

MRS. DUNCAN EXECUTED AT SAN QUENTIN

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U.S. Ply Plans Reedsport Expansion

New Lay-Up Operation Is Scheduled

The lower Umpqua area's bright industrial future was given another economic infusion today with the announcement that United States Plywood Corp. will make a big addition to its manufacturing facilities in Reedsport.

The announcement was made by Marshall Leeper of Eugene, vice president for western operations. Leeper said the addition will involve a lay-up operation to supplement the present green veneer production facility. The addition will have a capacity of 80 million square feet of plywood annually, Leeper said.

Work Starting Soon
Construction is scheduled to start immediately, and the plant should be in full operation by July 1963.

When the new plywood plant goes into operation, it will employ about 150 employees with an annual payroll of about \$1 million, Leeper said.

At the same time, Leeper reported the company will have to close down its Reedsport sawmill about Aug. 15 for an indefinite period. This will affect about 18 employees, Leeper said, but it will be more than made up with the new plywood plant.

In commenting on the development, Leeper said: "The installation of completely modern plywood manufacturing equipment and the application of new production methods in plywood will enable us to make maximum effective utilization of the raw material available to the company in this area."

"The benefits of the move are a two-way street. From the community's standpoint, the plywood plant will provide a much stronger economic base over a longer period of time. From the company standpoint, we'll get better utilization of our timber and a much-needed additional source of supply for our distribution outlets."

Addition Big
The new facilities will require construction of 70,000 feet of additional plant space.

J. James Baglen, now Oregon division logging and timber manager in Eugene, will assume management of the Reedsport operation, and Clarence Stevens of Reedsport will be manager of the plywood plant.

The expansion in Reedsport will bring the company's annual plywood production in Oregon to more than 700 million square feet. Its employment in the state is almost 3,000 with an annual payroll of more than \$15 million.

SIGNS BILLS

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Kennedy Tuesday signed into law the first of a dozen appropriation bills necessary to finance the government through the fiscal year that started July 1. The bill carried \$5,489,781,000 to run the Treasury and Post Office departments and the White House executive office.

First Bargeload Of Rock Arrives For Umpqua Jetty

The first bargeload of rock to be used to rebuild the south jetty and training jetty at the mouth of the Umpqua River arrived at Winchester Bay today at 8:45 a.m.

According to Dawn Peseau, correspondent, the barge made the trip from an island in the Columbia River near the Cascade Locks in about 20 hours. The site from which the rock is taken is 140 miles up the Columbia River.

2,600 Tons Arrive
Umpqua Navigation Co., subcontractor on the job, is barging the

The Weather

AIRPORT RECORDS

Mostly cloudy with light intermittent rain today and tonight. Partly cloudy and somewhat warmer Thursday.

Highest temp. last 24 hours	69
Lowest temp. last 24 hours	56
Highest temp. any Aug. (60)	103
Lowest temp. any Aug. (56)	41
Precip. last 24 hours	.07
Precip. from Aug. 1	.49
Precip. from Sept. 1	32.98
Excess from Sept. 1	2.77
Sunset tonight, 7:27 p.m.	
Sunrise tomorrow, 5:12 a.m.	

Logger's Fire Weather
Scattered showers and cool today. Warmer Thursday. Winds northwesterly today 3-5 m.p.h. Humidities Thursday near 50 per cent. Outlook for Friday is fair.



RIVIERA BOUND — Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy and her daughter, Caroline, are shown heading for the plane in New York for a flight to Rome Tuesday. The two "first ladies" will spend two weeks on the Italian Riviera with Mrs. Kennedy's sister. See story, page 2. (UPI Telephoto)

County's Check From BLM Hits \$3.8 Million For '62

The second largest payment in the history of Douglas County from the federal government in lieu of taxes for Oregon and California grant lands for fiscal 1962 was paid the county Tuesday—\$3,866,974.07.

Planners Approve Vacation Of Alley

Proposed vacation of an alley portion west of SE Jackson St. between Douglas and Washington avenues to accommodate the Roseburg Plaza development has won recommendation by the Roseburg Planning Commission.

The commission this week recommended the City Council proceed with vacation proceedings. Public hearing on the request by the Plaza developers will be conducted before the council on Aug. 27.

Southerly end of the alley is involved. Several city problems were discussed at the commission's regular meeting this week, with no action taken. Topics included the proposed W. Harvard Ave. widening project, commission preparations for a Roseburg booth display at the Douglas County Fair and the proposed Washington Ave. Bridge-W. Bellows St. connection with reference to median islands.

The commission also studied a plat on a proposed Aurora Heights subdivision, an area west of W. Luellen Dr. between W. Lorraine Ave. and W. Military Ave., with no action taken.

Jr. Legion Play Starts Here Tonight

Roseburg and Tigard Legion Junior baseball teams will launch the best-of-five state championship series at Legion Field in Roseburg tonight, and all five games, if needed, will take place in Roseburg.

