

Douglas County Budget Hits High At Near \$8.3 Million

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The County Court Friday adopted a budget for Douglas County for the next fiscal year totalling \$8,299,669.40—a new high.

Judge V. T. Jackson announced the adoption following a public hearing earlier in the day at which several requests were made for slight increases in various departments.

Prior to hearing the requests, the Court had received a report of the budget committee which recommended an increase in the previously submitted budget of \$46,478.75.

DA Slash Talked

Included in the budget committee's report was a recommended cut of \$1,320 in the salary of the District Attorney.

In the absence of Avery Thompson, who is attending a District Attorney Institute in Portland, Dep. Atty. George Weigum asked the court not to cut the sum out of the budget.

"I think every county in the state proportionately pays more to their district attorneys than Douglas County pays its DA," Weigum said.

He pointed out District Attorney's office handles a great deal of county civil work.

Weigum also stated: "Generally speaking, Douglas County ranks second in the state in handling total number of criminal cases."

Continues Expense

The Court maintained the state now makes adequate salary available to the district attorney so he does not need money from the county.

After the hearing, the court decided to leave the expenditure in the budget.

"The fact that he is away is why we are not cutting the \$1,320 from the budget," Judge Jackson said. "But we don't have to give it to

him. We will wait until Wednesday when he returns to make any decisions. But we did not feel we could hold up the budget until then."

Revenues to finance the 1961-62 budget come mainly in two funds—the general fund, which will provide \$2,099,085.65, and the road fund, which will provide \$5,456,090. Current taxes necessary to balance the budget will total \$687,240.

Tax base used for the last fiscal year was \$681,402.36. The statutory 6 per cent increase allowed by state law is \$40,884.14 bringing the tax base for the new fiscal year to \$722,286.50.

No vote will be necessary to approve the budget as the tax base is not over the 6 per cent limitation.

Timber Revenue

Included in revenue is \$3,515,000 in Oregon and California Grant lands and \$990,000 in forest timber sales.

Final additions to the budget total \$48,343.75. The general fund budget is \$2,834,669.40 and the road fund is \$5,456,090.

Largest single item in the road fund is \$2,789,580 for major road construction. This construction includes \$500,000 for the North Umpqua Road, \$375,000 for the Riddle by-pass and \$220,000 for reconstruction of the Upper Cow Creek Rd.

Of the additions to the budget, largest is \$40,000 for construction in the courthouse—mainly for re-vamping and construction of heating and air conditioning systems.

Another \$3,000 was added to the District Attorney's office to bring the salary of the second deputy district attorney to \$7,000, present salary of the other deputy.

Guidance Clinic Fund
A sum of \$3,350 was added to the Health Department's child guidance clinic while \$1,290.75 was

added to the County Library budget when he returns to make any decisions. But we did not feel we could hold up the budget until then."

Mrs. Dorothy Heath of the Roseburg Junior Women's Club asked in behalf of the club why provision had not been made for a children's librarian.

Judge Jackson said "in the opinion of the budget board, the library was treated very well."

Commissioner Ray Doerner noted that the library budget was increased \$11,000 over last year's.

Mickey Cohen Gets Long Prison Term

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Ex-mobster Mickey Cohen today was sentenced to 15 years in prison and fined \$30,000 for federal income tax evasion.

The onetime boss of West Coast bookies could have received up to 32 years in prison and a \$65,000 fine.

Cohen, 47, was convicted Friday by a federal court jury of seven men and five women. It acquitted him on five other counts.

The 13-count indictment was similar to charges on which he was convicted 10 years ago, fined \$10,000 and imprisoned for 3½ years.

The jury deliberated 22½ hours before deciding. The trial lasted eight weeks.

Cohen, 5-foot-5, dapper and chubby, clasped his hands and bowed his head when he heard the verdict. His blonde friend, Sandra Hagen, 22, burst into tears.

U.S. Dist. Judge George H. Boldt complimented the jurors on a "distinguishing verdict."

Cohen later told newsmen "I am Mickey Cohen. They thought they had to."

Prosecutors charged Cohen owed the government nearly \$400,000—including about \$350,000 in taxes, penalties and interest for 1945-50, for which Cohen was convicted 10 years ago.

The prosecution presented about 150 witnesses, who testified about Cohen's big spending, his \$250 suits, \$75 shoes, and the government argued all this was evidence of high income, hence taxable.

