

Judge Allen Back From Conference

County officials from all parts of the United States met in Boston, Mass., last week to push the program of their national association and to hear reports of progress already made.

Deschutes County Judge C. L. Allen, one of the associations' directors, returned here last week after attending the annual meeting. Among the important points of business was receipt of a \$50,000 Ford Foundation grant for the study of county government in the United States. A similar study is to be made by Princeton university, Allen advised.

He said the association will have representation on a committee on intergovernmental relations set up recently on Congressional authority. The committee is to study federal, state, and county tax fields, and it is hoped by the association the tax share to the counties will be made more uniform, he said. The federal government will be urged to cooperate in cases where county tax rolls are depleted owing to federal reclamation of land.

Social Security retirement benefits for municipal employees was listed among the association's accomplishments. Allen spearheaded the program in the organization. Deschutes county employees as well as city employees in Bend and Redmond recently came under the new setup.

The association also has shown interest in highways, civil defense, and welfare programs in the counties.

First Mortgage Forestry Loans Permit Sought

WASHINGTON, July 21 (AP) — Oregon bank and forestry officials asked Congress Monday to permit first mortgage loans on timberlands to aid the state's economy.

Marshall N. Dana, assistant to the president of the U. S. National Bank of Portland, said proposed legislation permitting lumber loans would stabilize the forest products industry and be of "high economic value" to timber states.

Dana told the Senate Banking committee, which is considering a bill introduced by Sen. Guy Carleton (R-Ore.) to amend the federal reserve act to permit lumber loans, that both the Oregon and Washington state banking associations supported the change.

Stuart Moir, forest counsel of the Western Forestry and Conservation Association, also testified in favor of the bill.

Deputy Controller of Currency W. M. Taylor, told the committee his office would have no objection to the proposed amendment if it included such safeguards as one requiring fire protection and insect and pest control in forest tracts on which loans were made.

Accidents Take Lives of Four

(By United Press) A one-car accident near Chilquin and two train-car crashes claimed four lives in Oregon yesterday.

Two Klamath reservation Indians died last night when the car in which they were riding plunged into a ditch. State police tentatively identified them as Thomas Watch and Ralph Foster, both of Beatty. Eight other persons in the car, including five children, apparently escaped serious injury.

The deaths raised Klamath county's 1953 highway toll to 13.

Jerry Lou Eanes, 15, Westfir, was killed near Oakridge in the crash of a pick-up truck with a passenger train. A companion, Mrs. Mabel E. Napier, 26, Oakridge, suffered multiple injuries.

A man identified by state police as Grady Edmiston, 27, operator of a Stuyton drive-in restaurant, was killed last night in a train-auto collision about 10 miles south of Salem. His wife, Magdalena, was hospitalized in Salem with head injuries.

A freak accident near Portland resulted in internal injuries to Mrs. Aurea L. Heuring, 40, St. Helens. A car driven by her husband struck and killed a deer which ran in front of the vehicle near the St. Johns bridge last night.

HEARING DATE CHANGED

REDMOND, July 21 (AP) — Fred Elliott, president of the Central Oregon Milk Producers association, has received word from the Milk Marketing Administration, Portland, of a change in the date of hearing for area producers and distributors regarding formation of a milk marketing pool here. The hearing is to be held Thursday, August 20, in the Redmond city hall in order that the state board of agriculture may hold its regular session prior to the hearing. The date agreed upon at the meeting here last Thursday was August 6.

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PORTLAND DAIRY MARKETS (By United Press) Egg prices were up a cent on the Portland dairy market today. Butter—To retailers: AA grade prints, 71c lb.; cartons, 72c; A prints, 71c; cartons, 72c; B prints, 68c.

Eggs—To retailers: Grade AA large, 72c dozen; A large, 68c; AA medium, 68c; A medium, 67c; A smalls, 52c. Cartons 3c additional.

Drunk Charge Brings Sentence

Ray John Cowan, 29, of Route 2, Box 170, Bend, was sentenced to 50 days in Deschutes county jail yesterday after he pleaded guilty to a charge of being intoxicated on a public highway. Cowan also was fined \$85 and \$450 costs by Justice of the Peace O. W. Grubb. The man was arrested Sunday and arraigned in the local justice court yesterday.

FIRE CONTROLLED

REDMOND, July 21 (AP) — A grass fire three and a half miles west of Redmond was brought under control Sunday afternoon by Redmond firemen. Aside from a small area of grassland bordering the highway which was burned off there was no damage.

TRIP PLANNED

ST. LOUIS, July 21 (AP) — Lewis K. Gough, national commander of the American Legion, said President Eisenhower had requested him to make a trip to Europe to check the effectiveness of U. S. propaganda. Gough said he will tour Germany, France, Italy and England. He said he will leave Aug. 2 and return Aug. 24.

AT WORK AGAIN
MADRAS, July 21 — Boyd R. Overhulse, confined to his bed for several months recovering from an attack of rheumatic fever with which he was stricken soon after the 1953 state legislature convened, has sufficiently recovered to attend to duties each day briefly at his law office here. Overhulse, who was serving his second consecutive term as joint representative from Crook and Jefferson counties, took a lead in the activities aimed at securing the Pelton dam on the Deschutes river.

WHEAT SOUGHT
WASHINGTON, July 21 (AP) — Yugoslavia has asked the United States to supply 430,000 tons of wheat to help avert a food shortage. It was believed the request was made by Yugoslav Ambassador Vladimir Popovic when he called today on Undersecretary of State Walter Bedell Smith. Informal sources did not indicate on what basis any wheat might be supplied.

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