

Conciliator Called In Strike Issue



BEFORE THE CROWDS start coming, roustabouts at the Fairgrounds assemble the carnival rides and concession booths. The fairgrounds were busy Tuesday as the carnival, the rodeo, exhibitors and judges moved in and began getting the place ready for the opening Thursday. (Paul Jenkins)

County Fair Opening Set

Eisenhower Proposes 2-Year Nuclear Test Suspension Program

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower Wednesday proposed a two-year suspension of nuclear tests, provided Russia agrees to an eventual permanent halt in production of atomic weapons materials.

PARIS (AP) — The Western Allies Wednesday decided to propose a two-year suspension of nuclear tests as part of an overall disarmament plan.

This was the key point of a new plan which Britain, France, Canada and the United States circulated to their NATO allies here Wednesday.

The other members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization will report their views on it to a special session of the NATO council next Monday.

In London, meanwhile, the Soviet Union accused the West of blocking agreement on nuclear disarmament by advancing "artificial" preconditions.

Soviet delegate Valerian Zorin made a blistering attack on the West before the United Nations disarmament subcommittee meeting in London.

The four Western powers in Paris will present to Zorin in London a proposal calling for suspension of nuclear tests beginning in November, 1958.

It would continue for 12 months and then, if all powers concerned found it satisfactory, would be extended for another 12 months.

PURSE LOST
Loss of her purse containing \$18 was reported to Roseburg police Tuesday by Mrs. Phyllis Zuber. She said she had left the purse on a bank counter and had later discovered her loss while shopping. It was gone when she returned, she stated. The purse also contained her driver's license and bank book, Mrs. Zuber said.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
Three years ago the post office department began keeping careful safety records on two groups of trucks — one group of 3,500 painted red, white and blue and another 3,500 painted olive drab. What the postal people wanted to know was whether the brilliantly painted ones had fewer accidents than the drably painted ones that were harder to see.

That turned out to be the case. The drably painted (presumably harder to see) group had 849 accidents in the test period. The red, white and blue trucks had only 622 accidents, 27 less than the trucks with duller colors.

The automobile industry has been working along somewhat the same lines, but has been more interested in what it calls "reflectorized" paint—that is, a type of paint that will make a car easily visible at night while still retaining its beauty and durability in the sunlight.

Several manufacturers are considering making this "reflectorized" paint optional equipment on

Event Biggest For Fairgoers

The gates at the Douglas County Fairgrounds open Thursday morning at 9 on the biggest fair in the county's history.

The annual Douglas County Fair will offer more of everything to every taste displayed by fairgoers.

For entertainment, Thursday, the Davis Shows carnival goes into action when the gates open. Meanwhile, clowns will roll up and down the midway between hourly free shows.

At night, the preliminaries start in the annual talent show sponsored by the Douglas County Fair Board and Ricketts' Music Store. It is the first of nightly shows.

Actually, Thursday is only the preliminary to action which snowballs through the weekend.

Also on tap for the following three days of the fair are such major events as the fifth-annual sheepdog trials and Oregon State Square Dance Festival dances, a free Saturday barbecue and two sessions of the first Rodeo Cowboys' Assn.-approved rodeo in the fair's history.

For more information on the cream of all Douglas County Fairs, see today's second section which is devoted entirely to the event.

Drunk Driving Arrests Leads To More Troubles

Troubles started piling up for Paul Louis Peterson, 21, when he ran into a rock wall with a car Monday night.

The man, who gave his address as 673 NE Channon St., was charged with drunk driving. This netted him a \$100 fine and five-day jail sentence handed out in Roseburg municipal court.

However, instead of being lodged in the city jail, Peterson was transferred to the county lockup on a charge of parole violation. He had been sentenced to three years in the Oregon State penitentiary for grand larceny.

Peterson was arrested by Roseburg police shortly after a reserve officer reported seeing a car driven by Peterson traveling in a reckless manner and then hearing a crash. The car had struck a rock wall at 1413 SE Kane St., officers found, with about \$100 damage to the vehicle.

