

Actually, he said, the private cruise showed that the logs were peelable No. 2 or less, worth only about \$23 a thousand. That would make the net worth in the neighborhood of \$12,500.

Worth Said Lower
Based on the BLM figures on volume and the Mason, Bruce and Girard account of log class, the timber would be worth about \$21,000.

Kelsay said the case now is in the Dept. of Justice after investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

He said that the logging company actually did encroach onto federal land, but that the mistake was unintentional. The area being logged was on a steep slope near the section line.

Girls Saved At Reedsport After Dunk

REEDSPORT — An explosion on a fishing boat threw two Eugene girls into the ocean Friday, but the Coast Guard brought the girls and their parents to shore safely.

A flooded carburetor was blamed for the engine explosion on the 23-foot vessel "Flunky J," three miles off Winchester Bay. Leonard Kroblan of Eugene jumped into the water to try to rescue his daughters, about 12 and 14 years old. He pulled one to the side of the boat and held her there. Crewmen of another fishing vessel pulled the other girl out of the water. Kroblan's wife remained aboard the "Flunky J," which did not catch fire and was otherwise undamaged.

A 40-foot Coast Guard boat arrived, put the Kroblan family aboard the "Flunky J" and towed them into port here.

The Coast Guard said the boat is owned by Robert L. King of Sinaloa, Ore.

Camas Valley Man Delivers Own Son

Mrs. Jerry Dancer of Camas Valley and her 8-pound son are doing fine in Douglas Community Hospital today.

That isn't unusual, but the way the baby boy, still unnamed Friday, was delivered is. His father did the job in the family car 10 miles from the nearest hospital Thursday night.

Dancer stopped at Ted Hellman's Camas Valley store about 9 p.m. Thursday to request Hellman to phone ahead to the hospital. His wife, outside in the car, was having the baby. Then he sped off.

Mr. and Mrs. Dancer made it as far as the Brockway store. Dancer stopped in front of the store, where there was a light, delivered the child, then sped off for the hospital again.

The child is the fourth for the Dancers.

Appellate Court Rules Virginia's Placement Act Unconstitutional

RICHMOND, Va. — A federal appellate court Saturday threw out an unconstitutional Virginia's pupil placement act designed to maintain racially segregated schools.

The act of 1956 creates a three-man state board appointed by the governor and gives to it all pupil assignment powers formerly held by local school boards. It automatically reassigns all pupils to their present segregated schools and provides that any new assignments be occasioned by promotion or transfer — would be by the state board for many reasons other than race.

Upholds Decision
The U.S. 4th Circuit Court of Appeals handed down its decision here Saturday in upholding District Judge Walter E. Hoffman of Norfolk in his decision in Norfolk and Newport News school segregation cases. Hoffman held the act unconstitutional and ruled that schools must be desegregated in the two cities by this September.

This statute furnishes no adequate remedy to plaintiffs (Negro parents and school children) because of the fixed and definite policy of the school authorities with respect to segregation and because of the provisions of (1956 Virginia law) which provide for the closing of schools and withdrawal therefrom of state funds upon any departure from this policy in any school," the circuit court said.

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Said the undertaker to the insurance executive, commenting on the Fourth of July death toll: "One man's loss is another man's gain."

Woodrich Says Matter Needs Serious Study

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By LLOYD ROGERS
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The Ott dependency hearing ground to an end Friday afternoon but a ruling will not be made before July 22.

This was announced by Judge Charles S. Woodrich who had been hearing the matter since Tuesday. When final arguments ended, he said that the matter is "extremely serious and not to be disposed of lightly or without due consideration." Woodrich said because of this he would not rule from the bench but would attempt to render his decision July 22.

To Visit Home
He then asked the attorneys, Robert G. Davis, chief counsel for Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ott, and Dist. Atty. Avery Thompson, who had petitioned the court to remove the three foster Ott children from their home, to accompany him on a visit to the Ott home. This, and a visit with the three youngsters, had been requested by Davis.

The final arguments displayed a marked contrast in tone as well as contention. Thompson almost shouted his denunciation of the Otts' treatment of some of the children they have taken into their home. Davis kept his voice moderated and attempted to show Thompson's charges to be illogical.

Thompson contended there is a pattern of cruelty to certain of the children—the sickly, the helpless, the teen-ager. He claimed there is another pattern—that of injuries that two of the children had received severe head blows. These he identified as Gregory, an adopted boy later released from adoption by the Otts, and Wendy, a 10-year orphan who died June 14. The district attorney stressed that he was not inferring that Wendy's death came about by a blow on the head.

"Not A Fiend"
Saying he would not indulge in any "shouting or table thumping," Davis set forth to agree that there is a pattern but that it is "part of the fabric of a loving mother—not a fiend as painted." He called the care and devotion shown the Ott children "the pattern and fabric of a Christian family."

Thompson's charge that the Otts are very religious and go to "unconventional churches" dealing in "emotions" and "frustrations" was scored by Davis. He declared that "we're all somewhat entitled to believe as we wish" and that our country was established for this reason. "How unconventional a Christian must have seemed to go to the cross and accept death," said Davis.

"The Otts go to church regularly. If they want to do so and take their children to Sunday school I see nothing wrong with it. Throughout this country we could stand more of it," Davis maintained.

Claims Sacrilege

In Thompson's argument he had referred to one of the Otts' witnesses, Mrs. Harry Holt, coming to the witness stand carrying a Bible. He said he thinks it is "sacrilegious" for a witness to come into court and lay a Bible on her lap.

The Bible is the "cornerstone of the courtroom," contended Davis, and pointed out that in many courts, although not here, a Bible is used in administering the oath to God to tell the truth. "If Mrs. Holt wants to come to court carrying a Bible she is not out of place," Davis stated, and maintained that the American system has failed when she is criticized for doing it.

GASOLINE STOLEN

Gasoline from trucks of the Patterson's Bakery, 3315 SE Short St., was stolen during the night, the sheriff's office was informed today.