

Ike Gets Wild Welcome on Arrival in Bonn

Petition Asks 2nd Vote on Consolidation

A petition requesting a second election on consolidation of Phoenix and Talent school districts was approved 5 to 2 last night at a meeting of the Jackson county school district reorganization committee.

Reduced Carload Freight Rates on Lumber Approved

Washington—(UPI)—The Interstate Commerce Commission approved today reduced carload freight rates on lumber moved by rail in the Pacific Northwest, subject to a minimum weight of 50,000 pounds.

Van Dyke, who said he represented a number of the Barnett rd. area residents and real estate man George Field, said the petitions cover a number of proposals for annexing that area to Medford.

Field said that a petition had already been presented which showed that 97 per cent of the residents in the Phoenix district living within Medford city boundaries favor annexation to the Medford school district.

Keith Hockersmith, Medford, committee chairman, noted that the "petition" is an opinion poll only. This was conceded when it was presented to the committee, he said.

Although signed by property owners and taxpayers, a number of them do not live in the affected area, Hockersmith emphasized.

Field said his car speedometer measured six miles from the Barnett rd. area to the Phoenix schools. It is only a half mile from Barnett rd. to the nearest Medford school, he said.

"We have been transporting kids from that area to Phoenix for a good many years as a losing proposition and not one accident has happened," Allen Harris, Phoenix school board member, said.

"Now, suddenly we aren't good enough for you. And not only that, you want to haul part of the Phoenix district into Medford with you."

"You can get to the point where you centralize too much," Barber said in following up his motion. "I believe there is room for one more school between Medford and Ashland. Joining Phoenix and Talent will make a reasonable middle-sized high school."

This would graduate the 100 pupils as recommended in the report by Dr. Paul Conant, Barber said. The Phoenix area will expand even more in a few years to create an even better high school, Barber stated.

"It is pretty well documented" that three days after the other election in which the Phoenix-Talent consolidation proposal was rejected, many of the people campaigning for an independent Phoenix school district were working for annexation with Medford, Barber pointed out.

"A great many Phoenix people have come to me seeking another election," Barber said.

involved. Millage is the prime issue involved and not the youngsters' welfare, Gail said.

Charles Meyer, new district 6C school superintendent, firmly suggested that "you leave the kids out. They are certainly not among the issues involved."

Bob Gail, Rogue River, reorganization committee member, pointed out that the committee had been delaying action on the proposal for two years and at least 50 per cent of the meetings had been devoted to it. This, he said, is "a reasonable expression from the people."

James Alger Fee Dies in Florida Of Heart Attack

Washington—(UPI)—The Interstate Commerce Commission approved today reduced carload freight rates on lumber moved by rail in the Pacific Northwest, subject to a minimum weight of 50,000 pounds.

But the commission found that rate cuts on loads of less than 50,000 pounds are not reasonable, and ordered them cancelled no later than Sept. 28.

The railroads asked permission to slash rates so they could meet highway and barge competition. They also sought to restore a rate parity which existed between Southern Oregon and Northern California shippers from 1927 to 1954.

The reductions approved today went into effect last Dec. 21. The ICC had held them up for seven months in order to investigate but had been unable to reach a decision within that period.

The reductions had been generally supported by lumber dealers in Southern California, and opposed in Northern California.

The ICC found that while there had been a substantial increase in consumption of lumber and other forest products in California and Arizona, the railroads have "suffered a decline in this traffic."

JOINT MEETING
A joint meeting of the city council and planning commission will be held Thursday evening in the council chambers. The group will meet with trailer park owners in the city to discuss the proposed trailer park ordinance.

WEATHER
FORECAST: Variable cloudiness and a little cooler through Thursday. Low tonight 50. High Thursday 55.

Our Skies Tonight
Sunset today 6:57 p.m.
Sunset tomorrow 6:59 p.m.
Moonrise tonight 11:30 p.m.
New Moon Sept. 2
Saturn, the planet prominent in the south after sunset, is now about equal in brilliance with Procyon, the eighth brightest star. It is much brighter than Antares, the star seen between it and Jupiter.

A petition directed to the boundary board for transfer of the area west of Rocky point from district 6C to the Rogue River school district was tabled pending a check of signatures to determine if they are of registered voters.

