

Senate Receives Sales Tax Plan

Legislators Propose 1960 Referendum

SALEM (AP)—A bill asking the people whether they would accept a 3 percent sales tax that would reduce income and property taxes was introduced in the Senate today by Senate President Walter J. Pearson, 19 other senators and 18 representatives.

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Teamsters Petition Vote At Oakland

The Teamsters Union Thursday filed a National Labor Relations Board petition calling for an employees' election to determine whether the union will take over as bargaining agent at Martin Bros. Container and Timber Products Corp.

Workers at Martin Bros. operations in Oakland and Sutherland now are represented by Lumber and Sawmill Workers Local 2814.

The Teamsters Union reportedly circulated cards among employees in an attempt to obtain signatures of one-third of the plant's workers. That percentage of workers must sign the election endorsement cards before a valid petition may be submitted to the NLRB.

It was not learned how many signatures were obtained, pending verification on whether there were a sufficient number to warrant an election.

Mel Hanna, business agent for Teamsters Local 962, Roseburg, said recently that the Teamsters entered the picture at the request of "a large delegation" of Martin Bros. employees. He said the workers were disgruntled over L&SW handling of the recent labor-management dispute.

A public debate between representatives of the two unions has been slated for April 4 at Oakland Legion Hall. The debate will involve Harold H. McKenzie, special representative for the L&SW Union, and Jim Haggin, Teamsters organizer.

Roseburg Man To Complete 47 Years' Espee Service

Forty-seven years of service in the Southern Pacific railroad system will end at 4 p.m. next Tuesday for Ernest Oscar (Rick) Rickli, 65.

Rickli's retirement follows a career which began in 1912 and extended geographically through West Fork, Dallas, and Roseburg. He has been a resident of Roseburg since 1927.

Born near El Paso, Texas, he considers himself nearly a native Oregonian, since he moved with his family to Dallas in 1904, where he attended school prior to his Southern Pacific service.

He has served as a cashier, telegrapher-clerk, in ticket sales, and as agent, and was agent in Roseburg for a number of years. He is currently handling a variety of jobs in the combined passenger-freight depot in Roseburg.

Married and residing at 285 SE Lane Ave. with his wife, he has one son, Jack, who works for a brokerage firm in Portland.

What will he do?

He figures on a little traveling, as well as some hunting and fishing. Taking life easier is a rather gradual process for Rickli. He recalls not too many years ago putting in a seven-day week, instead of his current five.



E. O. (RICK) RICKLI
... 47 years of service

Red Cross Slates Drive For \$11,000

Red Cross workers in Douglas County today set their sights on an \$11,000 goal in an emergency membership and fund drive during April.

Judge Charles S. Woodrich, county chapter chairman, said "vital services" may be lost in the county unless the objective is obtained.

"Such services as the blood program, disaster aid and assistance to servicemen, veterans, and their families are absolutely essential to the life of our community," Judge Woodrich said. "And they were never more essential than this Centennial year, when we are inviting thousands of visitors into our county."

Chapter Said Necessary

"In case of disaster, how could we handle the needs of our growing population and the influx of visitors without a prepared and activated Red Cross chapter?"

While Red Cross has always carried on its own membership campaign, the special fund drive is necessary because United Fund collections fell short of the goal, the judge explained.

Of the \$11,000 needed to keep the local chapter operating this year, \$4,300 is expected to be raised in Roseburg. Quotas for other communities in Douglas County, as announced by Judge Woodrich and Mrs. Walter Britnell, chairman of the fund drive, are as follows:

Winston, Dillard, Glide, \$300 each; Wilbur, Winchester, \$200; Myrtle Creek, \$600; Azalea-Glen Dale, \$500; Canyonville, \$450; Tri-City, \$250; Days Creek, \$100.

World Observes Good Friday

The faithful of the Christian world followed the Way of the Cross on this Good Friday.

In the Jordan section of Jerusalem, pilgrims and tourists of many lands attended services at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Hundreds tolled up Jerusalem's narrow streets on the way to the Cross on Calvary where Jesus Christ was crucified.

Tenebrae services marking the death of Christ drew thousands of pilgrims to St. Peter's in Rome. Pope John XXIII, after taking part in services at Rome's Santa Croce Church, finished work on his Easter message, to be delivered to the world Saturday night.

