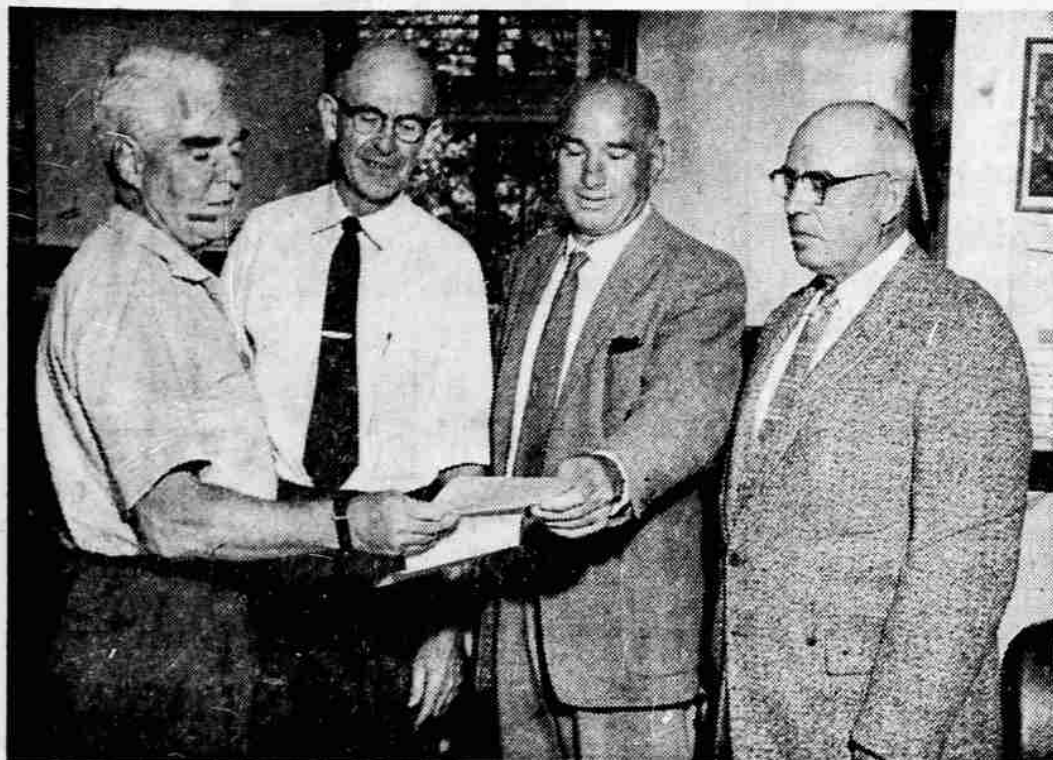


U.S. BOMBING EXPERT GOING TO FORMOSA

Mental Patient Confesses To Portland Fireworks Explosion

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BIG CHECK—A check for \$1,720,960.67, Jackson county's share of receipts from Oregon and California railroad grant lands timber sales for the last fiscal year, was presented to members of the county court yesterday. Making the presentation was Ross Youngblood (second from right) manager of the Medford district of the bureau of land management. The check was bigger by \$183,432.52 than the one received from the BLM last year. Although stumpage prices

dropped an average of 20 per cent from last year, increased volume of timber sales accounted for the higher figure, Youngblood said. The release of a greater amount of timber for cutting was a result of a recent re-inventory of trees in some areas of this district, he added. Looking the check over are, left to right, County Judge Rodney Keating and Commissioners Chester Wendt and Ralph James.

Corrupt Charges Leveled at Irrigation District Officials

By ERIC WENTWORTH
Mail Tribune Staff Writer

A flood of protests burst upon the secretary-manager, three directors and bookkeeper of the Eagle Point Irrigation district yesterday at their scheduled monthly meeting in the district's office.

It was loosed by Ann Todd, a spunky little woman 48 years old with a quick tongue and a quicker memory.

She charged the officials with a host of corrupt practices, including conflict of interest, favoritism, holding unannounced meetings and generally failing to act in the best interests of those in the district.

not for his own work. She said, and Flury admitted, that he devoted many hours to Copco even though he was paid \$5,500 as secretary-manager for the district.

Mrs. Todd then said that administration and improvement of the district suffered as a result of this.

Flury defended his action by stating that revenue from Copco for use of this and other equipment and for man-hours of other district workers was helping the district financially. He admitted readily that the district got no recompense from his own work for Copco, and that he personally received the annual salary.

Saves District Money

He said he "saved the district money" by doing the work himself rather than hiring another man. But Mrs. Todd pointed out that Copco not the district, would pay for such work if done by another man.

"I admit I've been slack," Flury said. "I've been trying to get this district financially on its feet."

"If it hadn't been for Copco," Flury said, "this district would be in debt 40 or 50 thousand dollars."

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Past Agricultural Year Among Wettest on Record

The 1957-58 agricultural year in the Medford vicinity was one of the wettest on record, according to weather bureau data.