The series will run through Sunday, if the championship is not decided in less than five games. Game time each night will be 8.

Postponement Forced
The playoff series was originally scheduled to open Tuesday at Tigard, but heavy rain forced postponement. When the rains continued in the Portland area, the series was moved to the Roseburg diamond.

Tickets already purchased for Thursday's game will be good for tonight's contest. Tickets for the remaining games will be sold at Coen Supply Co., 427 SE Flood Ave. The remaining tickets for tonight's game are now on open sale. General admission tickets will be sold at the gate.

Roseburg, a perennial Legion power, will be after its fourth state title, while the Tigard nine will be trying to win the crown for the first time. Lockwood Motors enters the playoffs with a 45-7 record, and Tigard boasts a 27-7 mark for the season.

Duel Expected
A pitchers' duel between Roseburg's Tom Hobbs and Tigard's Lee Helstrom is expected tonight. Hobbs is a fireballing right-hander with an 11-2 record for the year. Helstrom throws from the left side and has a 9-1 record, including two no-hitters.

The victor in the best-of-five series will advance to the Western Regionals at Las Vegas, N.M. The first opponent in the Regionals for the Oregon champs will be the winner of the Nevada championship. Oregon's entrant in the Regionals will open Aug. 18.

Yoncalla Supports Education District

The Yoncalla School Board at its last meeting went on record in favor of establishment of an area education district for the purpose of promoting junior colleges, reports Mrs. George Edges, correspondent.

County School Supt. Kenneth Barneburg and Harold Glover, member of the Rural School Board, were present at the meeting to explain procedures to the board. Donald Kingery was appointed to represent the Yoncalla board on the county junior college committee. He will in turn select a lay member from the area to serve.

Robert Jones, new principal of the high school, was present and led a discussion on the student handbook for 1962-63.

The board moved to accept OFS Insurance on all schools in the Yoncalla district.

Paul Peck, a teacher in the Yoncalla High School for the past two years, will return to the system again this year, subject to his deferment from military service.

Dutchies Co. (Henry Ten Naple of Springfield) was given the contract for repairing the Yoncalla Grade School gym for the sum of \$1,590. Some materials will be furnished by the district. Other work not included in the contract will be done by the school.

Winston Family Better Following Auto Accident

Mr. and Mrs. Richard F. Gardner and daughter Wilma, Winston residents injured Sunday in a traffic accident, were reported improving today at an Arizona hospital.

Gardner was reported up and about in a wheelchair. Mrs. Gardner is recovering from a broken shoulder. The daughter suffered a broken pelvis and is in traction, reports Phebe McGuire, News-Review Winston correspondent.

Both the mother and daughter were badly bruised, it was reported. The three were hurt when two cars collided near Seligman, Ariz. A Las Vegas man was killed in the crash.

AIRCRAFT TO BE GROUNDED

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Federal Aviation Agency announced officially Tuesday that all civilian aircraft in the continental United States will be grounded for five-and-a-half hours Sept. 2 for the North American Air Defense Command's "Sky Shield" exercise.



DIE IN GAS CHAMBER — Mrs. Elizabeth Duncan, top, died in the gas chamber for hiring two men to kill Olga Duncan, 30, wife of her youngest son, Frank, in 1958. Dying in the same chamber a few hours after were the men she hired, Luis Moya, center, and Augustine Baldonado. (UPI Telephoto)

Man's Disappearance Still Baffles Police

State and county police are continuing an investigation into the strange disappearance of Eugene L. Shannon, 34, Salem, a former Roseburg resident, whose car was found in water near the mouth of Smith River near Gardiner last Saturday.

Shannon failed to arrive as scheduled either Friday night or



EUGENE L. SHANNON ... whereabouts sought

Saturday at the home of his late wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Koehler, at Wilbur.

No new developments have been uncovered in the disappearance of the former radio personality and recent employee of the state Department of Agriculture. But police said they are checking with relatives and friends in this and other states for information.

While dragging operations have not been conducted in the river, the area has been closely searched. The water came only to about the front seat of the small, Austin-made car at high tide. So the pos-

sibility of drowning is considered remote.

Officers and others were theorizing that the car might have been pushed off the road down a high bank into the water, rather than being driven off at high speed as it rounded the turn at the location. Check was also being made on a hat, not believed to be Shannon's, found in the car.

The car had windows closed, lights on, ignition off and keys in the ignition. A state-owned camera Shannon was known to have had in his possession has not been located.

Shannon's father, Erwin Shannon, is en route to Oregon from Iowa. Shannon also has a step-mother and two half-sisters there. A former wife, who had lived in Roseburg briefly, and a son, age 12, live in Sacramento, Calif.

Friday Meet Set On Airport Lease

Roseburg's Airport Commission will discuss the city's lease agreement with West Coast Airlines at a meeting Friday noon in the office of City Manager Craig McMicken.

The lease expires Oct. 31.

