

STRONG WINDS RAKE NORTHWEST

Murder Charged To Youth

Nebraska Killer Captured After Chase in Wyoming

Governor Would Commute Sentence

Douglas, Wyo. — County Attorney William Dixon today filed first degree murder charges against "mad dog" killer Charles Starkweather, 19. Dixon must decide whether to prosecute or turn the red-haired garbage collector over to Nebraska authorities.

Wyoming Gov. Milward Simpson announced that Sheridan he definitely would commute any death sentence to life should Starkweather be convicted in Wyoming. Simpson does not believe in the death penalty.

But he said "I'll be guided by Dixon's wishes."

No Decision Reached

After filing the charges, Dixon said he had reached no decision on whether to prosecute them. He also said he would not decide whether to file charges against Starkweather's 14-year-old girl companion until he had questioned her fully.

Meanwhile, Police Lt. E. R. Henninger of Lincoln, Neb., questioned Starkweather for two hours and 20 minutes, then told newsmen verbal statements by Starkweather "indicated he committed the nine murders" with which he has been linked in Nebraska.

Murder Warrant Served

Asked about a 10th Nebraska victim, Robert Colvert, who was killed in December, Henninger replied: "I think we can get that cleared up too."

Henninger said Starkweather tentatively agreed to make a written statement and sign it after the arrival of Lincoln Police Chief Joseph Carroll, Lancaster County Attorney Elmer Sheele and Sheriff Merle Karnopp who were en route here.

Before the formal charge was filed against Starkweather, he had been served a murder warrant by Converse County Sheriff Earl Hefflin. The charge and warrant both accused Starkweather of shooting Merle Collison, 34, Great Falls, Mont., a shoe salesman, only minutes before Starkweather was wounded and captured five miles east of here Wednesday.

Meunier Awaiting Deportation Case

Portland — Robert Arthur Joseph Meunier, a Canadian national, was in custody of the United States marshal here today awaiting a hearing on a charge of being in the United States unlawfully.

Deputy U.S. Attorney George E. Juba said Meunier had been deported to Canada four times in the past. Conviction on the present charge could result in two years imprisonment. United States Commissioner Mrs. Claire Munderoff set Friday for hearing.

Meunier was brought here from Medford where he first attracted attention as a lecturer on juvenile delinquency. Police were called when he failed to pay his hotel bill.



MARCHING MOTHERS—Mrs. Lyle Heidemann, center, and Mrs. Earl Knight, right, are shown calling on Mrs. Harold Zilbert in a practice visit for tonight's Mothers' March on 20th. Mrs. Heidemann and Mrs. Knight are among many Medford mothers who will call at homes where an invitation is extended by a porch light or a candle in the window to accept contributions for the March of Dimes. Apartment or hotel room occupants may extend an invitation to the mothers by a handkerchief or shoe fixed to the door knob. Mrs. Gilbert is Medford chairman of the event, which will be from 7 to 8 p.m.

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NATO Rift Threatened

British, French Claims Rejected By West Germany

Support Costs for Troops Turned Down

Bonn, Germany — West German Defense Minister Franz Josef Strauss today flatly rejected British and French claims for support costs for the upkeep of their troops in West Germany. The rejection could open a new rift among the NATO allies.

In an exclusive interview with the United Press, Strauss said he could see no way in which the money could be made available out of the West German defense budget.

Claims Submitted

"My budget for 1958 is 10 billion marks (\$2,380,952,380) and they will be spent," he said.

Britain is demanding 50 million pounds sterling (\$104 million) for the upkeep of its 60,000-man Rhine army in the next financial year, while France submitted a claim to the NATO Council Wednesday for the upkeep of its troops on German soil.

"They will get a 'no' from us, too," Strauss said, commenting on the French demand.

The burly hard-driving defense minister spoke only a few hours after attending a nine-hour Cabinet session on Wednesday in which the support costs problem was thrashed out.

To Tackle Deadlock

NATO Secretary General Paul-Henri Spaak is due here Saturday in an attempt to break the deadlock which threatens to become a major crisis in the western alliance.

