

'WORLD IN PERIL,' PANEL'S WARNING

Rifle Shot Kills Myrtle Creek Youth

Death Occurs During Try At Targets

Raymond Shelton, 19, Victim Of Accident; Cousin Participates

A bullet accidentally fired from a .32-caliber rifle took the life of Raymond Shelton, 19, at his parents' home about 10 miles from Myrtle Creek Sunday noon.

L. L. Powers, Douglas County coroner, said the youth was struck in the back of the neck and was killed instantly. The rifle was in the hands of a cousin, Eugene Ralph Shelton, 17, Box 524, Myrtle Creek.

The accident occurred shortly after noon while the boys were practicing at the victim's home on Louis Creek off the South Myrtle Road. With the Shelton boys at the time was George Knox, 19, Myrtle Creek.

The victim was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Shelton.

Ganz Mortuary, Myrtle Creek, is in charge of funeral arrangements which are to be announced.

Plane Wreckage Found; All Seven Occupants Dead

NEVADA CITY, Calif. — Wreckage of an excursion plane which vanished Dec. 15 on a flight from Reno to San Francisco was found in the middle fork of the Yuba River near here Sunday with all seven occupants dead.

There was every indication they died instantly when the twin-engine Beechcraft plunged into the river 24 miles northeast of here. The aircraft was partly submerged in the rocky stream bed. Pilot Ed A. Ross and copilot Arthur Giesler, 22, both Alameda; Orlando Atencio and George Trinidad, Oakland, and Mrs. Ellen Datzell, 65, Ukiah.

Atencio was a former Marine Raider with a Silver Star and presidential citation from World War II. Three miners had sighted the wreckage in the tumbling waters of the Yuba Sunday.

COUNCILMAN DIES

LEBANON, Ore. — Lebanon City Councilman Robert Waddell, 56, died of cancer Sunday at a hospital here. He had been ill for some time.

Survivors include the widow, Elizabeth, and two daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth Newman, Portland, and Mrs. Mary Sheffer, Eugene.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

What happened in Venezuela? I wouldn't know, but I suspect it was a plot to seize power. History tells us dictators tempt ambitious persons to take away from the dictator and take over his job and his perquisites.

Keep this in mind: A dictator is historically probable that sooner or later some ambitious communist will try to take his job away from him.

Speaking of communists, there's Tito. A high communist source in Belgrade (Yugoslavia's capital) says there is NO chance that he will change his "neutralist" policies during the coming year.

The "source" says Tito intends to remain politically independent from both Moscow and the West.

Hummmmmmmmm. I reckon he thinks he has a good chance to blackmail both sides.

But let's get closer home. Coach Len Casanova says today (Continued on Page 4 Col. 3)

The Weather

Cloudy with considerable night and morning fog. Not much temperature change. Highest temp. last 24 hours 41. Lowest temp. last 24 hours 30. Highest temp. any Jan. 43. Lowest temp. any Jan. 29. Precip. last 24 hours 0. Precip. from Jan. 1 0. Precip. from Sept. 1 17.91. Precip. from Sept. 1 to 4 3.54. Sunset tonight, 4:52 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow, 7:45 a.m.

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Economy Decline, Defense Fund Top Congress Agenda

Resumption Of Bus Service Depending On Financial Help

One of the drivers of the defunct Roseburg City Bus Co. thinks that bus service in Roseburg can be restored with a man-and-wife operation.

Thomas L. Smith said he and his wife are trying to find financing to put the bus service on a paying basis. He needs \$4,000 to purchase two buses from J. W. Sayre, who ran the company until Dec. 31.

Smith said that if he can obtain the capital necessary to purchase the two Volkswagen buses, he would seek a long-term franchise from the Roseburg City Council.

He said he has proposed a one-year franchise with a five-year option at the end of the first year. The service would include hourly service on all former routes. Smith said a minimum of 150 riders a day would keep the service operating.

Sayre's company was transporting about 200 people a day when it went out of business.

Sayre started operating last August on a half-hour schedule with three buses. In November, he took off one bus and made the schedule hourly. In December, he scheduled the end of the service.

He had a franchise from the council to run until the end of the year, with a one-year option. The franchise gave him a five-year option. Smith said he would hire a part-time driver.

He lives at Rt. 2 Box 400. Interested people, he said, can contact him at OR 3-8779.

