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# Sexton forced to shut down city bus line

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For the first time since World War II days, Bend is without city bus service. Everybody seems to be concerned about it, but so far, no one has come up with a solution.

T. D. Sexton, who operated the bus line for the past several years, has thrown in the sponge. He said that the operation cost him \$90 "out of his pocket" every month.

On the other hand, Sexton says that the business could be operated profitably by a couple, who would do the driving themselves. That type of operation would also mean a saving in unemployment, accident and insurance protection required when others are employed, he said.

The bus has made its rounds only twice this month. The service was officially discontinued on July 1, when the insurance expired. (In addition to the insurance on the vehicles, liability insurance for the passengers is required.)

The bus company is owned by Sexton's son, Melville, now a resident of Portland. He bought the business for \$14,500, when he returned from service in World War II. Now he's trying to sell it for \$3800.

Members of the city commission, questioned by The Bulletin, were unanimous in the opinion that "something should be worked out." Several added that there would be "nothing out of line" in granting a franchise to someone who would take over the present bus service, or establish another one.

Sexton said that he would not be interested in resuming service, with or without a franchise. He operates a saw service and builders' supply store, and works full time at that enterprise.

City Manager Walter Thompson said that "another party" had been interested in starting a bus line, but had not been satisfied with Sexton's offer, and had been unable to arrange financing for a new operation.

Daily Schedule  
For the past four years, the bus had operated 10 1/2 hours a day — from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. For some time before that, it was running each evening until 7. At the height of its glory, it made its last run at 11 p.m., to accommodate "last show" movie goers.

Bend residents questioned by The Bulletin made the following comments:

Clara Peterson, 1364 Ithaca Avenue: "I do not drive, and disposed of the car when my husband died. Since bus service was discontinued, I've had to plan my trips differently, and won't be going to town quite so often."

Saved Many Trips  
Mrs. Phil Shoemaker, 312 E. Fifth Street: "My son rode the bus to and from kindergarten every day. It dropped him off within two blocks of home, and saved me many trips with the car. I always felt secure, knowing the driver would look after him and make sure he was headed the right way when he got off."

Mrs. M. F. Griffen, operator of Ideal Nursing Home: "An elderly friend of mine, who lives on W. Twelfth, cried and cried when the bus service was stopped. Now I do her errands for her. A widow who works here at the home always used the bus, and now I drive her to her home in the 1600 block on Fresno Avenue whenever I can."

M. P. Cashman, downtown merchant: "I think the lack of bus service is a real hardship to many of the older people who don't drive."

Mrs. Ida Buchtel, laundry worker: "I've always walked to work in the morning, but I did like to ride home at night. Now, unless I get a ride, I walk every evening to my home on Portland Avenue, near W. Eleventh Street."

July induction figure boosted  
America's decision to step up its armed strength is being reflected locally.

Fact is, July pre-induction calls have been more than doubled.

Originally, the tri-county selective service headquarters in Bend was asked to provide only two men this month. Yesterday, a call was received for five additional youths.

The seven are being called Monday for pre-induction physicals, and will go to Portland Monday for examinations.

Names of men called are not released until the physicals are taken and the men are cleared for induction.

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## Nurseryman is named to post in Bend

Filling the vacancy created through the recent retirement of Walter E. Engstrom, Charles A. Bigelow, a graduate from the University of Idaho with the class of 1948, has been named nurseryman in charge of the Bend Pine Nursery, a facility of the U.S. National Forest.

