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Founder Of Penicillin Dies In London

LONDON (UP)—Sir Alexander Fleming, the discoverer of penicillin, died today.

There had been no previous knowledge that Fleming was ill, and the cause of his death was not announced.

The white-haired scientist was 73.

He died in his London home, not far from St. Mary's Hospital where he discovered penicillin by accident. It was one of the most momentous accidents in the history of medicine.

Accidental Discovery
The beneficial accident came about this way:

Fleming was puffing about in his small laboratory in 1929. A speck-sized fleck of wind-borne mold was wafted through an open window. This was an event that set off a chain reaction leading to the eventual discovery of penicillin in 1942.

The speck settled in a saucer containing a germ culture. Fleming absentmindedly took a look at it through a microscope. The germs in the saucer were dying.

There the accident ended, and the genius took over. Working with the whisker-like vegetable molds such as housewives see on decayed fruit, Fleming made penicillin, the drug that almost miraculously prevents multiplication of bacteria in the human body.

No Personal Profit
But it was characteristic of the quiet and retiring scientist that he did not profit commercially from penicillin's discovery.

He was born in Ayshire, Scotland, in 1881. He was graduated from St. Mary's Medical School, taking almost every honor and prize in his class.

After that, most of his life was spent in teaching at St. Mary's and at London University. The only break in this routine came when he served as a captain in the British Army Medical Corps during World War I.

In 1915 Fleming married Sara McElroy, who died in 1949. They had one son, Robert.

He married his second wife, Greek bacteriologist A. Maria Coutsouris, in April, 1953. She worked with him at the Wright-Fleming Institute, which was the center of his life to the last.

Speed Control Board Rapped

SALEM (UP)—The State Speed Control Board, which decides how fast traffic should move on various sectors of the highways and posts signs to that effect, came under fire in the House Highways Committee yesterday.

Rep. Lloyd Haynes (R-Grants Pass) branded the board as the most "red-tape-bound" agency he had encountered, before a legislative committee. He said the committee should be considering a bill to abolish the board, rather than a bill enlarging authority of the county courts to set speeds on certain county roads.

The board came under discussion when the committee heard testimony on a bill that would allow county courts to set speeds on roads where traffic had suddenly become a problem due to sudden population growth.

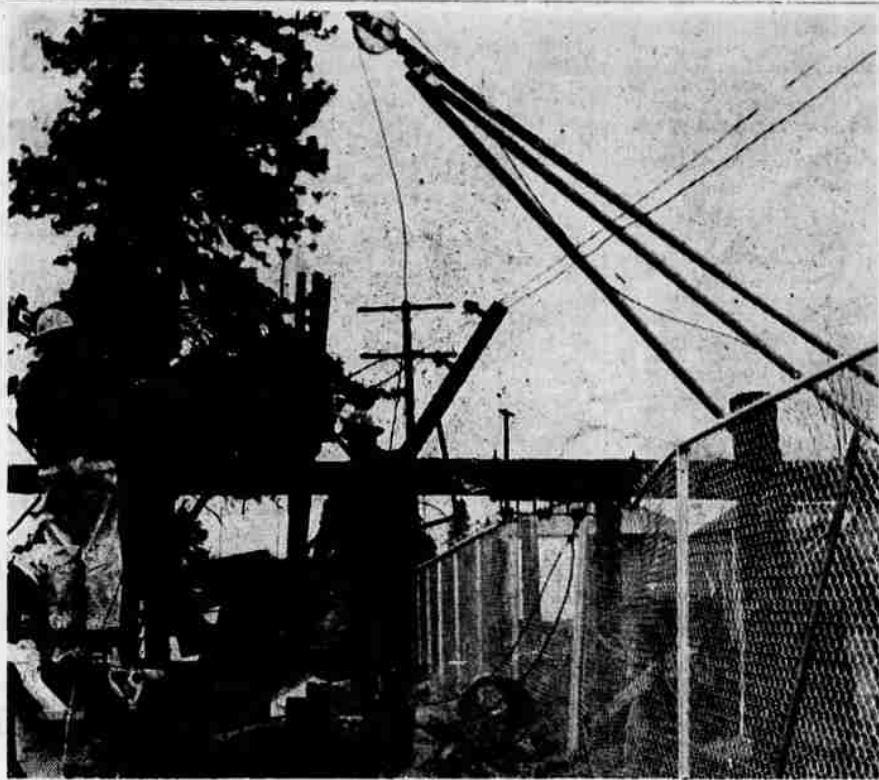
Judge F. L. Phipps, representing the Association of Oregon Counties, said the speed control board sometimes took as long as six months or a year to act on requests for speed posting. The board is composed of the chairman of the State Highway Commission, the secretary of state, and the superintendent of state police.

