

Accident Commission Meet Eyes Effect Of Jury Trials

SALEM (AP) — A state Industrial Accident Commission conference, called to discuss evaluating injuries, centered today more on the effects of jury trials when compensation rulings are appealed.

Bob Corbett, National Biscuit Co. representative, said to change the method of evaluating the injury might only raise the floor from which the legal profession appeals for higher compensation before juries.

He said the motive to appeal commission-set compensation is there because the chance for a gain is almost automatic.

"As it is now in Oregon," Corbett said, "you have a leadpipe cinch. You are bound to get more."

William Moshofsky, Georgia-Pacific Corp., added that any new method of injury evaluation was useless until a new system of reviewing commission action was found.

Moshofsky said that such a system should not only consider the rights of the employers, who pay the bill, but those of the workers who gave up their rights to sue for an unlimited settlement when the system was instituted in 1913.

In reply to a question from Moshofsky, J. D. MacDonald, Oregon AFL-CIO president, said he opposed any change in the right to appeal with a jury trial.

MacDonald said he had been at every Oregon Legislature since 1937 defending this right to ask for a jury trial.

Dr. C. H. Kiest, head of the commission's new Restoration Center at Portland, said Canada does not permit jury review.

Father Of Slayer Blames Television For Son's Plight

GUNTERVILLE, Ala. (AP) — A grieving man says his 11-year-old son learned to kill from television.

"I can't think of any other answer," said Junior Franks, the father.

William Earl Franks told his father at the Marshall County jail how he waylaid a rural mail carrier and shot him to death with a rifle.

Joseph R. Thompson, 37, the postman, was killed Wednesday about 300 yards from the house near the Grant community where William Earl lived with his divorced father and grandmother.

"I think the main cause is TV," the father said in a telephone interview. "He liked the war pictures and Westerns."

Franks described his son as normal and said he made better than average grades at the grammar school at Grant, where he had been promoted to the sixth grade.

Franks said he gave his son the rifle for Christmas two years ago.

Sheriff Warren Jones said the boy gave a statement Thursday describing how he raised the flag on a rural mail box, causing the postman to stop, and then shot him to death.

The sheriff said he used the mail in the car to set the vehicle on fire.

The boy was held in Marshall County jail but no charges were filed immediately.

The postman's cash box was found open in the car. The amount of money taken was not known. None was recovered.

The sheriff said several books of stamps and the postman's watch were recovered.

Five expended .22-caliber cartridges were found beside the car. Jones and sheriff's deputies began a search for a rifle. It was this search that led them to the Franks house.

Culp Creek Firm Wins Tree Tract

A Lane County company ran the price of a timber tract southeast of Cottage Grove up \$133,000 over the appraised price before finally winning it in a sale at the Umpqua National Forest supervisor's office in Roseburg, Thursday.

The winning bidder was Rickini Lumber Co. Inc. of Culp Creek. The tract on 270 acres in the Bohemia District of the forest contains 13,400,000 board feet, including 10,400,000 feet of Douglas fir and pine appraised at \$14.45 per thousand and three million feet of western hemlock and other species appraised at \$5.70.

The Culp Creek company won the tract with a bid of \$311,780. Rickini bid \$26.20 per thousand for the fir and pine and \$13.10 for the other species.

Other bidders were Natron Plywood Co. of Springfield, J. and W. Logging Co. of Philomath and Murphy Logging Co. of Portland.

The next Umpqua National Forest sales are slated Aug. 7 and 8.

Accused Burglar Enters Guilty Plea

Richard Joers, 21, of Roseburg, Thursday changed a previous plea of innocence to guilty on a charge of burglary not in a dwelling before Circuit Judge Charles S. Woodrich.

Joers, by his plea, admitted burglarizing The Friendly and removing the safe, as charged in a Grand Jury indictment, last Dec. 5.

Judge Woodrich deferred imposition of sentence for a pre-sentence investigation.

Joers on arraignment Monday pleaded innocent to the charge, but on Thursday asked to change his plea to guilty.

He was arrested by Roseburg City Police last Sunday on the Grand Jury indictment, after months of investigation by City Detective E. R. Woodworth and other officers checking on the bold burglary, in which a car was reported to have been driven into the alley behind The Friendly to haul the safe away.

