

County Treasurer Tells Resignation Reasons in Letter

Following is the text of the letter of resignation submitted to the Jackson County court last week by County Treasurer Ralph E. Sweeney:

Gentlemen: As you are aware, I have been ill for two years, now going on the third, and have been unable to give the office the attention and direction that a county treasurer should give to his position.

I sincerely regret this condition that has come upon me, and had hoped that I would be able to finish this term in good health and with the satisfaction of having faithfully performed my duties to the citizenry of this county.

With these facts in mind, I do not feel that it is fair and just on my part to continue holding the office and draw the salary connected therewith without contributing something to the welfare of the county.

I therefore respectfully tender my resignation as county treasurer, with the hope that action may be taken at the earliest possible date.

Since assuming the duties of this office, nineteen years ago, I have watched its volume of business increase nearly eightfold, during which time many new school bond issues have been issued, as well as the formation of several water, fire, and sanitary districts, all of which have issued, or will issue, bonds soon. This has increased the clerical work, and the financial responsibility connected therewith.

In conclusion, the selection of a successor is highly important. It is highly desirable to select someone who has had years of experience in the handling of such financial details. Therefore, I would strongly urge and recommend the appointment of my deputy, Mr. Karl L. Janouch, who has been with me three and a half years, and who has grown into the handling of this work as my program has called for. His appointment would be a continuation of the fine service I have tried to render the citizens of Jackson County.

Thanking you for your careful consideration of this matter, and thanking you for past kindnesses, I am,

Sincerely and faithfully yours,
Ralph E. Sweeney,
County Treasurer.
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Blinker Lights At Camp Approaches

Camp White — The Oregon State Highway commission will install a blinker light on Crater Lake highway at the approaches to the Veterans Administration domiciliary, Governor Paul Patterson yesterday advised Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4612 in a letter to Hans Sorenson, post commander.

The light will be to "correct the very bad traffic situation" at the intersection of Gov. Patterson said he appreciated the post and VFW bringing to his attention the intersection. The Camp White post and VFW took action as a result of a recent bus crash which killed one person and injured 16 others.

Two domiciliary residents have been killed in the past few years while crossing the highway at the intersection.

Church Women Hear Problems of Indians' Leaving Trusteeship

Problems involved in freeing the Klamath Indian tribe from federal trusteeship were discussed here Friday by Don Foster, area director of the bureau of Indian Affairs.

He spoke at a meeting of the Medford Council of Church Women at the Eastwood Baptist church. A study of Indian problems is part of the national and state agenda of the church women.

Under recently enacted laws, the Klamath tribe will be free of the trusteeship by 1958. Foster explained, and he outlined some of the provisions of the law through which this will be accomplished.

To Obtain Appraisals Three management specialists have been appointed to obtain appraisals of all the tribal resources, including some 600,000 acres of the finest stands of ponderosa pine in the west. The management men then must advise members of the tribe of the approximate amount each can expect under the appraisal, Foster explained.

Then the tribal members, totaling more than 2,000, will have an opportunity whether they wish to remain in the tribe, or

Two Men Injured in Auto Accident; Six Other Mishaps Listed

Seven automobile accidents, six of which were of a relatively minor nature, were reported to state police late Friday and early Saturday.

In the most serious, a car driven by Joseph Franklin Kremer, 20, Myrtle Creek, and carrying Raymond Lee Rhodes, 19, Riddle, as a passenger, crashed into a guard rail off the Crater Lake highway about a half-mile north of Union Creek, officers reported. The crash occurred at about 8:49 p.m. Friday.

High Speed The car was traveling at a high rate of speed, the report said, when the driver found himself on the wrong side of the road in the middle of a curve. He told police he applied the brakes and cut back toward his own lane, and the car spun around, skidded 312 feet, and

crashed into the guard rail, which was forced entirely through the rear portion of the car.

Kremer was taken to the Myrtle Creek hospital by Medford ambulance, where he was treated for back injuries. Rhodes, who suffered less serious hurts, also was taken home by the same ambulance.

Cars Collide Walter John Sandquist, 45, Grants Pass, suffered a knee injury at about 2:50 p.m. Friday when the car he was driving collided with one driven by Eleanor Mae Wenbourn, 30, route 1, box 25, Rogue River, near the Footh Creek bridge, police said. Both vehicles were considerably damaged.

