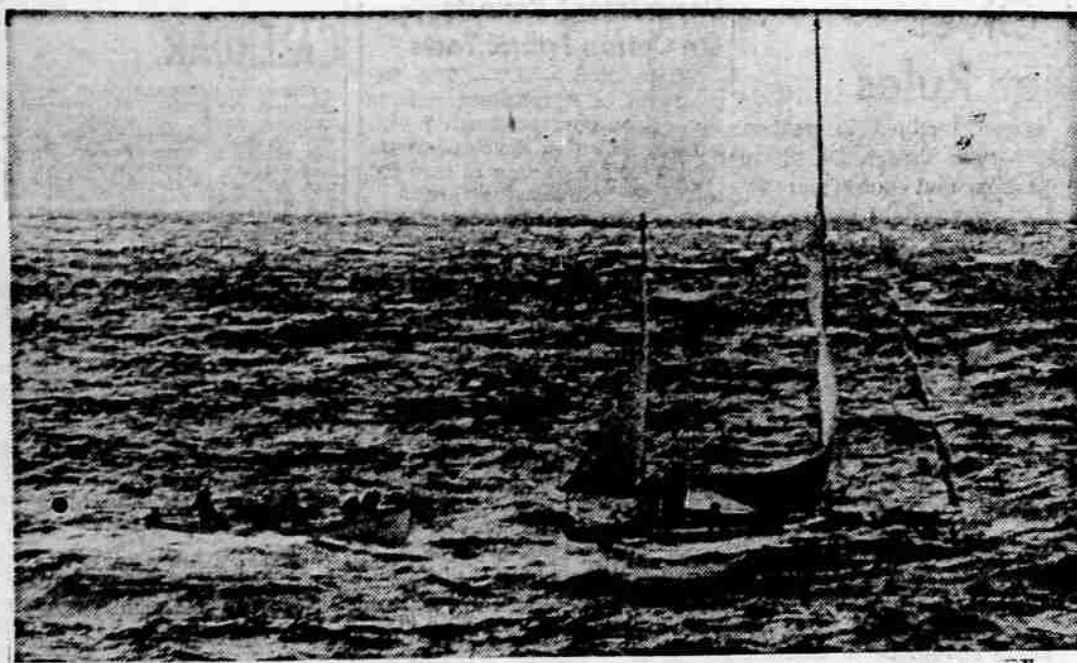




COAST GUARD TO THE RESCUE—Lifeboat from U. S. Coast Guard cutter Casco approaches damaged 40-foot ketch 20 miles off Gloucester, Mass. They found Edwin D. Brooks, 19, aboard in good condition. The young yachtsman had wallowed helplessly for two days in the rough seas with mainsail missing and jib torn.

County Court Announces Plans For Seven Parks Along River

Plans for development of seven recreational parks along the Rogue river in Jackson county by the Oregon State Game commission were announced today by members of the county court.

The parks, which will have picnic and boating facilities, will be developed through use of game commission funds and maintained by the county.

Shady Cove Area Tracts

The game commission has obtained options to buy, or easements over three tracts of land in the Shady Cove area. An option to purchase a tract of land immediately below Shady Cove bridge for boat access development, and an option on a 10-acre tract four miles below Shady Cove for boat access and bank angling, has been obtained by the commission. Right of way to a tract of public domain one mile upstream from Shady Cove has also been obtained.

In addition, several sites have been investigated for development possibilities including Laurelhurst Park, immediately below Peyton bridge; McLeod State park; a parcel of O and C land below Lost creek; and a parcel of public domain one mile above Shady Cove.

Statement of Policy

Members of the county court signed a statement of policy today regarding purchase of recreational lands in Jackson county by the game commission.

The statement agrees that the county would maintain such

lands and, where they are adjacent to county road, maintain the access roads to them. The statement requires that the recreational parks must enhance natural recreational features; be compatible with the general over-all recreational plans and policy of the county, and that the board of county commissioners must be consulted to establish the feasibility and responsibility of county participation in the projects.

Generation of Power Said Actual Issue

Oregon's actual power issue is generation of adequate hydroelectric power to meet the state's needs rather than a political argument of public versus private power, Congressmen Harris Ellsworth, (R-Ore.), brought out yesterday in a talk to Medford Kiwanis club members.

Ellsworth, representative from the state's fourth district, gave a brief report on the last session of Congress. He mentioned in particular the highway bill and the Talent division reclamation project and spoke of timber, power and transportation matters in Oregon in which the government will need to help in the next few years.

The congressman expressed regret that power has become a political issue. Pointing to Oregon's growing need for power, Ellsworth took the position that "in my book it makes no difference" as to whether it is public or private.