SPEAKER TO SPEAK

ASTORIA (AP) — Speaker of the House Pat Dooley will be one of the speaker's at Sunday's formal dedication of the Fort Stevens State Park, west of Warrenton.

The park was opened two years ago.

State Hospital Escape Foiled

SALEM, (AP) — An overloaded food elevator and a law-abiding patient combined Tuesday night to stop the break of four maximum security prisoners from the Oregon State Hospital here.

The break started shortly before patients in the maximum security ward on the hospital's third floor were to be locked up for the night.

One guard was overpowered as he worked in a linen closet, and two others were grabbed as they walked down a hallway. All were locked in a cell.

Dr. Dean Brooks, the hospital superintendent, said the four inmates were armed with a hammer and two screwdrivers, but did not injure the guards.

With keys obtained from the guards, the four inmates then went to a food elevator on the floor and unlocked its door.

They started downward, apparently toward the hospital basement, where the windows have no bars.

But the elevator, loaded far beyond its capacity, stalled between floors. The men were trapped.

Meanwhile, back on the third floor, another patient who had seen the guards subdued, smashed the glass on a fire alarm box to summon help.

Guards who ran to answer the fire alarm worked 25 minutes before they could get the elevator started. The trapped inmates offered no resistance when freed and were locked up in their cells.

Dr. Brooks said the elevator offered the men their only chance of escape from the third floor, where the windows are barred and the doors to stairways can be opened only from outside the ward.

Brooks said the men apparently had hoped to reach the basement of the building, where escape would have been relatively easy. The hospital has no wall or fence.

O&C Timber Tract Sold At Appraisal Tuesday

A small tract of green timber containing an estimated 158,000 board feet was purchased at the appraisal value of \$2,263.20 at a Bureau of Land Management sale here Tuesday.

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\$215,906,500 Slashed From AEC Appropriations Bill

WASHINGTON, (AP) — The House Appropriations Committee Wednesday slashed \$215,906,500 from the Atomic Energy Commission's request for \$2,485,825,000 for operating expenses and construction for the current fiscal year.

Much of the building program was authorized only Tuesday in a 352 million dollar AEC construction bill. Some of the cash goes into a new program of government-built power reactors opposed by the administration.

The reduction of almost 9 percent did not affect the AEC's raw materials, special nuclear materials, weapons and community operations programs. More than half of the cut was in the nature of a bookkeeping transaction.

If the House sustains the committee's recommendations during consideration of the AEC money bill later in the day, it will boost beyond \$5,400,000,000 the total of House-voted cuts in regular appropriations bills this year.

The biggest cut, 157 million dollars, was effected by reducing from six to three months the pre-financing period for facility operation contracts. In past years the committee has permitted the AEC to finance these operations six months into the next fiscal year. Wednesday it said the advance financing should be held to three months.

Another cut of 27 million dollars was made in the industry cooperative program for which the commission had requested 30 million dollars. The committee said projects in the third round of this program have not been specifically authorized. It emphasized that it favors the program and is willing to approve appropriations as soon as plans are more definite.

The committee refused 1 1/2 million dollars requested for the power Reactor Development Co. project near Detroit.

It approved 3 million as requested for planning and engineering work on a natural uranium, gas-cooled power reactor in Idaho, similar to the British plant at Calder Hall. It cut from 3 million to 2 million the authorization bill's allotment for advance planning for a large scale reactor for the production of special nuclear materials at Hanford, Wash.

Also approved was 4 million dollars for preliminary work on a plutonium recycling reactor at Hanford.

The committee put its okay on the program of AEC aid to cooperatives and other public power groups in obtaining atomic power.

While the committee rejected the proposal for 1 1/2 million for the Reactor Development Co. project, it approved the use of the same amount by the AEC for fast breeder reactor research work in its own facilities in connection with the Michigan operation.

For plant acquisition and equipment this week, according to Evans, the total was \$103,162,500, a cut of \$11,462,500 which it said would not interfere with progress.

It approved use of available funds for transfer of the commission's headquarters from Washington to its new offices in Germantown, Md.

In consideration of the authorization bill, the big fight was over the power reactors.

