

Barge Explodes While Unloading Gasoline at Pasco Docks



SPEECH CLASS—After getting a summons for a traffic violation, an offender may also be offered a lengthy discourse on industrial accidents or hear a humorous story from a Medford policeman, since 14 of the officers finished a course in public speaking yesterday. The men, along with one "civilian," made up the entire adult education class

held for the past 10 Monday evenings at Hedrick Junior High school. One of the "students" was Police Chief Charles Champlain, left above, and next to him is Glenn Harrison, the only non-policeman in the group. Instructor for the course, Jerome McDougall, is shown above giving the class a few last minute pointers.

Police Work, Talk Learned in Class

A Medford man who could consider himself "well-protected" for the past 10 Monday evenings, was among those who completed a course in public speaking Monday at Hedrick Junior High school.

The man, Glenn Harrison, 1382 Kings highway, was the only person in a class of 15 students who is not a member of the Medford police department.

The course began Oct. 13 and met for a two-hour session each week. It covered general speech outline, 3 and 5 minute speeches on subjects to inform, to convince, and on humorous topics. The class also conducted panel discussions and symposiums and learned the use of training aids.

A radio speech was required last week and the final speech Monday evening was one of the three types of speeches covered in the course on a topic of their own choosing. The final talk was evaluated by members of the class rather than the instructor.

Charges Are Filed In Pinball Case

Willie Wong, 825 North Central ave., owner of the Chungking Inn, has been formally charged with possessing a game of chance, District Attorney Thomas J. Reeder said this morning.

The complaint, signed by Gordon H. Wright of the Medford police department, also includes Louella Lee Browne, 106 Vilas rd., Central Point, a waitress in the restaurant at 28 North Front st.

The waitress was arrested by Medford city police Saturday on charges of illegally paying off on a pinball machine. She was taken to the county jail and was released after posting \$100 bail Saturday. The pinball machine involved in the case was taken to the county sheriff's office. The waitress is to appear before District Court Judge James M. Main Dec. 29 to enter a plea.

Additional Appeal Planned by UMC To Obtain Goal

An additional appeal was mailed today to prominent supporters of the United Methodist Crusade in a final effort to reach the \$131,030 goal.

Richard Travis, campaign chairman, said that although some funds had been received since the letter was compiled, more than \$4,450 still is needed to meet the minimum need of the 26 youth and welfare agencies of the Medford area.

He emphasized that the campaign organization is doing everything possible to maintain the high standards of the UMC, which has met its goal for the past five years. He expressed the hope that UMC contributors and public spirited citizens would meet the challenge and keep Medford's record above that of any other in the state.

Holiday Vacation Planned at Schools

Many of Jackson county's public schools will close for the Christmas vacation Tuesday, Dec. 23, according to the Jackson county school superintendent's office today. All schools will reopen Jan. 5.

St. Mary's parochial school in Medford will close Friday, Dec. 19, for the holidays and will reopen Jan. 5.

Other schools closing on Dec. 19 will be Ashland, Lone Pine, Butte Falls, and Pinehurst.

Schools closing Tuesday, Dec. 23, are Jacksonville, Griffin Creek, Ruch, Phoenix, Central Point, Gold Hill and Sams Valley, Eagle Point, Talent, Applegate, Prospect, Howard and all Medford schools.

Rogue River and Christmas Valley will start their Christmas vacations on the afternoon of Wednesday, Dec. 24.

Central Point Youth Appears in Court

A 15-year-old Central Point youth, who is charged with illegal possession of liquor, changed his plea from guilty to innocent this morning in district court.

The youth had previously pleaded guilty with two other Central Point youths. His trial is scheduled Dec. 29 before District Court Judge James M. Main.

Another Central Point youth, involved in the same charges, failed to appear in district court this morning.

Gale Jones and Marion Lucy McDonald, both 19, and of Central Point, pleaded guilty in district court yesterday to charges of illegal possession of liquor. Jones was fined \$55 and sentenced to six months in the county jail to be suspended on condition he refrain from the use of intoxicating liquor. McDonald was fined \$30.

