

## Judgments Hit Shipping Firm

PORTLAND (AP) — Two insurance companies won judgments totaling \$1,230,000 in a decision filed Tuesday in federal court here, which grew out of an ocean tragedy.

The S.S. Pennsylvania sank off the Pacific Northwest coast in January, 1952, taking the lives of its 46-man crew. The cargo aboard the States Steamship Co. vessel was lost.

The decision was by U.S. Dist. Judge Dave Lins of Phoenix, Ariz. Earlier he had held that the steamship company was liable for the losses because the ship was not seaworthy. The losses were paid off by the two companies who insured the cargo. Then they sued to recover the money.

Judge Lins awarded \$379,185 plus 6 per cent interest from the day of the sinking to the Atlantic Mutual Co. He ordered \$479,083 plus interest paid to the National Fire Insurance Co.

The estates of the men who died with the ship were settled out of court.

States Steamship now has lost nearly three million dollars as a result of the sinking.

Judge Lins was assigned to the federal district court here to try the case.

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## 1,500 Registration Seen For 5-Day IOOF Conference

Roseburg's Odd Fellows and Rebekah lodges today unveiled a busy calendar of social and business events to set the stage for hosting the IOOF Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly for a five-day session opening Sunday.

An estimated 1,500 members of the two organizations are expected to convene here for their annual program. For the Grand Lodge it will be the 103rd session.

A flag-raising ceremony at the Roseburg Fire Station Sunday afternoon, followed by evening services at the Presbyterian Church will launch the convention.

A reception Sunday night for all branches of the Odd Fellows of Oregon and their friends will wind up opening day events at the IOOF Hall. The Philatelic Lodge and Roseburg Rebekah Lodge will entertain.

Registration begins at 2 p.m. Sunday in the lobby of the Umpqua Hotel, headquarters for the session that will continue through Tuesday.

Here to take part in ceremonies will be E. O. Richards of Chappell, Neb., deputy sovereign grand master, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He comes here from California where he is attending the Golden Bear State's annual session this week.



**E. O. RICHARDS**  
IOOF leader slated

Smith, Assembly secretary, in the Roseburg Armory.

**84th Session Planned**  
Tuesday the 84th session of the Grand Encampment, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Grand Ladies Encampment Auxiliary both convene at 9 a.m. in the IOOF Hall. Preceding this hour, they join for a no-host breakfast at the Umpqua Hotel.

At noon Merrill Maxwell, grand patriarch, and Garnet Draper, grand matriarch, each entertain their officers at luncheon at the Umpqua hotel. With the completion of their respective meetings that afternoon, they will meet at the Roseburg Armory at 7:30 p.m. for entertainment and joint public installation of newly elected officers. This will be followed by a grand march and ball.

The branch having the largest attendance will be the Rebekah Assembly of Oregon meeting at the

Armory on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Opening ceremonies Tuesday begin at 8:30 a.m. and any Rebekah member or friend may attend. Official opening of the Assembly is scheduled for 9 o'clock, followed by conferring the assembly degree on qualified Rebekah members.

With a full session planned for the remainder of the day they will also attend the Grand Encampment and Ladies Auxiliary installation at the Armory Tuesday evening.

**Instructions Scheduled**  
Wednesday morning, Vice President Ruth Voss will conduct the district deputy presidents school of instruction at 7 a.m. in the Armory. The Assembly then convenes, at 9 a.m., with election of officers scheduled for 10 a.m.

The Grand Lodge will begin its annual session on Wednesday morning in the Gold Room of the Umpqua Hotel. Following a breakfast at 7 a.m. and a special session at 9 a.m. they plan to go into their regular business session at 10 o'clock.

They will elect officers and hold a joint public installation with the Rebekah Assembly Wednesday evening at the Armory. This will be preceded by entertainment beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The Lady Muscovites hold a business meeting at 6 p.m. and their ceremonial at 10 p.m. Wednesday. The men will confer their Muscovite Degree at 11:30 p.m. Both the Muscovites and the Lady Muscovites will meet in the IOOF Hall.

Thursday morning the new president of the Rebekah Assembly entertains her officers at a breakfast at the Woman's Club Building. Also that morning, the secretaries of subordinate lodges, scribes and clerks meet for breakfast in the Odd Fellows Hall.

The Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly conclude their meetings Thursday afternoon.



**WORLD TRAVELER** Mrs. Robert Sibley will tell the American Association of University Women Thursday her observations during a recent trip to Poland, Russia and South Africa. The AAUW will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. George French. Today she addressed the St. George's Episcopal Guild on the same topic.

## Alaska, River Given Attention

SEATTLE (AP) — Endorsement of joint U. S.-Canadian development of the Columbia River and a plea for better transportation connections with Alaska were voted by delegates to the Pacific Northwest Trade Assn.

Both projects were the subjects of resolutions passed unanimously by the association concluded its 41st general conference here.

One resolution commended the work of the International Columbia River Engineering Board and the International Joint Commission in nearing an equitable solution to development of the Columbia.

In the second resolution the association urged increased activity on the part of the Alaska International Rail and Highway Commission named by Congress in 1956. The government of Canada and its provinces were asked to cooperate in furthering the work of the commission.

