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Season Opens

Trout fishermen will get their big chance this weekend with the opening of the general season in Oregon. For details see pages 5-6.

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Scholars Honored

Rotary Club honors top county scholars at banquet. See page 3.

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Ford, U.S. Ply Acquire Stomar Lumber Holdings

Negotiations have been completed for sale of substantially all of Stomar Lumber Co.'s assets in Douglas County to the U.S. Plywood Corp. and Roseburg Lumber Co.

The transaction was announced by M. C. Storms, president of Stomar Lumber Co., Eugene.

Storms said the Stomar sawmill near Riddle and Monroe veneer plant and sawmill at Riddle are included in the sale, as well as Stomar's timber holdings and logged-over lands in Douglas County.

Stomar Lumber Co. has operated sawmill facilities in Douglas County since March of 1950. The Monroe veneer plant and sawmill operation was acquired about five years ago from Harbor Plywood Corp.

Kenneth W. Ford, Roseburg Lumber Co. president, and M. R. Leeper, U.S. Plywood vice president, indicated no decision has been reached concerning future use of the Riddle plants. Storms reported that unless the purchasers make plans for continuation, the operations of the plants would be concluded by Aug. 1, 1963.

Plywood and lumber manufacturing facilities are operated in the Roseburg area by both Roseburg Lumber Co. and U.S. Plywood Corp.

"We are pleased with the acquisition and these forest resources will enable our operations to continue on a sound economic basis," Ford commented.

Leeper, the U.S. Plywood official, said the purchase will "materially improve the raw material supply for our company's operations in the area."

Architects, City Talk Swim Pool

Roseburg city officials met Tuesday with a representative of Cornell, Howland, Hayes and Merryfield, consulting engineers, and Theodore Gerow, district sanitation engineer for the state Department of Public Health, to discuss plans for renovating the municiapl swimming pool.

Henry Teel of the consulting firm discussed plans for renovation of the pool with the mayor, city manager, city councilmen and members of the city Park Commission, while Gerow pointed out what must be done to maintain the pool at state standards.

Teel said the bathhouse is deficient in many ways, including (1) The lack of hot water showers; (2) privacy in the shower facilities; (3) inadequate drainage facilities; (4) no ventilation system; (5) shortage of toilet facilities.

The pool itself, he said, has an obsolete filter system which does not maintain clarity and purity required by state health standards when operating at maximum capacity. A new filter system and a gas-fired boiler to heat the pool water are included in the proposed improvements.

The deck area is to be enlarged and the pool itself repatched and resurfaced with permaglaze.

This work will take place during the coming winter in time for the 1964 summer season.

The pool will open this year on June 8 and operate this summer as it has in past years.

Estimated cost of the renovation project is $42,000. Funds for the project were made available in a special bond reallocation vote at the recent city election.

Pilots Shot Down Believed Still Alive

PANMUNJOM, Korea (UPI) — Communist North Korea today refused to release two American helicopter pilots or even to disclose whether they still were alive after a forced landing on Communist territory Friday.

The United States believes the pilots, Capts. Ben W. Stutts, 32, Florence, Ala., and Charleton W. Voltz, 26, Frankfort, Mich., are alive. But Maj. Gen. George H. Cloud, who met with North Korean negotiators at this truce village, said the Communists "don't have the decency to tell us."

Cloud said after the meeting that "we will ask for another meeting and we will continue to hold meetings until they answer."

He told the North Koreans that the flight was unintentional and was regretted. The two pilots were flying a United Nations Command boundary-spotting mission when they apparently strayed into North Korea from the demilitarized zone separating North and South Korea.

Cloud said the aircraft carried neither cameras nor weapons and "it is unreasonable to treat the pilots as criminals."

But North Korean Maj. Gen. Chang Chung Kwan labeled the flight "an aggressive act by your side" and instead of giving information on the pilots, issued a long denunciation of the United States.

After an hour of this, Cloud moved to end the meeting, but promptly asked for another one. No date was set.

Despite the Communist refusal to say what had happened to Stutts and Voltz, officials were confident they survived the forced landing and North Korean gunfire that accompanied it.

Top Russian Deputy Ill

MOSCOW (UPI) — Two of Premier Nikita Khrushchev's top deputies, Anastas Mikoyan and Frol Kozlov, today were reported ill.

Mikoyan's illness was disclosed Tuesday night. Informed sources said he has been in the hospital since early this month after coming down with influenza April 27, when he went to the Arctic Circle city of Murmansk to greet Cuban Premier Fidel Castro.