The highway committee also heard testimony relating to compulsory motor vehicle inspection. A bill that would establish such a system in Oregon is before the committee. It would permit licensing of private garages and service stations to conduct the inspections for a nominal fee. Motor vehicles would not be eligible for licenses unless they had passed the safety inspection.

THOUGHT SAFE

PORTLAND (UP)—Six persons, still unaccounted for after Tuesday's tragic hotel fire here that claimed six lives, are believed to have reached safety. Assistant Fire Marshal C. W. Stickney said today.

Stickney said firemen had gone over every bit of debris at the Lind hotel without finding a trace of more bodies.



DOWNED POLE — Electricity through southern sections of town was disrupted shortly before noon yesterday when this power pole behind the Bend Iron Works shops was toppled. The pole was knocked over when a crane operated in the yard of the iron works struck power lines leading from the pole to the plant's machine shop. The heavy lines fell across the crane, but operator Pete Smith jumped clear without injury. Service to the blacked-out sections of town was quickly restored by workmen of the Pacific Power and Light company. (Bend Bulletin Photo)

Group of Young Dems Favoring New U.S. Policy

By JAMES F. DONOVAN

WASHINGTON (UP)—A group of freshman Democrats in the House are drafting a declaration calling for a new and drastically different approach to U.S. foreign policy, it was learned today.

Informed sources said a United Nations trusteeship for Formosa and "free elections" to determine who shall rule the Nationalist-held island are among proposals being considered for inclusion in the declaration.

The chief sponsor, they added, is Rep. Henry S. Reuss (D-Wis.). They said freshman Democrats supporting the idea feel it is time for Democrats to speak out on their own ideas for a long-range anti-war foreign policy.

Causes Heated Discussion

The contemplated declaration already has caused heated discussions in the Democratic cloakrooms. And some Democratic freshmen have refused to take any part in the formation of the statement.

It was understood these dissenting freshmen legislators have informed sponsors of the planned statement that they believe it would, wittingly or unwittingly, undermine the effect of the recently approved resolution calling for Formosa's defense. This resolution was passed overwhelmingly in the House with support of the Democratic leadership.

But leading advocates of the "declaration of foreign policy" disputed this. They said the contemplated statement has nothing whatever to do with supporting the House Democratic leadership on foreign policy. They said statement sponsors are in complete sympathy with the leaders.

Nothing Definite Yet

They also emphasized that nothing has been decided definitely. There have been many suggestions on points that could be included in the declaration, but even the form the declaration should take is still in doubt.

The sources said the draft proposed that Mr. Eisenhower, with the approval of some 30 Asian and African nations — the large world powers are not included — inform the world that the United States is ready to:

1. Agree to a U.N. trusteeship over Formosa, with elections deciding the island's rulers.
2. Agree to work through the U.N. against colonialism and for the economic improvement of underdeveloped nations.
3. Work in the U.N. to push Russia back to her 1939 boundaries and to create a U.N.-protected federation of independent nations out of her present satellites in Central Europe.

HE'S SATISFIED

CHICAGO (UP)—An anonymous citizen has sent a crisp \$100 bill to the Internal Revenue Bureau here with a note that says: "Somebody made a mistake but I'm satisfied."

Groups Disagree on Method Of Controlling Comic Books

By WILLIAM WARREN

SALEM (UP)—There is nothing comic about a lot of comic books on the market that blueprint crime or sex, and distributors are agreed with the public that they should go.

But distributors and some sections of the public disagree as to the method of control, a Senate judiciary subcommittee headed by Sen. Warren McMillin (R-Tennessee) learned at a hearing that lasted nearly four hours here late yesterday.

