



PETITIONS OUT — George Monroe, right, one of several petition circulators, is shown here obtaining signatures on a petition to the Douglas County Court to adopt the federal food surplus plan to low income families. A number of people have been circulating around the Roseburg area for the last several days getting signatures. At Wednesday's court, Monroe stated they had obtained over 700, but would try for 1,000 names or more on the petition. (News-Review Photo)

# Findings Of Blast Damage Master Subject To Claimant's Objections

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Findings of special damage master Barnett H. Goldstein, Portland, which fixed \$795,264 as the proper amount of damages for deaths and injuries in Roseburg's Aug. 1959 explosion and fire, are subject to objections by the claimants.  
Of the amount fixed there is, however, only about \$440,000 available for payment and the federal district court will make the final distribution of the money.  
Wrongful death claims, including doctor, hospital and other expenses amounted to \$294,000 in the original claims filed, and the bodily injury claims amounted to \$1,060,729, for a total of \$1,354,729. The master's job is to determine on the basis of the claims how the \$440,000 available is to be divided.  
These claims are in addition to some \$6 1/2 million for property

# Carpenter Asks Return Of Tools Held By Court In Larceny Case

Stipulations were being prepared today to be presented to the Circuit Court for release of carpentry tools, supposedly the property of Charles Skates to permit the man to resume his work as a carpenter.  
The tools have been an issue since Dec. 21 when they disappeared from Skates' pickup truck sometime between about 8 and 9:30 p.m. They were located about an hour later in the car of two men who subsequently were arrested and charged with larceny of the tools.  
These men are Jerry Kenneth Wilkins, 33, of 1304 SE Pine St., who pleaded guilty to a petty larceny charge, and Andrew Lamar Padgett, 35, also of Roseburg.  
Indictments brought  
Padgett went on trial before Circuit Judge Charles S. Woodrich Tuesday, also for petty larceny. The district attorney, Avery Thompson, and defense attorney, Robert Stults, stipulated that the value of the tools involved so far as the case was concerned would be placed at less than \$75. The Grand Jury had brought indictment against both men for grand larceny.  
The trial, however, ended in a hung jury, with the jurors deadlocked in an all-night session at 6:45. They were dismissed by Judge Woodrich about 11:30 when it became apparent they could not break the deadlock.  
Thompson indicated his intention to retry the case probably in April. Meanwhile, what of the tools?  
Skates has been placed in a position of a tradesman without his tools with which to work during a portion of the period between the time they were taken from his pickup and the trial time. He was, however, by special court order, permitted to make use of the tools part of the time, but they had to be surrendered for evidence for the trial.  
Padgett unable to post \$2,000 bail, has been staying in jail since his arrest, along with Wilkins, the night of Dec. 21, a period in excess of three months.  
The jury foreman told the judge that discrepancy in the testimony caused the jurors to disagree.

# Bend Murder Count Is Near Collapse

BEND (AP) — It appeared Wednesday that the case for a murder charge against transient farm worker Donald Ben Doran, 34, had almost collapsed, Bend authorities said.  
Doran signed a statement last week saying he killed 17-year-old Judi Reeder in Drake Park in the Bend city center Feb. 2.  
But Jack Arney, a Bend policeman returned from Watertown S.D. Wednesday and said Doran probably was in Watertown, Feb. 3.  
The conclusion was reached by identification of photographs and handwriting samples, Arney said.  
The handwriting samples were sent to the identification bureau in Salem for analysis by experts. Dist. Atty. Louis Selven said Doran would remain in jail on a first degree murder charge until handwriting samples have been checked.  
Police said Doran could not have been in Bend the night of the slaying if he was in Watertown the next day.  
Doran was stopped for a minor traffic violation and soon after told police he had killed Miss Reeder. Police said they were skeptical until he told them details which had not been made public.

# Wilkins Draws Six-Month Term

Jerry Kenneth Wilkins, 33, of 1304 SE Pine St., convicted by a guilty plea of larceny under \$75, was sentenced Wednesday to six months in the Douglas County Jail.  
Wilkins appeared before Circuit Judge Charles Woodrich for sentencing. He was given credit for 97 days already served in the county jail while awaiting court action.  
The defendant pleaded guilty on arraignment Monday and had requested the two-day waiting period before sentence. A complaint connected Wilkins with the Dec. 21, 1961, theft of tools owned by Charles Skates.