Trees Reported Cut From Private Land

A number of fairly large trees were cut from private property just off the Dead Indian rd., Jackson county sheriff's deputies said today.

Karl Oeser, Ashland, reported to deputies this morning that someone had cut several trees from his property near the summit and cut the tops out of them.

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Helicopter Service Planned in Area

Janrick Air service, Seattle, intends to begin helicopter and airplane charter service at the Medford airport by March 1 at the latest, two company officials said here yesterday.

The company plans to erect a building south of the main terminal, financed by the sale of common stock to Medford businessmen.

It also anticipates development of maintenance, repair and overhaul facilities here for other aircraft as well as its own.

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He had already been attacked twice by "aggressor forces" the day before.

Captain Fagone, a mailman, parked his pickup by the post office Saturday morning. At 9:52 a.m., according to city police, another vehicle ran into it.

At 12:30 p.m., a small black and white dog assaulted him as he delivered mail at 113 Cottage st., and bit him in the calf.

He was still feeling the effects of a tetanus shot taken for the dog bite when his phone rang at 4:35 a.m. to announce the alert.

Weather

FORECAST: Generally cloudy through Wednesday. Little change in temperature. Low tonight 38. High tomorrow 48.

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today 4:40 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:35 a.m.
Moonset tonight 11:29 p.m.
First Quarter Dec. 17

PROMINENT STAR

Rigel, rises 6:35 p.m.
and will be due south 11:30 p.m.

VISIBLE PLANETS

Mars, high in south-east 7:58 p.m.
Jupiter, rises 7:12 a.m.

7 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS

HELP FIGHT TB

Government To Establish Refuge On Klamath Land 15,000 Acres of Marsh Land Involved

Washington—UPI—The Interior and Agriculture Department announced today that the Federal government will buy 15,000 acres of marsh land on the Klamath Indian reservation in Oregon to use as a national wildlife refuge.

The purchase will be made under terms of a law passed by Congress last Aug. 23 which amended an act providing for termination of federal supervision of the Klamath tribe.

Proposal Approved

The two agencies said the proposal to establish the refuge has been approved by the Migratory Bird Conservation commission composed of members of Congress and the President's cabinet.

The announcement said it originally had been proposed that the refuge would include Wocus bay, an area of about 1,000 acres.

However, the departments said the Klamath Indians who elected to stay within the Klamath tribe after the end of federal control did so on the basis of a plan which provided that the bay would be retained as a part of their tribal lands.

Other Details

The departments said that in keeping with this the Indians will be allowed to keep the bay. But, Interior officials said that if the refuge "cannot be developed and managed compatibly without Wocus bay, then the government will be forced to acquire the bay and make it a part of the refuge."

The two departments also announced further details of plans for disposing of other Klamath land under the amended termination act.

They said they have agreed that 617,000 acres of the Klamath Indian forest shall be put up for sale to private purchasers in "appropriately sized forest units."

If all of the units in the area designated by the departments as comprising the forest are not sold before April 1, 1961, the government will purchase whatever is left over so long as the total does not have an appraised value of more than \$90 million.

Sustained Yield Unit

The departments said that proceeds from the sale of tribal lands will be paid out on a proportionate basis to the 1,659 Indians who chose at an election last April to withdraw from the tribe.

The agencies said a portion of the Klamath forest consisting of about 145,000 acres will be retained by the 474 Indians remaining in the tribal organization and will be managed as a sustained yield unit.

Private purchasers also will be required to operate the land they buy on a sustained yield basis in order to conserve the Klamath forest.

Washington—UPI—Two Air Force pilots set a record of 1,150 miles per hour for intercepting and destroying an "enemy" aircraft in a test Dec. 10 at Larson Air Force Base, Wash., it was disclosed today.

NATO Allies Reject Kremlin Ultimatum

Door Kept Open For Negotiations On Whole Nation

Dulles Discounts Risk of War

Paris—UPI—The North Atlantic allies reaffirmed solemnly today the West's determination to remain in Berlin regardless of Soviet threats.

At the same time, they rejected Russia's one-sided repudiation of international agreements on the isolated city.

However, they kept the door open for East-West negotiations on Germany as a whole, though not on Berlin alone.