Cohen claimed the high living was necessary to create publicity for a forthcoming book and movie about his life—neither has yet materialized—and that friends meanwhile loaned him money. This money was not taxable, the defense claimed, because it was in the form of loans.

Canyonville Men To Stand Trial

Two Canyonville men will come to trial in Roseburg Municipal Court July 11 on charges ranging from contributing to the delinquency of a minor to carrying a concealed weapon.

Appearing before Judge Warren Woodruff Friday both men, James D. Griffith, 21, and Theodore G. Mittendorf, 19, pleaded not guilty to the charges.

Griffith is charged with driving with a suspended driver's license, contributing to the delinquency of a minor and failure to obey signs and signals. His bail was set at \$365.

Mittendorf is charged with being drunk in an auto, and carrying a concealed weapon. His bail was set at \$325.

Improper Turn

According to Roseburg Police, the two men, a 17-year-old youth and a girl were stopped in an auto Thursday at 9:30 p.m. at the intersection of SE Stephens St. and Lane Ave. The car was stopped after it had allegedly made an improper turn.

Upon investigation of the auto, police officers filed the charges. The 17-year-old was turned over to juvenile authorities.

By early this morning Griffith was still in the Roseburg jail. Mittendorf was released on bail.



SCOTTSBURG'S new post office, which opened its doors for business today, is pictured in near final stages of development. Postmaster Margaret Thomas moved all postal equipment from the old post office in the Hadden Store to the new building Friday. (News-Review Photo).

14-Year-Old Recovering After Three Days Of Terror, Tragedy

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (AP)—A husky 14-year-old boy, who watched two men die as they drifted on a flimsy raft, was recovering in a hospital today after three days of tragedy and terror at sea.

Terry McClelland, a blond high school athlete from Huntington Beach, Calif., was rescued Friday by a fishing boat 90 miles southwest of San Diego.

Taken Aboard Sub

Transferred to a submarine, he arrived Friday night in San Diego. He was pronounced in fairly good condition at a hospital.

He told newsmen a rambling tale about three terrible days of shipwreck, thirst, delirium, death, hunger, heat and blinding glare of sun, sea and sky.

He and his companions—Russell Bradford, 48, of Huntington Beach, his mother's stepfather, and Alvin Hartman, 57, of nearby

Santa Ana, Bradford's friend—set out for a month's fishing cruise off Mexico last Tuesday. Bradford was a plastering contractor, Hartman a hod carrier.

After setting out from Newport Beach in their 36-foot boat, they encountered heavy swells. They tried riding at anchor that night.

The sea anchor was pulling on the boat, the boy, mumbling and dazed from sedatives, told newsmen. "Two big swells picked up the boat and pulled the bottom out of it."

Three Board Raft

The three fishermen got aboard a six-by-three-foot raft of balsa wood and cork. Its bottom consisted only of rope netting through which a few timbers were looped, and water sloshed through the bottom continually.

They tried to attract several passing vessels Wednesday, their first day on the raft. Although they waved rags and poles, no one stopped.

They had no food or water, only a few packs of cigarettes that Hartman grabbed before leaving the boat.

After waiting in vain for rescuers under a blinding hot sun, Hartman "went crazy on the second day," Terry said.

"He started falling in the water and the raft turned over," the boy added. "Grandad got him back on the raft and gave him mouth-to-mouth respiration. But it didn't work."

Body Lashed To Raft

After Hartman died, Bradford lashed the body to the raft.

Then, the boy continued, "My grandfather went crazy from seeing Al go crazy. He kept screaming and yelling and falling into the water."

"I kept telling him: 'Grandad, don't die, don't leave me here alone.'"

He fell asleep, Terry said, and when he awoke, Bradford was dead. He lashed him to the raft with Hartman—and drifted on.

Early Friday morning, while fog hung low over the Pacific, the raft was spotted by seamen aboard the Ruth Marie, an ocean fishing boat.

Terry was taken aboard. The rescuers recovered Hartman's body but Bradford's body slipped from the raft and disappeared.

The boy drank broth and later was transferred to the submarine USS Diodon, on maneuvers in the area.

Slept Aboard Sub

He slept most of the time aboard the sub and spoke little of his ordeal. He came ashore in a stretcher, sunburned and shoeless.

