

Natural Gas Bill Passes First Senate Test

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Fireman Drown Attempt To Rescue Two From Milwaukie Lake

Boy and Father Plunge Through Kellogg Lake Ice

Monroe Sweetland Aids in Rescue

Milwaukie—(U.P.)—A Milwaukie fireman was drowned yesterday when he fell through the ice on Kellogg lake while attempting to rescue a 13-year-old boy and his father who had plunged through the ice into the lake.

Warren Nott, 42, had gone out with a ladder in an attempt to bring the boy and his father to safety. Unable to rescue them he started to return to shore for aid when he plunged into 10 feet of icy water 20 feet from shore.

Sweetland Pulls Man Out

Monroe Sweetland, Oregon's Democratic national committee man who lives nearby, pulled Nott from the water but attempts to revive the fireman failed.

Michael O. Daley, 13, was skating on the lake early in the afternoon when the ice gave way. His father, Clarence Daley, 47, was on the bank and witnessed the mishap. He immediately went to the rescue of his son, only to meet the same fate.

Sweetland and other persons who rushed to the scene tried to recover the two from the icy water before firemen arrived but were unable to bring them to shore.

Nott had gone out with a ladder, thinking the ice strong enough to support him. He slid the ladder toward the father, then walked the rungs toward the man. He attempted to lift him from the frigid water, but was unable to do so.

After starting toward shore, Nott stepped off the rungs of the ladder and was sucked into the icy waters.

In the meantime, C. Girard Davidson, a Portland attorney, and Keith Burns, a Willamette University law student, who were guests at the Sweetland home, used a hoe and a piece of pipe to break the ice and reach the father and son in a small boat.

Suffering Exposure

Both were pulled from the water suffering from exposure but were reported to be in good condition at a Portland hospital.

Also in the hospital as a result of the afternoon's tragedy was Robert Mathis, a 26-year-old Milwaukie policeman.

Mathis attempted to get Nott from the water after the fireman had cracked through the thin two-inch layer of ice. He suffered several cuts from the jagged edges of the broken ice and also from exposure. He was described as in good condition, however.

Cascade Gorge Wreck Injures Six Youths

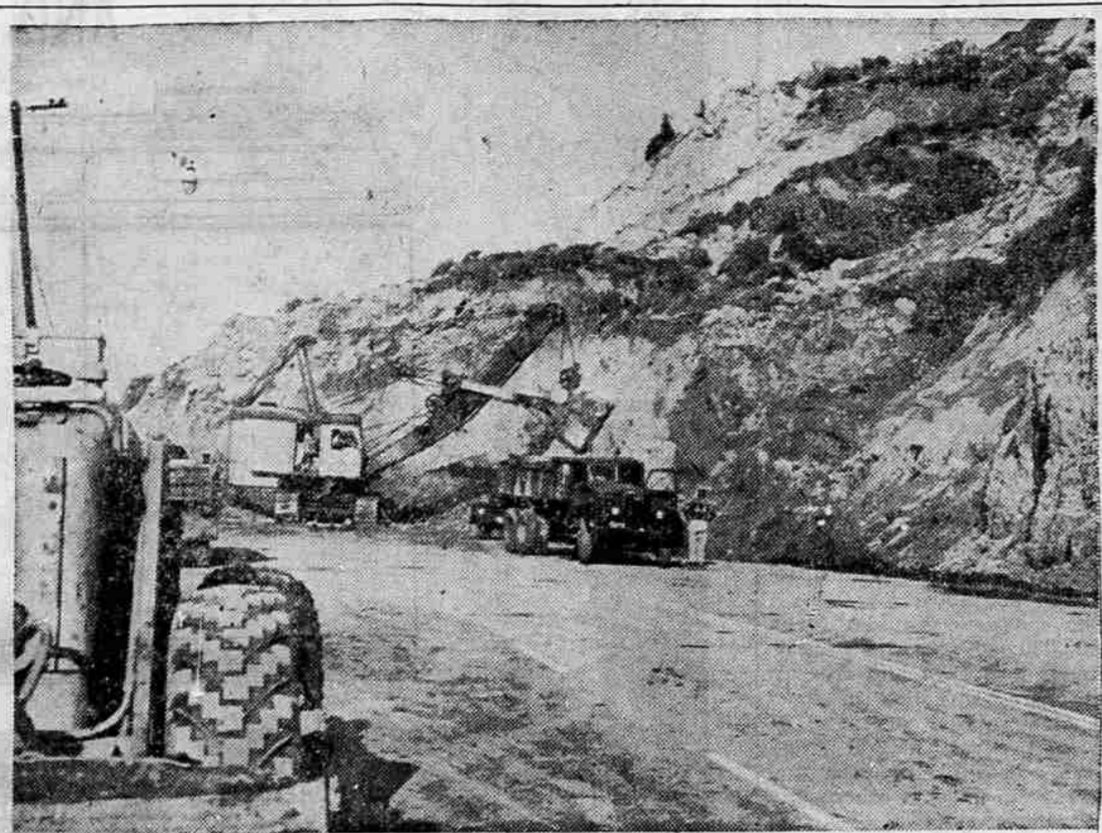
Six teenagers, all believed residents of the Grants Pass area, were injured about 3 p.m. yesterday when a car in which they were riding skidded on Highway 82 at Cascade Gorge and flipped bottom side up.