Migration To Continue

Without power the state will run into stagnation of economy, Ellsworth declared. He brought out that westward migration will continue regardless of whether

County Pear Harvest Completed for Year

The pear harvest in Jackson county has been completed for 1955, according to C. B. Cordy, county horticultural extension agent.

Activity in the packing houses, which were recently filled with workers, is limited to taking care of stored fruit and preparing gift packages.

A few apples remain to be picked in the county, Cordy

Armory Progress

Report Postponed

A report on progress of Medford's new armory, which was scheduled for tomorrow noon at Rogue Valley Country club, has been postponed because of insufficient information at this time.

Col. Paul L. Kliever, director of armories of the state adjutant general's office at Salem, will give the report at a later date.

SOC Registration Hits Record 815

Ashland — Fall registration totals at Southern Oregon college have reached an all-time high of 815, it was announced today by Mrs. Mable W. Winston, registrar.

Of the 815 registered and attending classes, there are 509 men and 306 women, an increase of 28 per cent for the men, and slightly less than 1 per cent for the women compared with last year's figures.

The overall increase from 1954-1955 is 16 per cent. The previous top total enrollment for SOC, not counting students auditing classes, was 757 in 1950, when the number of students attending college under the "GI Bill of Rights" was large.

Freshmen totals are up 19 per cent over 1954, and the total increase of new students is about 18 per cent. The combined total of freshmen and other students new to the campus is 275.

Veteran enrollment shows an increase of 13 per cent over last year, with 184 currently enrolled.

Portland — (U.P.) — Testimony in the trial of Sherry Fong, 24, on first degree murder charges will begin next Tuesday. A jury of five men and seven women was sworn in yesterday to hear the case resulting from the 1954 death of Diane Hank, a 16-year-old Portland high school girl.

Iceland Author, American Critic, Wins Nobel Prize

Stockholm — (U.P.) — Author Halldor Kiljan Laxness of Iceland, a onetime monk known for his anti-American views, today won the 1955 Nobel prize for literature.

The 18-member Swedish Academy awarded him the tax-free cash award of \$36,720 and the plaque that goes with it for his sensitive novels of the little man in the cold mountain wastelands of Iceland.

The 53-year-old Laxness is a winner of the Stalin prize, and this fact was believed to have weighed against him during the eight years he was considered for the Nobel award.

Laxness, born Halldor Gundjonsson, lived for three years in the United States but left in 1930 after a public clamor

against him. Laxness, who terms himself an "idealist socialist," has publicly deplored the North Atlantic Treaty Organization which includes Iceland.

Favorite of Communists
He has said he is without particular leanings toward Russia, but has been a favorite in the Communist literary world. Many of his earlier writings attacked life in the United States.

Runnerup to Laxness was believed to have been French poet St. John Perse. Icelandic moralist Gunnar Gunnarsson, and exiled Greek novelist Nikos Kazantzakis.

Laxness wrote eight novels, but only one, "Independent People," was published in the United States.

Big Four 'Acid Test' Talk Gets Under Way at Geneva

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Eisenhower Works On State of Union Message Draft

President Shaves Self for First Time

Denver — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower spent 45 minutes today working on a preliminary draft of his State of the Union Message in which he will lay down administrative policy and legislative recommendations to a Democratic-controlled Congress in early January.

The President today also shaved himself with a safety razor for the first time since he suffered a coronary thrombosis Sept. 24. He took several steps unassisted in his hospital room, between his bed, an easy chair and, for the first time, a straight-backed chair.

The Denver White House also announced that Mr. Eisenhower would not request the U.S. Tariff Commission to impose an import quota on tung oil during the marketing year beginning Nov. 1.

Continues to Recover

Medical bulletins from the President's eighth floor room at Fitzsimons Army Hospital continued to report progress without complications.

Sherman Adams, the assistant to the President, also sat in on the 45-minute conference, the longest business session Mr. Eisenhower has had since he entered the hospital.

Press Secretary James C. Hagerty explained that the meeting on the State of the Union Message today was "a preliminary discussion of topics," plus an early discussion of legislative recommendations. Numerous other conferences on this message will be necessary.

Medford School District Census Gets Under Way

The annual school census is now under way in District 49, which includes the Medford public schools. It was announced today by district officials.

The District 49 census is being taken by eight enumerators working in six sections of the district. The census clerk is Mrs. Bernice Kunzman, who has served in this capacity for the past 30 years.

The census includes young people in the 4 through 19 age group. All in this group, including those who are married, in the armed forces, or in college, must be enumerated if their legal residence is within the school district.

State law requires that the census be taken. The enumeration also is being conducted in all Jackson county school districts.

Information obtained in the census is used as a basis for distribution of school support funds, and also provides as a check on school attendance.

Early returns indicate a sizeable increase in the number of people in the 4 through 19 age group residing within District 49.

School officials have requested that householders cooperate with enumerators in providing required information.

