News Highlights of 1958

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(Here is a chronological listing of the news highlights of 1958.)

JANUARY

4—Lt. Gen. James C. Gavin, critic of administration missile and satellite policy, quits as Army research and development chief. 13—Eisenhower's "space age" budget recommends record peacetime spending program of almost $74 billion in 1959 fiscal year. 23—Perez Jiminez regime in Venezuela overthrown following two-day revolt. 25—Financier Robert R. Young commits suicide. 31—U.S. launches first earth satellite.

FEBRUARY

1—Egypt, Syria proclaim United Arab Republic. 1.—Forty-seven servicemen killed in collision of two military planes over Los Angeles. 8—French aircraft bomb Tunisia town, killing 68. 10—Bernard Schwartz fired as counsel to House Committee investigating Federal Communications Commission. 13—Schwartz tells House investigators FCC commissioner Richard Mack accepted money from representative of TV applicant. 15—Harold Stassen resigns as President's disarmament adviser. 16—South Korean plane hi-jacked in air and forced to land in North Korea. 20—Nathan Leopold paroled.

MARCH

3—Richard Mack quits as FCC commissioner. 11—Government reports U. S. employment reached a 16-year-high of 5,173,000 in February. 17—Navy launches second U. S. earth satellite. 18—Eisenhower vows "sound and timely" action to end recession. 22—Showman Mike Todd and three others killed in New Mexico plane crash. 26—Army launches third U. S. earth satellite. 27—Khrushchev succeeds Bulganin as Soviet premier. 31—Russia announces unilateral halt to nuclear tests.

APRIL

4—Lana Turner's 14-year-old daughter fatally stabs Johnny Stompanato. 8—Government reports March unemployment at highest point in 17 years; Eisenhower sees some signs of leveling-off in recession. 15—Los Angeles and San Fransisco enter baseball's major leagues. 16—Gaillard Government resigns in France. 17—Brussels World Fair opens. 21—United Air Lines plans collides with Air Force jet near Las Vegas; 49 dead.

MAY

7—Dr. Arthur S. Flemming nominated to succeed Marion B. Folsom as Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare. 8—Mobs menace Vice-President Nixon in Lima, Peru. 12—Revolution breaks out in Lebanon against pro-Western government. 13—Stone-throwing mobs attack Nixon in Caracas, Venezuela; U.S. paratroops, marines sent to Caribbean as "precautionary measure." 13—French rightists rebel in Algeria to stop new Flimlin government from negotiating with Algerian rebels. 14—U.S. orders speed-up of arms shipments to Lebanon. 15—Russia launches third Sputnik, heaviest earth satellite. 19—De Gaulle offers to resume power in France. 28—Flimlin's government resigns.

JUNE

1—De Gaulle becomes Premier. 4—Eisenhower signs bill to extend unemployment benefits. 7—Nine men aboard U.S. Army helicopter seized in East Germany. 10—House investigators show that Sherman Adams accepted favors from Bernard Goldfine and interceded with Federal agencies on his behalf. 17—Adams denies he did anything improper. 17—Hungary announces execution of ex-Premier Imre Nagy and Maj. Gen. Maleter for leading Hungarian uprisng of 1956. 21—Federal judge orders 2½-year suspension of integration at Little Rock high school. 25—Lebanese government asks U.N. armed intervention against rebellion. 26—Cuban rebels begin series of raids in which 45 U.S. and three Canadian nationals are kidnapped. 27—U.S. Air Force plane with nine aboard fired on and forced down in Soviet Armenia. 30—Congress approves Alaska statehood.

JULY

3—Bernard Goldfine refuses to tell House investigators about more than $775,000 in "mystery" checks. 7—House committee fires staff member for "bugging" Goldfine hotel suite. 7—Russians release nine Americans from Air Force plane forced down June 27. 14—Arab nationals take control of Iraq after assassinating King Faisal and Crown Prince Abdul Illah. 15—U.S. Marines land in Lebanon to forestall Iraq-like coup. 17—British fly forces to Jordan to prevent over-throw of King Hussein. 19—East Germany frees nine U.S. soldiers held since June 7. 23—Khrushchev agrees to hold summit meeting on the Middle East in the U.N. Security Council.