Ronald Renfro, 18, of 808 Northwest Fifth st., Grants Pass, suffered a possible pelvic fracture, according to state police reports. Renfro was taken to Josephine General hospital by Medford Ambulance service.

Other occupants suffered cuts and bruises and were taken to the Doctor's Clinic at Shady Cove. They were Gary Lee Peterson, 17, driver of the car; Roger Taylor, 18, Charlie Clark, 18, and two girls, Jackie Woodson, 16, and Ann Shirley, 16.

Three persons were injured in another accident when a car driven by William Bohl, 23, of 3092 Jacksonville hwy., failed to make a turn on Oak Grove rd. about 1:15 a.m. today, according to state police.

Bohl and Mary Lou Henson, 22, also of 3092 Jacksonville hwy., were taken to Community hospital by Medford Ambulance service where they were reported in good condition today.



COAST HIGHWAY BURIED IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA—Construction workers with heavy equipment bite into 50,000 tons of dirt that buried U. S. 101 under a 75-foot-deep avalanche two miles north of Santa Monica. It was first feared that motorists were caught in the slide that occurred during rush hour traffic.

Oregon Accidents Claim Eight Lives

By UNITED PRESS Oregon counted eight fatalities in a variety of accidents throughout the state during the week end.

One fatality was directly attributed to the highways but four drownings also were the result of a highway mishap.

The week end's largest toll came Friday night when four Eugene teenagers, returning from a dance, drowned in the Siuslaw river two miles west of Mapleton when their car went into a ditch, hit a utility pole, veered across the road and plunged into 32 feet of water.

Dead in the tragic accident were: John White, 18; Jannett

Garrett, 17; Sharon Singer, 16; and Danny Derschon, 17.

A traffic accident in Portland claimed the life of Mrs. Jessyca Moore Bryant of Portland Friday night when the car in which she was riding struck a traffic divider on busy Harbor drive.

Near Roseburg Friday night, an elderly couple lost their lives when fire destroyed their home at Riddle junction.

Police identified the victims as Forrest R. Ream, 62, his wife, Marrie, 63.

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Elks Dinner Ends RV Hospital Drive

The drive to raise funds for construction of the proposed \$2,000,000 Rogue Valley Memorial hospital ends tonight with a report dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the Elks club.

It will be announced at the dinner whether or not the two months campaign has been successful in reaching the \$850,000 goal. About 220 campaign workers are expected to attend the dinner.

In addition to funds raised by the drive, the hospital will be built with some \$563,000 of federal funds and more than \$600,000 which has been pledged by several major donors.

Following tonight's dinner, a woman's committee headed by Mrs. Chester Guches, will immediately open a subsidiary campaign to raise funds for purchase of special equipment. Letters are being mailed this week to women's civic groups enumerating equipment needed. Other members of the women's committee are Mrs. Margaret Ames Fluhrer, Mrs. Otto J. Frohnmayer, and Mrs. S. M. Tuttle.

Bids Called for New Grandview Water Main

The Grandview Water district, which serves a large area northeast of Medford, has called for bids for installation of new water mains and hydrants.

Bids will be due in the office of A. D. Harvey and S. C. Watkins, engineers, in the Goldy building by 7:30 p.m. Feb. 24. The district will furnish materials, and contractors will lay and install some 4,050 lineal feet of six-inch pipe, 960 feet of two-inch pipe, six six-inch gate valves, 34 hydrants and auxiliary valves, and 15 service connections.

