

West Harvard Stalemate Described As Roseburg's Foremost Problem

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The "stalemate" which now besets the proposed West Harvard Boulevard improvement was described Thursday as the city's foremost problem.

Mayor Thomas Garrison told an informal gathering of municipal leaders that Roseburg is "one more year behind in getting the project started."

The mayor's remarks were made at a dinner in the Umpqua Hotel. The dinner had followed a tour of Roseburg by the city's governing and advisory organizations, conducted for the purpose of evaluating municipal progress in 1963.

Garrison laid most of the blame for the Harvard project lag on the

"attitude" of the Douglas County Court. He said the court has objections in connection with the project's cost and design.

Proposal Vital

"Meanwhile, we have 13,000 cars going by the Bellows intersection daily and 9,000 by the Fairhaven intersection on a two-lane street," he said. "The West Harvard proposal is the most vital, single civic project we have in Roseburg today. We have made some progress, but we are by no means home."

In a discussion of the problem, city officials were generally agreed

that "citizen action" is needed to break the stalemate.

Jack Davis, city Park and Playground Commission member and former city councilman, suggested formation of a citizens committee which would include in its membership a broad cross-section of citizen representation.

Formation of such a committee, it was observed, would give residents a chance to express their desires to the court and perhaps demonstrate more clearly the community's interest in getting the project under way.

Participants in the 1½-hour afternoon tour included city councilmen, administrative personnel, members of the Park and Playground, Airport and Planning commissions and representatives of press and television. The group took a look at various improvement projects undertaken within the city and inspected areas where future improvement activities are proposed. Purpose of the get-together was to bring the "official family" closer together and to demonstrate that the administrative units are working together as a team.

Development Noted

City Manager Craig McKicken told the dinner gathering that one important development of the year was the initiation of a program to set aside a portion of proceeds from parking meter revenues to develop off-street parking. He reported, however, that the plan for acquiring suitable property for such parking has been unsuccessful to date. He said the city has now accumulated \$8,500 from parking meter revenues and is looking at possible sites in a central business area.

Property in the blast area is under consideration. One official suggested that consideration should be given the possibility of establishing parking facilities at the south end of the business district as well as to serve business houses at that end and to provide a more equal distribution of the parking facilities.

In a discussion of upcoming projects, it was disclosed that a residential street paving program will be launched this fall for selected streets in the Clackamas area. Public Works Director Kenneth Meng said his department is working on plans which involve a total two miles of street improvement next year. He said preliminary plans will be presented to the Roseburg City Council in the near future.

Work To Be Done

The work will be done in connection with the present administration's policy goal of upgrading Roseburg's residential streets. In the Clackamas area, the city council would initiate the project. But the normal legal procedures would be observed, including property owner right to remonstrate.

Another report to the city officials indicated that Evergreen Bus Co., which recently took over bus service for Roseburg, is operating satisfactorily. The firm was reported to be conducting a "sound and efficient" operation.

It was also reported that negotiations are all under way on the acquisition of property for development of the Gateway (or Riverside) Park. McKicken said "some progress has been made."

Hunter's Disappearance Probed By Authorities

OREGON CITY (UPI)—Investigation continued today into the disappearance of Patrick Edwin Morrison, 43, Estacada, last Saturday.

Sheriff Joe Shobe said Morrison had told his wife he was going hunting and was last seen in front of an Estacada cafe early Saturday.

Morrison's car later was found about three miles north of Estacada and articles belonging to him were located in the Mt. Scott area east of Portland.

Farmer More Cautious After Brush With Bear

WATERTOWN, N.Y. (UPI)—Stanley C. Peer, who runs a northern New York dairy farm, is more cautious today about bringing his cows into the barn.

In the semi-darkness early Thursday, Peer spotted a form near a fence line and thinking it was a cow went up to it. Five feet away he found it was a black bear.

Peer said the bear apparently was as scared as he was because they both ran in opposite directions.

NEVER TOO OLD

HOUSTON (UPI)—Mr. and Mrs. Henry T. Scott today settled down to a normal married life following their elopement marriage. She is 82 and he is 87.

"The wedding was exciting," she said. "We even had to get blood tests just like 16-year-olds."

Still Charge Holds Penitentiary Guard

SALEM (UPI)—A veteran state prison guard was being held in Marion County jail here today after sheriff's deputies and State Liquor Commission officers confiscated a still and 13 gallons of corn whiskey in a raid Thursday night.

Bail was set at \$1,000 for Ralph E. Ratcliff, 54. He was charged with the illegal setting up and operation of a distillery, officers said.

Officers said they seized a 50-gallon copper-sheeted still, a cooling apparatus, three 100-gallon mash barrels, a gas heating unit, and 13 gallons of whiskey.

"They said Ratcliff had been a guard at the state penitentiary for the past 10 years."