Howard Norwood, speaking for the Rogue River Boosters, argued that 95 per cent of the people of that area want to join with the Rogue River district. He said he had not contacted Norman Gail, Gold Hill, chairman of district 6C board, nor Harry White who had already petitioned to join Rogue River district.

A sharp, bitter exchange followed between Norman Gail and Norwood over how many couples with school-age children were represented and what the actual valuation of the area is.

Judge Stricken During Banquet

Miami Beach, Fla.—(UPI)—Judge James Alger Fee, a member of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco and a native of Pendleton, Ore., died of a heart attack Tuesday night while attending the annual American Bar association convention.

Judge Fee, who served on the federal bench in Portland for 23 years, was 70 years old. He was stricken while attending an annual judiciary banquet. A short time before he became ill he had been elected chairman of the ABA's judicial administration section.

He was appointed in 1954 by President Eisenhower to the San Francisco position. The appointment came on April 6, just 23 years to the day after he was named by President Herbert Hoover to the Portland federal court job.

Judge Fee was born in Pendleton on Sept. 24, 1888. He attended Whitman college at Walla Walla and received his law degree from Columbia university. He practiced law with his father and was Pendleton city attorney for two years.

During the first World War Judge Fee was in the Army Air Corps and held the rank of first lieutenant. Later he became a lieutenant-colonel in the Oregon National Guard.

After World War I he returned to Pendleton and was elected circuit judge in 1927, where he served until 1931 and his federal appointment. Judge Fee's first wife died in 1935 and he was married again in 1944. There were four children by his first marriage, Frances, Margery, Waldo and Lillian.

Judge James Alger Fee, who died in Miami, Fla., Tuesday, had been in the Rogue valley for several days at the opening of the Shakespearean Festival and spoke here a couple of weeks ago at a meeting of the Jackson County Bar association. He was a frequent valley visitor, both professionally and for pleasure, and friends said he was considering making his home here upon retirement.

Three-Lane Traffic Set on Main Street
The state highway department completed restriping Main st. today for three lane traffic from Riverside ave. to Oakdale ave., according to Vernon Thorpe, city engineer.

The street will now include three 12-foot wide lanes of traffic including parking strips on both sides. Thorpe said that the former four 9-foot wide lanes were too narrow for driving comfort.

The old stripes on the street are also being removed by the department.

Portland Bank Robber Escapes With \$3978
Portland—(UPI)—An armed bandit Tuesday afternoon robbed the Pittock Branch of the Portland Trust Co., and escaped with \$3,978 in American and Canadian currency.

Police said the gunman walked off with \$3,500 in American money and \$478 in Canadian currency including a \$100 Canadian bill.

Air Force Sergeant Tells of Being Willing Valuable Alaska Mercury Mine
Merced, Calif.—(UPI)—An Air Force sergeant, tail gunner on a B52 jet bomber, said today he had inherited a multimillion dollar mercury mine in Alaska and hoped to have it producing by next spring.

T.Sgt. Thomas L. Howlett, 28, stationed at Castle Air Force Base near here, disclosed ownership of the mine but said he planned to keep his \$480 a month job in the Air Force despite appraisals that indicated his mine might be worth \$40 million.

Howlett was given the mine by Mrs. Cora Dinsmore, Livingston, Calif., widow of a prospector.

U.S. Will Help Laos

Basic Policy Decision Okayed By Eisenhower

U. S. To Pay Entire Bill for Military

Washington—(UPI)—The United States has decided to give Laos emergency help in arming 5,000 more troops and militiamen to deal with Communist guerrilla attacks, officials sources disclosed today.

Formal announcement of the decision, expected this afternoon, is not likely to mention the 5,000-man size of the force increase or the cost of the emergency aid, officials said.

To Foot Entire Bill
But they said the U.S. will foot the entire bill, including pay and the cost of uniform and other equipment. The present 25,000-man Laotian army is entirely financed by U.S. aid.

President Eisenhower approved the basic policy decision Tuesday shortly before he left for Europe.

Officials said the U.S. agrees with Laos that direct military intervention by U.S. or Southeast Asia Treaty Organization forces is not necessary to deal with the stepped-up Communist guerrilla attacks.

These officials said they knew no basis for a report that the U.S. was sounding out its SEATO allies on their attitude about sending in an expeditionary force if the Laotian government loses ground to the rebels.

But the Laotian government's special representative, Ngon Sananikone, has warned that his government faces collapse if the Communist-inspired rebellion is not soon stamped out.