President Willing To Sign Compromise Civil Rights Bill

WASHINGTON, (AP) — President Eisenhower said Wednesday he is willing to accept a compromise civil rights bill which includes effective enforcement of voting rights.

Beauchamp's Death Declared Suicide; Motive Mystery

LONDON (AP) — A coroner decided Wednesday that Sir Winston Churchill's son-in-law, Anthony Beauchamp, killed himself with sleeping tablets.

After a 19-minute inquest into the death of the 39-year-old society photographer early Sunday, the motive still was a mystery.

Some friends had hinted he was despondent over finances.

After hearing the brief evidence, Coroner W. Bentley Purchase said: "He died from barbiturate poisoning and I think he killed himself. I shall return a verdict of suicide."

Missing from the tiny court room was the woman Beauchamp telephoned a few minutes before his death, beautiful Lady Jane Vane-Tempest-Stewart, 24-year-old sister of the Marquess of Londonderry.

A friend of Lady Jane told reporters she had asked him to attend the inquest and tell her about the proceedings.

Missing also was Beauchamp's wife, Sarah Churchill, a dress designer of Britain's World War II premier.

Beauchamp married Miss Churchill in 1949, four years after her first marriage to comedian Vic Oliver ended in divorce. Beauchamp and his wife had been living apart for the last three years.

Sarah, who has been staying recently with her father at his country house, came to her sister's London home Tuesday night. She was reported to be deeply shocked by Beauchamp's death.

Rainfall Lack Causes Cutback In Stream Flow

No rain was recorded at any of 16 precipitation recording stations for 27 of the 31 days in July, according to the latest report from the Douglas County Water Resources Survey.

Only in mid-month for three days was any precipitation recorded. Then on July 21, the only record was a trace at Josephburg.

The biggest precipitation showing for the month was noted at the Marial station on the West fork of Cow Creek. It showed .66 of an inch, total rainfall for two days. None of the other stations showed more than .41.

The lack of rainfall in July and August, of course, had its effect on the county's streams. Last week at Tiller, the South Umpqua had dropped to a reading of 73 cubic feet a second. At Winston, the reading this week was 114 cubic feet a second. It was a drop of 23 cubic feet a second from the previous week.

On the North Umpqua at Brown's Bridge, the last reading was 1,030 feet a second, a drop in a week of more than 300 cubic feet per second.

Roving Pickets Keep 2 Dillard Mills Closed

Roving pickets kept two mills in Dillard closed Tuesday and one mill closed again today.

Picket lines were manned Tuesday morning at Round Prairie Lumber Co., which was closed by the roving pickets one day last week, and Paul B. Hult Lumber, where they returned again this morning. The pickets were not employees of the companies where they set up their lines, according to company sources.

Henry Weber, business manager of Union Local 2949, threatened Monday that small mill operators could expect to be closed down if they did not meet the union's demand for a 5 cent per hour pay increase. The union, which represents workers at the companies where pickets appeared, denied being responsible for the roving pickets or organizing them, according to Weber.

Although the union local claims that the pickets are acting as individuals, union members are expected to refuse to cross their lines, Weber said. The union will take disciplinary action if the roving pickets are disorderly or do not have a "just cause," he claimed. The roving picket strategy has been used widely in other parts of the country, according to Weber.

Workers at both companies honor the picket lines. About 30 mill employees lost a day's work at the Round Prairie company and 110 men were out at the Hult mill.

The principle of roving pickets was explained Tuesday to a meeting of union members from the

Dog Shot For 'Rabies' Ill With Distemper

A small collie dog was shot and killed Tuesday night after police were informed it had rabies. Later they learned the dog had been receiving treatment for distemper.

Roseburg police reports state that an officer was called to 1970 W. Harvard Ave., where he found O. T. Baker with the animal corralled under a cardboard box. The policeman stated that Baker told him the dog had rabies and it was disposed of with a bullet.

