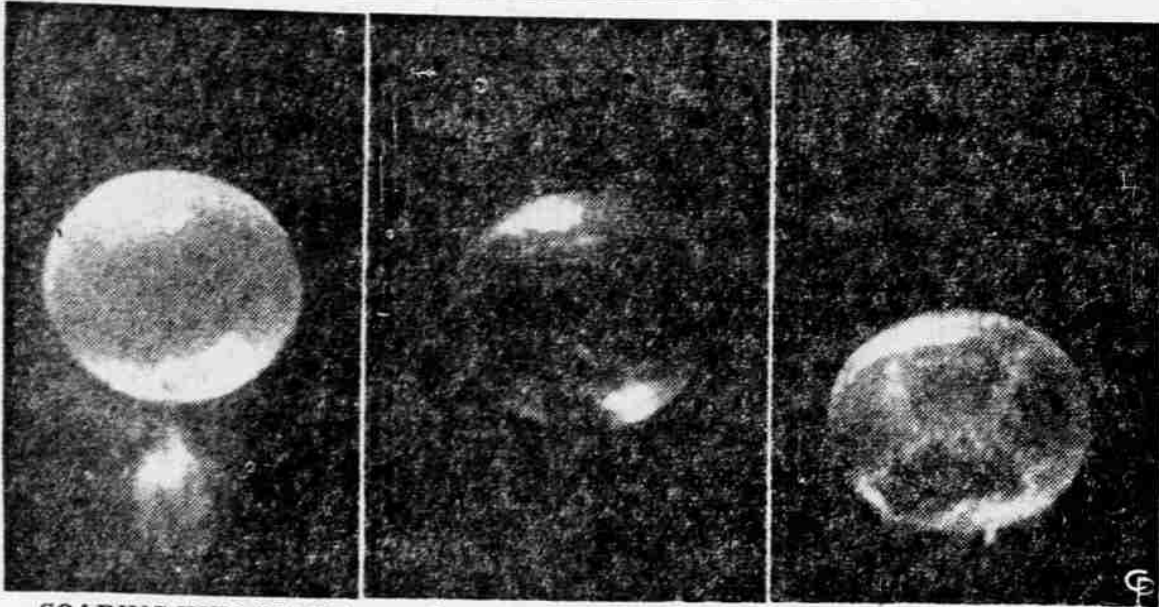


Elimination of State Property Tax Proposed in Bill Introduced in Senate



SOARING INTO SPACE more than 4,000 miles, a U. S. Air Force rocket is pictured as it starts its historic flight, higher than any other man-made object, from a balloon at Eniwetok atoll. Left, rocket flames start beneath the balloon; middle, rocket is inside balloon; right it is above balloon and on its way to outer space. (International Soundphoto)

Back Stairs: Queen's Lasting Impression

By MERRIMAN SMITH
United Press White House Writer
Washington — Back stairs at the White House:

Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip made a lasting impression on the White House.

A truck that came to pick up their baggage the night they departed banged into the large metal canopy over the entrance to the White House office wing and buckled it noticeably.

The canopy is still twisted at an angle, its supporting steel rods bent. There is a split down the center and a quite noticeable accordion pleat in part of the roof.

One observer said it would seem that the British weren't satisfied with burning the White House in 1814 they're trying to knock it down.

But the truth is that the offending truck belonged to the United States Army!

State Department protocol chief, Wiley T. Buchanan Jr. wore a worried look last Friday when, in an obvious flutter, he raced through the West Executive ave. entrance to the White House.

Buchanan is a gear for propriety, formality, dignity and punctuality. In fact, he carries himself with more regality than many of the diplomats and foreign leaders he presents to President Eisenhower.

One reason for his worried look may have been that he was late for the White House arrival of Paul Henry Spaak, the secretary general of NATO.

If Buchanan looked back to the record of some of his predecessors Buchanan might not worry so much about the preservation of starchy formality.

George Summerlin, who retired years ago, was one of the most famous protocol officers in history, and one of the most accomplished. George could present a queen to the President with flourish and aplomb seldom matched. Then he would walk to the side of the room, fish out a bag of Bull Durham from his tail coat and roll a cigarette in cowboy style without spilling a flake of tobacco.