# Harriett Buck

Harriett Stevens Buck, 61, died Wednesday at her home at Idleley Park following a prolonged illness. She was born June 10, 1900, in New York. Together with her husband, William, she had owned and operated the Idleley Park Store for the past six years, moving here from Sutherland.  
She is survived by her husband; one brother, Lewis Shoemaker of Hammondport, N.Y.; and one niece, Mrs. Joyce Mitchell of Reedsport.  
Funeral services will be held at Wilson's Chapel of the Roses Saturday at 10:30 a.m. with Bishop Ralph G. Anderson of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints officiating. Concluding services and interment will follow at the Roseburg Memorial Gardens.

# Riddle School Budget Vote Scheduled May 7

The amount on which patrons of the Riddle School District will vote May 7 in the 1962-63 school budget is \$21,486 above the voting figure in the present year's budget.  
The amount outside the 6 per cent limitation in the proposed budget is \$246,098. In the vote last year, the figure was \$224,612.

# French Army Lifts Blockade In Algiers

ALGIERS (AP) — The French army lifted its six-day blockade of the European workers' suburb of Bab el Oued today. Groups of men and women gathered on street corners to swap experiences as troops in halftracks, armored cars and jeeps slowly parolled the narrow streets.  
There was no visible hostility between the troops and the inhabitants who attacked army patrols in the section last Friday, killing 15 French soldiers and wounding more than 90.  
After the outbreak the army sealed off the section and restricted the 50,000 inhabitants to their homes. In a house-to-house search they arrested some 3,000 persons, mostly youths and men between 16 and 40, and seized more than 1,000 arms of all kinds and large quantities of munitions and explosives.  
The streets of Bab el Oued were littered with garbage because Moslem garbage men had refused to enter the hostile quarter. Scores of automobiles were riddled by bullets and one had been flattened by a tank.  
Many shops reopened. Shopkeepers surveyed broken plate glass windows and other wreckage left by the battle. Many walls were still smeared with Secret Army slogans calling for a French Algeria and praising the Secret Army's fugitive chief, ex-Gen. Raoul Salan.  
French flags draped in black hung from many balconies. The black was a sign of mourning for the 53 European civilians killed Monday in a demonstration organized by the Secret Army in sympathy for the inhabitants of Bab el Oued.  
Algiers today was a city of grim, angry Europeans and smiling Moslems.  
The contrast between the joy of the Moslems and the despair of the Europeans once again strikingly showed the depth of Algeria's tragedy.  
The nine million Moslems and one million Europeans have to live together to make the country work. But so far there are no signs that the two ethnic groups can be brought together peacefully in the near future.  
In Paris there was a new rash of plastic bombing Wednesday night. Thirteen of the explosives favored by the Secret Army went off. No casualties were reported but property damage was extensive.

# Umpqua Request Nixed By Board

A request from a rural school unit asking that its high school students be allowed to attend Roseburg High School on a tuition basis was turned down last night by Roseburg School Board.  
The request was made by Umpqua School Board. LaVerne Murphy headed an Umpqua delegation presenting the request. He said the district is now sending about 26 students to Oakland High School.  
The Roseburg board rejected the proposal because of the classroom housing and transportation problems involved.  
In other action, the board approved appointment of Mrs. Janet Clee as third grade teacher at Benson and Paul Tucker as social studies instructor at Fremont Junior High School.  
Verner Anderson reported on a unique sack lunch program which is being carried on in the Riverside County, Calif., school system. Outstanding feature of the program, he said, is that it was initiated with very low capital investment.  
Operated from a central kitchen, the program offers excellent student lunches, in a sack, featuring a daily hot serving, salads and milk. The cost is very low and cleanup is largely a janitorial matter, he said.  
The board decided to investigate the program further.  
Business Manager Wendell Smith reported that all students in the Roseburg system were given a free hot lunch — elementary students Wednesday and secondary students today — to balance an accumulated profit in the hot lunch account. He said the free lunch represented an approximate \$600 return to students.  
Harry Jacoby, assistant superintendent, reviewed revisions proposed for the district policy handbook. Board members added another provision to policy by deciding to limit class photo arrangements to group pictures only on the elementary school level, and prohibiting the taking of individual student pictures.  
The fund-raising magazine drives conducted annually by Joseph Lane and Fremont junior high schools were also discussed but action was set aside pending reports on this program by the school principals.  
The two schools have sponsored the drives to raise money for school improvements.

