

59 Douglas Veneer Workers Denied Benefits

Schwartz Testifies Mack Paid By Television Station



ARMED WITH DOCUMENTS — Dr. Bernard Schwartz, left, fired as counsel to a special House investigation subcommittee, has a desk load of documents as he talks with Rep. Morgan Maulder (D-Mo), who quit as head of the dissension-torn committee. Schwartz went before a closed session of the subcommittee early Feb. 11 with his bundle of papers. He was subpoenaed as a witness in the congressman's investigation of federal regulatory agencies and instructed to bring all his personal files. (AP Wirephoto)

Payments Said Made To FCC Commissioner

WASHINGTON — Bernard Schwartz testified Thursday that Federal Communications Commissioner Richard A. Mack had acknowledged receiving "several thousand dollars" from an attorney for a Miami television station.

Schwartz, fired counsel for a special House subcommittee, told the subcommittee under oath the money was paid to Mack after he became a member of the FCC in the summer of 1953.

Mack was one of four commissioners who voted to grant the hotly contested Channel 10 in Miami to Public Service Television Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of National Airlines.

Schwartz said the money was paid to Mack in several checks by Thurman A. Whiteside, a Florida attorney who had been retained by Public Service for work in connection with its television application.

Schwartz described Whiteside as an attorney who has a reputation in Florida as "a fixer."

Schwartz read into the record information he said was from canceled checks in the subcommittee files.

"After coming on the Federal Communications Commission and while the case was pending, Mack acknowledged that he received several thousand dollars from Mr. Whiteside," Schwartz said.

Didn't Explain
He did not immediately say what explanation Mack may have

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EVALUATORS REPORT Comparison Of Different Types School Organization Reported To School Board

A comparison between different types of school organizations in relation to projected enrollment and present school capacities in Roseburg was presented to the Roseburg School Board Wednesday night by Ross Myers, representing the school organization subcommittee of the school evaluation committee.

The presentation was part of a report based on the progress of the subcommittee, and was submitted at the school board's regular meeting. The types of organization discussed in the report were based on a division of grades in a 12 year school plan such as 6-3-3, 7-5 and 8-4.

In his report, Myers attempted to reveal to the board the good and bad points of each organizational plan as determined by the subcommittee in its investigation.

Two High Schools Possible
From the data gathered, Myers suggested that it might be feasible and economical to consider two high schools for Roseburg. An application of this plan could, he said, involve turning Joseph Lane Junior High into a high school specifically utilizing an academic curriculum.

The present senior high school would then combine academic curriculum with vocational-technical training as is now the situation, but with the addition of a second high school, greatly expanding enrollment possibilities.

Myers also presented figures on what expected new building costs might be under each system as based on the studies made by the subcommittee. Referring to the subcommittee, he said, "We hope to have a final report sometime in March."

The board approved a policy change regarding recognition of previous experience for teachers entering the system. The change involves credit for experience over six years. Salary schedule changes involved in the policy change were also approved by the board.

School Calendar Change
A petition to have next year's school calendar changed to fall-

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TOP DEMO — Ted Mouche of Roseburg has been named to guide the Democratic Party's destinies in Douglas County. He has been picked on the eve of the off-year election as chairman of the Douglas County Democratic Central Committee. (Paul Jenkins)

Faubus Revokes NAACP Franchise; Incidents Reported

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Gov. Orval Faubus revoked the state franchise of the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People Wednesday.

Two new reports of racial incidents came out of integrated Central High School.

And Supt. Virgil Blossom recommended the expulsion of a Negro girl from the trouble-ridden school. He said she violated an agreement not to fight back against white students' harassment.

Faubus signed a proclamation taking the NAACP and about 300 other corporations off the roll of chartered organizations because they failed to pay a 1957 franchise tax by a Feb. 1 deadline.

His action had the effect of dissolving the NAACP in Arkansas. Under a 1953 state law, the NAACP could regain its franchise by paying delinquent taxes and applying for reinstatement.

Hears Recommendation
The Little Rock School board heard Blossom's recommendation for expulsion of 16-year-old Minnie Jean Brown in a closed session. Blossom also extended a three-day suspension that she got Friday to two weeks.

Minnie Jean got the suspension — her second — for her part in a scuffle with a white girl student. The white girl quit school.

Last December Minnie Jean was suspended for throwing chili on two white boys in a cafeteria incident. She has been involved in several other incidents.

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Tunisian Head Warns French To Leave Soil

TUNIS — President Habib Bourguiba said Thursday that he would personally lead the Tunisian people in a guerrilla war if necessary to get French troops off Tunisian soil.

