



(Register-Guard photo by Phil Wolcott)

Ward "Rusty" Schneider awaits the big blast

They're Through--Finally

By SAM FEAR
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It was almost anticlimactic, but at 3:04 a.m. daylight Thursday the Carmen-Smith hydroelectric project's diversion tunnel was one continuous 11,200-foot-long hole.

Smiling crews met each other at almost the mid-way point far under a ridge separating the McKenzie and Smith Rivers.

"Hey you're supposed to be working in the east portal," one miner called to another. "This is the east portal."

"No it ain't, it's the west," came the joking reply.

The swing shift crew of the Emil Anderson Co. left the tunnel at the end of its "day" about 1 a.m. almost broken

hearted. In the words of their boss, "they just worked like hell" trying to finish the 58 feet of remaining tunnel in their shift.

They missed by only 2 or 3 feet, even though they raced at a furious pace trying to get in one last dynamite shot that would end the 1 1/2 year underground siege.

What were thought to be the final holes were drilled, loaded and synchronized with charges placed by workers on the other side of the remaining rock plug, only 16 feet away as the swing shift's blast-off time neared.

At the same time, the tunnel became jammed with about every supervisor in the field, who came to witness the "holing through," the most

momentous occasion in a tunnel worker's job.

At 12:36 a.m. daylight, Byron Price, superintendent of the Eugene Water & Electric Board, pushed the switch setting off the dynamite. E.W.E.B. is the owner of the \$25 million complex project.

Everyone rushed 1,000 feet forward to the plug. The smoke cleared and they still looked at a blank round wall of rock.

Charges placed by crews in the east portal had proved defective, leaving the final 2 or 3 feet of rock.

So, the swing shift left without accomplishing its hard-fought objective. And the graveyard shift came in with mucking machines to

prepare for the final shot.

At 3:04 a.m. everything was ready to try again, and with a deafening roar, the final charge exploded. Again everyone rushed forward, but most were quickly chased back by lung piercing smoke and fumes.

Gradually the scene became clear, and there, standing on top of a rock and dirt pile were members of the east portal crew.

Gil Jacobs, superintendent of the Anderson Company's project, quickly took sight on plumb lines and declared that the two tunnels met each other perfectly.

Looking at the hole, Jacobs said that last January he would never have predicted when he was to witness com-

pletion of the excavation. During December and January, work was periodically shut down because of tremendous underground water flows that swamped out the tunnel with up to 25,000 gallons a minute. But the water has been pumped out through big pipes.

"Looking at it now people just never would believe how much water we had," Jacobs said.

He noted that it will take his crews about three weeks to clean up the two-mile tunnel, and then they will start to line it with concrete. This will take four to five months.

Meanwhile, other phases of the big project are in full swing aiming toward a late fall completion.

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EUGENE, OREGON, THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 1962

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Wife's Joy Over 'Card' a Bit Reserved

Billboard Stunt
'Nice' Even If
'Sort of Silly'

James C. Williams got his wife the biggest anniversary card in Eugene—but to say she is pleased would be overstating things a bit.

The card is a 24-by-12-foot billboard at 27th and Willamette. Williams paid Obie Outdoor Advertising \$30 for three days.

His explanation: "She (wife Phyllis) gave me a Father's Day card four times as large as normal, so I thought I'd go her one better... I wanted to wake her up to the fact that I remembered that it was our 20th anniversary... The idea just came to me one afternoon when I was riding down the street and watching the billboards."

"The Williams'—who live at 320 Mary Lane, Eugene—were married 20 years ago in Portland. They have two children—Kathy (the sign painter dropped the "h"), 13, and Steve, 16.

"They were in on it, too," Williams said. "They thought this was a fine idea."

Mrs. Williams, however, was less enthusiastic. "Who needs advertising?" she said. But she added that she wasn't really mad at her spouse.

"How can you get mad when someone says something nice, even when it is sort of silly? It's the sort of thing you learn to expect from some people."

Williams confirmed the last statement. Said he, "My family declares I'm the biggest nut in town, so I like to prove it sometimes."