Plans and specifications are available at the engineers' office.

Astorian To Seek Demo Nomination For Governorship

Astoria—(U.P.)—Robert D. Holmes, state senator and Astoria radioman, today announced he would seek the Democratic nomination for governor in the May primary elections.

Holmes, 46, said "the tragic and untimely death of Gov. Paul Patterson requires both political parties to give early attention to nominees for this office so that the people of Oregon may have a chance to scrutinize the candidates carefully and be ready to choose a new chief executive in November."

The senator representing Clatsop and Columbia counties makes his home in Gearhart and for the last 12 years has been manager of radio station KAST in Astoria. In the legislature he has served on the Senate Ways and Means, Taxation and Assessment, Education and Interstate Cooperation committees. In 1953 he was chairman of the Education committee and his work earned him the Oregon Education Association title of "citizen of the year."

Plans "Vigorous" Campaign Holmes, in announcing his candidacy, said he had received encouragement from his friends. He promised "a vigorous campaign throughout the state with a frank and full discussion of my views on all issues facing Oregon."

He said his experience is such that it will give him "if nominated and elected the necessary understanding of Oregon's problems to reflect wise leadership."

Holmes attended University of Oregon and is a past president of the Astoria Rotary club. He has been active in civic affairs in Gearhart and Astoria for a number of years. He is vice-president of the Oregon Broadcasters association.

Rogue Flood Control Group Meets Tonight

A general meeting to attempt to integrate various groups working independently for a Rogue river flood control program will be held at 8 p.m. tonight in the Rogue River Veterans of Foreign Wars hall.

Fay I. Bristol, chairman of the Rogue Flood Control and Water Resources association, announced today that the board of directors desires to report on what has been accomplished and get the approval of those interested in flood control before continuing.

In a meeting last Tuesday with Grants Pass interests working for flood control, there was considerable discussion concerning leadership and methods for obtaining dams that would control the flow of the river, Bristol said.

105 Students Attend Legislature Program

About 105 students from Medford, Klamath Falls, Ashland and Grants Pass high schools met at the Medford YMCA Saturday to elect student representatives to the Youth Legislature program in Salem, April 27 and 28.

The only Medford student elected to take part in the legislature program, when high school students from all parts of the state take over the reins of state government, was Don Gordon, who was elected reporter.

Nebraska Lawyer Admits Offer of \$2500 To Sen. Case

Knowland, Johnson Favor Investigation

Washington—(U.P.)—The natural gas bill passed its first test vote in the Senate today.

The vote came amid bitter controversy over a Nebraska lawyer's admission that he made a \$2500 campaign contribution for a senator who had been expected to support the bill.

The first vote was on a motion by Sen. Charles E. Potter (R-Mich.), an opponent of the bill, to send the measure back to the Senate Commerce Committee pending investigation of the campaigning contribution for Sen. Francis Case (R-S.D.).

Potter's motion was defeated, 64 to 30.

Bill Near Showdown The bill would exempt independent natural gas producers from direct federal price regulation. It has been the subject to a tense, three-week Senate debate in which opponents charged, and supporters denied, that it would sharply hike gas prices to consumers. The house passed a similar bill by six votes last year.

The Senate came to a showdown on the measure today with these dramatic developments:

1. Attorney John M. Neff, 47, Lexington, Neb., identified himself as the mystery man who laid down \$2500 for the campaign fund of Sen. Case after ascertaining that Case favored the bill. Neff said, in a telegram which Case read to the Senate, that he had been "interested in passage" of the gas bill, but insisted the money was offered "with no strings attached."

Registered Lobbyist Records at Lincoln, Neb., the state capital, showed that Neff was registered as a lobbyist for the Superior Oil Co., Austin, Tex., during the 1955 session of the Nebraska Legislature. He opposed an oil and gas conservation bill, which was defeated.

2. Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas and Republican Leader William F. Knowland of California, introduced a resolution authorizing immediate creation of a special four-member bipartisan committee to investigate whether Neff's donation, which Case has rejected, was an attempt to "influence" Case's vote on the bill.

Neff, in his telegram to Case, described himself as a "conservative Republican" who has "been interested in passage of the gas bill." Neff said he was "incensed" at the implication that the contribution was "a shady deal."

