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EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGED

Gold Hill Woman Indicted Tuesday By Grand Jury

Mrs. Slaten Found Collapsed in Home

A 33-year-old Gold Hill woman, under indictment for embezzlement, collapsed from what may have been a suicide attempt before her arrest last night, according to police and hospital authorities.

Mrs. Rosemary Slaten, who was indicted yesterday afternoon by the Jackson county grand jury on a charge of embezzling \$12,000 from the Rogue Valley Physicians service, was being treated at Sacred Heart hospital today. Sheriff's deputies found Mrs. Slaten collapsed on the floor of the living room when they were admitted to the Gold Hill home by a daughter. Deputies attempted to serve a warrant for her arrest several times yesterday evening, she said.

Coffee Nearby

Deputies said a cup of coffee and a burning cigarette were nearby when they found Mrs. Slaten. Authorities said this morning samples of the coffee and contents of Mrs. Slaten's stomach have been sent to the state crime laboratory for analysis.

Deputies said they were told Mrs. Slaten's employment with the Rogue Valley Physician's service terminated March 4. An audit of the books revealed a shortage, they said. She had worked for the firm about three years.

Mrs. Slaten's husband was working in a sawmill at the time of last night's incident. She was home with her two daughters.

Medford Man Said Beaten by Youths

Thomas Earnest Smoot, 54, of 628 North Riverside ave., Medford, was treated at Rogue Valley hospital Tuesday evening for facial lacerations and released after he was reportedly beaten by four juvenile boys.

Smoot told Medford city police that he was approached by the juveniles and asked to buy them beer. When he refused they beat him about the face, it was reported.

Police reported that the incident took place on Front st., between Main and Eighth sts.

'Continuous Calendar' Has Big Advantage

Buffalo, N. Y. — Emory S. Russell has invented a "continuous calendar" that he claims has one big advantage over most other perpetual calendars.

His invention, approved recently by the U.S. Bureau of Patents, has built-in adjustments for leap years and the years following its natural succession.

Russell, who lives in suburban Kenmore, said his device has two disks which overlap. When turned to the proper spot, it allows one to find the day of week any event fell on since 1900.

Ike Sounds Warning on Anti-Recession Measures

Washington — President Eisenhower flashed a go-slow signal to Congress today on rushing through a mass of anti-recession bills.

The President, at his weekly news conference, lumped such bills in the same stop and look category as proposals to cut taxes.

Such proposals, he said, must be given careful consideration to make sure that, in addition to their immediate

"What Would It Cost to Add a Storm Cellar?"



Four Rural Board Seats to Be Filled

Four vacancies on the county rural school board are to be filled by election this year, according to County School Superintendent Alf B. Mekvold.

Nominating petitions must be filed Friday, April 4, he said.

Glenn Stackhouse U.P. Writer, Dies

San Leandro, Calif. — Glenn W. Stackhouse, 41, United Press night manager in San Francisco and former war correspondent, died unexpectedly of a heart attack at his home here today.

Stackhouse had complained Tuesday of stomach pains. A doctor was called at 3 a.m. today by his wife, Nadine, but there was no indication of heart trouble. His blood pressure and pulse were normal then and the physician left after giving him medicine.

Stackhouse slept for about three quarters of an hour but his condition worsened and the physician was recalled. The San Leandro fire department resuscitator was summoned but could not revive him.

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Registration Unit Sets Area Stops

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The mobile unit is sponsored by the club as a public service.

This evening the unit will be at Jefferson school, the intersection of Sandy terrace and Country Club dr., at Hedrick Junior High school, and in the Hollywood subdivision.

CAA Suggests 'Express' Status For Airport Here

On List of Those Eligible for Funds

The Civil Aeronautics administration, Washington, D.C., today recommended "express" status for the Medford airport and suggested Federal aid for five new secondary airports in Oregon.

Recommendations of the CAA put the airports on the list of those eligible to receive federal matching funds for construction or improvements.

In the recommendation for Medford, the CAA called for runway extensions to a 4,200-5,000 foot category. According to Medford City Manager Robert Duff, the length of the primary runway at the Medford airport is now 5,418 feet with the secondary runway 4,662 feet.

Express Status

Duff reported that for "express" status airports the primary runway must be 5,000 feet at sea level. He reported that it is thought at this time that the runway will not have to be changed to meet the new status requirements.

The Medford airport now has a "trunk line" status, he reported.

Other Activities

Extra-curricular activities included International Relations League, Quill and Scroll writing honorary, the school paper and annual, camera club, Spanish club, history club, varsity track, and the high school band. Phillips is an Eagle Scout.

During school vacations Phillips has worked at carpentry for which he carries a union card. This last summer he helped construct the Red Cross building, Mrs. Butler said. She said he had taken no manual training in high school, but had learned the trade himself through an apprenticeship program.

Phillips' father is a veterinarian. He has two other brothers in college, Doug, who will graduate from Washington State college in the school of veterinary medicine this June and Scott, a freshman at the University of Oregon.

