

High Court Drops Pelton Dam Appeal

A motion by Portland General Electric Co. to dismiss an appeal against the State Hydroelectric Commission's decision on Pelton Dam was allowed Wednesday by the State Supreme Court.

The decision was among eight handed down by the court Wednesday.

The firm claimed that the deci-

sion of the U.S. Supreme Court in the case of the Federal Power Commission vs. The State of Oregon made the question moot. The attorney general objected to the grounds for the motion, but not to dismissal of the appeal.

The court said that the reason for the motion is of no concern so long as the respondent will not be harmed by the dismissal and makes no objections to it.

Other Opinions

In another opinion, the court ruled an insurance company is required to act in good faith to determine the facts for considering a compromise settlement of a claim in excess of insurance limits. The opinion reversed a Multnomah County verdict for Franklin National Insurance Company of New York in a suit brought by Mr. and Mrs. R. Heber Radcliffe.

The court reversed itself to reverse a decision on a second Multnomah County Circuit Court case brought by Dolores Ackerman against Physicians and Surgeons Hospital. She claimed severe burns from a hot water bottle while a patient at the hospital, but the court set aside the \$3,300 judgment in her favor.

Suit Dismissal Affirmed

Dismissal of a suit aimed at blocking removal of a bridge across the John Day River was affirmed on an appeal from Grant County. Leslie Holland and others had sought to prevent the county from removing the bridge a for the state relocated the highway there and turned the abandoned section over to the county.

Judgment for the Deschutes County Municipal Improvement District in an action to recover value of defaulted bonds was affirmed in an appeal from Deschutes County.

A motion by the attorney general to dismiss an appeal in the habeas corpus proceeding of George R. Barber was denied. The court said it was bound by a recent U. S. Supreme Court case to hold that enforcement of an appeal bond requirement in the case would violate the 14th amendment.

Fails to File Bond

The attorney general said Barber had failed to file the required appeal bond but Barber claimed to be indigent and unable to procure a bond.

An appeal of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Smith, Salem, in a land condemnation suit was dismissed without opinion on motion of the state highway commission which claimed the couple had already drawn down the money awarded to them by the circuit court.

Petition of James Quinton Anderson, convicted of the second degree murder of Richard Miller after a drunken brawl at Beatty, Nov. 4, 1954, was denied. His conviction was recently affirmed by the Supreme Court.

By modern standards and requirements, the U.S. Geological Survey has adequate maps of only 40 per cent of the United States, says the National Geographic Society.

Thornton to Resume Vice Probe Helm

PORTLAND — Atty. Gen. Robert V. Thornton will resume direction Thursday of the Multnomah County grand jury which is investigating reports of vice in the Portland area.

He went to Salem Wednesday night to attend a conference of district attorneys Thursday morning.

The grand jury investigation here is in its fourth week. It stemmed from a series of articles by The Oregonian saying that Seattle gamblers had tried unsuccessfully to set up a vice ring in Portland and control politics.

Gov. Elmo Smith removed William E. Langley, Multnomah County district attorney, from the probe and ordered Thornton to take over. Langley was frequently mentioned in The Oregonian articles.

Friday, Thornton plans to go to Eugene to get another grand jury investigation under way. The governor directed him to supervise that probe, too. It involves a charge by Moses Moody, a state prison convict, that money was embezzled from him.

While Thornton is in Eugene five assistant attorneys general will be in charge of the Portland investigation.

Gilliam, Sherman Wheat Men Back Cloud-Seeding

KENT, Ore. — Cloud-seeding to produce rainfall will be sponsored for a seventh year by Sherman and Gilliam County wheat growers.

George Wilson, Kent, president of Tri-County Weather Research, said Wednesday the ranchers have voted \$30,000 for a contract with Weather Modification Co., a commercial cloud-seeding firm. That was despite an opinion by Oregon State College scientists that the rain-making project has not been effective in the area.

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Valley Distributing Company in New Salem Home



New home of the Valley Distributing Company is shown above. It is in a warehouse owned by Russel Pratt at 1453 Johnson St. Stephens Tabacchi, president, said the new quarters are larger than the old site on South Liberty Street which was recently razed to make room for the Marion Hotel expansion. The firm handles soft drinks and beer. Statesman Photo.