# Glide Residents Protest Phone Number Change

A group of Glide residents, who formerly had Roseburg telephone numbers and have now had their numbers changed to the Glide prefix, GYPs, have petitioned Pacific Northwest Bell to change them back.  
As a result, a meeting has been called at the Glide Community Club building Friday night at 7:30 to discuss the situation.  
Clifford Thomas, manager of the Roseburg office, said a change back to the Roseburg prefix, Orchard, would involve all Glide telephone numbers. Glide would then not have a separate phone listing.  
Correspondent Mrs. Arthur Selby said the Friday meeting had been called primarily for those who wished to retain their Glide prefix.  
In an interview with Mrs. Selby, Thomas said:  
"The telephone company's offer of extended calling service (which eliminates long-distance charges) does not ordinarily change the telephone company's standard practice of providing separate alphabetical listings for customers in the exchanges involved."  
"Accordingly, it is our present plan to continue separate alphabetical sections for Roseburg-Glide exchanges. This policy is not so rigid or inflexible that we could not consider combining the listings of the two exchanges if there were sufficient evidence that the change represents the wishes of the majority of Glide subscribers."  
Thomas said he had received petitions for combining the alphabetical sections in the telephone book but "I am not sure their request represents the majority view of subscribers in the Glide exchange."  
He said he hopes to obtain "better understanding of the desires of the community by attending the meeting Friday."

# Eichmann Defense Motion Rejected

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel's Supreme Court today rejected motions by Adolf Eichmann's attorneys to hear new witnesses in the Nazi official's behalf and retired to frame its verdict on his appeal against the death sentence.  
The high court handed down its ruling on the defense motions only 30 minutes after Eichmann's West German counsel, Dr. Robert Servatius, completed his final plea to save the condemned Gestapo officer from the gallows.  
Chief Justice Izhak Olshan announced: "It is decided to reject the defense motions to hear new evidence at this time. The court will now retire to weigh its verdict on the appeal. Notice of our judgment and the date on which we will announce it will be provided in advance to all parties."  
The court is expected to take about a month to write the verdict. If it rejects Eichmann's appeal, he has one more possible escape, an appeal for clemency to Israeli President Izhak Ben-Zvi.  
The future legal steps are likely to consume many weeks, and the final outcome of the Eichmann case may not be written before June or July.  
Servatius in his final argument urged the Supreme Court to accept Eichmann as a man "caught in the whirlpool of political events" and lift the death sentence given him as a chief accomplice in the Nazi murder of six million Jews.

# Psychiatric Exam Set For Deserter

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (AP) — George John Gessner, 25, an Army deserter accused of giving nuclear secrets to the Soviets, will be under psychiatric observation for at least the next 60 days.  
U.S. Dist. Judge Arthur J. Stanley Jr. ordered him to the federal prison system's medical center at Springfield, Mo., Wednesday.  
Gessner is charged with violating the Atomic Energy Act by giving restricted information to a Soviet agent. He could be sentenced to death.  
Psychiatric examination was requested by Gessner's court-appointed attorney, Ernest J. Rice of Topeka, Kan. Rice said Gessner told of receiving a head injury Feb. 13, 1959, in Brevard County in Florida, and said his father was admitted to a mental institution in Texas 10 months ago.  
Army authorities said Young Gessner scored in the brilliant to near-genius range on his aptitude tests.  
He is the son of John George Gessner of Kingsville, Tex., and Mrs. Haze Blanch Raymond of Melbourne, Fla.

# Veterans Property Tax Exemption Claims Due

War veterans with a disability of 40 per cent or more and widows of war veterans must file a claim for property tax exemption before 5 p.m. Monday in order to receive it.  
The reminder was issued today by Leland Svarverud Jr., county assessor. He said the claim must be filed each year in order to obtain an exemption.  
Normally, the last day for filing is April 1, but since this falls on Sunday, the date has been extended to April 2, Svarverud said. Forms and help in filing are available in the assessor's office, he concluded.