Kozlov is more seriously ill. The 54-year-old party secretary and Presidium member has been out of action since mid-April with what is understood to be a brain hemorrhage and partial paralysis. Observers said that for all practical purposes, Kozlov, once considered Khrushchev's heir apparent, is finished as a major figure in Soviet politics.

Farmers Vote To End Wheat Price Control

By GAYLORD P. GODWIN
United Press International

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The nation's wheat farmers overwhelmingly rejected President Kennedy's strict 1964 wheat program today in a major farm policy defeat for the administration.

Kennedy said in a statement that he accepted the "judgment" of the growers and hoped it "will prove to be a wise choice for wheat farmers and for the country." He gave no sign that he would submit new legislation to Congress this year.

And he bluntly warned that wheat prices next year would be determined by the market place—not by the government.

In the wake of the landslide vote against controls, wheat futures prices broke sharply on grain exchanges today. Opening losses ranged to 9½ cents a bushel at Chicago.

Unless there is a new bill, wheat price supports will drop from $2 a bushel to $1.25 and will go only to farmers who comply with planting restrictions.

Republican farm congressmen moved to seize the political offensive as news of the referendum poured in. Rep. Charles B. Hoeven, an Iowa Republican and vigorous opponent of the administration program, predicted the administration would offer another program. He said the Kennedy administration was not so politically inept that it would go before the voters in 1964 with wheat prices on the skids.

Sutherlin Trims Schools' Budget

The budget committee for Sutherlin School District has trimmed $29,822 from proposed district expenditures for 1963-64.

The cuts were made in preparation for another district budget election. School voters have rejected the budget proposal at two elections this year.

Along with these reductions, other monies from reserve building funds were transferred to the operating budget, which will have the effect of offsetting the levy $40,000 in total, school officials said.

It was reported that estimated millage would remain unchanged from the 1962-63 budget year, even though additional teachers are needed because of enrollment growth.

A hearing on the proposed budget is scheduled May 27 at 8 p.m. in the district offices. Election is slated May 29 from 2 to 8 p.m. at three polling places: Nonpareil, East and West schools.

Several deletions were made of items which the committee regarded as important to school operation. These included outlays for a speech therapist, $3,000; relief janitor, $4,000; student desks at junior high, $450; elementary school desks, $1,050; encyclopedias, $525; three oil stoves at Nonpareil, $900; high school heating repairs, $5,500; athletics, $2,500; landscaping, $1,000; folding chairs, $600; sound system for high school gymnasium, $2,500; stage lighting at the high school, $1,500.

A total of 51 items was omitted as result of the committee's budget cutting.

ASTRONAUT L. GORDON COOPER smiles proudly as he displays his NASA Distinguished Service Medal, presented to him by President Kennedy at the White House Tuesday. Cooper posed during a luncheon at the State Department. (UPI Telephoto)

U. S., Alabama Face New Showdown Over School Integration

By United Press International

Alabama and the federal government today appear headed for a showdown over integration.

A federal judge Tuesday refused to delay the ordered admission of two Negroes to the University of Alabama and Gov. George Wallace immediately vowed to "bar the entrance of any Negro" attempting to enroll in the racially segregated institution.

Another federal judge holds a hearing today in Birmingham on a petition seeking the reinstatement of 1,081 Negro students who skipped school to participate in racial demonstrations. Birmingham has been relatively quiet since the bloody rioting of May 12.

Elsewhere, racial unrest continued in North Carolina and Negro leaders promised an "all out attack on discrimination" in South Carolina this summer. At Jackson, Miss., a biracial committee expressed concern over Mayor Allen Thompson's "apparent unwillingness" to name a committee to hear Negro grievances.

Rejects Postponement Motion

Federal Judge H. H. Grooms rejected a motion at a hearing in Birmingham Tuesday that he postpone the admission of Vivian J. Malone, 20, of Mobile, and Dave M. McGlathery, 26, of Huntsville, to the university. Miss Malone seeks admission to the main campus at Tuscaloosa and McGlathery to the university's extension center at Huntsville. They have applied for the summer term beginning June 10.

Grooms refused to take "judicial notice" of Alabama's tense racial situation, stating that granting a delay would be "tantamount to saying law and order has broken down." Wallace told a hastily called news conference he will appeal Grooms' ruling. In the meantime, he said, "I will be present to bar the entrance of any Negro who attempts to enroll at the University of Alabama."

