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No Move Due

Mrs. Marguerite Oswald, mother of Lee Oswald, says her son's body will stay where it is. See page 3.

Cage Season Starts

Several Douglas County basketball teams saw their first action of the season Friday night. See sports, pages 6 and 7.

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T. EUGENE THOMPSON, hand in pocket and outwardly casual, leaves the courtroom at Minneapolis, Minn., Friday with deputies trailing behind after hearing the guilty verdict at his first degree murder trial. (UPI Telephoto)

Thompson's Career, Life Are Now In Ruin

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (UPI)—Deputies hustled criminal attorney T. Eugene Thompson off to prison today to start serving a life sentence at hard labor for masterminding the slaying of his wife for more than \$1 million insurance.

Authorities apparently hoped to get the suave, 35-year-old Thompson behind bars at Stillwater State Prison before his lawyers can file an appeal, which will be Monday at the earliest.

Thus Thompson will change his high-priced suits for prison dungarees less than 24 hours after six men and six women found him guilty of conspiring to have his wife, Carol, murdered.

And in so doing the one-time farm boy's promising and already high-paying career fell into ruin for at least 17 years and four months—when he will be eligible for parole—unless the appeal should upset the verdict.

Wanted Answer Questions

Thompson's brunette paramour Mrs. Jacqueline Olesen, 27, opened the door of her apartment only far enough to tell reporters they would have to see her attorney for any statement.

Thompson's four children, Jeffrey, 14, Patricia, 12, Marjorie, 10, and Amy, 7, apparently will go to live with his sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Besche. The Besches have a 700-acre farm near Blue Earth, Minn.

Prosecutor William B. Randall made plans to proceed with murder trials for two other persons in the case.

He said he was ready to try Norman J. Mastrian, 40, former prize fighter and one-time college classmate of Gene and Carol Thompson and in more recent days a law client of the defendant.

Salesman Faces Trial

And after that it will be Dick W. C. Anderson, 35, a decorated Korean veteran who became a sometime salesman and a continuous hard-drinker later.

The jury foreman told questioners Thompson's affair with Mrs. Olesen then a divorcee, did not have much to do with the verdict. He indicated the primary reason for the slaying was the \$1 million in insurance Thompson had purchased on his wife.

Minnesota has no death penalty.

The state contended Thompson worked through Mastrian to arrange for Anderson to kill Thompson's 34-year-old wife last March 6 in their fashionable St. Paul home.

Garden Valley Home Burned

The G. M. Jeffers home on Garden Valley Road was destroyed by fire Friday night.

Addie Schneider, News-Review correspondent, said there was no one in the small wood-frame house when fire broke out sometime before 10 p.m.

Mrs. Schneider said the house had been unoccupied for about two weeks. It contained furniture and furnishings, however, which were destroyed by the blaze.

Bob Johnson spotted the fire on his way to work. Other neighbors of the area rushed to the scene, but the blaze was already out of control and there was no opportunity for persons to enter the house to remove belongings, the correspondent reported.

It was reported the fire loss was partially covered by insurance.

An oil drum near the house exploded as result of fire. Neighbors quickly removed a gas barrel which was near the house and creating a possible hazard.

Mrs. Schneider said the property had belonged to Lloyd Gray of Melrose but was recently sold to G. M. Jeffers. The site is on a side road off Garden Valley Road and is northwest of the Lavton Dairy.

Cause of the fire was not determined. No call was made for fire fighting equipment, due to the advanced state of the blaze. Neighbors stood by, however, to keep the fire from spreading to adjoining properties.

OEA To Support 'Earmarked' Tax

PORTLAND (UPI)—The Oregon Education Association voted Friday to support a state sales tax with the money to be earmarked for education. The organization said it would initiate the measure, if necessary.

The action came at a meeting of about 200 delegates to the OEA's Representative Council.

There were estimates it might cost as much as \$74,000 to run the initiative campaign.

The council also voted to resist any attempts by school boards to lower teacher salaries as a result of voter defeat of the legislature's tax bill Oct. 15.