At a conference luncheon prior to the business session Dr. Nicholas Nyradi, former Hungarian finance minister, told members the issue between the United States and Russia will "be decided in the field of economics."

Workshop speakers Tuesday included Robert E. Rose, from the General Electric Co. plant at Hanford and Don Chapman, president of the Equitable Savings & Loan Assn., Portland.

## O&C Withdrawal Asked Near Here

Preservation of 200 acres of Oregon and California revested railroad grant lands for scenic and recreational value is proposed in a withdrawal planned by the Department of the Interior.

The acreage includes 100 acres on the Little River about 31 miles east of Roseburg.

A period of 30 days from the date of publication of the notice in the Federal Register is provided for filing of protests or comments by the public. Protests should be addressed to Virgil T. Heath, Oregon state supervisor for the Bureau of Land Management, 809 NE Sixth Ave., Portland, 12, Ore.

**Hub Cap Stolen**  
Molly V. Ellege, 1941 W. Harvard Ave., reported to Roseburg police Tuesday the theft of a stainless steel hub cap from her 1951 model car early Tuesday morning.

## Portland Mulls Hotel Room Tax

PORTLAND (AP) — The Portland City Council will take up May 27 a proposal to tax hotel rooms during this Centennial summer.

Such a tax was suggested Tuesday by Mayor Terry Schruk and Commissioner Stanley Earl to increase city revenues.

Commissioner Buck Grayson does not like the idea. He said it would "look like we're trying to reap a harvest." Commissioner Ormond R. Bean objected, too. He said such a tax should be put off until next January.

Schrunk and Earl proposed a 5 per cent tax on daily room charges. The estimated annual yield would be \$400,000.

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**Civic Record Listed**  
Richards, past grand master of Nebraska's Odd Fellows, lists among his numerous fraternal and other connections the title of past noble grand of his Rebekah lodge and past chief patriarch in the Encampment Branch of the Odd Fellows. He also is past Nebraska district vice commander for the American Legion, a member of Lions International and a former Rotarian.

A member of the Masonic Order, Richards is past master of his Chappell lodge and past commander of the Chappell Temple Commandery, Knights Templar.

Monday at 7 a.m. the Patriarchs Militant General Field and Staff Officers open the business sessions with a breakfast the Umpqua Hotel. The Department Council opens its meeting at 9 a.m. on the second floor of the IOOF Hall.

The previous evening, Sunday at 5:30 p.m., the President's Assn. of Ladies Auxiliaries Patriarchs Militant convene for dinner at the hotel, later joining the Patriarch's group for special church services at 7:30 p.m.

**Breakfast At Hotel**  
A breakfast for past presidents of the Rebekahs in the hotel will start their sessions, followed by a 9 p.m. meeting at the lodge hall.

The nurses group has scheduled their annual luncheon at noon on Monday.

Highlight of the Patriarch's Militant and Assn. of Ladies Auxiliaries Patriarchs Militant will be the bestowing of the Degree of Chivalry on honored members at a public ceremony in the Roseburg Armory Monday at 7:30 p.m. This will be followed by a grand march for members in uniform only, and then a military hall to which all branches and their friends are invited.

A school for both recording and financial secretaries of Rebekah lodges is to be conducted beginning at 2 p.m. Monday by Miss Louise

**Hospital News**

**Douglas Community Hospital**  
Admitted  
Medical: Mrs. James Flynn, John Chancellor, Augustin Pacheco, Keith Custer, Mrs. W. T. Compton, Roseburg.  
Surgery: Mrs. Robert Grove, Myrtle Creek; E. G. High, Charles Insley, Virgil Wolf, Roy Caviness, Teresa Bass, Roseburg.

**Discharged**  
Lillian Hume, Wilbur; Jo Ann Settles, Dillard; Winnie Brown, Camas Valley; Sandra Giegear, Mrs. Jesse Fox, Sutherlin; Mrs. Gerald Henbree and baby; Norman Cole; Mrs. Bernard Wittwer and baby, Doris Jolene, Roseburg.

**Mercy Hospital**  
Admitted  
Surgery: Mrs. Edwin Farmer, Mrs. Darrol Hiatt, Roseburg.  
Medical: Mrs. Roy Fisher, Winston; Mrs. Kenneth Atterbury, Winchester; Mrs. Cecil Hays, Eugene; Mrs. George Pinneo, Cecil Thompson, Richard Mask, Mrs. Alea Alley, Roseburg.

**Discharged**  
Mrs. Carl Bay, Douglas Parazo, Sutherlin; Cynthia Menges, Mrs. John Paxton, Oakland.

**Oakland Boy Fined**  
A 16-year-old Oakland youth has pleaded guilty in Roseburg Municipal Court to a charge of illegal possession of liquor by a minor and was fined \$25. Roseburg police arrested the boy in a SE Stephens St. parking lot about 4 p.m. Sunday after they found bottles of beer on the back seat of a car in which the youth was sitting.

**Camera Award Made**  
PORTLAND (AP)—The winner of the Oregon Centennial photography contest for high school seniors is Kurt Rolfe, 17, a Lincoln student. He gets a \$1,000 scholarship.

He submitted pictures of a day in the life of his sister, a first grade student.

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