No White House Comment

In Washington, White House press secretary Pierre Salinger said there was "no comment" on Wallace's statement.

Asked if he thought a situation similar to the University of Mississippi crisis last fall could develop in Alabama, Wallace replied, "If you mean my defiance on the part of the governor, yes."

Gov. Ross Barnett of Mississippi three times blocked the entrance of Negro James H. Meredith to "Ole Miss" until hundreds of federal marshals gained his admission. Rioting, which killed two persons and injured scores of others, followed and federal troops were sent to Oxford, Miss., to restore order.

Funds Requested For Youth Camp

The Douglas County Juvenile Department has made a request to the county Budget Committee for $15,000 above this year's budget to be earmarked for a proposed juvenile work camp.

The report on the request was made Tuesday night at a meeting of the county Juvenile Advisory Council in the Courthouse by Julian Helleck, juvenile officer.

He said if the money is approved as part of the foster home care program, a camp will be set up for a year at Winchester Park on the North Umpqua. The park is closed this year while work is under way in construction of a new Interstate 5 freeway bridge over it.

Helleck said the camp would be used for about six boys initially to get the program under way. Buildings on the site are available for them. Some of the boys will go to school and others will work. Helleck said the county Park Board had indicated its support of the program by offering to use some of the boys in work in this and other parks during the year.

Street Re-Marking Project Under Way

City crews are busy this week re-marking streets in the business district to accommodate the new tandem parking system.

Police Chief John Truett said the painting task should be completed by Friday in the metered area if favorable weather continues.

Crews worked from 4 to 7:30 a.m. Monday and Tuesday and were scheduled to go out again this morning. After today's effort, the project was expected to be about two-thirds complete.

SE Main, SE Kane and SE Cass are now converted to the tandem system and SE Stephens was about half done as of Tuesday.

The project was started in February but was halted by the rainy spell, Truett noted. The job of moving meter posts to effect the conversion was completed earlier in the year. That phase of the project was wrapped up in 45 days, the chief recalled.

Two street portions near the Roseburg Plaza will be undertaken at a later time when plaza construction is farther advanced. These are the north side of SE Washington between Jackson and Rose and the west side of SE Jackson between Douglas and Washington.

State Tax Plans Hit Deadlock

SALEM (UPI) — Surprise appointment of two Republican senators to help draft a compromise tax program was revealed today after the Senate-House tax conference committee disbanded Tuesday night in a deadlock over cigarette and net receipts proposals.

Senate President Ben Musa, D-The Dalles — in a move full of political overtones—said he would name Republicans Anthony Yturri, Ontario, and Donald Husband, Eugene, as Senate conferees. They succeed Boyd Overhulse, D-Madras, and Robert Elfstrom, R-Salem.

Yturri, Senate minority leader, and Husband both voted against the Senate tax program.

House Speaker Clarence Barton reappointed Richard Eymann, D-Marcola, and said he would name House Minority Leader F. F. Montgomery, R-Eugene, to succeed Rep. Victor Atiyeh, R-Portland, whose resignation from the conference committee Tuesday night forced the group to disband.

Atiyeh said he could not abandon the cigarette tax and net receipts proposals. Senate conferees said they could not accept a cigarette tax.

Change Alignment

The new appointments change the committee alignment in favor of a cigarette tax.

Barton told newsmen "I can't muster 31 Democratic votes for any tax program. I've got to have some Republican support."

Musa was more direct. "If the Republican minority in the house doesn't want to be responsible, I can't help it. The Republicans want to play politics and hang an albatross around the neck of Democrats. If the House wants to make this a party issue, let them take it."

Tuesday's break-up came after Overhulse and Elfstrom outlined the kind of compromise they would accept.

Flood Waters Hit Tiny Alaska Town

BETHEL, Alaska (UPI)—Nearly all of this small western Alaska fishing community lay beneath five feet of dirty water today from the bulging lower Kuskokwim River. A few major buildings were left untouched but even there water lapped at foundations.

Residents said it was the worst flood in 18 years.

The Navy planned to drop more bombs on ice jams on the river about 10 miles downstream in an effort to shake the ice loose.

The ice jams are preventing the water from draining from Bethel and three other villages.

Napakiak, Napaskiak, and Oscarville, all a short distance downstream from here, were completely inundated. More than 200 native women and children from the villages were airlifted here in helicopters and housed in the National Guard armory. Scores of local townspeople were left homeless by the flood.

The armory, the school, the hospital, a power generating plant and an Alaska Communication system station were still dry, but the water licked to within 50 yards of the school's front door.