Some school district budgets are expected to be cut as much as 25 per cent next year because of an anticipated \$12 million slash in the \$141 million state aid to education fund for the next biennium.

Another motion to have the OEA take action if teacher increment raises are withheld next year was defeated. The OEA also reaffirmed its stand against a merit raise plan for teachers and spoke out for a teacher starting minimum of \$6,000 yearly with a \$13,000 top after ten years.

FOUR-EYED CALF

BUDAPEST (UPI)—A calf with four eyes, two noses and two tongues has been brought to the Budapest Zoo, it was announced today.

Officials said the calf, which was born two months ago in south Hungary, can see with all four eyes—two in the normal position and two in the middle of its forehead.

The Weather AIRPORT RECORDS

Partly cloudy this afternoon. Increasing cloudiness tonight, with rain Sunday. Little change in temperature.

Highest temp. last 24 hours 54
Lowest temp. last 24 hours 32
Highest temp. any Dec. (58) 69
Lowest temp. any Dec. (42) 16
Precip. last 24 hours .7
Normal Dec. precip. 5.69
Precip. from Sept. 1 10
Sunset tonight, 4:38 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 7:33 a.m.

Delay Asked On Changes At Airport

The Roseburg city Airport Commission Friday recommended delaying action on changing and lighting the runway thresholds at Roseburg Airport.

The decision was based on the feelings that (1) it would cut down the length of the runways; (2) DC-3 operation will be back to daylight hours in about a month; and (3) West Coast Airlines could obtain a deviation from regulations from the Federal Aviation Agency to use the present runway for DC-3 operation if they wanted to.

Aviation consultant R. T. Lamson presented by letter, plans for some phases of airport improvement which would aid the city in keeping airline service, but also acknowledged what the city leaders have felt for the past months—that the real basis of the city's problems lies with Civil Aeronautics Board subsidies, which make it unprofitable for West Coast Airlines to land at Roseburg.

Boardings Low

In the meantime, due to uncertain schedules, a cut in the number of flights daily, and wintertime landing restrictions brought about by the weather, West Coast boardings at Roseburg hit a new low of only eight for the month of November.

As it now stands, the FAA has ruled against F-27 prop jet flights into Roseburg because of airport restrictions. WCA still serves the city with DC-3 flights, but it appears the DC-3 will be "phased out" of operation, as WCA strives to modernize its equipment.

One possible answer to the air service problem being faced by Roseburg which Lamson urged the city to investigate fully is that of a "third level" service, or smaller airlines that would serve Roseburg and other communities where regular airline service does not appear practical, and which would offer links with major airlines at larger cities.

Meng Reviews Costs

City Engineer Ken Meng estimated it would cost between \$1,500 and \$2,000 to light the thresholds. The scheduled evening flight is for 5:45 p.m., which will be before sunset in about a month, so the lights will not be needed for this flight anyway.

A check with West Coast Airlines Saturday morning showed the regular 9:20 a.m. southbound flight was not scheduled to land, due to weather conditions. This made 13 days in a row there has been no flight into Roseburg.

The commission voted Friday to recommend the council grant new leases to R. C. (Bud) Good and Don Hunt for construction of hangar and shop buildings at the municipal airport. Good's lease would amount to a three-year extension of his present 10-year lease and Hunt would receive a new 10-year lease. Both would have options for renewal for five years.

U. N. To Hear LBJ

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Johnson announced today he will address the United Nations in New York on Dec. 17.

Interest Heavy In 'Four Days'

"Four Days," the tragic story of the assassination and burial of President John F. Kennedy in book form, is drawing such high interest in Douglas County that the demand for first editions far exceed the expected supply.

The book is being offered to Douglas County residents at \$2 a copy (\$2.25 if mailed) by The News-Review.

Because of the great demand, it has become necessary to request that those wanting copies pay for them in advance. Those who have paid in advance will receive their first edition books first.

Non-paid reservations will still be taken, but they will receive books only as long as the supply lasts, following the paid-in-advance orders.

If requests exceed the number ordered, as appears likely, more will be ordered.