Stanley Woodward, the protocol chief during the Truman administration, at one time was probably about as stiff as Buchanan. But under Harry Truman's influence, he became a study in proper but quite easy-going manners. He even learned to take a straight shot of bourbon out of a jelly glass.

It probably never will be announced, but it won't be denied — when Buchanan gave the heave-ho to his hard-working deputy, Victor Purse, he fired a man who was and still is highly popular around the White House.

Press Secretary James C. Hag-

erty has no intention of sticking his White House ear into the State Department family squabble between Buchanan and Purse. But he makes no secret of the fact that he considers Purse a good, personal friend.

Purse, according to White House gossip, earned Buchanan's dislike because "Vic" was consulted more and more on arrangements for high-ranking foreign visitors. Around the White House, they have rather firm reason to believe that Buchanan had known for some time that Purse wanted to leave protocol

work and return to his previous State Department field of personnel and congressional liaison.

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Salem — Elimination of the state property tax is provided in the first bill introduced in the State Senate Monday.

The bill was signed by Sens. Harry Boivin, Klamath Falls Democrat; Warren Gill, Lebanon Republican; and G. D. Gleason, Portland Democrat.

Another bill granting an exemption for persons 65 years of age or over from real property taxes on homesteads up to a true cash value of \$7,500 was introduced.

Senate President Boyd Overhulse strengthened the Senate Rules Committee by making it a 10-member committee with five Democrats and five Republicans making up its membership.

Members Named

Four members of the regular 1957 Senate Rules Committee will serve on the special session committee. They include Sens. Jean Lewis, Portland Democrat, chairman; Boivin, vice chairman; Howard Belton, Canby Republican; and Truman Chase, Eugene Republican. Sen. Walter Pearson, Portland Democrat, who was a member of the regular session committee, resigned because of the load of work falling on his shoulders as chairman of the Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation.

The new members of the committee named by Overhulse include Sens. John D. Hare, Hillsboro; Walter Leth, Monmouth; and Gill, all Republicans, and Dan Thiele, Astoria; Dwight H. Hopkins, Imbler; and Ward H. Cook, Portland, all Democrats.

Under amendments to the 1957 regular session rules, made at the afternoon session, all bills except those dealing with taxation and basic school fund will be referred to the rules committee after being printed and read for the first time. The basic school bills will go to the Senate Taxation Committee.

Sen. Monroe Sweetland, Milwaukie Democrat, was the only member of the Senate to vote against the change in the rules. "I voted 'no' because all-powerful rules committees have done great damage to the national legislative process and in a number of states," Sen. Sweetland said. "I do not want to see this practice gain a foothold in this state, even temporarily."

Bills Resubmitted

Overhulse added Republican Senator Yuri and Democratic Senator Alfred Corbett, Portland, to the Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation, making it a nine-member committee.

Three bills passed in the 1957 regular session and vetoed by Gov. Robert D. Holmes, were returned to the Senate by Secretary of State Mark Hatfield.

One, Senate bill 172, dealing with trust deeds was referred to Judiciary. Another allowing licensed sanitarians to lay sewer lines from homes to main sewers or cesspools instead of plumbers was referred to the Committee on Public Health. The third bill creating a new identification bureau in the state police department and allowing peace officers to finger-print persons convicted of misdemeanors involving sex, was referred to Judiciary Committee.

Jay Bowerman Funeral To Be Held Wednesday

Portland — Funeral services for Jay Bowerman, former governor of Oregon, will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the Finley Morninglight Chapel here. Commitment will be in Lincoln Memorial Park mausoleum.

Bowerman died Friday night at his home here at the age of 81.

EX-CONGRESSMAN DIES

New York — Joseph Clark Baldwin, 60, Republican member of Congress from 1941 through 1946, died Sunday night in a veterans administration hospital here. He was the first Republican ever elected to Congress in a special election from Manhattan's Democrat-dominated "silk stocking" district. He previously had served as New York City alderman, state senator and New York City councilman.

Wreath Laid in Tribute To Snell, Two Others

Sale — A memorial wreath in tribute to the late Gov. Earl Snell, Marshall Cornett and Robert S. Farrell was placed behind the state seal in the capitol rotunda Monday.