The hearing was on two bills by Sen. John C. F. Merrifield (R-Portland). One would authorize a county court or board of county commissioners to establish an advisory committee to check on whether comic books obviously put out for the younger set are harmful to minors.

Criteria Listed

The criteria would be whether or not these so-called comics are "of an indecent nature, or use obscene language, or because they tend to stir the sex impulses and lead to sexually impure and lustful thoughts, or because they contain accounts of stories of crime or deeds of bloodshed in such a way as to induce imitation and weaken respect for law and justice."

Sen. Merrifield told the committee he had received hundreds of communications endorsing the two measures, the second of which would put a ban on block books.

Music Students Join in Clinic

Some 150 Bend high school music students left this morning for Prineville, to participate in the annual Central Oregon high school music clinic. Climax event will be a concert for the public Saturday night, starting at 8 o'clock, in the Crook county high school gymnasium.

Taking part in the concert will be a 250-piece band and a massed choir of 400 voices, the Bend high school orchestra, under direction of Earl Roarig, also will play. Tickets for the concert will be available at the door, or may be purchased in advance. In Bend, they are on sale at Bend Music Co. and B and K Music Co.

Intensive rehearsals today and tomorrow will precede the concert. High school students from the following towns will take part: Redmond, Madras, Culver, Sisters, Prineville, John Day, Burns and Bend. The choir will be directed by Clyde Keutzer, director of public school music education in Hartford, Conn. The band will be under the baton of Ronald Gregory, instrumental music professor at the University of Utah, Salt Lake City.

A parade, with six school bands participating, is planned for Saturday afternoon. Housing is provided in Prineville for the John Day and Burns students. The others will come home tonight, and return to Prineville tomorrow morning. School buses are providing transportation.

which means a dealer must accept one magazine in order to get another.

Sen. Merrifield said he had received petitions from Jackson county and one from the Kenwood-Kingston Parent Teachers Association of Bend with 300 signatures endorsing the measures.

Grange In Favor

Mr. Walter Harvey of Molalla, chairman of the legislative committee of the Oregon Farm Bureau, and Elmer McClure, master of the Oregon State Grange, both spoke in favor of the measures.

McClure got a double-take look from the committee when he said "maybe we should do some book burning to focus public attention on these objectionable so-called comics for youngsters." He added he was not in favor of book burning, but used that expression as a means of pointing out the objectionable nature of the comics under discussion.

Ray Martin of Roseburg, chairman of the State Knights of Columbus literature committee, said he had found outright filth in several comics. After he had detailed example after example, Sen. Warren (R-Lebanon) paid him the compliment of being "one of the best witnesses ever to appear before a legislative committee."

Second Bill Unnecessary

Henry A. Buchner, Portland attorney representing 16 distributors presented a brief saying that the distributors he represents are as one against objectionable comics and weed them out as soon as they find them. But he objected to the measure which would enable each of Oregon's 26 counties to set up a comic book advisory committee on two grounds — first, that it might lead to an infringement on freedom of speech and second, considering the hundreds of magazines on the market, it would be too cumbersome to be practical.

Fred N. Bay, Jr., whose Portland firm distributes 5000 different magazines including 2200 comics, and 1000 book titles, and Robert Weinberg of the Publishers' Distributors Corp., both testified under oath that the second bill concerning block booking was unnecessary because there is no tie-in booking in Oregon.

Driver Takes His Own Life

PORTLAND (UP)—An Oregon City man last night shot and killed himself as he lay in the wreckage of his auto on the Bertha Boulevard Highway, police reported.

He was Frank Stalick, 45, Route 3, Oregon City. Police said Stalick was pinned in the twisted remains of his auto after it collided with a car driven by Austin Love Wright of Portland.

Witnesses to the collision said Stalick, after struggling to free himself, suddenly shouted that he was going to shoot himself. He took a gun from the auto's glove compartment, and shot himself in the head. Neither Wright, nor his passengers, were injured.

Shift to Dial Phones Planned in Bend Area

Nationalists Set to Seize Finnish Ship

TAIPEI, Formosa (UP) — The Nationalist government has ordered its navy to intercept the Finnish tanker Aruba carrying 13,000 tons of jet plane fuel to Red China, authoritative sources said today.

