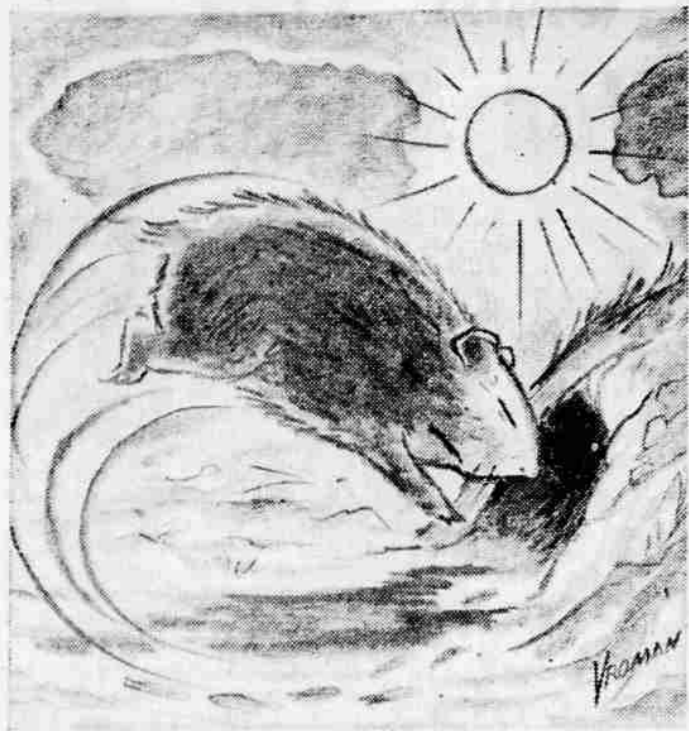


EGYPT TROOPS HEAD FOR ISRAELI BORDER



SCOOTIN' GROUNDHOG—Mail Tribune Artist Bob Vroman gives his interpretation, above, of what would have happened here today if groundhogs lived in the Rogue valley. The bright sun certainly would have caused the old weather prophet to get scooting back into his hole to bring six more weeks of winter weather to the area. Without groundhogs to do their predicting, residents will have to depend on the weather bureau for their forecasts.

Groundhog Shadow Visible in Most Sections of Nation

By United Press International

Groundhogs in most sections of the nation saw their shadows today and, according to the old legend, ducked back into the warmth of their dens to snooze through six more weeks of winter.

Rain, snow and overcast skies hid the sun over much of the country on this Feb. 2, traditional Groundhog Day.

The Punxsutawney, Pa., groundhog emerged from hibernation on Gobbler's Knob at 7:33 a.m., his followers said, and dived right back into his den when he saw his shadow.

Disastrous Snows Forecast

An official of the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club said that meant "disastrous house-high snows, hurricane winds, ice six inches thick coating utility wires and trees, mercury dropping out of the bottom of every thermometer in the land and highway, air and rail travel at more of a standstill than even Jimmy Hoffa could order."

At Quarryville, Pa., watchers of the Groundhog Lodge reported that their furry weather observer emerged at 8:01 1/2 a.m. and scampered back before the lodge's official fiddler could serenade him with "Me and My Shadow."

But Prince Dauphin III, the protege of the Sun Prairie, Wis., Groundhog Club, ignored ugly rumors that he is stuffed and predicted winter is on the way out.

Mrs. Ray Patti, president of the Sun Prairie Groundhog Club, said seven persons saw the animal dart out of its burrow in cloudy weather and "scoot over the hill."

"He didn't see his shadow,"

Free Textbook Rights Upheld

Oregon City—(UPI)—Circuit Judge Ralph Holman today upheld the right of the Oregon City school district to provide free textbooks to a Catholic school.

The judge, in upholding Oregon's free textbook law, indicated he disagreed with previous judicial interpretations of state and federal constitutions. But he said he felt compelled to follow the dictates of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Plaintiffs indicated they would appeal to the State Supreme Court.

Gerald Wenner Retires as Ashland Bank Manager; Isaacs Named to Fill Position

The retirement of Gerald H. Wenner, long-time manager of the Ashland branch of First National Bank of Oregon, has been announced by C. B. Stephenson, president of the statewide banking system. He will retire under provisions of the bank's pension program.

Wenner will be replaced by Richard C. Isaacs, native of Jackson county and assistant manager of the branch. Stephenson said. Emmet Whitham, assistant cashier and loan officer, is being promoted to assistant manager. The changes will be effective next week.