Snowslide Buries Espee Locomotive

Colfax, Calif. — The lead locomotive of a Southern Pacific mail train was buried by a snowslide near the Sierra summit early today, resulting in the SP's crack City of San Francisco passenger train being halted in a mountain snowstorm.

The 97 passengers aboard the westbound City of San Francisco were reported packed into a trackside shed at Norden line. It was snowing in the mountains, with heavy amounts forecast.

Nearby Highway 40 was closed by slides and an SP spokesman said the passengers will probably have to wait out the storm until "we get this cleared up."

Storm Expected To Move Over Oregon

By UNITED PRESS

A storm associated with disturbances which brought heavy rain and floods to northern California was expected to move inland over Oregon today.

Weather forecasters said ships off the coast were reporting waves up to 33 feet high. Gusts of wind up to 50 miles an hour were expected along the Oregon coast.

Winds and rain were forecast for inland areas, also, with snow at higher elevations, and in some parts of eastern Oregon. The storm was expected to taper off tonight.

The five-day outlook called for frequent rainy periods with up to three inches of rain along the coast through next Monday.

Dairy Support Slash Produces Savings

Washington — Agriculture Secretary Ezra T. Benson's slash in dairy support Tuesday produced immediate savings for consumers in many areas, a United Press spot check showed today.

Medford Student Gets Scholarship To Study Abroad

R. Craig Phillips Fulbright Winner

R. Craig Phillips, son of Dr. and Mrs. Stanley E. Phillips, Medford, has been awarded a Fulbright scholarship for studies in philosophy and psychology at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland.

Telegrams to the Mail Tribune from Congressman Charles O. Porter and Sen. Richard L. Neuberger, announced the award.

The scholarship will cover all expenses including travel. Phillips is expected to enroll in the Scotland university for the school year 1958-59, starting in September.

Phillips is now a senior at the University of Oregon where he will graduate in philosophy and ethics.

In Medford High school, young Phillips was in the upper 10 per cent of his class, according to Mrs. Elsie Butler, scholarship advisor. He took advantage of the "enriched courses" with stiffer requirements for those who have the ability and interest above the average, she said.

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Traffic Snarls, Snowfall Make Road Impassable

26 Inches of Snow on Ground at Mt. Shasta

Highway 99 was closed to traffic at 9:05 a.m. today between Weed and Castella in California, the California Highway Patrol advised the Medford office of Oregon State Police.

Several traffic snarls, together with heavy snows, have made the road impassable, police said. California officers advised that the highway will remain closed until the traffic snarls are cleared and the snow pack breaks up sufficiently to make the road passable.

Chains were necessary for travel over Highway 66 at 11 a.m. today, state police said. They were needed to negotiate the summits on Green Springs, Parker and Hayden mountains. It was still snowing lightly on Hayden summit this morning with three inches of snow reported on the passes.

Slush on Siskiyou

The Siskiyou summit was being negotiated without chains at 11 a.m., although there was slush on the road, police said.

The Medford weather bureau reported that at 10 a.m. today, there were 26 inches of snow on the ground at Mt. Shasta, Calif., and it was still snowing lightly. Water content of the snow at Mt. Shasta between 4 and 10 a.m. today measured one inch, weather bureau officials said.

United Press reported from Klamath Falls that wire communications were disrupted and trains were running late as snows clogged the Cascade range through northern California and into southern Oregon.

30-Foot Snow Drifts

The dispatch said Southern Pacific train crews reported snow drifts as high as 30 feet on the line near Mt. Shasta and Dunsunmyr but shasta plows were keeping the tracks open. As many as 50 telephone circuits to the south from Klamath Falls were out last night but had been restored by mid-morning.

Chains were required on Highways 139 and 395, the road from Klamath Falls to Reno, where a big snow storm was in progress.

'Accounts' May Be Made in Blood Bank

"Accounts" in the Red Cross blood bank may be established in Jackson county starting with the next visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile.

April 8 at the chapter house, Manville Heisel, chairman of the local chapter, has announced.

Mrs. J. W. Burba, chairman of the bloodmobile committee, said the new policy will permit organizations or groups to donate blood to its credit. Withdrawals may be made by any member of the community as well as any member of the firm establishing an account.

The plan has been tried successfully in Klamath Falls, Mrs. Burba said.

Heisel said the first firm to volunteer for donations under the new plan is the local office of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company.

Other firms have been invited to participate in the plan.

Hours for the Bloodmobile visit will be between 1 and 6 p.m.

High Court Affirms Jackson County Decree

Salem — The Oregon Supreme Court today affirmed cancellation of a contract for purchase of a second hand yarder used in logging operations on an appeal from Jackson county.

M. H. Fields claimed misrepresentation regarding condition of the yarder by Tractor Sales and Service Company and the high court supported the trial court's decree.



SOVIET TEST BAN REACTION — Lincoln White (seated) chief of the State Department's News division, tells newsmen in Washington, D.C., that the U.S. has discounted Russia's decision to temporarily halt its nuclear tests, without waiting for international agreement. Reading from a statement approved by President Eisenhower, White said Russia's action offered the world no assurance against cheating on a test ban.

