

Portland Transit Problem Is Nearer Solution With Withdrawal Of PUC Head

PORTLAND, Ore. — Oregon public utilities commissioner, Howard Morgan, Wednesday stepped nearly out of Portland's mass transit transportation squabble, apparently leaving the way open for a fare increase here and continued service.

Rose City Transit Co., which operates Portland's mass transportation system, had said it would pull its buses off the streets Feb. 27 unless the City Council here granted a 15-cent fare increase.

That would make the cost of an adult ride 25 cents. After Morgan stepped out of the picture, it appeared that the council's lone dissenting vote to the fare increase would go along with the majority and give Rose City what it wanted.

Myrtle Creek, Tri-City Mothers March Tonight

Mothers from Myrtle Creek and Tri-City will march on polio tonight between 7 and 8 p.m. No signals will be used to let people know about the march, but they are asked to turn on their porch lights if they wish to contribute. Mrs. Walter Watson is chairman for Myrtle Creek and Mrs. Frank Young for Tri-City.

'Thousand Year Reich' Was Born 25 Years Ago

BERLIN, Jan. 30. — Twenty-five years ago today, Adolf Hitler and the Nazi party took power in Germany and the "Thousand Year Reich" was born. The thousand years ended 12 years later after World War II, the murder of six million Jews, the division of Germany and the spread of Russian power.

Hospital News

Douglas Community Hospital Admitted
Medical: Barney Hansen, Jennie Taylor, Mrs. Clifford Smith, Timothy Diaz, Patricia Finney, Crystal Flesher, Roseburg, Frank Budrow, Portland, Carl L. Linn, Idley Park; Mrs. Robert Munter, Oakland; Mrs. Alva Mauldin, Tenmile.
Surgery: Kathy McClain, Norma Cross, Guy Gason, Esther Fjeldseth, Roseburg.
Discharged: Mrs. Robert Blackwell and baby, Ronald Craig, Winston; Mrs. Carl Walker and baby, Carole Ann, Cannonville; Mrs. Rolland Storie, Roseburg; Tommy Allen, Oakland; Cheryl Marshall, Myrtle Creek.
Mercy Hospital Admitted
Medical: Shirley Ann Jones, Mrs. James D. Vasey, Mrs. Lloyd Louwerback, Richard John, Mrs. Gertrude Patterson, Roseburg; Alton Tennant, South Canby; Mrs. Charles Johnson, Dillard; Mrs. Robert Travis, Riddle; Mrs. Sylvia Smith, Sac City, Iowa; Mrs. Richard Evanson, Myrtle Creek.
Discharged: George James, Mrs. Carl Johnson, Mrs. Chester Frew and baby, Sharon Lee, Roseburg; Mrs. Raymond Cross, Sutherlin; Mrs. Layton Deitz, Myrtle Creek.
LaGrande Attorney's Death Labeled Suicide
LA GRANDE, Ore. — Coroner Norman Gansler says a prominent LaGrande attorney, who died last week, committed suicide. The body of 67-year-old Howard E. Dixon was found in his garage here Saturday.
Dixon had been an attorney in Union County since 1911. Since 1933 he had been a partner in a law firm in LaGrande, Ore., in partnership with E. E. Gansler.
Survivors include the widow, Lucile, a daughter, Mrs. M. M. Mills, Walls, Walls.

offered the opinion that Morgan no longer had any authority over the transit firm because it was operating only buses powered by gasoline.
Morgan said he was withdrawing an earlier opinion that he had to approve any bus fare increases "in view of the fantastic action taken by the company in destroying its trolley bus system."
In addition, Morgan said he was acceding to "obvious desires of the City Council." These desires, he said, were even more fantastic in view of the council "approving such destruction."
Morgan said he was not abandoning permanently his claim to jurisdiction over the transit system here. He said the law clearly defines that street transportation in cities of more than 50,000 persons is a utility subject to his office's regulation.