Good Friday services were held in thousands of Protestant and Roman Catholic churches in all Christian countries.

American evangelist Billy Graham delivered a Good Friday message to 8,000 persons standing in the rain on a beach at Broadbeach, Australia.

City Schedules Budget Forums

A half dozen special forums for discussion of Roseburg's proposed 1959-60 budget already have been scheduled, according to Mrs. William Hill, acting city manager.

She said today the talks, extending through most of April, will be presented before the membership of various clubs and organizations. Others may be scheduled before the public hearing set for April 27," she pointed out.

It is planned to have as many members of City Council and the Budget Committee present to explain the "austerity program," tax levy increase and departmental operations as possible. Also present will be various department heads, Mrs. Hill announced.

First of the forums is slated for noon April 6 at the Umpqua Hotel before the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce.

The next meeting is April 9, a 6-30 dinner affair for the Roseburg Lions, followed by a noonday session before Roseburg Kiwanis on April 14. The Umpqua Lions Club has a date with budget makers April 15 at 6:30 p.m., also at the hotel.

On April 21 a similar session is scheduled for 2 p.m. at the Roseburg Woman's Club, and an April 24 luncheon date at the Umpqua Hotel for Roseburg Rotarians is the sixth on the list.

Election date is April 28 when Roseburg residents will be asked to approve a \$212,000 special levy over the city's six-mill annual increase limitation.

The Budget Committee has set up a \$461,442 budget for operating the city and providing municipal services in the coming year, beginning July 1.

Judge Studies Writ Petition

Robert L. Wildberger, 34, Roseburg Veterans Administration Hospital patient, remains in hospital custody today pending the outcome of a petition for writ of habeas corpus filed in circuit court.

Thursday, Circuit Judge Charles S. Woodrich ordered attorney's of both parties to file briefs as to the court's jurisdiction to hear the case. Wildberger is represented by Roseburg attorney William Jones and the hospital by the Veterans Administration's chief attorney from Portland, Albert T. Elliott.

Before adjourning the case until after the briefs are presented, Judge Woodrich observed Wildberger was given the chance to achieve his own discharge by working up to it gradually, and was hospitalized after being released from other Veterans Administration hospitals. The judge said he must weigh the case involving the opinion of two expert hospital psychiatrists against that of Wildberger.

Attorney Makes Point

Jones told the judge Wildberger's freedom should not be determined on what has happened in the past but on his present condition. There has been no indication on the part of the hospital as to what kind of treatment is planned other than further confinement, Jones added.

The writ was filed against Dr. John A. Doering, hospital manager, who testified that it is advisable to continue Wildberger's medical treatment. Wildberger took the stand in his own behalf and gave background concerning his military experience and confinement to various hospitals.

Purpose of the writ is to inquire into the lawfulness of an individual being detained by the hospital. Both attorneys agreed that the writ is the proper procedure to inquire into Wildberger's detention.

Forest Regulations In Effect April 1

Laws pertaining to forest fire regulations will be in effect April 1 regardless of weather conditions. Wayne Miller, Douglas Forest Protective Assn. fire dispatcher, announced.

Burning permits can be obtained at the DFPA's Roseburg headquarters on Airport Rd., Quines Creek station at Azalea, South Douglas headquarters north of Canyonville, Tenmile station, Rose Creek station, Humble Creek station east of Sutherland, North Douglas headquarters east of Elkton and from George Langdon in the Einhead district.

Logging and sawmill operations will be required to have hand tools, pumps and other fire protection and prevention measures to prevent the start or spread of fire. Miller added. All trucks driven over roads through forest land for the purpose of industrial activity or development must be equipped with not less than one shovel, axe and fire extinguisher. Requirements may be obtained from state forest inspectors or local forest officers.

County Legislators Due At C. C. Forum

Douglas County's delegation to the Oregon Legislature will be guests of the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce for luncheon Saturday at noon in the Umpqua Hotel, chamber Manager Harold Reaume announced today.

The forum was set aside from its usual Monday time to allow Sen. Dan Dimick and Reps. Al Flegel and W. O. (Bun) Kelsay to take time off from their legislative chores to attend the session.