The Tunisian president in a speech recorded for radio delivery later in the day, warned French authorities that any armed effort to break out of their blockaded bases in Tunisia would be met by force.

Bourguiba added, however, that he did not despair of seeing wisdom gain control on the French side. He said he still wanted to negotiate with France, but only after the evacuation of the 15,000 French troops on his soil.

Bourguiba recorded his speech as tension mounted throughout the country and the French reported increasing minor incidents involving French troops, bases and civilians.

France Also Warns
France warned the Tunisians through diplomatic channels that further grave incidents might arise as a result of Tunisian refusal to allow French forces to supply their garrisons.

The French also carried their case again to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. At a meeting of the Atlantic Council in

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Dredging, Filling To Begin For New Plant At Reedsport

Dredging and filling on the site of Cascades Plywood Corp's new veneer plant at Reedsport is to begin next Monday.

The company has been granted approval to begin operations by the city of Reedsport, Port of Umpqua Commission and the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Plans call for widening and realigning the dike near the Highway 101 bridge before construction begins of the veneer plant on property purchased from the defunct E. K. Wood Co. Some clearing has been under way in the area for the past two weeks.

When the big fill is ready, construction will begin on the veneer plant with plans calling for its completion and opening of operations by May 1. Between 30 and 50 men will be employed at the \$400,000 structure which will produce one million square feet of 1/4-inch basis veneer on a two-shift basis.

All of the work is being done under contract, according to the new plant manager, Don Baxter. Logs are to be provided from former E. K. Wood timberlands and veneer is to be shipped to the Cascades Plywood plant in Lebanon. Logging operations, in general, are said to have shown considerable increase recently in the Reedsport area, according to the Port-Umpqua Courier. One towboat operator was said to be expecting the total cut brought downriver this year to be about 10 times greater than the volume handled last year, though some of the logs are destined for outside mills.

Lee Jones New President Of County Realty Board
Lee Jones is the new president of the Douglas County Realty Board, succeeding Earl Wiley. James Bevans was elected vice president, succeeding Joe Quant. Sophia Stone was re-elected secretary-treasurer. All are from Roseburg.

At the same district meeting this week, Warren Engdahl, charter president of the board, was re-elected to the post for 1958.

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Subfreezing Weather Hits Southland; Snow Falls; Florida Again Hard Hit

Nature spread a blanket of snow in the Deep South Thursday and the Weather Bureau issued freeze warnings for Florida.

"Fair and much colder this afternoon and tonight," said the Weather Bureau at Miami, where temperatures were expected to reach 34 to 38 along the water-front and 29 to 33 in farming areas.

Warren Johnson, meteorologist for the federal-state frost warning service at Lakeland, Fla., said all precautions should be taken for all growing plants and citrus.

"This is going to be a very severe night in all areas," he said.

Grim Warning
It was a grim warning to a state which has been blasted by repeated cold since mid-December. Many millions of dollars worth of citrus and vegetables have been lost, range cattle have died and disgusted tourists have gone home.

Thousands of migrant farm workers were left jobless when severe cold wiped out crops in the Everglades and as far south as Homestead, 28 miles below Miami.

Sub-freezing temperatures were a dime a dozen over much of the southland.

In Florida, 3 inches of snow fell at Tallahassee, 2 inches at Panama City on the Gulf of Mexico and an inch at nearby Pensacola.

Bob Harvie Wins Speech Contest
Bob Harvie was winner of the annual speech contest held by the Roseburg Toastmasters this week in the Coral Room at the Umpqua Hotel.

Harvie's speech was entitled "This Great Age."

Drain Chamber Plans To Beautify Two City Blocks

The Drain Chamber of Commerce has announced that Drain residents soon will embark on another in a series of volunteer "do-it-yourself" projects, the beautification of two blocks of First Street.

Included in the project, slated to get under way as soon as possible, is installation of sidewalks and curbing and planting of trees and shrubs on the east side of the street between Drain Building Supply and Lee's Pharmacy.

The city council Wednesday night said the work would cost \$1 per foot. The city cannot budget money for the work because the property is owned by Southern Pacific Co.

The estimated cost is for materials only, since labor will be volunteered by local citizens. Sewer work involving volunteer labor currently is underway and such installations as the city hall, a grange hall, a community swimming pool and a number of churches have been completed as "do-it-yourself" projects in the past.

As a means of showing the progress of the work, a movable donations booth will be set up at the north end of the project and moved southward as the work progresses.