Case sat silently in the Senate chamber as Johnson presented his resolution. Case had told the Senate Friday that he ordered the \$2500 contribution returned and that he now plans to vote against the bill.

Johnson invited any senator to stand up and say if he knew of any similar contributions to senators favoring the bill. No one rose.

Duty To Investigate Johnson said the Senate has "an obligation" to investigate the incident. At present, he said, there is an absence of "any tangible evidence from which proper conclusions may be drawn."

Knowland, supporting Johnson, told the senators they have a "clear and present duty" to proceed with the investigation.

Knowland joined Johnson in emphasizing that the issues posed by the incident are "separate and apart from the merits of the legislation."

DOW-JONES AVERAGES New York—(U.P.)—Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 478.57, up 1.13; 20 railroads 158.74, off 0.48; 15 utilities 65.69, up 1.10, and 65 stocks 170.06, up 0.51. Sales today were about 2,230,000 shares.

Salem—(U.P.)—Mrs. Katherine Musa of The Dalles has filed her candidacy for reelection to the Oregon House of Representatives. She will seek the Democratic nomination.

Colonists Pelt Premier Mollet

Bus Driver Walks 8 Hours in Storm To Save Passengers

Vehicle Stranded in New Mexico Blizzard

Tucumcari, N. M.—(U.P.)—A heroic bus driver lay half-blinded in a hospital bed today, the victor in an eight-hour battle with a killer blizzard to rescue fifteen passengers trapped in a snowbound bus.

John Hearon, the 38-year-old blizzard for eight hours until early Sunday when he finally stumbled blindly into a gas station near Glenrio in eastern New Mexico, 10 miles from the stalled bus.

State police, following snow plows, rescued the passengers a short time later. They were driven in another bus to Albuquerque, N. M., to continue their separate ways without getting a chance to personally thank the man who saved their lives.

20-Hour Wait Hearon's bus, bound from Amarillo, Tex., stalled in a snow drift at 9 a.m. Saturday. The passengers were rescued 20 hours later.

Hearon, with his temporarily snow-blinded eyes swathed in bandages, related from his hospital bed his struggle with the elements through swollen lips.

He wore only low-cut shoes, woolen trousers and his regulation driver's jacket when he set off from the bus to seek aid.

"I lost all idea of time," Hearon said. "I just knew I'd been walking a long time. My legs were numb and I knew I was mighty cold."

Joe Brownlee of Tucumcari was the first to arrive at the bus. Driving a power wagon, he carried supplies for the passengers, who had been without food for 20 hours. Two sandwiches among them had been given to the only child aboard, two-year-old Patricia Henderson, daughter of Mrs. Ruth Henderson of Rayville, Ia.

Patricia never cried during the long wait. But the commotion at the bus terminal when the passengers arrived at Albuquerque was too much for her and she burst into tears.

Norris Turner, 27, a passenger from Houston, Tex., said he volunteered to accompany Hearon, but the bus driver urged him to remain behind and help the other passengers keep up their morale.

Robert Posey, 19, an airman stationed at Point Mugu, Calif., was unable to report back to his base before his pass ran out and said he hoped his superiors would understand.

"When it got dark," Posey said, "we started to worry. We talked about trying to walk it ourselves but decided to wait until it got light in the morning. Then, they came and got us."

None of the passengers required hospitalization, but all were given precautionary penicillin shots.

Portland—(U.P.)—The Very Rev. James W. F. Carman will be consecrated the bishop coadjutor of the Episcopal diocese here tomorrow.

Weather

FORECAST: Clear this evening. Fog or low cloudiness Tuesday morning. Variable high cloudiness Tuesday afternoon and evening. Low tonight 23-25. High Tuesday 50.

Highest yesterday 49. Lowest this morning 25. Precipitation 0.00. Temp. trace to 4:30 a.m. today.

Donors Needed To Help Blood Program And March of Dimes

The Jackson county blood program and the March of Dimes stand to benefit tomorrow if 250 blood donors contribute when the bloodmobile visits Medford Wednesday.

During last month's television auction for the March of Dimes, sponsored by the Crater Lions club, \$540 was pledged for the fight against polio if 250 donors could be obtained for the bloodmobile.

Today Lions club officials said slightly more than 150 donors had been obtained and urged other donors to call the Red Cross at 3-3813 to make an appointment.