A description of the car provided the only immediate clue for officers.

Numbering System Due In Tri City

Douglas County Planning Coordinator Bruce Elmgren said today the Planning Commission house-numbering system in Tri-City should be completed within 60 days, and the system in Myrtle Creek should be completed shortly thereafter.

A progress report on the numbering project was made at Thursday night's Planning Commission meeting by Myrtle Creek Recorder G. D. Mylenbeck, Postmaster Harley Naas and Tri-City Fire Chief Don Wight.

In other action Thursday night, the Planning Commission recommended two street vacations. One calls for vacating of a 50-foot street in the John Ulrich Homesites subdivision on NW Garden Valley Rd. and the other calls for vacating NE Brooklyn Ave. between NE Vine and NE Poplar Sts. west of Cloverdale. Both are dedicated streets, but neither is in use.

Fire Crew Back From Okanogan

The 14-man fire suppression crew, stationed at the Wolf Creek training camp in the Little River District of the Umpqua National Forest, has returned to its post.

The crew along with a 24-man division team was flown to the Okanogan National Forest in Washington Sunday evening to help battle fires raging there. The division team returned to Roseburg early in the week and the suppression crew arrived in Roseburg Thursday evening.

Sutherlin Man Gets 6-Months Sentence

Dennis M. Bangs, 18, of Sutherlin, drew a sentence of six months in the Douglas County jail for larceny from an auto, on a plea of guilty before Circuit Judge Charles S. Woodrich Thursday.

The judge provided, however, that after he has served 30 days in jail he will be released and placed on probation for a period of two years. Bangs earlier had pleaded innocent to a Grand Jury indictment charging the theft of a tire and wheel from a car, but changed his plea to guilty.

Jerry K. Wilkins, 34, of 1364 SE Pine St., pleaded innocent on the arraignment to obtaining money by false pretenses, a charge brought by the Grand Jury in connection with a worthless check accusation. His trial will be set down in the September term of court, and his bail was set at \$500.

A show-cause order was served on Bob Dean Ledbetter, 21, of Winston in the Douglas County jail Thursday. The order requires him to appear in Circuit Court and show cause why his probation, granted Dec. 24, 1958, from a burglary charge should not be revoked and why he should not be sentenced to serve three years in the Oregon State Penitentiary.

Reasons given for probation revocation are that he has not abstained from the use of alcohol, that he has driven a car without authority and that he has not conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. He is currently in jail on a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

California Man Struck By Auto

A 45-year-old California man was treated as an out-patient at a Roseburg hospital Thursday night for minor injuries received when he was struck by a vehicle driven by 28-year-old Donald Delos Young of Myrtle Creek. According to police reports, Young said he was driving west on SE Cass Ave. and made a turn onto SE Stephens St. The reports said he told them he was watching another vehicle and did not see Alstrand.

The minor accident occurred at 6:15 p.m.

Labor Profit-Sharing Plan Proposed To Auto Workers

DETROIT (AP) — American Motors Corp. today offered the United Auto Workers Union a profit-sharing wage plan and a seven-cent hourly wage increase annually over the next three years.

In exchange, American Motors asked the UAW to give up cost-of-living allowance and annual improvement factor clauses in their current contract expiring Sept. 7.

AMC's was the first settlement offer handed the UAW in negotiations started a month ago with the auto industry. In 1958 profit sharing was the union's principal goal but it failed to get it.

AMC would set aside the first 10 per cent of profits before taxes for its stockholders, then set aside the next 10 per cent to what it termed a progressive sharing fund for hourly rated union employees.

American Motors offered customers a rebate program last winter, the refund depending upon total sales. In only one month did sales sufficiently outstrip those the similar month a year earlier and consequently only one \$25 rebate savings bond was paid to Rambler buyers of December.

Under the cost-of-living escalator, hourly wages rise or fall with the government's consumer price index. Seventeen cents of the current \$2.80 hourly wage has been added by this clause.

The so-called annual improvement factor gives an automatic yearly wage increase of 6 cents hourly or 2 1/4 per cent, whichever is greater, to permit workers to share in cost-saving technological advances—automation.

