

Power Firms, Farm - Public Utility Groups Conflict On Electric Board

Copco Prexy Argues Bill Would End Private Firms; Flegel Sees More Industry

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ALAN B. KNUDTSON of Knudtson's Jewelers, 709 SE Jackson St., shows Mrs. Elton Grass, Lookingglass PTA president, a silver serving tray his store will present to the Douglas County PTA unit which donates the most blood to the Red Cross during a year's period. Mrs. Grass, who is also county PTA chairman, holds a jeweled blood bottle recently presented to the Lookingglass PTA for donating the most blood, 15 pints, Feb. 24 - 25. (Darrell Maddox)

Ex-State Racing Steward Charges Political Firing

PORTLAND (AP) — Cecil L. Edwards under civil service held the job last season under a provisional appointment after it became a civil service position. He said Edwards would have had to work another full season to gain permanent status.

The Racing Commission also argued that Edwards should have taken his case to the Civil Service Board.

Edwards' attorney replied there was no provision for an appeal to the board except in the case of a dismissal for cause.

Births
Douglas Community Hospital
MILLER — To Mr. and Mrs. Derrell L. Miller, 4899 SW Dillard Highway, Roseburg, March 19, a son, Derrell Scott; weight 6 pounds 8 1/2 ounces.

THOMPSON — To Mr. and Mrs. Virgil W. Thompson, Rt. 1 Box 264N, Sutherlin; weight 8 pounds 4 1/2 ounces.

KLAINNER — To Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Klainner, 2317 SW Cannon, Roseburg, March 21, a daughter, Diana Lee; weight 6 pounds 13 1/2 ounces.

LACKEY — To Mr. and Mrs. Donnie G. Lackey, Rt. 1 Box 120, Roseburg, March 21, a daughter, Cindy Ellen; weight 8 pounds 4 ounces.

ROSWELL — To Mr. and Mrs. Otis Roswell, Box 518, Riddle, March 21, a daughter, Debra Ann; weight 7 pounds 13 1/2 ounces.

BATES — To Mr. and Mrs. Gerald E. Bates, Idley Rd. Box 194A, Roseburg, March 21, a daughter, Lynell Marie; weight 5 pounds 8 1/2 ounces.

HOLBROOK — To Mr. and Mrs. Garland J. Holbrook, Rt. 1 Box 39A, Gold Beach, March 22, a son, Mark Alan; weight 7 pounds 9 1/2 ounces.

DONNELLY — To Mr. and Mrs. William L. Donnelly, 1128 NE Fremont, Roseburg, March 24, twin sons: Kurt Dennis, weight 7 pounds 2 1/2 ounces; Ken David, weight 6 pounds 10 ounces.

IVERSON — To Mr. and Mrs. Myron Iverson, Umpqua, March 7, a daughter, Barbara Kay; weight 8 pounds 15 ounces.

Sweet Home Couple Finds Navajo Living Primitive

Life of the Navajo Indians was shown in colored slides with commentary by Mrs. Arlie Fox at the Roseburg Lions Club meeting Thursday night.

During the business session the club voted to hold a pancake breakfast on Mother's Day May 18. The breakfast will be served during the hours of 7 and 11 a.m. at Stewart Park if the weather permits. Otherwise it will be held indoors. William Holborow was named chairman in charge.

The slides Mrs. Fox, a local resident, showed were borrowed from friends, Mr. and Mrs. Don Johnson, who are working as missionaries with the Navajos. They met the Johnsons on a visit to the reservation.

Poverty of this Indian tribe, their crude form of living, superstitions and inability or unwillingness to better themselves were described by Mrs. Fox.

Delivered Jeep
The work all started when Johnson volunteered to deliver a jeep, donated to the tribe, from Sweet Home, where he held a ministerial position. He and his wife, Virginia, were so impressed with the pitiful condition that they sold their home, purchased a trailer house and decided to work with the Indians as missionaries. They have two children.

They found it quite a change from their modern home to the desert wastelands of Arizona, where water had to be brought 40 miles. While they had the comforts of their trailer house, water proved a problem, especially for washing.