A slate of six topics has been lined up by the chamber for discussion by the legislators, said Dimick. He listed forest taxation, general taxation, local government and administration, employer-employee relations, regulation of business and natural resources as legislative matters to be discussed.

Moderator of the discussion will be Eldon Caley of the chamber's legislative committee.

Woman Killed When Car Skids

THE DALLES, Ore. (AP)—Injuries suffered in an auto accident on rain slick Highway 97 south of here proved fatal Thursday to Mrs. Leah Cramer, 60, of San Diego.

She died in a hospital here, a day after the crash.

Her son, Francis, 29, San Diego, was at the wheel when the car skidded off the road and hit an embankment.

The son was not seriously hurt.

Car, 2 Trucks Hit; Canadians Unhurt

No injuries were suffered this morning when a 1951 model car from British Columbia rolled over on Highway 99 after colliding with two trucks.

The car was driven by Peter Bucknill Lowe, Ocean Park, B.C. The accident occurred about 7 a.m. on Highway 99 just north of a two-lane bridge over the South Umpqua River between the South Roseburg and Fairground interchanges.

The accident happened when Lowe attempted to pass a freight truck and met a pickup truck coming from the opposite direction, state police reported. Lowe's car collided with the front bumper of the freight truck, driven by Kenneth Lyle Nelson of Seattle, Wash., and the front of the pickup truck driven by Curtis Harlan Woodruff, Camas Valley Rd. Box 523, Winston, officers said.

Lowe's car went into a skid, struck a guard rail and rolled over, coming to rest right side up, police added.

Pile Drivers Quit Jobs At Oregon Points

The Pile Drivers held another meeting Thursday night in Portland, and Neal later commented: "The situation has not changed."

The appearance of the pickets stopped work on an interstate bridge over the Columbia River between Portland and Vancouver, Wash.

The dispute also shut down construction at the John Day Dam on the Columbia River, and on bridge projects throughout the Willamette Valley.

After the strike began, a management committee issued a statement which said:

"The action of the Pile Drivers is the most wanton disregard of the public interest in the memory of every member of the industry's negotiating committee. We are at a loss to understand why these union leaders refuse to submit our latest and very generous offer to the members of the union for their vote."

Terms of that offer were not disclosed.

The strike by Pile Drivers did not affect many big construction projects in Oregon and Southwest Washington.

However, the Portland local of the Carpenters Union, the parent body of the Pile Drivers, has said it will strike April 1 unless agreement is reached on a new contract.

Carpenters locals, though, in the rest of Oregon and in Southwest Washington have submitted members' offer to a vote by union members.

Those votes may be completed by Saturday.

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'WE CAN'T GET OVER IT' Sorrowful Riddle Couple Worried About Gunman Hunt; He's Their Nephew

By BILL HENLEY JR.
News-Review Staff Writer

A broken home and a parachute jumping accident were among the major contributing factors to the wrong turns taken in the life of Richard Allen Hunt, his relatives in Riddle believe.

Hunt, 27-year-old dairy worker from near Harrisburg, is a fugitive, hunted after abduction of a police chief at Harrisburg Tuesday and the gunshot wounding of a second at Brownsville.

His aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hunt of Shoestring Rd., Riddle, and their children are grimly sorrowful in learning of his troubles. "This thing has hit us hard," Mrs. Dorothy Hunt said. "We just can't believe it happened. We just can't get over it."

Hunt is a former police chief at Riddle, and at one time operated weekly newspapers in both Riddle and Canyonville. He is now following the highway construction trade.

His nephew, he said, spent most of his youth at a state farm in Corvallis, his home broken by separation from his mother in the armed forces. He was hit by live ammunition while making a parachute jump in training stateside, prior to the Korean war in which he served. Before that time, his relatives said, he hadn't been in anything which could be called

trouble—just an occasional run-away episode at the farm.

Hunt Sought Help

He later wrote his uncle from the Montana State Prison, in which he was serving a term on a check



RICHARD ALLEN HUNT
... five months in Riddle

charge. He asked for aid in rehabilitation, and was paroled to the custody of his uncle for five months.

"We never had any trouble with him then," said Hunt. "He helped us on our work at Canyonville. He was wonderful around the children, and he was trustworthy." The Hunts operated an ambulance service and a camera shop at the time in Canyonville, besides the paper.

