

SCHOOL DISTRICT CONSOLIDATIONS PLANNED

L. L. Powers Quits Office Of Coroner, Due To Ill Health

Coroner L. L. Powers, giving ill health as his reason, resigned his office Wednesday.

He had been coroner for six years, eight months, having been elected as a Republican in 1952. He was re-elected two years ago.

The resignation was submitted to the County Court. He said he was tendering it "upon the advice of my physician for the reason that my health is such that it will no longer permit me to perform the duties of the office."

The resignation takes effect immediately.

Powers said he has had a history of heart trouble, experiencing heart attacks in January 1952 and May 1958. Hospitalized for a time, he has been inactive since his most recent attack.

The doctor, he said, predicted it will be six months to a year before he will be able to return to work. Powers now is confined to his home.

He came to Roseburg in 1944, taking over as partner and manager in The Chapel of the Roses. He came here from St. Joseph, where he managed a funeral home. Powers has lived in Oregon since 1925 and has been in the funeral business since 1927. He holds Oregon and California licenses as a funeral director and embalmer.

He commented: "I have been very happy and proud of the opportunity to serve the people of Douglas County and regret the fact that my resignation has become necessary."

Interim Poses Question
Coroner Powers' resignation, coming just two days after filing for candidates, caused County Clerk Charles Doerner to raise the question of how to fill the vacant post.

Doerner said he has asked the district attorney's office for an opinion.

Several possibilities present themselves, the clerk related. He said probably it will be necessary to appoint an interim coroner to handle duties of this office temporarily.

Other questions raised include who shall make the appointment, the county court or Oregon governor. Then, too, can an open place be set up on the Nov. 4 ballot for a write-in vote, or is it too late for this?

"We have never been confronted by a situation quite like this," Doerner said.

DA Avery Thompson, busy with a Grand Jury session, said today he is not yet had time to look into statutes regarding the filling of a coroner's office.



L. L. POWERS
... takes physician's advice

On Page 2 of the main section, the pluckitude of northern Douglas County takes the spotlight in a picture feature of the queen of the fair and her court.

Another picture feature about Drain appears on Page 4 of the second section. It is devoted to the top-notch summer recreation program carried on there.

The Roseburg political scene also comes to focus in today's issue. On Page 3 of the main section, the wagonload of candidates for mayor and council position is described.

Other features of note include a teen-age call for exchange of culture between Russia and the U.S. and prospects for increases in auto insurance (Page 5, Section 2) and more listings of winners at the Douglas County Fair (Page 9, Section 2).

In The Day's News
By FRANK JENKINS
Big news is scary.
So—
Let's talk about little news today.
Here's some little news:

President Eisenhower has signed into law a bill giving ex-presidents pensions of \$25,000 a year and to widows of ex-presidents pensions of \$10,000 a year. Four persons are now eligible: Former President Hoover, Former President Truman, Mrs. Franklin Roosevelt, Mrs. Woodrow Wilson.

The bill includes some trimmings such as office space, free mailing privileges and a staff of assistants.

How much will it cost?
The IMMEDIATE cost isn't very great. The two eligible ex-presidents will cost \$50,000 a year in pension money. The two widows of ex-presidents will cost \$20,000.

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The Weather
AIRPORT RECORDS
Partly cloudy tonight and Friday.
Cooler tonight.
Highest temp., last 24 hours 83
Lowest temp., last 24 hours 58
Highest temp., any Aug. 102
Lowest temp., any Aug. 41
Precip., last 24 hours 0
Precip., from Aug. 1 0
Precip., from Sept. 1 45.04
Excess from Sept. 1 14.60
Sunset tonight, 6:55 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 5:34 a.m.

Fire Weather
Loggers Fire Weather—Moderate fire danger except high danger in southern interior. Lowest humidity 45 per cent north, 25 per cent south and over 30 per cent in coastal districts.

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Permit No Integration Delay, Government Asks High Court

Brief Backs Contentions Of Negroes

Decision Applying Not Only To Little Rock But Everywhere Asked

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Supreme Court opened an extraordinary integration session today—and found the government ranged firmly alongside the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People in urging "no delay" in the mulling of cases at Little Rock Central High School.

It was the third crucial session on school segregation within half a decade, and specifically at issue was: Should integration at Central High resume forthwith, or be postponed 2½ years. That was the narrow issue but the decision could have profound effect on the whole, far-flung desegregation struggle.

