

# Fugitive Sought Near Brownsville

## Lower House OKs Governor's Power For Reorganizing

By PAUL W. HARVEY, JR.

SALEM (AP) — Legislation to permit the governor to plan reorganization of Oregon administrative agencies won unanimous approval of the Oregon House of Representatives today.

The bill now goes to the Senate. It provides that the governor can submit his plan to the House at the next Legislature. It would have to be passed by both houses to become effective, and the Legislature could not amend it. Each house would have to act on the bill within 45 days.

The bill is the result of a two-year study by a legislative interim committee on government reorganization.

As first drafted, the bill provided that the governor's plan would become law unless the Legislature vetoed it. The House State and Federal Affairs Committee killed that version because legislators objected it would make the Legislature abandon its law-making function.

The new version provides that the Legislature would take positive action to put the plan into effect, rather than have it go into effect in action of the Legislature.

Rep. George Layman (R-New-

## Timber Firm Asks Review Of Tax Hike

Weyerhaeuser Timber Co. has petitioned Douglas County Circuit Court for judicial review of a 1958 State Tax Commission order which hiked timberland assessments here by 50 per cent.

The huge western lumber company alleges it has been illegally assessed \$183,391 in taxes on its standing timber holdings in the county. A similar petition was filed recently in Coos County, ending in a favorable decision for the company.

Weyerhaeuser's action is similar to the case fought out here last fall between the state's tax fixing agency and Roseburg Lumber Co., large holder of private timber lands in Douglas County.

Last October Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly overruled the Tax Commission order, supporting the valuation base of the County Board of Equalization and holding to the 1957 assessment rate.

Legislation to put Oregon on daylight saving time this year and next year, and to have the people vote in November, 1960, whether they want to continue it, was placed on Thursday's House calendar. It will provoke the sharpest debate of the session. Both sides are working hard today to get votes.

The House Education Committee is expected to approve the bill, which would throw it into the Ways and Means Committee to try to find the 20 million dollars to support the increase in the next biennium.

Unless there are additional taxes levied, the basic school bill would not have a chance.

The House passed 32-23 and sent to the Senate a bill to permit counties, cities and other governmental subdivisions to bargain collectively with labor organizations chosen by the employees.

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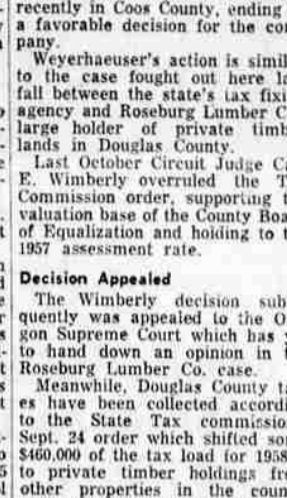
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Arthur Selby, County Civil Defense Director, has gone along with the program, and made available CD funds for publishing the pamphlet explaining the "Friendly Stranger" menace. The eight rules for parents to teach their children are:

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## Corporation Plans Rose Hotel Purchase; Officer Sees Operation In Few Months

By BOB CLARK  
News-Review Staff Writer

A group of Douglas County people is planning to purchase the Rose Hotel in Roseburg and convert it into a non-profit home for retired persons.

Details of the proposal were revealed Tuesday by Lloyd Arant, Roseburg secretary-treasurer of Douglas Senior Citizens Corp., an organization incorporated about three months ago to carry out the project.

Other officers include E. G. High, Roseburg, president, and Mrs. V. J. Miceli, vice president. The group's board of directors includes Elmer Metzger, Lois Baker, Avery Thompson, Charles Dondor, Mrs. Essie Koenz, V. J. Miceli, and Dick Gilman, all of Roseburg, and Carl Hill Jr., Canyonville.

Stated to journey to Salem this week to clear up some technicalities arising from incorporation of the group is Robert Stults, Roseburg, who was hired recently to serve as the corporation's attorney. Arant said officers of the organization hope to obtain final clearance on the project from the state by the end of the week.

Arant stated the group hopes to have the home in operation within six months to a year.

Hotel Purchase Planned  
He said plans call for purchase of the hotel from the Rose Investments Co., owned by the estate of the late George H. Smith, former owner of the hotel.

Units in the building then will be sold on a lifetime lease basis. When 30 or 40 of the units are contracted, said Arant, the home will go into operation.

He said there presently are 78 of the rooms in the hotel and, with some conversion into apartments, the total capacity of the home will be about 100 persons.

He termed the building "ideally built" for the purpose intended by the corporation. Arant described the structure as "completely fire-proof" and as including a self-service elevator and "more private" baths than all the other Roseburg hotels put together.

Renovation Stated Later  
Renovation of the structure would not be started until about one-half of the rooms are leased, said Arant. He noted that renovation plans call for installation of about 20 apartments, chiefly for the benefit of retired couples.

Leasing of the rooms would be aimed at liquidating the corporation's investment in purchasing the hotel, said Arant.

The hotel will be maintained on a non-profit basis, with monthly fees charged for meals and other services, he added.

The idea of such living quarters for retired people first was formulated by a group which included the Rev. Ellsworth M. Tilton, Roseburg, and William K. Peery, Myrtle Creek, noted Arant. He said he and Mrs. Miceli then became interested in the project through their membership in the state Council on the Aging, a Governor's advisory group.

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Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Strandriggs of Milo were blessed in triplets early today.