He left the Hunts in March 1957 to take a job in a camera shop in Salem. "And he was doing wonderfully," said Mrs. Hunt. "They thought the world of him. And then one day he took off—just like that."

The Hunts say he was in only about a three-week period after that, but it wasn't the same. And he ran off, after forging a check in their name and taking a motorcycle belonging to Kenneth Hunt's brother, Lawrence.

Then, the other night, one of the family heard the news on television and shouted: "It's Richard!" So natural did it seem to the rest of them that they listened for his footsteps at the door—until they found out.

"Hope They Get Him"

"Hunt said, 'I have to hope they get him before he hurts anyone else. I'm afraid he's scared he's killed one of our police chiefs.'"

But it was plain that Kenneth and Dorothy Hunt and their three children at home—Larry 15, Connie 11, and Steven 9—were remembering another Richard Hunt. And the father said that his other son—Dennis, 16, then in high school—was hit hardest of all.

Kenneth Hunt has long been interested in the problems of juveniles, in and out of police work.

He said wearily: "If only we had had him when he was at the farm—"

A large Samoyan dog, shaggy gray and friendly, slumbered peacefully near the door. He was a gift from Richard.

His name is Rebel.

Search For Gunman Returns To Willamette Valley Area

HALSEY, Ore. (AP)—The search for a gunman who wounded a police chief and abducted at least one man and maybe two other persons was intensified in this area today.

Meanwhile the search continued in Portland, where a motorist reported he had been forced at gunpoint to drive the gunman, Richard Allen Hunt, 26, on Wednesday.

Extra police roamed the streets there, looking for Hunt.

A helicopter and at least 20 men were searching for Hunt in this Willamette Valley farm area, where he had lived before he tangled with police Tuesday.

Capt. Jack E. Deahl, Portland, piloted the helicopter, flying FBI agents over the area. State police and sheriff's deputies conducted the ground search.

Capt. Ray Howard of the state police said the search was renewed in this area because there had been only "tentative" identification of Hunt in the Portland area.

"We have no definite report of Hunt's whereabouts. This is merely a security measure to be reasonably sure he is not still in the area," Howard said.

The manhunt was triggered when Harrisburg Police Chief Ernest McPhee tried to arrest the dairy worker, sought by the FBI on a stolen car charge, for a license plate violation.

McPhee was abducted, and later released unharmed. Later Tuesday, Brownsville Police Chief Robert Kennow was shot in the head as he tried to stop Hunt's flight.

More than 100 men then searched the Cascade Mountain foothills, but the hunt switched to Portland Wednesday when a motorist said he was forced to drive a gunman here.

A block-by-block check of downtown Portland failed to find Hunt, and police said then he might have gotten out of town.

Officers Think He Left

Those comments came again Thursday, and detective L. William Hoff said: "I'm inclined to think he left town."

Another policeman said: "By anybody has seen him. But they all seem to call in 4 to 12 hours later."

There is a report like that which sent police to the moorage Thursday night.

A woman said she saw a man skulking around the area. And a deputy saw the shadowy figure flit through the maze of houseboat lines and gangways, only to vanish.

Police said the gunman might have escaped despite the vast search, and roadblocks set up on major highways.

There was a possibility, detectives said, that Hunt might have friends in the Fort Lewis or Nalley, Wash., area, where he was stationed in the Army.

And the detectives added, Hunt might try to reach them.

Though Hoff said he thought the gunman had escaped, he added: "We will continue patrolling the city on special assignments along with our regular patrols."

Fairgrounds Jet Due Wednesday

Roseburg approaches the jet age in great strides—but on the ground—these days.

Two jets are scheduled to be local tourist attractions, one at the Douglas County Fairgrounds and the other at Stewart Park.

The F86A for the Fairgrounds will be trucked to Roseburg on equipment furnished by Ben Martin of the Martin Bros. Container and Products Co. It will be brought from Fresno, Calif., Tuesday for delivery at the Fairgrounds Wednesday.

Dick Turley, secretary of the Douglas County Fairgrounds, said that the jet is the beginning of a contemplated Traveltown at the Fairgrounds.

Turley, in making plans for the Traveltown, queried Rep. Charles Porter, who ascertained that the jet aircraft was available, and the F86A was then obtained.

