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Pedestrian Accidents Kill Two

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Weather

FORECAST: Fair through Friday. Patches valley fog in morning. Low tonight 23. High Friday near 60. Highest Yesterday 55. Lowest this Morning 22.

John S. Hawkins, Gold Hill Boy Struck By Vehicles

County's First Fatal Accidents This Year

Two pedestrians, one of them a seven-year-old Gold Hill boy, were killed in separate traffic accidents last night and early this morning, according to state police. They are the first fatalities in Jackson county this year.

John S. Hawkins, 80, of the veterans administration domiciliary at Camp White, was killed almost instantly about 8:05 p.m. yesterday when he was struck by a pickup truck operated by Dale R. Flowers, 52, of 306 Apple st., Medford, police said.

Hawkins, police said, left Hunter's tavern at Highway 62, four corners, about five miles north of here, and started crossing the highway. Police said Flowers told them he saw Hawkins barely in time to apply the brakes.

County Coroner Carlos W. Morris said that Mark Eugene Smith, 7, route 1, box 411, Gold Hill, was killed instantly when he was struck by a car as he ran across Highway 99 about a mile south of Rogue River junction about 8 a.m. today.

Officers said the youngster, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert M. Smith, was hit by a northbound auto driven by George Bennett McGill Jr., 37, of 116 Black Oak dr., Medford.

The boy's sister, Sharon Louise, reported that Mark and a small friend, Gus Strom, saw the school bus coming and ran out across the highway right behind a southbound car, according to officers. They reported that McGill tried to swerve and miss the youngsters but was unable to avoid hitting the Smith boy.

Funeral Arrangements. Conger-Morris funeral home is in charge of arrangements for both Hawkins and the Smith boy.

Another accident yesterday morning involved three cars. A vehicle operated by Dean Wright Chapman, 25, of 4334 Hillinger rd., was traveling north on Highway 99 when it stopped to make a left turn into Bear Creek Orchards. Chapman's vehicle was struck from behind by a car driven by Kenneth Dean Rotan, 16, of 397 Griffin Creek rd., forcing it out into the southbound lane of traffic where it collided with a car driven by Allen Wayne Rettman, 25, of 1250 Iowa st., according to state police.

Lulu May March, 32, of 4334 Hillinger rd., a passenger with Chapman, received a sprained neck, police said. Rotan was cited for no driver's license.

There was a minor accident at the Stage rd. railroad crossing at 9:10 a.m., yesterday, when a car driven by Charles William Marshall, 27, of 101 Western ave., collided with a Southern Pacific switch engine. Damage was minor, police said.

Property Tax Exemption Filing Deadline April 1

Salem —(U.P.)— Disabled war veterans and war widows must apply by April 1 for state property tax exemptions, the Oregon Department of Veterans' affairs said today.

The exemption amounts to \$7500 of the true cash value of the property. Application is filed with the county assessor.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES

New York —(U.P.)— Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrial 467.22, off 4.01; 20 railroads 154.81, off 1.70; 15 utilities 64.92, off 0.34, and 65 stocks 168.32, off 1.44. Sales today were about 2,080,000 shares compared with 2,170,000 yesterday.

Mollet Appoints Economics Chief To Algeria Post

Opposition Forces Change of Mind

Algiers, Algeria —(U.P.)— Premier Guy Mollet today named Robert LaCoste, his Socialist minister of economics, to take over the post of resident minister and try to restore peace to turbulent Algeria.

The Premier originally had indicated he would name Max LeJeune, the Algerian secretary of state for war, to the post, but growing opposition to the selection apparently caused him to change his mind.

Targets of Attacks LeJeune led the 2000-strong security forces which flew from Paris to protect Mollet during his brief visit to Algiers. The security forces themselves became the targets of attacks in rioting which swept Algiers Monday.

Mollet said LaCoste accepted the appointment immediately and would fly to Algiers tomorrow when Mollet will swear him in. LaCoste already had met in Paris with President Rene Coty and Minister of State Pierre Mendes-France.

The new appointment was announced as Algiers braced for possible new outbreaks against Mollet himself, threatened by the powerful war veterans groups which called for his resignation and threatened demonstrations against the U. S. and British consulates.