The wreath marked the 10th anniversary of the death of the three high state officials in an air crash. At the time, Snell was serving as governor, Cornett as Senate president and Farrell as secretary of state.

Washington — Agriculture Secretary Ezra T. Benson may ask Congress next year for authority to ease up on federal planting controls.

HILTS

Women Attend Bazaar

By MRS. M. F. CAVIN
Hilts — Mrs. Frank Graves, Mrs. Ernest Spannaus and Mrs. M. G. King attended the potluck dinner and bazaar given by the Ladies Aid at the Community church in Hornbrook Thursday.

Mrs. Agnes Cunial, who makes her home with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Eastman, is visiting in Yreka with her son, Gino, and family and another daughter, Mr. and Mrs. "Bus" Perry and family.

Mrs. Del Bagley, Mrs. Louie Fossetti and son, of Yreka, called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Williams last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest DeAvella and son of Yreka visited relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. W. Snook, who recently underwent major surgery at the Siskiyou County hospital is convalescing at her home here.

Mrs. Marjorie Snyder and daughter, Karen, of Medford visited Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Cavin and daughter Janet.

William Spannaus of Orville was a week end guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Spannaus.

Sympathy is extended to the Bob Goodwin family on the

death Wednesday, of Goodwin's grandmother, Mrs. Lena A. Puckett, who made her home with a daughter, Mrs. Leonard Wood near Central Point.

Services were held Saturday at the Community church in Cedarville, Calif., with the Rev. James W. Neely, of the First Baptist church of Medford, officiating. Interment was in the Cedarville cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Martin of Klamath Falls accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Francis Gwinn, made a business trip to Medford on Friday. Returning in the evening, they were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gwinn. They left Saturday morning for their home in Klamath Falls.

Welker Reported in Critical Condition

Washington — Former Idaho Sen. Herman Welker was in critical condition today following brain surgery.

The 50-year-old Republican was operated upon Monday night at the National Institutes of Health Clinical Center in suburban Bethesda, Md. Welker was admitted to the clinic Oct. 16 and underwent surgery the next day. The nature of the first operation was not discussed.

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Sherry Fong Jury Tentatively Chosen

Portland — A panel of 12 jurors was tentatively chosen in the fourth murder trial of Sherry Fong which opened Monday. Mrs. Fong is charged with second degree murder in the death of her babysitter, Diane Hank, 16, in 1954.

Of 28 prospective jurors questioned Monday 10 were excused for cause, eight of them because they admitted they had formed opinions on the case.

Mrs. Fong was brought from Rocky Butte jail where she has been since early 1955 waiting disposition of the case.

Chicago — The temptation must have been too much for 40-year-old Donald J. Dalman. He was sentenced to three years in prison Friday for writing phony checks on a check-writing machine he won in a poker game.

Littrell Proposes 25 Per Cent Tax Cut

Salem — A bill which would reduce income taxes 25 per cent in all brackets was one of three bills introduced in the House Monday by Representative Rep. E. A. Littrell, Medford.

Representative Littrell also introduced a bill which would repeal the present corporate excise tax law and revert to the law in effect prior to the 1957 regular session of the legislature.

His final bill would require that any future surplus in the State treasury in excess of \$10 million at the end of the biennium would be earmarked to undesignated bonded indebtedness.

Rep. Littrell's bill would also require that where there is no bonded indebtedness the surplus be put into the general fund.

