

Distribution System At Tri-City Believed Near For Water District

Woman Charged In Welfare Case Asks Time For Plea

Mrs. Ruth Alma (Schofield) Potopenko, indicted last week by the Grand Jury for fraudulently receiving public welfare funds, Wednesday asked for time to enter a plea in her case.

Arraigned before Circuit Judge Robert G. Davis, the 40-year-old Roseburg mother was given until May 11 to answer charges in the complicated affair.

Judge Davis Monday ordered the indictment amended when she appeared and asked for services of an attorney. At that time the defendant said her name was not Schofield but Potopenko. Records show she was divorced from Rex Edward Schofield in 1943.

She will plead before Circuit Judge Charles S. Woodrich next Monday in the absence of Judge Davis. William H. Jones, Roseburg attorney, is representing Mrs. Potopenko.

The Grand Jury has charged her with earning more than \$1,600 over an 11-month period in 1956 and 1957 while stating to county welfare officials her income was less than \$60 a month.

In June of 1956 she earned \$225, the citation alleges. In some other citations following records show earnings of \$221, \$211 and \$195 during the period involved.

The indictment also alleges Mrs. Potopenko is the owner of a house and lot in Portland valued at more than \$3,000.

She was arrested by sheriff's deputies last Thursday night when reporting for work at Martin Bros. Container and Timber Products Co. plant at Oakland.

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Federal Agency Approves Plans; Bid Opening Set

Construction on a water distribution system may start soon in the Tri-City Water District, in an area lying along the South Umpqua river between Myrtle Creek, Riddle, and Canyonville.

A letter of confirmation from the Housing and Home Finance Agency has been received, according to Clark Stokes, secretary of the Tri-City Water District. The letter states that all plans for construction of the water district have been approved and bids can be opened May 23.

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Steel Industry Target Of Union

NEW YORK (AP)—The Steelworkers Union today charged the steel industry with violating the antitrust laws and labor relations laws and asked the government to investigate.

Arthur J. Goldberg, the union's general counsel, said law violations are involved in industry disclosures of plans it may invoke to deal with a possible July 1 industry strike.

Goldberg outlined his charges in letters to Atty. Gen. William Rogers and to Jerome D. Fenton, general counsel of the National Labor Relations Board.

R. Conrad Cooper, chief negotiator for the steel industry in the crucial contract bargaining, disclosed Wednesday the industry is considering a plan to share profits if some companies are idled by a July 1 strike, but others left operating.

"Such an agreement would plainly violate the antitrust laws," Goldberg wrote the attorney general.

Goldberg further said Cooper had disclosed a possibility that if the union should strike only one or two companies, other unstruck producers might close down any way in an industry-wide "lock out."

Goldberg said this would violate the National Labor Relations Act. The union's general counsel said he wanted to emphasize that the union had mapped no strike strategy in the event no contract agreements are achieved before present pacts expire June 30.

Jupiter Missile Flight Said Success By Army

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla., (AP)—The Army blasted its Jupiter intermediate range ballistic missile 1,500 miles over the Atlantic Wednesday night on what sources said was a highly successful reliability flight test.

The 60-foot rocket, which may carry a monkey passenger in the near future, was equipped with a beacon light apparently for use in tracking the 10,000 m.p.h. journey through the fringes of space.

Maj. Gen. John B. Medaris, the Army's missile-space boss, announced recently that the monkey launching would take place within the next two months. The first attempt to shoot a monkey in a Jupiter came Dec. 13 but the tiny rider never was found.

Malheur Co. Includes Welfare Funds In Budget

ONTARIO, Ore. (AP)—Malheur County has put welfare funds into its 1959-1960 budget after all.

The county Budget Board earlier had balked at appropriating \$70,000, saying it opposed "the general concept of welfare."

Dist. Atty. E. O. Smith then ruled, however, that the county must have welfare funds in its budget.

And so, after a review by the Oregon Welfare Commission, an appropriation of \$63,200 was decided upon.

It was the second time in 11 years that the county had tried to keep welfare money out of the budget. In 1948 the county carried its unsuccessful fight to the state Supreme Court.

County Help Asks Raise

PORTLAND (AP)—A 9 per cent wage increase will be asked this year by the Multnomah County Employees Union.

The union said Wednesday it also will seek county-paid health and welfare insurance, a boost in travel pay and other fringe benefits.

Suicide Death Hinted

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP)—Funeral arrangements are being made for Dr. Heinrich John Graaf, a San Jose State College faculty member who once taught at the University of Oregon.

The body of Graaf, 39, was found Wednesday in his car in the closed garage at his home. The motor was running.

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Property Recovered In Winston Theft

Investigation is continuing into the recent burglary of \$250 worth of guns, shells and sporting goods taken from Howard's Hardware Store in downtown Winston.

Police Chief Ben Scheele reported today most of the loot was recovered soon after the break-in more than a week ago. Assisted by state police, Scheele followed the trail to a trailer house near the edge of town where the stolen articles were cached under the house.

Taken in the burglary were a pair of Winchester rifles, several boxes of 22-caliber ammunition, a dozen hunting knives, four pocket combs, numerous knives and some fishing tackle and other outdoor equipment.

The burglars have not yet been apprehended. Police believe the latest act is the work of juveniles. It was the second break-in of Howard's Hardware Store in the last six months. Both times thieves gained access by breaking the padlock on the door at the rear of the building.

Solon Asks Higher Pay; Court Test Probable

SALEM (AP)—Sen. R. F. Chapman (D-Coos Bay) started the wheels rolling Wednesday to obtain a court test of the bill increasing legislators' salaries from \$900 a year to \$2,100.