The census takers include Mrs. Minnie Bryant, who has aided with the census for some 25 years; Mrs. Ethel Cope, Mrs. Helen Fagone, Mrs. Jessie Howard, Mrs. Eleanor Halsey, Mrs. Ruth Parsons, Mrs. Joy Sorensen, and Mrs. Blanche Powell.

Salem — (U.P.) — William J. Stahl of Washington, D.C., assistant chief of the division of cooperative forest protection, visited with Oregon State Forester Dwight Phipps this week.

Weather

FORECAST: Increasing high clouds tonight. Cloudy and occasional rain Friday. Continued cool. Low tonight 38. High Friday 60. Temp. Highest yesterday 54. Lowest this morning 32. Prec. to 4:30 a.m. today, Trace.

Fowler To File Answer to Writ

Move Alternative To Deleting Boost In Assessments

First Statements Placed in Mail

Jackson County Assessor Robert G. Fowler said this morning he will file an answer to the Oregon Supreme Court's writ of mandamus, rather than comply with an alternative offered him in the legal action.

His announcement is the latest step in a dispute which arose last spring involving the State Tax Commission, a number of Jackson county orchardists, and the assessor.

Two Alternatives

Yesterday he was ordered by the court to do one of two things. The first was to delete recent increases in orchard tree assessments from the assessment roll, to recompute the county millage, and to deliver the assessment roll to the sheriff for collection. The other was to show cause why he had not done so. His deadline was next Monday, Oct. 31.

He said today he is taking the second alternative. Fowler said this morning that parts of the assessment roll were delivered to the sheriff yesterday afternoon, and that the first tax statements are being mailed. It will take about two days to complete the mailing, it was indicated.

Fowler has been advised by the tax commission to turn the assessment roll over to the sheriff for collection. Alfred B. Thomas, an assistant attorney general assigned to the tax commission, said that normal procedures of assessment and collection of taxes must continue until the court declares otherwise.

Work With DA

Thomas, who is in town today, said the law section of the commission will work with the Jackson county district attorney in preparing Fowler's defense in the Supreme Court action. He said an answer to the "show cause" order will be filed by the Monday deadline. It will show why Fowler does not have to comply with the alternatives presented, Thomas said.

After the answer is filed, it is presumed the Supreme Court will offer time for the orchardists' attorneys, the firm of Neff, Frohnmayer and Lowry, to prepare future pleadings. After this, it is thought, a hearing will be called by the court.

The 190 or so corrections to the assessment roll, ordered by the tax commission as the result of recent hearings, have all been made according to Thomas, and the roll now includes the original increases ordered by the commission, as corrected this week.

The dispute between the orchard men of the county and the tax commission began last spring, when the commission said that commercial orchard trees were not listed on tax assessment rolls, and ordered that they should be included. 30,000 Statements

The tax statements—30,000 of them—are being processed for mailing in the office of the county court. The statements must be sorted according to town and put through a machine that seals and stamps the envelopes.

The cost of mailing the statements will be about \$900. It is expected that all of them will be in the mail by Saturday afternoon.

Members of the tax department have asked that people wait until their tax statement has actually been received before going to the office to pay taxes.

Salem — (U.P.) — Supervisors of state institutions will hold a two-day conference in the state capitol Nov. 3-4.



WIN FIRST PLACE—A judging team from Crater High school's Future Farmers of America chapter took first place in the recent Pacific International Livestock show in Portland. The team, which scored 1,657 out of a possible 1,800 points, defeated more than 50 other judging groups from all parts of the northwest. Oakdale, Wash., was second with 1,627 points. The boys judged beef, sheep and swine breeding and fat stock. Shown above, top row, from left to right, are Leonard Kunzman, chapter adviser and instructor of vacation agriculture at Crater High school; Paul Lofland, a member of the team; Ralph Simon, an alternate; Morton Gossett, team member, and Walter Holt, Pacific International secretary. Kneeling, in front, is Norman Barnes, team member.

Gunman Asks Hearing On Murder of Deputy In Corvallis Spree

Corvallis — (U.P.) — Martin Reyes, 23-year-old gunman, appeared in District Court today with his court-appointed attorney and asked for a preliminary hearing on the first degree murder charge lodged against him. Reyes is accused of inflicting fatal wounds on James Appelgate, 39-year-old Corvallis re-

serve deputy sheriff, while in flight from Eugene where he broke out of the Lane county jail. Reyes appeared in court today under heavy guard and still wearing the arm bandage covering the gunshot wound he suffered in the battle with Appelgate and a Corvallis police officer.

Hedrick To Receive Honors at Eugene

E. H. Hedrick, 503 South Oakdale ave., will be the guest of honor this evening at Eugene during a dinner program being held in connection with the annual fall conference of the Oregon Association of District Superintendents. Hedrick retired this year after 30 years as superintendent of the Medford city schools.

