

Ike Says Nation Strong Militarily

Proposed Loan To Finance Green Sanitary District Cause Of New Controversy

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A new chapter is being added to the short, tempestuous history of the Green Sanitary District.

The latest storm has pitted the district board of directors against the Committee for Dissolution in a letter-writing duel over a proposed loan from the Federal Housing and Home Finance Agency.

Late last year, the district, being unable to secure bidders for a sale of \$355,000 in bonds, requested the loan be made by the federal agency.

Now, the Committee for Dissolution has rebuffed with a petition to L. R. Durkee, director of Northwest Operations in Seattle, asking that the loan not be approved because it is too costly. The petition contained the names of 59 people.

Insists On Loan

Following a request for a statement on the contentions of the petition, District Chairman Warren Engdahl sent Durkee a reply, again insisting the loan should be granted.

The Committee for dissolution has also sent letters of protest to Sens. Richard Neuberger and

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Would Bar Security As Political Issue

President Addresses Nation At Republican Dinner Rally Monday

By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH

CHICAGO (AP)—President Eisenhower says America is strong militarily "and will grow ever stronger" — and that national security must be barred as a political issue in this year's congressional elections.

The President also told a Republican \$100-a-plate dinner rally and a nationwide TV radio audience last night that United States defense is markedly stronger than when he took office five years ago.

Eisenhower again pledged effective modernization of the defense setup to deal more adequately with the Russian threat in the future. And he told applauding party faithfuls here that in the modernization program "I intend to participate personally until the job is done."

FPC Denies Snake Dams Applications

Nez Perce Dam Gets Preference Of Commission

WASHINGTON (AP)—An application by Pacific Northwest Power Co. for a license to construct the Mountain Sheep and Pleasant Valley dams on the Snake River was denied Monday by the Federal Power Commission.

The FPC held the project, estimated to cost 170 million dollars, would not be "best adapted" to a comprehensive plan for the Snake's development between Oregon and Idaho.

The commission said a higher dam downstream at Nez Perce would be superior, and indicated it could be built either by private interests or by the federal government.

"There is nothing in this record," FPC said in its brief 12-page opinion, "which convinces us that the Nez Perce project would not be constructed under a license issued pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Power Act."

Would Preclude Nez Perce

The two proposed dams would preclude construction and operation of Nez Perce.

The Mountain Sheep-Pleasant Valley stretch is downstream from the Hells Canyon site where Idaho Power Co. has been authorized.

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HAROLD E. SCHMEER Oregon Chest appointee

H. Schmeer Elected To Oregon Chest Board Of Directors

Harold E. Schmeer, long active in the Community Chest and Central Douglas United Fund, has been elected to the board of directors of the Oregon Chest, it was announced today.

The Central Douglas United Fund directors made the appointment.

Schmeer, who is Roseburg branch manager of the U. S. National Bank, has served as a United Fund director and chairman of its budget committee.

The Oregon Chest is a state-wide federation of voluntary health, welfare and child-care facilities. It has 16 member agencies.

Operating as a "state" package, the Oregon Chest has 82 members on its state board, including one from each of Oregon's 36 counties. Schmeer will represent Douglas County.

The county has had an important interest in the Oregon Chest, as evidenced by the fact that in 1956, the last year for which complete statistics are available, the child-care facilities gave 9,901 days of care to 77 children from the county. In the last five years, 305 cases have received 37,720 days of care from the group of services.

Car Liability Insurance Rate To Be Raised

PORTLAND (AP)—Automobile liability insurance rates will go up an average of 30.5 per cent in Oregon Wednesday for bodily injury policies written by a major group of companies. The rate for property damage coverage will increase by about 10 per cent.

These increases are effective on insurance written on passenger automobiles by companies associated with the National Bureau of Casualty Underwriters and the National Automobile Underwriters Assn., which write about 75 per cent of the insurance in Oregon.

Smaller increases will be effective in the cost of insurance covering collision damage to the driver's car.