He wrote Secretary of State Howell Applegate Jr., a letter asking for the increased pay.

This is expected to result in a Supreme Court decision whether the bill is constitutional.

The Constitution says the pay shall be \$900, but legislators feel that it might rule the higher pay legal, anyway.

The Legislature also submitted a proposed constitutional amendment to the people to accomplish the same purpose.

Gov. Mark Hatfield let the bill become law without his signature Tuesday.

2 Mountain Climbers Killed In Sierra Fall

BRIDGEPORT, Calif. (AP)—Two mountain climbers fell to their death at 13,000 feet in the high Sierras, a rescue party radioed today.

Frank Sanborn, leading the rescuers, said the bodies were located near a quicksilver mine 80 miles east of Bridgeport.

The bodies were identified as those of Bud Parkinson, 65, South Pasadena, Calif., and Francis Foley, 53, Glendale, Calif. They had been missing since last Friday.

Parkinson and Foley were said to be experienced climbers. They told friends they expected to climb the peak and return to their starting point, Bishop, last Sunday.

When they failed to show up a search was started by ground parties and the civil air patrol.

Slot Machines Found By Buyer Of New Home

PORTLAND (AP)—Police Wednesday took 27 slot machines from the basement of a house in the Williams Avenue district.

Walter Langdon notified police that he found the devices there after he had purchased the house from Lee and Willie L. Bell of Seattle.

Birches Bird recently rented the main floor of the house as living quarters. Bird has been in frequent trouble with police over night clubs he has run. He said he was not aware the slot machines were in the basement and that he did not know who owned them.

House Kills Criminal Bill

SALEM (AP)—A Senate-passed measure to establish a bureau of criminal identification and investigation in the state police failed in the House Wednesday night.

It is similar to a bill approved by the 1957 Legislature, but vetoed by ex-Gov. Robert D. Holmes.

The bureau would have served as a clearing house for criminal reports of all state and local law enforcement agencies.

Oakland Nears Budget Finish

The Oakland City Council and the city's Budget Committee will meet Monday night to put the finishing touches on and consider acceptance of the 1959-60 budget.

The proposed budget will be inside the 8 per cent limitation so no election will be required, reported correspondent Edith Dunn.

Council and committee members will arrive at the final figure Monday.

Plans were laid by the council for installation of a drinking fountain in the city park. Cost figures were reported by Lyle Stuve.

The council received acknowledgment from the state Highway Commission that the city's application for \$5,000 for improvement of streets in 1960 has been received.

Complaints were heard by the council concerning an overflowing septic tank and existence of outside sanitary facilities within the city limits, as opposed to city ordinances.

The council agreed with Dr. Lloyd Pratt that a stairway at the rear of his offices should be installed for ambulance use.

Councilmen discussed a cleanup day, proposed as a cooperative effort with the Oakland Garden Club. Also mulled was a cleanup project at the old Masonic Cemetery, for purposes of better preserving the historic land mark.

Hospital Has Visitor

Harold F. Osborne, Seattle, information service representative for the Veterans Administration, visited the Roseburg VA Hospital Wednesday on a tour of installations in Western Oregon.

Osborne said the trip was not an inspection tour, but merely a routine visitation made to VA hospitals in the area he serves.

Flu-Like Epidemic Said On Decline In Oregon

PORTLAND (AP)—Respiratory ailments are on the decline in Oregon, but the state Board of Health said Wednesday there is no guarantee that the epidemic will not flare up again.

Last week 4,909 new cases were reported in the state. The state health officer, Dr. Harold M. Erickson, said this was a drop of 10 per cent from the previous week.

He added, however, that the situation is not particularly encouraging in view of widespread epidemics in surrounding states and a continuing rise in five Oregon border counties.

Reporting a high incidence of respiratory diseases last week were Jackson County 674 cases, Klamath 627, Lane 561, Marion 219, Crook and Douglas 179 each, Josephine 169, Umatilla 125, Washington 115, Baker 100, Wallowa 88, Curry 84 and Portland 142.

Roseburg Stations To Carry Address

What The Associated Press today termed "a major bid for public support and understanding" by Secretary of State Christian A. Herter will be aired tonight by Roseburg television and radio broadcasters.

Herter will deliver the half-hour address on the eve of his trip to the East-West Geneva conference on Germany. He is expected to stress what he regards as the reasonableness of U.S. plan for a peaceful solution to the German crisis.

Television station KPIC reported it will broadcast the speech at 5 p.m. Radio station KRXI, set 6:30 p.m. as the time for its broadcast and KRNR reported it tentatively has set the same time for its airing of the talk.

Local Area Unaffected In Pile Driver Strike

Robert Caley, business manager of Carpenters & Joiners Local 1961, Roseburg, today reported there have been no work tie-ups in the county as a result of the pile drivers strike which began in the Portland area Wednesday.

There are no indications at present that the strike will affect projects in the county, said Caley.

The Associated Press reported Wednesday that presence of pickets halted work at two highway and street projects in the Portland area. It was noted that the strike might spread to other areas.

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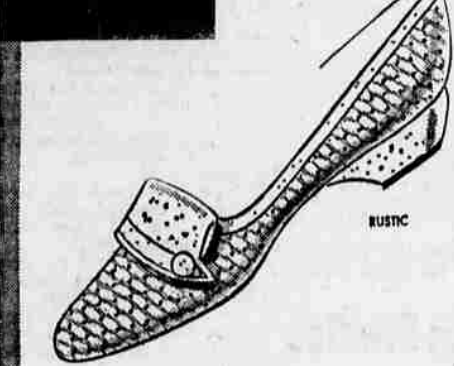
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