He and his mother embraced tearfully. Terry's father, George McClelland, is estranged from Mrs. McClelland and resides at Salinas, Calif.

Terry told his mother: "I'm all right, mother, but I don't want to talk about it."

After a brief talk with newsmen, the boy was taken to Balboa Naval Hospital. There, a doctor said he had suffered only from malnutrition and exposure but was in fairly good condition. The doctor added: "His youth saved him."

Forest Service Scientist Moves To Portland Office

William I. Stein, forestry scientist who has been serving with the Roseburg Research Center for the past nine years, has been promoted to the Portland office of the Pacific Northwest Forest and Range Experiment Station.

According to Roseburg Center Leader William Hallin, Stein will be in charge of a region-wide research project on seedling and planting of trees in Oregon and Washington. The research centers are the scientific arms of the U.S. Forest Service.

Duke Replacement

Stein will be replaced in Roseburg by Dr. Richard P. Pharis, who recently completed his work for a doctor of philosophy degree in tree physiology at Duke University.

Pharis will continue projects started by Stein and begin new studies on moisture and nutrient requirements of local conifers. He received his bachelor's degree in forestry from the University of Washington and has had past experience during summer employment in that state.

Stein's wife Dorothy, and their children Clifford, Kathleen, Roderick, Bradford, Benjamin, Lawrence, Margaret, Randolph, and Nicholas will move to Portland in August.

He came to the Roseburg Research Center in July 1952. He has been in charge of the research on seedling and planting of forest trees while at Roseburg. He is recognized as an authority on seedling and planting and the results of his studies here paved the way for successful establishment of a new stand after timber harvesting in this area. Stein is currently working on a detailed study of the early growth of the important conifers in this area. Results of this study will help solve some of the remaining perplexing problems encountered in establishing new stands of trees after timber harvesting.

Begins In 1948

Stein began his Forest Service career on the Malheur National Forest in eastern Oregon in 1948. He went to the Wind River Experimental Forest in Washington where he worked until his transfer to Roseburg.

He received a bachelor's degree in forestry from Oregon State University in 1948 and a Masters Degree from Yale in 1952. He has completed course work for a Doctor's Degree at Yale and is now writing his thesis.



WILLIAM I. STEIN
... to Portland



RICHARD P. PHARIS
... to Roseburg

While at Roseburg, he has been active in the Society of American Foresters, Rod & Gun Club, Boy Scout activities and the Knights of Columbus.

Abel's Bid Lowest

William H. Abel of Canyonville submitted the low bid of \$8,940 for reconstruction of the June Mountain and Middle York roads in Lane County. The roads are owned by the U. S. Forest Service. Isaacson Bros. of Roseburg was one of the bidders, submitting a bid of \$13,324.

Speedy Pickup Blamed In Death Of 11 Persons

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP)—A speeding pickup truck Friday night roared down the wrong side of a four-lane highway and smashed into a station wagon, killing 11 persons.

It was the worst auto accident in Nevada's history.

The Nevada highway patrol said the truck was heading south on a northbound lane of U.S. 91, the major highway between Los Angeles and Las Vegas, when it hit the station wagon.

The wagon was crammed with nine persons—three generations of

the same family. The truck, equipped with a camper top, carried an adult couple.

All died before ambulances arrived. All were from California, apparently seeking an early start on the July Fourth holiday weekend.

The only survivor of the crash was a cocker spaniel in the back of the pickup truck.

Patrolman Richard McDermott said the truck went past a highway patrol checking station at Jean, Nev., about 32 miles southwest of Las Vegas, at about 60 miles an hour on the wrong side of the roadway.

It hit the station wagon 100 yards past the station. Wreckage was strewn for yards around the crash site.

The highway patrol fatality list: In the station wagon: Driver George Neal Gibson, 35, Big Creek, Calif., and wife Laura, 31. George's brother John, 48, San Bernardino.

Parents Wilburn Gibson, 77, and wife, Stella, 75, San Bernardino. George and Laura's children, Tommy, 11, Margie, 10, Marilynn, 8, and Sherill, 7.

In the truck: Leo Hollis Watkins, 52 and wife, Florence Francis, 49, Manhattan Beach.

The worst traffic accidents on record in the United States each claimed 19 lives. Two trucks collided in June 1957 at Fayetteville, N.C., with a loss of 19 lives, equalling the toll in a truck collision in Texas, in August 1947.

