

William N. Ward, 81, Succumbs Here Sunday

William Nathan Ward, 81, Roseburg resident since 1948, died at a local sanitarium Sunday following a prolonged illness.

Ward was born at Harcourt, New Brunswick, Canada, on Sept. 11, 1876. On Dec. 2, 1912, he and Mary Jane Hutchison were married at Harcourt.

He lived in Maine, Michigan and Wisconsin before settling in Minnesota where he was employed as a superintendent in the logging division of the International Lumber Co., and its successor, the Minnesota & Ontario Lumber Co., at International Falls. He worked for the firms 36 years and retired in 1948.

He was a member of Koochiching Masonic Lodge, Border Chapter No. 95, Royal Arch Masons; Lodge No. 14, Loyal Order of Moose, and the Odd Fellows Lodge, all of International Falls.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Mary Jane Ward, Roseburg; two daughters and three sons, George and Donald Ward, both of Roseburg; Mrs. Edwin (Maud) Jesting, St. Paul, Minn.; Archie Ward, Minneapolis, Minn.; and Hedley Ward, Craig, Alaska; two brothers, Russell Ward, Saul, St. Marie, Ontario, Canada, and Asa Ward, Peterboro, Ontario; a sister, Mrs. Georgia Anna Gilchrist, Lowell, Mass., and 11 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held in the chapel of the Long & Orr Mortuary, Thursday at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Vernon L. Kleim, former pastor of the Roseburg Assembly of God Church officiating. Burial will be in the Roseburg Memorial Gardens.

Ex-Con Jailed Briefly, Escorted From County

One of two ex-convicts being ushered through the state in a cooperative police surveillance Saturday landed briefly in the Douglas County jail after the two attempted to break away from a trailing officer in North Roseburg. Sheriff Ira C. Byrd said George Fenton Townsend last was seen crossing the state line with an officer following him south of here. But the whereabouts of a second man wasn't known after he fled from arrest by Byrd.

Byrd was tailing the two men, driving separate cars, at Winchester Saturday night after they had been unknowingly conducted south from Portland by police. The two have served time as safe burglars, and police were making sure they weren't up to something, Byrd said.

Near Garden Valley interchange, one of the two spotted Byrd, and the cars swerved onto the interchange — but traveling the wrong way on a one-way lane. Byrd chased them into the Riverside district of North Roseburg, and arrested Townsend. Robert Green, Townsend's apparent companion, sped away and eluded Roseburg and state police whom Byrd radioed for help.

Townsend was booked into the county jail on a traffic violation, and was released when he posted bail. Green, it is thought, returned north. Townsend was escorted south from the county, and Josephine and Jackson officers conducted him into California. Byrd said there was no warrant against either man.

American Commander Denies Syrian Charges

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Vice Adm. Charles R. Brown, commander of the U.S. 6th Fleet, denied Saturday Syrian charges that American planes had flown over Syria.

Answering a Beirut U.S. Embassy inquiry, Brown said: "You may quote me as stating categorically that no aircraft of the 6th Fleet have been over Syria or even near Syria."

Syria had charged five American planes violated Syrian airspace over Latakia Friday. On Wednesday the Syrian army commander, Maj. Gen. Afif Bizar, declared planes flew over Syria and expressed belief they were American.

Atty. Geddes Files Reply To District Attorney

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late a statute of the state when he appointed the acting district attorney, Avery Thompson, a Democrat, upon the resignation from that office of Robert Stults, a Republican?

2. Is there any means by which this question can be raised and tested by any person or any authority whatsoever, excepting Mr. Thompson himself; or to the contrary, under our laws is Mr. Thompson, as the acting district attorney, the one and only and supreme and all powerful authority in deciding whether or not he shall hold the office in question, even though the law may have been violated by the governor in putting him there?

3. If the governor and the acting district attorney are not above the law in this respect, what is the proper method by which the citizens of this state can persevere and exercise their inherent and paramount right to question the validity of an act of a public official, when it is claimed that the public official in question has acted unlawfully and contrary to the provisions of our statutes?

Gov. Robert Holmes appointed Thompson district attorney after receiving an opinion from Robert Y. Thornton, attorney general, that the appointment could be made despite the difference in political parties. Basis for the ruling was Stults' winning the nominations of both parties in the primary election and running on the general election ballot as a "Republican-Democrat."

Thompson has claimed that the quo warranto action places the burden of proof on him and that Richmond and Geddes could try other methods of testing his appointment.

In referring to his three questions, Geddes notes the first is to be determined at the time of any trial of the matter. The other two questions are for present determination in this preliminary state of the proceedings, he states.