The bloodmobile will be at the Elks Temple, Fifth st. and North Central ave. from 1 to 6 p.m.

Russia Charges U.S. Propaganda Balloons Released

Washington—(U.P.)—The State Department today was expected to reject a Russian protest alleging that the United States has sent "propaganda balloons" some equipped with aerial cameras and radios, over Soviet territory.

The department said Sunday it had received such a protest and had it under consideration. The protest was handed to U.S. Ambassador Charles E. Bohlen in Moscow by Deputy Soviet foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko. A similar protest was made to the Turkish ambassador, alleging that the balloons were launched from Turkey.

Largely Number Claimed The Russian note said a "large number" of balloons weighing up to 1,400 pounds were discovered in Soviet air space last month. It said some of them carried "automatic photographic cameras for aerial photography."

Others carried radio transmitters and receivers, it was charged.

The note said the balloons were launched by "American military organs" from West Germany and from U.S. air bases "on the territory of several states bordering on the Soviet Union."

Not U.S. Balloons A State Department spokesman said the United States does not release "propaganda balloons" for flight over Russia or anywhere else in the world. He said some small, private groups in West Germany have released such balloons in the past.

Most of the balloons are launched by the American-financed, non-government "Crusade for Freedom" and by "Radio Free Europe," both of which ordinarily use launching sites in West Germany.

The State Department spokesman noted also that the United States announced last month it was expanding its programs of launching high-altitude balloons to collect weather data. But it was considered unlikely any of these were interfering with Russian air traffic.

Search for Mrs. Oregon Launched in Portland

Portland—(U.P.)—The search for Mrs. Oregon of 1956 opened today with more than \$1,000 in prizes already lined up for the winner—plus a trip to Florida to compete for the Mrs. America crown and \$15,000 in May.

Any Oregon housewife over 21 may enter the contest which is sponsored by the Portland Gas and Coke company. Contest Chairmen Jim Sechser said that while attractiveness and poise would be considered, more attention would be paid to cooking, sewing and other household skills.

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Business Students Hold Career Day

About 175 junior and senior high school students are meeting today with Medford businessmen at the First Methodist church, 607 West Main st., to discuss what businessmen expect from their employees.

Students attending the "career day" all attend business and commercial classes at Ashland, Prospect, Eagle Point, Jacksonville, Phoenix, Butte Falls and Rogue River schools.

In an attempt to answer the question of why high school graduates may have difficulty obtaining employment, more than 30 local businessmen are serving on stenography, typing, bookkeeping, general business and business machine panels.

They will provide information about what degree of skill is required for different jobs, and traits they consider desirable in employees. Information gained from the career day activities may be used to establish standards for high school business and commercial courses, according to Stewart Hopper, Eagle Point High school teacher.

Portland Woman Injured In Second Story Fall

Portland—(U.P.)—A tumble from a second story window onto a shed roof resulted in severe face cuts to a 43-year-old Portland woman today.

Police said Mrs. Seda J. King apparently walked into a store-room of her house by mistake and fell through the window.

Her husband said he was sleeping when the accident happened and he found his wife later lying on the roof.

Light Said Thrown on Origin of Planets

Williams Bay, Wis.—(U.P.)—Dr. Gerard P. Kuiper, research astronomer, said today the discovery that only eight planets exist instead of nine "throws considerable light on the origin of the planets."

Kuiper, of the Yerkes Observatory at Williams Bay, said he learned in April and May of 1955 that Pluto is not a true planet.

He presented his findings to a National Conference on Geophysics at Washington Thursday night.

Kuiper, 50, said several factors substantiated the belief that Pluto is not a planet in the usual sense of the word.

He said Pluto was smaller, followed a different orbit and rotated slower than the planets.

"Pluto did not start out as a planet," he told the United Press. "It started out as one of the three moons of the planet Neptune. All three broke away, but Neptune recaptured two of them. Pluto, however, remained in a separate orbit."

work of astronomers at Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Ariz., and McDonald Observatory near El Paso, Tex.

Kuiper, in explaining the phenomenon of Pluto, said the solar system was formed by contracting gas clouds. The main body became the sun and fringe clouds became the planets and their satellites.

This formation took place about five billion years ago and Pluto assumed the characteristics of a planet two to three hundred million years later, he said.

Kuiper modestly refrained from placing more significance on his discovery, aided by the