

31 Dead In Eastern Airliner Blast

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Sutherlin Water Control District Goes To Hearing

A water control district for Sutherlin was a step closer to reality today.

The Douglas County Court Tuesday signed an order indicating approval of formation of a district and setting a date for a final hearing.

The court's approval followed an explanation of the purposes and boundaries of the proposed district by promoters of the district. Spokesmen for the district were Andy Hempenius of Sutherlin; Borden Beck, Sutherlin, Soil Conservation Service; and Charles Edwards, Eugene, attorney for the proposed district.

No objections were voiced at the hearing.

The date for the final hearing is June 16 at 10 a.m. in the county courthouse. At that time, the County Court can approve or reject the district formation plan unless people owning 20 per cent or more of the acreage in the district petition the court for an election.

In its offer, the court said it appeared that the lands included in the district would be benefited by creation of such a district and maintenance of drainage, flood water control and other works of such a district would prevent damage to and destruction of life and property by floods. It said further the creation appeared likely to "improve lands for agricultural purposes and improve general health, welfare and safety of residents."

All Sutherlin Included

Hempenius explained that the proposed district takes in 8,556 acres, including the whole city of Sutherlin.

From the northern city limits, the boundary stretches east to the Fair Oaks Cemetery. It then generally follows section lines along the course of Sutherlin Creek south to the North Umpqua.

The movement to create a Sutherlin Water Control District was prompted by a desire to secure federal government aid in controlling flood waters.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture's Soil Conservation Service last year made a preliminary survey of the Sutherlin Creek watershed. Its conclusion was that three small dams above Sutherlin would probably be feasible. These with channel clearance would alleviate the annual flooding problem. The dams could also serve as irrigation impoundments, the report said.

Sutherlin went ahead with channel clearance of Sutherlin and Cooper creeks on its own. Meanwhile, the Chamber of Commerce and others interested went to work on a plan to secure help under the Small Watersheds Act to finance construction of dams and other works if future studies proved the feasibility.

Ike Asks Wheat, Building Action

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower asked Congress today for swift action to avert "serious disruption" of housing and highway construction and an "impending disaster in wheat."

The President sent a special message to Capitol Hill declaring that in the four months since he requested legislation on these issues, the problems have grown increasingly critical.

He called for immediate action on these measures:

1. A temporary increase in the federal gasoline tax from 3 cents a gallon to 4 1/2 cents, to head off a looming deficit in the highway trust fund which could disrupt the vast highway building program.
2. A 6 billion dollar increase in the Federal Housing Administration's authorization to insure home mortgage loans.
3. "Corrective legislation" re-revising the wheat price support and crop control program which, the President said, has failed utterly to prevent mounting surpluses.

This is the most critical situation of all, Eisenhower said, because the wheat problem threatens to "crash of its own weight" and destroy the whole farm program.

"Because the secretary of agriculture is required by law to announce a continuation of this thoroughly discredited program by the 15th of May, in January I urgently recommended corrective legislation," the message said.

"The deadline set by law is now only two days away. No such legislation has been passed."

In advance of actual delivery of the message to Congress, Eisenhower told his news conference about it in outline.

REBEL FORCE BEATEN

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (AP)—About 500 Honduran rebels were reported in flight today after an unsuccessful attempt to seize Gracias, an old trading center near the Guatemalan frontier.

The Weather

AIRPORT RECORDS

Forecast: Cloudy tonight and Thursday, cooler Thursday. Some chance of a few showers Thursday afternoon.

Highest temp. last 24 hours 89
Lowest temp. last 24 hours 51
Highest temp. any May ('56) 95
Lowest temp. any May ('54) 26
Precip. last 24 hours .2
Precip. from May 1 .88
Precip. from Sept. 1 .26.98
Deficiency from Sept. 1 .47

Sunset tonight, 7:28 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 4:50 a.m.

Carter Gets Federal OK As Draft Head

WASHINGTON (AP)—The federal government has approved the appointment of Sprague Carter, a Pendleton insurance man, as Oregon's Selective Service director.

Two members of a county board in Oregon promptly resigned in protest to the appointment by Gov. Mark Hatfield.

Selective Service headquarters here disclosed today that the appointment was approved by Lt. Gen. Lewis Hershey, the agency's national director.

A storm of protest to the appointment had been raised in Oregon. Hershey's office earlier had said, however, that it never refuses to confirm such an appointment by a governor.