Application for the new rates was made several weeks ago and Hugh Earle, state insurance commissioner, said that a study by his staff showed the increase necessary to meet rising costs.



LEO SPARKS files for commissioner

Leo Sparks Files For Commissioner Of Douglas County

Leo Sparks, Oakland, Monday filed for the Republican nomination for Douglas County commissioner in the May 16 primaries.

Sparks is the second candidate to file for the office.

Frank Ashley, incumbent, a Democrat, already has filed for re-election.

The Oakland Republican was an unsuccessful candidate for the GOP nomination for the office in the 1954 primaries.

Sparks, a Douglas County resident for the past 30 years, is engaged in farming in the Oakland area. He has belonged to various farm organizations and presently is a member of the receiving board of the Park School for Exceptional Children in Roseburg and several fraternal groups. He also was a member of the Oakland School board for nine years.

House Group Okays Added Missile Funds

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House Appropriations Committee voted an emergency "time-buying" \$1,410,000,000 fund Tuesday to speed missile programs and give more punch to the air force's retaliatory power.

This is 40 million more than President Eisenhower requested two weeks ago.

The addition is all for the army, to bolster its missile programs. A last minute revision doubled the proposed increase by allotting 20 million for the Pershing Project, aimed to develop a solid-fuel successor to the Army's 200-mile range Redstone.

Of the total, \$1,260,000,000 in new cash and 150 million is authority to transfer funds already available. The 40 million dollar increase is in the transfer funds.

Nation's, Local Economy To Improve, Schmeer Says

"We've had our bad news," said the educated pronouncement Monday noon at the Chamber of Commerce at Roseburg launched its 1958 forum luncheon series with a "state of the economy" speech by Harold Schmeer, manager of the Roseburg branch of the U.S. National Bank.

He indicated by the statement that 1958 locally would be "better than 1957." He said he expected the national economy as a whole to show improvement after a late 1957 and early 1958 slump, but he thinks the upturn will start locally before it does nationally. "I believe there will be more lumber

Retired Colonel Gets \$250 Fine

A retired Air Force colonel who pleaded guilty to drunken driving Monday in district court was handed a hefty fine of \$250.

Judge Warren A. Woodruff told Arthur Clark of Portland that the large fine was being levied because he was not going to impose the usual jail term. Clark had been arrested Sunday by state police on Highway 99 at the Garden Valley interchange.

A \$150 fine and ten-day jail sentence was meted to David L. Stribling, 19, Box 353, Sutherlin, on a similar charge. Stribling pleaded guilty to drunken driving as charged by state police.

Great Decisions Town Hall Meet Slated Tonight

A "town hall meeting" will be held tonight at 8 at the First Christian Church in Roseburg in connection with the "Great Decisions" program being conducted by the County Extension Office.

Schmeer called all these indications "rolling adjustment" in the economy.

Looking again at the local scene, he prophesied an increase in new house starts in the nation. He said it might run to 1,200,000 or more.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Teletype chatter:

A woman in Cantanzaro, Italy is talking again — after being mute for six years. It all came about because she got mad. Back in 1931 she and her sister were having an argument and something the sister said so infuriated her that she became speechless.

She remained mute until yesterday, when the same sister got her so mad that she burst out with a shout of rage — and now she can talk again.

Hmmmmmm. There's a thought there.

If we could find a way to get our talk-spouting politicians so mad that for six years they'd go without speaking — just sawing wood and saying nothing — think of all the wonderful things we might accomplish!

Think of the worldwide respect and admiration we could gain!

Here's another thought:

Not alone in America, but throughout the modern world, the techniques of disagreement have reached a high state of perfection. If we could learn how to bring to the same stage of perfection the techniques of REACHING AGREEMENT AND THEN GOING ON AHEAD AND DOING THINGS, how wonderful it would be.

We have to disagree, of course.