AUGUST

1—Higher U.S. postal rates take effect. 3—Atomic submarine Nautilus becomes first ship to sail across North Pole. 5—Khrushchev rejects Western proposals for summit meeting at the U.N. after conference with Red Chinese leaders. 13—Eisenhower submits U.S. peace plan for Middle East in speech to U.N. General Assembly. 14—KLM Dutch airlines plane crashes into North Atlantic; 99 dead. 17—U.S. fails in man's first known attempt to orbit a missle around the moon. 18—U.S. Appeals Court overrules delay in Little Rock integration. 22—Eisenhower offers to halt nuclear tests if Russia is willing to negotiate on a test control system. 24—85th Congress adjourns. 29—Red Chinese threaten invasion of Quemoy and announce determination to "liberate" Formosa as U.S. beefs up its forces in Formosa Strait.

SEPTEMBER

4—Dulles indicates U. S. would use force to stop Red invasion of Quemoy, Matsus. 6—Chinese Reds propose ambassadorial talks with U.S. on Formosa crisis; Washington accepts. 11—President tells nation U.S. will not appease Red China over Formosa. 12—Supreme Court orders immediate integration of Little Rock's Central High School; Arkansas Gov. Orval Faubus closes city's high schools; Virginia starts shutting down its schools rather than integrate. 15—U.S., Communist Chinese ambassadors start discussing Formosa crisis in Warsaw. 22—Sherman Adams resigns as Presidential aide. 26—Military takes over in Burma. 28—New constitution overwhelmingly approved by France and all its colonies except Guinea. 30—U.S. reports resumption of Soviet nuclear tests.

OCTOBER

4—Commercial jet service begins over Atlantic. 5—Integrated high school in Clinton, Tenn., destroyed by bomb explosions. 6—Reds call week's halt to shelling of Quemoy. 6—Atomic submarine Seawolf ends record 60 days under water. 7—Potter Stewart named to succeed Harold H. Burton on Supreme Court. 7—Military take over in Pakistan. 9—Pope Pius XII dies. 12—Jewish temple in Atlanta bombed. 13—U.S. fails in second lunar shot but rocket goes nearly 80,000 miles. 23—Russian author Boris Pasternak wins Nobel Prize, indicates he'll accept but later decides not to after suffering abuse from government organs and fellow writers. 23—Nova Scotia mine disaster kills 74; 81 rescued within 24 hours, 12 more saved a week later and seven more two days after that. 24—Eisenhower accepts resignation of Sinclair Weeks as Secretary of Commerce, names Lewis Strauss to succeed him. 25—Reds order alternate-day bombardment of Quemoy, Matsus. 28—Cardinals elect Pope John XXIII.

NOVEMBER

4—Democrats sweep elections. 8—Third U.S. lunar probe attempt fails. 10—Khrushchev calls for Western withdrawal from Berlin. 13—U.S. refuses to pull out of West Berlin. 15—Tyrone Power dies while making a movie in Madrid. 17—Sudanese government seized by military. 21—Rash of strikes start hitting U.S. airlines. 27—Russia proposes West Berlin become "free city."

DECEMBER

1—Chicago school fire kills 89 children, three nuns. 9—Goldfine indicted for contempt of Congress. 10—Nine die as bomb explodes in California religious colony. 12—East-West agree on nuclear test ban agreement. 14—Monkey shot into space in scientific test. 16—NATO allies reject Kremlin ultimatum on Berlin. 17—Bogota, Columbia, store fire fatal to 98. 19—Atlas satellite circling earth. 21—Reds reject U.S. memorandum on Berlin. 25—Thousands of pilgrims worship in Bethlehem. 26—De Gaulle decrees shut down of French financial markets. 27—Holiday traffic claims 597 lives. 30—Cuban rebels claim victories in revolution.

Several Oregon News Stories Grab National Headlines During Past Year

Portland —(UPI)— Oregon had several stories which grabbed national headlines during 1958, a year which also saw the lumber industry bounce back from a recession and a Republican buck the Democratic landslide to win the governorship.

Names like Mrs. Patricia Davis, Pat Boling, Hugh D'Autremont and Mary Beth Howe were involved in stories containing human interest, courage and tragedy. A feud between Oregon's two senators got wide attention.

There was a big train wreck in the Cascades and a sensational murder trial in central Oregon.

The year started with a big police chase which carried over Highway 30 and ended with another story involving the same highway, the missing Ken Martin family of Portland.