Dr. Odegaard Now New President Of U. Of Washington

SEATTLE, Jan. 30. — Dr. Charles E. Odegaard, dean of the college of literature, sciences and art at the University of Michigan, was named president of the University of Washington Wednesday.
The 47-year-old educator is considered "one of the outstanding educational administrators in the country," the University Board of Regents said in announcing the appointment.
He will take over as president Aug. 1, succeeding Dr. Henry Schmitz, who is retiring. His salary will be \$26,500 a year, \$2,000 higher than Dr. Schmitz' salary.
The president of the university also is given rent-free use of the official president's residence.
The appointment was announced at a special meeting of the Board of Regents. Several score educators have been interviewed or considered for the position.
Dean Odegaard is a specialist in medieval history and will be the first historian to head the university.
He was executive director of the American Council of Learned Societies from 1948 to 1952. During World War II he served as a Navy officer, attaining the rank of lieutenant commander. He is married and has three children.

Senate May Take Lead In Bill On Education

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30. — Indications mounted today that the Senate may take the lead this year in trying to pass a federal aid to education program.
In the last two years the House has carried the ball on President Eisenhower's school construction bills while the Senate worked on other legislation. The bills were beaten on close votes in the House.
But Sen. Hill (D-Ala.), chairman of the Senate Labor Committee, told a reporter today his group "is going right ahead" this year on a big education bill. This year's administration plan is designed to increase science education. It does not include funds for school construction.
Sen. H. Alexander Smith (R-N.J.), senior Republican on the committee, said in a separate interview he believed "it would be very wise for us to take the lead this session."

Children Wave Goodbye: Now They Are Orphans

KELOGG, Idaho, Jan. 30. — Eight children waved goodbye Wednesday when their parents left their Pines Creek area home 10 miles southwest of here for a short trip to a nearby town. Now the children are orphans — their mother and father killed in a traffic accident.
Clarence Larson, 41, and Donna, 34, were killed outright when their pickup truck went out of control, tumbled end over end and came to rest against a telephone pole.
The mishap occurred a mile from their home shortly after Wednesday midnight.
Deputy Sheriff Vic Lees of Kellogg investigated the accident. The children were being cared for by neighbors Thursday.

Temperamental Singer Reprimanded By Union

NEW YORK, Jan. 30. — The case of the San Francisco Opera Co. vs. Maria Callas has been closed with a gentle reprimand for the temperamental soprano by her union.
The board of governors of the American Guild of Musical Artists ruled she was not "completely justified" in breaking a contract with the opera company last fall.
BY FINE, the union's national executive secretary, interpreted the decision as "in a sense a reprimand to her."
For breaking a contract the AGMA board is empowered to fine performers or suspend or expel them from the union.

CONDOY SALE

The Pythian Sisters will hold a condo sale Saturday in front of Swick's store to raise money for the Pythian Club. Proceeds will be divided between the March of Dimes and Muscular Dystrophy funds.



MOUNTAINEER REACHES NEW HEIGHTS AS POLIO MOTHER—Mrs. Dewey Houston, 35, named "Polio Mother of 1958," poses with her family during the annual National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis luncheon in New York City. Once an ardent mountain climber and skier, the Bellingham, Wash., housewife and commercial artist was stricken with polio in November, 1952, shortly before her first child was born. Children are Michael, 5, and Jonathan, 5 months. Husband Dewey Houston holds proclamation awarded to Mrs. Houston, who is also honorary chairman of the nationwide Mothers' March on Polio.

Son Of Slain Couple Informed By Clergyman

WALLINGFORD, Conn., Jan. 30. — The 14-year-old son of a couple slain by a gunman in Lincoln, N.H., flew back home Thursday to attend the funeral of his parents.
Michael Ward, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Lauer Ward, was accompanied by a Waterbury clergyman and his wife, close friends of the family.
It was the Rev. David Gracey, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, who broke the news to the boy Wednesday.
Michael, a first year pupil of the Choate school, spent the night at the clergyman's home.
The Rev. Mr. Gracey said he hurried to the Choate campus Wednesday when he learned the boy's parents had been slain.
"We went into a room together," he said. "First, I said a little prayer because I didn't want to tell him bluntly. When we finished the prayer, I said, 'Mike, you must think it funny to get you in here and then say a prayer, but I have really bad news. Then I told him. He took it well.'"