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Two Drain Girls Placed On Probation Monday

Two Drain girls, 15 and 16 years of age, were placed on probation Monday in a juvenile court session for being truant from school.

Circuit Judge Charles S. Woodruff gave a 17-year-old Myrtle Creek boy accused of being a peeping Tom an opportunity to complete his military service entrance tests before completing his sentence in a dependency hearing. Two children, one and two years of age, were taken from their mother and ordered placed in foster homes. The mother had been charged with neglect.

The Reynolds purchased the business in December and took over operation this month. They have been in the cleaning business for five years in Winston.

John L. Meier Jr., the former owner, is re-entering the U.S. Forest Service, according to Mrs. Reynolds. He expects to be stationed at Glide, she said.

Chamber Approves Upping Director List To 21 Names

Members of the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce Monday approved increasing the number of directors from 12 to 21, and Jan. 28 was set as the last day for mailing ballots to the chamber office.

Nine new men will be elected, and a committee Monday night nominated 18 men's names for the ballot.

The proposal carried, 54-5. Reasons for asking the increase were to give better representation of chamber membership on the board and to arouse more membership interest in the activities of the chamber.

The three men receiving the highest number of votes will be elected to three-year terms. The second-high three will be elected to two years, and the third three will be named to one-year terms.

The nominees are: Gerald S. McCarthy, Archie White, George Luoma, O. J. Feldkamp, Ray O. Sims, Dudley Walton, Rex Roberts, John Brown, Tom Clark, Duane E. Lafferty, Roy Bean, G. A. (Mike) Gibbons, Harold Backen Jr., Jack C. Davis, J. W. Sayre, C. M. McDermott, C. L. (Chet) Thompson and A. B. French.

The ballots will be mailed to chamber members this week, and should be returned in stamped envelopes included with the ballots, according to Harold Reaume, secretary-manager.

New Snowfall Reported In Oregon's Mountains

SALEM (AP)—Between 2 and 5 inches of new snow fell in Oregon's mountain passes, the Highway Commission said Tuesday.

Tire chains are required at Timberline. They should be carried at Government Camp, Warm Springs Junction, Gephco Summit, Willamette Pass, Bly and Austin.

One VA Officer To Retire, Second Takes High Post

A cycle of new assignments in the ranks of higher officers at the veterans Administration Hospital here was complete today with the announcement of one retirement and two re-assignments.

Retiring after nearly 28 years with the VA, the last nine of them here is Floyd P. Powell, assistant manager. The retirement will be effective Jan. 31.

Dr. Otto Schaefer, chief of professional services, will become new manager of the VA Hospital at Danville, Ill.

Walter W. Barker, chief of social services, has accepted a similar post at the VA Hospital at Knoxville, Iowa.

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New Rates Listed

Following are the state's zones, the old and new rates for 5 and 10 protection, the new rate for 50 and 100, and the old and new rate for comprehensive and \$100 deductible collision insurance, all applying where there is no male driver under 25.

Zone 1 — Portland and parts of Multnomah and Clackamas counties: \$5,000 and \$10,000 plus \$5,000 property damage, old rate \$56, new rate \$74; \$50,000 and \$100,000 plus \$5,000 property damage, new rate \$96.05; comprehensive and \$100 deductible collision, old rate \$39, new rate \$49.

Zone 2 — Suburban Portland including parts of Multnomah.

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FLOYD P. POWELL ending '28 years' service

to Butler, Pa. then to American Lake, Wash. He returned to Roseburg in April 1955 as director of professional services.

He recently completed a three-month preceptorship in hospital management, and has been recognized for his background and experience by receiving the appointment and promotion to the 1,729-bed neuropsychiatric hospital at Danville.

February Shift Due

Barker will leave Roseburg early in February, and will be on duty in Knoxville Feb. 17. The reassignment is in the nature of a promotion, since the Iowa hospital is larger than Roseburg's.