Forced Resignation The veterans Monday forced the resignation of Gen. Georges Catroux as resident minister. Mollet wound up his third and final day of consultations today with Algerian leaders in his efforts to solve the Algerian crisis that flared into open insurrection 15 months ago.

Neuberger Urges Disaster Insurance

Washington — Senator Richard L. Neuberger urged enactment of a federal disaster insurance bill which he is cosponsoring in a speech on the senate floor, according to word received here today.

Neuberger cited personal losses suffered by Oregon residents in recent floods along the Rogue, Umpqua, Coquille, Willamette and other river basins. He read from letters he has received from Oregon flood victims. Neuberger took the position that the government must provide some means of reimbursing flood victims, and of commencing public works river projects to lessen peril of future disasters, according to a telegram from Loyd Tupling, assistant to Neuberger.

Portland —(U.P.)— Portland General Electric Co. said it would call for first bids for actual construction of portions of its Pelton dam project Feb. 13.

2 Medford Guardsmen Are Named To Direct Campaign

Two Medford National Guardsmen have been appointed to direct the one-day recruiting campaign here Sunday, Feb. 19.

Lt. Donald Ivie, executive officer of headquarters company, first battalion, and Lt. Jack Phillips, platoon leader in Company A, both of the 186th Infantry, were appointed to direct the campaign for their respective units.

The one-day recruiting campaign is designed to enlist 75,000 new National Guardsmen throughout the country needed to meet the fiscal year goal established by Congress.

Drill Period Slated Guard members will devote all day to recruiting following a two-hour drill period at the armory that morning. In addition, the armory will hold an open house for equipment inspection by residents.

Ivie and Phillips said a house-to-house canvass will be held enabling parents and interested personnel to obtain data concerning military obligations of young men.

National Guard personnel will be available at the Armory to answer questions concerning operations of the Guard, and how military obligations may be fulfilled while serving in the National Guard. Officials pointed out that enlistees in the Guard become part of the Ready Reserve, and may fulfill their obligation with the Medford units.

Officials said anyone interested in the National Guard program may contact representatives at the Armory during weekdays or at weekly drill nights Mondays and Tuesdays at the armory.

Southern California Jarred by Earthquake

240-Mile Area Reports Temblor; Damage Said Minor

Pre-Breakfast Jolt Cracks Pipes, Buildings

El Centro, Calif. —(U.P.)— A jolting pre-breakfast earthquake followed by aftershocks rocked a 240-mile portion of Southern California today with light damage.

The heavy temblor, apparently surging up from Mexico, set buildings swaying in San Diego, cracked windows there and shattered them in Calexico, a border town near El Centro, and started a short circuit fire here.

There were no reports of casualties.

The quake was the second in three months to shake Imperial Valley and it came after local tremors that shook Los Angeles Monday night.

Centered in Mexico Seismographs recorded the first shock, a heavy one, at 6:33 a.m. (PST). Aftershocks followed at 7:03 a.m. and 7:24 a.m. Dr. Charles Richter, seismologist of the California Institute of Technology at Pasadena, said the epicenter was "well into Mexico."

With a 6.8 intensity rating on a scale of 10, it could have caused serious damage to any populated center above its epicenter. The 1906 San Francisco quake had an intensity of 8.25 and the "killer quake" that hit Long Beach with major damage in 1933 was rated at 6.25.

The first shock knocked the visible recorder at Cal Tech off its tape "as usual when we have a major quake," Richter said. Windows rattled in Los Angeles. In San Diego, the first temblor lasted a full minute. Early breakfasting patrons at downtown hotels rushed into the streets. A low rumbling sound accompanied the roller.

Water Main Broken In Holtville, a neighbor of El Centro, a water main was broken. Inspectors were rushed to patrol the All-American Canal, the lifeline of this normally arid agricultural region.

It was believed the temblor cracked out of the famed San Andreas Fault, the major rift in the Earth's surface that runs the length of California and that caused the San Francisco quake and resulting fire in 1906.

Stores reported displays fallen and goods on shelves dumped to the floors. Broken windows were a dime a dozen in this area.