Coroner's Jury Rules Shooting Was Accidental

RICHLAND, Wash., Jan. 30. — A coroner's jury ruled Tuesday the fatal shooting of Dale Arthur Moore, 16, during a scuffle on sheep-watching duty was accidental.
He was wounded about midnight Saturday at a Future Farmers of America farm three miles north of here and died the next day.
Three other Richland High School students, with Moore at the farm, testified at the coroner's inquest he had been drinking and the scuffle started "because he was hard to handle."
The boys had been standing watch in teams over the FFA flock of about 75 sheep during the lambing season. One had brought along a .22-caliber repeating rifle. Moore was shot under the left eye.
The three boys, all 17, were released after the jury reported its findings.

Clark's Driver's License Taken

SALEM, Jan. 30. — The driver's license of Raymond F. Clark, associate of Portland gambler James Elkins, was suspended Wednesday for one year.
The suspension was ordered by James F. Johnson, state director of motor vehicles, who said Clark has been convicted of three traffic violations since his license last was suspended Dec. 17, 1956.
Johnson said the first suspension was ordered after a reckless driving conviction. It was reinstated Feb. 6.
Johnson investigated Clark's record again after Elkins and Clark were found parked in front of a Safeway store near Portland. Clark was hiding in a box in the back of the truck.
Clark has been involved in 14 accidents and has had 14 convictions for traffic violations.

Man Slays His Wife. Child In Vancouver

VANCOUVER, B.C., Jan. 30. — A 35-year-old father fatally stabbed his wife and a five-year-old daughter at the breakfast table in their home Wednesday, seriously injured another daughter and then stabbed himself.
Hospital officials said the father, stabbed several times in the neck and chest, and the eight-year-old daughter both may recover.
Officials said the man apparently went berserk in the family's Burnaby St. home in Burnaby, a Vancouver suburb.
Police identified the family as William M. Freeman, 35, his wife Audrey, 32, and daughters Pauline, 5, and Doreen, 8.

MIGRANT LABOR DIVISION

SALEM, Jan. 30. — Creation of a migrant farm labor division in the state Bureau of Labor was announced Tuesday by Labor Commissioner Norman G. Nilson.
To head the new division, Nilson appointed Mark Martinez Infante of Portland. He holds a law degree from the University of Mexico, and was a labor disputes referee in Mexico before coming to Portland to work in Nilson's Civil Rights Division.

Billy Nunn Fails In Appeal To State Supreme Court

SALEM, Jan. 30. — Billy Junior Nunn, sentenced to die in the gas chamber for the sex-murder of 14-year-old Alvin William Eacret in Jackson County, failed Wednesday in his appeal to the state Supreme Court.
He committed a perverted sex act on the boy, choked him with his hands, and then used the boy's own belt to strangle him to death.
The murder was committed April 19, 1956, and Nunn was arrested two weeks later in Alturas, Calif.
Nunn, after the high court decision becomes effective three weeks from now, will be taken back to Medford where the execution date will fix a new execution date.
Then he can appeal to Gov. Robert D. Holmes, who so far in the year he has held office, has commuted all death sentences to life imprisonment.
The governor opposes capital punishment.
Nunn's appeal was the first under a 1955 law providing for automatic Supreme Court appeals for all persons who are sentenced to death.
The court also ordered the Klamath County Circuit Court to try the personal injury damage suit of Nathan J. Newell against Calude E. Taylor, Dean V. Johnson and J. I. Schlegel, Newell was injured in an automobile collision, and Circuit Judge David Vandenberg has dismissed the case.

