

## Sharp Words Of Political Nature Crop Up At Trial

By BOB CLARK

Sharp words of a political nature were introduced Wednesday by the opposing attorneys during their final arguments in the negligent homicide trial of Edward Harold Colter.

The byplay apparently stemmed from the appointment by Gov. Holmes of Avery Thompson to the post of district attorney following the resignation of Robert M. Stults. Thompson was prosecutor in the Colter case and Stults was Colter's defense counsel.

Stults and other Republicans have maintained that the vacancy should have been filled by appointment of another Republican. Thompson, like Holmes, is a Democrat.

### Draws Fireworks

Stults touched off the fireworks late Wednesday morning, saying, "I expect that for some reason it has become more important for Mr. Thompson to make a case in this particular proceeding than normally we would expect it to become."

"Whether it has anything to do with the fact that Mr. Thompson is a candidate for election as district attorney and has decided that this is one place he is going to establish himself as prosecutor, I don't know," continued Stults.

"But if those are his thoughts," he added, "then I am not going to be part of sacrificing this boy for his personal ego, and I don't think this jury is going to be part of it, either."

Then the former district attorney said, "If there were any sense of fair play in this thing, I wouldn't go to the point of making assertions like that."

### Thompson Counters

Countering, Thompson later questioned the allegations made

by Stults that political reasons were behind his prosecution of the case.

"He knows better than that," said Thompson.

"I apologize for taking up your time and the time of the court to answer these allegations against me," the D. A. told the jury, adding that he believes Stults brought the matter up to "divert your attention from the case."

He said it is the duty of a district attorney to act as prosecutor in such cases and that he was only doing his duty.

Concluding his summation, Thompson said, "I can look you (the jury) straight in the eye and tell you that I have no other motive in this case than to see that the laws of the State of Oregon are enforced."

## Van Dine Meat Co. Will Open Roseburg Market

Van Dine Meat Co. of Myrtle Creek will open a new retail and wholesale market in Roseburg Wednesday, Oren Legerwood, owner of the company, announced.

The new store will be located at 228 NE Jackson St., near Deer Creek. The company's present plant has been located for 11 years at Boomer Hill Road and Highway 99, north of Myrtle Creek.

Roseburg and surrounding area residents have been coming to the Myrtle Creek plant, Legerwood said. "We feel we can serve the people better by having a location in Roseburg," he added.

Jack Mahoney, an employee of the company for the past five years, will serve as manager of the new store. The Boomer Hill outlet will continue in operation.

"We feel the future of Douglas County will be very good," the owner said.

## Evaluation Committee Okays Another Report

A sub-committee report on special service was approved Wednesday night by the Roseburg School District's evaluation steering committee during its regular meeting.

Harold Schmeer, committee chairman, said the report has been discussed several times since it was submitted some time ago. He said the Wednesday night meeting marked the final discussion and approval of the report.

Chairman of the special service sub-committee is Mrs. Maurice Newland.

Schmeer said other sub-committee reports were discussed briefly and acceptance left pending.

The committee will meet again next Wednesday night.

## IWA Continues Work Changing Constitution

PORTLAND — The International Woodworkers of America Thursday continued work on a new constitution after hearing a charge that some employer groups are encouraging Communists to tear down the union.

James Fading of Olympia made the charge Wednesday in debate over a new voting method for the union's executive board.

The Olympia, Wash., labor leader said the board's roll call vote procedure was used "to take this union away from the Communists."

The roll call vote was thrown out later Wednesday but Fading said that Communists still pose a serious threat to the 137,000-member union.

Leftwingers and Red elements still are moving around in our ranks, fostered and encouraged by employers to tear down our union," he said.

Fading said one large corporation, which he did not name, now is hiring Communists in an attempt to erode the union's power.

"This is an underground movement," Fading said. And he added that in Aberdeen, Wash., Communists "are the leaders of mass meetings of the unemployed."

Fading is president of the IWA's Western Washington District Council.

Later, a spokesman for a management association which represents 150 lumber employers in Western Washington and Oregon said "the charge is utterly fantastic."

"No member of our association would ever knowingly hire anyone for the purpose alleged by Mr. Fading," said Walter Durham Jr. of Portland, manager of the Lumbermen's Industrial Relations Committee.