The tanker, which passed through Port Said recently with jet fuel from the Romanian oil fields, was thought to be somewhere between Suez and Singapore.

The Nationalists believed its destination was the port of Foochow at the mouth of the Min River and near the Nationalist offshore island of Matsu.

The Communists have recently massed large concentrations of jet planes in this area of Southeastern China — including modern MIG-17s, an improved version of the MIG-15 — apparently for attacks against Matsu or Formosa.

"We will capture this ship if we can," a high-ranking Nationalist official told United Press.

The Nationalist Navy previously captured two Polish and one Russian tanker which attempted to ram jet fuel through the Nationalist China blockade.

Communist China warned the United States only Wednesday it would have to bear the "full responsibility" if it "dares" to try to intercept the tanker.

The Peiping regime ignored the Nationalist Navy as such and warned the United States against daring "to direct and help the traitor Chiang Kai-shek to intercept the Finnish tanker."

A U.S. Air Force officer said the Aruba's fuel would be enough for 5,000 Communist jet missions against Nationalist China's outpost islands.

Britain has refused permission for the Finnish tanker to take on fuel in Singapore, but Nationalist authorities said it could easily obtain supplies in Indonesia.

Chains Required Over Santiam

SALEM (UP)—Chains were required for motorists traveling over Santiam pass, where 6 inches of new snow fell overnight, the State Highway Department said today.

Chains were advised at Government Camp, with 6 inches of new snow; Timberline, with 10 inches; Warm Springs junction with 5 inches; Willamette pass, with 5 inches, and Austin, with 2 inches.

Spots of ice were reported at Bly, Ochoco summit, La Grande and Baker.

Sponsored by Kiwanians

OSC Band Concert Set

Oregon State's outstanding 61-piece concert band, directed by Ted Mesang, will present a program in Bend on Tuesday, March 29. Sponsored by the Bend Kiwanis club, the concert will be held at Kenwood school, beginning at 8 p.m.

Tickets for the musical event will be sold by members of the service organization beginning next week.

The band under Mesang is acknowledged as one of the finest among western colleges. The orange and black-clad young men and women are known for the precision and variety of their concert programs.

Band master Mesang has prepared a program ranging in variety from Haydn's "The Fugue" to a humorous rendition of "Irish Washerwoman," with such standard works as the Rossini "Italian in Algiers" overture and a Strauss waltz in between.

Also to be heard, in modern style, are "The Latin Quarter Suite," and a flashy number for corset trio, "The Three Moderns." The program will also include several tuneful marches by the band's noted conductor-composer.

Featured soloist on the program is Forrest "Spike" Gatherson, brilliant young performer on the marimba and recently returned from duty with the U.S. Air Force.

A Bend girl, Suzanne Erickson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Erickson, 80 Drake road, is a member of the organization. Miss Erickson plays the bassoon.

Complaint Filed By Gas Dealers

PORTLAND (UP)—The Oregon Gasoline Dealers Association yesterday filed a complaint in Federal Court against the Shell Oil Company's practice of granting "C-station" agreements.

The complaint charges the agreements are an attempt to fix retail prices. It asks the court to void the agreements.

Art Moran, owner of Art's Shell Service Station at Marcola, near Eugene, is listed as a plaintiff along with the association. He asks 18,000 for alleged damages as result of the so-called "C-station" agreements.

Moran said Shell Oil Company has sold gasoline through its C-type stations in Eugene and Springfield, which are in competition to him, at a retail price lower than the wholesale price he paid to Shell for the same products.

The "C-station" agreements, the complaint alleges, make it possible for Shell to "fix the retail price of gasoline" at stations in direct competition with other Shell dealers and dealers in other oil company products throughout the state.

SATISFACTORY PROFIT

CHICAGO (UP) — Robert S. Alexander is returning \$390,000 to the government because his firm "made a satisfactory profit" on a Navy contract.

Alexander, president of Wells-Gardner Co., said the firm made precision parts for \$390,000 less than the contract provided.

"We don't believe in gypping the people," he said. "The government is the people and we're the people."

