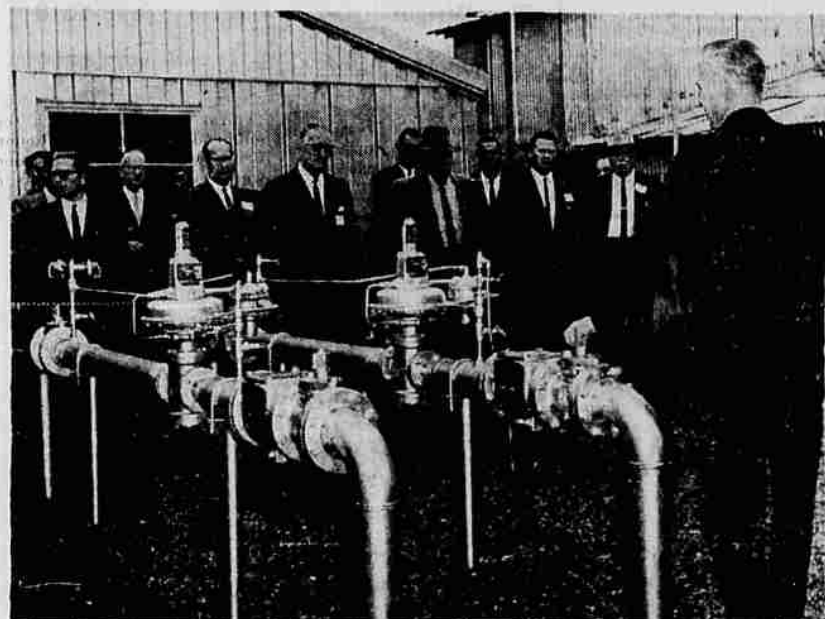


Race Track Tragedy--JFK's Assassination

Top News Events Of 1963 In County



THRILLS TURNED TO TRAGEDY at the Roseburg Speedway on the Labor Day weekend when a car went out of control and slammed into the grandstand. This scene shows the aftermath of the accident which killed three and injured more than a score of others. The car vaulted a three-foot retaining wall after being bumped by another car in the race. Damage suits against the Speedway now total more than \$600,000.



GAS TURNED ON — While city, county and state officials stood by Oct. 17, natural gas officially began flowing into the Roseburg mains during a ceremony at the California-Pacific Utilities plant. It was necessary to install 6½ miles of new pipe in the city to put the new system into operation. Expenditures to bring the pipeline into Southwest Oregon totaled almost \$13 million by El Paso Gas Co. and Cal-Pac.



SOME WORKERS felt the strain of forced idleness caused by the summer lumber strike in the Northwest. To meet the problem of loss of money, the International Woodworkers of America issued credits

for food and other essentials at its Roseburg headquarters. The story of the strike ranked third among the top 10.

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ASSASSINATION of President John F. Kennedy in Dallas, Tex., struck Douglas County with an awesome chill in November. The effects on the county were ranked as the second biggest news story of the year in the county. As a nation mourned the terrible act, so did residents of the county. Scenes such as this one at Riddle High School were repeated everywhere in the county, and several memorial services were held.



CHAMPIONSHIP SMILES were mighty noticeable on the faces of three key figures in the Roseburg Legion Junior baseball team's climb to the championship of the West. Here looking over one of their trophies are catcher Jim Beamer, Coach Bill Harper and third baseman Jerry Bauck. The team won more than 50 games to clamber to the state championship, the regional championship and to a berth in the national playoffs.



DOUGLAS COUNTY climbed into the headlines over the state with the selection of D'Ann Fullerton, 19-year-old Southern Oregon College coed, as Miss Oregon of 1963. This story ranked fourth in the ten top stories of the year. Miss Fullerton's story began when she gained the Miss Roseburg crown and was climaxed with her competition in the Miss America contest in Atlantic City, N.J.



BON VOYAGE was wished to three young adventurers in September by Gov. Mark Hatfield, right, as they prepared to leave for India and Nepal on round-the-world trip. This happy moment turned to tragedy two months later when David Wyatt, second from left, was killed in a fall in the Himalayas. The other two youths are Gary Payne of Wyoming, left, and Steve McCarthy of Roseburg.



PLAZA GOES UP — One of the most satisfying sights to a lot of Roseburg people this year was the construction being carried on in the heart of the city on a new shopping center, Roseburg Plaza. Here in a late stage of construction looking across the big

parking lot is the Safeway store, left, and Pay Less Drug Store in right background. The project wiped away one of the worst scars from the 1959 explosives truck blast and reversed a trend to business construction in the suburbs.