The story of the death and interment of President Kennedy is being published by United Press International and American Heritage. The advance editions will be published and distributed in January.

Yoncalla Eyes Fire District

A public hearing on the question of forming a rural fire district at Yoncalla has been set Wednesday at 8 p.m. at the Yoncalla City Hall, reports Mrs. Karl Hummel, correspondent.

According to Fire Chief Stewart Mathis, there are two ways to form a rural fire district: A district could be formed to include only those living outside the city limits, or the municipal volunteer fire department could be abandoned and the rural fire district would then cover both city and rural areas.

There are advantages and disadvantages in both plans, Mathis said, and he urged that both rural and townspeople be present for the hearing.

He pointed out the rural area proposed for inclusion in the fire district generally follows the Yoncalla School District boundaries.

Mrs. Hummel said speakers at the meeting will include Donald Husband, Eugene attorney, and Frank Kauble, state deputy fire marshal, of Salem. There will also be a fire insurance representative present to answer questions, Mrs. Hummel said.

LBJ Holds News Talks

WASHINGTON — (UPI)—President Johnson had his press secretary, Pierre Salinger, call reporters into the presidential office shortly before noon Saturday with no advance notice. He met with them for almost half an hour answering questions and bringing up points of his own — particularly the defense budget cuts.

He said he had talked all morning with McNamara and that the secretary was "going to spend several hundred million less for his department than he did last year" through manpower reductions and other undisclosed actions.

Then Johnson turned to McNamara for amplification. McNamara, who was in Salinger's office, announced these four actions:

—A cut of 25,000 civilian employees, to reduce the Defense Department's total of such personnel to 997,000 by July 1, 1965.

This will be the lowest since the early 1950's.

—A reduction by June 30, 1964, of 15 per cent in military and civilian personnel assigned to overseas headquarters staffs, lopping off more than 2,500 such personnel.

—A cut of 10 per cent, also by next June 30, in U. S. servicemen, civilians and foreign nationals employed in military aid missions abroad. This would eliminate more than 1,000 jobs.

—A further reduction of 15 per cent by next June 30 in the number of foreign nationals employed by the department, meaning a cut of about 9,000 employees.

The President said he had tried to give the nation a sense of continuity in government since Kennedy's death and a sense of American unity to the world.

"Our response from the country and the world has been very good," he said.

Christmas Reunion Unlikely In Berlin

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NEIL WILSON soloist in oratorio

Oratoria Set For Sunday Performance

The popular holiday season oratorio, Handel's "The Messiah," will be presented for the public Sunday at the Douglas County Fairgrounds.

The performance, scheduled to start at 5 p.m., caps several weeks of rehearsal for the participants, according to Robert E. Robins, director.

Appearing in the 14th annual presentation of the oratorio locally will be several of the community's outstanding musical artists.

Wilson Among Soloists

Among these is Neil Wilson, a baritone, who is an assistant professor of voice at the University of Oregon School of Music. Wilson's musical activities while at the U of O have included appearances as soloist with the Portland Symphony, Portland Junior Symphony, Spokane Symphony, University of Idaho chorus and orchestra and Willamette University chorus and orchestra.

Wilson received a bachelor of fine arts and master's degrees in music from the University of New Mexico and is continuing studies for a doctorate in music at Indiana University.

He is a private voice instructor and directs an opera workshop in addition to his music faculty assignment and also conducts the Oregon University Choral and Grace Lutheran Church choir. At one time he taught voice and chorale at Eastern Oregon College in La-Grande.

Robins, who is directing the Messiah for the fourth time, has been vocal music director at Roseburg High School for 11 years.

Other Soloists Named

Other soloists in the presentation are soprano Barbara Martin, Roseburg High School senior; alto Peggy Nott, active in the First Christian Church choir and a 1957 Messiah performer, and tenor Tom Heinz, RHS graduate and former soloist with the Yale University Glee Club.

Mike Norrell will be directing the Roseburg Symphony in connection with the performance. Ruth Trued will play the organ renditions and Helen Saar will appear at the piano.