MR. AND MRS. JAMES C. WILLIAMS AND 'CARD'
The Idea Just Came to Him, so He Did the Lady One Better

Fire Runs

(From noon daylight Wednesday to noon daylight Thursday.)

Eugene

8:58 a.m. Thursday — Grass fire behind 240 River Rd. No damage.
10:31 a.m.—Fluorescent light fixture shorted out at 1375 W. 11th Ave. No damage.

Springfield

6:34 p.m. daylight Wednesday — fire in sawdust pile at Springfield Lumber Mills on North 31st St., no damage.

Group to Aid Korean Youth

A non-profit charitable corporation has been formed by sponsors of a program to aid Korean orphans.

The articles of incorporation were signed by Mrs. George Surdam, of Pleasant Hill; Molly Holt, of Creswell, and Mrs. William I. Rees, of Pleasant Hill. Mrs. Surdam and Miss Holt have organized sponsorship programs for orphans in Eugene's sister city of Chinha, Korea, and for orphans at Sungkai Orphanage near Pusan.

The new non-profit corporation is entitled "Korean Orphan Fund, Inc." Its declared purpose is to "aid Korean orphans and needy persons and to participate in the propaganda of the gospel of Jesus Christ."

Dist. 4 Board To Shorten Night Meets

Members of the Eugene School Board, concerned with night meetings that often last well beyond midnight, are looking for a way out.

So, rather than two long night meetings a month, the District 4 board has decided on four shorter sessions. Beginning this week, the board will meet two Fridays a month, preceding the Monday night official board meetings.

The Friday meetings, to take place at noon, daylight, will be known as "committee of the whole" sessions.

Board members will have lunch at the School Administration Bldg., 275 E. Seventh Ave., as they preview Monday night's agenda.

No decisions will be made, said Millard Pond, superintendent of schools, but the board members will be presented with much of the information they normally receive Monday night. The noon meetings will be open to the public, Pond said.

The Eugene City Council has followed the practice of committee-of-the-whole meetings for some time, to clear the way for a faster pace during official night meetings. The council meets as a committee each Thursday at noon.

The effort to avoid unduly long night meetings is spreading. The Bethel School Board, which has met once a month for years, will change to twice-a-month sessions in August. The Bethel meetings often have started at 7:30 p.m. and ended at 1 or 1:30 in the morning.

Ski Group Holds Meet

A committee which has been working with the U.S. Forest Service in an attempt to find ways of making improvements at Willamette Pass Ski Area, 70 miles southeast of Eugene on Highway 58, is hoping to have an appraisal made of facilities at the area.

The committee decided at a meeting Wednesday night in Harris Hall to find three persons familiar with the ski business who can appraise the improvements of the area. Information gained would be used in possible future negotiations for purchase of the facilities from George Korn, who has operated the ski area under permit from the Forest Service.

Much of the discussion Wednesday night centered around possible purchase of the area from Korn by a community corporation, which has yet to be formed.

Meeting Notices

- Thursday
- None.
- Friday
- WEST CENTRAL District of the Oregon State Conference on Social Welfare, regular monthly meeting, noon standard, 1 p.m. daylight, at Osburn Hotel, Eugene. Ray Fisher, speaker, to discuss cultural and social differences of central Minnesota in comparison to those of Oregon in relationship to type of pathology and treatment. Public invited.
 - EUGENE GOLDEN Age and Pinochle Club, card party 12:30 p.m. standard, 1:30 p.m. daylight, at 1140 Madison St., Eugene. Anyone 50 years or older invited.
 - McKENZIE RIVER Golden Age Club, regular meeting with program and dancing at 7:30 p.m. standard, 8:30 p.m. daylight, at Moffitt School, Fifth Street, Springfield. Bring cookies or cuppeaks. Anyone 50 years or older welcome.
 - EUGENE YORK Rite Masons, Hiram Council No. 7, Royal and Select Masters, stated assembly at 7:30 p.m. standard, 8:30 p.m. daylight, at McKenzie River Temple, 850 E. 14th Ave., Eugene. Royal and Select Master's degrees will be conferred.
 - ROYAL NEIGHBOR Lodge, Gitchell Camp, meets at 8 o'clock standard, 9 o'clock daylight, at the hall, Memorial service.