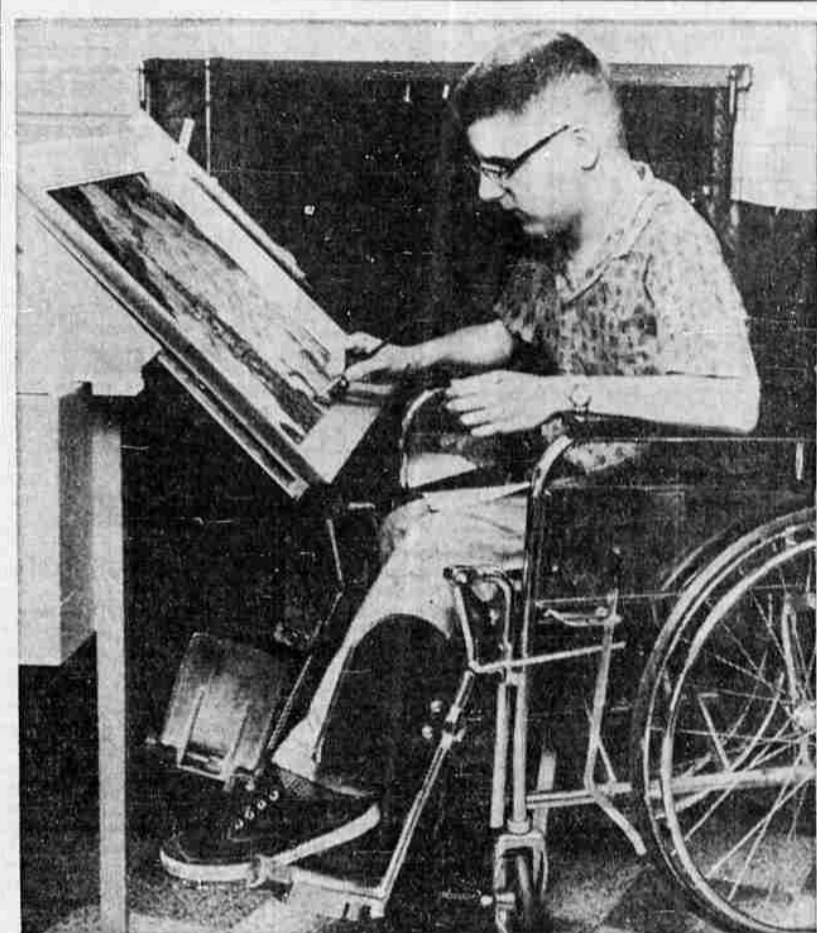
Bigelow has been acting nurseryman since Engstrom's retirement earlier this summer.

An Army veteran, Bigelow has been associated with the Bend Pine Nursery for a number of years. His first work with the nursery was as a laborer in 1951. He became assistant to Engstrom in 1956 and took over the administration of the facility, where millions of tiny pines get their start in life from seeds, when Engstrom began his terminal leave prior to official retirement.

The Bend Pine Nursery grows seedling pines for transplant to Pacific Northwest forests. Millions of small pines are transplanted seasonally.

Bigelow and his wife, Josephine have five children. His first work with the U.S. Forest Service was as a temporary employee in Bend in 1949.

# Grissom safe but spacecraft sinks after 303-mile flight



VICTORY AT SEA — Young local artist Chuck Donley adds a few finishing touches to one of his first oil paintings, a vibrant show of bombs exploding behind scattered soldiers. Another of his early works, which he labels "that bundle of sticks," is a picture of the Bridge on the River Kwai. Chuck often completes his paintings upside down. (Photo by Darrel Church)

## Young Chuck Donley proves expert artist, he sometimes even paints 'em upside down

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Painting portraits upside down is no difficult feat for versatile young local artist Chuck Donley, 17-year-old son of Dr. and Mrs. Charles E. Donley, 1856 East Eighth.

Neither is turning out professional looking oil paintings in three or four days.

Nor is sketching "more than lifelike" portraits at the rate of more than 50 in 24 months.

Chuck, who began painting seriously only two years ago, doesn't bother with a traditional easel. A wheel chair patient, he works at a special apparatus constructed by Bend carpenter Henry Nelson.

The wooden support slides up and down so that he can raise or lower it to suit his needs. But when Chuck finds top portions of his work a bit out of reach, he merely flips the canvas bottom side up and works on it upside down.

Many an eyebrow, hairline, and cloud formation have been completed in this slightly unbalanced position.

Up until two years ago, Chuck had been an avid constructor of model airplanes. Although he has always possessed some skill at sketching, he had never nurtured it.

But one day, deciding to make use of some extra plane "dope," he tried his hand at a piece of art work.

Since that first memorable attempt, he has turned out a hundred pastels, a dozen "acceptable" oils, and scores of charcoal and pencil sketches.

Despite the difficulties associated with portrait painting, his first subject was the face of a girl.

## Meeting set for veterans

Oregon leaders of the American Legion were gathering in Bend today for tonight's meeting of Central Oregon veterans seeking information relative to new legislation, pensions, loans and other matters.

Heading the group will be A. C. Friesen, Salem, who was stationed in Bend in World War II days as a navy recruiter. He is senior vice-commander of the American Legion, department of Oregon.

Members of the American Legion Auxiliary are also to join in tonight's meeting, to be held at 8 o'clock in the VFW Hall. Leaders stressed that the conference will be open to all interested, regardless of affiliation with the American Legion.