Gun Answers His Query, But He Doesn't Know It

SALT LAKE CITY — Edward Hastings Kilburn, 21, Sunday was toying with a 44-caliber revolver and remarked to a friend: "I wonder what would happen if I pull the trigger."

"I'll just pull on it to show it's not loaded," it was. A bullet tore through Kilburn's head, killing him.

Two Chain Saws Stolen At Winston Sales Firm

Burglary at the Winston Chain Saw Sales and Service was discovered today at 7:30 a.m. by A. M. Ison, Tennesse, the owner.

According to the sheriff's office, two chain saws were taken by the burglars who entered through a side window. Both saws were new, one valued at \$273 and the other at \$181.

Investigators said other items had been gathered and placed near a window, apparently to be taken. However, they were left behind.

The break-in is being investigated by the sheriff's office, state police and Winston police.

Lumber Digest Editor Dated By Foresters

Roch Bradshaw, Portland, editor of Crow's Pacific Coast Lumber Digest, will give his estimate of the future of the wood industry at a meeting of the Umpqua chapter of the Society of American Foresters Jan. 17 in Roseburg.

The meeting will be at Carl's Haven, 940 NW Garden Valley Blvd. A social hour will start at 6:30 p.m., with dinner an hour later.

Only 2 Exceptions Among County And State Officials Who Will Seek Re-Election

A News-Review poll of state and county officials' views of terms of office, expire next Jan. 1 has revealed that all but two will be up for re-election or re-election in the May 16 primaries.

Those who said they would seek re-election are state Reps. Al Flanagan and W. O. Kelsay, both Democrats; county Commissioner Frank Ashley, Democrat; county Assessor Morris Bowker, Republican; and Canyonville Justice of the Peace Nina Pietzold, non-partisan.

No Other Candidates

As yet, no others have voiced

2-Way Protests Follow Elvis Presley Induction

(Also see page 6)

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Things haven't been the same at the draft board since Elvis Presley was ordered up for induction.

Letters and calls have poured in—protesting both the induction order and the subsequent 60-day postponement given the rock 'n' roll singer.

Says Board Chairman Milton Bowers Sr.: "With all due respect to Elvis, who's a nice boy, we've drafted people who are far more important than he is. After all, when you take him out of the entertainment business what have you got left? A truck driver."

"I talk Elvis Presley more than I sleep. A crackpot called me out of bed last night and complained that we didn't put Beethoven in the Army."

"Considering that Beethoven was not an American and has been dead for some time, I suppose he felt we were discriminating against rock 'n' roll music."

Girl Goes To Trial As Alleged Double Flatiron Slayer

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. — Comely Suzanne Elaine Saule, 20, was called up for trial here Monday charged with beating her roommate to death with a flatiron.

The Freeport, N.Y., girl also is accused of stabbing Catherine Marie Elvins, 19, Seattle former Whitman College coed, 20 times with a cook's knife after bashing in her skull with 26 blows of the flatiron last July 25 as Miss Elvins lay sleeping.

Possibly critical in the testimony of 30 prosecution and around a dozen defense witnesses may be the findings of several psychiatrists who have examined Miss Saule. These findings never have been disclosed.

The prosecution charges that after slaying Miss Elvins the Soule girl dragged the body into the kitchen and covered it with a green blanket, then tried unsuccessfully to cash at five different banks a \$180 check which Miss Elvins had received from her parents in Seattle. Dr. and Mrs. Richard E. Elvins, it is charged, then went to her regular typing class at the College of San Mateo and slept that night in the blood-stained bed.

Man Freed From Prison Put Into Custody Again

Upon his release from the Oregon State Penitentiary Saturday, Edward James Dempster, 22, was taken into custody by the Douglas County sheriff's office. He is charged with probation violation.

Dempster was sentenced to two years in prison June 5, 1956, by Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly but was put on probation. He was taken to Multnomah County, where he was sentenced to 18 months in prison. Both convictions were for burglary.

It was the Multnomah conviction which resulted in the probation violation charge.

Restaurant Instruction In Food Hygiene Slated

A series of classes set up by the Douglas County Health Dept. and designed to instruct restaurant operators and their employees in food hygiene will begin Jan. 16 in Reedsport.

Following the Reedsport classes, double sessions will be held Jan. 20-21 in Roseburg. The classes will be held in the court house auditorium from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. both days.

