

### Plans for Roseburg TV Station Described By Smullin; Would Pick Up KBES-TV Shows

Plans for extended television service in Roseburg were announced here last week. A story in the Roseburg News Review, written by Staff Writer Chuck Grell, explains the plans.

The story follows:

Plans for a television station to provide first-class service to central Douglas county and to extend its signals to as far away as Corvallis and Coos Bay have been outlined by one of the applicants for televising on channel 4, Roseburg.

William Smullin, Medford, secretary-treasurer of the Southern Oregon Broadcasting Co., revealed details in a visit to Roseburg Thursday.

1. A 5,000-watt transmitter would be located on 4,250-foot Mt. Scott, north of Glide.

2. Complete coverage of Douglas county, including the Lower Umpqua area, would be resolved.

Powerful Station

Smullin said power of the station would be strong enough for all sections of the immediate county area to receive television with no trouble. In some sections, pictures will be vivid enough for reception without resort to outside aerials.

The firm's application still is before the Federal Communications Commission, along with that of the Southwest Oregon Television Broadcasting Corp., a Roseburg firm. Both seek permission to operate a station on channel 4.

Hearing Expected

Smullin said he expects the FCC to set the date of a hearing within the next 60 to 90 days, but wouldn't estimate when or where hearings on the application might start.

However, he did guess roughly that television will be available here "in one to five years."

Power of the station, he said, actually will be souped up by installation of a three-element transmission antenna on the Mt. Scott site.

Programming in Medford

Initially, all programming would be done in Medford, with the local station to pick up programs broadcast from KBES-TV, channel 5, the pilot station of Smullin's company. Facilities here would be reserved to showing of slides and films for local programs. Network programs and live studio broadcasting would emanate from Medford.

Smullin said the firm eventually might seek to build a studio in Roseburg, but there would be none for the time being. Pickup of the Medford programs would be from the air, with micro waves not being utilized for transmission.

The area in which "city service" signals could be picked up with only basic antenna would be bounded roughly by Canyonville, Tenmile, Elkton, Cottage Grove and Tiller.

"A" Service

"A" service would extend to Glendale, Bridge, Scottsburg, Goshen and Diamond Lake. "B" service would include Ashland, Ophir, most of Coos county, Waldport, Corvallis, Sweet Home and would take in Crescent and Chiloquin in central Oregon.

The areas are included in engineering information made available to the FCC in the company's proposal to broadcast. Viewers would need more complex television antennas in the "A" and "B" areas.

In its initial stages, Smullin said, it is anticipated that expansion will follow the lines taken in Medford, where the company built its first TV station, KBES-TV. There network programs were broadcast until enough television sets were in use to warrant sales in adver-

tising.

Then, local programs were emphasized, with a studio being opened in Medford.

A possible pattern for TV here is in the company's operation at Eureka, Calif. Network programs are picked up in Curry county from KBES-TV and Micro-waved to Eureka. A studio has been built there for broadcast of local programs. The California station is KIEM-TV, channel 3.

If the application is approved by the FCC, shows on all four major networks will be made available to this area. KBES-TV is affiliated with Columbia Broadcasting System, but contracts for programs from National Broadcasting Co., American Broadcasting Co., and the DuMont Network are made.



CLIMAXING WEEK of "cloak and dagger" activities, David Brown, executive secretary of leftist Civil Rights Congress, is treated in Los Angeles for cut arms, self-inflicted according to Los Angeles police in suicide attempt. Earlier in week Brown, who claimed to be FBI spy, was a "kidnap" victim. (International)

### Congressmen Rap Decision by CAB

Washington—(U.P.)—Oregon's congressional delegation, consisting of two Democrats, three Republicans and one Independent, joined Saturday in protesting to President Eisenhower a tentative decision by the Civil Aeronautics Board which would halt Portland-Alaska air service.

A letter to the president charged that the proposed CAB decision would be "discriminating against Oregon and highly unfair." The CAB tentatively has decided to terminate the temporary operating certificates between Alaska and the Northwest of Alaska Airlines and Pacific Northern Airlines. These are the only ones of four which connect Alaska directly with Portland.

Sen. Richard L. Neuberger, a Democrat, said he had been joined in a letter to the Presi-

dent by Sen. Wayne Morse, an Independent; by Rep. Edith Green, a Democrat, and by Republican Reps. Harris Ellsworth, Sam Coon and Walter Norblad.

### Linn Farmers Union Opposed to Sales Tax

Albany—(U.P.)—The Linn County Farmer's Union was on record Saturday as opposed to a state sales tax.

In its annual convention here, the group passed a resolution criticizing a sales tax because it was not based on a person's ability to pay.

In other action, the farmers' bloc threw its support behind a high federal built dam in Hells Canyon, opposition to the Columbia Interstate Compact and support of the Hill Amendment to divert off shore oil revenues to aid schools.

## Clatsop Senator Raps Historic Water Pact

Portland—(U.P.)—Signing of a historic water power development compact here has been sharply criticized by Oregon State Sen. Robert D. Holmes of Clatsop county.

Holmes' sharply worded objection to the compact however, will not prevent it from being signed as he is the only dissenter in Oregon's 11 member delegation.

"Tainted With Politics"

Holmes charged the compact commission was "loaded with Republicans and tainted with politics." He said Oregon would suffer tremendously from the power and water clauses of the compact, even though the commission primarily is an advisory one.

The Columbia Interstate Compact is seeking to promote an "orderly, integrated and comprehensive" development of the Northwest's water resources. The agreement is being signed by representatives from seven of the western states.

Only one delegate was missing at the conclave Saturday morning. He was George Clyde, from Salt Lake City, Utah, whose plane was delayed. He was expected to arrive here later in the day.


After signing, the compact will go to the various state legislatures for ratification, then to the U. S. Congress.

Under the agreement, each state retains the right to veto any decisions formulated by the compact.

### Teenagers Ask Removal Of Trashy Magazines

Portland—(U.P.)—More than 250 teenagers and Youth for Christ religious leaders met here Friday night and endorsed resolutions asking for a "higher moral plane" in radio, television and comic books.

The group called specifically for the elimination of pornographic materials from the city's newsstands.



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