

# Funds for Air Force Academy Turned Down

## Avalanche Kills Five

Banff, Alta. — (U.P.) — An avalanche in the Canadian Rockies yesterday killed five teen-age boys from Philadelphia. Two others are missing, it was disclosed here today.

The avalanche occurred on 11,636-foot Mount Temple near this summer resort.

The boys were members of the Wilderness Club of Philadelphia and had been in Canada for a week on a camping expedition.

Eleven of 30 boys were caught by the avalanche at the 9,500-foot level. Only two escaped un-

harm. Two others were brought to a hospital in Banff suffering from head injuries, shock and exposure.

The dead and missing were identified as Richard Balis, 13; his twin brother, James; William Wise, 15; William Watts, 15; Miles Harble, 12; David Chapin, 15; and Luther Seddon, 13. All but Seddon, who came from St. Louis, were from Philadelphia.

The boys in the hospital were Fred Ballard, 13, and Jerry Clatnburg, 14, both of Philadelphia.

Those who escaped were Pete Smith, 13, and Tony Woodfield, 16, both of Philadelphia.

The expedition was directed by O. D. Dickson and W. H. Oeser, both of Philadelphia. It was based at Moraine Lake.

Yesterday, 24 of the boys with Oeser in charge climbed to the supply camp at the 300-foot level. Eleven decided to go higher before stopping for the day and reached the 9500-foot level where they were caught by the slide.

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The Rogue Valley Memorial hospital has applied for a grant of \$586,533 in federal Hill-Burton funds to apply toward the construction of a new hospital, it was reported today.

The hospital organization estimates that the new structure to be located on a 20-acre site just north of Barnett rd. southeast of the city, will cost in the neighborhood of \$1,800,000. If the federal hospital grant is approved in full, it will leave some \$1,200,000 or more to be raised locally.

The organization now owns Community hospital, which will be abandoned when the new hospital is completed.

A campaign to raise the necessary funds will begin here later this month. Some pledges and gifts have already been received.

The application was made through the state board of health, which allocates construction funds as soon as congress makes them available. The federal funds are provided on a matching basis.

Other applicants revealed today, according to United Press, are Portland Osteopathic hospital, \$223,890; Leep Memorial hospital, Salem, \$63,833; Hood River Memorial hospital, \$198,333; Eugene-Lane county health department, \$42,358; Blue Mountain General hospital, Prairie City, \$6,833; State hospital, Salem, \$50,000; Holladay Park Memorial hospital, Portland, \$12,030; Pacific Communities hospital, Newport, \$41,110; and Sisters of Mercy nursing home, North Bend, \$571,210.

## Rebuilding of Store Planned; Fire Probed

Plans for rebuilding the Medford Furniture store building, which was partially destroyed in a fire last Friday afternoon, are being worked out and will be announced in detail soon, it was reported today.

Meanwhile, investigation of the causes of the blaze was continuing this morning, with city and state police and firemen cooperating. They were on the scene of the fire this morning, discussing various phases of the blaze with store officials and insurance men.

To Question Man

Later in the day they planned to question Gene Wallace Lauderdale, 29, who was arrested Saturday night and jailed on a

drunk charge. He had been sent to the store a couple of days before the fire by the employment office here as a temporary warehouse helper.

Lauderdale was seen during the early phase of the fire but later was missed, and was the object of a police search Friday night and Saturday. Officers this morning expressed doubt that he would be of any assistance in determining the cause of the fire.

Will Hansen, owner of the building, said today it is still too early to determine whether or not the unburned portion of the structure, built in 1922, can be used in reconstruction plans. But he said the building will definitely be replaced.

The building was built by his father, J. P. Hansen, who came here in 1887 and was one of the first orchard operators in the valley. Hansen himself arrived in 1888. The store was operated as the Medford Furniture and Hardware (MF & H) under various ownerships until about 1943 when it was sold to Lou Doolen and later to John Cupp, who eliminated the hardware phase of the business. Joe Neil later bought the store; later selling to Bob Rector and Jack Crawford, the present owners.

The Wakefield Drapery shop, which was located on the burned-out second floor of the building, was destroyed, with considerable loss. Wayne Wakefield, however, has indicated he plans to move into other quarters as soon as possible, and resume his business.

Mel Younger, of the Younger Appliance company, located adjacent to the burned building, said his firm suffered some smoke and water damage, and that the roof is in bad shape. The store is closed for a few days until things can be straightened out and cleaned.

## Police Hunt Killer Of Iowa Youngster

Sioux City, Ia. — (U.P.) — One of the biggest manhunts in the history of the Midwest formed today to find the brutal sex-slayer of 2-year-old Donna Sue Davis.

A general police alert was sounded throughout mid-continent, the FBI actively entered the case and thousands of volunteers, armed with a description of the killer, joined in the search.

Meanwhile, police here planned a roundup of all known sex deviates after being informed by police Chief James O'Keefe that the child "definitely had been raped."

The blonde, curly-haired tot, who was kidnapped from her crib Sunday night while her parents watched television, was found beaten to death late Monday at the edge of a muddy cornfield. Strips of her pink pajama tops were wound around her neck. Otherwise, she was unclothed.

Police said Donna had been sexually attacked, then beaten to death by blows on the head. An autopsy showed she had suffered a skull fracture, a broken jaw and abrasions on her body.

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Fires yesterday and this morning destroyed one home and badly damaged another.