Hatfield Youngest

Mark Hatfield at 36 became Oregon's youngest governor-elect when he defeated incumbent Robert D. Holmes in November. Hatfield won nomination over several opponents including State Treasurer Sig Unander in the primary last May. Holmes announced he would name David O'Hara as secretary of state while Hatfield's advisors claim the GOP governor - elect has the authority to name his own successor to the job. The issue was not resolved.

The governorship campaign was highlighted by a reference by Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) to an automobile accident in which Hatfield was involved when the latter was 18 years old.

Democrats won control of both houses of the 1959 Legislature and the four incumbent congressmen were re-elected.

In September it was announced that Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) had undergone surgery for removal of a small malignant tumor–cancer. He also was given radiation therapy.

The dispute between Neuberger and Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) broke into the open near the close of the year when a columnist printed an exchange of letters between them.

Construction Strike

The state's economy suffered during the early part of the year with a slump in the lumber market. Many mills closed and unemployment was high. The lumber business picked up however, and the outlook was good for the year ahead.

A strike against the heavy construction industry during the summer months idled thousands of workers for 34 days and slowed work on some big projects.

Work was proceeding on a big SAGE project at Camp Adair. Plans were going ahead for a federal John Day dam on the Columbia river.

Portland was enjoying a building boom with the $20 million Lloyd center under construction. The city also was to get new hotels, a help for future conventions. Oregon's main highways were being rebuilt as part of a national program with a four-lane Highway 99 nearer a reality and a big project starting on the southwest coast north of Brookings.

One of the most heart-warming stories of the year was the rescue in the central Oregon wilds of Mrs. Davis of Fresno, Calif. Her husband, Bruce, walked for three days through the snow in April to report his wife was injured beside their wrecked plane. Her rescue and subsequent long recovery in a John Day hospital followed.

Fireworks Blast

Boling, a daredevil pilot, set a new non-stop record for light planes by flying from Manila to Pendleton, Ore.

D'Autremont, one of three brothers involved in the sensational 1923 Siskiyou train robbery attempt, won a parole after more than 30 years in prison. He is expected to be released early next year.

On July 5, the Signal Fireworks Company warehouse in Portland blew up. Twenty-eight persons were injured and 284 homes were damaged. One girl, 4-year-old Mary Beth Howe, was killed. Later, a state hospital patient admitted he had been in the plant before the explosion.

An SP streamliner was wrecked in the Willamette pass area of the Cascades in March, injuring more than 20 persons. No one was killed.

At Canyon City, rancher Robert Sproul was cleared in the gun duel shooting of his brother-in-law, Harland Williams. The June 21 shooting climaxed an argument over a road.

Chase Starts Year

At the start of the year, police engaged in a chase over Highway 30 for two men who had escaped jail at Anacortes, Wash. A state police car was stolen during the chase which wound up with capture of the pair in wild country east of Baker. As 1958 neared its close, the big story was the missing five - member Ken Martin family of Portland which left for a drive Dec. 7 to get a Christmas tree and vanished. It was discovered they had purchased gasoline at Cascade Locks on Highway 30.

The state's grim toll of more than one life a day continued on the highways. The worst accident saw six persons killed in one crash east of Portland in August. On the same day four children died in a house fire in Milwaukie.

Three children were found drowned in Eugene in December and their mother told police she was responsible. In Prineville a man shot himself after holding off police for several hours.

Other Stories

There were numerous other top stories – the Klamath Indian termination bill preserving timber was passed; forest fires caused some heavy damage with one of the worst blazes east of Detroit in the Cascades; fish facilities failed at Oxbow dam on the Snake river as the upstream salmon run was under way; Alice Miller, 19, Milwaukie, won the right in court to enter a convent over objections of her father.

The bank at Halfway closed after a cashier admitted embezzling money; interurban passenger service between Portland and the Oregon City-Bellrose area was halted and remained so despite efforts to have it restored; the Harry Holt "babylift" from Korea continued with more than 1000 orphans now having new homes in this country.

As 1959 approached, Oregon was getting ready to show off to the world in its Centennial celebration.

Extension Classes Slated in Medford

Winter term classes for college credit under general extension division's evening program will open in Medford and Grants Pass the week of Jan. 5. Five classes are scheduled in Medford and four in Grants Pass.

