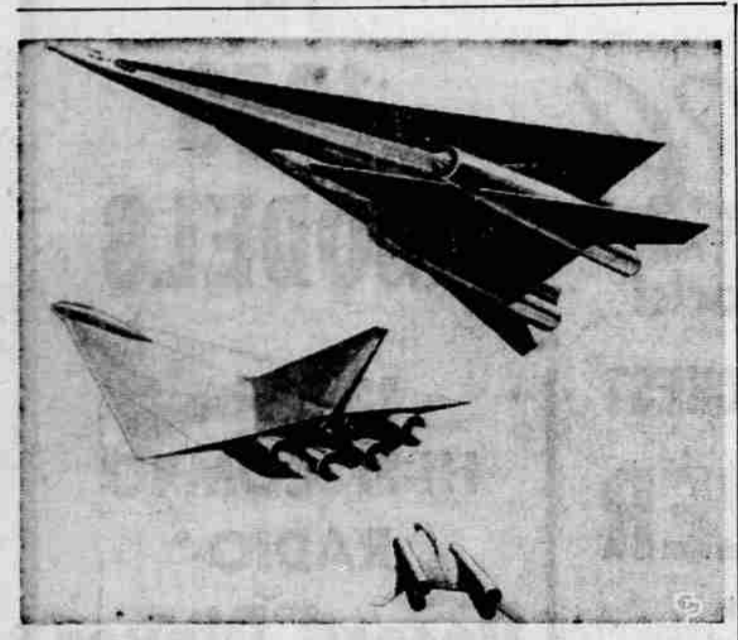


Hope Fading for Miners Trapped by Water

Hatfield Appoints Jonel Hill Public Utilities Commissioner



CAPABLE OF FLYING coast-to-coast in one hour, this is artist's conception of ramjet powered supersonic air transport Roy E. Marquardt, pioneer airplane manufacturer, Van Nuys, Calif., says can be produced today.

Appling Selects Harold Phillippe As Secretary Aide

Minnesota Native Governor's Choice

Salem — (UP) — Gov. Mark Hatfield today named Jonel Hill, 33, Salem, as public utilities commissioner.

Hill, a native of Mankato, Minn., was a twice-captured infantry man of World War II and administrative assistant to the chief justice of the Oregon Supreme Court.

Property Rezoned For Commercial Use

The Medford planning commission at a special meeting last night approved rezoning two lots and most of a third on the north side of East Jackson st. immediately east of Genessee st. to permit commercial use.

The session was requested at last week's regular meeting by Attorney Philip Lowry, who represents the Rogue Valley State bank.

The bank, he told the planners last night, intends to erect a branch office on the northeast corner of Jackson and Genessee if the zoning change request is approved.

Final approval for the change rests with the city council, which is expected to consider the matter next month.

The one dissenting vote last night was cast by William Prentice.

Lowry stated that the change to commercial zoning would represent "the normal course of development."

Councilman Edward Hall, Ward 1, and Edward Branchfield, Medford attorney, both spoke in opposition to the change.

Branchfield submitted to the police academy urged in resolution.

Salem — (UP) — Rep. Norman Howard (D-Portland) and Sen. Carl Francis (R-Dayton) sponsored a resolution today providing for an interim committee to study and recommend on a police academy for Oregon.

Four legislators and three appointees of the governor would serve on the committee.

Medford, Crater Students Schedule March of Dimes Events on Week End

Several March of Dimes activities have been planned in Medford and Central Point for the week end, it was announced today by Barbara Nulton, county Teen Age Program chairman.

Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. the senior class of Medford High school will sponsor a mother-daughter fashion show at the Rogue Valley Country club, under the direction of Judy Bell and Frances Flink.

Rural Board Plans Budget Calendar

Preliminary plans were made at a meeting of the Jackson County Rural school board this week for election of board members, appointment of lay members to the board's budget committee, and consideration of the budget calendar.

Two specific budget problems were given a preliminary study by the board. Money may be allotted for classes for mentally retarded. Jackson county now conducts two such classes in the Talent school system.

Further development of a curriculum materials center in the county school superintendent's office is being considered. This includes the audio-visual materials center, Mekvold reported.

Three members of the seven-man board will be elected at the annual school meeting May 4, Mekvold said. One member will be elected from Zone 4, which includes Jacksonville, Griffin creek, Ruch, Phoenix and Applegate. Incumbent is Glenn W. Smith.

Two members-at-large will be elected. Incumbents are Ben Lombard, whose two-year term expires, and Sam Harbison, appointed to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Elwood Hedberg.

Member of Board All members of the rural board will be elected for three years except Harbison or his successor. His appointment is effective only until the next annual school meeting, only for two years.