At Central Point, Ore., James Gregg, chairman of the Jackson County board, said rancher Garry Garrett and Medford real estate man Fred Brennan had resigned in protest.

"I think I'll stay on until another five-man board is established. I think I'll quit then," said Gregg. He said one other member also may quit.

Gregg said he thought the appointment should have gone to Col. Francis Mason, who has been the assistant state director.

"He was the right one for the benefit of selective service," Gregg said.

Hatfield appointed Carter to the job shortly after he took office last January. The appointment set off a wave of protest.

The Jackson County Selective Service Board had said then it would resign if the appointment were not withdrawn. The board said that, in all, 17 of Oregon's 31 boards were opposed to Carter.

At the time of its protest last February, the Jackson County board said in a telegram to Hatfield that Carter was a politician.

The telegram added: "No state job should be further removed from politics."

There had been reports that Carter last year was Umatilla County treasurer for Hatfield's successful campaign for governor. Carter, however, later said that he had no official connection with the campaign, though he personally supported Hatfield.

Hatfield defended his nomination of Carter, saying:

"Contrary to the Medford board statement, Sprague Carter has a long and honorable service as an officer of the Umatilla County Selective Service Board."

"Moreover, I think it may be desirable to put such activities in the hands of a civilian."

"Sprague Carter certainly does not need the job. He has been a successful businessman and answered our call out of a sense of duty," Hatfield added.

Carter served on the Umatilla County board prior to and after U.S. entry into World War II, but resigned in 1942. Carter said then his resignation was prompted by the press of private business.

In 1955, Carter was again appointed to the board. He quit after a month, saying his action was prompted by business matters.

Blaze Started By Lightning

A small lightning fire near the Red Cloud mine on Cow Creek burst into flames Tuesday by Ray Hampton of the Umpqua National Forest staff. It was handled without difficulty.

Diamond Lake District personnel saw lightning near the Big Camas Ranger station, but Umpqua National Forest officials don't believe any fires were set.

"It is just an early storm and conditions aren't too dry yet," said Hampton, lands assistant of the Umpqua forest staff.

Grants Park recorded the state high mark of 97. Medford, traditionally afflicted with high humidity in hot weather, reached a figure of 96.

Roseburg's thermometers rose to 89 degrees, with a low of 51. Newport reached 88 and Astoria 86.

Inland Portland and Klamath Falls each had temperatures of 86 degrees, Salem 85, Eugene 83, Pendleton and Baker 79, and Redmond 77.

A cooling trend was discernible in western Oregon Wednesday and is expected to continue Thursday—with, however, temperatures averaging slightly above normal.

Highs will be from 65 to 75 degrees in western Oregon.

Problems With Retarded Children To Be Reviewed Here

Between 150 and 200 persons are expected to attend the annual Oregon Assn. for Retarded Children convention in Roseburg Saturday.

All events of the convention will be held in the Umpqua Hotel. Officers of the organization will be elected at an executive board meeting scheduled for 7:30 to 10 p.m. Friday. Delegates to the convention will register from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Saturday.

The day-long convention will actually get under way at 9 a.m. with a welcome address by Mayor Arlo Jacklin.

The association's president, Clifford Comisky of Portland, will not be present at the convention but his address will be read at 9:05 a.m. by John Devereaux of Eugene, state vice president.

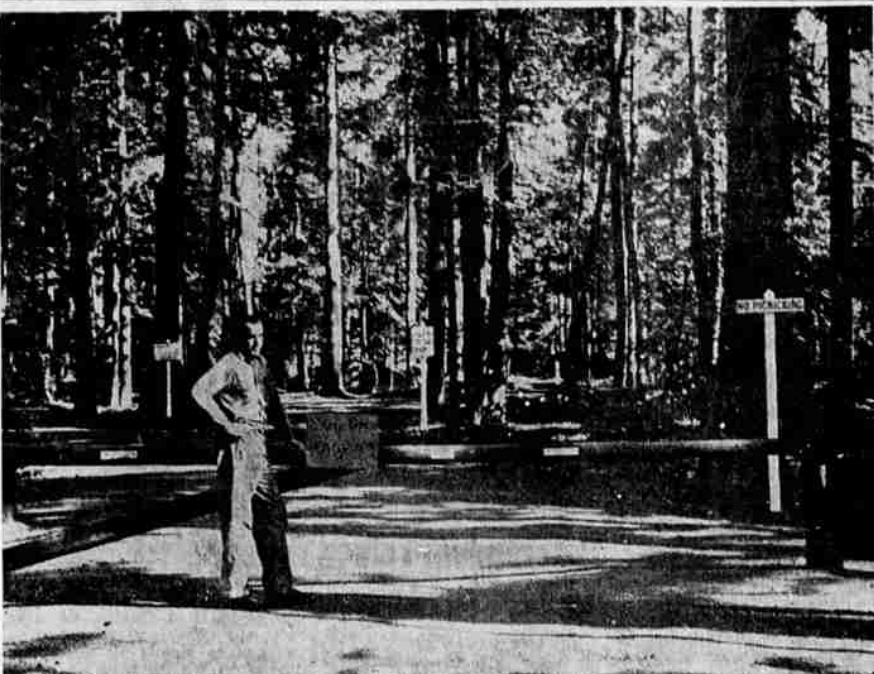
Featured speaker will be Dr. Edgar Doll, psychological consultant for the Bellingham, Wash., schools, who will talk on "An Occupational Education Program for Mentally Retarded Children and Adults." He will deliver his speech at 9:30 a.m.

