

River To Crest Below Flood Stage



RAIL EXPERT George B. Abdill is shown at the typewriter with which he is writing descriptive material for use in his forthcoming book, "This Was Railroading." Also shown is his wife, Annette, whom he credits with valuable assistance in working on the book. (Paul Jenkins)

Early Years Of Railroading In Pacific Northwest Told By Veteran Employee Of S.P.

An enthusiasm developed in childhood has resulted in the scheduled publication of a pictorial history of Pacific Northwest railroading authored by a Roseburg man, George B. Abdill, 1625 NE Cobb St. The book, entitled "This Was Railroading," will be published next Sept. 1 by Superior Publishing Co., Seattle.

Abdill said he first became interested in rail lore when he was a youngster in Dayton, Ore. He now engineers freights out of Ashland and is a 17-year veteran of Southern Pacific's Portland Division.

His enthusiasm for rail history was developed early.

He began a collection of railroad photos, mostly concerned with the early days of railroading in Oregon, some 20 years ago while still a teen-ager. The collection now numbers some 5,000 photos, many of which will be used in his book.

Firm Asks For Story

He said he was asked by the publishing firm to compile the pictorial history about three months ago. His job since then has consisted of sorting out the best and most significant pictures available to him, writing descriptive text and conferring with other rail experts and the publishers on technical details and makeups.

Abdill first came to Roseburg in 1951. He has worked out of Roseburg since then, except for several months in 1954 and 1955 when he was temporarily transferred to Oakridge.

His rail experience includes more than two years as a U.S. Army locomotive engineer in Europe during World War II.

Abdill comes from a family with a railroad background. He said his grandfather helped construct the first railroad out of the Dayton area in the 1880's.

Articles Published

He has had articles published in national publications such as Railroad Magazine and industrial and local publications.

The husky 37-year-old engineer commented that the book will contain several pictures and descriptions.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Incidental Information:

Another Portland zoo penguin died this week, making 19 that have succumbed so far. Seventeen of the big South Pole birds are still alive, but at least one of them isn't expected to live.

Hmmmmmm.

Think how much better off these birds would have been if they had been allowed to STAY AT HOME DOWN IN ANTARCTICA and mind their own business.

Maybe there's a lesson in this penguin incident for us Americans.

President Eisenhower's pattern for stepped-up education program went to congress at noon Monday. It is tailored to meet the nation's current needs — especially the need for more scientists.

The plan calls for a billion dollars in federal aid over a period of four years. Included in it are 40.

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The Weather

Clearing conditions this afternoon or evening. Partly cloudy with a few scattered showers to night and Thursday. Cooler tonight and Thursday.

Highest temp., last 24 hours	50
Lowest temp., last 24 hours	42
Highest temp., any Jan.	65
Lowest temp., any Jan.	9
Precip., last 24 hours	1.36
Precip., from Jan. 1	6.53
Precip., from Sept. 1	22.54
Excess from Sept. 1	5.76
Sunset tonight 5:21 p.m.	
Sunrise tomorrow, 7:22 a.m.	

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String Of Slayings Brought To Nine

Search Pressed For Teen-Agers In Nebraska

LINCOLN, Neb. — Lincoln police reported Wednesday afternoon three more persons have been found slain, bringing to nine the total killings uncovered in this area since Monday.

BENNET, Neb. — Wary, heavily armed officers pressed their search Wednesday for a pair described as a kill crazy teen-ager and his 15-year-old friend wanted in connection with six grisly killings.

Lancaster County Atty. Elmer Scheele prepared a first-degree murder charge against 210-pound red-haired Charles Starkweather, 19, who has a reputation as a sharp-shooting hunter.

Scheele said he will file a similar charge against Starkweather's girl friend, Carol Fugate.

Traveling in pairs through the night officers made a house-by-house check of farms in the Bennett area without finding a trace of either of the hunted Lincoln teen-agers.

Farmers Join Search

Armed farmers joined the search as farm families spent a sleepless night behind locked doors.

Bennet, 16 miles southeast of Lincoln is only about 50 miles from the Kansas, Iowa and Missouri state lines. Officers in those states were on the alert to watch for Starkweather and the girl.

In Mount Vernon, Iowa, two truckers involved in an accident reported flagging down a car.

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Students Seeking To 'Bail' Out Coach Brad Ecklund In Polio Collection Effort

Charged with failing to contribute to the March of Dimes, Bradford Sterling Ecklund, 35, head football coach at Roseburg High School is presently doing time in J.C. Penney's window.

Meanwhile, back at the school, students are scurrying around trying to raise money for Ecklund's bail. It will take \$400 — \$100 from each class to obtain the coach's freedom.

Until bail is posted or his fine paid, Ecklund will remain in custody of Lloyd (Whitey) White, KRNK disk jockey who is conducting a marathon platter spinning performance in the store window to raise money for the March of Dimes.