Total precipitation measured at the weather station at the Medford airport was 27.09 inches during the 12 months period Sept. 1, 1957, through Aug. 31, 1958. The amount compares to the all-time high of 34.06 inches during 1955-1956 and is 8.94 inches in excess of the normal of 18.15.

Mild, Wet Winter

A mild, wet winter and a persistently warm summer characterized the year. Wettest month was January with 5.63 inches of precipitation. February followed with 5.37 and December had 3.92. August was driest with .14. The year had a large number of thunderstorms.

Temperatures during the 12 months ranged from lows of 21 degrees on Nov. 4th, 29th and 30th, to 105 on July 27. The summer had one of the longest streaks of hot weather on record with almost 60 days of maximum temperatures of 90 degrees or more.

August had only three days of 100-degree or more temperatures, but the month still had the warmest August average on record here. Average temperature was 75.8 degrees, 4.7 in excess of normal.

High temperature last month was 102 degrees on

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Boston.....5 7 1
New York.....8 13 1
Sullivan, Wall (8) and Berberet; Dickson, Duren (8) and Berra.

Smoke Dropped During Burglary Started Blaze

Youth Home on Hospital Leave

Portland—(UPI)—State Police and the sheriff's office announced here Tuesday that a 20-year-old mental patient has confessed to igniting the fire that led to an explosion in southeast Portland July 5, taking the life of a young girl.

The inmate of Oregon State Hospital in Salem was identified by officers as Richard G. Wagner of Milwaukee. He had been home on a brief leave from the hospital when the explosion occurred. He has since returned to the hospital where authorities said he made an oral confession of his part in setting off the explosion. Police said the details of his statement fit the circumstances of the blast.

Girl Killed in Blast

The explosion of fireworks in the Signal Fireworks and Specialty Company at Southeast 84th and Rowell blvd., took the life of Mary Beth Howe, 4, and destroyed the Howe home, along with several others.

Although Wagner was described as a mental patient with the intelligence of a child 9 to 11 years old, police said he was able to describe the interior of the fire-works plant in detail and his description fitted that given to police by a waitress at a nearby restaurant. She said she had seen a man leaving the vicinity just prior to the explosion.

Wagner explained to officers that he had left his home and gone to the explosives factory in the hope of getting some money. He said he ransacked drawers in his search and while in the building tossed down a lighted cigarette. He said he thought it was smoked out. Then he noticed that his coat was on fire and tossed it across the room. It was then that firecrackers began exploding and he fled.

En Route To Timberline

He said he hitchhiked first to Vancouver, Wash., and then to Camas and Washouq. He then returned to Oregon and was en route to Timberline Lodge when Clackamas county officers picked him up at the request of his parents who were anxious to return him to the hospital.

Both police and hospital authorities said they believed Wagner's confession was bona fide, because of his condition, there was a question if he could be prosecuted.

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The mobile unit will be parked at Faber's parking lot, Third and Pine sts. Since it is non-partisan, there will be no party posters or other material designating the party, spokesmen said.

All unregistered voters in the Central Point area are invited to register at the booth.

Sen. Neuberger Recovering After Tumor Removal



SEN. NEUBERGER
Full Recovery Hoped

Portland—(UPI)—Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) was recuperating at home today following removal of a small malignant tumor. Doctors expressed hope for his full recovery.

The tumor was of a type from which there has been a "gratifying record of recovery," doctors said.

Dr. Morton J. Goodman of the Oregon Medical school said he advised the 46-year-old senator that there is no "medical reason" why he cannot fulfill some of his major speaking commitments in the Portland area this fall.

Neuberger's office here said the senator will make a further statement Wednesday.

Neuberger arrived at his Portland home last Thursday following a prolonged session of the 85th Congress. Friday, he underwent what was termed "exploratory surgery" at the Oregon Medical school teaching hospital for removal of a small tumor of the testes. He is now resting at his home.

Tumor Malignant

Tuesday afternoon, Dr. Goodman announced that the tumor had been found to be malignant, (cancerous).

Dr. Goodman said the tumor was of a type and location in which there has been a gratifying record of recovery.

"As a protective measure, radiation therapy has been advised," he said. "This already has been commenced and is of the most modern kind."

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Recovered Promptly

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Lake Highway May Get Final Approval

The proposed Lake of the Woods highway route should receive final approval soon, according to word from Congressman Charles Porter in Eugene.

Porter said yesterday that he has heard from his Washington office that the bureau of operations of the bureau of public roads has approved the route as feasible. All that remains, he said, is approval of the forest service.

Approval of the forest service is also expected, according to Carroll Brown, supervisor of the Rogue National Forest. The route is a major link in the "Winnemucca-to-the-Sea" proposal for an east-west highway, long lacking in the southern Oregon area.

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The net effect would be to trim about \$42 million from the nearly \$10 billion which the government collects annually from taxes on the manufacture and sale of goods and services.

Among its many provisions, the new tax law will:

—Cut 10 cents off the tax on admissions to theaters, movies, baseball and football games and other sporting events, and a 4-cent entertainment cost of \$1 or more.

