



NEW AWNING—Installation of a translucent awning on Main st. and Central ave. is expected to be complete next week, according to Dick Dunphy, foreman with the Translucent Awning and Metalcrafters, Spokane. The awning covers the sidewalk, and is supported at the outer edge with two-inch pipes set in pairs and "laced" with steel rods. Rafter are made of light-weight steel, braced to add strength and to give the awning an ornamental appearance. The fiberglass is beige to match the color of the building. The picture above was taken looking north toward Main st. on Central ave.

Schedule for Road Link Between KF, Medford Told

Klamath Falls—A tentative schedule for completion of a Klamath Falls-Medford highway link was announced here today by Klamath County Engineer William Canton. He said survey work would be started in 1959 with bid invitation for construction contracts scheduled for late 1959 or 1960.

Southern Oregon's two principal cities would be linked by a route through McAllister Springs and Lake of the Woods.

Canton said some confusion existed in connection with qualifying the last few miles of the route for public road improvement funds.

He said it was pointed out during a meeting with forestry officials in Portland late last week that no Bureau of Reclamation funds have been earmarked for the highway but that the project is to be considered along with other contemplated road work in the Pacific Northwest.

State Archivists Inventory Records

David Duniway, state archivist from Salem, and two staff members from the Oregon state library are in Medford to inventory records of the county assessor's and tax collector's offices.

Assisting him are Librarians Neil Riggs and Richard Dolph.

Duniway said they were invited to the county by the county court and are working in an advisory capacity to the district attorney. They are selecting records which should be saved.

The inventory has been carried on throughout the state during the past 12 years, with some early records going to the state library. Others here probably will go to the Jacksonville museum, Duniway said.

Records in the county offices go back as far as 1854, according to the archivist. Some early records were destroyed in 1927 to facilitate moving the county seat from Jacksonville to Medford.

Land Bank Reviewed at Farm Loan Group Event

The history of the land bank system, which was founded more than 40 years ago, was reviewed by E. C. Prestby, attorney for the Federal Land Bank, Spokane, at the annual meeting of the Southern Oregon National Farm Loan Association at Gold Hill last night.

Governor's Aide Skeptical on Suit In Billy Nunn Case

Salem—Orval Thompson, legal aide to Gov. Robert D. Holmes, was skeptical today of efforts of a Klamath Falls couple to assure the execution of their son's murder.

The Albany attorney said a temporary restraining order signed by Circuit Judge H. K. Hanna of Jackson county on petition of Mr. and Mrs. John

Burglary Attempt Foiled by Police

An attempt to burglarize the safe at Oregon Egg Producers, 727 North Central ave., last night apparently was foiled when a police officer noticed the safe missing from its regular place while making a routine check.

The safe was discovered missing about 3:20 a.m., police said, and several officers were called to check the building.

The safe, moved to a basement back room, was not cracked although the dial was knocked off and several marks were made in an attempt to chip the concrete imbedded cash box loose, police said.

Entrance to the building was gained by climbing a box car and entering through windows on the roof, police added.

Apparently one thief cut his hand on window glass and left a trail of blood through the building and on the safe, according to police. The thieves moved the safe from the office to the basement room with the aid of a hand-truck and freight elevator.

Police said the would-be thieves apparently were scared off before they could begin work on the safe. A large number of tools were found near the safe, they reported. Nothing was reported missing in the building, according to the firm's manager.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES

New York — Dow Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 437.80, off 0.74; 20 rails 102.70, off 0.74; 15 utilities 72.01, off 0.26; 65 stocks 149.15, off 0.86. Sales today were about 1,670,000 shares as compared with 1,880,000 shares Wednesday.

Candidate Moved to Eagle Point in 1957

Ralph A. Larson, 37, Eagle Point hardware store owner who has announced his candidacy for sheriff of Jackson county on the Republican ticket, moved to Eagle Point in 1957, instead of 1951, as appeared in a previous story.

He was with the Los Angeles sheriff's office for 10 years, and took several police courses at various colleges in southern California.

MACK DENIES WRONG

Johnsons Got 2½ Years

Couple Charged With Obtaining Unlawful Funds

Reeder Withdraws Leniency Request

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Johnson, 781½ Beatty st., Medford, were sentenced to 2½ years each in prison Wednesday afternoon by Circuit Court Judge Edward C. Kelly on charges of unlawfully obtaining public assistance.

The Johnsons, who had pleaded guilty in circuit court Aug. 23, 1957, had been free on \$1,500 bond each. Sentencing had been postponed several times for pre-sentencing investigation reports. Maximum penalty on the charge is three years in the state penitentiary.