Strauss said there was no budget surplus to satisfy the allied demands. He said that if the British and French claims were granted, the United States — with the largest force in West Germany — would be forced by congressional pressure to make a similar claim.

Allan Kirby Named Successor To Young

New York — Allan B. Kirby, long-time business associate of the late Robert R. Young, has been named chairman of the Allegheny Corp., succeeding Young.

Bulletin

London — A speeding commuter train crashed into the rear of a second train in a thick fog at Dagenham station in east London tonight. Railway officials said casualties were "heavy."



LARRY SHEEHAN
Announces Candidacy

Democratic Race Develops for County Sheriff

A race developed in the Democratic primary last night when Larry Sheehan, 48, of Rogue River, announced he would be a candidate for Jackson county sheriff on the Democratic ticket.

He announced his candidacy at a meeting of the Democratic Social Club at the Rogue Valley County club last night.

Mrs. Nita Zumwalt, 42, Rose a v. e., Medford, announced her candidacy for county clerk on the Democratic ticket.

Opposes Koch

Sheehan, who owns the Rogue River hotel, will oppose Raymond R. Koch, who previously filed his candidacy for sheriff on the Democratic ticket. Joe Walsh, chief deputy sheriff, is Republican candidate for sheriff.

Mrs. Bereth Hopkins previously announced she would seek the Republican nomination for county clerk.

Sheehan was born in Rome, N.Y., and was educated in schools in the east before moving to Los Angeles, where he attended a business college and owned service stations in southern California.

He moved to Rogue River about 10 years ago, and was partner in a service station in Grants Pass for five years.

In Scout Work

He was active in Boy Scout work at Seal Beach, Calif., and in Red Cross and church activities.

He has been interested in community affairs in Rogue River, and was chairman of the Community Chest there. He succeeded Robert Boyer as Democratic county chairman when Boyer was named state chairman. He resigned the chairmanship because he was a candidate for district governorship of the Lions club. He was elected district governor.

Mrs. Zumwalt, head of the ready-to-wear department at Pick's apparel, was born in Roseburg and has lived in southern Oregon most her life. She started school here the courthouse now stands.

A graduate of Yakima, Wash., High school, she attended business college in Yakima, and has been affiliated with business in Klamath Falls and Medford for several years. Mrs. Zumwalt has been connected with Pick's about three years.

Mr. and Mrs. Zumwalt have two daughters, both graduates of Medford High school, and are grandparents of a son.

Bashaw Lists Candidacy for District Judge

City Attorney Seeks Judge Main's Post

Roy Bashaw, 33, city attorney for Medford for the past year and a half, today announced he will be a candidate for district judge at this year's elections.

He is seeking the non-partisan post which will be vacated by Judge James Main, who has announced he will run for circuit judge.

Bashaw, a native of Medford, attended schools here, and the University of California at Los Angeles, returning to Oregon to receive his law degree at the University of Oregon.

He served in the Navy in the Pacific theater during World War II, leaving the service as an ensign. He was a lieutenant (j.g.) when he resigned from the reserves a few years ago.

Returns to Valley

Entering law practice in 1949, he was in Bandon and Seaside until returning to the Rogue valley in 1955, when he opened a law office in Central Point, and served at one time or another as city attorney for several of the smaller valley communities.

He was appointed Medford city attorney on June 1, 1956, and has held that post since.

Married, he makes his home at 111 Elm st., and he and Mrs. Bashaw are the parents of a boy and a girl. He is a registered Republican.

He is a member of the American Legion and 40 et 8 society. He also is a member of the Elks lodge.

Dental Clinic May Open Here March 1

Target date for opening a dental clinic for needy youngsters in the Jackson county courthouse is March 1, according to Dr. Billy Blackstone, who is heading Medford Kiwanis club participation in the project.

The service club is financing the clinic.

Dr. Blackstone said the room will be available Feb. 15. Equipment has been obtained but must be installed.

A backlog of 135 children in need of dental assistance has necessitated opening the clinic at the earliest possible date. Dentists of the community will donate a half-day per month without pay. Present plans call for the clinic to operate nine months of the year.

Nurses in the school system will determine the youngsters who will receive the services of the clinic. Dr. John Dickson is heading the committee assigning dentists.