## WEATHER

Fair through Saturday; highs 90-95; lows 50-55.  
High yesterday, 88 degrees. Low last night, 46 degrees. Sunset today, 7:41. Sunrise tomorrow, 4:42.

## Side hatch blows off, forcing spaceman to swim 65 to 70 feet

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (UPI)—Virgil I. (Gus) Grissom became America's second spaceman today but had to swim the last 65 to 70 feet of his 303-mile trip to get away from his sinking spacecraft.

The 35-year-old Air Force captain took off atop a Redstone rocket at 7:20 a.m. EST (5:20 a.m. EDT) on a 16-minute flight that hit a peak speed of 5,200 miles an hour and a top altitude of 118 miles.

The spacecraft sank in 16,000 feet—more than 100 feet east of Grand Bahama Island. It and its precious cargo of film and data are forever lost.

The astronaut reported his capsule filled with water after the side hatch, fitted with 70 explosive bolts, "blew off unexpectedly." He said he did not know why it happened.

Grissom got out of his craft, Liberty Bell 7, minutes before it sank.

His first words after a rescue helicopter deposited him on the deck of the aircraft carrier Randolph were: "Give me something to blow my nose. My head is full of sea water." The spacecraft sank five minutes after Grissom got aboard the helicopter.

Except for loss of the Liberty Bell, Grissom's flight was almost as perfect as Navy Cmdr. Alan B. Shepard Jr.'s pioneering hop of May 5.

One of the first to congratulate the stocky, tough-minded, hard-driving Grissom was President Kennedy. By radio telephone to Gus aboard the Randolph, Kennedy expressed "great pleasure and satisfaction" over the successful outcome of his flight.

Wife "Very Happy"

In Newport News, Va., Grissom's wife Betty said thankfully, "I'm very happy. Deep down I always knew it would be a success. That helped me."

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration said officially that "preliminary data indicate the pilot performed satisfactorily during the flight."

After Grissom was plucked from the sea, a helicopter tried to pick up the spacecraft. But NASA reported "that some kind of malfunction occurred, that the spacecraft sank; it dropped in the ocean and sank."

After two postponements and a last minute weather threat, Grissom embarked on his flight at 7:20 a.m. EST (5:20 a.m. PDT) with a smooth liftoff.

He hit a top altitude of 118 miles and a peak speed of 5,200 miles an hour before coming down at 7:36 a.m. EST (5:36 a.m. PDT) 305 miles from the Cape.

The comparable figures for Shepard's flight of 15 minutes and 22 seconds were 118.5 miles altitude, 5,180 miles an hour, and a landing 302 miles at sea.

Had Grissom's flight been a complete success, it might have been the last suborbital rocket hop before NASA attempts to put an astronaut into orbit around the earth late this year or early next.

But loss of Liberty Bell was a blow to scientists who had counted on gaining much information from the film and the various instruments aboard the capsule. Their loss may make a third rocket hop advisable.

The main thing, however, was that Grissom survived his dunking. In Mitchell, Ind., his railroader father said he and the pilot's mother were "relieved it's over." He said "we wouldn't want to go through it again."

## French forces unleash all-out Bizerte attack

TUNIS, Tunisia (UPI)—French paratroopers supported by artillery fire and straffing planes today unleashed an all out battle for control of the Tunisian port city of Bizerte.

Localized French attacks against Tunisian army strong points on the outskirts of the city burst into a full-scale assault with heavy shelling and air strafing just after noon.

The immediate objective of the Algeria-toughened French troops was to regain control of the canal through which armored regiments and other crack French units reported en route by sea from Algeria can enter Bizerte to build up French strength at the Bizerte base.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES  
By United Press International  
Dow Jones final stock averages: 30 Industrials 682.81, off 0.16; 20 Railroads 134.09, up 0.45; 15 Utilities 113.99, up 0.27, and 65 stocks 226.42, up 0.25.

Sales today were about 2.36 million shares compared with 2.53 million shares Thursday.

## Silver Lake ready for 'Telephone Day'

Some 500 persons from all parts of the area are expected to attend the program at Silver Creek Park, near Silver Lake, on Saturday as Oregon welcomes its "long lost people," residents of northern Lake county to the state's closely-knit community of counties.

This past week, residents of that area obtained telephone service and a connection with Oregon and the rest of the world. The event will be the occasion of the celebration at Silver Creek Park when the 500 or more persons expected will join in a barbecue at noon and a program in the early afternoon.

Also on the late evening program will be a rodeo at Silver Lake and a dance at night.

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