District Attorney Thomas J. Reeder withdrew an earlier request for leniency, due to new information that had come to light in a pre-sentencing report. He had made the leniency request Jan. 30 in circuit court. It was at that time Judge Kelly requested a pre-sentencing report from the Oregon parole and probation officer.

Disliked Examples

In pronouncing sentence, Judge Kelly explained that he disliked making examples of people, but said that the court could not overlook the ability of the Johnsons to lie and falsify in obtaining public assistance and loans, and in making financial reports.

Prior to sentencing the couple, he said that it was one of the most amazing performances of fraud of which he had heard. He added that the Johnsons had been obtaining public assistance for approximately 10 years.

He stated that reports compiled by the Oregon parole and probation officer showed at least five cases where the Johnsons could be tried for false swearing, and several others on felony charges for making false financial statements.

The Johnsons were arrested June 6, 1957, by sheriff's deputies after an investigation.

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PORTLAND POLICEMEN SEIZED FOR BURGLARY

Veterans Accused Of Breaking Into Appliance Store

Conscience Bothers Confessing Officer

Portland—Three Portland police officers, all veterans of six or more years on the force, were arrested early today on burglary charges.

Police Chief William Hilbruner said the three were accused of breaking into an appliance store last Saturday night and hauling off a carload of loot.

Others Implicated

Hilbruner identified the officers as Donald E. Roberts, 29; Fred Matthews Jr., 37, and Warren L. Moore, 33. Roberts joined the force in 1951, Matthews in 1947 and Moore in 1950.

The chief said Moore implicated the other two after going to his commanding officer, Capt. E. Y. Maddocks. "His conscience was just killing him and he confessed," Hilbruner said.

The appliance store had reported loss of 13 television sets, 21 radios, two record players and other small electrical appliances.

Loot Thrown Into River

Hilbruner said some of the loot had been recovered. He said Moore told officers he had disposed of some of it in the Tualatin river and skin divers were to try to locate it.

The chief said the three officers had been drinking after leaving their shifts Saturday.

The three were charged with burglary not in a dwelling. They were released on \$1,500 bail each. Hilbruner said he would request that the three be discharged from the force. All are married and have families.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Partly cloudy tonight, becoming foggy or low overcast early Friday. Fair Friday afternoon. Low tonight 32. High Friday about 52. Temp. Highest Yesterday 48. Lowest this Morning 32. Prec. to 4 a.m. Today, Trace.

Our Skies Tonight

Sunrise 6:51 a.m. Sunset 5:58 p.m. The Moon rises high and sets Friday. 2:45 a.m. Full Moon March 5. EVENING STAR Jupiter, rises 6:40 p.m. and is now moving nearer Spica in Virgo. (Jupiter will be seen near Albedaran in Taurus in 1958.)

Ramsay Canyon Road Slide Cleared

Traffic on the Ramsay Canyon rd. north of Sams Valley was held up Tuesday by an earth slide which was cleared yesterday by county road crews, County Engineer Paul Rynning reported today.

More work is required for permanent repair, he said.

Rynning reported that further damage from the heavy rains occurred at the county farm home, where Bear creek washed out fruit trees and other experiments along with about two acres of land.

Heavy erosion also was reported along the creek between Suncrest and Valley View rds.

Bolton, England — A

chartered British airliner crashed into a fog-shrouded foothill of the Pennine Mountains of Northern England early today with a heavy loss of life.

"Not Yet"



NEW SNOW—When residents of the valley awoke Tuesday morning, they were greeted by snow-covered hills and the area looked more like a spot in the Himalayas than mild Rogue River valley. The sun poked through the clouds from time to time during the day, making the mountains glisten, but it also went to work melting the powdery snow, starting little rivulets like the one above. The picture was taken on the road leading to Oregon Switzerland, on the east side of the valley.

Kohler Worker Tells of Beating Threat by Union

Washington—A Kohler Co. employee testified today that he joined the United Auto Workers Union under a "sign up or get beat up" threat, but later conceded his statement conflicted with previous testimony he had given.

Union attorney Joseph Rauh was the first to challenge the witness, Herman Miesfeld, who was testifying before the Senate Rackets Committee.

Rauh said the committee should consider bringing perjury charges.

Statements Correct

Miesfeld contended, however, that all his statements were correct. He said that in previous testimony before the National Labor Relations Board he had not been asked questions that would lead him to tell of being coerced into joining the union.

He had told the NLRB that UAW men "weren't unfriendly" to him.

Miesfeld told how he and four other non-union employees of the Sheboygan, Wis., plant were captured by a picket patrol when they sneaked across a field to report to work through a back entrance.

Taken to 'Kitchen'

He said he was taken to a "strike kitchen" and told to "sign up with the union or get beat up."