The high tribunal in 1954 had outlawed school segregation, and in 1955 ordered it wiped out with "all deliberate speed." Now the big question was: "What is deliberate speed?"

The Little Rock School Board, through its attorneys, fought hard for the 2½-year delay granted by a U.S. District Court judge. The NAACP hotly opposed any delay, crying it would be a retreat before the kind of violence that led President Eisenhower to dispatch federal troops to Little Rock last year.

Agreement With Ike?
And to the surprise of some—because President Eisenhower spoke only yesterday of favoring a "slower" approach—Solicitor General J. Lee Rankin urged the tribunal to brook no delay. Rankin is the executive branch's official spokesman in the Supreme Court. James C. Hagerty, Eisenhower's press secretary, said he saw no difference between the President's views and Rankin's. Asked whether—

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Plywood Crews Date Representation Ballot

Workers in the plywood division of U.S. Plywood Corp. at Roseburg will vote Sept. 3 and 4 to decide on union representation.

The election will be conducted by the National Labor Relations Board to determine whether the firm's 250 employees want to be represented by the Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union or by the International Woodworkers of America, or neither.

Local labor officials say if the workers vote for LSW as a bargaining agent, the employees will become members of Local 2671, LSW, which now represents workers in the sawmill at U.S. Plywood. If they favor IWA, it will be up to them to then decide if they want to form their own local or join Roseburg Local 9436 IWA.

To give all workers an opportunity to vote, balloting will be from 10:30 to 11 p.m. on Sept. 3, and from 2:45 to 4:15 p.m. on Sept. 4.

Welfare Money Buys Liquor

Admission Of Culprits Prompts Commission To Launch General Probe

By BRAD SLACK
News-Review Staff Writer

An investigation into alleged abuse of public welfare funds by persons on county rolls has been launched here by the Douglas County Welfare Commission, an agency spokesman announced today.

A half dozen incidents brought to light in recent months of trading food emergency requisitions for cash to purchase liquor inflamed the current probe.

Several persons receiving general welfare assistance told authorities of turning in "chits" to get money to buy liquor, or of purchasing beer and wine directly from grocery stores, the commission announced today.

Efforts now are being made by the seven-member commission to meet soon with representatives of retail grocery outlets to discuss methods of halting the practice. A tentative date of Sept. 10 has been set.

Meanwhile, the office of Sheriff Ira C. Byrd has been ordered to

Approval Of New Teachers, Bus Line Extension, School Board Meet's Major Items

By DARRELL MADDOX
News-Review Staff Writer

A request for extension of the school bus line on Callahan Hill was approved by the Roseburg School Board Wednesday night.

Eight children living in that area will attend Melrose School and one will attend junior high. The board also accepted the recommendation of the Luther Ellison Transportation Co. that the bus line be extended.

Formal approval was given to the appointment of two new teachers. They were, Mrs. Mildred Witt who will teach the sixth grade, and Mrs. Christine Page who will teach the first grade. Both persons will teach at Eastwood School.

Mrs. Witt has had three years training at Montana State University and eight years teaching experience while Mrs. Page has a bachelor's degree from the University of Nebraska. She has eighteen years teaching experience.

Merger Meeting Delayed
In other business before the board, approval was given to a joint meeting Sept. 17, with the Douglas County Committee for the Reorganization of School Districts, Roberts Creek School District and the Roseburg School Board.

The reorganization committee requested the meeting to be held in the Roseburg School Board room at Central Junior High School but the Roseburg board disapproved this request. The committee has recommended that Roberts Creek and Roseburg be organized into one administrative district.

Tabled was consideration of appointment to the school district Budget Committee. This matter was also tabled at an Aug. 20, board meeting. The terms of Gordon Smith and A. G. McLain on

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City Council Asked For Consultation On Urban Renewal

The Douglas County Realty Board has asked to meet with the Roseburg City Council to discuss possibilities of setting up an urban renewal agency here.

In a letter to the City Council from Charles Doerner, chairman of the Realty Board's Urban Renewal Committee, the board recommends that the council consider formation of a local agency to launch a program to study urban renewal needs.

