

Holmes Asks Unemployment Loan



TELLS STORY — Harold Terry (Doc) Benson, right, tells Sheriff Ira C. Byrd of the events which led up to his escape from South Dakota State Prison in 1952. Benson, booked originally on a charge of obtaining money by false pretenses, has waived extradition to return to Sioux Falls and face the escape charge. (News-Review)

Threats On His Life While In Prison Caused Escapee To Flee S. Dakota Prison

By BOB CLARK
News-Review Staff Writer

Harold Terry (Doc) Benson, 69, Riddle, told sheriff's deputies after he was booked at Douglas County jail Saturday that threats on his life by other convicts forced him to flee custody at South Dakota State Prison in 1952.

Benson is facing extradition by South Dakota authorities on the escape charge. He also faces a local charge of obtaining money by false pretenses in connection with an allegedly phony \$3,000 timber sale.

The much-traveled Benson signed

2 Sutherlin Stores Agree To Close Doors On Sundays

The first break as the result of efforts by the Roseburg Ministerial Assn. to get grocery stores of Central Douglas County to close on Sundays came about Monday.

L. R. Ocumpaugh, owner of the Sutherlin City Drive In Market, reported that his store and the Sutherlin Safeway store had agreed to close their doors on Sundays, starting Easter Sunday.

He said the agreement was made as the result of a movement gathering momentum over the state. He said stores in Albany, Corvallis, Lebanon, Sweet Home and Grants Pass had agreed to similar closures.

Ocumpaugh, however, said the agreement between the two Sutherlin stores did not affect other stores in Sutherlin.

The Rev. Newell Morgan, pastor of the Roseburg First Christian Church and spokesman for the Roseburg Ministerial Assn., in an effort to secure closure agreement from Central Douglas County grocery stores, said Monday he had heard of no other such decisions to close in this area.

The association ran up against a solid wall of opposition in Roseburg last fall when some grocers insisted they could not close their doors because the Sunday business was the margin of profit. Some grocers were willing to close, but only if all others did.

At about the same time, Marks Shopping Center started closing on Sundays independently.

The movement for Sunday closures in the state started last year when the Catholic archbishop of Portland called for closure of stores operated by Catholics.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

The Soviet Union announces it is halting all tests of nuclear weapons. Waiting for similar agreement from the United States and Britain.

What is it? A bold move on Russia's part to break the deadlock and save the world from destruction in a nuclear war?

Not quite. There's a catch to it. This is the catch:

In announcing the decision, Russian Foreign Minister Gromyko said if the United States, Britain and other nuclear powers fail to take similar steps the Kremlin "naturally" will have to reconsider its action "in the interests of its own security."

That tabs it. It's a propaganda move — and a VERY smart one. It puts on

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The Weather

AIRPORT RECORDS

Partly cloudy and few light showers tonight. Mostly cloudy with occasional rain Wednesday.

Highest temp. last 24 hours 55

Lowest temp. last 24 hours 44

Highest temp. any April 90

Lowest temp. any April 27

Precip. last 24 hours .31

Precip. from April 1 .36

Precip. from April 1 to 11 1.40

Sunrise tonight 6:39 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow 5:54 a.m.

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Dulles Says Ike Vetoed Ban On Tests

Plan Considered As Propaganda, Says Secretary

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Dulles disclosed Tuesday that President Eisenhower considered stealing a march on the Russians by announcing a U.S. suspension of atomic tests but rejected the whole idea as a propaganda gesture.

Dulles conceded at a news conference that the Soviet government won a certain propaganda victory with Monday's announcement of suspension of Russian nuclear tests.

He labeled the gesture, however, as entirely propagandistic.

Cites Free Press In U.S.

But the United States, Dulles said, cannot operate as the Soviet Union can, because it works in the presence of a free press, an alert political opposition, a properly critical public opinion and allied governments which are not just dummies like the Soviet satellites.

At this point in his news conference, Dulles' voice rose emotionally and he declared "I thank God" that such conditions exist on the American side and he would not change one of them even though they make it difficult.

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Douglas Co. Goes 3 Months Without Traffic Fatality; Possible Reasons Outlined

By CHUCK GRELL
News-Review City Editor

Midnight Monday ended the first quarter of 1958.

And with that mark in time came the story any newspaper would like to publish:

Motorists in Douglas County drove through the first three months of the year without leaving a traffic fatality behind. The last one occurred Dec. 24.

The record has brought frank statements of amazement from police, for this was the county that last year counted 29 persons dead on its highways and roads. Six of those persons died in the first three months of 1957.