According to the report, the officer then contacted the dog's owner, Mrs. Molly Ellege, 1941 W. Harvard Ave. She said her pet had been treated for distemper a week ago, the officer stated. This was confirmed by Dr. Donald E. Ranney, 248 NE Garden Valley Blvd., who treated the dog, and by William Wheeler, 3388 W. Harvard Ave., who said he had taken it to the veterinarian.

Runaway Girls Caught, Returned To Parents

Four runaway girls from Winston were apprehended in Canyonville Monday night by local police after spending one night out in the open.

Two sisters, 14 and 15, were turned over to their parents. The other two, also sisters and the same ages, were turned over to juvenile authorities because their parents could not be located as they were out searching for their daughters. The older girl was lodged overnight in the Douglas County jail, while the other was placed in a foster home. They were returned to their parents Tuesday.

Woman Investigates Theft, Finds Culprits

A bit of investigation around her neighborhood solved the burglary of her house, Mrs. John R. Staley, Glenary Road, Rt. 1 Box 785, told sheriff's deputies Tuesday.

Mrs. Staley reported that her house had been entered by someone who stood on a tricycle and climbed through a kitchen window. Taken were a kitchen knife and miscellaneous items of food. Later, Mrs. Staley called the sheriff's office and said three boys had admitted entering her house.

3 Small Mills Agree To 2 1/2 Cent Increase

Three Dillard mills signed an agreement at about noon today to pay a 2 1/2 cent per hour raise to workers from Aug. 1 to Oct. 1, and to meet whatever pay scale the industry settles for in the meantime, according to Henry Weber, business agent of Local 2949.

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The agreement also states that the companies will pay any retroactive increase that might be included in an industry settlement, Weber reported.

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In talks with Roseburg Lumber Co., the union plans to complain of certain pressure for increased production and work standards and the use of inefficient, experts and quality controls, according to Henry Weber, union business agent.

The union did not bring up these issues in previous negotiations with the company, reported Eugene Card, one of the members of the company negotiation team.

Grass And Brush Fires Burn Over Big Area Tuesday

Big grass and brush fires at opposite ends of the county whipped over 450 acres Tuesday before they were controlled by Douglas Forest Protective Assn. crews and other fire fighters.

The biggest was at Hardscrabble Creek five miles west of Drain on Highway 38. It covered some 250 acres before it was controlled after four hours of fighting. The DFPA crew at the Elk Creek station stopped it with the aid of a crew of men who had been burning under a permit. The fire escaped while land was being burned under the permit. The name of the permittee was not immediately known.

The fire was lined today and was being mopped up by DFPA crews. It had burned over grass, brush and some slash. No timber was threatened.

At about the same time, another fire kept three fire-fighting departments busy at the south city limits of Myrtle Creek along Highway 99.

It was estimated about 200 acres were burned over before crews from the DFPA, Myrtle Creek Fire Department and the Tri-City Fire Department brought the fire under control late Tuesday afternoon.

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Bruce Ferguson of the DFPA said he thought the fire had started in the prune orchard probably by youngsters who were known to be picking blackberries in the area. He told correspondent Ruth M. Evans the fire could have been serious had there been a high wind.



HOSPITALIZED were four persons involved in a two-car collision Tuesday evening one-half mile north of Glendale Junction on Highway 99. The driver of the 1953 Chrysler pictured, Roy William Koch, 53, North Bend, was taken to Forest Glen Clinic at Canyonville suffering from shock and multiple bruises. His wife, Gladys, 53, received a fractured leg and abrasions. Driver of the other vehicle, a 1956 Ford, was Dorothy E. Case, 48, Burlington, Wash. She suffered a fractured arm. A passenger in the Case car, Alvina Edling, Mt. Vernon, Wash., received lacerations and abrasions. State police said the driver of the Ford applied her brakes when a car which had just passed her suddenly slowed. Her car went onto the shoulder of the road and then swerved across the highway and hit the northbound Koch car. The impact turned the Ford completely around. (Jim Burns)

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein
Oregon hotels, lamenting a heavy slump in business this year, point an explanatory finger at motels, trailer houses, and freeways. They urge greater promotional efforts, which, however wouldn't hurt solid competitors a bit so long as the fish are biting.