The conference is being held in Erb Memorial building on the University of Oregon campus. Hedrick, who also served as superintendent at Heppner and Central Point, and principal at Monmouth after Applegate was shot at a Corvallis service station.

Meanwhile, his escape companion was returned to Eugene to face auto theft charges which originally brought about arrest of the pair. Authorities here said today the companion, known as Jose Mitchell De Mesa, had been identified as Clifford (Sonny) Shadd.

Leonard Mayfield, Medford superintendent of schools, will represent the superintendents' association at the dinner program. Mayfield also will take part in a school building discussion.

The conference, which opened at 9 p.m. today, will be concerned with findings of the governor's conference on education. R. E. Jewell, Bend superintendent of schools, will preside at the business session.

More Snow Falls At Crater Lake

Two inches of new snow fell at Crater Lake during the past 24 hours, giving a total of three inches on the ground, according to park headquarters here today.

Spots of ice were reported on the south and west roads to the rim. The rim rd. and the north and east entrances remain closed, park officials said.

Temperatures at the lake in the past 24 hours ranged from a minimum of 16 above to a maximum of 29 above at 8:20 a.m. today, headquarters officials reported.

West Ready To Challenge Russia With Peace Plan

Dulles Set To Take Initiative

Geneva, (U.P.) — The Big Four foreign ministers met today for an "acid test" conference, with the West geared to offer Russia a challenging peace package in return for a united Germany.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles was set to take the initiative for the Western Big Three. But it was feared Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov would try to stall and block the West's move.

Dulles, Molotov, British Foreign Secretary Harold Macmillan and French Foreign Minister Antoine Pinay met in the Palace of Nations in the first of a series of sessions designed to keep the world on the road to peace against a background of threatened war in the Middle East.

New Troubles
The question of European security and German unity was the first item on the conference agenda. But the Middle East and a new crisis in France added possible new trouble to the discussion.

Israeli Premier Moshe Sharett arrived here from Paris to press his demands for Western guarantees of his nation's frontiers and to ask for arms to match the Communist supply of weapons to Egypt.

"Israel will fight again if she must," he said, in emphasizing the urgency of his stand.

Meanwhile, Pinay disclosed that he will fly back to Paris tomorrow to await the outcome of a vote of confidence test in the French National Assembly. Its result will determine whether he returns to Geneva with new power to negotiate for France, or merely as an observer without authority.

West Has Program

The West planned to move first and fast. Its views were contained in a nine-page document drawn up beforehand and backed fully by the entire North Atlantic Alliance membership.

The package plan called for:
1. The reunification of Germany by free elections, a goal the West has sought through all the years of cold war.

2. An offer to Russia, in return, of solemn non-aggression guarantees, as a means of calming any legitimate Soviet fears for security.

It was up to Dulles to sell the program at the outset. But Western diplomats frankly were doubtful that Molotov would go along with the plan. They feared he would tie up the conference in procedural wrangles and cause it to end in the same old deadlock — but perhaps with a politer ending than in the past, so that further talks still would be possible.

Forest Patrol Resumes Five-Day Schedule

Medford headquarters of the state forest patrol has returned to a five days per week, eight hours per day office schedule, District Warden Ted Maul said this morning.

The office had been operating on a 24-hour basis since last May.

Maul warned, however, that the fire season has not been lifted and that burning permits are still required. They can be obtained through regular office hours. The office opens at 8 a.m. and closes at 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Bus Driver Tells of Seeing Wolf, Woman on Rural Road

McMinnville — (U.P.) — A school bus driver from Ridgefield, Wash., testified at the murder trial of Marjorie Smith today that he saw Victor Laurence Wolf and a woman parked on a county road last March.

The driver, Fred Fritz, was one of several witnesses called by the state to back statements of Wolf, who has implicated the pretty, 34-year-old widow in the dynamite-bomb slaying of her attorney husband last spring.

Didn't Get Good Look

Fritz said he slowed his school bus to see if the car was in trouble, but that he did not get a close look at the woman. Wolf has stated he and Mrs. Smith parked along the road near Ridgefield while testing the dynamite hook-up.

The courtroom here again was

packed today.

Wolf, 45, completed 1½ days on the witness stand yesterday and showed no sign of cracking despite intense cross-examination by Defense Attorney Bruce Spaulding. Wolf, who has admitted planting a dynamite bomb in Oliver Kermit Smith's car, said he did so at the beckoning of Mrs. Smith.

Maybe a 'Little Jealous'
Wolf said he might have been a "little jealous" of Smith. But he denied enjoying the spotlight of public attention which has come to him through his testimony, as charged by Spaulding.

Wolf also denied having made any arrangement with authorities whereby his punishment for murder would be less if he were able to bring in Mrs. Smith in the slaying.