Presbyterian Synod Meets, Hears Reports

SPOKANE — Filling of committee posts and reading of reports occupied much of the Wednesday meeting of the Washington Presbyterian Synod.

Delegates were told that enrollment at Whitworth College, where the meeting is being held, had increased about 10 per cent in the last year. Faculty salaries have increased about 26 per cent over the last five years, the report said.

Dr. Clarence E. Paltheus of Millwood, Dr. Ralph G. Turnbull, Dr. W. Wilson Rasco and the Rev. Garth Steele, all of Seattle, were named representatives to a national conference on budget and finance.

James Repp of Tacoma and Fred Metzler of Seattle were named to 4-year terms on the synod's civil corporation.

Earlier, the Presbyterian Synodical Society elected Mrs. Maynard Weckhof of Seattle first vice president. Mrs. Ralph S. Davis of Moses Lake serves as president for another year.

Jennie McCormack of Spokane was named second vice president and Mrs. Pliny T. Snyder of Bellingham third vice president.

Beach Sunbather Improving After Near Fatal Stroke

MIAMI, Fla. — A 67-year-old man who lay helpless on Crandon Beach after suffering a stroke is improving Wednesday at a hospital.

James Schaefer, formerly of Plainfield, N.J., suffered sunburn as well as the stroke. Picnickers found him Friday. It was first believed Schaefer had lain helpless on the beach for two days, but park officials later said the time was about two hours.

Schaefer told hospital attendants he himself was unable to remember how long he lay stricken before the picnickers found him.

Valley Men In California Navy Training

Four Salem men and several others from the mid-valley area are members of two "all-Oregon" companies taking Navy recruit training at San Diego, Calif.

The two units made an academic name for themselves quickly at the basic, scoring high averages on classification tests. One, the "All-Oregon Duck" company, scored 56.5, highest of any recruit unit in recent years.

Salem men taking the training are Gene Weston Andal, 915 Evans Ave., James Otis Blakeley, 665 Cunningham Ln., John Antony Kelsey, 1038 Third St., and Dennis Walter Smith, 104 E. Wilson St.

Others from the mid-valley area include Charles Mac Joines, Valsetz, Daniel Moody Hackett, Mt. Angel, Donald Wayne Hall, Woodburn, and Leroy Edward Welter, Staston.

REDS LIKE JAP MOVIE

HONG KONG — The Red China Radio applauds the Japanese film "Last Women," now showing behind the bamboo curtain. "The film exposes the unjust war unleashed by Japan and the distress it brought to the Japanese people," says the Peiping Critique.

HOSPITAL JOB NETS BID

WASHINGTON — The Veterans Administration announced Wednesday the only bid submitted for alterations to the kitchen and dining hall in building No. 1 at the Roseburg, Ore., hospital was a \$543,625 offer by Todd Building Co. Roseburg.

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Ex-Resident Passes Away

Word has been received here of the death of Mrs. Mayme Free Dailey, former Salem resident, who died Tuesday at a Roseburg hospital. She was 66.

Mrs. Dailey was born July 9, 1889, in Neilsville, Wis. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Free, resided in the Liberty district for several years.

Mrs. Dailey lived in Jefferson for several years before moving to Salem about 1943. In 1945 she moved to Oakland, Ore. Among survivors is a brother, Ernest Free, Salem.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. at Oakland. Graveside services will be held at 3 p.m. Friday at Salem's City View cemetery.

Honorary At WU Elects Officer Slate

At the summer session organization meeting of Kappa Delta Pi, national education honorary at Willamette University, Rozella Brutka of Brooks was elected president for the coming year.

Other officers include vice president, John Ray of Oregon City; secretary-treasurer, Frances Balchelder of Lake Grove, and historian, Donald Hiebert of Salem.

Tentative plans for the year include a banquet with speakers from higher education circles of the state, initiation of new members, and a summer picnic.

Willamette University is one of two schools in the state having an active chapter of the national education honorary.

SBA Loans \$588,320 in NW, Alaska

SEATTLE — Pacific Northwest and Alaska businesses were loaned \$588,320 in the three week period ending June 8 by the Small Business Administration, it was announced Wednesday by Robert F. Buck, regional director.

Buck said an additional \$6,990 went for four disaster loans for rehabilitation of homes and businesses damaged or destroyed in natural catastrophes.