Eagle Point Grange Plans Old-Time Political Rally

The Eagle Point Grange is planning an old-time political rally similar to one held in Eagle Point in 1956, Charlie Hoover, chairman of the Grange committee organizing the rally, has announced.

Time for the event is not definite but will be held some time near the first of March, Hoover said. Depending on the anticipated crowd, the rally will be held either in the Grange hall at Eagle Point or in the new Medford armory or a school building in Medford.

Russia May Have 5,000-Mile Missile Working by July

Censored Transcript Of Testimony Given

Washington — The Senate today swiftly approved President Eisenhower's \$549,670,000 emergency program to speed U. S. missile programs, disperse the nation's H-bomb fleet, and provide antirocket defenses.

Washington — The Army said in testimony published today that Russia may have a 5,000-mile ballistic missile in operation by July.

The Army added that Russia would have "a very limited" capability at that time. There was no elaboration in the published testimony, but this presumably meant that the Russians would not have very many of the missiles at the start.

The testimony was given by Maj. Gen. Dwight E. Beach, Army deputy chief of staff, to the House Armed Services Committee last Thursday. A censored transcript was published today.

Debate Money Bill

The U.S. has been test-firing both ICBMs and IRBMs. The first IRBMs are expected to be put into operation next December, but the ICBMs are not as far advanced.

The testimony was published as the Senate debated a House-approved bill authorizing an additional \$549,670,000 in defense appropriations for the next fiscal year. The extra funds would be spent on dispersing Strategic Air Command bases, missile base facilities, missile detection and aircraft detection.

Sen. Henry M. Jackson, (D-Wash.), warned in a speech prepared for debate that if Americans are to "stay alive" the nation must immediately produce more B52 hydrogen bombers and missile-firing nuclear submarines.

Mothers' March Slated Tonight at Phoenix

Phoenix — Ladies of the Phoenix area will conduct their Mothers' March in that area starting at 6:30 p.m. today. They will meet at the home of Mrs. W. J. Fowler, 205 Fifth st. Residents have been asked to leave on porch lights.

Salem — Payment of state unemployment taxes by Jan. 31 will save employers 90 per cent of their federal unemployment tax bill, the Oregon Unemployment Compensation Commission has reported.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES

New York — Dow-Jones industrial averages: 30 industrials 449.72, off 1.44; 20 railroads 108.90, off 0.63; 15 utilities 72.53, off 0.33, and 65 stocks 133.55, off 0.80. Sales today were about 2,150,000 shares compared with 2,220,000 shares Wednesday.

Flanagan, Nutting Get Appointments

George Flanagan, manager of Elk Lumber company, and B. L. (Bud) Nutting, general manager of Medford corporation, have been named to the Oregon committee of American Forest Products Industries.

S. W. Robb of Willamette Valley Lumber company, Dallas, was appointed chairman of the committee recently, and will be a member of the AFPI's national advisory committee, which meets in Washington, D.C., to review the organizations programs of forest management and forestry education.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Showery and cool through Friday. Shows mixed with rain in valley occasionally. Low tonight 34. High Friday 45.

Our Skies Tonight

Sunrise 7:28 a.m.
Sunset 5:22 p.m.
The moon, riding high tonight between Albedaran and El Nath, sets Friday 4:06 a.m. Full moon Feb. 4.

VISIBLE PLANETS

Jan. 31, in the south.
east rises 2:47 a.m.
Saturn, rises 5:33 a.m.
Mars, rises 5:21 a.m.

Windows, Power Lines Broken; Trees Uprooted

135 MPH Gust Near Columbia

By UNITED PRESS
One man was dead and two fishermen were reported missing today in the wake of a howling storm which raked the Pacific Northwest with winds of hurricane force in places. One gust of 135 miles per hour was reported.

Windows were smashed, power lines were knocked down, trees were uprooted and shipping was battered. Heavy rains accompanied the Wednesday storm.

Ralph Myrick, 61, a line-man's helper for Tacoma City Light, was electrocuted about 6 p.m. Wednesday. He was standing on the ground pooling wire when he contacted a live electrical circuit and was killed instantly.