The following day, classes will be held at the same times in the Myrtle Creek city hall. Afternoon classes in the Sutherlin city hall Jan. 23 and in the Drain city hall Jan. 24 will wind up the series.

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Action Also Slated On Rackets; Civil Rights On Sidetrack

By LEWIS GULICK

WASHINGTON — Congress gets back to work tomorrow in an atmosphere of urgency far different from the mood of last year's pre-Sputnik session.

Things are a lot different than they were last Aug. 30 when Senate and House adjourned after chopping 3 1/2 billion dollars from defense and foreign aid appropriations and passing the first civil rights legislation in about 80 years.

In the interim, Russia launched two earth satellites and the United States failed in its first launching attempt.

Rep. Wright (D-Tex.) summed up the new mood this way: "There is an uneasiness to get on with the job, a sense of urgency."

"The two Sputniks have cast a shadow of complete uncertainty over their actual scientific or military significance. Their real significance has been psychological."

"There has been a lot of talk about this being the American century. Is it? And to the extent that it is, what are we going to do about it?"

Congress Sees At Stake

Any subordination of political jockeying under the stress of the times may wear off under later pressures as the November elections approach. All 435 House seats and 32 of the Senate's 96 seats are up for voters' choice this year.

President Eisenhower's anticipated 40-billion-dollar defense budget, his science-centered education and program, foreign aid and other proposals will be involved in the Sputnik debate. And already there is talk of revamping the military setup.

Other happenings since Congress quit in August also will have their effect.

Civil Rights Chance Poor

Eisenhower's mild stroke in November has directed new attention toward proposals for passing on.

Auto Thieves, 15, Are Arrested Here

Two 15-year-old boys who reportedly stole a car at Coos Bay were taken into custody in Roseburg Saturday night by city police.

The car, owned by Guy M. Kelly, Coquille, was recovered by state police. It was found out of gas on Route 42 at the overpass onto Highway 99. The boys were taken into custody about the same time the car was located.

Police, alerted by Coos Bay officers, were watching for the car and the boys, one from Empire and the other a Coos Bay resident, were brought to the police station after they were seen walking on SE Oak Avenue. Police say the boys have signed statements admitting the car theft.

One of the boys is booked on a charge of auto theft, while the other is charged with grand larceny. Coos County authorities are expected to take them into custody today.

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Car Mishaps Claim Lives Of 6 Persons

Plunge Kills 2 Near Pt. Orford; 3 Portland Men, Youth Victims

PORT ORFORD — An automobile plummeted from a bridge and carried two persons to their deaths near here Sunday.

State police identified them as Mr. and Mrs. Fred Eugene Sparks of Windsor, Calif.

Police said their car hit an icy spot on the Elk River Bridge on Port Orford. It skidded 100 feet, broke through a guard railing and crashed, upside down, to the ground 40 feet below.

Sparks was killed instantly. Mrs. Sparks died soon after at a hospital. Police said they believed Mrs. Sparks had been driving.

Icy Highways Blamed For Portlanders Deaths

HILLSBORO — Frederick Leo Dethloff, 36, of Portland was fatally injured Sunday when thrown from a car that had skidded on an icy highway near Glenwood.

His brother-in-law, Marion H. Short, 34, also of Portland was taken to a hospital for observation.

Dethloff was the fifth traffic fatality in Oregon this year in the Associated Press tabulation.

OROFINO, Idaho — Two Portland, Ore., men were killed when their automobile skidded on the icy highway and overturned six miles west of here Saturday night.

The Orofino sheriff's office identified the two as Frank M. Larn and Edwin Gelson.

JACK SLIP FATAL

LEBANON, Ore. — A Soda-ville youth was killed Saturday when the car he was working on slipped off its jack and crushed him.

He was Gail Ivan Simms, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Simms.

Gas Explosions, Fires Wreak Havoc In Madison, Wisc.

MADISON, Wis. — Natural gas explosions erupted from underground lines Sunday and set off fires that destroyed most of a city block near Capitol Square.

Simultaneous explosions blew the front of an auto body shop and caused minor damage at Truxal Road, an Air Force base on the city's East Side.

Fire Chief Edward J. Page said damage might total a million dollars.

William Rossiter of the state fire marshal's office said failure of a regulator valve sent gas under high pressure into lines equipped for low-pressure loads. Explosions occurred where gas seeped through weak points.