Diminishing aftershocks still were occurring two hours after the first jolt.

Riverside, Calif., felt the quake for 10 seconds. It jarred Yuma, Ariz., but sheriff's deputies reported no damage.

San Diego Gets Damage The San Diego area reported minor damage. In the downtown Land Title Building a water pipe broke on the sixth floor. Cracks appeared on the outside walls of large buildings. Plaster fell and windows were broken in residences.

Ensenada, Mex., a little tourist town 90 miles south of San Diego, reported the quake caused no damage.

The jolt was felt as far north as Ventura, some 240 miles from the border.

Residents of the San Gabriel and San Fernando valleys and the beach cities south of Los Angeles also felt the jar.

Mt. Vernon, Wash. —(U.P.)— Two slight earth tremors rocked Mt. Vernon last night, tumbling a few canned goods off grocery shelves, and toppling a couple of old chimneys, police said today.

Police said no damage was reported and "nobody got too excited."

The first quake was recorded at 4:48 p.m. and the second shock occurred at 5:29 p.m.

Portland —(U.P.)— Portland State college marked its first anniversary today with an assembly and cake-cutting ceremony.

Resignation of Air Force Aide May Bring Probe

Military Group To Examine Missile Sum

Washington —(U.P.)— The sudden resignation of Air Force Research Chief Trevor Gardner brought quick assurances today of two Senate inquiries into a Pentagon row over guided missiles.

Gardner, assistant air secretary for research and development who will be called for questioning, announced yesterday he is quitting because his superiors shaved his research requests by \$200,000,000.

He told a packed news conference that intercontinental ballistic missile development should be put on an "emergency wartime basis," and more money is needed for "many programs." He said "a large number" of scientists outside the Pentagon share his anxiety over American progress compared with Russian.

May Ask Testimony

Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D-Wash.), persistent critic of administration defense policies, said he would call Gardner before his Military Applications subcommittee, which would carefully examine whether or not enough money is being spent on missiles and would call Gardner "if necessary."

The 40-year-old research chief's resignation, which President Eisenhower is expected to accept in a few days, came at a critical time for the GOP administration. Gardner's claims fed new ammunition to Democratic critics who already were hammering away at alleged lags in missile development and defense economizing.

Collect 330 Pints For Bloodmobile

The Red Cross bloodmobile collected 330 pints of blood yesterday, going "over the top" by 80 pints, it was announced today. Red Cross volunteers were jubilant over the 386 persons who were processed during the day, and commented especially on the 150 first-time donors.

They reported 81 drop-ins, who were "squeezed in" between appointments. Fifty-six would-be donors were rejected for medical reasons and 51 failed to keep appointments.

Many persons turned away due to lack of appointment time were encouraged to make appointments for the April bloodmobile visit.

Workers commended what they termed "excellent community cooperation and publicity," especially that of the March of Dimes auction and the Crater Lions club, the press, radio and television.

Jackson County Made Feed Disaster Area

Washington —(U.P.)— The Agriculture Department today designated 17 counties in five states as disaster areas where eligible farmers and ranchers may participate in the emergency feed program.

The counties included: Oregon—Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine.

Ashland justice of peace. The latter two will appear on a non-partisan ballot.

The district attorney position, which pays \$5,000 from the state and \$2,500 (at present) from the county, is held by Walter Nunley. Candidates file with the secretary of state.

The county commissioner position held by Morthland, which is open for this year's election, pays \$4,800, and is for four years. The county assessor's position, currently held by Robert G. Fowler, is for four years and pays \$5,000. Fowler has announced that he will not seek reelection.

County Treasurer The four-year term of county treasurer pays \$4,500 annually. Karl Janouch has held the position since his appointment to fill the unexpired term of the late Ralph Sweeney.

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Truman, MacArthur Differ on Versions Of War II Discharge

New York —(U.P.)— Former President Truman and Gen. Douglas MacArthur today gave sharply conflicting versions of Mr. Truman's world-shaking firing of MacArthur as Far East commander.

Mr. Truman said he dismissed MacArthur because "I could no longer tolerate his insubordination." MacArthur denied that he was insubordinate and said his dismissal "may well have been triggered" by his recommendation that a treason trial be initiated to break up a spy ring that was stealing his top secret reports to Washington.