Flagpole Snapped

Two Astoria fishermen, Jack Rogers and Dave Hansen, were reported missing. They went out in their boat Monday to look over fishing grounds. When they did not report back as expected Tuesday night, a search was started for them. Searchers hoped the two had found shelter somewhere.

Naselle Air Force base, Wash., near the Columbia reported a wind velocity of 135 mph Wednesday. Mt. Hebo near Tillamook, Ore., had a gust of 110 mph. The wind snapped a 60-foot flagpole in front of the Aberdeen, Wash., city hall.

Winds up to 80 miles per hour lashed the Oregon coast near the mouth of the Columbia river, shutting down ferry service between Astoria and Megler temporarily and closing the Columbia bar to shipping. Forty foot waves were reported at the Columbia Lightship.

The three-man crab fishing boat, Cross Sound, was reported in trouble off Grays Harbor bar Wednesday night and retreated to deeper water while operating on an auxiliary generator. The Coast Guard sent aid.

Windows Smashed

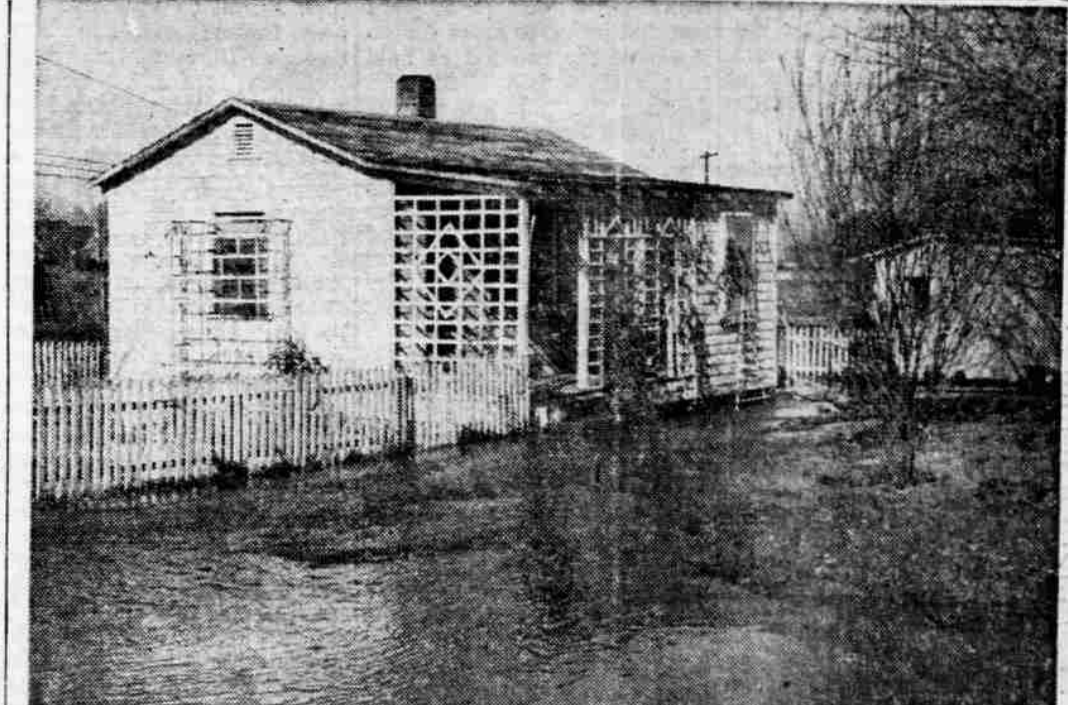
A large plate glass window at the U.S. Outdoor Store and another at Roy Burnett Motors in Portland were smashed. The Portland airport had gusts of wind up to 66 miles per hour.

Seattle police reported hundreds of calls about broken windows and downed trees and Puget Sound ferry service was disrupted between Edmonds and Kingston and Mukilteo and Columbia Beach for a time.

Power outages were reported in Portland, Tacoma and Seattle and other points. A generator at Peilon dam on the Deschutes river was knocked out for a time Wednesday afternoon.

A new storm, also packing high winds, was expected by tonight but it will not be as strong, the Weather Bureau said.