Officers said they had no evidence that any whiskey from the still had been sold.

The offense is a misdemeanor under state law.

'Good Samaritan' Suffers Beating

HILLSBORO (UPI)—A Portland doctor who stopped to help two men about 15 miles north of here was severely beaten Thursday, sheriff's deputies reported.

Dr. Richard Bernard, 38, was in fair condition at St. Vincent Hospital in Portland with multiple scalp and face lacerations, a fractured nose, and multiple contusions and abrasions.

He told deputies he was en route hunting when he stopped to help two men whose pickup truck was out of gas north of here on Buena Road. He said he was beaten with a tire iron and left unconscious in dense brush. Police said he also apparently was cut with a razor.

The doctor's station wagon, his money and hunting equipment were taken.

Dr. Bernard made his way to a trout farm about 5 p.m. and was taken to the hospital.

Legion Seminar Set In Reedsport

A District Conference Seminar of the American Legion and Auxiliary will be held in the Legion Hall in Reedsport Sunday. A potluck dinner will be served at noon with the seminar to follow at 1:30 p.m.

Department officers attending from Roseburg will be William Stevens, department commander; C. Ray Wilson, department vice commander; Maurice Druhl, department adjutant; and Glen Howe, service officer.

Representing the auxiliary will be Carmelite Weddle, president; Pearl Funk, vice president; and Nora Francis, secretary.

All Posts and Units in District 9 are urged to attend.

Daughter Of Hatfields Undergoes Operation

SALEM (UPI)—The 4-year-old daughter of Gov. and Mrs. Mark Hatfield underwent an emergency appendectomy at Salem Memorial Hospital Thursday night.

Elizabeth Hatfield was listed in "satisfactory condition" this morning by hospital spokesmen. The hospital said the surgery was performed about 11 p.m.

Gov. and Mrs. Hatfield are the parents of two children. They also have a son, Mark O. Hatfield Jr., 3.

Dean Meeks

Graveside funeral services for Dean Stephen Allen Meeks, 5-day-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Meeks of Roseburg, who died Thursday at a local hospital will be held Monday at 2 p.m. at the Roseburg Memorial Gardens.

He is survived by his parents and one brother, Everett, all of Roseburg.

Wilson's Chapel of the Roses is in charge of arrangements.

Engineer On Robbed Train Reports He Was Terrified

AYLESBURY, England (UPI)—The engineer of the mail train that was looted of \$7.3 million in the greatest robbery in history told a court hearing today that he was terrified that wild night two months ago.

Engineer Jack Mills testified that "I was very frightened" when he told how he was forced to move the engine and two mail cars of the Glasgow - to - London mail train along the tracks in the darkness of Aug. 8.

He gave his testimony at a preliminary hearing of charges against 15 persons in connection with the great train robbery at nearby Cheddington.

Mills said he grappled with one of the robbers after his train had been halted by a faked red signal. He said he was struck on the head by another bandit.

"The next thing I remember I was on my knees," he said. "The cab was full of men... they all had staves."

He said they told him to move the engine, which with two coaches had been uncoupled from the rest of the train, "or you will get some more." Mills said, "I did what I was told."

Farther down the track he was told to stop the engine and was handcuffed to his fireman, David Whitby, while the mail bags were unloaded by the gang, which he estimated to number about 15.

Whitby testified that after the train stopped because of the red signal, he saw a man by one of the coaches and asked him, "What's up, mate?"

He was pushed down an embankment by the track and told by one of the gang, "If you shout I will kill you."

After the gang had left, another train came along from the opposite direction and its fireman helped the handcuffed pair to get the mail train to Cheddington station to raise the alarm.

The latest gang suspect, hairdresser Douglas Gordon Goody, 33, was arrested Thursday night after his third round of questioning in connection with the case. He had been released each time previously. Police testified that he said "I am completely innocent" when he was charged. Bail was refused after the police said there was "every possibility he will abscond."

Eight other men have been charged with taking part in the robbery and six persons—including three women—are accused of receiving part of the stolen cash. Scotland Yard has issued a worldwide alert for five other persons, rumored to be the masterminds of the daring robbery.

Less than 10 per cent of the stolen cash has been recovered.

Local News

Mrs. James Doyle and Mrs. Neil Kaser Jr. of this city were in Grants Pass over the weekend playing the duplicate bridge tournament.

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POLICE GRAPPLE with one of four young men who temporarily interrupted second game of '63 World Series during seventh inning, when they ran onto the field carrying banner which read, "Help Free Cuba of Communist Slavery," in New York Thursday. Police collared the men and took them from the field as the Los Angeles Dodgers went on to defeat the New York Yankees for the second consecutive game, 4-1. (UPI Telephoto)

US Unemployment At Low For Year

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Unemployment in the United States declined by 341,000 in September to a total of 3,516,000, the lowest thus far in 1963 but almost identical with the September, 1962, figure.