What were the reasons? State Police Sgt. Robert Keefe and Richard Boushey and Roseburg Police Chief Vernon Murdoch Jr. think they have part of the answers: Stricter law enforcement, an improved public attitude toward driving and harsher sentences for violators in the courts.

Cooperation Seen

Sgt. Keefe, supervisor of the Roseburg patrol office: "It's taken the cooperation of the people and the courts."

Sgt. Boushey, in charge of traffic patrols here: "We have the feeling that stricter enforcement apparently is doing some good in making people aware of safe driving."

Chief Murdoch: "There's a direct relationship between the number of accidents and the number of violations of the rules of the road. When violations go down, accidents and injuries decrease."

It's been four months since Gov. Holmes, alarmed by the 1957 death rate on Oregon highways, pleaded with the people to drive more carefully. H. G. Maisson, superintendent of state police, backed up the governor's plea by ordering his men to be less lenient in handing out citations to cite certain classes of violators into court in all cases.

More Citations

As a result, state police operating out of Roseburg issued more citations during the first two months of this year than in January and February of 1957. No more drivers were stopped for various violations, but fewer were given wrist slaps in the form of warnings.

In January this year, 369 traffic

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Four Candidates File For Camas School Board

Four candidates, all currently holding office, have filed for the Camas Valley School Board. Four positions are open. The election will be 2-8 p.m. May 5 at the school.

All candidates are serving on the board by appointment by the county school superintendent to fill out unexpired terms existing from the death of one board member, the resignation of a second and recall of two others.

John Standley will run for a one-year term; Allen Cooper for two years; Roy Young for three years; and Jack Hill for five years.

Two Canyonville Men File For School Board

Two Canyonville residents have filed petitions for director on the Canyonville School Board.

They are Robert Bryant and George McClane. Bryant has been a resident and property owner in the district since 1946. He has one daughter in high school and two pre-school children.

McClane was born in Riddle and has been a resident of Canyonville since 1933. He owns the Superette Market in Canyonville. Saturday is the deadline for filing petitions with Helene Altire, district clerk.

Roseburg School Budget Okay Expected Tonight

Roseburg school Budget Committee members are expected to approve the district's budget at a meeting tonight. Supt. M. C. Delter said.

The meeting is scheduled to start at 7:30 in the board room on the first floor of Central Junior High School. The committee finished going over the budget item-by-item Thursday night.

A special Roseburg School Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday night. The board will consider tentative plans for improvements in the science department at the high school.

Camas School Officials Set Reorganization Meet

Camas Valley school authorities are planning to meet with the county School Reorganization Committee in the courthouse in Roseburg Wednesday night, according to Supt. J. Clyde Akey.

He said problems pertaining to Camas Valley and its school organization will be discussed.



J. L. RICHEY JR.
... seeks one-year term



E. P. (BUD) JOHNSON
... files for election

Richey, Johnson File For Dillard Board Positions

Two Winston men Monday filed for positions on the Dillard School Board. They are J. L. Richey Jr. and Everett P. (Bud) Johnson.

Johnson, recently appointed to the board when Ralph Fisher resigned, is running for a five-year term. It's the position held now by Fred Albertus, school board chairman, whose term is expiring.

Richey is running for the unexpired year of Fisher's term. Johnson's appointment was for the balance of the school year.

Richey, a contractor, has been a resident of Winston for six years. He attended Klamath County Union High School and Bradley University. He has been a member of the school Budget Committee for three years. Richey is married and has two children.

Johnson is a mill owner and has resided in Winston Section for 12 years. He is a graduate of Oregon State College. Married, he has three children.

The two men are the first to file for the two positions.

J. Diefenbaker Wins Landslide In Canada Vote

TORONTO — Canada was amazed today by Prime Minister John Diefenbaker's political triumph, which shattered the opposition in Parliament and placed his Conservative party in complete command with the biggest majority in history.

Monday's general election—the country's second in 10 months—gave the Conservatives 209 of the 265 seats in the House of Commons.

The election made history in these other ways:

It reduced the once powerful Liberal party to 47 seats, the smallest number ever. It had 106 before the election.

It sent the leader of the Socialist Cooperative Commonwealth Federation, M. J. Coldwell, to defeat and reduced the CCF House membership from 26 to 8.

One district was still out.

The election completely eliminated the Social Credit party from Commons, including its leader, Solon Low. Social Credit had 19 members before.

The 62-year-old Prime Minister will be in a powerful position to rule as his party wills for the next five years.

The largest number of members any party ever had before was the 190 seats the Liberals won in 1949. Since his surprise victory last June, Diefenbaker had been governing with only 113, 20 less than a majority.