Members to be elected by petition to be presented at the county school superintendent's office by April 30 or 30 days prior to the annual school board meeting on May 4. Petitions may be obtained from the superintendent's office.

The law requires the same number of lay members on the budget committee as elected officials, or seven. These are appointed by the board for three-year terms.

The board also computes a county-wide equalized levy based on information from December reports on attendance and enrollment submitted by the school districts. The levy must be computed by March 1, according to Mekvold.

Since the total rural school district does not have sufficient tax base to cover the required levy, it will be necessary to call for an election to get voter approval of that portion beyond the tax base, Mekvold said.

Next meeting of the rural school board is Monday noon at Medford hotel.

Albino Robin Seen In Valley Sections

A pink-breasted robin sighted in the Medford area is proving that while birds of a feather may flock together, there is room for birds of another color.

This bird, an albino with pink breast plumage and white feathers elsewhere, has been seen accompanying a flock of his less style-conscious brethren in raids on holly berries and other garden delicacies.

Eagle Point Man Believed Drowned

Grants Pass, Ore. — (UP) — Dragging operations were under way today for a man feared drowned in the Rogue river near Galice.

The identity was not definite, but sheriff's deputies said evidence indicated he was Robert Henry Mitchell, 63, Eagle Point.

Hearing Sought On Policies of Acquiring Land

Dissatisfaction Expressed to Duncan

State Rep. Robert B. Duncan, Medford, speaker of the house, has asked the house highway committee to consider holding a hearing concerning techniques and tactics used by the state highway commission in acquiring land.

Duncan said a large group of citizens in both Jackson and Josephine counties have "expressed considerable dissatisfaction with the land acquisition policy" of the commission, and "particularly their techniques and tactics in acquiring land for the relocated Highway 99 in the area near Rogue River."

He said he understood the same dissatisfaction was expressed during the legislative highway interim committee hearing in Albany recently.

Duncan said attempts were made to resolve the differences in conferences with the highway engineer, but have "thus far been unsuccessful."

He requested that the committee "give consideration to holding a hearing to which the highway commission, interested members of the highway department, the public and the highway engineer might be invited to determine the extent of the problem and whether legislation is needed to solve it."

The commission has been acquiring land between Grants Pass and Gold Hill for the Highway 99 freeway, and land acquisition is getting under way in the Medford area for the freeway.

Two Men Appear in Circuit Court

Two men appeared before Circuit Court Judge Edward C. Kelly yesterday afternoon.

Imposition of sentence was suspended for two years for John Robert Conger, 23, of 211 Cottage st., Medford, who is charged with attempt to commit burglary.

Conger waived right to a grand jury hearing and pleaded guilty to district attorney's information.

He was charged with attempting to enter Gail's Gold Hill market Nov. 30.

Bob Bryant, 718 Gilman rd. is charged with the same offense. He appeared in circuit court Jan. 16 and his case was continued for plea. Sam Harbison was appointed his attorney.

Elmer Ward, Lakeview, Ore., appeared on charges of assault with a deadly weapon.

Robert Boyer was appointed his attorney. The case was continued for one week to allow him to enter a plea.

Ward is charged with inflicting an 8-inch wound on the shoulder of Dorsey Lewis, 17, Lakeview, in Jacksonville, Jan. 10.

Cost of Living Shows Decline

Washington — (UP) — Lower food prices sent the cost of living down in December for the first time since August, the government said today.

The Labor Department's consumer price index declined two-tenths of 1 percent last month to 123.7 percent of average 1947-49 prices.

The wages of about 700,000 workers, whose pay is tied to the cost of living index by escalator clauses in labor contracts, will stay the same because of stability in the index.

Earnings of the average factory worker after taxes rose to all-time highs last month, at \$79.60 a week for a man with three dependents and \$72.10 for a single factory hand. The earnings were about \$1.20 above the November level.

Salem — (UP) — Deputy State Fire Marshal E. A. Taylor said today no new legislation was planned this session tightening school fire standards despite the disastrous Chicago school fire which claimed more than 90 lives.

"Sam, a Lot of Those Liberals Don't Realize How Well We Treat These Folks Down Here"



Jobless Benefit Bills Before Senate

Salem — (UP) — Six bills dealing with unemployment compensation were introduced at the request of Associated Industries of Oregon in the Senate today.

One bill in this package provides that an individual disqualified to receive unemployment compensation benefits would be penalized by the loss of four weeks of the benefit year.

Another bill gives the Commission power to waive all qualifications of a worker except physical fitness and assign such worker to the fields in the event of a shortage of harvest workers.

Benefits Reduced An individual who has worked fewer than 26 weeks during a base year would have his benefits reduced five per cent a week for each week less than 26 weeks but this reduction would not exceed 50 per cent under terms of another of the bills.