Election To Be Set For School Budget

The Jackson county rural school district will call an election to exceed the 6 per cent limitation this year, Alf B. Mekvold, county school superintendent and secretary of the rural board, said today.

The total required levy is \$1,957,685.12. Added to that total is any part of the \$46,617.95 levy required for the county rural school board and the county superintendent's operating budget, he said.

The rural school district includes the entire county.

The total required levy (\$1,957,685.12) represents about half the local tax necessary to operate the county's schools. It is determined from current budgets and is distributed on an equalized basis among the individual school districts throughout the county, or rural district.

Other Half

The other half necessary to operate districts in the county comes from individual school district budgets.

About 84 per cent of the total figure, Mekvold said, is within the tax base of the rural school district. If the

Building Permits In Medford Show Increase in Value

Total value of building permits issued in Medford last month was more than twice that for March, 1957, and nearly double that for March, 1956, it was reported today.

March permit valuation was \$406,958, according to the city building inspection office. Of this \$219,000 was for single family dwellings, the largest figure in this category for any single month since 1950. The total value of all dwelling permits in March is the largest for any month on record, they said.

Building permit values in March, 1957, totaled \$173,737 and in March, 1956, the total was \$285,448.

Sixty-nine permits were issued during the month, 16 for single family dwellings, 1 new duplex, and 17 dwellings remodeled or repaired. Other permits were for remodeling or repair of apartments, hotels, business establishments, garage construction, and minor buildings.

The amount of \$22,430.39 will be part of the total county equalized levy of the rural board. The non-high district has no tax base so the total required levy is in excess of the 6 per cent limitation.

The non-high board is expected to call an election at its annual meeting Monday, May 5, in the nine elementary school districts. The non-high districts consists of Griffin Creek, Ruch, Lone Pine, Applegate, Elk-Trail, Evans Valley, Shady Cove, Pinehurst and Howard schools.

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900 Evacuated as Rains Continue To Swell Streams in Northern California

San Francisco — Heavy rain fell again today on northern and central California and 900 persons were evacuated from homes along the San Francisco bay shore.

The weatherman promised the storm would taper off into showers this evening, easing the strain on seven flood-swollen rivers.

Snow in Mountains

The storm, the latest in a series that has drenched the area for days, also brought heavy snow and gale winds to the mountains.

More than 900 residents of Alviso at the foot of San Francisco bay near San Jose evacuated their homes Tuesday

Move Not To Be Taken Seriously, President Says

Action Declared Propaganda Device

Washington — President Eisenhower today denounced Moscow's unilateral halt in nuclear tests as a gimmick which should not be taken seriously.

The President said at his news conference that the United States itself had decided against a unilateral test ban at this time because action of that kind is merely a propaganda device.

In the context of world problems nuclear testing is just a side issue, the President said, and the Soviet action is just a gimmick that should not be taken seriously.

The President said anyone who has studied the problem and the Soviet action knows his view is not a harsh opinion.

Speaking with emotion, the President rejected arguments that the U.S. is being only negative in world affairs.

Just because you are firm you are not being negative, he said. He then took a typewritten sheet of paper from his pocket and said it listed a series of serious and unilateral proposals made toward peace by the U.S. in the last 12 years.

Wants Summit Meeting

The list included the Baruch plan of 1946 on atomic cooperation, and proposals for a realistic disarmament inspection procedure, for open skies air and ground inspection, for peaceful use of outer space, for shifting nuclear weapons stocks to peaceful uses, for freedom of travel, and for limitation of the veto power in the United Nations.

Despite the Soviet propaganda move on testing, Eisenhower said he has not abandoned hope for a constructive summit meeting with the Soviet Union. He expressed hope that such a meeting could be brought about through a more conciliatory Soviet attitude.

Sams Valley Man Nominated to Post

Central Point — A petition nominating J. W. (Jerry) Fitzgerald of Sams Valley to the board of directors of school district 6C has been filed with the school clerk at Central Point, school officials said today.

Directors will be elected May 5. Previously, the election was held the first Monday in June.

Fitzgerald was born and reared in Sams Valley. He has three children, all in school. A director of Southern Oregon Sales Packing house, he owns pear orchards in Sams Valley and west of Central Point.

He is seeking the post now held by Lester James of Sams Valley. James' term expires this year, and he has announced he will not seek reelection. He has served on the board for five years.

Other members of the board are C. Norman Gail of Gold Hill, C. W. Anhorn, Central Point, William Askwith, Central Point, and Wilton White, Central Point.

Aircraft Carrier Damaged by Waves

New York — A Navy passenger ship today raced to the aid of the aircraft carrier Corregidor, damaged while bucking mountainous waves in the Atlantic.

They were the San Joaquin, Fresno, Chowchilla, Kaweah, St. Johns, Carmel and Salinas.

In the Carmel valley, 50 soldiers from Fort Ord worked for several hours along the Carmel river, swollen by recent rains and spillover water from the Los Padres and San Clemente dams. However, the river began to recede Tuesday afternoon.

San Francisco has recorded its wettest season since the winter of 1889-90. Rainfall for the period beginning July 1 totaled 30.96 inches. In the 1889-90 season, it totaled 43.50 inches up to April 1.