

ROBERT W. SAWYER  
Conservation, Reclamation Leader

# Robert W. Sawyer Prominent Oregon Leader, Succumbs

Bend — (UPI) — Funeral arrangements were being made today for Robert W. Sawyer, former editor and publisher of the Bend Bulletin and an outstanding Oregon conservation and reclamation leader for nearly half a century.

Sawyer, 79, died Tuesday afternoon at St. Charles Memorial hospital, which he helped build, after suffering a heart attack. He had planned to enter a Portland hospital today for minor surgery.

Born in Maine

Sawyer, who served in many fields, was born May 12, 1880, in Bangor, Maine. He came here in 1912 and went to work for George Palmer Putnam, then publisher of the weekly Bulletin, in 1913. Sawyer purchased the newspaper in 1914 and it became a daily in 1917, the day Deschutes county was formed out of Crook county. He sold the newspaper to Robert W. Chandler in 1933.

After his retirement from the newspaper field he remained active in conservation work and retained an interest in radio station KBND.

He was Deschutes county judge from 1920 to 1927 and was on the State Highway Commission from 1927 to 1930. He was president of the Oregon Reclamation Congress from 1931 to 1937 and was Oregon director of the National Reclamation Association from 1935 to 1948.

'Outstanding Citizen'

In 1953 Sawyer was proclaimed by former Gov. Charles A. Sprague, Salem publisher, as Oregon's outstanding citizen of the half century. Earlier he had received the Amos Voorhies award for outstanding accomplishments in the field of journalism. In 1956 he was called the state's leading conservationist of the half century by the Oregon chapter of the Izaak Walton League.

Survivors include his widow, Mary, a daughter, Mrs. Harry Bartlett of Fresno, Calif.; three sons, Robert Sawyer Jr., Scarsdale, N.Y.; Alfred Sawyer, New York City, and George C. Sawyer, of Maine, and a sister, Mrs. Thurlow M. Gordon, New York City.

On Reconstruction Board

When Oregon's capital building was destroyed by fire in 1935 he was one of the men called on to help with an advisory reconstruction board. He remained to serve on the state capital reconstruction commission from 1935 to 1939, then became chairman of the Capital Planning Commission which shaped expansion plans for the capital grounds.

He also served on the Oregon Statuary Hall Commission and was its vice chairman from 1945 to 1951.

Sawyer, a graduate of Harvard, also was an attorney and practiced law in Massachusetts before coming west.

Helped Build Hospital

One of his outstanding accomplishments here was heading the group which paved the way for construction of the million dollar St. Charles hospital. He shared leadership with the late Carl A. Johnson. He was long president of the Central Oregon Hospital Foundation and at the time of his death was the foundation's president emeritus.

In 1929 he served as president of the Bend Chamber of Commerce.

For many years Sawyer was a director of the Oregon Historical Society.

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## Eight More Polio Cases Reported

Portland — (UPI) — The State Board of Health today reported eight more polio cases in Oregon, bringing the total so far this year to 130. Six of the new cases were listed as paralytic and two were fatal.

With 12 weeks yet to go this year, a Health Board spokesman said it appeared certain 1959 would be the worst Oregon polio year since 1955, when 449 cases were reported.

The two fatal cases brought the number of polio deaths this year to eight.

Of the 130 so far reported this year, 101 have been paralytic.

Multnomah and Clackamas counties accounted for 72 of the total.

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## Van Doren Won't Discuss Quiz Rigging

Ex-Contestant  
Receives Subpoena

New York — (UPI) — Charles Van Doren, 33, refused at a news conference today to discuss charges of television quiz rigging.

The English instructor who won \$129,000 on the defunct quiz show "21" said he had been unaware until Tuesday that House investigators had issued a subpoena for his appearance before them. The subpoena was served by a member of the committee staff a few minutes before the news conference summoned by Van Doren's attorney.

Apologizes To Newsmen

Out of deference to the committee, Van Doren said he would not discuss the hearings before the press, radio and television.

Van Doren apologized to newsmen for his public disappearance after his suspension from a \$50,000 a year NBC television job last Thursday night. He said he didn't know he was of such interest to the press and had not known reporters were looking for him.