Mrs. Strandriggs became the proud mother of two boys and one girl at Forest Glen Hospital in Canyonville. The first birth was recorded at 3:31 a.m., with the arrivals coming at 10-minute intervals.

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BROWNSVILLE, Ore. (AP) — Armed possesmen searched warily today for a gunman who abducted one police chief, then shot another before hiding in the timbered foothills of the Cascade Range.

The gunman, said Sheriff George Miller, was Richard Allen Hunt, 27, a Harrisburg, Ore., dairy worker armed with a pistol, a .30 caliber carbine and 300 rounds of ammunition.

More than 100 policemen were pressed into the search for Hunt, and they later were joined by FBI agents from Portland.

The FBI said the 5-10, 160-pound Hunt once was an inmate at the Montana State Prison, and was sought on a federal warrant that charged interstate transportation of a stolen car.

At Harrisburg late Tuesday, police chief Ernest McPhee sought to arrest Hunt for having improper license plates on his car. McPhee was taken prisoner at a gun point, and later released 10 miles out of town.

McPhee was picked up by another motorist, and then phoned ahead to Brownsville, alerting Police Chief Robert Kennow and state policeman Gene Richardson.

Car Spotted Again  
A few minutes later, they spotted Hunt refueling his car in a service station here, and gave chase as the dairy worker sped out of town.

It was on the outskirts of Brownsville, a small city in Lane County, that Hunt's car veered out of control into a ditch. Hunt raced from the car into the shelter of a nearby barn.

In the exchange of shots that followed, Kennow slumped to the ground, a bullet wound in the head.

As the state policeman radioed for help, residents of the area saw Hunt flee from the barn splash across a waist-deep creek and vanish into a timbered ridge. Later, on the other side of that ridge, police found fresh footprints. They led into a clump of brush and then stopped.

Bands of armed men roamed through the rugged Cascade Mountain foothills until darkness fell, then they set up mobile patrols along backwoods roads. State police said they were operating on the theory that Hunt was trapped in a 12-square-mile area.

The FBI said there was a possibility, though that Hunt had escaped the area. Agents found boots and his red checked shirt in the trailer house where he had been living about 11 miles northwest of Brownsville.

"He appears to have returned to the trailer before the start of the rain this morning," said an FBI agent.

There was some fear for the residents in isolated parts of that area, Sheriff Miller said he was concerned more hostages might be taken.

Fugitive Lightly Clad  
Miller said he thought the blond-haired Hunt had been forced by the cold to hole up in a house or empty cabin, for he was clad only in jeans and a plaid shirt, and was soaked from wading the creek.

The wounded police chief was taken to nearby Lebanon, where a doctor said: "I think Kennow has a chance for recovery."

The bullet, he said, entered Kennow's left cheek, circled the back of the skull, slanted down, breaking the right shoulder, and came to rest just under the skin at the waist.

One of the members of the search party was Chief McPhee, whose abduction began the manhunt. McPhee said he became suspicious of Hunt after the dairy worker first had Colorado license plates on his car, and then later switched to Oregon plates.

The chief said he tried to place Hunt under arrest in front of the city hall.

"How much is it going to cost me?" the dairy worker asked.

When the chief replied, "About 10 bucks," Hunt said "I'll have to get my billfold" and reached into his car.

Hunt came out with a pistol and said: "Let's get going."

Three persons across the street witnessed the abduction, and one of them, James McClure, followed in his car to give assistance.

It was McClure who later picked up the chief from beside the road and took him to a phone.

Later, when he talked to reporters, McPhee said the gunman had held a cocked pistol at his throat throughout the ride.

The chief said he was afraid he was going to be shot, but asked the dairy worker why he was being abducted.

McPhee said the youth simply replied that he was a wanted man.

Finally, the chief, said, the car stopped and he was ordered out.

It was then, McPhee said, that he was most certain the end had come.

But, he said, the gunman simply slammed the door of the car and sped off.

Local Governments May Contract For Insurance  
SALEM (AP)—Gov. Mark Hatfield signed into law Tuesday a bill to permit counties, cities and all other subdivisions of the state to contract for medical, surgical and hospital insurance for their employees.

The employing unit would be authorized to pay no more than one-half of the insurance premiums.

Hatfield also signed bills to require that the state budget be distributed by Dec. 1 in even-numbered years, and to prohibit the Game Commission from selling Government Island to anybody except a governmental agency.

The island is in the Columbia River in Multnomah County.

Levy Fact Rant  
By L. F. Reizenstein

The unfortunate Oregon school teacher who was fired for use of cigarettes may have prompted his dismissal by smoking Pittsburgh stogies instead of Lucky Strikes.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — A bill authorizing federal loans to the Klamath Indians of Oregon is expected to come before the Senate soon.

On Tuesday the Senate Interior committee approved the measure. It would permit the secretary of the Interior to make interest-free loans to Indians withdrawing from the Klamath Tribe under the government program of termination of jurisdiction over the Southern Oregon reservation.

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## The Weather

AIRPORT RECORDS  
Clearing partially, with scattered showers tonight, Thursday partly sunny and slightly cooler.  
Highest temp. last 24 hours 58  
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Highest temp. any March ('53) 79  
Lowest temp. any March ('56) 19  
Precip. last 24 hours .03  
Precip. from March 1 .84  
Precip. from Sept. 1 24.01  
Deficiency from Sept. 1 .28  
Sunset tonight 6:31 p.m.  
Sunrise tomorrow, 6:06 a.m.