Jurors Return Innocent Verdict In Auto Death

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By Adis. But the four said they were unable to estimate Colter's speed as he rounded the curve or to witness anything more of the crash than the flashing headlights of the car as it overturned.

Witnesses Made Issue

In their final arguments, Dist. Atty. Avery Thompson and defense attorney Robert M. Stults clashed on the subject of the availability as witnesses of Anderson and Anderson's companion at the time of the accident, Jackie Cole.

Stults charged that Thompson refused to use the pair as witnesses because their testimony might be "detrimental" to the state's case.

Thompson replied by saying that Stults could have subpoenaed Anderson and Miss Cole for use as witnesses. Taking a similar tack at Stults, he said that perhaps the defense did not want the pair to testify because "they knew of the wreck and would have to face the rigors of cross-examination."

## Explorer III Follows Strange Orbit Pattern; May Have Short Life

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Explorer III, the world's newest satellite, dipped and soared today through the strangest orbit pattern man has yet established.

Its radio voice untiringly transmitting information, the new Army moon 12 times each 24 hours soars up and up until it is about 1,735 miles out in space.

After each outward swing, it dips earthward into the thin upper reaches of the atmosphere, only about 125 miles up.

No other satellite is known to venture this close. Because of increasing atmospheric drag and the greater pull of gravity near the earth, Explorer III is expected to have a relatively short life.

Maj. Gen. H. B. Medaris, commander of the Army Ballistic Missile Agency, which fired the new Explorer, told reporters it probably would not live longer than two weeks.

He said the men in charge were very happy with the performance of the rocket and satellite.

The odd orbit, he said, should prove to be of considerable benefit — "some substantial advantage" — to the over-all space research program.

## Donovan Martin Dies Wednesday

Donovan Theron Martin, 27, passed away at his home at 951 W. Lookingglass St., Wednesday morning.

He was born at Persia, Iowa, July 30, 1930, and came to Portland about 15 years ago. He came with his parents to Roseburg in 1950. He served with the U. S. Army in Korea and was discharged in June, 1957.

Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theron H. Martin; two brothers, Robert and Michael, and two sisters, Janet and Karen, all of Roseburg. He is also survived by two grandmothers, Mrs. May Martin and Mrs. Hattie Wilson, both of Persia, Iowa.

Funeral services will be held in the chapel of Long & Orr Mortuary, Saturday, March 29, at 11 a.m., with the Rev. George Knox of the West Side Christian Church officiating. Burial will follow in the Roseburg Memorial Gardens.

## Traffic Toll Pushed As Teenager Is Killed

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Oregon's 1957 traffic toll was pushed to 77 persons Thursday following the death of a teenager near Canby and a Sherwood man in Portland.

Twenty have perished in March, according to the Associated Press tabulation.

Louis James Hess, 18, Canby, was killed outright late Wednesday night when he was pinned beneath his car after the vehicle overturned on a logging road.

Earlier Wednesday, John C. Goebel, 37, Sherwood, died of injuries suffered Tuesday when he was struck by a car in Portland.

Clackamas County sheriff's deputy David Spear said Hess' car skidded more than 300 feet as it approached a curve on the logging road four miles south of Canby.

## Residents Want County To Take Over Streets

Addition of six improved streets in the Newton Creek Homesites to the county road system is the aim of a group of people in the district.

At a Wednesday night meeting with County Engineer Al May, the group said their streets are in need of improvement. May made a preliminary estimate of 36 cents a front foot for repairing Follett, Hughes, Porter and Vine streets. Knoll Avenue and the improved portion of Johnson Street.

Petitions for the work are being prepared and will be made available in the area early next week.

### FAILS TO LEAVE NAME

George Herbert Peck, 17, 233 SE Fowler, pleaded guilty to a charge of failure to leave his name and address at the scene of an accident and was fined \$10 Wednesday in Roseburg Municipal Court.

Peck was involved in a collision last Saturday in which a car owned by Donald Wilcox, 2004 NE Commercial St., was damaged. Peck was apprehended by Roseburg police shortly after the accident, which occurred on the 300 block of SE Fowler St.