The record toll of lives lost in a single-car accident was posted in April 1940 when 13 persons died as a result of an accident at Slayton, Minn.

Tibetan Orphan Gets New Life

OLYMPIA FIELDS, Ill. (AP)—An orphaned Tibetan refugee named Dejuu steps from a silvery jet plane into a new world and meets her new parents today—her 14th birthday.

Dejuu—less than a year ago only a face in a crowd of Tibetan refugees in Darjeeling, India—will become Dejuu Cooper, adopted daughter of a Chicago public relations executive who was moved by her plight.

Dejuu was wandering around the self help center in Darjeeling last fall when Harry J. Cooper came along. Cooper was helping produce a film about the Tibetans.

The little girl had been orphaned at four and reared by an aunt. A Tibetan official helped her into India as thousands of her countrymen fled the Communists in March 1959.

So moved was Cooper by Dejuu's tale that on his return to Olympia Fields, in Chicago's south suburbs, he and his wife, Nancy, began adoption proceedings.

It was a race against time.

The U.S. law governing adoption of children under 14 ended Friday. Cooper managed to get her visa approved in Calcutta with only a few days to spare.

Dejuu will be met by her new parents and a new brother, Bradley, 11, and a sister, Sandra, 19, at O'Hare International Airport.

Olympia Fields she'll be greeted by a "welcome home, Dejuu" banner at the Cooper home.

Besides being perhaps the best birthday in her life, it'll be the longest. As her jet plane streaks across the Middle East, Europe, the Atlantic Ocean and the United States it'll be racing the sun, stretching her 14th birthday into 35½ hours.

MacArthur Leaves For Philippines

NEW YORK (AP)—Gen. of the Army Douglas MacArthur set forth once again today for the Philippine Islands. He called it a "sentimental journey" to take part in Independence Day ceremonies July 4.

But it also will be a hero's return for the renowned World War II leader, whose vow that "I shall return" kept alive Philippine hopes during the dark days of Japanese occupation.

Gen. MacArthur, accompanied by his wife, will be treated to many honors during his nine-day visit, including a ticker-tape parade in Manila with more than a million persons expected to line the streets to hail him.

Before departing on a presidential jet liner operated by the Air Force, he said slowly in an emotional tone that the next few days will be "among the happiest of my life." He is 81.

Then he added with a smile: "But I shall return."

Nyssa Athlete Wins Court Test

VALE, Ore. (AP)—Louis Vendrell, 23, won a \$25,000 suit against the Nyssa, Ore., school district Friday for injuries suffered in a 1953 football game.

Vendrell was inserted into a game against Vale as a 140-pound freshman and suffered injuries during the contest. He claimed he had been inadequately coached. After a 3½-day trial, he got what he asked—\$20,000 in general damages and \$5,000 in special damages.

The court's decision is believed to be the first of its kind, holding a school district responsible for injuries suffered by a student during a school activity.

School districts had been held immune from such suits until the state Supreme Court earlier this year issued a ruling that gave Vendrell the right to sue.

Horse Racing Will Be Feature At County Fair

Horse racing will return as a feature event at the Douglas County Fair and Exposition in Roseburg, Aug. 24 through 27, it was announced today by Fair Manager Dick Turley.

Representatives of various Douglas County Horsemen's groups met recently at the Fairgrounds to make plans for the racing. C. A. Tollefson, Fair Board member, was named chairman of the committee on arrangements and promotion. Races will take place Saturday and Sunday afternoons, Aug. 26 and 27, with about two and one-half hours of events scheduled each day.

"We are very happy to have this popular event of some years ago return to the Fair schedule," Turley said.

Former Resident Held In Eureka

A man arrested by Eureka, Calif., police Friday apparently has a Roseburg connection, a teletype to the Roseburg Police indicates today.

Edward Lee Richard, 24, of St. Louis, Mo., was arrested by Eureka police after he apparently tried to hold up a liquor store.

According to the report, the beginning of Richard's alleged crime foray was south of Gold Beach where he was picked up as a hitchhiker by two soldiers.

He forced them at gunpoint, the report said, to come to Eureka on the way to Los Angeles. The gun, according to police, was stolen from E. S. Wright, Rt. 3, Box 780, Roseburg. Wright is purportedly a former employer of Richard's.