Thirty-two children in a school bus and the driver, and drivers of two other cars, all escaped injury Friday afternoon in a minor three-vehicle collision involving the bus, driven by Walter Richard Bolz, 42, of 4129 Pacific Highway south. A car driven by Earl Moses Manley, 33, of 601 Plaza apartments, Medford, and a car driven by Jean Ardith Starr, 36, of 45 Mountain ave., Ashland, was cited for driving with defective brakes.

Cars driven by William Earl Selleg, 39, of 1722 West 11th st., Medford, and Ida May Bordon, 71, of 724 King st., Medford, collided at about 4 p.m. Friday on Highway 99 north of Medford. Little damage and no injuries resulted, police said.

At about 7:14 p.m. Friday, cars driven by James Oliver Silva, 28, of Lazy L motel on Highway 62, and Arthur Benjamin Cearley, 47, of 538 Franquette st., collided at the intersection of Market and Biddle roads. There were no citations and no injuries listed, although police say that Roy Alvin Taylor, 37, of 404 Western ave., a passenger in the Cearley car, indicated his back may have been hurt.

Early Saturday morning, a convertible driven by Myrna Rae Robertson, 17, of 436 Putnam st., Medford struck a curb and flipped over onto the traffic island at the Big Y junction north of Medford, police said. No injuries were listed.

Robert L. Spencer, 36, of 294 DeBarr ave., Medford, was taken by an Ashland ambulance to Ashland General hospital for a check, and then taken home, after the jeep he was driving rolled off a mountain road and down a hill at about 8 a.m. Saturday, state police said. The accident occurred south of the Green Springs highway on the road to Soda Mountain.

Oregon Leads in Lumber Shipments

Portland — (U.P.) — Oregon coastal ports shipped more lumber during August than all other Pacific Northwest districts combined, the Pacific Lumber Inspection bureau said Saturday.

Figures, compiled in cooperation with the West Coast Lumbermen's association, show Oregon coast waterborne shipments for the month totaled 93,494,901 board feet. Columbia river, Grays harbor, Willapa harbor, Puget Sound and northern California combined shipped 88,409,518 feet.

The report said exceptionally heavy shipments from Coos Bay and Yaquina bay were responsible for the coast district record.

Missing Youngster Found by Neighbor

Newport — (U.P.) — A 2½-year-old boy who disappeared from his home on upper Ollala road near here Friday was located by a neighbor after a 40-man searching party had been organized by state police and sheriff's officers.

Little Michael Gibson wandered off from his home shortly after noon. While searchers were organizing, the Gibson's neighbor, Mr. Lewis Croston, heard an appeal for volunteers over radio station KNP and started a search of his own.

He located the boy in a brushy area three-quarters of a mile from his home. Fifteen car-loads of volunteer searchers were turned back by Sheriff Jack Stareman when he heard the boy had been found.

Negligent Homicide Charged at Cathlamet

Cathlamet, Wash. — (U.P.) — Wahkiakum County Prosecutor Alf Jacobsen Friday filed a negligent homicide information against Robert Heintz, 46, Portland, in connection with the Sept. 23 highway death of James McIlvenna, 72, of Cathlamet.

The elderly flagman for a Wahkiakum PUD construction crew was killed when he was struck by the Heintz car on Ocean Beach highway. A coroner's jury recommended the negligent homicide charge.

BPA Head Reports Operating Revenue Of \$52,066,482

Portland — (U.P.) — Dr. William A. Pearl, Bonneville Power administrator, today reported total operating revenues of \$52,066,482 for the fiscal year ending June 30. The figure was based on the general accounting office's annual audit of the Columbia river power system.

Total operating revenues rose 14.9 per cent from the \$45,317,693 on hand at the end of the fiscal year 1954.

The audit showed a net power income of \$8,690,000, an increase of 3.9 per cent of the 1954 income.

Cash receipts returned to the U.S. Treasury from system power operations reached a total of \$390,000,000 as of June 30. The repayment reduced the capital indebtedness of the system by 16.5 per cent and put Bonneville \$67,700,000 ahead of schedule on its power payout.

Pearl said the Columbia Basin project, including Grand Coulee dam, also was on schedule for payout. Albeni Falls and Lookout Point-Dexter projects were considered to be on schedule, he said, although no formal payout structure has yet been established.

Phoenix

Phoenix Grange At the meeting of the Phoenix Grange Sept. 27, first and second degrees were conferred on 12 candidates from Phoenix, Central Point, Live Oak and Roxy Ann granges. Dee Hendrickson had charge of the degree work and songs by a ladies' quartet were greatly appreciated.

During the business meeting, horticulture report was given by Dee Hendrickson and dairy by Mervin Hixon.