Canyonville Sets City Budget Vote

Canyonville residents will go to the polls June 3 to vote on a city budget calling for expenditures of $19,485.01 outside the 6 per cent limitation. The polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

There were no residents of the city other than regular members of the council and budget committee at a special hearing on the budget held Monday night.

City Recorder Hugh Lathrop said the increase in the budget is due to absolutely necessary improvements in the water system — including extension and replacement of water lines.

In other business, the council Monday night voted to change one section of the city charter to enable the city to adopt the state law providing for jury trials, correspondent Mrs. R. E. Proctor reported.

Bill Preston, the new water and street superintendent, was on hand for Monday's meeting. He replaces the late S. J. Pritchett, who died last month.

GOOD DEED

MOUNT VERNON, Ill. (UPI)—David Ripplinger, 15, gave chase to a stray calf running through his neighborhood.

He jumped off his bicycle and bulldogged the errant dogie with a flying tackle.

W. M. Garner, owner of the calf, offered a reward.

"No, sir," David said. "Just call that my good deed for the day. I'm a Boy Scout."

New York Gives Hero's Welcome To Gordo Today

NEW YORK (UPI) —Leroy Gordon Cooper, 36, a simple-spoken man who rode and prayed alone in space, came through a packed and screaming mass of humanity today in an accolade that showed New York had opened its heart to him.

Flashing his grin as he drove up the legendary "Canyon of Heroes" under an almost blinding shower of confetti and ticker tape that piled into his open car, whipped around light poles, and gusted to the tops of the skyscrapers, he told in his laconic twang how he felt about it all: "Fine, just fine."

Then, on the front of City Hall steps, he told the throng in the plaza before him:

"I'd like to point out one thing. This program belongs to you, the people — the program of putting a man into space for scientific purposes...

"We (the astronauts) are the ones who have received all the glory, but there are other people involved who are just as dedicated. They are frequently not noticed at all."

Mayor Welcomes Cooper

Mayor Robert F. Wagner welcomed the Oklahoman who orbited the earth for 34 hours and 20 minutes last week and "said a little prayer" during the 17th orbit.

"It's a great thrill to have him with us for our guest today," said the mayor. And Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson, who was in the parade, echoed him and said: "All the nation has its eyes on New York. We are very grateful for your tribute to Major Cooper and the other spacemen."

The astronaut's wife and two teen-aged daughters and his mother, Hattie, also were introduced, to ovations.

During the parade from Bowling Green to City Hall, the motorcade had stopped, and Mrs. Trudy Cooper, smiling, joined her husband in the car in front of her. She sat between Cooper and Vice President Johnson, taking in the tumult and the swaying signs.

"Gordon Cooper, you're Super Dooper" said one.

New Yorkers seemed to agree. They massed and yelled, waved and whooped, and those in the skyscrapers loosed tons of confetti and streamers under the warm blue sky.

Lunch at Waldorf-Astoria

From City Hall, the motorcade went northward up Manhattan's middle, skirting Chinatown —to its east—and Greenwich Village—to its west, and finally moved up the Avenue of the Americas past Radio City and other midtown skyscraper complexes to the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel for the official lunch.

The procession was slowed by the huge crowds in the department store area of Herald Square, the place to which George M. Cohan once asked to be remembered. Viewers jammed the Rockefeller Center sidewalks and its skyscraper terraces and roof gardens.

At the two-hour lunch, Cooper and James E. Webb, administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administrationl received with the city's highest award, the Medal of Honor, plus scrolls for distinguished service.

"Today, New York wants to say to you, Gordon Cooper," the mayor said in an address, "in your vocabulary but with a New York twist, that as far as we are concerned you go, go, go. New York goes for you in a very big way—and also for those of all ranks who made your trip possible...

"We who are earthbound warmly salute you, and each of your fellow astronauts, and Administrator Jim Webb, and all of your colleagues and associates...

Humanity Is In Debt

"America owes very much to you...but in a larger and truer sense it is the world and all humanity who are in your debt for adding to the sum of knowledge about the cosmos, for bringing the day of the moonshot closer but above all, for enriching the world's treasury which belongs to all humankind."

Broadway gave its regards to the twang-voiced astronaut in a swell of noise, blossom of welcome signs, and twinkling shower of telephone-book confetti that was—as tickertape parades go—right on the old bazoo.