At the same time, employment in September dropped by 1,015,000, according to a Labor Department report released Thursday. Both the drop in the jobless total and the decline in employment were attributed to normal end-of-summer seasonal change.

Unemployment also fell in July and August. It usually reaches its yearly low point in October, according to the department.

The seasonally adjusted rate of unemployment rose from 5.5 to 5.6 per cent of the labor force in September, but a change that small was not considered statistically significant.

The department said nearly 2 million teen-age workers dropped out of the labor force. Another 700,000 adult women found jobs last month; about half of them were teachers.

The reason that both unemployment and employment could drop simultaneously was that the labor force declined by about 1.4 million workers, the department said.

Hospital News

Visiting Hours
2 to 3:30 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m.

Douglas Community Hospital Admitted

Medical: Mrs. Sam Ferguson, Mrs. Clarence Martin, Mrs. Jerry Curry, Darrel Persons, Daisy Larimer, Mrs. Chester Sorensen, all of Roseburg.
Surgery: Rita Gregory, Roseburg; Mrs. Royce Alexander, Sutherlin; David Kilmer, Winston.
Discharged: Mrs. Fred Butts and daughter Brenda Kay, Mrs. John Busenbark, Mrs. Norris Jewell, David Olson, Robert Collins, Mrs. Kenneth Sumnerlin, Randy Powers, Oscar Shorlon, Eddie Henderson, all of Roseburg; Donalene Stanchiff, Glide; Margaret Freese, Myrtle Creek; Mrs. Tony Golen, Sutherlin; Edward Cook, Gilson Mardin, both of Winston.

Mercy Hospital

Admitted:

Medical: Elmer Beckius, Cynthia Bean, Mrs. Ezra Jones, Mrs. Bruce Carter, Mrs. Vester Jones, all of Roseburg; Mrs. Leonard Marrow, Riddle.
Surgery: William Hanstead, Mrs. Melvin Allen, Michelle Steven, all of Roseburg; Mrs. Melvin Martin, Oakland.

Discharged: Mrs. Jack Palm, Mrs. William Denton, both of Roseburg; Mrs. John Paseman, Sutherlin; Mrs. C. J. Carlie and son David James, Oakland.

Clara Smith

Funeral services were held Oct. 2 at Mills Mortuary in Cottage Grove for Clara Olive Smith, 79, former resident of Elkton. Mrs. Smith died Sept. 29 in a Cottage Grove nursing home.

She was born in Eagle Point, Ore., Oct. 16, 1883, and was married Jan. 24, 1903, at Roseburg to Mack E. Smith who died in 1939. She had been a resident of Cottage Grove for many years since leaving Elkton. She was a member of the Church of Christ of Elkton.

Survivors are two brothers, Fred Powell of Eugene and Ora Powell of Lakeside; and one sister, Minnie P. Doney of Creswell.

Interment was in the Elkton Cemetery.

Christine Seeks To Discredit Story Of Prosecution Witness

LONDON (UPI)—The defense attempted today to discredit the testimony of the key prosecution witness that Christine Keeler, the call girl of the Profumo scandal, was beaten up by a white ex-convict and not the discarded West Indian lover she accused of the assault.

The 21-year-old red haired beauty and three co-defendants are being given a hearing on charges they framed Jamaican jazz singer Aloysius (Lucky) Gordon into a three-year jail term for allegedly punching and kicking her.

His conviction later was quashed and the ensuing police investigation led to Miss Keeler's arrest on perjury and conspiracy charges. The perjury charge alone carries a maximum term of seven years in conviction.

When the hearing opened Wednesday, John Hamilton-Marshall, brother of one of the co-defendants, Paula Hamilton-Marshall, 23, testified that he had a violent battle with Miss Keeler in her apartment on the night of April 17-18 because she accused him of examining private papers.

Hamilton-Marshall, who admitted several convictions, said he kicked the one-time mistress of War Minister John Profumo and punched her in the face, splitting her eyebrow.

Today, Clarence Camachio, a West Indian prosecution witness, was asked by defense attorney

John Platt - Mills whether he thought "that little creature" — Hamilton-Marshall — could really beat up Miss Keeler.

"I think it would be the other way around," Camachio said. "Christine would beat up this little guy."

Camachio said that when he arrived at Miss Keeler's flat — after the alleged assault by Hamilton-Marshall — he saw no sign of wounds or bruises and she looked quite normal to him.

Camachio, who testified Thursday that Miss Keeler offered him a \$2,800 bribe to back up her story implicating Gordon, insisted that all of his evidence was true.

Camas Valley Residence Damaged By Roof Blaze

The Jack Parrott residence in Camas Valley received considerable roof damage in a late morning fire Wednesday, according to a report from Mrs. Dave Thrush, correspondent.