Blackwell Sent To Hospital After Sanity Hearing

RICHLAND, Jan. 30. — Barney H. Blackwell, 36, whose disappearance last August resulted in a widespread search, has been ordered committed to Eastern State Hospital at Medical Lake.
The order was issued Tuesday after a sanity hearing here. Blackwell dropped from sight during a family picnic in the Blue Mountains near Wanta Walla and returned in mid-December, saying he had been an amnesia victim.
He later was charged with desertion and non-support of his wife and children and pleaded guilty. He faces sentencing on these charges after his release from Eastern State.
Lillian Hodges, 16, who disappeared at the same time as Blackwell, later was found in California. She now is living there with relatives.

95 South Africans Are Ordered To Stand Trial

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, Jan. 30. — A preliminary inquiry today ordered 95 South Africans, opponents of the Nationalist government's white supremacy policy, to stand trial on charges of high treason.
Ending a 13-month-long court hearing corresponding to a grand jury investigation, Magistrate F.C.A. Wessell ruled that there was "sufficient reason for putting all the accused on trial."
The government charged that they sought to overthrow it and set up a Communist state. Defense counsel V. C. Berrange contended his clients used only moral and peaceful persuasion in campaigning against the government's race legislation.
Those to be tried include 17 whites, 50 Negroes, 16 Indians and 2 colored mixed blood persons.

Runaway British Couple Finally Wed In Cuba

HAVANA, Cuba, Jan. 30. — Tesse Kennedy and Dominic Elves, the young British couple who were foiled by her father in efforts to marry in Britain, finally were wed here Monday night, a Cuban notary public said.
Notary Oscar Rangel said he secretly married the 19-year-old runaway heiress and the 26-year-old son of a society painter at his downtown office. He refused to give any details.

MARINES IN EXERCISE

Cpl. Earl E. Ramsey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete W. Bray, Roseburg, and husband of the former Rosa L. Hubbard, Weston, and Pfc. Jerry L. Talbott, son of Forrest A. Talbott, 540 W. Umpqua St., Roseburg, took part recently in a landing exercise by the First Marine Division at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Railroad Freight Rate Arguments Continue Today

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30. — Opponents of a proposed railroad freight rate increase readied more arguments Thursday, as the possibility arose that the railroads might drop one request.
Oral arguments on a proposed increase averaging 3 per cent on selected items of freight went into their second day before the Interstate Commerce Commission. The increases will become effective Feb. 15 unless suspended by the commission.
In advance of the day's hearing, a railroad spokesman told a reporter the railroads may withdraw a proposal for added charges on recognition of freight from one train to another. He estimated potential added revenue from that source at \$2,300,000 for 1958.
Fred H. Tolan, an attorney representing Pacific Northwest shippers, said the added recognition charges could increase shipping costs as much as \$60 a carload.
Foes of the rate increase repeated two major points Wednesday in their testimony.
The railroad proposals are so complex and far reaching that hearings should be held before they go into effect.
The higher rates would not really help the railroads but would cause more shippers to turn to the trucking industry.
The railroads have estimated the proposed rate increases would bring in an additional 176 million dollars this year, about 40 million dollars less than what they said would be added to 1958 costs by higher wages and taxes.

Elkton Service Station Under New Managership

By MRS. C. W. HENDERER
Mr. and Mrs. Al Stacks and family of Elkton will close the Chevron Service Station in Elkton Friday and open the Standard Oil Station in Cottage Grove Saturday.
Joe Bishop will take over the Elkton business Saturday as the new dealer. He attended the Standard Oil School of Instruction in Eugene for a week.
Mr. and Mrs. Emery Stewart spent last weekend in Vancouver, Wash., visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stewart.

Cubs Elect

Elkton Cub Scouts, Den 1, elected the following officers recently: Denner, Tommy Hancock; assistant denner, Richard Adams; keeper of the sheepskin, John King; yell leader, Gordon Crisman, and song leader, David Abraham.

South Deer Creek Grange Will Meet

South Deer Creek Grange will hold its regular business meeting Saturday at 7 p.m. supper. All members are asked to come as hoboes as men of the grange have planned a hobo dinner. Members are to bring white elephant gifts to sell.
The second in a series of pinocle parties will be held Feb. 8 at 8 p.m. at the grange. Refreshments will be awarded and prizes served following the party. The public is invited to this event.

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