There is a single door. Their shelter was little more than a partial shelter from the sun. In addition to working with the people during the week, on Sundays they would round up Indians from a 40-mile radius and bring them to the mission for church. Since the Indians could not speak English, an interpreter was necessary. Sometimes the interpreter failed to appear. The Navajos have very little sense of responsibility, Mrs. Fox stated.

Living From Sheep
These Indians make their living primarily from their sheep. They buy their needs at the trading posts where the prices are out of reason, said Mrs. Fox. The children attend school through the second grade on the reservation, then go to city or special Indian schools such as the one at Chama. The parents do not seem to resent sending their children away. Some children return, but most stay in the cities. The reservation will someday die out, she said.

Their life is very primitive. They live in small huts, called hogans, a small beehive shaped building with domed roof and coated with mud as protection from the hot sun. There is a single door. Their superstitions make it difficult to bring them Christianity, according to Mrs. Fox. They still use cradle boards for their babies.

Mrs. Fox said there are about 85,000 Navajos in Arizona, Utah and New Mexico. She also had pictures and discussed briefly other Indian tribes, including the Hopi cliff dwellers and the Apaches, who live in grass houses in the less desert areas. They seem to have a higher level of development.

Easter Egg Search Slated At Sutherlin
As in past years, the Sutherlin Junior Chamber of Commerce this weekend will stage an Easter egg hunt and a sunrise service Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Sue Sikstrom, Sutherlin correspondent, reported the children's egg hunt will get under way at 10 a.m. Saturday at the high school athletic field. Children will be divided into three age groups — preschool, 6-8 years and 9-11 years — and prizes will go to the lucky finders of specially marked eggs.

Sunday at 6 a.m., the annual Easter sunrise service will be conducted at the athletic field, barring inclement weather. Wet weather will force the service into the high school gymnasium, noted Mrs. Sikstrom. The event is co-sponsored by the Sutherlin Ministerial Assn.

Russ Powell is chairman of the Saturday event and Larry Armstrong is handling the sunrise service.

Red Union Members Denied Seattle Visit
SEATTLE (AP) — Harry Bridges, president of the International Longshoremen and Warehousemen's Union, said Thursday the State Department had denied visas to two Russian union members to attend an ILWU convention here next month.

Bridges, in a letter to the Seattle Times, said he had been told by Alexander Koetkin, president of the Russian Transport Workers Union, the visas were denied two members of the Russian union "on grounds Seattle is a closed city for Soviet citizens."

"What stupidity it is that our government pursues a calculated policy of keeping us in ignorance of what goes on in the Soviet Union," and China," Bridges' letter said.

The ILWU has scheduled its 13th biennial convention here April 6-11. About 240 delegates, including 65 from Hawaii and 15 from Canada, are expected to attend.

Bridges said he invited unions in Washington to send delegates to the convention.

Spokane Voters Allow Big School Bond Issue
SPOKANE (AP) — An extensive building and safety program will be started soon following voter approval here of a seven-million-dollar school bond issue and a nine-mill tax levy figured to raise over two million dollars for school salaries, maintenance and operations, city school superintendent William Sorenson said.

The school board will start working at once on the advertising and sale of the seven-million-dollar bond issue, he said. A new high school, a junior high and two trade schools were among construction plans, he said, "and to complete as much of the fire safety work as possible by next September."

Voters passed both measures by a better than 2-1 margin.

HOSPITAL INCORPORATES
SALEM (AP) — Articles of incorporation today include: Pendleton Community Memorial Hospital, Pendleton. L. W. Copeland, O. Jay Brogotti, Charles E. Bennett and others.

SPECIAL OFFERING SET
Roseburg Seventh-day Adventist Church will take a special offering Saturday for the denomination's educational work in South Africa, according to Elder W. R. Riston, pastor.

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DFPA Report Reveals Minimum Fire Losses

Compliance with forest laws last year showed an improvement over 1957 records and fire damage was kept to a minimum, the Douglas County Protective Assn. notes in its 47th annual report.

Detected violations dropped to 84 in 1958 from the 132 incidents reported the year before, with a corresponding drop in arrests from 51 to 46.