Sananikone, the brother of the prime minister of Laos, told State Department officials in a 35-minute conference late Tuesday that the military situation in Laos is "grave" and if allowed to worsen, "it will become a debacle."

Police Hold Suspect In Portland Slaying
Portland—(UPI)—David Lee Heads, 16, was shot to death on his front porch Tuesday night and police today arrested a 15-year-old boy they said admitted the slaying.

Wilbur Denson was arrested by detectives at a garage in the rear of his home. Detective William Taylor said the only reason the youth could give for the shooting was that Heads had been picking on him and making fun of a leg injury suffered by the suspect in an automobile accident. Police still were questioning Denson.

BASEBALL
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and Courtney; Bunning, Burnside (8), Morgan (9) and Berberet.

Assessed Value of Property Decreases
Salem—(UPI)—Assessed value of all taxable property in Oregon reached \$2,656,857,253 as of Jan. 1, 1959, Chairman Dean Ellis of the Tax Commission announced today.

The 1959 total was nearly one-third less than last year's figure of \$3,882,258,633, due primarily to the action of the Multnomah county assessor in reducing the ratio at which properties were placed on the assessment roll by approximately 50 per cent.



Wreckage Believed To be From 1940 Airplane Crash

State Aeronautics Director Earl Snyder, Salem, reported today that he believed the plane wreckage northwest of Prospect in Douglas county was from a craft which carried Mr. and Mrs. Richard Walbert, Medford, to their deaths in 1940.

The Douglas county sheriff's office today sent a party to the site of the wreckage to destroy what it could and mark the site in an attempt to prevent further concern about it.

The wreckage was located by Joe Davis, a logger from the Applegate valley, and Anton Schuessler, Provoit, Davis told authorities he first sighted the wreckage two years ago, and returned to the scene Sunday with Schuessler.

Snyder said there still was some mystery about the wreckage. A hunter first sighted what was believed to be the Walbert plane about 10 years ago. However, Snyder said the bodies were supposed to have been removed at that time.

Rep. Leo E. Allen (R-III.) said the President ought to veto the bill if it is passed in its present form.

Chairman Brent Spence (D-Ky.) of the House banking committee, which approved the bill 19-4 Tuesday, told the rules committee the new bill answered many of the complaints President Eisenhower voiced when he vetoed a \$1,375,000,000 bill July 7.

While assessed value decreased, the true cash or market value of properties on assessment rolls increased from \$7,224,400,430 in 1958 to \$8,477,637,820 this year, Ellis added.

Counties making large gains in assessed value include Baker, Crook, Curry, Klamath and Wasco. Counties with less assessed value this year are Clatsop, Coos, Gilliam, Jefferson, Lincoln, Malheur, Multnomah, Polk, Sherman and Tillamook.

Mrs. Lonch Pleads Innocent to Charge
Mrs. Esther Elizabeth Lonch, 31, Medford, pleaded innocent to a charge of second degree murder in circuit court this morning before Judge James M. Main.

Mrs. Lonch, who is charged with the slaying of William B. Simmons, 62, retired railroad switchman, Aug. 2, was arraigned Monday in circuit court.

Anti-Pollution Ordinance Sought By Councilman

Medford City Councilman Robert Van Sickle today called for quick city action toward passage of an anti-air pollution ordinance.

In a letter to City Manager Robert Duff Van Sickle asked for the matter to be brought up at the first council meeting in October.

Van Sickle said the "City Attorney should be requested to formulate an ordinance aimed at abating the burning of refuse by residents of the city." "And the problems of burning by industry should also be regulated. The ordinance," he continued, "can form a basis on which the county court can enact and extend supplemental legislation."

The councilman noted that the proposed measure "probably will be of little value so far as we are concerned with areas which constitute the fringe of Medford, but it undoubtedly would be true that the proposed ordinance could assist in curbing the complaint of abuses by various commercial spraying operations."

"In this latter regard the city would simply be cooperating with a number of organizations, probably the most prominent of which is the Isaac Walton league," he said.

Van Sickle said that from his understanding "it appears that there has been delay, probably avoidable, in forwarding sample readings to interested state authorities—readings of air samplings which were taken from strategic points in the city."