Dr. Doll holds degrees from Cornell University, New York University and Princeton. He has taught at numerous universities including Wisconsin, Ohio State, Pennsylvania and Northwestern. Dr. Doll is an associate editor of several professional journals and has written a number of technical books. His best known book is "The Measurement of Social Competence." He has developed a test which measures a person's social development.

Delegates will adjourn at 10:30 for a coffee break and at 10:45 a.m. workshop sessions will start. Sessions will be on speech and language development of mentally retarded children. Discussion leader will be Dr. Leon Mulling, director regional speech and hearing center, Southern Oregon College.

Dr. Harold Dickman, psychologist at the Roseburg Veterans Administration Hospital, will lead a workshop on "The retarded child and his family." Mrs. Minnie Waterman, psychiatric social work consultant for the Oregon State Board of Health, will lead a discussion on "Retarded children of pre-school age."

Another workshop will be on "Vocational resources for mentally retarded people in Oregon." Discussion leader for this group will be C. F. Feike, state director, division of Vocational Rehabilitation.



OPENING FRIDAY for overnight campers and trailers is Susan Creek State Park on the North Umpqua River, about 30 miles east of Roseburg. Park foreman Lloyd Lansing, beside the gate, reports the park has been prepared for the expected rush of visitors. (Paul Jenkins)

Churches Adopt Juvenile Plan

The Douglas County Juvenile Advisory Council and juvenile court turned to the churches for help Tuesday night and received strong indications of support.

Meeting with the council in the county courthouse, ministers and church people from seven communities of the county indicated they would help in securing foster homes for delinquent children.

The appeal for help was made by Charles S. Woodrich, juvenile judge. He said he felt the "best source of good foster homes is through the church."

He introduced a possible program by which the juvenile office would contact churches of the county when they had a child who should be placed on probation in a foster home. The office would present a case history of the child and ask the minister of the church or a committee in the church to find a suitable foster family.

Homes Increase

The project of the Juvenile Advisory Council this year has been recruitment of foster homes. At the beginning of the year, only one suitable foster home was available to the court. Juvenile Officer Julian Holleck said now the juvenile office has nine young people in eight foster homes. He said this is the capacity of dispositions to foster homes. More would be needed.

Rev. H. James Jenkins of the First Methodist Church in Roseburg said, "I don't think there is any doubt but that the churches would rally." Another reaction was that of the Rev. Howard Baker of the First Church of God in Roseburg. "I would welcome a chance like this occasionally to challenge my people," he said.

Judge Woodrich also posed another challenge for the churches. He said he had found that seldom does a young person with a church influence appear in his court. He called for an effort to extend those influences of the church on young people outside the church.

Three Pilots Die In Jet Crashes

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. (AP)—Three F-100 Super Sabre jet planes crashed into the Atlantic Ocean off the South Carolina coast before daylight today, apparently killing all three pilots.

Searchers spotted wreckage and oil slicks, but officers at Myrtle Beach Air Force Base had no ready explanation for the cause of the crash. Observers said they saw no collision.

The three planes, part of a night navigational and refueling training flight, had a rendezvous over the ocean with a fuel tanker plane. Another pilot in the mission reported seeing the three jets descending rapidly in a turn immediately prior to hitting the surface of the ocean.

PUC In California OKs Low Rail Rates

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Reduced rates on railroad carload shipments of lumber within California were made permanent by the State Public Utilities Commission Tuesday.