Dave Beck As D.A.? Geddes wrote, "If Mr. Thompson's contentions are correct—that is, if there is no remedy, there is no wrong—it would necessarily follow that it would not be wrong for the governor to fill a vacancy in the district attorney's office by appointing Dave Beck, James Hoffa, an inmate of the Oregon State Penitentiary or any other person to that office, who does not have the qualifications provided by law."

Geddes contends the only means by which the right of a person to hold office may legally be questioned and tried is by an action in quo warranto. He cites a rule of law in support of this contention.

Because Oregon law requires such actions to be brought by the district attorney, Geddes declares the rule, if strictly followed means "... we would be faced with the preposterous situation under which Mr. Thompson would be the only person who would have the right to bring the proceeding, and that proceeding be brought against himself."

Geddes maintains the court has the right to name a person to bring the action in lieu of the district attorney. Richmond has petitioned the court to appoint Geddes to bring the action.

Acting Role Requested Geddes' brief states, "Contrary to some impressions, it is not suggested that Mr. Geddes be appointed as district attorney, but merely as the public official to prosecute this particular action."

The procedure which Geddes requests the court to follow is suggested in a statute, he points out. "It provides generally that in criminal matters if a district attorney is disqualified for any one or more of various reasons to act in a given matter, the court may appoint a special district attorney or prosecutor not to become district attorney, but for the one purpose of handling the matter in which the district attorney is disqualified."

Geddes charges Thompson "is disqualified by reason of personal interest to represent the public in determining the issues herein involved."

TEACHERS BILLED

PORTLAND (AP) — Two hundred teachers will open the annual two-day convention of the Oregon Assn. for Childhood Education here Friday.

EX-CONGRESSMAN DIES

HIWATHA, Kan. (AP) — William P. Lambertson, 77, Republican representative in Congress from Kansas from 1923 to 1944, died Saturday.

Business Women's Group Formed By Methodist Church

A meeting of the newly formed young business women's group of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Methodist Church was held Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Emil Ramberg, co-ordinator for the group.

The organization is being formed to enable young working women to have an active part in the missionary work of the church, and is under the sponsorship of Mrs. H. H. McClure.

Mrs. James E. Shapland, from Laurelwood Methodist Church in Portland was a guest of the evening. Refreshments were served by the hostess Mrs. Ramberg and after a short business meeting conducted by Lucille Erwin, president, a program on Methodist Missions was presented and discussed.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Eleanor Wilson Nov. 17. Any working women who would be interested in learning more about the group may contact the church office.

'CYCLIST KILLED'

GILA BEND, Ariz. (AP) — John S. Stelman, 30, McMinnville, Ore., was killed Saturday night when his motorcycle hit a truck and trailer near here.

Stelman apparently was working as a cotton picker in this area. Deputy Sheriff Ron Kurtzman said.

MORE ORPHANS DUE

CRESWELL, Ore. (AP) — Mrs. Harry Holt said Saturday a chartered plane is expected to bring from 40 to 100 Korean orphans to Portland from Asia Thursday.

The children are to be adopted, she said, and hundreds of others brought here by her husband, a farmer.

Tri-City PTA Harvest Dinner For Community Set Tuesday

By RUTH EVANS

Tri-City PTA will hold its Harvest potluck dinner Tuesday at 6 p.m. The dinner is open to the entire community and donations made will go to the budget fund.

Camp Fire Girls of the newly named "We can do it" meaning kind friends, will sell home-made candy at the dinner. Each girl is required to make two different kinds of candy in order to earn an honor bead. They plan to use funds from the sale to purchase ceremonial jackets on which they sew their honors.

At a recent meeting, girls from the Tri-City area elected officers for their troop. The following officers will serve a three month period: Mary Ann Jones, President; Barbara Cameton, secretary; Jean Gilmore, treasurer, and Susan Mason, sergeant-at-arms.

Tri-N-Square dance club will hold a Halloween masquerade party, open to all square dancers of the area Saturday at 9 p.m. at the Eagles Hall. A door prize will be given. Every club member is requested to donate donuts. Serving on the food committee are Mr. and Mrs. Al Kolb, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jones, and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Heritage. Decoration committee, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brownson Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Scarbrough and Mr. and Mrs. Kolb.

Myrtle Creek Elks Lodge chairman of the "deer hides for veterans" committee, Joe Sobolik, reported that a total of 93 deer hides was turned over to the group by the end of the drive Oct. 24. The lodge felt it was a successful drive since twice as many hides were collected this year than last.

For the second year, Myrtle Creek PTA will sponsor a "Back to School" night for parents of high school students on Nov. 5, at the Myrtle Creek High School. The parents will meet for a group explanation of the program at 7:30 p.m. in the speech room and from there will visit the various class rooms. Refreshments will be served at the cafeteria.

END BOOT TRAINING

Completing recruit training recently at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, was Ronald L. Terho, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Terho, 447 NE Ward Ave., Roseburg.