Wenner has spent his entire banking career in Ashland, beginning 45 years ago with

First National of Ashland. He advanced to assistant cashier before the bank was purchased by First National of Portland in 1935, when he became assistant manager of the Ashland branch. In 1941 he was named manager.

Isaacs was born and grew up in Medford and joined the First National bank of Medford in 1929. First National of Portland succeeded the bank in 1935. Isaacs was promoted to manager of the Central Point branch in 1947. He remained there until July, 1958, when he became assistant manager of Medford branch, and one year ago he was appointed to a similar post at Ashland branch.

Whitham, a native of Portland, joined First National there in 1936 after seven years with the Federal Reserve Bank. He came to Ashland in 1937 and has served in all operating and loaning departments. He was appointed assistant cashier in 1948 and has been general loan officer since 1950.

Wenner has been active in many community affairs through the years and is currently a member of the Hospital Planning Commission of the city council, the chamber of commerce, Rotary, Elks and Methodist church.

Isaacs is a member of the Ashland Realty Board, Ashland Chamber of Commerce and Rotary club.

Tax Picture Improvement Plan Noted

Ray J. Schumacher, Jackson county assessor, today suggested that a new tax base be provided for operational school budgets to improve Oregon's overall tax picture and place the state in a favorable position for industrial development.

Schumacher said in analyzing the levies for property taxation, "it becomes apparent that most of the local tax dollar is spent for school operation. Most taxpayers agree that this is an essential service and few would sacrifice this for lower taxation."

Present school operation, he added, accounts for the majority of school budgets, while bonded indebtedness for buildings would be the minority cost.

In finding a new tax base, Schumacher listed five points, which if passed into law he believes would relieve the property tax load and make a more favorable structure for school taxation. The five points are:

1. A statute limiting school taxes on property to bonding issues only.

2. Millage limitation for all taxing districts similar to the state of Washington.

3. Enactment of a sales tax allotted to operational school fund.

4. Any additional amount needed to come from the state general fund.

5. This school tax fund to be administered at the state level and allocated to the school districts on a school unit, based on the class of the district. He said "these costs are commonly known."

This departure from the present system of budgeting would be a challenge to school administrators to work within the level of comparable costs, Schumacher said.

If these five points became law, the assessor said, "property tax could be cut to less than half."

He illustrated his point by noting that in the present Medford district, code 549-1, city of Medford tax is 28.6 mills, the school district millage is 35, and the rural school tax is 25.2 mills, a total of 88.8 mills.

Under Schumacher's suggestion the taxes would be city of Medford 28.6 mills and the Medford school bond levy of 8.6 mills, or a total of 37.2 mills.

The net savings to the property taxpayer would be 51.8 mills, or \$5.18 for each \$100 of assessed valuation, he said.

"While these school taxes must still be paid, the payment would be less painful under the sales tax and income tax and would be more equitable," Schumacher said.

He said he believed that "the voters of Oregon would accept the sales tax if it was coupled with this positive property tax offset."

Schumacher's suggestions stemmed from present resistance to property taxation, which he said required a "closer look of all taxing units to this form of taxation."

The assessor said that under the reappraisal program, progress has been made to equal-

ize assessments. "This with the six-year reappraisal program should insure the taxpayer equal distribution of the tax load," he noted.

But he said this "will not eliminate the burden of taxation when most taxing districts are faced with increased costs and wanted services."

A letter outlining Schumacher's proposals has been forwarded to county assessors and other officials throughout the state, he said.



MRS. EVELYN NYE To Seek Reelection

Mrs. Nye to Seek Reelection as Representative

Mrs. Evelyn Nye, Medford, announced today she would seek reelection as state representative from Jackson county. She is a Republican.

Last week, E. H. Mann and John Dellenback, both of Medford, announced they would seek the Republican nomination for state representative in the May 20 primary election.

No Democrats have as yet announced their candidacy. Robert Duncan, a Democrat, speaker of the house of representatives, now occupies the other house seat from this county.

Mrs. Nye said her principal reason for seeking reelection is for "an opportunity to put to constructive use for the benefit of the people of this county the experience which I gained in the last session."

She was elected two years ago.

On Committees
During the last session, Mrs. Nye served on the standing committees on education, agriculture and livestock, and local government, and is now serving on the interim committee on education as chairman of the subcommittee studying quality of education and administrative practices.

"This committee," she said, "with the exception of the interim committee on taxation, is probably carrying the heaviest load of legislative responsibility in state government."

Prior to serving in the legislature, Mrs. Nye served 10 years as a member of the Medford school board and worked on the executive council and legislative committee of the Oregon School Board association.