A vacant house at 616 South Stage road reportedly owned by Dr. Merle Foland, 109 Highland dr., was enveloped by flames before being noticed and burned to the ground. The fire was reported by state police about 1:55 a.m. today.

Neighbors reported that former occupants, the Willis G. Toennige family, moved out yesterday morning. A rural pump, a tanker and a pumper from the east side station answered the call. Adjacent buildings were undamaged.

At 9:01 p.m. yesterday two pumps were dispatched to the Willis F. Herman home, 519 West 11th st. The fire, apparently started from a cigarette on a davenport, caused considerable smoke, and damaged furniture, walls and ceiling in one room.

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Fremont Police Chief Robert Millard said "I just don't know," when asked if the attacker here might have been the same man who mutilated and killed the little Davis girl Sunday night or early yesterday and left her body in a corn field.

Millard said the little girl beaten here was Susan Cline, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Cline. She suffered a broken leg, cuts and bruises and other marks of harsh treatment, Millard said. An examination showed she had not been criminally assaulted, Millard said.

## Senate OK Sought In Foreign Aid Funds

Washington — (U.P.) — The administration shifted to the Senate today its efforts to win congressional approval of the full \$3,266,641,750 foreign aid program sought by President Eisenhower.

The administration suffered a major setback last night when the house approved a \$2,638,741,750 bill that was a whopping \$627,900,000, or about 20 per cent, less than Mr. Eisenhower has asked. Not a single House member moved to restore cuts in the measure which had been made by the House Appropriations committee.

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## 3,000,000 Box Pear Crop in Valley Forecast by Agent

A pear crop of 3,000,000 boxes is expected in the Rogue valley this year, Don Berry, Jackson county horticulture agent, said today. The crop, provided fruit attains adequate size, will be about normal. Harvesting season will not start until about Aug. 22, about two weeks late.

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White is represented by Attorney Robert Duncan, assisted by Attorney William Duhaime. District Attorney Walter Nunley is representing the state.

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## Walla Walla Prison Tension Increases

Walla Walla, Wash. — (U.P.) — Double guards patrolled cell blocks of the Washington State Prison today as tension mounted among inmates who staged a 26-hour riot last week.

Inmates of the prison caused about \$25,000 damage when they went on their rampage last Tuesday. They captured 11 hostages and held nine who were released unharmed when a nine-point "treaty" ended the rebellion.

Warden Lawrence Delmore Jr. said everything was running according to Hoyle but that he had ordered the extra guard because of the actions of inmates the past two days after they had heard reports some of them may be transferred to Eastern State Hospital for the criminally insane.

Meanwhile, six prison officers have resigned since the riot outbreak, Delmore said.

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## Tree Assessment Problem No Nearer Solution by Board

Orchardists Refuse Compromise Proposal

The problem of assessing Jackson county orchards appeared no nearer solution today, following a 1½-hour meeting this morning between local orchardists and members of the county board of equalization.

Some 10 of the county's leading fruit growers at the meeting flatly turned down any possibility of a compromise with the state tax commission.

The orchard assessment issue, which has been bubbling for more than 18 months, reached a boil recently when the tax commission ordered the board of equalization to place orchard trees on the tax rolls on a true cash value basis by Aug. 15.

Substitute Proposal

Members of the board of equalization met yesterday in Salem with the tax commission, and at that time, a substitute proposal was tentatively offered by the board.

The proposal, in effect, called for a blanket assessment for the current fiscal year on orchard trees of \$100 per acre for pears; \$75 per acre for stone fruit; \$50 an acre for apples, and no value per acre for grafted trees up to seven years old, for new plantings up to 12 years old, and for all nut trees.

For the 1956-57 fiscal year, the proposal called for putting the assessments on a true cash value basis to be set up by the county assessor aided by a committee of growers, real estate men, and others, who would receive help from state assessors.

Not True Value

The board admitted that the acre valuations included in the proposal would not indicate the true cash value of the orchards.

Board members, including County Judge Rodney Keating, Arnold Bohnert and Ralph Cook, said that this proposal was acceptable to the state tax commission, which indicated that the proposal would fall under the terms of the order to the board of equalization.

This compromise received a cold shoulder from the orchardists this morning. They characterized it as "a tempting package" which would not be legal because it would not be equalized.

They charged that the state tax commission, in refusing to order the county assessor to set up the orchard assessments, is attempting to put the burden on the board of equalization for something they know is unpopular and not legal.

William McAllister, Medford attorney who is representing the orchardists, declared "It is a question of whether the tax commission is going to yield the stiletto or whether the board of equalization is going to wield it for them under some threat of coercion."

It was indicated at this morning's meeting that Cook and Bohnert had told the commission they would resign from the board rather than go ahead with the program. They were told that if they did quit, someone would be named to replace them and the program would go ahead. Both indicated that they are still contemplating resignations.

The orchardists were unanimous in proposing that the board should make every effort to force the tax commission to order the program into effect, rather than placing that burden upon the board. All declared that they will use every legal means possible to fight the program.

The board recessed at noon, but was resumed this afternoon.

## Two Annexation Proposals Studied By City Planners

Residents of Area Ask New Consideration

The Medford Planning commission last night discussed two new annexation proposals requested by residents of the areas involved. They include more than 500 acres in areas south of Stewart ave., and east and south of the city.

No action was taken on either proposal pending study of possible additional land to be included in each area.

One request came from Edward Stevens for annexation of about 30 acres south of Stewart ave. between extensions of Holly st. and Oakdale ave. The proposed area does not