

U. S. railroads in 1954 established a passenger fatality safety mark of .07 per 100,000,000 passenger miles.

Copco Motion Picture Shown at Rotary Club

A motion picture showing the California Oregon Power company's extensive development of the Umpqua river and its tributaries, was shown at Tuesday's luncheon meeting of the Medford Rotary club.

The film, shown at the Jackson hotel, was produced by Morrison-Knudson, contracting firm participating in the Copco Umpqua hydroelectric program. John Boyle, Copco general manager, was chairman and commented on the company's long range

\$100,000,000 power development of the southern Oregon-northern California area.

George W. Minnaugh, state sales director for savings bonds for the U. S. treasury department in Portland, presented a five-year pin to Morris B. Leonard Sr., Jackson county savings bonds chairman, for long and noteworthy service in bonds sales here.

Wanted: Teacher Who Likes To Row Boat

Bloomington, N. J. — (U.P.) A Bloomington school principal is casting about for a teacher who likes to row boats. The problem facing Principal Walter Bergen of the Bloomington school is this: Bruce Dumont, 12, a sixth-grade student broke a leg while skiing recently. The boy lives with his family on an island in nearby Glenwild lake. Bruce needs tutoring three times weekly, but the teacher must row to the boy's home because the island is accessible only by boat.

Sack Arguments Delayed By Court Until April 18

Salem — (U.P.) — The State Supreme Court has postponed until April 18 the date for attorneys to present arguments in the appealed case of George Sack, under death sentence for the 1954 slaying of his wife, Goldie. The arguments originally were scheduled to be heard tomorrow. The delay was requested by Sack's attorney, J. P. Hannon, who is defending Wey Him Fong in Fong's retrial for murder in Portland.

Ike's Donkey Held Up By Customs Authorities

Washington — (U.P.) — Secretary of State John Foster Dulles said Tuesday night a donkey sent to President Eisenhower by Generalissimo Franco of Spain is being temporarily held up by customs authorities in New York. But Dulles assured guests at a dinner for Spanish Foreign Minister Alberto Martin Artajo the donkey is not being held up because it is a "symbol of the Democratic party."



WALKING TO PLANE, President Eisenhower smiles at well-wishers as he departs from Washington for golfing vacation in Augusta, Ga. With him are Mrs. John S. Doud, Mrs. Eisenhower and Lt. Col. William Draper, Air Force aide. (International)

District 49 Board Discusses Merger; Budget Meeting Set

Board members of Medford School District 49 will soon meet with directors of West Side and Oak Grove school districts to lay plans for merger of the three districts.

Consolidation, which was overwhelmingly approved by Oak Grove, West Side and Medford voters Monday, was a major discussion topic at the Tuesday night District 49 board meeting. No date has been set for the joint board session.

Three Budgets

Three separate budgets will be drawn up and voted on by the individual districts. These budgets will be administered from the Medford school district.

A single budget will be established for the consolidated district the following year.

Meanwhile, board members set April 24 for the first Medford school board committee meeting. The board will hold a preliminary budget meeting on April 17.

Three vacancies exist on the budget committee and school directors discussed several possible candidates. New members will be selected to replace Herb Gray and John Dellenback, whose terms have expired, and William Barker, who is now a school board member and is ineligible to serve on the committee. Barker's replacement will serve for one year and the others will serve for three years. Still on the committee are Dr. Lee Melish and Hugh Coleman.

Renovations Planned

The board authorized Superintendent Leonard Mayfield to study feasibility of renovations to Medford High school and additions to Hedrick Junior high, and report his findings at the May 8 board meeting. The changes have been under consideration for more than a year.

At Medford High school proposed changes are addition of classroom space by removing spectator seating facilities in the gymnasium, and construction of two more classrooms to accommodate expected enrollment increases. Spectator seating facilities in the high school gymnasium are no longer needed since the games are now played at Hedrick Junior high.

Proposed changes at Hedrick Junior high include completion of four basement rooms to accommodate increased enrollment of students in that area. The rooms would be for book repair, special education and public speaking purposes and one regular classroom. This phase of the building was not included in the original construction bid.

Carpenters Ponder Shorter Work Week

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Members of the Carpenters union will soon consider asking for a shorter work week in addition to a shorter work day.

Frank Chapman, treasurer and director of organization of the union, said carpenters are seeking a seven-hour day in the San Francisco bay area. "The time is coming when we will have to consider asking for a shorter work week, as well," he said.

Chapman spoke yesterday before the Northwestern Council of the Lumber and Sawmill workers, a division of the Carpenters union.

Ready to Discuss Merger

Chapman also said the carpenters are ready to discuss merger with the CIO Woodworkers, who claim 40,000 members in the Northwest. He said the union is currently negotiating merger with the CIO United Furniture workers.