Pharmacists' Convention In 2nd Day

The 73rd annual convention of the Oregon State Pharmaceutical Assn. entered its second day Thursday in Eugene with 150 persons registered.

The convention delegates from throughout Oregon are meeting through Saturday at the Eugene Hotel. Registration is expected to reach 200 before the event ends.

Delegates Thursday morning elected two members and re-elected two others to three-year terms on the board of trustees. Richard Brandis of Bend, who automatically becomes president this year succeeding Wally Watson of Portland, was re-elected to the board. Also re-elected was Al Witherspoon of Portland.

Newly elected board members are Herman Forslund of Corvallis and Russell Austin of Portland. Lane County's representative of the board is Mel Peterson of Florence.

The business sessions will open again Friday at 12:30 p.m. standard, 1:30 daylight at the hotel. Various talks during the afternoon will be followed by an Awards Banquet at 6:30 p.m. standard, 7:30 p.m. daylight.

The convention will end Saturday with the annual Presidents Dinner.

Coin Machine Stolen
A money changing machine containing approximately \$40 was taken from the Holiday Laundromat, 1625 Harlow Rd., late Wednesday evening.

According to state police the machine had been bolted to the floor of the laundromat.

Roundup Tickets Ready Monday

Emerald Empire Roundup tickets go on sale at the new Roundup headquarters at 1245 Willamette Street in Eugene Monday noon.

This year's roundup is scheduled for Aug. 3-5 at the Lane County Fairgrounds. Chuck Connors, former major league baseball player who is television's "Rifleman," will be the star attraction.

Added to this year's program will be a Saturday morning Roundup parade and a Saturday afternoon rodeo performance.

Ticket prices range from \$5 for box seats to 75 cents for children 12 and under.

Ballad Singer's Recital Friday

John Jacob Niles, leading American folk singer, will come to the University of Oregon for a matinee recital Friday.

It will be a return engagement for Niles, who gave a program at the university a number of years ago.

The singer of ballads is one artist who has done all of his own collecting and has written his own arrangements.

Niles was recently awarded an honorary doctor of music degree by the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, where he studied and where he started the organization and arrangement of the folk materials he collected.

The Friday concert, in the ballroom of the Erb Memorial Union, will be at 3 p.m. standard, 4 p.m. daylight. Admission is \$1.

Vital Statistics

BIRTHS

- SACRED HEART HOSPITAL (June 20, 1962)
REECE — Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Reece, 1605 Pearl St., Eugene, a daughter.
STUCKY — Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stucky, Rt. 2 Box 904, Elmira, a daughter.
MOONEY — Mr. and Mrs. Willie Mooney, 1977 Territorial Rd., Veneta, a son.
EDMONSON — Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Edmondson, 144 E. Hilliard Lane, Eugene, a son.
SEYMOUR — Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Seymour, Rt. 2 Box 96, Junction City, a daughter.

ANDERSON — Mr. and Mrs. William Anderson, 1136 Quinait St., Springfield, a son.

LUNDHOLM — Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Lundholm Jr., 3170 Bell Ave., Eugene, a son.

PIERSALL — Mr. and Mrs. Guy Piersall, 1973 Jefferson St., Eugene, a daughter.

WILLIAMS — Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Williams, 1122 1/2 W. Seventh Ave., Eugene, a son.

OLESON — Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Oleson, 1163 Malvina Way, Eugene, a daughter.

DEATHS
LEISTER — Minta A. Leister, 42, of 1504 Charnelton St., Eugene, died June 20. Services will be Monday at 9:30 a.m. standard, 10:30 a.m. daylight in Poole-Larsen Chapel with interment in Rest-Haven Memorial Park.

BUETTNER — Services for Theodore A. Buettner, of Winston, formerly of Westfir, will be Saturday at 2 p.m. standard, 3 p.m. daylight in Long-Shukel Memorial Chapel, Roseburg.

MOORE — Clifford Moore, 54, of Toledo, died June 20. Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. standard, 3 p.m. daylight in Toledo Funeral Home with interment in Eureka Cemetery, Newport.

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