All contracts with the auto industry contain these two clauses. Under the "progress sharing plan," AMC said that "decisions would be made annually by the company and the union jointly as to the distribution of the fund, either in the form of cash payment or through supplementation of employee benefit programs

such as pensions, supplemental unemployment benefits, and insurance."

The company proposed in its offer "continuation of present employee benefit programs and said it would make the present 17-cent hourly cost-of-living payment as a party of the base wage."

Head-On Crash Kills 4 People

POCATELLO, Idaho (AP) — Four members of a Washington State family died Thursday in the grinding, head-on collision of their station wagon and a dump truck. Two children in the wagon survived, one with critical injuries. The truck driver was seriously hurt.

Killed were James Howard Thompson, 28, of Tacoma; his wife, Julia E., and two of their children, Cheryl Elizabeth, 17 months, and Earl, 5.

In critical condition was 3-year-old Cliff. Another Thompson child, John Frank, 2, was hospitalized with minor injuries.

Officers said the survivors were a boy about four years old, critically hurt, and a girl of about two, also injured.

The dump truck driver, flung from his cab on the crash, was Clarence Cooper of Chubbuck, a suburb of this Eastern Idaho city. His condition was rated serious in a Pocatello hospital.

Cpl. Oscar Miller of the Idaho State Police said Cooper's truck struck a car that had halted alongside the highway, then careened into the oncoming Thompson station wagon.

Miller said the halted car had run out of gas, and its driver went into shock when he arrived moments later and learned what had happened.

The officer said there was 15 feet of pavement between the halted car and the center stripe of the two-lane highway. The accident happened in daylight, about an hour before sundown.

Officers learned that Thompson was a serviceman, stationed at Ft. Lewis, Wash.

The base public information officer said the family had gone to Columbia, Tenn., and was returning to Washington.

Driver Gets Jail

Walter Eugene Gillett, 37, Myrtle Creek, has been committed to the Douglas County jail from the Municipal Court of Laura Goodell of Canyonville for five days, on a charge of driving with suspended operator's license. Gillett also was fined \$250.

No Damage In Fire

The Roseburg City Fire Department was called to the Roseburg Lumber Co. yard on NE Diamond Lake Blvd., at 4:52 p.m. Thursday to put out a fire which started in some wood chips in the yard. No damage was reported, the cause of the blaze was unknown.

Short Causes Fire

One of the employees of the Douglas County Bottling Co., 1230 NE Stephens, drove a lift truck into an electric service entrance at the plant and shorted it out, causing a fire Thursday. The Rural Fire Department was beckoned but no damage was reported.

Solar Winds Are Worry Of Freckle-Faced Scientist

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Guess who's worried about solar winds? A blonde named Marcia, that's who.

Ranger I—an unmanned space explorer—is poised to blast off from Cape Canaveral.

One of the instrument assemblies aboard is called an electrostatic analyzer. One of its jobs is to probe solar winds.

That's where Marcia Neugebauer comes in.

"I'm a co-experimenter with the electrostatic analyzer," says Marcia, 28. She looks like a well-scrubbed, freckle-faced college freshman. But she's a senior scientist who is among the key personnel responsible for Ranger's complex machinery.

Marcia works at the California Institute of Technology's Jet Propulsion Laboratory here. She is in charge of coordinating the various experiments being performed by instruments on Ranger.

"I'm the only one that worries about the scientific aspects all together," she said.

She said it's up to her division—the division of the space sci-

ences at JPL—to determine where the scientific instruments are placed in the spacecraft and how often a reading is taken from each.

Marcia received a bachelor of arts degree in physics from Cornell University in 1954 and master of science degree, also in physics, from the University of Illinois two years later.

She is married to Dr. Gerry Neugebauer, 28, JPL project scientist for Mariner B, a proposed

1964 unmanned expedition to Mars. The couple, who met at Cornell and have been married for five years, live in Altadena.

Marcia said she and her husband do not work on the same projects.

"They try to keep us separate; it's a matter of policy," she said.

There are only seven other women scientists or engineers working among the 852 men at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

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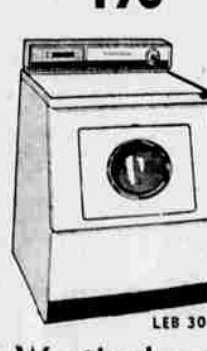
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