The Northwestern council is made up of lumber and sawmill locals in Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, California and Nevada. Chapman said locals in Arizona and New Mexico will soon be invited to join. The council's major function is to negotiate contracts for its members.

School directors also authorized Mayfield to propose adjustments in salaries of janitors, cafeteria personnel and secretaries to bring them in line with salaries of similar personnel in 17 other school districts.

After considerable discussion on deeding of roads leading to Jefferson school, the board authorized Mayfield to discuss the matter with city and county officials.

During the meeting the board hired William Ruck as an additional faculty member for Medford High school. He has taught at Phoenix High school for three years and at Crater High school and Central Point Junior high for three years.

In other business the board discussed selection of an auditor, policy on placing the district's insurance business and summer band plans, and approved bills totalling \$42,809.59.

It was reported that Miss Irene Hallberg, elementary school supervisor for the state department of education, will be in Medford April 16-20 to evaluate elementary schools here.

A report was also made on the Oregon state janitors' school which will be held in Medford June 14-16. Approximately 200 are expected to attend the sessions.

A guest at the meeting was Harold Beall, superintendent of Springfield public schools.

Hearing Scheduled In Mistake Shooting

Las Vegas — (U.P.) — The preliminary hearing for Mrs. Dorothy Pursley, 44, accused of shooting her former stepdaughter by mistake in an attempt on a rival's life has been set for April 30.

Mrs. Pursley, Phoenix, faces an attempted murder charge in the wounding of Paula A. Pursley, 26, a Berkeley, Calif., Girl Scout field director, March 14 in a hotel room here.

Police said Mrs. Pursley admitted wounding Miss Pursley by mistake in an attempt to shoot Patricia Pratt, Seattle, the bride of the suspects' former husband, William A. Pursley, 51.

The suspect threw open a hotel room door and opened fire with a revolver at a woman she saw standing inside, police reported.

Miss Pursley had a kidney removed after the shooting.

Mother Says Death Of Child Accidental

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — A former mental patient has denied she murdered her four-year-old daughter and insisted the child died in an accident caused by escaping heater fumes.

Mrs. Jean E. Shaw, 35, has been arraigned on a charge of murdering her daughter, Susan. The girl's body was found Sunday in a suitcase on a vacant lot.

Mrs. Shaw previously told police she first poisoned and then gassed the child. The suspect, however, yesterday declared her innocence.

There are 36 letters in the Russian alphabet.

Selection Starts For Top Young Agriculturists

Pittsburgh — (U.P.) — The nation's steel capital became the farm capital of the country today.

The top young agriculturalists of the nation met here to climax a search for the four outstanding farmers of the United States.

Selection of the four top farmers in the 21-35 age group will be made from 48 state winners at an awards banquet Thursday night.

The 48 winners represent every state in the union with the exception of Delaware. Also represented was the territory of Hawaii.

Selected by Jaycees

The second annual search for the four top farmers began last December when more than 600 chapters of the U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce selected the outstanding farmer of their communities. The 48 finalists were weeded out through local and state eliminations.

The finalists were selected on the basis of farming achievement, practice of soil conservation and service to their communities.

Winners of the first annual talent search sponsored by the Jaycees and the American Petroleum Institute last year included a farmer who developed a 167-acre swampland into a \$100,000 top grade farm of 620 acres and a truck farmer who created his farm from raw, undeveloped alkaline land.

Major Forms Covered

This year's finalists cover all the major forms of American agriculture from livestock breeding to fruit farming.

The finalists gave President Eisenhower's farm views a boost when a poll revealed they favored flexible price supports instead of rigid supports.

Two-thirds of the young farmers also revealed in the poll they believed the proposed soil bank will become a strong factor in reducing agriculture surpluses.

Three Men Appear In Circuit Court

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered for Lee James Potter, 40, route 1, box 276, Central Point, who appeared in circuit court this morning after previously pleading guilty to a district attorney's information charging embezzlement.

Potter was released on his own recognizance and that of a Medford citizen. He was ordered to return to court on notification by the district attorney's office.

Archie George Loomis, 23, Grants Pass, pleaded guilty to a charge of burglary and his case was continued pending receipt of federal bureau of investigation reports.

Otto Holmes, 46, Klamath Falls, pleaded guilty to a charge of obtaining money by false pretenses. His case was also ordered continued pending receipt of FBI reports.

Klamath Man Selected IWA Council President

Klamath Falls — (U.P.) — H. E. Geiger, Klamath Falls, has been named president of the Klamath Basin district council of the International Woodworkers of America.

Geiger succeeds Tim Sullivan who has accepted a position as assistant director of organization for the IWA in Portland.

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