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Gordon Cooper's Space Prayer:

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The text of Astronaut L. Gordon Cooper's description to Congress of his space prayer:

I am not too much of a preacher, but while on the flight on the 17th orbit I felt so inclined to put a small prayer on the tape recorder in the space craft—it was over the middle of the Indian Ocean in the middle of the night. Things had been going so beautifully, everything had been working perfectly, and it was an ideal flight. I was encouraged to read a little transcript of this prayer as an ending:

I would like to take this time to say a little prayer for all the people, including myself, involved in this launch operation. Father, thank You, especially for letting me fly this flight. Thank You for the privilege of being able to be in this position; to be up in this wondrous place, seeing all these many startling, wonderful things that You have created.

Help guide and direct all of us that we may shape our lives to be much better Christians, trying to help one another, and to work with one another rather than fighting and bickering. Help us to complete this mission successfully. Help us in our future space endeavors that we may show the world that a democracy really can compete, and still are able to do things in a big way, and are able to do research, development, and can conduct many scientific and technical programs.

Be with all our families. Give them guidance and encouragement, and let them know that everything will be okay.

We ask in Thy name. Amen.

Meeting Postponed

SALEM (UPI)— The Highway Commission meeting scheduled for June 6 has been postponed to June 10, it was announced today.

Prominent County Woman Dies As Auto Hits Road Embankment

A prominent Douglas County woman was killed in a one-car accident late Tuesday.

Mrs. William Esselstrom, 72, died when her car crashed into an embankment on Umpqua River Highway 38, about 6½ miles east of Reedsport.

Mrs. Esselstrom, a well-known matron of Winchester Bay and wife of a prominent industrial and financial figure, was driving toward Reedsport, possibly following a visit to her sister at Medford, according to information received from a member of her family.

Her car, a 1961 model, went out of control, the result of still undetermined causes. It swerved onto a shoulder on the right hand side of the highway, then shot back onto the pavement, across the highway, smashing into the embankment.

According to Dawn Peseau, correspondent, an eye-witness driving a truck ahead of Mrs. Esselstrom stated he had observed the car in his rear view mirror under normal operation for some time. Shortly after an east-bound logging truck had passed them, he glanced up and saw the car apparently making a turn on the highway.

The victim was believed to have been killed instantly.

Dr. Ronald Courtney, Douglas County deputy medical examiner, together with Jack Unger of the Unger Ambulance Service and the Oregon State Police, investigated the tragedy which occurred shortly after 4 p.m.

Mrs. Esselstrom (Cora Helena McCollum) was born in Elkton June 4, 1891. She and William Esselstrom, married 54 years ago, and settled in Scottsburg where they lived for many years. They moved to Winchester Bay in 1940. The family has long been identified with the logging industry. William Esselstrom, with his sons, operated the Esselstrom Logging Co. for many years.

Surviving in addition to her husband and a sister, Hulda Thurman of Medford, are three sons, Harold and Claude, both of Roseburg, and Stanley of Reedsport; seven grandchildren, Donna Quinton, Trudy and Craig Esselstrom and Dixie Irving, all of Roseburg, and Gregory, Dallen and Kevin Esselstrom, all of Reedsport; and three nephews, Vincent, Alfred and Allen Esselstrom.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. at the Unger Funeral Home in Reedsport, with interment in the Scottsburg cemetery.

MRS. ESSELSTROM
. . . dies in crash.

The Weather

AIRPORT RECORDS

Cloudy today, tonight and Thursday morning. Sunny Thursday afternoon. A little warmer Thursday.

Highest temp. last 24 hours	71
Lowest temp. last 24 hours	53
Highest temp. any May (56)	95
Lowest temp. any May (54)	26
Precip. last 24 hours	.02
Precip. from May 1	3.74
Normal May Precip.	1.85
Normal Precip. 9-1 to 5-1	29.16
Precip. from Sept. 1	33.04

Sunset tonight, 7:38 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 4:42 a.m.

ABUNDANT FOOD COMMODITIES were being distributed this week for the first time in Douglas County, as the new program to supply food for welfare recipients and low income families started in the Roseburg area. C. E. Reece, director of the program, is shown here distributing food to two Roseburg area women. The program at present is taking in only persons now on welfare. Low income families may start receiving the free food on or after June 10. Reece urged that persons obtaining the food: (1) Have adequate identification, such as social security card, drivers license, etc., in addition to their welfare cards; (2) bring their own containers; (3) remember they must appear in person the first time they receive food, but may have it picked up by a proxy at other times. Some 200 persons received food the first two days. (News-Review Photo)