Candidates for state officers were nominated.

A vote of appreciation was given Brother Poe for installing new coat hangers.

Secretary Edith Poe is convalescing from major surgery at her home, and Sisters Loffer, Cox and Coster are reported ill.

At the close of the meeting, Grange members bowed in a moment of silent prayer for the welfare of our nation's leader.

Refreshments were served by the Luens, Niedermeyers and Janoskys.

Grange Council will meet at Phoenix October 8.

Portrait Carved in Wood by Finn Artists Displayed in Medford

A strikingly different form of portraiture has been introduced to Medford by Miss Lizalotta Valesca, who recently moved here and is the new hostess at the Rogue Valley Country club.

The portraits, executed by two Finnish artists, V. Tissari and K. Rissanen, are delicately carved in wood and shaded by burning.

Started in Trenches Tissari and Rissanen, said to be the only artists practicing this form, learned the art during the Russian-Finnish war. Practicing in trenches during lulls in the fighting, their first portrait was of General Mannerheim. Since that time, they have done portraits of many well-known people including Presidents Eisenhower and Truman, Churchill, King Gustav of Sweden, Bob Hope and other screen and entertainment personalities.

The artists work from photographs, first taking three sec-

tions of alder wood, called "clobal," which are glued together to prevent warping in the finished portrait. The image is carved deeply into the wood and the finishing tones and shadows are achieved by scorching the wood with a torch.

Examples of Tissari and Rissanen's art have been displayed at various art shows in this country, including one in Los Angeles and the Art of Celebrities Gallery during the Laguna Beach Festival of Art last year.

According to Miss Valesca, who is the only representative of the artists in this country, portraits of this type are obtained by sending a photograph to the artists in Finland. The finished wood carving, an exact duplicate of the photo, will be returned in about two months.

Miss Valesca, who is staying at the Medford hotel, has samples of the work which she will display for those interested.

Value of County Minerals for 1954 Estimated at \$2,918,987

The value of minerals produced in Jackson County during 1954 has been estimated at \$2,918,987, according to the current issue of the Ore-Bin, publication of the Oregon department of geology and mineral industries.

The production included cement, stone, sand and gravel, quartz, carbon dioxide, gold, chromite and mercury, the publication said.

Among Top Counties The total valuation of Jackson county production placed it as one of the highest mineral-producing counties in Oregon, the report's figures showed. The only county ranking above Jackson was Clackamas, with a value of \$5,300,456, mostly in non-metals such as cement, sand and gravel, stone, clay and coal.

Baker, another top-producing county, was given no production figure; Douglas county (where the new nickel plant is now in operation) had a production val-

Trend Here Toward Bigger, Fewer Farms, 1954 Census Figures Show

A trend toward larger and fewer farms in Jackson county is shown by a preliminary report on the census of agriculture for 1954, issued by the U.S. Department of Commerce.

The report shows a decrease in the number of farms in the county from 2,778 in 1950 to 2,647 in 1954, while the total amount of land area in farms rose from 386,089 acres to 472,739 acres during the same period of time.

Size Up The average size of farms increased from 139 acres in 1950 to 178.6 acres in 1954. Much of this increase has been due to the number of farms over 500 acres, which has gone from 132 in 1950 to 162 in 1954. There has also been a slight increase in the number of farms under 10 acres, but all other size classification have declined.

The report indicates an increase in pasture land a decrease in cropland during the past five years. Pasture land has increased almost 100,000 acres while cropland has decreased about 4,000 acres. Land under irrigation has increased from 49,346

acres in 1949 to 53,674 acres in 1954.

Utilities Increase Almost half the farms in Jackson county had television sets in 1954; 1,863 had telephones as opposed to 1,361 in 1950; and the number of farms having electricity has increased from 2,417 to 2,494. Horses and mules seems to be definitely on the way out in the county. Their number has decreased from 2,665 in 1950 to 1,756 in 1954.

Tractors, on the other hand, show an increase from 1,836 to 2,510.

In the pear industry, the report shows a trend toward more barlett trees and fewer of other varieties. The number of barlett trees has increased from 257,203 in 1950 to 281,194 in 1954, with nearly 25,000 of that number being trees not yet of bearing age. Other varieties decreased from 414,945 to 389,034 trees, with only 7,790 trees not yet of bearing age.

'54 Harvest Down The amount of pears harvested in 1954, a year of heavy frost, was substantially less than in 1950.