The letter points out that the Federal Housing and Home Finance Agency is authorized to provide funds to determine whether urban renewal projects in an area may be feasible. Such determinations will be based on studies and surveys to provide the facts.

Under state law, an urban renewal agency can be formed in three ways. The council may (1) designate itself as the urban renewal agency, (2) appoint a board or commission composed of not less than three members to exercise powers of an urban renewal agency or (3) name a local housing authority as the urban renewal agency.

The letter indicates that Roseburg does have a condition described as "housing blight," caused by deterioration through age, poor construction, poor maintenance, encroachment of industry, lack of planning, absence of building, sanitary and housing codes, lack of or failure to exercise local police powers.

"As citizens and taxpayers of this community, none of us can afford not to support a program to revitalize and redevelop our worn-out neighborhoods," the letter says.

The letter asks that the Urban Renewal Committee of the board be allowed to meet with the council to discuss in detail the various phases of the urban renewal program.

Youth Wounded In Toe As Thicket Fires Gun

The Sheriff's office reported today a 14-year-old California youth shot himself in the toe shortly before noon Wednesday while practicing shooting near Tenmile.

Wayne Elgin Hammond of San Bruno, visiting with his grandparents at Tenmile, Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Schoss, was treated by Roseburg physicians after the accident. The bullet from a .22 caliber rifle "knicked" the big toe of his right foot.

Sheriff Ira C. Byrd reported the "accident" was triggered by a twig as the youth plunged through a thicket near his grandparents' home. The injury was not serious, the sheriff said.

Ellis said today he had been in-

Fires Still Rage In Areas Of Oregon

Battle For Control Puts More Fighters At Various Spots

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Two Eastern Oregon range fires were devastating lush grass and deer browse over thousands of acres today while the major Western Oregon forest fire, the Canyon Creek blaze near Detroit, burned unchecked.

There was small hope of control today.

One of the Eastern Oregon fires, 30 miles south of Baker in the Shurtliff Creek area, was at 4,000 acres at daybreak today and John

DOUGLAS FIRE-FREE
No fires were reported by Douglas County fire-fighting agencies this morning. The Roseburg city and rural fire departments, the U.S. Forest Service and the Douglas Fire Protective Assn. all said they have seen no action in the past 24 hours. The forest service said prospects for the day appeared "good."

C. Hunt of the Bureau of Land Management said "we doubt if we can keep it out of a stand of Douglas fir timber that is in its path."

Foresters from Coos Bay were flown in to take charge if it hits the timber. If it does get there, it likely will be both more costly and bigger in area, he said, than a range fire which started six to eight miles south of Vale Wednesday and had raced over 15,000 acres by dawn today.

Winds of 15 to 20 miles an hour fanned both fires Wednesday and they erupted at intervals into gusts of 40 miles an hour. The gusts were born in the whirlwinds created by the fire itself, Hunt said. He added that the forecast was for the same today.

The Vale fire was described as

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Sixty Escape Death In Plane's Fiery Crash

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (AP)—Sixty persons struggled out of a hole in a flaming Northwest Orient Airlines DC6B today after the four-engine plane struck a wire fence and plowed into a cornfield.

None of the 56 passengers or 4 crew members was killed. At least 49, including Rep. Don Magnuson (D-Wash.), were taken to hospitals. Most suffered minor cuts or bruises. Several were treated at the scene and released.

Magnuson was not seriously hurt. He is no relation of Sen. Warren Magnuson (D-Wash.).

Smoke filled the plane as passengers crawled through a hole torn in the fuselage where a wing broke off during the big plane's mile-long skid through a cornfield west of World-Chamberlain Field, the Minneapolis-St. Paul airport. It had just taken off at 3:40 a.m. on a flight to Oregon and Washington.

Candidates In Clear

Two Aspirants For City Council Seats End Doubt Concerning Eligibility

Eligibility of two Roseburg City Council candidates was temporarily questioned Wednesday but both were ruled okay by Paul Geddes, city attorney.

Truman Ellis, taxicab operator, who is seeking election from Ward 4, and his opponent, Jack C. Davis, Western Auto Supply owner, were questioned as to eligibility by city officials, Ellis, because of a city charter provision about owning property and Davis because he is registered to vote from Ward 3 where he formerly lived.