Medford classes meeting at the high school at 7 p.m. include:

Constructive accounting (BA 112), Wednesdays, instructor Harold S. Sekiguchi, instructor in business education, assistant business manager, Southern Oregon college; curriculum construction (Ed 556), Thursdays, instructor Keith Goldhammer, associate professor of education, University of Oregon; history of the Pacific Northwest (Hst 478g), Thursdays, instructor Arthur S. Taylor, professor of social science, Southern Oregon college; foundations of elementary mathematics (Mth 410g), Mondays, instructor, Floyd L. Taylor, associate professor of mathematics; criminology and delinquency (Soc 416 G), Tuesdays, instructor Frederick J. Trost, assistant professor of psychology, Southern Oregon college.

Winter Term Classes

Winter term classes and their instructors in Grants Pass are: school law and organization (Ed 476 G), Saturday mornings at the Junior High School building, Ralph E. Jones, superintendent of Grants Pass public schools; school supervision (Ed 574), Tuesdays at the high school, John D. O'Donahue, assistant professor of education, general extension division; introductory geography (Geog. 106), Friday evenings and Saturday mornings, alternate weeks at the high school, James T. Jack, instructor in geography, Oregon State college; biological science survey (Sc. 101), Thursdays at the high school, James R. Dawson, assistant professor of science, Southern Oregon college.

Classes usually meet once a week during the 10-week term. Students may enroll for credit or they may wish to consider the possibility of noncredit enrollment. Fees are established by the state board of higher education at the rate of $9 per credit hour. Fees and classwork are identical for both credit and noncredit enrollments. Registrations may be completed at the first or second class meetings.

Each college-credit course offered by general extension division has been drawn from the curriculum of one of the campus institutions of the Oregon state system of higher education and is the same course presented on campus. In most instances instructors are members of state system faculties though, in some cases, particularly qualified persons have been asked to instruct courses.

Schedules and descriptions of the courses as well as class offerings in other southern Oregon communities are available from Raymond Pettey, regional representative, general extension division, College campus, Ashland.

Three State Positions To Be Left Vacant

Salem —(UPI)— Gov. Robert D. Holmes said Tuesday that three major state positions which expire before Jan. 12 will be left vacant when he leaves office that date.

The posts include that of the tax commissioner, held by Carl W. Chambers; industrial accident and unemployment compensation commissioner, L. O. Arens, and parole and probation board chairman, now held by S. W. Mallett.

Vehicle Department Moves To New Rooms

Salem —(UPI)— James F. Johnson, director of the State Motor Vehicles department, said the long-awaited move of the department's headquarters to a new building in north Salem will begin today.

He said the shift will be completed by Monday morning. The new building is a one-story structure.

McLEOD
Visitors Noted in Area

By CAROLINE L. HARDING

McLeod — Mrs. Dorothy Tockstein is spending the holidays in Eureka, Calif., with relatives.

Getting together for Christmas dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hume and daughters, Jacqueline and Josephine, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Denninger and Mrs. Caroline L. Harding.

A surprise party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Briggs Saturday, Dec. 20, honoring their 25th wedding anniversary. About 50 friends attended.

Mr. and Mrs. George Pearson of Sierra Manor have gone to Chicago on business and will spend the holidays in North Hollywood, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Arhur Hume were host and hostess to a New Year's dinner at their home on Big Butte Creek. Those present were Miss Jacqueline and Josephine Hume, Mrs. Caroline L. Harding, Larry Smith and G. L. Ayres.

Mrs. Agnes Hubbell is visiting relatives in Chicago, North Dakota and Washington, D.C., during the holidays. She will return to her home here about Jan. 3.

Everett Elrod flew to Chicago and brought back his son, Adrain, who had been ill in a hospital there. He was a student in the university there before his illness.

Mrs. Caroline Harding is visiting in Roseburg, the guest of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kobernik.

Woman's Body Found In Portland Hotel

Portland —(UPI)— The body of a woman was found in a hotel room here Tuesday. A deputy coroner said a pathologists finding indicated the woman's death was due to causes comparable to strangulation.

The woman was identified as Leona Elaine McKillop, 39.

Police said they were seeking a man for questioning.

FASHIONABLE NAME

Stockbridge, England —(UPI)— Residents of this Yorkshire town's most fashionable street Tuesday asked city councilors to change the street's name–to anything to get away from its present name, "Coal Pit Lane."

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