The PUC granted lower intrastate rates on an interim basis last Dec. 26 after the Interstate Commerce Commission approved lower intrastate rates.

Northern California lumber mills and producers asked the intrastate reduction to meet competition of Southern Oregon mills shipping to Southern California lumber yards.

Wilbur Farmer Appointed NFLA Secretary-Treasurer

Kenneth Knechtel, Wilbur farmer, will take over as secretary-treasurer of the Roseburg National Farm Loan Assn. Friday.

Knechtel was elected to the post recently by directors of the organization. He will succeed L. G. Perkins, who has been elected to an NFLA position in Oregon City.

The Roseburg NFLA makes and services Federal Land Bank loans in Douglas, Coos and Curry counties, noted the organization's president, Eugene H. Fisher, Elkton, who announced the change.

Knechtel, 55, has been active in Farmers Home Administration, Southern Oregon Production Credit Assn., and Roseburg NFLA committees. His background also shows service with school and county agricultural committees and the Douglas County Juvenile Advisory Council.

Born in Kansas, he holds degrees from Kansas State Agricultural College and Oklahoma Agricultural College.

He now operates a 314-acre farm about nine miles northwest of Wilbur.

Building Plans On Board Slate

Various aspects of the proposed building program and an economic study of possible transportation setups will be top orders of business during tonight's regular meeting of the Roseburg School Board.

Building requirements for both senior and junior high school programs under the 6-3-3 division of grades recently adopted by the board will be considered.

Attendance areas and other factors influencing the elementary school program also will be discussed, as will room requirements at Green Elementary School. A pair of building program architectural candidates, Stan Smith and E. J. Kump, will be interviewed.

Consideration of alternatives for furnishing the district with school bus transportation arises from the board's rejection two weeks ago of a \$141,000 bid for the service by Ellison Transportation Co., Roseburg. The board had included \$115,000 for transportation in its 1959-60 budget.

Directors noted after the bid was turned down that transportation service might have to be curtailed somewhat in order to meet expenses.

Also on the agenda tonight is consideration of a request by the Roseburg YMCA for use of play grounds and all-purpose rooms at Riverside, Rose, Benson, Hucresst and Fullerton Schools during the summer recreation program.

Repatriation Refused

PANAMA (AP)—Panama's government has told Cuban Prime Minister Fidel Castro to watch his tongue if he has hopes of getting back 86 Cubans who invaded Panama in an abortive attempt to stage a revolution.

Foreign Minister Miguel Moreno Jr. Tuesday rejected a request for repatriation of the Cubans made by Cuban Under Secretary of State Elic Aguerro.

Fire Damages Car

Fire caused \$170 damage to a 1955 sedan in Winston this morning. A vehicle owned by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Phelps of Rice Creek was damaged when gas spilled over and burned a battery and fuel pump. The blaze occurred in front of the post office. The alarm was sounded at 8:45 a.m., according to Fire Chief Mike Neely.

De Gaulle Policy Hit

ALGIERS (AP)—The restive Europeans of Algiers today boycotted an army parade and demonstration commemorating last year's coup which brought President De Gaulle back to power.

Most of the city's European population stayed home to demonstrate their growing discontent with De Gaulle's Algerian policy.

LORRE IMPROVING

GRANADA, Spain (AP)—Veteran movie actor Peter Lorre has been taken off the critical list but faces a long convalescence from a heart attack.

Capital Airlines Has Two Fatal Accidents In One Day

BALTIMORE (AP)—A Capital Viscount turboprop airliner, flying non-stop from New York to Atlanta, exploded in storm-swept skies over Maryland late Tuesday, spraying wreckage and the bodies of 27 passengers and four crewmen over a two-mile area.

Civil Aeronautics Board investigators, probing through the twisted fragments, said at noon today that the plane was blown apart by a forceful explosion. But speculation whether the explosion was inside the fuselage or outside, possibly in a wing, would be "premature," they said.

An inspection of the engines showed they suffered little damage. This could indicate that the explosion was not near the fuel tanks.

One victim had his clothing blown off. Police volunteered that this could signify an explosion within the fuselage.

While many close to the scene openly wondered about the presence of a bomb on board, no one in authority would comment on it.

Second Plane Wrecked

Less than an hour before, another Capital Airlines, a four-engine Constellation, plunged over a 200-foot embankment at the Charleston, W. Va., Airport and burst into flames, killing two persons and injuring at least six. This flight, from Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh, also was bound for Atlanta.