Arrest Follows Blank TV Screens

Television set owners in the Elk Creek area turned on their sets a week ago and drew a blank screen.

A check at the top of Old Baldy Mountain north of Yoncalla uncovered the reason. The antenna which transmits the Channel 2 picture and other equipment was missing.

Douglas County deputies reported they found cats, boots, horse and dog tracks at the antenna site. They followed the tracks and ended up in the back yard of Zene Aubrey McNabb, 54, Yoncalla. The equipment also was there, said deputies.

McNabb was out at the time but later was apprehended and denied taking the equipment said deputies. He was booked at county jail, however, and bail was set at \$5,000.

He was arraigned Monday in the District Justice Court at Yoncalla. DeLaVergne pleaded innocent. He presently is free on property bond.

Drunk Driver Handed 10 Days, \$150 Fine

Melvin Earl Green, 24, Rt. 4, Box 1185, was booked at county jail Monday after being sentenced to 10 days and \$150 on a drunk driving charge.

Green was arrested Sunday by state police on Highway 99. He was sentenced by Warren A. Woodruff, district judge.

\$14 Million Federal Aid Being Sought

Funds Would Prevent Employers From Being Assessed Higher Tax

SALEM — Gov. Robert D. Holmes Tuesday asked the federal government for a \$14 million dollar loan to prevent higher unemployment compensation taxes from being assessed against employers.

He said Oregon is virtually assured of the loan, which would prevent the flat 2.7 per cent payroll tax rate from going into effect as of Tuesday. The current tax rate ranges from .5 of 1 per cent to 2.7 per cent.

Without the loan, 12,000 employers would face the higher tax rate. The other 14,000 already pay the 2.7 rate.

The 2.7 rate goes into effect automatically when the unemployment compensation trust fund falls below 31½ million dollars at the end of any quarter. The fund now stands at 28 million, and is still dropping because of the heavy impact of widespread unemployment.

Maintain Schedule

By borrowing the money, the governor said, the present rate schedule could be maintained for the rest of the year.

"The 1959 Legislature," Mrs. Cecilia P. Galey, chairman of the Unemployment Compensation Commission, said at the governor's press conference, "will have to take a long, hard look at the whole question of payroll tax rates in order to guarantee that employers will pay enough into the fund to keep it stable."

She said her commission now is making an actuarial study to determine what the payroll tax rate should be in the next 10 years.

The 14 million dollar loan, she

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George Wilcox Files For Rural School Board

George Wilcox of Oakland has filed a petition for director on the Rural School Board.

Wilcox and Guy McGee, who filed earlier, are both members of the board at the present time, but their term expires and they have filed for re-election.

The Oakland resident represents rural school zone B which consists of Oakland, Umpqua, Sutherlin, Glendale and Roberts Creek. McGee, of Canyonville, serves for zone E, Canyonville, Glendale, Days Creek, Tiller and the Riddle districts.

Saturday is the deadline for filing petitions for director at large and director representing zones on the Rural School Board. As of this morning no one had filed for the position of director at large.

Saturday is also the deadline for filing petitions for director on local school boards. On the local boards, one board member will be elected to a five-year term, except in the case of resignations.

Local board candidates must file petitions signed by at least 3 per cent of the number of people voting in the 1957 school election, and an acceptance of nomination by Saturday. The petition and acceptance must be filed with the local school clerk.

Petitions and acceptance forms for positions on the rural board may be obtained from district clerk or at the county superintendent's office in the courthouse at Roseburg.

Rural School Board directors are elected for three-year terms. Non-high directors are elected for five year terms. The non-high elections will be held June 16, while elections for high members on the rural board will be held May 3.

Californian Arrested On Car Theft Charge

Theodore Robert Malabieky, 29, Long Beach, Calif., is in Douglas County jail on a charge of larceny of an automobile following his arrest Saturday for failure to possess an auto registration card.

Malabieky was picked up by state police. After being booked on the registration card charge, he was found to have allegedly stolen the car in Long Beach.

He is being held pending extradition by California authorities.

District Judge Warren A. Woodruff set bail at \$2,500.

Television Station Moves To Studio Site

Television station KPIC today moved its offices from the Medical Arts Building to 1840 N.E. Stephens St., where a live studio is being completed.

Manager Aaron Bove said the target date for live television still is May 1.

Television pictures from the studio will be microwaved to the KPIC transmitter atop Rose Mountain, then rebroadcast.

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

In the current need of creating jobs, Douglas County could do its share by a liberal increase in the personnel of county commissioners. Available eligibles unlimited.