"So I signed up," he said. After that, he said, the strikers gave him coffee and doughnuts and took him home.

Miesfeld identified Emil Mazey, UAW secretary-treasurer, and Donald Rand, and Robert Burkhardt, international representatives of the union, as among those present in the kitchen.

Senate Expected To Approve Postal Rates

Washington — The Senate was expected to approve today a \$747 million postal rate increase bill featuring a five-cent stamp for out-of-town letters.

At Least 12 Killed As Tornadoes Rake Southern States

Jackson, Miss. — Ugly black tornadoes struck sections of Mississippi and Louisiana Wednesday night, killing at least 12 persons and flattening scores of buildings.

Authorities feared more dead would be found in the scattered wreckage today. More than 100 persons were injured.

More than a dozen funnels dipped down throughout south and central Mississippi during a two-hour period shortly after dusk. Earlier in the day a twister had left two injured near Hosston, La.

Timber Kills Woman

Walnut Grove, a community of about 600 northwest of Jackson, probably was the largest settlement crippled by the winds. Half its home were damaged, 28 persons were injured and a 60-year-old woman was killed by flying timber which crashed through her window.

A few miles to the west of Walnut Grove, in the hamlet of Farmhaven, three died and 20 were injured.

A mother and her 12-year-old son died in the Brewer community in Perry county in southeast Mississippi. The first highway patrolman to reach the scene of that twister radioed back: "Get some help out here. This place has been flattened."

Another community in the same area was hit by possibly the same twister minutes later and another death was the result. Perry county's injured total more than 20.

'House Blew Away'

Ninety minutes later twisters hit three communities in nearby Wayne county, killing one woman at the Winchester community. The highway patrol said "Her house blew away."

The first twister reported hit the Fannin road village about 13 miles northeast of Jackson. One rescue worker said "it sounded like a train going through, then the lights went out."

A Fannin girl, three-year-old Kathy Jones, was killed

FCC Official Swears Influence Lacking in Vote

Subcommittee Hears Reply To Charges

Washington — Federal Communications Commissioner Richard A. Mack denied under oath today charges that his vote in a Miami television award was influenced by money and friends.

He also declared that "I certainly have no intention of resigning."

Mack testified before a House Commerce subcommittee which has heard charges that he received \$2,650 from a Florida attorney, Thurman A. Whiteside, who supported the successful applicant for the TV channel.

Not Pressured
Appearing before the subcommittee for the first time since it started delving into FCC operations, Mack declared he "was not swayed or influenced" by anybody who approached him about the Miami channel 10 case.

Mack said that if he had felt that he was "being swayed or pressured into a vote against my convictions," he would not have voted at all in the case.

He said he listened to all sides and voted his convictions based on "the record before us."

Before his appearance today a reporter asked Mack if he intended to resign.

"Of course not," he said. "I certainly have no intention of resigning."

In Form of Loans

Whiteside has told the subcommittee the money he gave Mack was in the form of loans and that Mack had paid back most of it. Whiteside also testified that Mack owned a one-sixth interest in a Miami insurance agency from which the commissioner has received \$13,000 in the past five years.

Subcommittee Chairman Oren Harris (D-Ark.), has said Whiteside's testimony indicated law violations which could be punished by a jail sentence.

Nunn, D'Autremont Returned to Prison

Billy Junior Nunn, 29, and Hugh D'Autremont, 54, convicted murderers from Jackson county, were returned to the Oregon state penitentiary today by sheriff's deputies.

Nunn was returned to Jackson county this week for sentencing by Circuit Court Judge H. K. Hanna on a first degree murder charge. He was found guilty last year of the death of Alvin William Eacret.

D'Autremont, youngest of three brothers convicted of first degree murder in 1927 in the attempted train robbery which resulted in five deaths, appeared in circuit court Monday. He was brought here to enter pleas of guilty to second degree murder on a pending outstanding murder indictment and to stopping a train with the intent of robbery. Three other first degree murder indictments against D'Autremont were dismissed by the court at the appearance.

French, Algerian Troops in Battle

Algiers — French troops were locked in hand to hand combat today with a major Algerian Nationalist Army near the Tunisian border, French military authorities reported.

Both Sides See Victory As Sudan Holds Elections

Khartoum, Sudan — The Sudan today held its first general elections since granted full independence in 1956 with both pro-Western and pro-Egyptian parties confidently predicting victory.

Women Not To Vote

About 1,500,000 male citizens in this nation of nine million population are eligible to cast ballots in the elections for members of parliament. There is no woman suffrage.

The results may well determine whether the Sudan leans closer to the United Arab Republic led by President Gamel Abdel Nasser or toward closer ties with the West.

The controversy with Egypt over the disputed border areas north of the 22nd