County Clerk Charles Doerner said his office had not questioned the eligibility of the candidates but that he had informed the city recorder he couldn't "strike" a candidate's name as she had requested. He said he informed Mrs. Wilma Hill she would personally have to take care of any such elimination. Doerner pointed out that it was not up to his office to determine eligibility of city candidates who had been certified by the recorder.

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Pending Recommendations Would Cut Douglas County Units' Total From 26 To 11

A preliminary report which probably will recommend combination of a number of Douglas County school districts is in its final stages of preparation.

The number of school administrative units in the county would be reduced from 26 to only 11.

The recommendations are being formed by the Douglas County Committee for Reorganization of School Districts. Tentative suggestions will be carried to local school boards for discussion until Oct. 15, the date the report must be submitted to the state Board of Education.

Public hearings will be held after that date.

3 School Boards Give Qualifying Nod To Mergers

No strong dissenting opinions were expressed Wednesday night when three school boards met with the Douglas County Committee for the Reorganization of School Districts to consider consolidation of three districts.

Districts involved are Oakland, Umpqua and Sutherlin. Favorable interest was shown on the parts of all three boards, County School Supt. Kenneth F. Barneburg said.

Towards the end of the three-hour meeting a 20-minute recess was called and directors of the three boards met to discuss the consolidation among themselves. It was after this meeting that the three boards came back to the reorganization committee and expressed the opinion that the consolidation was educationally sound but the program must stand on its educational, rather than financial merit.

The Umpqua School Board indicated that if the three districts could not get together they would "look elsewhere for a home." The Umpqua district is among the smallest in the county, having a total of about 72 students. High school students in that district attend Oakland High School.

Members of all three boards said they believe they would have to have some pretty solid facts to present to the people if the consolidation move is to succeed. Barneburg said it would be hard to compile figures and project them very far into the future since factors change.

Wednesday night's meeting was the first of a series by the reorganization committee and various school boards. The committee was pleased with the outcome of Wednesday's meeting since the three boards agreed the idea was educationally sound, Barneburg said.

The boards also agreed that if the consolidation is to pass it would be necessary for it to be supported by the boards.

Hurricane Threat Warning Given 2 Atlantic States

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—A hurricane watch was ordered today for southeastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island as a storm with winds of 125 miles an hour moved almost due north in the Atlantic.

At 11 a.m. EST today, Hurricane Daisy was 110 miles southeast of Cape Hatteras, N.C.

The Weather Bureau calls a hurricane watch when a storm constitutes a possible threat. Persons in the watch area can continue their normal routines but are advised to keep in touch with advisories and be ready to take precautions if necessary.

Gale warnings were raised at 11 a.m. from Provincetown, Mass., south to Morehead City, N.C. Tides were about two feet higher than normal along the outer banks of the North Carolina coast.

The Weather Bureau expected the storm to move almost straight north this afternoon, passing east of Cape Hatteras. A turn to the north northeast and later towards the northeast should begin tonight or early Friday, the Weather Bureau said.

The increase ordered by the county assessor was made following Tax Commission timber sections recommendations.

Neuner said the factors he cited do not form the basis for an increase in timber valuations and resulted in his clients appeal of the assessor's action to the Douglas County Board of Equalization.

The board consequently restored the old values and retained the 32-year depletion rate rather than adopting the 25 years recommended by the commission.

The hearings now being held by the Tax Commission are to investigate reasons for variations in timber taxes in Douglas as well as Lane, Coos and Benton Counties.

Severance Reports Assailed
Another Roseburg witness, Jack Batherick, timber appraiser in the Douglas County assessor's office, testified that erroneous and tardy timber severance reports from operators in recent years have resulted in a false depletion rate.

Batherick said that the rate should be longer for this reason. He advocated including the allowable cut of federally-owned timber in the all-over county inventory. This would also extend the depletion period.

Collection Of Blood At Sutherlin 35 Pints

In a bid to Sutherlin Wednesday, the Red Cross bloodmobile collected 35 pints of blood after processing 41 volunteers. The visit, sponsored by the Fair Oaks Grange, was in hopes of collecting 65 pints, according to Mrs. Walter Brittain, blood program chairman.

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

The SP's gift of a locomotive to Roseburg would have been more appreciated had it been accompanied by a string of box-cars, to build a relief train for the crippled lumber industry. Perhaps the retired engine may find a permanent resting place in the historical society's museum—if and when one is established.