### RECKLESS DRIVER JAILED

A 21-day jail sentence has been given John Marion Billings, 18, San Diego, for reckless driving. Billings was sentenced by Glendale municipal judge A. J. Smith and taken Wednesday to county jail.

## Masked Gunmen Rob Tavern, Cafe At Wolf Creek

A pair of masked gunmen wearing black motorcycle jackets made off with an estimated \$125 last Wednesday night from the Laurel Camp "Pair-O-Jacks" tavern and cafe south of Wolf Creek in northern Josephine County.

State police reported the robbery occurred at 11:20 p.m.

Jack Cunningham, 36, proprietor of the establishment, described the men as wearing white handkerchiefs over their faces. He said they appeared to be between 20 and 30 years of age.

The taller man was about 5 feet, 10 inches tall and the other gunman about 5 feet, 6 inches in height.

Cunningham said the men entered the tavern and ordered a case of beer "to go." As he returned from the drinks cooler, the men pulled the handkerchiefs over their faces and told Cunningham to "put the beer on the counter and go to the cash register."

Cunningham handed the men bills and rolls of coins from the cash register. He then was ordered to clean out the cash register in the restaurant section, which he did.

The men then carried the money and the beer into their car and drove south on Highway 99.

Asked to identify the gun used in the holdup, Cunningham said he could not. "But I know it looked as big as a cannon when it was pointed at me," he added.

## Linn Co. Murder Trial Under Way

ALBANY, Ore. — The prosecution called additional witnesses Thursday as it sought to prove that an unemployed logger shot and killed a guest in his house.

Dist. Atty. Courtney Johns said he plans to call 25 witnesses in the second degree murder trial of Bruce Westerberg, 35, who lives near Stayton.

Westerberg is charged with killing Thomas Glenn Phillips, 47, Lyons, Ore., another unemployed logger.

Johns told a newly-sworn jury of eight men and four women in the trial's opening session Wednesday that Westerberg shot and killed Phillips with a .22 caliber rifle.

First witness called the state's first witness was Dr. Stanley Davis, a Salem pathologist, who testified that he found slivers of a bullet in the body of Phillips.

State policeman Robert Risman testified that he found no fingerprints on a .22 caliber rifle the state says is owned by Westerberg.

## Hospital News

**Mercy Hospital**  
Admitted  
Surgery: Mark Schmeer, Mrs. James Weatherman, Roseburg; Carl F. Miller, Newport.  
Medical: Mrs. Paul Meyers, Oakland; Mrs. Richard Mulder, Mable Davenport, Roseburg.  
Discharged  
Mitchell Joss, William Leney, Roseburg; Sidney C. Russell, Glendale.  
**Douglas Community Hospital**  
Admitted  
Surgery: Mrs. Carl Hamilton, Mrs. Edward Hedge, Roseburg; Paul Hansen, Oakland; Mrs. Alvin James, Riddle.  
Medical: Mrs. Alfred Smith, Mrs. Donald Jones, Mrs. Frank Rowland, Mrs. Quinton Clemons, Elmer Brown, Roseburg; Mrs. Al Richardson, Winston.  
Discharged  
James May, Vern Snow, Gary Kummert, Mrs. Harv Ohlson, Craigm Woods, Roseburg; Barrett Coughlan, Tillamook.

## Three Firemen Killed

CHICAGO — Three firemen were killed and six others injured early today in a big South Side auto agency.

The flames spread to three three-story apartment buildings, forcing about 150 residents to flee into the near-freezing weather.

## ACCUSED MAN RETURNED

James Orville Casteel, 34, Sutherland, was extradited from Trinidad, Colo., and booked Wednesday at Douglas County jail on a warrant charging him with forgery last December.

Casteel is charged with knowingly uttering and publishing a forged bank check at City Drive In Market, Roseburg. Bail has been set at \$1,500 and he was to be arraigned this afternoon in District Court.

## JAILED FOR DRUNKENNESS

Marshall Earl Sowell, Yoncal, was booked at county jail Wednesday night after pleading guilty in Drain Justice Court to a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Sowell was committed to jail in lieu of a \$150 fine imposed by Justice of the Peace Warren T. DeLaVerne.