Ferguson Named By Ike for Post In Philippines

WASHINGTON (UP) — Homer Ferguson, former Republican senator from Michigan, was nominated today by President Eisenhower to be the new ambassador to the Philippines.

Ferguson, former chairman of the GOP Policy Committee of the Senate, was defeated for reelection last fall by Sen. Patrick McNamara, Democrat.

Ferguson was named to succeed Raymond Ames Spruance, retired Navy admiral. Spruance resigned as a ambassador last month. Spruance told Mr. Eisenhower in a letter last month that he and his wife wanted to return to their home in California.

Spruance served for 45 years in the Navy and had been retired three years when he was named envoy to the Philippines in January, 1952.

Blaze Claims Seventh Victim

PORTLAND (UP)—Arthur Linklater, 74, Portland, died in a house fire today to become the seventh fire fatality in three days in the Portland area.

Firemen removed the elderly man from the upper story of the home but he was pronounced dead at a local hospital.

Five persons died Wednesday in the Lind hotel fire and a dairy farm worker burned to death early yesterday in a bunkhouse fire.

Installation to Be Completed By End of '56

Dial telephones will be in general use in Bend before the end of 1956.

A major telephone expansion and improvement program for the Bend area—including an up-to-the-minute dial system — will be launched this year by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company, district manager H. C. Kerron announced Friday.

The program will be completed before the end of 1956 at an estimated cost of over \$1,000,000, Kerron said.

Work is expected to get under way early in May on a two-story dial central office to be erected on company-owned property at the northwest corner of Hill street and Kearney avenue.

Plans Reported

Architectural plans call for a structure of reinforced concrete with ground dimensions of 98 feet by 82 feet. The second floor will measure 43 feet by 82 feet.

In addition to an underground cable vault, the building plans include a concrete block emergency engine room to insure continued operation of equipment in the event of a commercial power failure.

Bids probably will be called for the construction of the building within the next 30 to 60 days. Expected to take about a year to complete, the new building will house the latest type of dial equipment for local and long distance service.

The equipment will be installed on a gradual basis as rapidly as possible after the building is completed and according to Kerron is tentatively scheduled to replace Bend's present manual system late in 1956.

In Rural Areas

During the next 18 months or so, necessary changes will be made on rural lines served from the Bend office to allow rural users to have the same dial equipment as that in the city.

With the establishment of dial service all Bend telephone numbers will be changed to ones having seven digits, including an Evergreen 2 (EV-2) prefix followed by four numerals.

Assignment of the two-letter, five-numeral numbers is in line with a uniform numbering system being progressively installed throughout the nation to speed direct dialing of long distance calls. At first by operators then later by subscribers themselves, Kerron explained.

House Approves Boost in Pay To Servicemen

WASHINGTON (UP)—A pay increase for military personnel, approved almost unanimously by the House, headed today for a long, critical examination in the Senate.

The Senate is expected to agree to some military pay increase, but perhaps not in the full amount approved by the House. The House bill, following administration recommendations, calls for pay boosts ranging from six to 25 per cent for enlisted men with more than two year's service and for officers with more than three.

The measure sailed through the House Thursday without a word of opposition, approved by a 399 to 1 vote. The lone dissenter was Rep. John Taber (R-N.Y.), who opposes any pay raise until the budget is balanced.

The cost of the house proposal is estimated at \$745,845,015. But the Defense Department feels this cost eventually will be more than offset on the theory that the raise will encourage more trained personnel to stay in the service longer.

The pay increase approved by the House would benefit about 2-million servicemen and would be selective, based on a serviceman's length of service and rating. The highest increases would go to skilled technicians with extended service. Hazard pay for such duties as air or undersea also would be boosted.



TRANSMITTER MOVED — The heavy transmitter for Bend's police radio system is shown hoisted from police headquarters on first leg of its transfer to the county radio building on Awbrey Butte. The move was made late yesterday afternoon under Robert Dickinson, chief engineer of KBND. Elevation of the butte will give extra range to police radio. Moving the heavy unit are (left to right) Edward L. Merritt and George Thompson, both members of city shop crew. Street and Water Superintendent W. P. Drost looks on from the rear door to the city hall. (Bend Bulletin Photo)