Support Pledged

They did so in a brief joint declaration pledging the entire 15-nation NATO alliance to support Berlin and reject the Soviet ultimatum to the West to get out.

The declaration was drafted by a six-nation group consisting of the United States, Britain, France, West Germany, Italy and Canada.

It was being approved by the full NATO Council and was expected to be published this evening.

Agreement on the broad outlines of the declaration was reached by the NATO Council this morning after Secretary of State John Foster Dulles told the 15-nation group that he would not risk war over Berlin.

Although the declaration indicated the West's willingness to negotiate on Germany with the Soviets, it did not set any date for the talks or propose whether they would be in the form of a summit meeting, a foreign ministers' get-together, or simple diplomatic talks.

Authoritative sources said the NATO statement set out the broad outlines of the reply the West plans to send to the Soviet premier's note of Nov. 27 calling on the western allies to get out of Berlin.

The official pact spokesman said Dulles told the council that giving an inch to Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev in Berlin would be "a beginning that might end in disaster."

The U.S. leader told America's allies that they are strong enough to ignore the Kremlin's propaganda threats.

"We do not need to worry about Soviet threats..." he said. "I am quite certain the Soviet Union will not risk war over Berlin. Therefore, we can proceed with confidence."

Bicycle Licenses to Go On Sale Dec. 20

City bicycle licenses will go on sale at the Medford police station, Fifth st. and Central ave., on Saturday, Dec. 20, according to Services Lt. Rollie Pean.

All vehicles on the streets after Jan. 1 must be licensed, Lt. Pean said.



Set-Back Variance Sought for Building

A variance for the 825 East Ninth st. apartments built allegedly in violation of Medford's zoning ordinance was requested at the city planning commission meeting last night by City Attorney E. Roy Bashaw.

The commission, after hearing Bashaw's summary of the situation, called for a public hearing on the matter at the Jan. 12 meeting.

Roy P. Wilkes, recent candidate for the Ward I city council seat, renewed his opposition to the proposed city subdivision ordinance. He specifically criticized a section that would give city power to require dedication of land in subdivision plans for park and recreational use.

In the course of the meeting, which lasted nearly four hours, the planners considered a total of 19 items of business.

Erected Last August

The East Ninth st. apartments were erected late last summer by Watkins Construction company. In September, the city received complaints from neighbors that the eight individual units had been built only about four feet from the side property lines, in apparent violation of the city's setback regulations.

James Boyce, the contractor, contended that since the plans called for this four-foot setback had been approved by the city when the building permit was issued in July, the builder was not to blame.

The city contended that the required setback in this case should be 10 feet, or possibly under one interpretation as much as 13.

But the situation was complicated when city building inspectors issued the permit and took no action at the site until the units were practically completed.

After prolonged consideration, city officials agreed to take the case to court. Accordingly, Bashaw filed a complaint in municipal court Nov. 10. But the possibility of an out-of-court settlement has persisted, and the case is still pending.

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Bids on Reserve Center May Be Called in Jan.

Installation May Cost \$250,000

Bids on the proposed U.S. Army Reserve Center at the intersection of McAndrews rd. and West Jackson st., will be called for on or about Jan. 26, according to word received here today from Washington.

Telegrams from the office of Sen. Richard Neuberger (D-Ore.) and from Rep. Charles O. Porter (D-Ore.) both in Washington, report this date has been announced by the department of the Army.

"Installation will probably cost in neighborhood of quarter million dollars," Porter wired. Previous estimates have been as high as \$300,000.

Plans reportedly call for a main building, with offices, supply rooms, classrooms and an attached assembly hall, and also a two-bay maintenance shop. A total of 200 reservists is anticipated.

Land From Authority

The center is to be situated on a triangular tract recently acquired for \$25,000 from the Jackson County Housing authority. This tract is bounded on the south by Jackson st. and on the northwest by McAndrews rd.

The city has proposed extending Columbus ave. north from Jackson to McAndrews replacing recently vacated Friddy st., and this would form the east boundary. The center is expected to front on this extension.

To the east of the proposed extension, other housing authority land is expected to accommodate a municipal swimming pool and park area plus extended playground facilities for Jackson school.