Parrott had reportedly built a fire in the fireplace earlier in the morning and a flue fire resulted. Believing the fire to have burned itself out, Parrott was surprised when going out to do chores some two hours later to find that the roof of his two-story frame home was on fire. Prompt action by neighbors and the Camas Valley Volunteer Fire Department confined damage to the roof. Water trickling down through the house reportedly did no damage, Mrs. Thrush said.

Insurance was carried on the house.

Perry C. Kotterman

Funeral services were to be held today at 3 p.m. at Long & Shukle Memorial Chapel for Perry C. Kotterman, 63, of 1832 NE Fremont Ave. He died Wednesday morning at his home.

He had lived in the Roseburg area for the past 19 years and was an employee before retirement at the Umpqua Hotel in Roseburg. He came here from Aberdeen, S.D. He was married at San Antonio, Tex., to Dollie Humphrey. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church of Aberdeen, the Elks Lodge of Roseburg and was a veteran of World War I.

Surviving are his wife of Roseburg; two daughters, Mrs. Betty Parker of San Antonio and Mrs. Mae (Billie Jean) McDonough of Campbell, Calif.; his mother, Mrs. Beaulah Langfelder of Roseburg; one brother, Willard Kotterman, of Pittsburgh, Calif.; and four grandchildren.

In charge of the service was the Rev. Robert Rigstad of the Presbyterian Church of Roseburg. Private interment will follow the service at the Roseburg Memorial Gardens.

Showers Are Forecast

The five-day weather forecast according to the Weather Bureau station at the Roseburg airport calls for temperatures averaging near or slightly below normal with considerable shower activity. Highs will be mostly 62 to 72 with lows in the 40's.

Mayor's Letter Asks CAB For Information On Airline Service

Obviously worried about the possibility of West Coast Airlines discontinuing service to Roseburg, Mayor Thomas Garrison has sent a letter to the Civil Aeronautics Board asking what the future has to offer.

The letter was addressed to Harold R. Sanderson, secretary of the CAB in Washington, D.C.

Garrison said the grant of change in service pattern given by the CAB to WCA and the changes in WCA scheduling which resulted in cutting down the service to Roseburg "has had a harsh effect upon passenger boardings. He lists July boardings as 246, August boardings (after the change in schedule) as 50 and September boardings as 88.

Shift Planned

He points out that under new Federal Aviation Agency requirements, WCA has taken the position that scheduling F27 aircraft at the Roseburg airport is not economical. (The airline is presently using DC3's.) Garrison notes that by the spring of 1964, West Coast is planning to shift its entire operations to F27 prop-jets.

Garrison reports that FAA officials have been working with the city to determine the kind of improvements necessary to permit unrestricted "or more economical" F27 operations in Roseburg. He indicates this is prompted by the fear that if F27s are not economical to operate into the Roseburg airport, WCA will find reason enough to discontinue even its one round trip to the city daily.

One of the major improvements being considered is lengthening of the airport runway.

Factors Listed

"However, even if we can and do make improvements which will permit a regular schedule of F27 operation," Garrison continues, "there appears to be two additional factors which bear upon the continuation of airline service and which are out of our control." He lists these as (1) the "use it or lose it" formula and (2) "the attitude of West Coast to provide an adequate schedule."

He says Roseburg can generate sufficient passenger traffic as far as the "use it or lose it" policy is concerned (no less than five boardings a day) "if given two round trips daily with suitable schedules." He says the eight boardings a day in July demonstrate this fact.

The mayor's most pointed question to the CAB involved its subsidy program. He says the Aug. 1 reduction in service was prompted in part by an estimated operating savings of \$17,600 for WCA, "coupled with an annual increase of \$38,055 under the class rate subsidy structure." He insists that the net effect of this strange subsidy arrangement "is to make it more attractive to West Coast to reduce service than to keep it. He contends that this leaves little incentive."

School Superintendents Favor Oregon Tax Plan

The Douglas County District Superintendent's Association, in an all-day meeting Thursday, voted by majority to support ballot measure No. 1 in the Oct. 15 referendum election.

In other business of the meeting, which was chairmanned by Kenneth Barneburg, county school superintendent, a committee was appointed to investigate an application of educational television.

Raymond Muller, Sutherlin, will be the chairman. Don Fluke, Glide and Leland P. Linn, county director of education, were also named to the committee.

The Association also wrote and signed a letter to the state Department of Education urging immediate work be done to issue budget forms and a budget manual to be in accord with the new budget law passed by the 1963 legislature.

Barracks, Auxiliary Change Meeting Date

Douglas Barracks 176, Veterans of War I and Auxiliary, will not meet tonight.

The meeting date has been changed to Tuesday, Oct. 22, and will take place at the girls dormitory at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. A business meeting will follow the 6:30 p.m. potluck.

The two groups will continue to meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

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