The readings were taken in a city-state air pollution study, is now in progress. Reviews Results
Van Sickle said that after reviewing the results of a meeting last Friday and in appraising limited progress reports from involved industries, he got the impression "that unassisted voluntary effort will prove pointless in abating the subject problem. As a result of numerous discussions it appears clear that our air pollution problem is one that arises from abuse by minority groups in all categories."

The councilman took note "of the splendid effort made by Mr. (Dunbar) Carpenter who represents a cooperative portion of the fruit industry, and the management of Medford corporation, who admittedly are leaders in the lumber industry. Their leadership does form a basis on which

Standing room tickets will be sold for the Saturday "Twelfth Night" performance starting at 8:15 p.m., and some seats remain for its final staging on Sept. 2. Standing room tickets are \$1.20. Regular tickets are \$2.40 and \$1.80.

Excellent seats remain for all other performances in the final three rounds, now under way, officials said.

Even though new attendance records are being set daily, the all-time high for single audience totals is yet to be reached. For a Saturday performance of "The Merchant of Venice" last year, 1,245 assembled at the theater.

Highway Traffic in Area Increases, Report Notes
Highway 99 increased 7.4 per cent, the department said.

Traffic on Highway 62 four miles south of Shady Cove increased from 2,431 last year to 2,550 last month, a rise of 4.9 per cent. In the past seven months the volume increased 10.1 per cent.

On Highway 238 a mile west of Ruch, traffic volume increased 4.9 per cent from 693 last year to 727 in July this year, the department noted. In the past seven months the increase was 9.6 per cent.

Cheering Throng Greet President On Peace Mission

Adenauer, Cabinet On Hand at Airport

Bonn, Germany—(UPI)—President Eisenhower arrived in this capital city of West Germany on a mission of peace today and received a wildly enthusiastic welcome from the nation he once conquered in war.

Long before the President's 707 jet airliner landed at nearby Wahn Airport after his flight from Washington, tens of thousands of Germans jammed the airfield and the streets and roads leading from it into Bonn.

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West German army-navy-air force honor guard—and exchanged words of encouragement with Adenauer before driving off in a triumphal cavalcade.

The crowd applauded Eisenhower even more loudly than they did Adenauer.

The aging Adenauer told the President it was a "great and heartfelt pleasure" to welcome him to West Germany.

"In this unusually difficult time you are the flag bearer of freedom in the whole world," he said. "I believe your exchange of talks with world leaders will secure peace in the world."

Eisenhower, in reply, again pledged American support to West Germany and West Berlin in their struggle to remain bulwarks of the Free World despite the threats of the Soviet Union and Communist East Germany.

"In my country, the name Adenauer has come to symbolize the determination of the German people to remain strong and free.

"The implementation of that determination, the American people stand by your side and send through me their very best wishes for your successful efforts."

An estimated 50,000 Germans lined the 19-mile route from Wahn to Bonn and its nearby diplomatic suburb of Bad Godesberg where the President was spending the night at the U. S. Embassy residence.

Conferences Scheduled
The President and Secretary of State Christian A. Herter will spend about seven hours in conferences Thursday with Adenauer, Foreign Minister Heinrich von Brentano and other West German officials.

Thursday evening Eisenhower's five-day visit, during which he will make a quick trip to Scotland to call on Queen Elizabeth II, hold down to earth diplomatic talks with Prime Minister Harold Macmillan and receive Spanish Foreign Minister Fernando Maria Castiella.

Sept. 2 he hops over to Paris to meet with French President Charles de Gaulle in what may be the toughest part of his mission designed to weld together a solid western front before his meeting with Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev Sept. 15.

Seventh Sellout Audience Attends 'Twelfth Night'

Asland—The Oregon Shakespearean Festival record breaking 1959 season set a new mark last night when 4,221 persons attended the eighth staging of "Twelfth Night" and "The Masque of the New World."

The crowd, including more than 100 standees, formed the seventh sellout audience for the popular combined bill, and was the largest of the season.

On Monday night, when an audience of nearly 1,000 watched "Antony and Cleopatra," the total attendance passed the 1957 season figure of 24,393. With the Tuesday tally, the Festival pushed its 1959 total to 25,984—a figure that is 4,683 ahead of last year at this time, and is within 3,179 of the 1958 total of 29,163.

New Record Seen
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The department said Centennial celebrations and activities throughout the state contributed substantially to the increase in traffic in the state.

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