Price For Visits Called 'Too High'

BERLIN (UPI)—The East German Communist government set a price today that apparently is too high for the West to consider letting West Berliners visit East Berlin for Christmas.

The East German press office announced that East Germany is ready to allow West Berliners to cross the Red-built anti-refugee wall between Dec. 15 and Jan. 5.

But it said West Berlin Mayor Willy Brandt must negotiate with East German Deputy Premier Alexander Abusch and that offices to issue passes for visits to the East must be opened in West Berlin.

Both of these conditions have been declared unacceptable to the West.

Hopes Dashed

The Eastern announcement and the Western reaction to it dashed hopes that West Berliners would be able to spend Christmas with their friends and relations in East Berlin for the first time since the wall went up on Aug. 13, 1961.

West Berlin officials said the Communist proposal was not acceptable and there was no reason to hope that Christmas would bring a reunion of families split by the wall.

The city government had warned West Berliners earlier against raising their hopes too high that the wall might be opened for Christmas.

A West Berlin spokesman said the issue would depend on whether the East Germans attempted to exercise sovereignty in West Berlin.

The conditions set by the East German Communists indicated clearly they wanted to use the issuance of passes as an entering wedge for recognition by the West.

In a statement, Brandt said earlier that it was regrettable that an official announcement Friday night created a false impression that West Berliners had considered the Communist move a wonderful Christmas present.

Passes Offered

City officials said today that the East German government in fact has announced its willingness to issue passes to West Berliners during a three week period. They added that everything depends on how and where the passes will be issued.

They said the Communists will not be allowed to open offices in West Berlin, a maneuver they attempted shortly after the wall went up. The maneuver was considered an East German attempt to win recognition.

The city government wants the East Germans to issue the passes at crossing points in the wall. Authorities said the question will be decided during regularly scheduled talks between East and West German trade officials.

Foreigners and West Germans are permitted to cross the wall. But West Berliners are not and many East Berliners have been shot trying to sneak through.

4 Rail Unions Seek Reversal By High Court

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Four railroad unions have appealed to a federal court to overturn findings of a government arbitration panel that would allow 90 per cent of the firemen on diesel locomotives.

The unions also asked the federal court here Friday to declare unconstitutional the law, enacted in August to prevent a nationwide railroad strike, establishing the arbitration board.

The board ruled Nov. 26 that 90 per cent of the firemen's jobs on freight and yard locomotives should be eliminated gradually because other crew members can perform the duties of the firemen.

The ruling, involving the so-called "featherbedding" issue, also called for renewed negotiation on the size of train crews and set up a system of arbitration in case of deadlock.

The suit was filed in federal court by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and the Switchmen's Union. The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers filed a separate suit also attacking the award as illegal and challenging establishment of the board.

The suit filed by the three unions asked that the award be labeled void. It also asked that the court meanwhile keep the award from taking effect as scheduled Jan. 23.

The unions charged that the arbitration board exceeded the authority given it by Congress and failed to follow congressional directives.

Unions Seek Mill Lockout Benefit Pay

PORTLAND (UPI)—A hearing on possible unemployment benefits for Northwest lumber workers idled by last summer's strike and closures, recessed here Friday until Dec. 15.

The time was granted to permit attorneys for employers and two unions to attempt to settle their differences.

The issue dividing the two sides is whether statements made by a Springfield business agent should be considered typical of all International Woodworkers of America business agents.

Frank R. Worley, business agent for IWA Local 3-246, Springfield, had said his local established no picket line, declared no strike and was ready to return to work at any time.

Employers claim the plants were closed on a "strike on-strike all" basis after pickets from the IWA and Lumber and Sawmill Workers appeared at St. Regis Co. and U.S. Plywood Corp. Weyerhaeuser, International Paper Co., Crown-Zellerbach and Rayonier subsequently shut their plants, idling 7,100 workers.

If an agreement can be reached the general hearing here will end and regional meetings will be scheduled in Oregon and Washington to discuss "local" issues.

Timing Is Off

VENTURA, Calif. (UPI)—A mother and the baby she delivered without help when the hospital sent her home were reported in good condition Friday at General Hospital.