Ecklund, described as six feet, three inches tall, weighing 225 pounds, was arrested on a warrant Tuesday night by Roseburg police. He was taken into custody at Benson school where he had just finished refereeing two basketball games.

Alias "Baby Face"

The coach was booked at the city jail and listed his aliases as "Brad" and "Baby Face."

"I thought I was being arrested because of a couple of bad calls," Ecklund said today. "I'm not guilty of the charge. I have pledged to the drive and always will, but how can I prove it?"

Since his arrest at 9:20 p.m., Ecklund has been assisting White in his marathon, spinning records and taking pledges and bids by telephone.

Ecklund says he understands the drive to raise his bail is rolling rapidly but he expects to be in custody today and Thursday unless the students get the necessary money sooner than he figures.

White Going Strong

White has been in the store window on his radio marathon more than 50 hours. He expects to last at least until noon Thursday to make his stint 75 hours, a record for a disk jockey. It started at 9 a.m. Monday.

Ecklund said White is holding up well. "I'm in worse shape than he is," the coach said from his glass enclosed cell.

Roseburg municipal judge Randolph Slocum made an appearance at the store this morning and arraigned Ecklund on the non-contribution charge.

Boat Launching Ramp Planned For Reedsport

A program expected to culminate in the construction of a small boat launching ramp at the foot of Rainbow Plaza in Reedsport has been undertaken by the Lower Umpqua Chamber of Commerce.

The program has been placed in charge of a committee which includes Frank Taylor, Howard Hindale, William Burdick and Roy Henderson.

The ramp, it is stated, would fill a need for a place where sports fishermen could load and unload their craft while fishing the river in the Reedsport area. The ramp, it is believed by Chairman Taylor, would add particularly to the interest in fishing for striped bass.

The Umpqua River, Taylor says, has a large population of stripers, but these fish are not receiving the attention they are given elsewhere, particularly Coos Bay. If better facilities were obtainable, he believes, more fishermen would seek striped bass, as the fish are available the greater part of the year.

Cooperation between various agencies will be sought to obtain funds with which to make the improvement, Taylor reports.

On To Oregon Cavalcade Described To Kiwanis Club

Plans for the "On to Oregon Cavalcade," a real-life recreation of the original Oregon Trail wagon crossing, scheduled for this summer, were aired by two of its heartiest supporters at the Kiwanis Club luncheon Tuesday at the Hotel Umpqua.

Dr. Verner Anderson and Alan Knudtson, members of the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce, described the program, which has been made toward making the crossing between June 1 and Sept. 7 next summer. The cavalcade, composed of some 25 actual covered wagons, will start at Independence, Mo., and end at Champoege, Mo., and communities of Oregon are expected to furnish a wagon on apiece for the march which will follow largely the original trail west in the 1860's. A motor caravan, carrying supplies and entertainment, will accompany the wayfarers West, according to the speakers.

Project Sanctioned

The project has been sanctioned by the Oregon Centennial Commission with the principal objective of publicizing the 1959 Centennial in the state. Center of the Centennial will be the Pacific International Exposition Bldg. in Portland.

Most of the Centennial Commission's allocation of \$800,000 for the trade fair to take place there has been appropriated, and \$3,000 has been allocated to each city and county in the state. It is estimated that it will cost each community wishing to enter the caravan \$1,650 to sponsor a wagon.

The caravan idea, originating with the Roseburg Jaycees, may still be provided with a national sponsor. The group has incorporated as a non-profit organization toward fulfilling its purposes.

Many Persons Apply

Knudtson stated that interest in the project is indicated in the more than 100 applications he has received from many parts of the country for taking an active part in the cavalcade. Anderson observed the publicity that the event will stir, pointing out that some eight million tourists are expected in the state during 1959.

The only apparent obstacle at present seems to be one of obtaining authorization from the states to be crossed in using public highways for the crossing. Taking Independence, Mo., as a jumping off spot, the caravan would cross Nebraska, Kansas, Wyoming and Idaho.

Knudtson sang the virtue of the caravan as capturing the "rapture of the migration to Oregon" and the storehouse of "happies" in the Oregon Trail, in the part it will play in celebrating the Oregon Centennial.

Kiwanis Club President Frank Dixon promised the club's help and cooperation in any way possible.

Third Member Of Burglary Team Sentenced

The third and final member of a burglary team received a prison sentence Tuesday.

Stephen James Davis, 18, was handed a one-year term by Circuit Judge Charles S. Woodrich. Davis, an Oakland resident, had previously pleaded guilty to burglarizing a Drain service station but imposition of sentence had been delayed pending a pre-sentence investigation.

In earlier arraignments, Tommy Joe Thrasher, 19, Roseburg, and George Bell, 19, Augusta, Ark., pleaded guilty to taking part in the burglary and were sentenced. Thrasher received a one-year term and Bell got two years.