Thacker-Wallace VFW Post 7752 and Auxiliary will meet at the Veterans' Memorial Building at Tri-City, Friday, at 8 p.m. AR members are asked to be present as the groups will be visited by district officers. Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

People interested in archery made final plans for an "archery demonstration" show to be held Nov. 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the Tri-City grade school. The entire program and refreshments will be free to the public.

Acting chairman, I. M. Wells of Tri-City, announced that two archery demonstration teams will be present to give actual shooting techniques. Present and representing the Calapooia Archers of Cottage Grove was Larry Digby of Roseburg. The other team will be from the Siskiyou Bow Hunters of Grants Pass. Field representative for the Oregon Bow Hunters, Forrest R. Huntley, will be the master of ceremonies. The short program will include a movie on actual bow hunting in Canada.

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RIVERSDALE FESTIVAL SET

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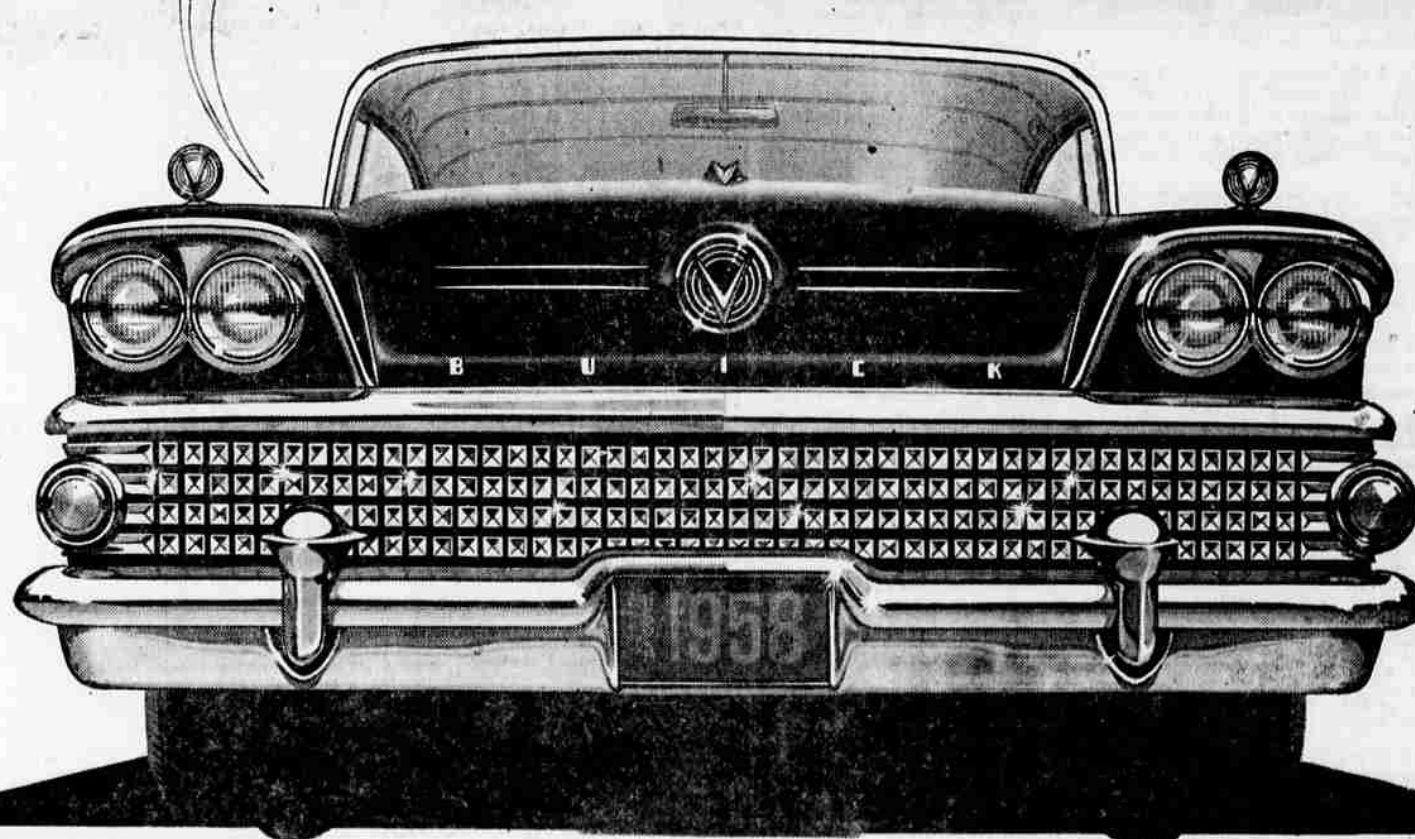
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