A week off to think

He said that last Thursday he was "so distressed at events of the past few days, including my suspension by NBC, I decided to take the week off to think." He and his wife went to New England, he said, "to try to find solace in the October beauty of the country."

In Washington, House subcommittee counsel Robert Lishman said the Van Doren subpoena calls for him to be on hand when the inquiry resumes its hearings Nov. 2.

Oregon Farm  
Prices Increase

Corvallis — (UPI) — While national farm prices held unchanged in September, Oregon farm prices moved up, according to Mrs. Elvera Horrell, Oregon State College extension agricultural economist.

Mrs. Horrell estimated the general price increase at one per cent.

She added that although state farm prices pointed upward last month, individual farm commodities presented an "up and down pattern."

Oregon poultry and egg prices dipped, wool prices improved and state potato prices moved up, she said. Wheat was down but other grains were up.

Dairy cows were unchanged but milk and milkfat prices improved in the state.

Salem — (UPI) — Revenues for electric energy sales by privately owned utilities in Oregon for the year ending Aug. 31, were \$94,608,289, up 7.42 per cent from the previous year.

## Mrs. FDR Signs Clemency Paper For Chessman

Los Angeles — (UPI) — Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, author Aldous Huxley and comedian Steve Allen today were among more than 200 persons who have signed a Quaker organization petition seeking to prevent the execution of death row author Caryl Chessman.

The Southern California office of the Friends Committee on Legislation confirmed Tuesday night that the petitions have been sent to California Gov. Edmund G. Brown.

Hearing Scheduled

The governor will preside over an executive clemency hearing for Chessman, now 38, who has lived for 11 years in San Quentin's death row awaiting execution in the gas chamber.

Mrs. Roosevelt's secretary confirmed in New York that the widow of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt has signed the petition asking for commutation of Chessman's sentence. Others who have signed, according to the Friends Committee, included author Harry Golden, Theodore Bikel and rabbi Max Nussbaum.

Chairman Calls  
Sunday Meeting  
Of Disputants

Monday Seen as  
Day for Report

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Meet Again Thursday

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Statement Drawn

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Taylor, who heads the three-man board, emphasized that the United Steelworkers union has been equally adamant in demanding wage increases which would hike production costs two or three times the 2 per cent figure.

Wage Demands Negotiable

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"The answer is 'yes,'" McDonald replied.

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Lavern Watrud Is  
Killed When Gun  
Fires Accidentally

A Medford man was accidentally killed by his own gun Tuesday evening while hunting on the property of his brother-in-law, Oregon state police reported.

Dead is Lavern Cornell Watrud, 42, of 19 Geneva st., Medford, who was found lying behind his automobile at 6 p.m. by his brother-in-law, Cecil Marvin Norris, route 3, box 169F, Cherry lane, and Norris' son, Patrick Howard.

Police said that Watrud told Norris "I am shot — accident." He was taken to Rogue Valley hospital by Medford Ambulance service and was dead on arrival.

It was reported that Watrud left his home about 3:45 p.m. Tuesday and drove across plowed fields to a draw where he parked the vehicle. Norris said that his brother-in-law was in the habit of sitting cross-legged with his gun across his legs while resting.

Watrud, who was using a 12-gauge shotgun, had apparently sat down by the automobile with the gun's barrel pointing towards him when it accidentally discharged. The shot entered his left side above the belt and went into the left rear tire of the vehicle, police said.

New Mexico Man  
Appears in Court

Cecil Harvey Allen, 34, of Hobbs, N.M., one of two men involved in a series of burglaries here last June and July, had his imposition of sentence suspended four years today by Circuit Judge James M. Main.

Allen appeared in court here after his release from the veteran's hospital in Vancouver, Wash., where he had been sent for treatment of a disease. He had pleaded guilty to the burglary not in a dwelling charge previously and a presentence report had been ordered by the court.

Judge Main suspended imposition of Allen's sentence on condition that Allen make restitution as his financial condition permitted for all burglaries in which he had been implicated, and refrain from drinking and from association with immoral women.

