

## Roseburg Probe Scheduled by ICC

Roseburg (UP) - An investigation of the Aug. 7 explosion and fire which devastated a large section of Roseburg is scheduled to begin next Tuesday at the high school here.

The probe is being conducted by the interstate commerce commission.

F. E. Landsburg, ICC regional manager in Portland, said some 17 persons will be asked to testify at the hearing.

Landsburg explained that the hearing is aimed at developing "corrective action that will protect communities and property owners all over the nation."

Rupert L. Murphy, ICC Commissioner from Washington, D.C., will preside over the hearing.

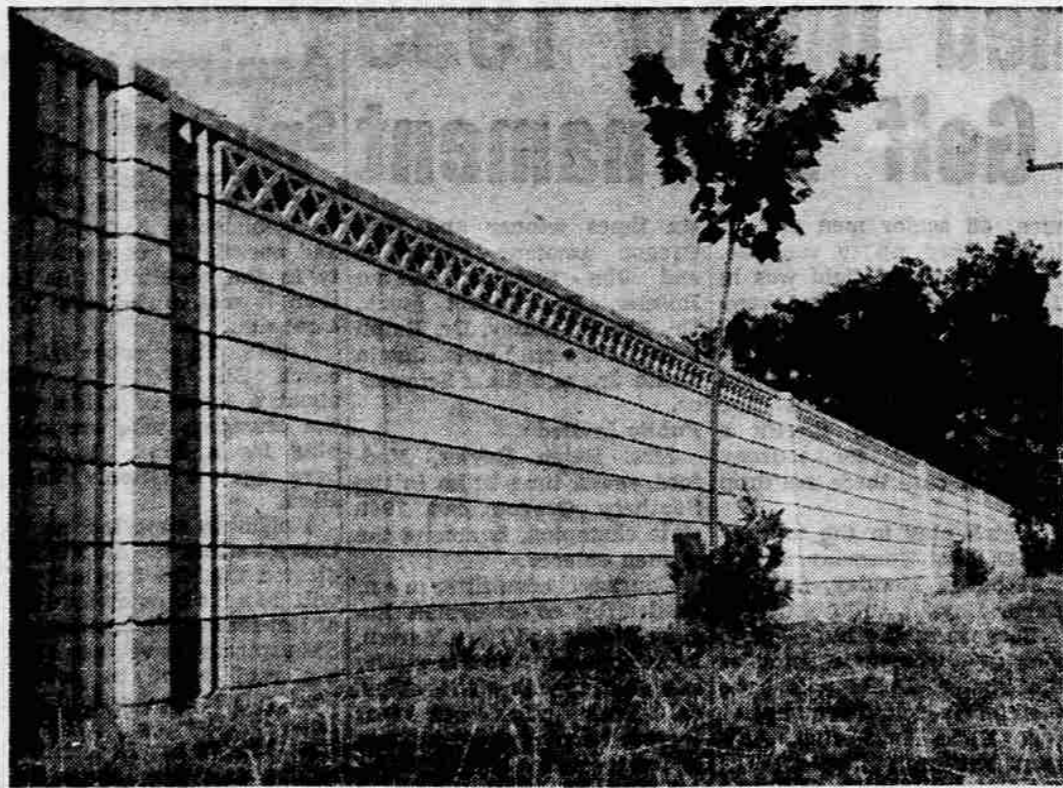
## Oil Drilling in Vale Area Slated

Vale - (UP) - A Canadian firm is expected to begin test drilling for oil and natural gas in this area soon, according to William H. Martin Jr., real estate agent from Meridian, Idaho.

Canadian interests headed Maynard J. Davies of Saskatchewan have leased a 2,500-acre block to begin drilling for the oil and gas deposits.

Martin said the group decided to begin drilling after a report by Russell Johnson, geologist from Calgary, Canada, who returned a favorable report after several months of testing in the area.

Davies is expected to arrive here this week to make arrangements for drilling.