The 20 business loans covered a variety of industries, including \$14,300 to a dry cleaning plant in Washington; \$40,000 for a retail grocery in Idaho; \$83,270 to a Montana slaughterhouse, and \$100,000 for a grain and seed processing firm in Oregon.

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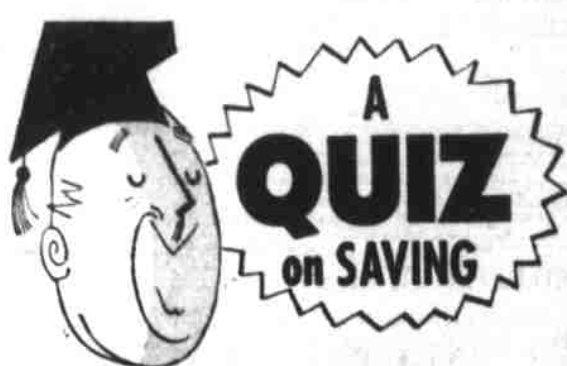
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LUMBER CONTRACT LET

SEATTLE — The Seattle Army Terminal reported Wednesday the award of a lumber-loading contract for the Coos Bay-Yaquina Bay area to the Independent

Stevedoring Co. Coos Bay, Ore. The value of the contract was listed as above \$50,000.

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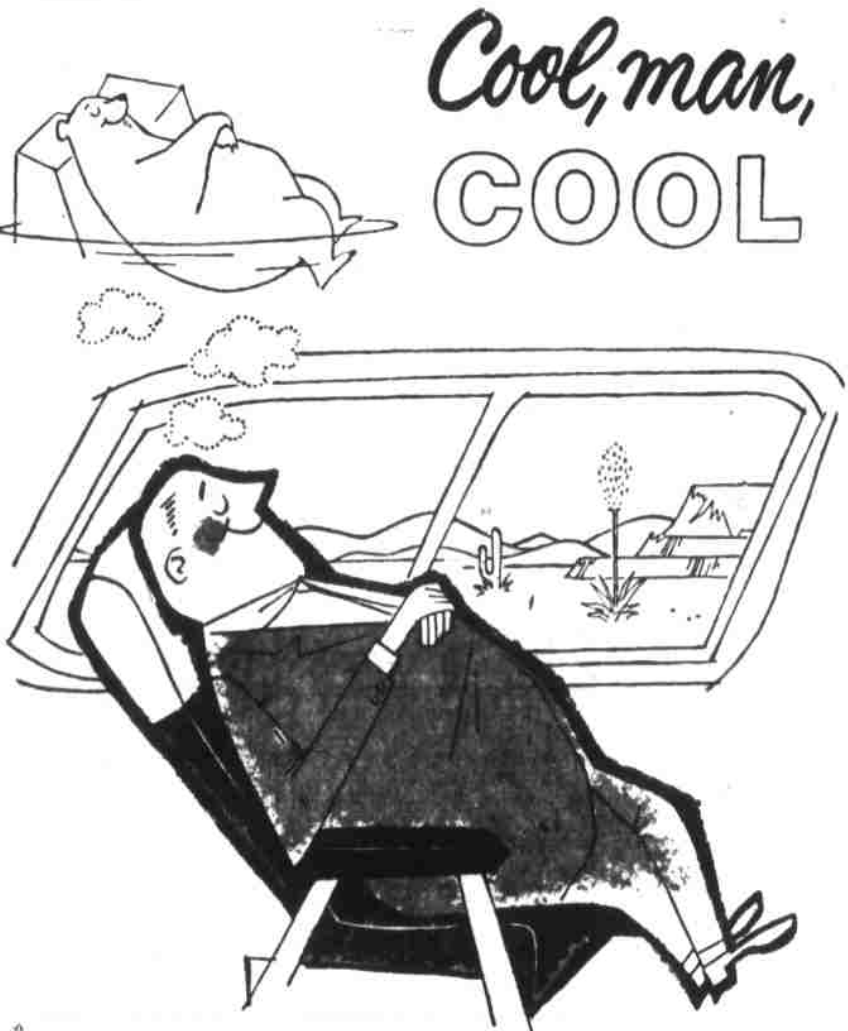
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