Allen's partner in the burglaries, Raney Ray Newcomb, 43, had also pleaded guilty and had been sentenced to a maximum of four years in the state penitentiary. Medford police, who arrested the pair, reported clearing a total of 18 burglaries in this area as a result.

San Francisco — (UPI) — A memorial for late U.S. Circuit Judge James A. Fee, formerly of Pendleton, will be held Friday by the U.S. Court of Appeals here.

145 Pints of Blood  
Collected Yesterday

A total of 145 pints of blood were collected yesterday during the regular visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile, officials said today.

Quota for the visit was 200 pints. There were 113 appointments made, and 83 donors were "drop-ins." Twenty-eight donors were rejected, officials said.

Portland Airport  
Closed by Fog

Portland — (UPI) — Portland International Airport had zero visibility from 2:35 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. today as a blanket of thick fog hung on persistently.

At 10 a.m. the airport tower reported that visibility had improved to one-eighth of a mile, still short of necessary visibility to permit aircraft to land. One-quarter mile visibility is required for landings.

Democratic Group to  
Meet Here Tonight

The election of delegates to the national and state Democratic conventions will be discussed at a meeting of the central committee of Jackson County Democratic party at 8 o'clock tonight at the Medford Labor temple, 24 1/2 South Grape st., Medford.

Scheduled to attend the November meeting of the central committee is G. Girard Davidson, Portland, national committeeman.

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CONSTRUCT FORMS — The Eighth st. bridge over Bear creek, that will form the final link in Medford's east-west one-way street system, is beginning to take shape, with pilings already set and work now under way on the forms for the reinforced concrete beams. The approaches on the east side are complete except for the area right at the bridge, but a standard roadbed must be laid on the west side where the Western Auto building formerly stood, according to Public Works Director Verne Thorpe. After the concrete cures for about 30 days, final work can be done on embankments and curbs and gutters, Thorpe said. The picture above was taken from the east side.

## IBM Processing Is Approved for MHS Student Enrollment

The Medford school board last night approved use of an IBM Data Processing Service for student registrations at Medford High school starting with the 1960-61 school year.

The board also approved a group therapy program for high school behavior deviants.

The IBM Data Processing Service, which is operated in Portland, will be helpful in reducing clerical costs, saving teacher time, facilitating fast registration and increasing accuracy. The service was adopted at Marshfield High school during the last school year and is being used for the first time this year in Beaverton, Lebanon, and other schools.

Reduced Costs

Assistant Superintendent Elliott Becken said reports from the schools indicate reduced costs, quicker registrations, and that it is a "desirable step in coping with increasing high school enrollment and with increasing clerical and professional staff involvement in accumulating the same types of information and reports."

The board decided to start the program next school year since registrations this year have been completed.

Becken said the group therapy program appears "to be a positive means of assisting pre-delinquents to a better adjustment."

Adoption of the program here followed reports of a similar program's effectiveness in Ashland High school last year, and by Dr. Arthur Carfagni, psychiatrist from the San Francisco school, at a meeting with school officials earlier this month.

Cooperation in Program

Cooperating in the program here will be Dr. Fred Trost and Bennett Kilpack of Southern Oregon college. The program is designed for youths who could become delinquents and attempts to help them solve their own problems.

## Decision on Area Zoning Scheduled By Group Tonight

A decision on the proposed interim zoning ordinance for the Rogue valley floor is due when the Jackson county planning commission holds its regular monthly meeting at 8 o'clock tonight in the courthouse.

The ordinance, aside from its general zoning regulations, proposes to control excavations on agricultural land by Highway 99 freeway contractors seeking fill dirt.

A comparable ordinance in Lane county became the center of controversy in late July after Circuit Judge Frank Reid refused to grant an injunction to prevent R. A. Heintz Construction company of Portland from carrying out such excavation.

Letter Received

Jackson County Judge Earl M. Miller today released a letter he received this week from Howard W. Buford, secretary of the Lane county planning commission.

"One farm area of roughly 50 acres," Buford wrote, "has been destroyed since Judge Reid lifted the restraining order filed by Lane county against Heintz Construction company, but aside from this, the company has taken borrow (fill) from one of the four areas designated by the Lane county planning commission."