All arrests resulted in convictions, the DFPA report announced. District personnel took action on 24 fires that started on non-paying areas, 26 others in the grazing area and 38 fires in timberland. These fires burned off about 1,800 acres, more than 1,000 of which was timbered and valued at \$18,366.

Burning Permits Issued
The agency issued 1,370 permits for pasture burning embracing a total of 15,316 acres. Of these permits, 11 fires escaped and burned 129 other acres, but with no damage, the report continued.

Along with this there were 299 permits issued for slash disposal covering 28,507 acres, nine of which escaped to burn 245 acres of timberlands and had an estimated \$14,474 in damage.

The DFPA noted that 17 of the 31 timberland fires last year were caused by lightning. Five were started by smokers and two more by careless campers.

Records also show 1,187 operating permits were issued to 585 active logging and sawmill operations. A total of 37,605 acres were cut over, and with the 138,660 acres of unreleased slash carried over from 1957, resulted in 171,212 acres of unreleased area at the start of the slash burning season.

The official fire season last year started April 1 and extended through Nov. 12. Loggers working on dirt roads lost considerable time during the first part of the season due to rain. After July 1, however, very little time was lost due to low humidity, the report continued.

Fire Danger Came Late
Fire weather did not reach the extreme stage until Aug. 20 last year. At that time a logging closure was put into effect and was continued until Aug. 29.

The agency maintained 589 miles of roads at a cost of \$29.65 a mile during the 1958 season, an increase of 154 miles over the 1957 period. The DFPA reported much of the tractor time was used for widening existing roads.

With major roads already completed, little work was done on this with the exception of short connecting sections. No trails or telephone lines were built last year.

Plans this year call for an increase in lookout personnel in order to insure coverage in the fall after college students return to school.

Roseburg Veterans See Variety Show
The American Legion and auxiliary of the Willamette Council brought a variety show recently to the Roseburg Veterans Administration Hospital, with 56 entertainers and 24 volunteers.

The show was given in the auditorium for the ambulant patients while other volunteers visited the wards, distributing bananas and homemade cookies.

The American Old Star Mothers from North Bend, Coos Bay and Reedsport visited the Roseburg veterans last week, bringing nine volunteers and 32 homemade cakes. Mrs. Jim Johnson, hospital chairman, accompanied them on wards 1 and 2 recreation activities.

The Blue Star Mothers sponsored the dance in the recreation building last week, which was well attended by volunteers and patients, reports Mrs. Nancy Wulf, spokeswoman for the hospital.

The hospital, says Mrs. Wulf, would like to have volunteers to play cribbage, chess and checkers on the geriatric ward any afternoon of the week. Those interested can contact the special services department of the VA Hospital.

Mrs. James E. Cooper
Mrs. James E. (Norah) Cooper, 79, a well-known Roseburg resident, died at her home Thursday.

She was born at Oakland on Sept. 20, 1880 and resided at English Settlement for 42 years before moving to Roseburg. She was married Nov. 19, 1911 to James E. (Olie) Cooper at Roseburg.

She was a member of the First Christian Church.

Surviving are the husband, James E. Cooper, Roseburg; a daughter, Hildreth Oberman, Oakland; a sister, Alpha Abene, Sutherlin; a nephew, Willford Carlile, Dunsmuir, Calif.; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be in the chapel of Long and Orr Mortuary Monday at 2 p.m., with the Rev. B. Ross Evans of the First Christian Church officiating. Concluding services and vault interment will follow at Roseburg Memorial Gardens.

Jeff L. Shambrook
Jeff L. Shambrook, a well-known resident of Canyonville, died at his home Thursday night.

The body has been removed to Ganz Mortuary, Myrtle Creek. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Insurance Bill Killed
SALEM (AP) — The House Labor and Industries Committee Thursday killed a bill to require all firms in hazardous employment to carry industrial accident insurance.

The bill would have given the firms a choice of taking state or private insurance, or insuring themselves.

Glendale Catholic Church Reports Easter Schedule
The Holy Family Catholic Church of Glendale has announced the following schedule for Easter season services.

Good Friday devotions will be at 8 p.m.; Holy Saturday confessions, 2 to 3 p.m., and Easter Sunday mass, noon, according to Mrs. Gerald Fox, News-Review correspondent.

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