The three had admitted burglarizing seven business establishments in Douglas County the night of Dec. 17, 1957. The burglaries extended from Roseburg to Drain.

Highway Interim Committee Sets Hearings Dates

The state Legislative Highway Interim Committee, headed by Rep. Albert G. Flegel of Roseburg, will travel 2,128 miles in two trips to hear citizens in 20 Oregon cities in March and April.

Flegel, who told the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce Monday that the hearings were to be held this spring, said 11 points will be visited in Western Oregon March 17-21 and 9 cities in Eastern Oregon April 7-11.

The committee will be in Roseburg at 8:30 a.m. March 18. The Western Oregon trip will start from Salem, and the first meeting will be in Albany. The Western Oregon schedule:

March 17: Albany 9 a.m., Springfield 12:15 p.m.
March 18: Roseburg 8:30 a.m., Grants Pass 12:15 p.m.
March 19: Gold Beach 8:30 a.m., Coquille 12:15 p.m., Reedsport 7 p.m.

March 20: Tillamook at noon.
March 21: Astoria 8:15 a.m., Portland 3 p.m., Milwaukie 7 p.m.

The Eastern Oregon itinerary starts in Klamath Falls. The schedule:

April 10: Klamath Falls 12:15 p.m., Lakeview 7:30 p.m., April 8: Burns 11:30 a.m., Ontario 7:30 p.m.
April 9: Baker 9:15 a.m., Pendleton 3:15 p.m.
April 10: Fossil 11:30 a.m., Prineville 7:30 p.m.
April 11: Hood River at noon.

5-Car Pileup Blamed On Slippery Surface

A five-car pileup on the Oak Avenue bridge Tuesday evening was blamed on the slippery surface because of rain.

Roseburg police who investigated said the cars had been moving when they arrived. There was little damage to vehicles and no injuries, according to the report.

Involved, according to police, were Melvin B. Rodgers, 2958 W. Harvard Ave.; Jack L. Houston, 1048 W. Fairhaven St.; Wilmer E. Mynatt, Grants Pass; Adeline L. Robertson, 157 W. Kildeer St., and an unidentified person driving a 1952 sedan.

CLINIC DATE CHANGED

The date of the Riddle pre-school children polio clinic has been changed from Feb. 4 to this Thursday from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Riddle Elementary School.

Hitchcock Will Oppose Norblad For House Job

OSWEGO — Phil Hitchcock, who gave Douglas McKay a tussle for the Republican nomination for United States senator two years ago, said Wednesday he will try to win Walter Norblad's seat in the U. S. House of Representatives.

It was not an unexpected announcement.

Hitchcock, whose home is in this Clackamas County town at the south edge of Portland, said he feared the Republican Party would lose the First District unless it has a candidate "who can vitalize the party into successful activity."

Norblad now is Oregon's only Republican member of Congress. Hitchcock said Republicans lost the Second and Fourth districts in 1956 after several years of slipping majorities and said the same pattern was evident in the First District. But, he said, he was convinced that he could carry the election against any Democratic opponent.

Thornion May Run

Thus far there has been talk that Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornion may seek the Democratic nomination. Other probable Democratic aspirants are Jason Lee of Salem and Don Matheny of Brooks.

Norblad was first elected in Jan. 1946, at a special election and has been reelected consistently since. His home was Astoria at the time of first election but it now is Stayton, in Marion County.

Hitchcock, in a statement, implied Norblad had not been on the job enough. He said the campaign (Continued on Page 2 Col. 3)

District Court Of Honor Slated For Boy Scouts

A District court of honor for advancing Boy Scouts will be held Friday night, March 7, in the Riverside School auditorium, commencing at 7:30 p.m.

Boys who have earned star, life and eagle ranks, or explorer equivalents, will be eligible to participate in the court.

Vonnie E. Miller, district chairman, said the court won't replace troop courts of honor. Some participating boys will have received their badges in troop courts, but those who receive badges in the district court may be recognized again in his next troop court.

The court, a new activity, is being held to encourage scouts to advance.

Miller asked that all adult eagle scouts in the district participate in the court. He said registration of adult eagles will be made at the district scout office, 716 SE Main St., or the Douglas Abstract Co., 629 SE Main, Roseburg.

High School-College Relations Committee To Visit

The High School-College Relations Committee of the Oregon State System of Higher Education will visit Roseburg High School Monday at 8:30 a.m., Principal Harry Jacoby announced.

An assembly has been called to explain general college preparation and requirements. Later sessions will be held by representatives of all the state institutions of higher learning to discuss specific requirements of their institutions.

The visitation team will consist of representatives of all the state institutions, as well as Oregon Technical Institute.