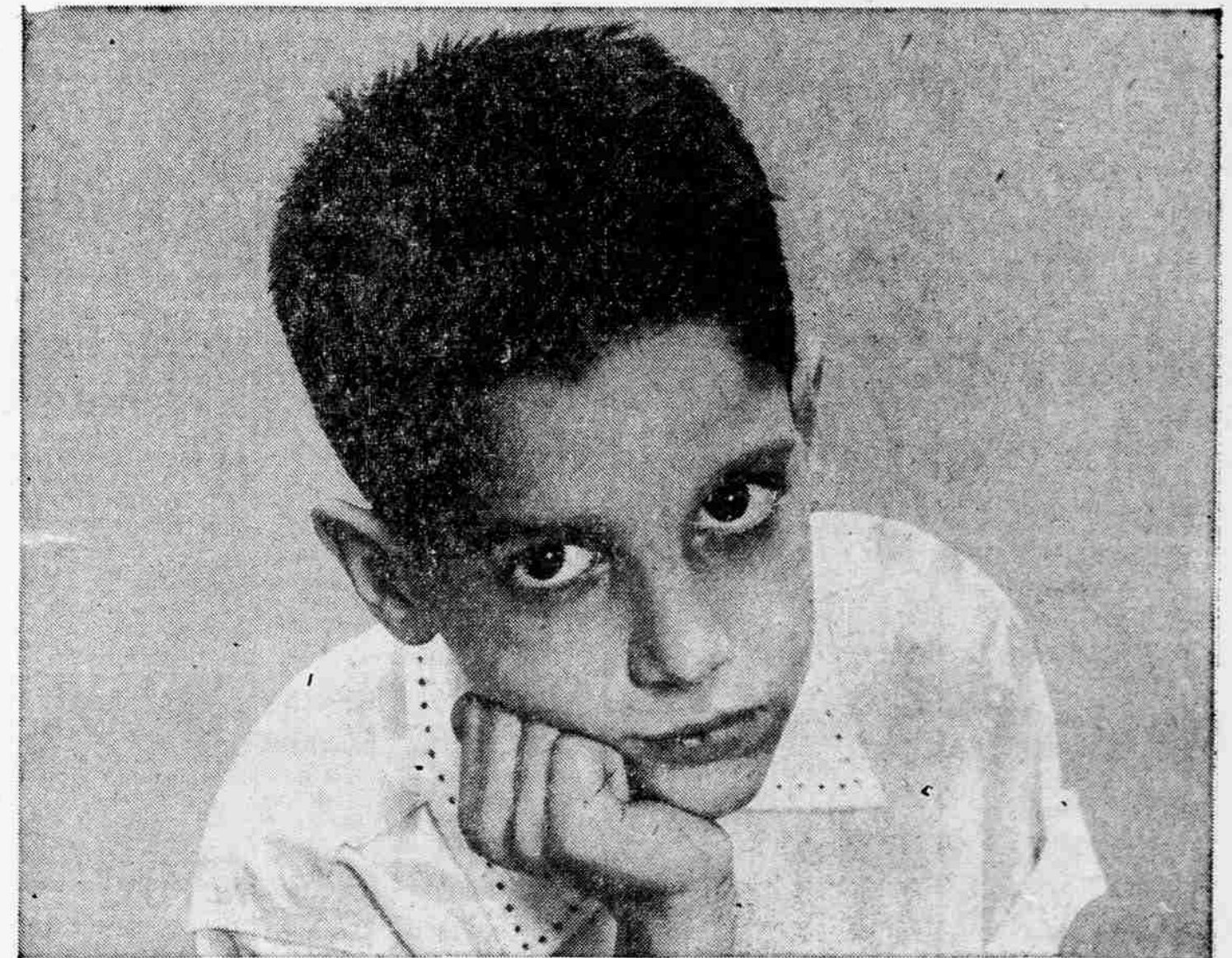
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Paisley Killer Gets Life Term

Lakeview, Ore. — Jesse Thurman Hibdon, 30, of Merced, Calif., began serving a life sentence in Oregon State prison today for the gunshot killing of a town marshal during a holdup at Paisley, Ore.

Hibdon was found guilty of shooting to death John T. Lawson, 60, acting town marshal, while trying to rob the Paisley post office in Oct. 10.

Circuit Judge Charles Foster imposed a life sentence when Hibdon appeared in his courtroom Monday.

Hibdon's attorney, Robert Welch said Hibdon could be paroled after serving 7½ years. However, Hibdon faces charges of armed robbery at McCloud, Calif., and federal charges for robbing the Paisley post office.

Appearing in court with Hibdon was Donald Ferguson, 32, of Bakersfield, Calif., his alleged partner in the holdup.

Ferguson asked the court to appoint an attorney for him because he has no money. Foster designated Welch as his attorney. Ferguson will appear in court Wednesday.

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