The second F86A will be installed as an attraction at Stewart Park. It was acquired by Roseburg's American Legion Post from Air Force surplus and partially financed by the Roseburg VFW Post. It will be brought from Reno, Nev., with the city public works department and the Oregon-Nevada-California Fast Freight, Inc., moving and installing the aircraft.

There is, of course, one difference between the Roseburg air age and the real air age. These jets don't fly.

U.S., Bulgaria Friendly Again

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States today resumed full diplomatic relations with Communist Bulgaria.

"This ended a nine-year break resulting from Bulgaria's charges the last American minister in Sofia was a spy."

The State Department dropped the long diplomatic boycott of the Bulgarian regime announced it has withdrawn the espionage charges against former Minister Donald Heath.

A Bulgarian government representative said that his country's Supreme Court on Nov. 6, 1956, annulled prison sentences given persons charged with the alleged spying. Therefore, Bulgaria said "charges against Heath in connection herewith have been withdrawn as groundless."

The agreement to resume diplomatic relations came about as a result of more than two years of sporadic behind-the-scenes talk. The Bulgarians first suggested the move in December 1957.

More formal talks began March 4 this year in New York and in Washington. The Bulgarian ambassador to the United Nations, Peter G. Youtov, represented his government. For D. Kovacs, city assistant secretary of state for European affairs, represented the United States.

"These conversations have successfully overcome the previously existing obstacles to the resumption of normal diplomatic relations reflecting the traditional friendship between the Bulgarian and American peoples," the State Department said.

Ranger Station Bids Requested

Bids for installation of a year-around ranger station near Clearwater Camp in the Diamond Lake District of the Umpqua National Forest will be opened April 15 in Portland at 2 p.m.

The announcement was made Thursday by Herb Rudolph, Forest Service officer in charge of improvements in the forest.

Bids for the installation of a ranger station, three residences, a gas and oil house and a water system were opened last October. At all bids, including the lowest one of \$91,000, were deemed too high.

The proposed facility, to be called Tokete Ranger Station, will replace the station at Big Camas, which is located in the same area. It, however, is 1,300 feet higher and can be used only during the spring, summer and fall. Personnel at Big Camas live in Roseburg during the winter.

Forest Training Sessions Slated

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The sessions will be held at the Wolf Creek training camp about 12 miles east of Glide on the Little River Rd.

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Sunny Skies Slated For Easter Weekend

Picnic weather is in store for Douglas County residents on Easter Sunday, according to the U.S. Weather Bureau station at Roseburg Airport.

The bureau said a low pressure front off the Oregon-Washington coast is expected to bring some rain tonight and Saturday, with clearing conditions Sunday and Monday. Another storm front probably will move into the area about Tuesday, said the bureau.

Temperatures will average near or slightly below normal, with maximums in the 50s and minimums mostly in the low 30s. Total rainfall over the upcoming five-day period will be above normal, averaging about one inch in the interior county and heavier along the coast.

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Tax Help Here Monday

Internal Revenue Service agents will be on hand Monday in Roseburg to assist taxpayers in preparation of their income tax forms.

The agents will be in Room 206 of the Post Office Building from 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Monday and during the same hours on weekdays from April 6 through April 15.

AFRICANS GO UNDERGROUND

SALISBURY, Southern Rhodesia (AP)—Fear was expressed today that rebellious African nationalists in Nyassaland who eluded security roundup are going underground to prepare for guerrilla warfare.

The Weather

AIRPORT RECORDS

Increasing cloudiness with a light rain tonight. Partly cloudy Saturday.	
Highest temp. last 24 hours	53
Lowest temp. last 24 hours	31
Highest temp. any March ('53)	79
Lowest temp. any March ('54)	19
Precip. last 24 hours	0.06
Precip. from March 1	1.50
Precip. from Sept.	24.57
Excess from Sept. 1	22.82
Sunset tonight 6:32 p.m.	
Sunrise tomorrow 6:03 a.m.	

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

President Eisenhower voices the opinion that Russia is trying to force the United States into bankruptcy by excessive expenditures for national defense. Probably Russia's major reason for trying to speed such a financial catastrophe by continuing to ignore her World War II debt of the U.S. of \$12,000,000,000.