William McGrath, 63, a grocery employee, died in a hospital several hours after an explosion destroyed his home. His wife, 54, who was in a second-floor bedroom, was killed.

Destroyed was a body shop; the Hyland-Hall Building occupied by heating contractors and an electric company; a drugstore, a grocery store; a three-story brick building containing university student rooms and apartments and upholstery and furniture firms; and two single family dwellings.

Three American Mothers Enter Red China To Visit Sons In Prison As Alleged Spies

HONG KONG — Three American mothers crossed apprehensively into Red China today to visit their imprisoned sons — almost three years after the Communists first invited them to come.

The three mothers are Mrs. Mary Deveney, New Britain, Conn., mother of John Downey, 27. He is serving a life term. She is accompanied by her 25-year-old son William.

Mrs. Ruth Redmond, Yonkers, N.Y., mother of 28-year-old Hugh Redmond, whom she has not seen for 11 years. He also has been sentenced to life in prison.

Mrs. Philip Fecteau, Lynn, Mass., mother of Richard Fecteau, 30, sentenced to 20 years.

They are the first Americans to make a nonofficial visit to Red China with State Department sanction since the Korean War.

Another American Accused

Another American, Los Angeles, A. J. Wirtz, crossed the small bridge into Red China shortly after the mothers. Traveling separately, he is seeking information to defend John Powell, for-



JACK O. HUDSON here for installation

Joint Installation Of Kiwanis Officers Dated Here Tuesday

All three Central Douglas County Kiwanis clubs will be represented Tuesday night at the Gold Room of the Hotel Umpqua for a joint installation dinner ushering in the new year.

The spotlight for the event will be on Jack Hudson of Coos Bay, lieutenant governor of Division 15 of the Northwest District of Kiwanis International. He will hold a conference with members and conduct the installation ceremonies.

Hudson is a real estate broker in Coos Bay and has been a Kiwanian since 1951. He holds one of the three positions on the Northwest District Kiwanis Education and Fellowship Committee. He is past president of the Coos Bay Kiwanis Club.

Officers to be installed by each club are:

Glenn R. Smith, president; Fred L. Darby, vice president; A. L. Mills, secretary; Robert Miller, treasurer. Smith succeeds Forrest L. Kennaday.

Winston-Dillard—Ben F. Scheele, president; Sid Nichols, vice president; Vince McGovern, secretary and treasurer. Scheele succeeds Paul B. Hull.

Roseburg—Frank B. Dixon, president; John M. Brown, vice president; W. M. Campbell, secretary; and E. G. Young, treasurer. Dixon succeeds Robert G. Davis.

The installation dinner is scheduled to start at 8:30 p.m.

South Texas Again Ravaged By Floods; 1,800 Evacuated

DALLAS — Continuing rains brought new flood threats today in south Texas, where 1,800 persons have been evacuated.

Other areas of the Southwest remained in the grip of a heavy snow that left hundreds of motorists stranded.

The newest flood threat was in the lower Rio Grande Valley at Alamo, scene of a major flood in 1953. Waters that flooded 71 city blocks at nearby Edinburg and forced evacuation of nearly 800 persons were flowing into the Alamo area. The crest was expected there late today.

Five hundred persons were taken from flooded homes at Bishop and another 300 at Robstown in the Corpus Christi area. Seven inches of rain left water five feet deep in sections of Bishop.

More than 300 vehicles remained stranded in Odessa, Pecos, Alpine and Marfa in West Texas as the heavy snow, ranging up to 20 inches in depth, all but stopped highway travel in eastern New Mexico and adjacent areas of Texas.

Several cars overturned and passengers from more than 30 were rescued near Muleshoe, where 14 inches fell.

Forty persons spent the night in the First Christian Church of Pecos after 6 to 9 inches of snow forced the closing of virtually all highways between Midland and El Paso and hotels and motels in Pecos, Alpine, Marfa and Odessa were jammed with stranded motorists.

Roads in the central mountains and eastern plains of New Mexico remained blocked.

Myrtle Creek Resident Charged With Bad Check

Arthur W. Ross, 23, Myrtle Creek, was arrested by a deputy sheriff Saturday on a charge of obtaining money by false pretenses.

The arrest was made on a Canyonville justice court warrant issued Dec. 2.