Among other varieties of fruit

and nuts in the county, filberts and sour cherries have increased, while all other varieties listed have decreased. Filberts and hazelnuts show an increase of more than 7,000 trees.

The census shows a decided increase in dairy production in Jackson county. The total number of cattle and calves increased 14,976 between 1950 and 1954. The amount of whole milk sold increased 11,800,215 pounds, while the amount of butterfat sold decreased more than 19,000 pounds. Total income from whole milk and butterfat during 1954 was \$2,103,638.

The only other farm animals that increased in number during the five year period were sheep and goats. The number of chickens was about the same in 1954 as in 1950, but the number of chickens sold last year was substantially more than in 1950, which would indicate an increase in the number of chickens produced for meat.

2,183 farmers in Jackson county own farms; 2,504 reside on the farms they operate, and only 148 farms are operated by tenants.

Seven Men Enlist In U. S. Navy Here

Six men from Medford and one from Jacksonville were enlisted in the U.S. Navy recently through the Medford recruiting station, according to local recruiters.

Those enlisting from Medford were Harold Edward Ashton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben A. Ashton, 624 Benson st.; Gerald Deeman Couch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin W. Couch, 908 Beekman st.; Leslie Gene Gleason, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie W. Gleason, 2345 Finley lane; Kenneth Devone Hendrickson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Hendrickson, 406 Beatty st.; Carl Randall Orgain, son of Mrs. Stewart Forbes, 40 North Peach st.; and Robert Gene Seguin, brother of Mrs. Esther Hurst, 1125 West 10th st.

Enlisting from Jacksonville was Richard Alvin White, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard G. White, 162 Fifth st.

All seven men are receiving nine weeks of basic training at the Naval Training center, San Diego, Calif.

JACKSONVILLE New Teachers Listed

Jacksonville — Among new high school teachers this year at Jacksonville are Miss Abby Sturtevant, commercial typing, shorthand and office practice. Miss Sturtevant makes her home in the Rogue valley and taught here six or seven years ago, and at Myrtle Point last year. Miss Gwynn Morgan is a new teacher in the home economics department. She is from Oelwein, Ia.

The new grade school teachers are Mrs. Georgia Ross, Ashland, who teaches the seventh grade; Mrs. Ida McArthur, Phoenix, fourth grade teacher; Miss Elizabeth White, Medford, third grade; and Dee Cox, Talent, director of elementary athletics.

Miss Sydney Sutherland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Sutherland, recently entered Lewis and Clark college, Portland, with a scholarship awarded last year by the Elk Lumber company. The scholarship was one of ten of \$300 each.

According to Mrs. Ted Hewlett, new librarian at the Jacksonville library, the hours are from 2 to 5 p.m. on Monday and Thursday. She also stated that she is expecting approximately 50 circulating books from the Medford library within the next two weeks, both fiction and non-fiction. One new children's book, "Kit Carson," has been added and a new biography of Mamie Doud Eisenhower.

Mack Griffin is home recovering from a recent operation. Guests last week end at the home of Mrs. Pearl Kitchen were her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Bronaugh, Rivera, Calif. Mrs. Kitchen also reported her daughter, Mrs. Elise McCutcheon, Tiller, Ore., has a new baby girl named Marilyn Kay, born Sept. 21. Miss Terry Ann Carter, Mrs. Kitchen's granddaughter, is spending this week with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Christean are in Galice, Ore., this week where Christean is engaged in a logging operation.

Out of town relatives visiting at the D. E. Serry home recently were the Serrys' daughters and families, Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. Lee and son Danny, La Grande, Ore., and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Keener, El Monte, Calif. Mrs. John Hatch, Hot Springs, S. D., Mrs. Serry's sister, has been visiting her a month. Serry and his son-in-law, Roger Keener, returned this week after a luckless bear and prospecting trip into Northern California.

Mrs. Robert Stewart and

Medical Society Elects Portlander

Portland — (U.P.) — Dr. Russell H. Kaufman of Portland was named president-elect of the Oregon State Medical society at its 81st annual convention here Friday.

Dr. Kaufman, currently head of the Multnomah County Medical society, will take office in October, 1956, succeeding Dr. E. G. Chuinard, Portland orthopedist. Dr. Chuinard took office Friday, replacing Dr. A. O. Pittman of Hillsboro, who was named delegate to the American Medical association for a two-year term.

Named first, second and third vice-presidents, respectively, were Drs. W. T. Pollard of Junction City, C. L. Gilstrap of La Grande and A. B. Blanchat of Lebanon.

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