**WALL EYED** - Medford city officials have eyed with approval and gratitude this wall erected by Marrs R. Gibbons along Clark st. across from the West Jackson st. park area. Gibbons, proprietor of Builders Supply company, 727 West McAndrews rd., had

the wall built to screen his brickyard from the park and provide park visitors with a pleasing view. He plans to extend the wall further east along Clark. The trees, which Gibbons had planted to complement the wall, are sycamores.

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## Liquor Funds Use By State to Help Alcoholics Urged

Salem - (UP) - The ninth annual state conference of Alcoholics Anonymous opened here yesterday with Dr. Paul Davis of Oregon State hospital as one of the speakers.

About 1,500 members were slated to participate in the two-day convention at Parish Junior High school.

Gov. Mark Hatfield opened the conference, which includes business sessions and a session open to the public at noon today.

Dr. Davis told the group that alcoholism was the fourth most important public health problem in the United States - outranked only by arteriosclerosis, heart disease and cancer.

He suggested that much progress could be made by "dipping into the \$26 million the state of Oregon makes as profit every two years with its liquor monopoly."

The doctor said that using some of this state money to rehabilitate alcoholics would go a long way to relieve individual, social and economic problems caused by excessive use of alcohol.

## Mexicans Clear Quake Rubble

Minatitlan, Mexico - (UP) - The rubble of Wednesday night's devastating series of earthquakes in southeastern Mexico was being cleared away Friday by thousands of residents of the area who feared their were more shocks to come.

Jesus Figueroa, director of the Seismological Observatory at Mexico City, said any major earthquake is likely to touch off a series of aftershocks.

The quakes rocked seven of Mexico's southeastern states and may have been responsible for the deaths of two men and a woman killed in Mexico by the collapse of an apartment house roof.

There were reports that the quake killed anywhere from 8 to 64 persons in remote areas, injured hundreds, and caused hundreds of thousands of dollars damage.

The worst damage was reported in the state of Vera Cruz, in the city of Coatzacoalcos and the villages of Jaltipan and Acayucan.

## Long and Costly Strike Visioned

New York - (UP) - The nationwide steel strike threatened last week to develop into the longest and costliest strike in the industry's history.

Now in its 47th day, the strike will be 50 days old next Wednesday when labor and management will resume their stalemated contract negotiations.

Top executives of the industry's 12 biggest companies were to meet privately here Friday to hear a report from their four-man bargaining team, but no change in the industry's position was expected to come out of the meeting.

The joint meetings were recessed for five days Thursday. United Steelworkers President David J. McDonald and chief industry negotiator R. Conrad Cooper said in a joint statement it was clear that "the parties have not been successful in finding a joint basis" for agreement.

In other words, union and management - which have been meeting since May 15 - are still unable to get together on the issues.

## Child Drowns In Power Canal

Lebanon - (UP) - Ray Brian Chambers, 18 months, of Lebanon, drowned Friday evening in the power canal in the river road district here.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Chambers. The victim's mother and another son, Larry John, 8 months, were living with Mr. and Mrs. John Viles of Lebanon, who are the parents of Mrs. Chambers.

Some children found the body floating in the canal near Colvins greenhouse after his family had been looking for him. The boy had wandered from his home. An unidentified man pulled the body from the water.

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## Timber Set-Aside Witnesses Split

Portland - (UP) - Deputy Administrator Donald A. Hipkins of the Small Business Administration said persons who testified at a two-day hearing here were evenly divided for and against the government's set-aside program reserving government timber for "small business" operators.

Hipkins said that of 26 witnesses who presented statements 13 were for and 13 were against. The hearing ended Thursday.

Aaron Jones, owner of Seneca Sawmill Co., Eugene, and president of the Western Forest Industries Association, opposed the plan. He said the WFIA always had opposed

any program which granted special favors to either "big" or "small" business. He said his group wanted the set-aside program put on a stand-by basis until Congress can reconsider.

Don Murphy, Eatonville, Wash., took an opposite view. He said the program was a weapon which small and medium sized mills could use to "fight the lumbering giants."

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