Orval Petersen, commission chairman, said other topics on the agenda will include a review of the airport operator's lease and tie-down agreements, a discussion of airport improvements to be recommended to the City Council and consideration of gas pump improvements as proposed by the operator in conjunction with Standard Oil Co.

The airport group was recently accorded full commission status by the City Council, requiring reinstatement of the members. One of commission's items of business Friday will be to draw lots for terms of office.

Local Dairymen Are Undecided On Price Raise

Rumors that major dairy companies in the Roseburg area might follow Eugene and Portland firms in boosting milk prices drew cautious comments today from local operators.

Of five dairy plants contacted by The News-Review, two said they were "studying" the possibility of a price increase and two other operators said they were undecided.

No Plans Made
The fifth, Auer Jersey Farm at Myrtle Creek, said it had "no plans to raise prices at the present."

Reportedly, the dairies are considering a one-cent increase. Operators indicated the raise would be prompted by higher labor costs represented in new Teamster Union contracts delivered to the dairy companies involving employees connected with processing and transportation.

Officials at Umpqua Dairy and Meadowbrook Dairy said they were considering the possibility of a price raise, but declined comment until next week.

A spokesman for Melrose Dairy said: "We have received the contract, but have not yet decided what to do."

Mountain View Dairy at Look-Inglass was also uncertain. "It's sure we won't be raising prices in the middle of the month. We're not sure yet."

Increase Announced
Mayflower Farms at Portland announced a one-cent increase in prices, the hike to be effective Aug. 13, Carnation Co. announced a similar increase a few days ago.

Three major dairies in Eugene upped the charge a half cent per quart last week. A dairy operator here pointed out Eugene dairies went up a half cent a year ago, putting them a full cent over Roseburg operations at the present time.

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Former Circus Dancer Jumps From Building
SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — A former circus dancer from Germany, described as upset over the death of Marilyn Monroe, jumped to her death Tuesday from a San Francisco building.

Gerti Marie Hovious, 38, jumped 50 feet from the fire escape outside her third-story apartment while her husband, Raymond, 51, was at work.

"I think Marilyn Monroe set her off," Hovious said. "All day Monday she kept asking, 'Why did she do it? Why?'"

"I told her, 'I don't know, honey.'"

2 Hirelings Follow 'Ma' To Chamber

SAN QUENTIN, Calif. (UPI)—Motherly Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Duncan, 58, died in the San Quentin gas chamber today, followed three hours later by the two men she hired to murder her daughter-in-law, Olga, 30.

Luis Moya, 23, and Augustine Baldonado, 28, went to death together shortly after 1 p.m. PDT. Mrs. Duncan had hired the two farm laborers to lure her daughter-in-law away from her home to kill her.

Mrs. Duncan was outwardly calm as she entered the death cell after protesting her innocence.

Only five minutes before she entered the eight-sided, steel and glass death cell, Judge Walter L. Pope of the U.S. Court of Appeals in San Francisco turned down a final appeal from her son, Frank, who had described her as "the best mother a boy ever had."

Mrs. Duncan maintained her composure as she was led into the gas chamber by two male attendants. The plump, grey-haired woman was wearing a pink prison dress. At no time did she cry, or look at the 45 witnesses.

Goes to Sleep
Mrs. Duncan closed her eyes at 10:04 a.m. PDT as cyanide pellets were released into a vat of acid beneath the chair. She appeared to go to sleep about a minute later. Moments later her head nodded to the right and she threw it back. Her lips were moving as if she was saying something, perhaps a prayer.

Mrs. Duncan did not tremble or waiver. She was breathing normally all the time and did not appear to hold her breath after the pellets were dropped. Her head lay against the back of the green metal chair with her mouth open until she was pronounced dead at 10:12 a.m., eight minutes after the execution began. She gasped about four times.

She opened her eyes about two minutes before she was pronounced dead, then closed them for the last time.

San Losses Final Appeal
"A most barbaric thing," muttered a grinning Frank Duncan as he left the courthouse after being turned down by Judge Pope. His appeal had been based on a claim that Mrs. Duncan had been under the influence of drugs during her Ventura County trial.

As Mrs. Duncan was being led into the gas chamber at the prison on San Francisco Bay, her son walked into the street with his second wife, Elinor, and defense attorney Arthur Warner. As they stood by an intersection, a fire truck roared by with sirens screaming.

"I have nothing more to say," said the attorney and went to a nearby parking lot. "They won't listen; they won't listen," he repeated.

Mrs. Duncan had been serenely confident that Frank, who stood by her through her trial, would win her a reprieve.

"He's such a fine boy," she said on her arrival at San Quentin from the women's prison at Corona. "He's working, trying to get me a reprieve and I'm sure he'll get one."

Warden Fred Dickson said that just before Mrs. Duncan entered the gas chamber she told him "I'm innocent" and expressed the wish she could see her son again.

She saw him for the last time for an hour late Tuesday night. As he emerged from his meeting with her, he angrily told newsmen "The S.O.B.s are going to kill her."

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