She is a charter member and past president of the League of Women Voters here, past president of Republican Women, a member of the board of directors of Mercy Flights, Rogue Valley Manor and the School of Hope, and is a member of the Business and Professional Women.

Mrs. Nye has lived in Jackson county most of her life and was graduated from Medford High school and the University of Oregon. Her husband, Stephen Nye, is a valley orchardist.

Musas Candidates For Reelection

Salem—(UPI)—Both members of the Musa Democratic husband and wife team filed for reelection today.

State Sen. Ben Musa of The Dalles filed his candidacy for reelection to the 16th district. He seeks a fourth term.

His wife, State Rep. Katherine Musa, seeks reelection in the 21st district and a third term.

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Police Join in Investigation of Truck Dynamiting

Portland—(UPI)—State, county and city police have joined in an investigation into the dynamiting of 10 trucks serving the combined Oregon Journal - Oregonian newspaper here.

The trucks were dynamited late Sunday night causing an estimated \$70,000 damage.

The combined newspaper has been published since last November when stereotypes went on strike and other unions observed picket lines. No settlement has been reached.

Incident Condemned
Oregon Gov. Mark Hatfield Monday condemned the incident saying he deplored such actions. "The system from the same kind of warped minds that paint swastikas on buildings. The full state police facilities have been made available upon the request of local authorities. It is my hope the culprits will be brought to justice and that there will be no repetition of such unwarranted destruction of property and the endangering of lives," the governor said.

Six trucks in Oregon City, about 12 miles south of here, were wrecked, and minutes later dynamite blasts wrecked four more trucks in Portland.

Rewards Offered
The Oregon City trucks had been used to haul newspaper to the Oregonian building where the combined Oregon Journal-Oregonian have been publishing since the strike started Nov. 19. The trucks in Portland were used to haul newspapers and motion pictures.

The Portland City Council offered a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those involved and the Portland Inter-Union Strike Committee offered a similar reward.

The inter-union committee also issued a statement saying it has repeatedly condemned acts of violence.

Schrunk Deplores Act
It said in part, "we deeply regret this senseless dynamiting of newspaper trucks because it gives an opportunity to some quarters to blame the unions through guilt by association."

Mayor Terry Schrunk called it "an extremely serious blot on the city's record. It reflects on both labor and management, and cannot be tolerated."

French Assembly Vote de Gaulle Rule
Paris—(UPI)—The constitutional committee of the National Assembly tonight approved an amended version of the bill to give President Charles de Gaulle semi-dictatorial powers to rule by decree for a year, informed sources said.

Thornton To Address Grants Pass Banquet
Salem—(UPI)—Main speaker at the Grants Pass Junior Chamber of Commerce distinguished service awards banquet Feb. 17 will be Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton.

His subject will be "citizen responsibilities and community development."

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Salem—(UPI)—Insured unemployment reached 32,466 in the state last week, a total the State Employment Department believes will be peak for the year.



HIGHWAY CLUTTERED—A heavy-duty road grader is shown removing debris from the westbound lanes of U.S. Highway 40 after tons of mud, snow and rocks descended in an earth slide near Colfax, Calif., Monday. The slide which snapped a major transcontinental telephone cable, disrupted major communications service for over three hours.

Highway 40, which is the main route from all points to Squaw Valley, site of the 1960 Winter Olympics, is closed to westbound traffic and only passenger cars are permitted use of the eastbound lanes. Extensive damage is expected to result to the newly-widened highway.

—(UPI Telephone)

Money Approved For Irrigation District Work

The U. S. Senate irrigation and reclamation subcommittee has passed a resolution authorizing the Talent Irrigation district to carry on minor construction work under a new repayment contract with the bureau of reclamation.

Lloyd Tupling, administrative assistant to Sen. Richard L. Neuberger, in a telegram to the Mail Tribune, said house interior committee approval will clear the way for the district to proceed with work without the 60-day waiting period.

The action will permit the district to use \$300,000 to complete work on the east and Ashland canals in the district's rehabilitation and enlargement program in connection with the overall Talent project, according to Walter Hoffbuhr, district manager.

Waiver on Limitation
Hoffbuhr said the district had to go to congress for a waiver of a \$200,000 limitation for work which may be done by an irrigation district working with the bureau of reclamation.

Work done by the district on its lateral and canal rehabilitation and enlargement had used the \$200,000, Hoffbuhr said, and more funds were needed to complete the work.