A resident of Roseburg for 8 1/2 years, Barker lives on Melrose Road with his wife and four children. He has been serving as public relations chairman for the Douglas County chapter of the American Red Cross and has been active as a member of the Roseburg School Evaluation Steering Committee.

The men's successors haven't been named.

The hospital has a brand-new manager, Dr. John Doering arrived here last week from Minnesota to replace Dr. R. G. St. Pierre, who was transferred to a Missouri hospital management.

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ROSEBURG POLICE START Traffic Light Patrol

Roseburg police this week started a patrol of the school crosswalk traffic light at Haynes Avenue and Stephens Street, according to Police Chief Vernon Murdoch Jr.

The chief said some drivers have been failing to observe the "caution" message of the flashing amber light. He said that during school hours, the light will turn to amber, then red, so caution must be used by motorists on Stephens.

The manually operated light is operated by a school patrol.

Warnings will be given to some unheeding motorists, Murdoch said, with citations to be handed to flagrant violators.

High Bail Placed Against M. Pool On Vagrancy Count

Unusually high bail of \$5,000 was set for Marlin Lou Pool, 29, 4209 SW Carnes Rd., arrested Monday on a vagrancy charge.

He pleaded guilty to the charge the Roseburg police and is held in the Douglas County jail. The complaint against him was signed by Keener Wilson, 2746 W. Jay Ave.

Wilson's complaint followed up a call made to Roseburg police early Sunday morning from his home. He claimed that Pool was causing a disturbance after being ordered to leave the house.

When police arrived, they reported finding Pool outside the house. He assertedly told an officer that Wilson had said he would shoot him if he came in the house. The officer reported that when he entered he found Wilson holding a loaded revolver.

The weapon was handed to the officer who unloaded it, according to police reports.

Police stated they had been informed by Wilson that Pool had at one time rented a room in their home and had been making frequent visits although no longer welcome.

Pool was taken to downtown Roseburg Sunday morning by police who arrested him the following day on a justice court warrant.

BULLET KILLS SHEEP

Orville Montgomery, Box 51, Wilbur, complained to the sheriff's office Monday that one of his sheep was killed last week. He said he believed the animal had been shot with a .22 caliber bullet.

SHIRTS SHOPLIFTED

Three wool shirts valued at \$13.95 each were stolen Monday from Joe Richard's Men's Store, police were told by Theodore H. Ranlett. He said the shirts were taken by two youths about 18 years of age.

15 Minute Talk

The President, with Mrs. Eisenhower at his side, spoke for 15 minutes before about 5,000 enthusiastic diners at Chicago's International Amphitheatre at the start of his sixth year as chief executive. His talk — carried by TV and radio to more than 40 other party fund-raising dinners around the country — kicked off the 1958 drive to capture control of Congress from the Democrats.

The President said the Republican's first objective — security and a just peace — is not a partisan or political matter, adding, "Americans must never and will never let the issue of security and peace become a pawn in anyone's political chess game."

Even as Eisenhower spoke, his chief aide, Sherman Adams, was addressing Democrats of "politicking with national defense." Adams also said the Democrats ought to be called strictly to account by the American people.

Departs From Text

Departing from his prepared text at one point, the President advised Republicans, independents and those he termed discerning Democrats, "Don't pay an attention to the pessimists, those peo-

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Master Of State Grange Scheduled Here Three Days

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He is scheduled to make addresses or take part in ceremonies in three Grange functions Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

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Friday evening, McClure will be the guest of honor again of the Evergreen Grangers for a pin ceremony and degree conferral. He will present silver anniversary pins to all Evergreen Grange members who have memberships of 25 years or more. Later in the evening, third and fourth degrees will be conferred.

The evening will start with a potluck supper at 6:30 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.

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Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Uncle Sam's announcement that he is giving \$4,950,000 to help India and Nepal build a highway through those countries is hardly calculated to console the 40-odd women who recently failed to get an Oregon pledge to straighten Highway 42 between Coquille and Camas Valley.