TRAILER STOLEN
Theft of a homemade welding trailer was reported to Roseburg police Wednesday by Oscar Tuff, 1511 N.E. Diamond Lake Blvd. He said the wheels had been taken sometime Saturday but that the rest of it was noticed missing the day of the report.

Police noted that the trailer, built for a special purpose probably was taken for scrap iron. About 500 pounds of iron went into its construction.

State's 1958 Traffic Toll Climbs To 43; Two Die
By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Two fatal accidents Wednesday raised Oregon's traffic toll for the year to 43.

That is one death a day since Jan. 1.

Thirty-one persons died in January. Twelve persons were killed in the first 12 days of February. The latest victims were Vance Morgan, killed in a smashup near Lakeview, and Eugene Leroy Springer, who died when his pickup truck plunged off a highway near La Grange, both Wednesday night.

Douglas Welfare Budget On Agenda

Budgets will be the biggest items on the agenda when the Douglas County Welfare Commission meets tonight.

The commission will meet at 7:30 in the courthouse annex. The meeting had originally been scheduled for Wednesday, but because it was a holiday, the meeting was postponed one day.

Budgets to be voted on tonight include, a supplemental one for the third quarter, a new budget for the fourth quarter and a revised annual budget for the year ending June 30.

The annual budget for next year, July 1, 1958, to June 30, 1959, will be discussed but not voted upon.

Driver Escapes Injury In Crash

Injury was escaped Wednesday evening by Ruben Garson Wilkie, 40, when his car crashed through a guard rail and plunged down a 30-foot embankment onto the elementary school playground at Myrtle Creek.

The Myrtle Creek man reported the accident to police and said he was not traveling fast but that he had lost control on the slippery curve. His car was extensively damaged, according to Ruth Evans, News-Review correspondent.

The accident occurred on the curve on First Street immediately below the high school. Wilkie's car traveled upright down the embankment and ended in the playground just to the right of the school furnace room.

Michael Wilding Weds Divorcee
LAS VEGAS, Nev. — Actor Michael Wilding and Mrs. Susan Nell, a London divorcee and interior decorator, eloped here by plane from Los Angeles and were married in a wedding chapel Wednesday night.

The British film player, 45, former husband of actress Elizabeth Taylor, and Mrs. Nell, 42, obtained a marriage license shortly after 10 a.m. at the marriage license bureau in downtown Las Vegas.

Girls Arrested On Charges Of Shoplifting

Roseburg police said today they have stopped a wave of shoplifting with the arrest of four young persons.

Two girls, each 17 years of age, are alleged to have done the actual stealing — which was extensive. Police listed 215 articles recovered. The girls were booked on petty larceny charges and released to their parents.

Their boy friends are in the Douglas County jail on charges of receiving and concealing stolen property. Held are Ronnie Eugene Barnes, 21, 1635 W. Ann St., and John Edmund Fowler, 19, 510 W. Umpqua St. In addition, Barnes is charged with probation violation.

The shoplifting has plagued store operators in Roseburg and Eugene since September. That is when the girls said they started, police stated. A tip from a Roseburg jewelry store that the girls were in town Wednesday brought about their arrest and subsequent confessions, according to police reports.

Merchandise Unused
Much of the stolen merchandise was unused, although labels had been removed. One of the girls, police said, had stolen her loot in Barnes' car trunk because she was afraid to take it home.

Barnes, contacted at work, allowed police to search his 1954 car where stolen goods were found. In a written statement given officers, Barnes said he had warned his girl friend about stealing but to no avail. He said she had a set of keys to his car and would place things in it while he was working. Police said he admitted knowing the articles were stolen.

Barnes is said to have told the girl he didn't want the merchandise in his car because he is on probation for a conviction of larceny from an auto.

Took Loot Home
Fowler's car also had stolen merchandise in it, police said. However, his girl friend had taken most of her loot home and had worn most of the clothing she had taken, according to police.

The list of items recovered reads like an inventory for a general store. It ranges from stuffed toys to a potato peeler. Most of the clothing is women's, but some men's shirts are included. Considerable kitchenware and cosmetics were recovered.

The arresting officer pointed out that the girls must have been quite clever. He said the store manager who furnished the tip that the girls were in his store said they hadn't taken anything. However, when they were asked what had been stolen, each pulled off a bracelet which had been lifted from a counter.

Easter Seal Benefits Described In Feature

Members of the newly-formed Douglas County Easter Seal Board went to Eugene recently to see some of the work accomplished through Easter Seal funds. For what they saw, see Page 9 of today's second section.