The district is doing earth work on the east canal now, he said, and construction of structures is let on a bid basis. Earth work will be about 80 per cent completed and structures about 90 per cent done when this year's water season starts, he said.

Work on the Ashland canal is expected to start next fall, with completion next winter.

The bureau of reclamation does engineering for the work which the district may do under federal statutes.

Bridge Approaches Being Constructed
Work is being done on approaches to a bridge recently completed over Long Branch creek, County Engineer Robert J. Carstensen said today.

The reinforced concrete bridge on Rogue River dr. was completed last week, he said.

Other work being done by the county engineer's road crews include clearing brush along the right-of-way of Poor-man creek rd. between Griffin creek rd. and Sterling creek rd., and finishing a base rock application to Hillcrest rd. and Cherry lane. An oil mat coat will be spread over the two county roads this summer, the county engineer said.

Clearing of the right of way on Reese Creek rd. has been completed and crews are clearing the right of way to the county's granite pit west of Jacksonville, Carstensen said.

Mrs. Todd Files Objections to Court Costs Bill

Mrs. Ann Todd, Eagle Point, today filed objections to the court costs bill presented by the Eagle Point Irrigation district as a result of December's injunction hearing in circuit court.

Total costs of \$291.76 are sought from Mrs. Todd, her husband, Howard Todd, Paul D. Conrad, Fritz Carlson, and Herman Higday. The costs bill was filed Jan. 26 by Attorney Gregory Hornecker, of Farrell and Blackhurst, Medford legal firm, on behalf of the district.

Included in Costs
Included in the court costs were filing fee \$6.80; prevailing party fee \$10; reporter's fee for 7 1/2 days \$75; witness fee for John Lucas, Medford, 8 days, 48 miles travel allowance, \$43.84; V. R. Harper, Eagle Point, 8 days, 192 miles travel allowance, \$55.36; W. L. Warren, Old Stage rd., 5 days, 50 miles travel, \$29; Philip Humphrey, Medford, 2 days, 16 miles, \$11.28; Ted Flury, Eagle Point, 8 days, 256 miles, \$60.48.

In her objections, Mrs. Todd said the cost bill was not filed 10 days after the Dec. 29 decree was issued and filed by Circuit Judge James M. Main as prescribed by state law.

She also charged that the court had permitted Higday to withdraw from the case, so his costs should not be assessed.

John Lucas was not a material witness and it was not necessary for him to attend the trial each day, Mrs. Todd stated. The same applies to Harper, she said, and the district has paid Harper \$41.92. Warren, California Oregon Power company engineer, only testified on the last day and reports to his job only two blocks away from the courthouse so should not receive travel expenses, Mrs. Todd said. Except for the amount and the number of days specified, the same applies to Humphrey, she added.

Flury was being paid by the district while he was in court, did not testify as a witness for the district, and used a district truck for transportation, so is not entitled to costs allowance, Mrs. Todd claimed.

Evergreen Files Request With PUC
Evergreen Bus Line of Medford has filed an application with the public utility commissioner to raise its fares and charges in the Jacksonville-Medford-Ashland area.

A hearing on the case will be held Feb. 17 at 1 p.m. in Medford city hall.

Included are a 5-cent one-way fare increase request, establishment of round-trip and commutation fares and a \$5 charter trip minimum increase.

Also before the commissioner is a proposal of Evergreen Bus Lines, Inc., Medford, to acquire by transfer the permit of Henry J. Huber, doing business as Evergreen Bus Line. No hearing date on this has been set.

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Carole Tregoff Wins Major Point
Los Angeles—(UPI)—Carole Tregoff scored an important legal victory at her murder trial today when Superior Judge Walter Evans ruled that damaging admissions she made previously could not be read to this jury.

The ruling makes it impossible for the prosecution to point out all the conflicts in the story told by Carole at a preliminary hearing or also to allow the jury to compare what she said then with what she may say if she takes the stand during the trial. At the earlier hearing she admitted intimacies with her codefendant, Dr. R. Bernard Finch.

Positions Taken On Entire Length Of Truce Line

Jerusalem, Israel—(UPI)—Egyptian armed forces in great strength were reported today to have streamed across the Siani Peninsula and taken up positions along the entire length of the Israel-Egypt truce demarcation line.

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By United Press International
Gale warnings were lowered off the Oregon coast today after a gusty storm with winds up to 57 miles an hour hit the coast and Willamette Valley.

There were several reports of power outages and minor damage. The winds reached 37 miles per hour in Eugene Monday evening. Salem reported gusts to 40 mph and Portland to 41 mph.

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