Lyman Sayers Meted Two-Year Prison Term

Lyman W. Sayers will spend possibly two years in the Oregon State Penitentiary for writing worthless checks.

Tuesday, Sayers appeared in Circuit Judge Charles S. Woodrich's court and pleaded guilty to passing a fraudulent \$10 check at a service station. Authorities also credited him with cashing about a dozen other small, worthless checks in Roseburg.

Despite a plea for probation by Atty. Thomas Garrison, Sayers received a two-year prison term.

HUBCAPS STOLEN

William R. Robert, 1605 NW Calkins Rd., reported to the sheriff's office today that the hub caps had been stolen from his car while it was parked at the Bowling alleys on NE Diamond Lake Boulevard.

Only Flooding Danger Seen On Cow Creek

Water Will Recede With Storm's End, Report Forecasters

The capricious South Umpqua river and tributaries were acting up again today, but danger of flooding appeared slight, except on Cow Creek.

A late-morning river advisory from the Roseburg station of the U.S. Weather Bureau said heavy general rains had stopped. It indicated that showers later today will add only minor rainfall to the area.

The river crests forecast by the Weather Bureau were: 24 feet at

Falling Tree Flattens Roof Of Elgarose Home

Heavy rains in Douglas County Tuesday night and Wednesday were accompanied by high winds, and one gust toppled a tree on the Jim Andrews' home at Elgarose.

Correspondent Thelma Hansen reports the large tree fell onto the front of the house early Wednesday. It broke into the roof of the two-story home with a loud crash, neighbors said.

Neither Andrews nor his son, the only two occupants of the house, were home at the time, Mrs. Hansen said.

Winston about 4 p.m. (flood stage 26 feet); 21 feet at Roseburg about 5 p.m. (flood stage 22 feet); 13 at Winchester about 1 p.m. (18 foot flood stage); and 27 at Kellogg on the main Umpqua about 8 p.m. (flood stage 31 feet).

The only imminent danger area appeared to be along Cow Creek. A report from the Douglas County Water Resources Survey office showed Cow Creek was rising fast late this morning and was at or slightly above flood stage. Cow Creek at Glendale showed a reading of 6.7 and was rising at the rate of a foot an hour. Flood stage is 8 feet. At Azalea, the reading at 10:30 was 10.2, just at flood stage.

Creek Floods At Riddle

At Riddle, the creek had already

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President's Plane Lands In Kansas

OLATHE, Kan. — President Eisenhower, forced to skip fog-bound Kansas City, landed at the Naval Air station here Wednesday en route to his brother's funeral.

The President's plane, Columbine III, touched down in clear weather at 11:27 a.m. (CST) after circling for 37 minutes over Kansas City, Grandview, Mo., and Olathe.

An emergency motor caravan, composed largely of Navy automobile drivers, was assembled to drive Eisenhower into Kansas City where funeral services were to be held in the afternoon for his elder brother, Arthur.

The press plane, which normally lands an hour ahead of the President, was forced to circle the Kansas City area for an hour and 20 minutes while officials were deciding where the President would land.

Earlier, at Washington, the President had flown by helicopter from the White House to National Airport for his trip west. It was his first use of the new service for such a short hop.

Juniors Lead In MD Drive At Roseburg High

The junior class led students of Roseburg High School in collecting money for muscular dystrophy, a drive which started last Friday and ended Monday night.

The entire student body collected \$2,056.99, it was reported Tuesday afternoon.

The juniors turned in \$690.92, freshmen \$540.02, sophomores \$439.70 and seniors \$386.35.

Emil Ramberg, chairman of the Muscular Dystrophy Committee for Douglas County, will speak at a Thursday assembly at the high school. Also on the program will be KXII's Del McKay, sponsor of a trophy for the winning classes when the high school students were active in the March of Dimes.

Yoncalla Girl Again Sought As Run-Away

A 16-year-old Yoncalla girl apparently with the urge to wander is again being sought by law officers.

The girl reportedly ran away again Tuesday night—this time from a Roseburg family she had been placed with at the request of Julian Helleck, juvenile director.

She was placed in the foster home Sunday after being taken into custody at a dance hall. Her parents had reported to police that the girl had run away from them during a visit to Roseburg.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Epitaph for a speed maniac:
He swept the highway
like an avalanche,
Rode the return trip
in an ambulance.



NEW OFFICERS of Roseburg's police reserve were appointed recently by Police Chief Vernon Murdoch Jr. Receiving the 1958 appointments and promotions were (front row, left to right) Sgt. Robert Boaz, Sgt. Pete Andrus and Capt. John Melnic. In the back row are Lt. Paul Schiell, Chief Ed Davis and Secy-Treas. Robert Harris. The reserve now has 14 officers and men out of an allowable 25. They have full police power when in uniform and assist regular officers in their work, primarily. Reserves are supplied uniforms but must furnish their own sidearms.