Eugene had 1.66 inches of rain in 24 hours. Salem had 1.39, North Bend 1.26, Brookings 1.09 and Portland .52. Heavy snow fell in mountain areas.



HIGH WATER—Water from heavy rains yesterday and the day before formed a stream around the home of Mrs. James E. Schell, 706 West Second st., Medford. The stream flows around the house whenever there is a heavy rain, she said. The water follows a natural drainage in the area, according to reports. Other local flooding was reported in the lengthy storm, but most surface water had drained by today.

Danger of Flood On Rogue River Passes

Danger of flood in the Rogue river system is past for the time being, the Medford station of the weather bureau reported this morning.

Twelve families living along the Rogue river near Rogue River who were evacuated Tuesday evening, had not returned to their homes today, according to LeRoy H. Webb, Rogue River civil defense director.

The majority of the families are living with friends and relatives, Webb reported. They were waiting further weather developments before returning to their homes.

The Rogue was continuing to recede today after cresting yesterday afternoon and evening. Crest was at 20.5 at Grants Pass at 6:30 p.m. yesterday and the river had dropped to 14.8 feet at that city this morning. Flood stage is 22 feet.

Dodge Bridge

At Dodge bridge the river measurement was 6.3 feet at 8 a.m. today. No crest figure was available. Last report yesterday had the river at 7.9 feet and still rising. Nine feet is flood stage.

Showery and cool weather has been forecast through Friday with occasional snow mixed with rain in the valley. Rainfall this morning up until 10 a.m. was .42 of an inch, bringing the total for

Morse Presents Freight Rate Case

Washington — Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) today presented Oregon's case in an oral argument before the Interstate Commerce Commission in opposition to increased railroad freight rates and charges.

Morse gave the ICC economic evidence showing a serious slump in the Oregon lumber industry with resulting hardship on small business, agriculture and employment.

He presented Oregon's case at the request of Gov. Robert Holmes of Oregon and in behalf of Howard Morgan, public utility commissioner.

Morse said Oregon already suffers from unfair freight rate discrimination and said proposed increases in rates now being asked by railroads would further injure the state's economy.

995 Students Are Enrolled at SOC

Ashland — Final registration figures from Southern Oregon college show that registration has hit a new high with a total of 995 students enrolled by January 27, according to Mrs. C. L. Winson, Registrar.

New students total 146. Men outnumber women by 639 to 356. There are 356 freshmen, 366 sophomores, 156 juniors, 117 seniors, two graduates and 53 special graduate and 45 special undergraduate.

The majority of students, 350, are enrolled in elementary education with 266 in lower division and 221 in secondary education. Remaining students are in general studies with 16 unclassified.

Pendleton — City officials said today there are 22 applicants for the city manager's job here which will become vacant March 1.

Over 4 Million Jobless Expected By Economists

Washington — Labor Department economists predicted today unemployment will rise above four million in January, February and March and decline slightly in April.

They forecast the jobless total for January will range from 4,300,000 to 4,500,000 when computed by the Labor and Commerce Departments in about two weeks.

The government reported 3,400,000 unemployed in December. The number of workers without jobs usually increases from December to January but this year the business slowdown will trigger larger-than-usual jump, the economists said.

They said postwar trends indicate unemployment will level off and then decline to 3,700,000 or so by May. But they also warned of a possibility of bigger-than-expected joblessness if things don't pick up soon.

5 Million Possible

The labor economists said unemployment could reach five million if 1958 is a bad year for the auto industry, if consumers hold back on buying, and if businessmen slash stocks on their shelves. That would push unemployment above the six per cent mark.

"If unemployment spreads to trade and services—watch out," said one of the economists. "We'll be in for real hard times."

Chou Assassination Attempt Revealed

London — The Manchester Guardian today reported an alleged attempt by a group of American educated Chinese Communist Premier Chou En-Lai.

The Guardian, a respected and reliable newspaper, said one of the students actually stabbed and wounded Chou with a pocketknife during an interview with him in Peiping last July 28.

The newspaper said the assassination attempt was planned by three of 40 Chinese students who were educated in American universities and who returned to their homelands to fight Communism.

"Fine—Now All We Need To Do Is Jack It Up and Put a School Under It"