Wife Of Convicted Ex-Union Leader Attempts Suicide

SAN FRANCISCO — The distraught wife of Hugh Bryson, former maritime union leader who was to go to Los Angeles Monday to begin a prison term, is recovering from what police said was a suicide attempt.

Police investigator Vincent Conney said the 26-year-old woman, mother of five children by Bryson and another from a previous marriage, apparently was unable to see her husband when she tried Saturday at county jail. Later, at the home of friends, she took a large dose of sleeping pills, he reported.

Bryson, 43, must serve a five-year sentence for lying in a 1951 Taft-Hartley law affidavit when he claimed no connections with the Communist Party. The same jury that convicted him ruled that he told the truth when he said he was not a member of the party.

Last week Bryson lost a court appeal that his sentence be halved.

When the judge turned down the appeal Mrs. Bryson rushed from the court room in tears and tumbled down stairs when she fainted.

Riddle Woman Found Dead In Yard At Home

A 66-year-old Riddle woman who was found dead in the yard of her home this morning died of a cerebral hemorrhage, according to Coroner L. H. Powers.

Mrs. Thomas E. (Edith) Hendrick, Riddle Rd., had gone outside about 6:15 a.m. for wood, the coroner was told. She was found about 7:30.

Powers said a medical examination showed she had broken a leg in two places when she fell.

The woman was taken to Myrtle Creek Clinic after a doctor had been called. She died in the clinic about 8 a.m., five minutes after arriving there.

Powers said she had a history of heart trouble.

The body was taken to Ganz Mortuary, Myrtle Creek, where funeral arrangements are pending.

ONEGON JOBLESS UP

SALEM — Oregon has 69,409 persons seeking jobs, the state Unemployment Compensation Commission said Saturday.

The present total, the commission said, is an increase of 18,700 over one month ago.

U. S. Falling Behind In Arms Race With Russia Because Of Complacency, Assertion

By ELTON C. FAY

WASHINGTON — A civilian study group says the nation's strategy and military forces are out of step with the tempo of the missile age and need big changes and billions more in money.

Defense spending should be increased about three billion dollars each year for the next several years, said a special 21-man panel of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund.

Lt. Gen. Gavin, Rapping Pentagon, Will Drop Army

WASHINGTON — A spectacular one-man revolt by Lt. Gen. James M. Gavin spurred demands today for a shakeup in the military high command.

Gavin, chief of the Army's research and development program, told a reporter he is sticking by his announced intention to retire from the Army March 31. He will be 51 then, with 30 years service.

"I won't compromise my principles and I won't go along with the Pentagon system," he said.

Some members of Congress expressed concern at Gavin's move, and a Senate subcommittee planned to explore the matter promptly.

Sen. Kefauver (D-Tenn.) said Gavin's stand emphasizes what he called a need for Congress to consider overhauling the present military setup.

Gavin said that "I haven't been able to get much done, the system being what it is." Without elaborating on this, he said he is "not doing any good" inside the Army.

"I'll take a cut at it on the outside," he said.

As a civilian, Gavin said, he would be free to "recommend, to apply creative thinking to national defense."

Testifying before the Senate Preparedness subcommittee last week, Gavin said the Joint Chiefs of Staff system should be abolished for its present purposes of planning over-all military programs.

He suggested that it be replaced by a planning group not specifically representing the different armed services.

Gavin said at the time that he was not criticizing any past or present military or civilian leaders at the Pentagon. But he expressed dissatisfaction with the present system under which decisions are reached by compromise among the operating heads of the services.

Drunk Driving, Taking Car Face Taxi Fare

A non-paying fare who took a taxi cab for a spin Saturday night drove himself right into the city jail.

Two possible charges face John W. Lybrand, 33, Ashland — drunk driving and taking and using an auto without consent of the owner.

A patrolman first noticed the taxi traveling at an excessive rate of speed on SE Oak Avenue and followed it. The cab skidded when it turned onto the Oak Avenue bridge and forced an oncoming car to halt to avoid a collision, the officer reported.

As the chase continued, other cars had to take evasive action to avoid disaster, according to the policeman. Lybrand is said to have finally been forced to the side of the new highway by the police car.

Just as the chase ended a call came over the police radio informing all units that an Elks Cab had been stolen. Truman Ellis, owner of the vehicle, informed police he would