MacArthur said he published his version of the famous firing because "Mr. Truman's narration does such violence to the truth that to remain silent would be a disservice to the nation."

The two versions appeared in

separate articles published today by Life magazine. Mr. Truman's version of the dismissal was contained in the latest installment of his memoirs; MacArthur's in a special article giving his version of the dismissal.

Engineers Estimate \$1,900,000 Damage To Rogue Basin

Roseburg — December flood damage in the Rogue basin was estimated at \$1,900,000 by a preliminary survey of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Robert Root, Medford, member of the state water resources board, has announced.

Root, who met with representatives of Umpqua basin communities, said state damage was estimated at \$13,000,000. Of this, about \$9,600,000 damages were in the Willamette basin; \$1,900,000 in the Rogue basin; \$1,000,000 in the Umpqua watershed; and \$900,000 along the Coquille river.

The preliminary survey was conducted in the Rogue area early in January by two men from the corps of engineers. Funds are now available for a complete damage survey by the engineers which is expected to start in the immediate future and final damage estimates are expected to be considerably higher, Root said.

Only a quirk in the weather, Root said, prevented Southern Oregon, rather than Northern California, from bearing the brunt of the storms. The weather bureau told him forecasters had predicted the storm would center on Sexton mountain, about 19 miles north of Grants Pass.

If the course of the storm had not changed and hit Northern California, Root said, the Rogue River area would have received more than eight inches of rain Dec. 21, 1955, and the Rogue river would have had to carry 2.7 times as much water as it did. The Umpqua would have had to carry 2.5 times as much and the Willamette 1.75 times.

Olympia —(U.P.)— The State Supreme court has ruled that use of radar by the state patrol to detect speeding vehicles does not violate the state speed trap law.

Approve Federal Funds for Airport

The Civil Aeronautics administration yesterday approved allocation of \$37,440 federal funds for improvement of Medford municipal airport.

The funds are part of a request submitted to the CAA by the city last November, asking permission to undertake \$222,000 worth of airport improvements over a three year period. Of the total amount the city would provide \$79,266 and the federal government would provide the remainder under a program of federal airport aid.

Of yesterday's allocation, \$23,445 is earmarked for improvement of runways. Plans call for complete resurfacing the main runway; resurfacing to the east end of the cross runway; and a resurfacing and sealing taxiways. Additional funds will be furnished by the city.

An allocation of \$13,995 will be used to acquire land for a "clear" zone at each end of the main runway. The clear zones, from which all obstacles will be removed, will facilitate instrument landings.

Other projects proposed on the three year program include installation of a high intensity lighting system, paving of parking areas, construction of a new approach road, and landscaping.

30 Days Remain for Filing Declaration Of Candidacy for Primary Election

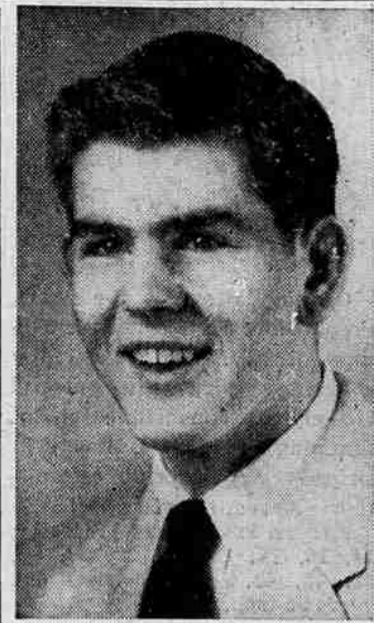
Only one person has filed his declaration of candidacy for county office and one has announced his intention to file for the May 18 primary election. Thirty days remain before the March 9 filing deadline.

One other person, Linn Nesmith, has filed for precinct committeeman out of a possible 396 candidates representing the county's 96 precincts.

Seeks Nomination

Ray J. Shumacher, Medford realtor, is seeking the Democratic nomination for county assessor and County Commissioner L. G. (Shy) Morthland has announced his intention to file for reelection.