Can Keep Whiskey Longer

—Permit whiskey makers to keep liquor under bond for as long as 20 years without paying a \$10.50-per-gallon tax that now must be paid whenever the whiskey becomes 8 years old. The tax would still have to be paid, however, any time the whiskey is withdrawn from bonded warehouses.

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"When Do You Think There'll Be Some Excitement About School Disintegration?"



Basin Development Details Expected at Resources Meeting

All available details on proposed water resource development of the Rogue River basin are expected to be given here Monday at a meeting of the Rogue Basin Flood Control and Water Resources association with representatives of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Bill Jess, association president, said today.

Jess said he sent a list of questions to the Portland office of the corps and has asked for answers and explanations.

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Faubus To Oppose Use of Marshals

Little Rock, Ark.—(UPI)—Gov. Orval E. Faubus warned Tuesday that if federal marshals were used to enforce Negro integration anywhere in Arkansas, he would be "bound to offer opposition" to any such move.

Faubus could answer such a move by the federal government through a bill passed by the Arkansas Legislature in a special, anti-integration session last week. The bill would allow Faubus to close any integration-threatening school.

Faubus has not signed the bill but he can do it when he sees fit.

Faubus told newsmen he had information a group of federal marshals was being gathered for duty at Central High School. However, neither the Justice Department in Washington nor local federal officials would comment on Faubus' statement.

Eisenhower Signs Bill To Provide Tax Relief on Entertainment Costs

Newport, R. I.—(UPI)—President Eisenhower has signed a bill to give some tax relief to theater-goers, sports fans, and dues-paying members of community swimming pools.

Parochial schools also get a tax break under the new law. The 400-page statute provides a comprehensive overhaul of federal excise (or sales) taxes. New levies would be imposed on some items, including record players.

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Assignment of LeMay Displays Official Concern

Possible Ways Of Help Weighed

Washington—(UPI)—Gen. Curtis E. LeMay, America's strategic bombing expert, will leave for Formosa in a jet transport plane Thursday morning, the Air Force announced today.

The assignment of the Air Force vice chief of staff to visit Formosa was taken here as added evidence of American concern over a possible Chinese Communist onslaught on Quemoy and Matsu islands off the China coast.

Ways of Help Studied

LeMay's name is identified throughout the world with strategic bombing operations. He was formerly commander of the Strategic Air Force Command. Now he is vice chief of the whole Air Force. His trip therefore did not necessarily mean that use of such bombers now was contemplated.

The United States was weighing five possible ways of helping the Nationalist Chinese, ranging from conveying Nationalist Chinese ships to the use, in an extreme situation, of atomic weapons.

Will Visit Bases

In Taipei, Vice Adm. Roland Smoot, senior U.S. commander on Formosa, said today that "American help" was en route to the Nationalists. He declined to specify the nature of the aid but said: "We will lick them."

The Air Force announced LeMay would visit Formosa at the invitation of the chief of the Nationalist Chinese general staff.

The four-star Air Force general will visit headquarters of the U.S. Pacific Air Forces in Hawaii en route to Formosa and will return to the U. S. via Alaska where there are three big bomber bases. He also will visit Japan where the 5th Air Force has headquarters.

The Air Force said LeMay accepted the Nationalist Chinese invitation to visit Formosa last May 20.

Timing Significant

The timing of the trip, however, seemed significant. There were psychological implications in dispatching a strategic bombing expert to Formosa, where the American build-up so far has been concentrated on shorter range, tactical weapons of the navy and tactical air command.

Meanwhile, Communist artillery opened up again at dawn from the port city of Amoy and nearby Tateng, hitting both big and little Quemoy. The defense ministry announced 23 persons were killed and 103 wounded from the shelling Monday and Tuesday, bringing the number of Nationalist casualties above the 800 mark.

Hearings Resume On Removing Fees

Salem—Hearings are to resume Thursday before Public Utilities Commissioner Howard Morgan on a request by 16 independent telephone companies for removal of franchise fees and business taxes levied against them by many Oregon communities.

The companies have been required to pay levies for the use they make of city streets.

A ruling in favor of the telephone firms would permit them to add such fees to the bill of the telephone subscriber. At present the fees are paid as an operating expense of the companies.

At the initial hearing on June 24, the telephone companies contended that franchise fees and business taxes imposed on them were burdensome and resulted in discrimination against rural and suburban areas. However a company representative admitted that the requested charge would result in increased rates for city customers and additional revenue but there would be no offsetting rate reduction in rural areas.

Among the 70 cities served by independent telephone companies which are involved in the hearings are Butte Falls, Eagle Point, Prospect, Shady Cove, White City, and Crater Lake, all served by Columbia Utilities company of southern Oregon.

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Siskiyou Forest Extension Sighed

Washington—(UPI)—The White House announced Tuesday that President Eisenhower has signed into law a bill extending the boundaries of the Siskiyou National Forest to the banks of the Rogue river below Grants Pass.

The measure provides for an exchange of land with the private owners of the narrow corridor so that the recreational aspects of that section of the river may be protected.

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