## Association Says Reed Violated Academic Rights

WASHINGTON — Reed College in Portland, Ore., violated academic freedom by dismissing a teacher in 1954, an investigating committee of the American Assn. of University Professors said Wednesday.

The committee said the college violated academic freedom by dismissing Stanley Moore after he refused to answer some questions of the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

Moore then was a professor of Philosophy at the small, liberal arts college.

In Portland, Reed President Robert Sullivan said that Moore's conduct before the House committee was not the basis for his discharge.

Sullivan said that two other Reed teachers who cited the Fifth Amendment in refusing to answer questions of the committee were retained by the college.

Reed was one of nine colleges and universities in the nation charged with violation of academic freedoms.

The reports of the AAUP investigating committees were published in the organization's spring bulletin.

## Mayor Schunk Defends Himself Against Charges

PORTLAND — Mayor Terry Schunk says a Senate committee which chided him has shown "disregard for the United States Constitution and the judicial process."

"The citizens of the United States should be deeply concerned with the methods used in some of the recent Senate investigations," Schunk said.

"This nation conceived and founded on justice for all is threatened by 'little men' hungry for power and publicity," the mayor said Wednesday.

Schuck made the remarks in a prepared statement after the Senate Labor Rackets Committee had said in its annual report that Portland gambler Big Jim Elkins was a "forthright and candid witness" at committee hearings last year.

"This cannot be said for a number of witnesses, including Portland's Mayor Terry Schunk, who equivocated much of their testimony before the committee," the report said.

Schuck commented that the committee "can praise Mr. Elkins and his associates... but they never can change the facts and the true record."

## Light Agenda Scheduled By Planning Commission

A light agenda is on tap for tonight's regular meeting of the Douglas County Planning Commission. Bruce Elmgren, head of the commission, said today.

The meeting will be held at 8 p.m. in the commission office, Room 123 of the courthouse.

## Hells Canyon Dam Backers Chart Two-Stage Program

WASHINGTON — Backers of a federal high dam at Hells Canyon in the Snake River charted a two-stage program as strategy for ultimate victory in their long fight.

This was told by Sen. Morse (D-Ore.) last week in an interview at Portland.

Whether this was secret and should have been kept so, brought divided comment here.

Public disclosure came as a surprise, said Sen. Neuberger (D-Ore.).

"I had adhered to the request for secrecy so strictly I had not even discussed this proposal with my wife," Neuberger said.

But Morse, who discussed the plan in an interview when in Oregon last week, said it was known outside the original group before he mentioned it.

In general, said Morse in the interview, the high dam could be built in two stages: First a low dam with enough foundation to support the full height; second, an addition later that would meet high dam standards.

Idaho Power Co.'s Brownlee Dam would be inundated by a high Hells Canyon Dam but its generating equipment could be moved to the new high dam, Morse said.

Rep. Ullman (D-Ore.) whose district adjoins the controversial dam site, said he still was working for the high dam and the two-part plan should be held as an alternate "if we can't get our first choice."

So far as publicizing the plan, "I never indulged in any wishful thinking that it might be kept secret," Ullman said.

Gus Norwood of Vancouver, Wash., executive secretary of the Northwest Public Power Assn., said at Vancouver that he attended the meeting at which the two-stage plan was adopted as strategy.

"There were no oaths of secrecy," he said. "Nobody passed the Bible around."

## Townsend Denies Any Intention To Marry Margaret

LONDON — Peter Townsend said Thursday he and Princess Margaret have no intention of marrying.

Through his lawyer, Alan Phillips, Townsend issued this statement.

"There are no grounds whatever for supposing that my seeing Princess Margaret in any way alters the situation declared specifically in the Princess's statement in the autumn of 1955."

The Princess in October, 1955, said she had decided to place duty above all else and not marry the 43-year-old World War II hero.

Townsend's statement was released a day after his first open meeting with Margaret since she renounced him because he is a divorced man. His visit had revived speculation that the romance was being revived.

Before issuing his statement Townsend paid a business call within 50 yards of the princess's residence.

## U. S. Authorities Ram Boat Of Cuban Rebels

BROWNSVILLE, Tex. — U.S. authorities rammed a boat loaded with 36 uniformed, armed Cuban rebels in a pre-dawn attack Thursday. They captured the men and a large quantity of arms and ammunition.

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