# Left In Disgust

LONGVIEW, Wash. (AP) — The Longview Park Board worked out a plan for controlling the noisy crows in the city park.  
The plan was to place whole-kernel corn — soaked in alcohol — out in crow-infested areas. The crows were to become intoxicated and the park superintendent was to pick them up when they fell over in a stupor.  
The board hasn't put the plan into operation, though. The crows vanished about the time the system was suggested.

# Nuclear Test Fired

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Atomic Energy Commission has fired another underground nuclear explosion at its Nevada testing site. Wednesday's test, the 23rd announced in the current series, was of low yield—having an explosive force of less than 20,000 tons of TNT.



DOGS of all breeds and sizes were represented at the novice obedience class graduation sponsored by the Canine Courtesy Club. Paul Mann of Tri-City, second from right, with his boxer, "Bobo," received the first place trophy. Pictured with the graduating "students," left to right, are: Elizabeth Householder, Myrtle Smith, Marjorie Bond, Tamara Van Allen, Duane Van Allen, James Berggreen, Mann and Marvin Mizell. Howard Austin and his collie are not shown.

# Tri-City Boxer Is Top Dog In Recent Obedience Trials

Paul Mann of Tri-City, with his boxer, "Bobo," took first place trophy at a recent novice obedience class graduation. The ceremony was sponsored by the Canine Courtesy Club and took place at the Fairgrounds pavilion.  
James Berggreen of Roseburg, with his Labrador retriever, Kara, won the second place trophy. The junior handler trophy was won by Tamara Van Allen with her dachshund, "Gretel."  
Other "graduates" and their owners include: Harold Austin and collie; Elizabeth Householder and German shepherd; Marvin Mizell and his brother's Weimaraner; Myrtle Smith, miniature dachshund; Duane Van Allen, dachshund; and Jim Wylie, golden Labrador retriever.  
Judging was done by Marjorie Bond of Eugene. While scores were being tabulated, more than 60 spectators had an opportunity to see the next phase of obedience training as Bob Butts and his boxer, Windy, demonstrated the open exercises.  
The Canine Courtesy Club is comparatively new, the fourth class having started Tuesday. Although the club has been informally organized for about a year, a formal organizational meeting is scheduled sometime in April. Helen Butts is the club secretary. R. E. Butts is the trainer. Anyone with an obedience-trained dog is eligible to join. Purpose of the club is to improve relationships between dog owners and non-dog owners.  
New classes began Tuesday night at the Fairgrounds pavilion. Classes for the 10-lesson course will be held weekly at 7:30 p.m. Those desiring more information may call OR 3-4012.

# New Science Office Asked By Kennedy

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Kennedy asked Congress today for authority to set up a new office of science and technology. He wants government efforts in the two fields coordinated in the interests of national security and general welfare.  
His proposal went to Congress in the form of a reorganization plan.  
The proposed office would be headed by a \$25,000-a-year director who would report directly to the President. The director would be appointed by the President, subject to confirmation by the Senate. A deputy director would get \$20,500 a year.  
Kennedy said the arrangement would constitute an important development in the executive branch organization for science and technology.  
"Under these arrangements the President will have permanent staff resources capable of advising and assisting him in matters of national policy affected by or pertaining to science and technology," Kennedy said.  
Some of the functions of the National Science Foundation would be transferred to the new presidential office. These would include the task of evaluating scientific research programs undertaken by government agencies.

# Loggers Conference Approves Resolutions

SPOKANE (AP) — The Intermountain Logging Conference says the wilderness bill being considered by Congress would "stifle the development of our western states."  
The organization went on record to that effect Wednesday in a resolution, one of 24 approved as it wound up a three-day meeting.  
The loggers asked in another resolution that public agencies involved with their industry recognize the high risk in their business and work toward what they called a healthy economic climate.  
The timbermen asked for more federal money to fight insect infestations, and in another resolution they urged the Forest Service to stop designating dead timber in sales as "recently dead" and "older dead."  
A resolution calling for a case to test a recent U.S. attorney general's opinion which "repeals a 63-year-old right to private owners of land to cross national forest land to their property" also was approved.

# Lion Auxiliary Sets Rummage Sale Saturday

The Roseburg Lions Auxiliary rummage sale will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday in the basement of the old Umpqua Hardware Building on Jackson St.  
All who can are asked to bring rummage Friday night and stay to help mark and arrange it.  
Pickup for rummage may be arranged by calling OR 3-3455 during the day, or OR 3-3234 in the evening.

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