Still another bill provides that an individual can not qualify for any week where his earnings were less than \$20.00.

Unemployment compensation amendments sought by organized labor have not yet made an appearance in the Legislature but probably will be introduced next week.

Break in Sandy Dam Covers Yard

Sandy, Ore. — (UP) — The ranch home of Dr. Amanda Lowe and her husband, Robert, was surrounded by a mixture of mud, debris and rocks today after an irrigation dam burst only 400 feet away.

Water swirled around the home and a tenant house but other homes in the area were saved from flood and mud damage as the water was deflected into a nearby creek by a road on which the ranch is located.

The dam was one wall of an irrigation pond which received overflow waters from the city of Sandy reservoir.

Two cars and a truck were partially buried in mud and debris and Dr. Lowe said damage would run to thousands of dollars.

Paul Named CP Administrator

Central Point — The Central Point city council this week decided to establish an administrative type government and named Lyle Paul its administrator.

The council reappointed Wallace Bowen police chief, with Ed Zanders and James Corliss patrolmen. D. D. Turner was reappointed fire chief.

The police department was instructed to enforce the two-hour parking limit on Pine st., between Front and Fourth sts., and one half block north and south of Pine st.

WEATHER FORECAST

Mostly cloudy through Saturday. Occasional light rain tonight, becoming showery Saturday. Low tonight 36-48.

Highest Yesterday	45	Temp.
Lowest This Morning	32	
Pre. to 10 a.m. Today	Trace	

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today	5:13 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	7:34 a.m.
Moonrise today	4:37 p.m.
Moonset tomorrow	7:06 a.m.
Full Moon	Jan. 24
Mars, high in the southeast after sunset, is now moving into the constellation, Taurus. In a few weeks, it will be seen quite near the Pleiades.	

Flooding River Bars Attempt To Reach 12 Men

Rescuers First Must Block Flow

Pittston, Pa. — (UP) — Hope for 12 coal miners trapped underground by a flooding river collapsing into their tunnelings faded today as the waters barred entrance to the mines "for at least 48 hours, if then."

Daniel H. Connelly, state deputy secretary of mines, said that rescuers can make no search for the entombed men until water from the ice-clogged Susquehanna river can be blocked off.

Attempt To Dam River

Rescue workers tried frantically but methodically, to dam the river's flow into a tunnel under the river bed, dumping "everything we can get" into the gaping hole.

The rescue efforts during the first 24 hours cost an estimated \$2 million, including labor and the value of railroad coal cars, mine cars and other items with which they tried to stem the flow.

"Entering the mines from the river, the break can put all mines in the Wyoming Valley out of operation, idling 5,000 employees," Connelly said.

The deputy secretary estimated that the work thus far has reduced the water's flow into the mines by 30 to 35 per cent, but the water already has reached a depth of 315 feet in the No. 4 mine, four miles away.

Cause Undetermined

The cause of the mine disaster, described by veteran miners as the worst they could remember in the valley, could not be determined, but Connelly said, "we believe the rock strata was fractured by the weight of the swollen river."

Connelly refused to give up hope for the 12 men still missing.

"We still have hope they went to high ground," he said.

Even after the river's flow into the diggings is halted, he said, it will take at least two days to pump out enough water to allow rescue workers to resume digging.

O&C Timber Sales Show Increase

Portland — (UP) — Sales of timber of the O&C districts of western Oregon in the first half of the current fiscal year showed increases both in volume and in price over the same period of the 1958 fiscal year, according to Virgil T. Heath, Oregon state supervisor for the Bureau of Land Management.

Heath said the average price per 1000 board feet was up more than one dollar and the volume of timber sold showed substantial gains.

Green timber sales in the first six months of fiscal 1959 totaled 351,530,000 board feet valued at \$10,204,230, compared to a volume of 206,279,000 board feet valued at \$5,658,784 in the first half of the previous fiscal year.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES

New York — (UP) — Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 Industrials 596.07, up 0.38; 30 railroads 165.66, off 0.31; 15 utilities 81.99, off 0.03, and 65 stocks 207.62, off 0.08. Sales today were about 3,600,000 shares compared with 4,250,000 shares Thursday.

Good Start on Street Tree Program Indicated

Edward H. Scanlon, Olmstead Falls, Ohio, a noted nurseryman and landscape architect, indicated yesterday he thinks the Medford street tree program has a good start and the committee has been wise in selecting the trees it has for various streets.

Scanlon met with the street tree committee yesterday, and last night discussed street trees at a public meeting in the Red Cross chapter house here.

Suggests Other Trees

He suggested other trees which he believed would be adaptable to the soil types here and which have not been included in the local program.

Scanlon commended the city and residents in the Garfield tract where last week fruitless mulberry trees were planted. The Scanlon map, a tree which he developed,