Upon arriving in Eureka, Richard forced one of the soldiers to accompany him into the liquor store where he made a purchase.

He then pulled his gun out and held it on the clerk. While his eyes were over the clerk, the soldier hit him over the head with a bottle of wine.

Check Activities
The soldier then subdued Richard, police said, until their arrival.

Police are checking on Richard's past activities.

The Douglas County Sheriff's office today had no report of a stolen gun from E. S. Wright.

Church Group On Tour Of U. S. Visits Here

A group on tour from the Church of the Brethren rolled into Roseburg Friday on a tour of the Western United States and Canada. The group stopped at the Umpqua Hotel for a luncheon before continuing on its way. It is comprised of 66 members of the church mostly from Indiana where the tour started. Organizer and leader is the Rev. Lawrence W. Shultz of North Manchester, Ind.

The tour started June 8 and will end July 13. From June 19 to 25, a conference was held in Long Beach, Calif.

From Roseburg, they will head north through Oregon and Washington after swinging through Canada before arriving in Spearfish, S. D., for the "Passion Play." This will be the highlight of the tour.

Rev. Shultz is director of Brethren tours to Europe, and has conducted many of them in the past. This is his second tour of the United States.

E. Myrtle Creek Bids To Be Opened July 18

Bid opening for construction of the new East Myrtle Creek water system in Myrtle Creek has been scheduled for July 18.

The job is expected to cost more than \$50,000, part of which will be paid by the city and part by the residents of the area.

The area was annexed within the last year because of the desire of East Myrtle to secure city water. Work will start on the system 10 days after the bid is awarded.

Stamp Club Sets Meet

The postal history of Germany and its associated states will be the feature of discussion at the regular meeting of the Umpqua Valley Stamp Club in Roseburg Monday. The meeting starts at 7 p.m. at the home of Frank von Borstel, 1543 SE Eddy St.

Trade Treaty Signed

TOKYO (AP)—Indonesia and Japan today signed a trade and commerce giving most-favored nation treatment to each other's goods and liberalizing travel restrictions.

Hatfield Gets Blame For Cut In Welfare

PORTLAND (AP)—Multnomah County today reported a drastic cut in welfare funds. County commissioners at once blamed Gov. Mark Hatfield.

The county commissioners met with welfare officials Friday, learned of the cut, then took up a proposal to cut welfare payments to 65 per cent of what has been standard.

They refused to go along with that.

Commissioner Jack Bain asked William Smythe, Welfare Department director of field service, what figure he had submitted to the Department of Finance for Multnomah County's needs.

Sutherlin Lovelies Vying For Crown

Eight pretty lassies are vying for the title of Queen of the Timber Days at Sutherlin Aug. 11, 12 and 13.

Six candidates from Sutherlin, one from Oakland and one from Roseburg are busy selling tickets for the three days of activity. Selection of the queen will be based on ticket sales.

Those running and their sponsors are: Nancy Moore, Sutherlin, Girls Drill Team; Donna Lee Fugate, Brown Chevrolet and Union Oil Co. of Sutherlin; Bonnie Wolf, Beta Eta Sorority and Sutherlin City Drive-In Market; Carol Robinson, Sutherlin High School Band; La Vaughn Stone, Phot Lab and Camera Shop in Roseburg; Jill Lytle, Oakland Garden Club; Mary Orchard, Frank Moore's Steamboat Inn and Frank & Bob Flying A Station in Roseburg; and Gail Elaine Barklow, Sutherlin Lions Club.

Chairman for the 16th annual event is Jack Culver, assisted by co-chairman Arlan Andrews.



RISE FROM RUBBLE—Another shiny building rising out of the ruin of the Aug. 7, 1959, blast which razed eight blocks of Roseburg, is the Douglas Inn Motel. The rubble in foreground is being cleared away from the former Modern Floor Covering building to make way for a SE Oak Ave. entry and parking area. See story page 3. (News-Review Photo).

Dillard Braves Win

Friday, the Dillard Braves' Winston-Dillard League team topped Camas Valley, 12-6.

Braves' pitcher Steve Buell hit a two-run homer in the last inning to break up a tight game.

Meanwhile, the city league's team of Braves earlier in the week beat Norm Niblett's Winston White Sox by a score of 15-8. Buell was also the winning pitcher in this game. He gave up two walks and struck out seven.