Eight county offices are to be filled this year. They are those of commissioner, district attorney, county assessor, treasurer, superintendent of schools, surveyor, district court judge and



NATHAN C. DOUTHIT Winner of Annual Elks Leadership Contest



VICKI J. NOEL Winner of Annual Elks Leadership Contest

Crater High Students Win Youth Leadership Contest of Elks Club

Two Crater High school students have been selected as winners in the annual Elks Youth Leadership contest, Aubrey Sanders, exalted ruler of the local lodge, has announced.

Winners are Nathan C. Douthit, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Douthit, route 1, box 163, Central Point, and Miss Vicki J. Noel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Noel, 231 North Second st., Central Point.

Sanders said personal brochures of both will be forwarded to the state chairman for statewide committee judging.

Basis of Selection

Winners are selected on basis of leadership, citizenship appreciation, perseverance and resourcefulness, and sense of honor. Leadership includes initiative, organizational ability and influence on others, while sense of honor includes integrity, honesty, sportsmanship, general character and reputation.

State winners will be eligible to compete in the Elks' national leadership contest. The national contest has prizes totaling \$8,500 in United States Defense bonds.

Three other high school students from Jackson county received honorable mention in the local contest.

They are Carol Denman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Denman, 104 Geneva st., Medford;

Armory Plans Still Awaiting Approval

Final approval of the revised plans for the proposed Medford armory is still awaiting action of the bureau of the budget, local architects in charge were informed yesterday.

Lt. Col. Paul L. Kliever, armory officer for the state military department, said he has checked with the National Guard bureau in Washington, D. C., as to the status of the armory, and was advised it had not yet been allotted funds by the budget bureau. This action, however, is expected in the "immediate future" he was told.

A representative of the Oregon military department will be in Washington Monday, Colonel Kliever said, and if approval has not yet been given, he will check personally on the cause of the delay.

The armory, to be financed from state, federal, county and city funds, is planned for a site at the county fairgrounds. It replaces the old structure which burned down several years ago.

Springfield Trucker Killed by Falling Log

Springfield —(U.P.)— Robert Herzog, 26, of Springfield, was killed today by a log that fell from the truck he operated.

Herzog was employed at the Webster and Scoggins logging operations three miles east of Leaburg. Witnesses told Coroner Fred Buell that Herzog was adjusting the binder chains on his load when the log came loose and crushed him.

Sharon Lee James, Phoenix High school, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack K. James, route 3, box 218D, Medford; and Bruce Kellington, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Kellington, 87 Perrydale ave., Medford.

Engraved wristwatches were presented winners.

Water Fluoridation Favored by County Medical Society

The Jackson County Medical society last night went on record approving the addition of fluoride to municipal water supplies in Jackson county.

The society, which includes medical doctors practicing in the county, met at the Medford hotel last night. The resolution was adopted unanimously.

The resolution reads: "Whereas the adjustment of the fluoride content in municipal water supplies to the amounts and by the methods recommended by the American Dental association and the United States Public Health service has been shown to be non-toxic and to materially reduce the rate of dental caries (cavities and decay) in children and in adults reared with the optimal intake;

"And whereas the American Medical association, the American Dental association, the National Research Council, the Association for the Advancement of Science and many other conservative and responsible scientific groups urge this method of improving dental health as safe and effective;

"And whereas the principal cities in this county have only trace amounts of fluoride; "We, the members of the Jackson County Medical society do urge the governing bodies of the cities of the county to promptly take those steps necessary to optimally fluoridate our municipal water supplies."

The action of the society was a reaffirmation of resolution endorsing fluoridation of water supplies, passed some time ago.

Bing Crosby's Son Held For Drunk Driving

Tacoma —(U.P.)— Phillip Crosby, 21-year-old son of crooner Bing Crosby, was arrested yesterday on a warrant charging him with driving under the influence of liquor when his car struck an elderly pedestrian Tuesday.

He was released from the Pierce county jail after posting \$250 bail. Sheriff's deputies said Crosby's car knocked down Ace Brightwell, 79, on the street in front of Brightwell's home Tuesday afternoon. The Army private was not held then, but a complaint was filed by Pierce County Deputy Prosecutor Walter Cavanaugh after further investigation yesterday.