In the same section, on Page 3, the weekly column "What Young People Think" discloses two conflicting trends in the matter of marriage among young people.

For those interested in the great men of the Old West, a feature on Page 6 of the section tells of the naming of two men to the Cowboy Hall of Fame at Oklahoma City.

Auto Insurance Overcharge By Some Car Dealers Bared By Insurance Commissioner

SALEM — Automobile salesmen putting insurance into a package with the car and its financing, have overcharged buyers to fatten their commissions, Hugh H. Earle, state insurance commissioner, said Wednesday night.

Already one insurance company has paid back some \$10,000 to Oregon policyholders. Another company is in the process of making rebates which may exceed \$10,000, Earle added.

And two or three other companies which handle the package deal are under investigation by his office, he said.

Companies Unaware
Insurance companies knew nothing of the overcharges, Earle said, and as soon as the matter was called to their attention they began the investigation which led to rebates.

"Trouble is," said Earle, "a man ready to buy a car just signs anything without reading it."

Earle added that the package deals in which overcharges were made came from those operations where the automobile dealer is also the insurance agent and insists on writing fire, theft and collision coverage for the car he sells.

Although the overcharges were made by salesmen, Charles Wentworth, president of the Portland Automobile Dealers Assn., said it seemed unlikely that the dealer would not be aware of it.

Ruling Made Men Didn't Pass Pickets

Commissioner Gives Ruling On Claims For Roseburg Lumber Strike

SALEM — Fifty-nine employees of the Douglas Veneer Co. in Roseburg have been denied jobless benefits because they involved themselves in a labor dispute, the Oregon Unemployment Compensation Commission said Thursday.

Their claim was denied by Aubrey S. Tussing, chief referee for the commission.

The Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union called a strike Aug. 12, 1957, at the Roseburg Lumber Co., which shares a log pond with Douglas Veneer.

Douglas Veneer, which sells most of its product to the parent lumber company, closed down immediately.

Called Men Back
However, the veneer company, after making contracts to sell to other companies, called its 59 men back to work on Aug. 14. Pickets had been placed at both plants, and the workers refused to pass through the picket line.

The strike was set Oct. 17, and then both plants opened. Tussing said a union representative claimed that the pickets were not intended to block entrance to Douglas Veneer, but Tussing discounted this.

Pointing out that the law forbids payment of benefits to workers who are jobless because of a labor dispute, the referee wrote:

Didn't Return
"We also rule that when, after call by the Douglas Veneer Co. to its production workers to return to work, they and the construction crew workers did not return to their work, but voluntarily remained outside the picket line, they adopted the labor dispute to be their own and participated in it and brought it to the premises at which they were then employed and at which they each remain employed."

"Work remained available to them for which they deemed themselves not available because of a picket line which was, it is said, directed against the employees of another employer (Roseburg Lumber Co.)."

Tussing continued that the union's contention it was not interested in Douglas Veneer is belied by the fact that the union tried to find out the name of one worker who did try to get past the line into the Douglas Veneer plant.

After that attempt, he said, more pickets were placed at Douglas Veneer.

Green Sanitary Dist. Granted Time Extension

The State Sanitary Authority has granted the Green Sanitary District an extension of time before \$36,000 in federal funds would be taken from it. This was the second extension.

The announcement was made at this week's meeting of the Green sanitary board. The information came from Curtis M. Everts Jr., secretary and chief engineer of the state authority.

Everts said the extension of time would remain in effect until "such time as a decision has been reached by the federal Housing and Home Finance Agency regarding the purchase by that agency of said bonds."

The district has already authorized sale of \$355,000 in bonds for construction of a sewer system in Green, but no buyers have been found. The IHFA, which is designed to assist small taxing districts in such projects, is currently studying a request by the Green district's board of directors to buy the bonds.

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The Weather

Increasing cloudiness tonight. Occasional rain Friday. Little change in temperature.
Highest temp. last 24 hours 56
Lowest temp. last 24 hours 40
Highest temp. any Feb. 48
Lowest temp. any Feb. 28
Precip. last 24 hours .20
Excess from Sept. 1 .675
Precip. from Feb. 1 1.99
Precip. from Sept. 1 26.64
Sunset tonight, 5:41 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 7:13 a.m.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein
One way to materially reduce the national debt would be to keep John Foster Dulles in the U.S.A. On his hot-footing abroad he has logged around 450,000 miles — at Uncle Sam's expense. His chief achievement to date has been to furnish material for TV gag purveyors.