Buford continued that he was beginning "to seriously doubt" whether a requested court opinion on the matter would be issued before next month, despite assurances received by his office "that an early determination would be made."

The Jackson county planners are to decide whether to recommend the proposed ordinance to the county court.

## Principals Favor Youth Camp Revival

Salem — (UPI) — More than 150 junior and senior high school principals went on record Tuesday as favoring revival of National Youth camps similar to the Civilian Conservation Corps of the depression era.

## Californians Chased by Brush Fire

La Canada, Calif. — (UPI) — A wind-whipped brush fire scooped its way on a 25-mile perimeter today as 1,000 firefighters and water bombing

planes fought for control of flames that forced residents to flee their expensive foothill homes.

County Fire Capt. D. F. Hooper said flames had spread 1,800 acres of watershed by dawn in the Los Angeles National forest, just north of this suburban Los Angeles city.

The flames lapped over famed Arroyo Seco canyon during the night through the Brown Mountain area that was burned over in 1934 by a fire that blackened 8,000 acres.

Four firemen were injured, two seriously, fighting the flames. Others were treated for burns or smoke inhalation, Hooper said.

A \$100,000 home in the path of the flames was partially burned but shifting winds and determined firemen, aided by home owners, turned the blaze — at least temporarily — from about 150 other homes in the area.

Hooper said the Brown Mountain fire line was all but inaccessible since the one lone fire road was blocked by flames.

Forecasters called for abnormally high temperatures in the 90s today with gusty desert-born winds up to 35 miles an hour on ridges and in the canyon, and low humidity — all deterrents to quick control.

The fire started late Tuesday afternoon, apparently from a carelessly discarded cigarette.

Several hundred persons were evacuated from their homes during the night as a precautionary measure.



BRUSH FIRE — Firemen along the Angeles Crest highway keep a wary eye on a roaring brush fire that has blackened more than 900 acres. These firemen watch as some of the backfires they started earlier climb up a hill. Flames were reported 90 to 100 feet high in some sections.

(UPI Telephoto)

## Judge Comments On Board's Letter

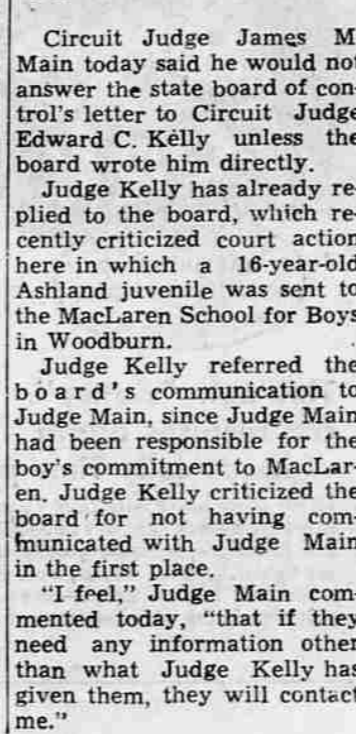
Circuit Judge James M. Main today said he would not answer the state board of control's letter to Circuit Judge Edward C. Kelly unless the board wrote him directly.

Judge Kelly has already replied to the board, which recently criticized court action here in which a 16-year-old Ashland juvenile was sent to the MacLaren School for Boys in Woodburn.

Judge Kelly referred the board's communication to Judge Main, since Judge Main had been responsible for the boy's commitment to MacLaren. Judge Kelly criticized the board for not having communicated with Judge Main in the first place.

"I feel," Judge Main commented today, "that if they need any information other than what Judge Kelly has given them, they will contact me."

## Now It's An Invasion Of Privacy!"



**WEATHER**  
FORECAST: Increasing high cloudiness tonight and Thursday. Chance of showers Thursday night. Low tonight 49. High Friday 72-75.

Highest yesterday	80
Lowest this morning	42

**Our Skies Tonight**

Sunset today	5:32 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	6:24 a.m.
Moonrise today	6:45 p.m.
Moonset tomorrow	5:22 a.m.
Full Moon	Oct. 16

**PROMINENT STAR**  
Capella, high overhead 3:49 a.m. Being above the horizon so many hours out of the 24, Capella is visible every night of the year here on some part of its course through the northern sky.