One official of the Civil Aeronautics Board said it was the first time in its history that a single airline had had two fatal crashes in one day.

The Constellation crashed at Charleston at 4:26 p.m. (EDT). The Viscount tore apart at 5:18 p.m. (EDT) while flying at about 14,000 feet over a patchwork of small farms about 15 miles east of Baltimore.

Weather may have been a factor in both cases.

A thunderstorm was sweeping across Maryland when the Viscount came through. Apparently the turbulence was causing rough riding.

Explosion Not Seen

No one saw the plane the instant it disintegrated with a fiery flash—the sky was covered with low-squidding rainclouds. But aviation engineers and others speculated that a sudden, violent downdraft or updraft tore off part of a wing, rupturing a fuel line which speeded kerosene fuel into an engine. The gas apparently ignited with a roar, tearing the plane to pieces.

The Viscount is powered by four turbojet engines, which turn a propeller shaft and a conventional propeller.

Traffic, Trains Hex Cavalcaders

OVERTON, Neb. (AP)—The Oregon Centennial wagon train headed out of here Wednesday morning after a tough battle with civilization Tuesday.

Heavy traffic on U.S. 30 from Kearney to Overton slowed the wagons. The party found, too, that the shoulders of the highway were too muddy to support the wagons.

To add to the troubles the modern pioneers nearly lost their horses and mules during their noon-day stop. A Union Pacific passenger train roared past, whistle blasting. The animals reared, but their tethers proved too strong.

Dick Carter, the spokesman said, "They're going to have to get used to trains. We're going to be following the tracks for a week or so."

The weather continued to give trouble, too.

The skies were starry when the party retired Monday night. But members were aroused hours later by rain, hail and wind. Those sleeping outside scrambled for cover. They feared that the horses and mules might be injured but that didn't happen.

Joining the wagon train for a brief inspection trip Tuesday was Jack Lively of the Oregon Centennial Commission.

Strike Nonexistent

Picketing at Miller's store here the past several months following a situation at Yakima, where picketing is being conducted, but no strike exists. Parker claims that the company has refused to arbitrate.

The spokesman for Miller's in Portland when contacted today stated that the company has not refused to bargain in good faith, and that it is up to the NLRB to determine whether or not the union's claims are valid.

The spokesman stated that the company is not anti-union as the union claims, that union locals exist in three stores acquired by Miller's in northwest Washington. He said no contract exists with the union at Yakima, and the only store where an election has been held is at Renton.

He said the principal difference between the company and the union is over a security clause.

Taylor, Fisher Up On Cloud 8

NEW YORK (AP)—Eddie Fisher and Elizabeth Taylor, winging their way to a European honeymoon, stopped off here between planes today and professed themselves very happy.

The couple literally had been in the clouds almost ever since their wedding late Tuesday in Las Vegas, Nev.

First they flew to Los Angeles, then they took a jet for New York. It arrived here at 7:08 a.m. Accompanying the newlyweds were a friend, Miss Pat Newcomb, and 112 other passengers.

A crowd of about 600 persons gathered to watch them leave the plane at Idlewild Airport.

Reporters carried on a kind of running interview as the couple hurried through the throng to a limousine for the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

One asked the actress how she felt.

"What do you think?" she asked in return. "It's my wedding day and I feel wonderful."

Fisher broke in: "We're a little weary but we're very happy."

When photographers asked them to embrace for pictures, Miss Taylor declined and said: "We're saving that for ourselves."

Woman's Body Found Following House Fire

OREGON CITY (AP)—Flames roared through the second floor of a big frame house here today. A woman's body later was found in a charred closet.

Police said the victim was Mrs. Harriet McKinney, about 40.

Albert McKinney, 35, the woman's husband, smashed through a window to escape the flames, police said.

The fire also routed Mr. and Mrs. Neils Poulsen and their six children, who occupied the first floor of the house.

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Based on advance inquiries, Washington state is this year expecting a tourist increase of from 8 to 10 per cent over that of last year, when an estimated four million visitors poured 333 million dollars into the state's coffers. A material portion of this revenue came from a 3 per cent sales tax. This year the tax rate was upped to 4 per cent, thus assuring a substantial revenue boost. Imagine how much revenue short-sighted Oregon will lose by absence of a sales tax in this centennial year! (Reach for the crying towel, taxpayers!)



DR. EDGAR DOLL ... featured speaker



DR. CHARLES FAST ... banquet speaker