Mrs. Valerie Grubbs, 24, went home Wednesday when the hospital resident told her it appeared it would be sometime before her baby would be born.

But the baby arrived soon after and Mrs. Grubbs delivered her daughter before deputies or highway patrolmen arrived to assist her.

Hoffa Denies Hierarchy Of Union Having Trouble

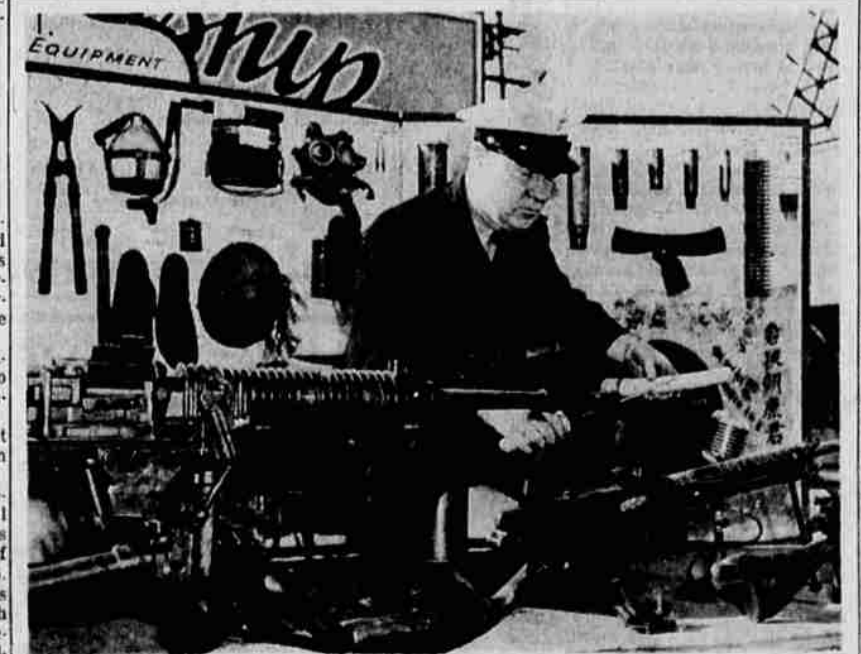
MIAMI BEACH (UPI)—Teamsters head James R. Hoffa Friday denied a reported rift among the union's hierarchy over the group's official reaction to the slaying of President Kennedy.

Informed sources in Washington said Hoffa's top assistant, Harold J. Gibbons, and several other union aides had resigned in protest over Hoffa's statements and actions following the assassination.

"Nobody has resigned," Hoffa said. "If you don't believe me, call headquarters Monday morning and you can talk to them."

Hoffa termed as "pure nonsense" a report that he was angry because Gibbons shut down Teamsters' headquarters in Washington on Nov. 25, the day of national mourning for the slain President.

Sources said Hoffa and Gibbons also disagreed over the union's statement of condolence to Mrs. Kennedy. Gibbons issued a statement without first clearing it with Hoffa, sources said, and Hoffa ordered it withdrawn and issued a substitute which said the assassination made Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy "just another lawyer." Meeting here with the Teams-



THE DAY OF INFAMY which occurred 22 years ago today is recalled by viewing this captured Japanese battle equipment which made up part of an extensive collection of Japanese war souvenirs owned by the late U. S. Navy Chief Al Rowe of Days Creek. Chief Rowe, shown here in a photo taken while he was on a Victory Bond drive during the war years, died in 1961. He left the collection to his wife, Elsie, who died in 1962, and she had requested that the collection be turned over to the U. S. Navy Recruiting District in Portland. Rowe's stepdaughter, Mrs. Walter Ellis of Days Creek, turned the collection over to Cmdr. C. F. Jennings earlier this week. It will be displayed throughout the state, and at the Douglas County Fair next summer. Chief Rowe was a member of the Navy Seabees. Also see page 3.

SANTA'S HELPER SAYS

SHOPPING DAYS TO CHRISTMAS

SHOP FOR GIFTS IN OUR AD PAGES