Up until last summer, the area contained low-cost housing. The housing units have since been demolished or moved away.

The present Army plans also include off-street parking lots for 81 vehicles.

The buildings will be of concrete construction with brick facing, according to Lt. Col. Frank M. Kehoe, Medford reserve unit advisor.

Site Landscaped

The site will be landscaped to harmonize with local surroundings, Lt. Col. Kehoe said. Plans for the installation are of a standard type established in Washington and varied as necessary to suit individual situations, he explained.

The Medford center would be comparable to the one in Eugene, he added.

He stated that regulations permit the use of the center by non-profit organizations in the community such as boy scout troops, church and PTA groups and other responsible civic organizations. Such use would depend of course on non-interference with military activities.

No date has been reported as yet for opening the bids. However, in its announcement Aug. 12 that the land was to be acquired, the army said construction would begin prior to next July 1.

Washington—UPI—President Eisenhower will not hold a news conference Wednesday.

Storage Tanks Escape Flames; Windows Rattled Superstructure Hurdled 75 Feet

Pasco, Wash.—UPI—A barge unloading its cargo of gasoline exploded here this morning, causing a fire which threatened 16 storage tanks before it was brought under control.

The barge, City of Longview No. 535, had pumped out most of its cargo of 328,000 gallons but still had about 50,000 gallons aboard when the explosion occurred.

Windows Rattled

The blast rattled windows a mile away and hurled a portion of the superstructure 75 feet. A portion of the barge remained above water and burned fiercely. Flames swept beneath the dock causing about \$25,000 damage to the dock, Pasco Fire Chief Lyle Cooney said.

Walter Pirtle, 29, Kennewick, Wash., was hurled into the water but made it to shore and was taken to Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital here where his condition was reported as fair.

Tanks Drenched

The storage tanks, about 150 feet from the barge fire, were kept drenched to prevent any explosion.

"We were lucky the winds were blowing away from the tanks," said Cooney.

Cause of the explosion was not known. Firemen fought the blaze for more than three hours before bringing it under control.

Josephine Names County Airport Man

Grants Pass—Bill Rosenbalm, owner of the Medford Air Service, has started operations as manager of the new Josephine county airport on Harris Bench near Grants Pass.

This was the result of an agreement between Rosenbalm and the Josephine county, it was reported.

Rosenbalm said his operations at the Josephine county airport will include charter plane service, flight instruction, plane rentals, crop-dusting and work for the U.S. Forest Service. Shop facilities with an aircraft mechanic on duty will be maintained, he added. The agreement is for one year and covers lease of the hangar and other airport facilities.

Part of the Medford Air Service's present crop-dusting operations, now based at the Medford Municipal airport, will be moved to the Josephine county airport, Rosenbalm said. All of the present operations at Medford will be continued, he added.

Bloodmobile in Shady Cove Today

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Jackson county today and tomorrow.

A quota of 100 pints has been set for a visit this afternoon at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall in Shady Cove. Blood will be collected until 7 o'clock this evening, according to Mrs. X. E. W. Seggessenman, who is directing the Shady Cove visit.

Assisting Mrs. Seggessenman are Mrs. Oscar Hanson, Elk Creek; Mrs. Robert Sanderson, Trail; Mrs. Gene House, Shady Cove; Mrs. William Hammell, Reese Creek; and Mrs. C. W. Duggan, Sams Valley.

The Bloodmobile will be at the Jackson county Red Cross chapter house, 60 Hawthorne ave., Medford, between 1 and 5 p.m. Wednesday. Quota for the Medford visit is 290 pints, for which 350 donors are needed, Red Cross officials noted.

Appointments may be made by telephoning the Red Cross office.

Children May Call Santa on Telephone

Children may telephone orders to Santa Claus starting tonight. The service is being sponsored by the Medford Kiwanis club.

Santa Claus may be reached by dialing SPring 3-7353 between 7 and 9 p.m. tonight, Thursday and Friday.

Arrangements for the telephone service have been made by the Medford Kiwanis club with the cooperation of Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company. D. J. Bolton heads the committee which made the arrangements.