

Norway Protests Spy Flight of U.S. Plane



TRIPLETS HONORED—Robert, James and William Rolls, triplet sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Rolls, Medford, were honored guests at a party at Sacred Heart hospital yesterday. The three boys, now 5 years old, were born at the hospital Dec. 29, 1954. Helping them open their presents, above, are Mrs. Truman Price, Miss Lynn Peterson and

Mrs. R. Rucker, Mrs. Price and Mrs. Rucker were the attending nurses when the boys were born. Lynn Peterson, a student at Medford High school, was one of 100 high school students that attended the Career Day program at the hospital yesterday, which was part of the National Hospital week activities.

Dr. Verne Blue, SOC Professor, Dies in Hospital

Dr. George Verne Blue, 66, native Oregonian, avid supporter of the Shakespearean Festival and a professor of history at Southern Oregon college, died last night in a Medford hospital.

Dr. Blue's death resulted from injuries suffered last Thursday afternoon in a boating accident at Savage Rapids dam on Rogue river. He suffered a collapsed lung and four broken ribs when the boat in which he was riding struck a concealed object and overturned, according to reports.

A 1912 graduate of Ashland High school, Dr. Blue received a bachelor's degree from the University of Oregon, a master's from the University of California, and a doctorate from the University of Paris.

He spent 20 years as a research historian with the U.S. department of state in Washington, D.C., and had been a member of the Southern Oregon college faculty for the past five years.

"A History of Oregon," textbook written by Dr. Blue, was used for 10 years as a standard text in Oregon high schools.

Dr. Blue had been a member of the board of directors and the institute committee of the Oregon Shakespearean Festival association since 1958.

Litwiler's funeral home, Ashland, is in charge of funeral services, which will be held at 3 p.m. tomorrow at Trinity Episcopal church in Ashland with the Rev. John L. Thompson III, of Eureka, Calif., officiating. Mr. Thompson is a former rector of Trinity church.

Interment will be in Mt. View cemetery, Ashland.

A cousin, Mrs. Frank Hout, Dr. Blue's only known living relative, is en route here from Salem.

Judge Says County Relief Fund Won't Be Needed in Year

A county relief fund with a balance of \$86,557.98 will not be needed by the county this year, County Judge Earl Miller told the Mail Tribune Thursday.

The relief money, received by the county as its share of alcohol tax and license fees, and amusement device tax is expected to increase by an estimated \$30,000 the 1960-61 fiscal year.

The fund has not been touched since July, 1958, when the county budget committee transferred \$30,000 to the general fund at budget time for expenditure through the general county fund for relief.

Miller explained that the fund is set up by Oregon sta-

tute to be "expended only by the county court or board of county commissioners for mother's aid, old age pensions and direct relief of the indigent."

Miller said during a meeting Thursday with George E. Stacey, accountant, and Commissioner Chester Wendt that "ample" funds were available this year from other county receipts to take care of anticipated welfare costs of an estimated \$226,531 and the \$50,000 budgeted for miscellaneous relief, mainly for hospitals. (The hospitals requested \$85,000 this year to offset their indigent patient losses.)

He added that the account was used as a "reserve relief fund" to be drawn on during years when anticipated county receipts are lower.

Money in this fund remains in a separate account, Miller said, and does not go into the general fund at the end of the fiscal year. Money may be transferred from it only by the budget committee when the annual budget is drawn up or by the county court after they request a special meeting of the budget committee and a public hearing is held.

According to County Treasurer Karl Janouch, the money in this account is invested, drawing a minimum of 3 per cent interest.

Closing Dates for Schools Are Noted

The final days of operation for schools in the county have been announced by the county school superintendent's office.

Closing on May 27 are Applegate, Prospect, Butte Falls, and Pinehurst. On June 3 schools to close will include Phoenix, Ashland, Eagle Point including Shady Cove and Elk-Traill, Talent, Rogue River, and Evans Valley.

Central Point schools, including Gold Hill and Sams Valley, will close June 7, and Medford schools, including Lone Pine, Howard, Griffin Creek, Jacksonville and Ruch, will close June 8.

Senate Candidate Visits in Medford

Harry C. Fowler, Prineville, candidate for the Democratic nomination for U.S. senator, was in Medford Thursday on behalf of his campaign.

In a speech Thursday evening Fowler told a television audience that "nine days in Oregon prior to the primary election is not sufficient time for Mrs. Maurine Neuberger to make her position known to voters of Oregon on vital issues of the day."

He concluded that "ivory tower intellectualism and so called enlightened good works are not a substitute for experience."

Fowler, county judge of Crook county, will return to Medford May 19 for a second appearance here.

BOARD TO MEET

The next meeting of the county board of equalization will meet Tuesday, May 17, at 10 a.m., according to County Commissioner Chester Wendt, to review tax assessment complaints.

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Civic Center Plan Renewed by City Planning Group

The city of Medford came one step closer to having a civic center when the city planning commission last night recommended adoption of a preliminary civic center plan.

The location of the proposed center is an 11 block area bounded by Mistletoe, Main, Holly and 10th sts. To be located in this area would be any and all future city, state and federal buildings, whose size, purpose and design would complement the center itself.

Already located in the area are the Jackson county courthouse, the public library and the West side city park. These facilities would serve as a nucleus for the development.

Work Overtime

Planning Consultant Ned Langford and other city administrators worked overtime to prepare the plan for presentation to the commission last night, because of a \$2 million federal building which is being proposed for construction in Medford.

It has been the desire of

the city to have a federal building located in this area, and when the General Services Administration recently asked the city just where they might like the building to be located, Langford "et al" undertook to prepare the plan for presentation to the GSA.

The GSA has already advertised for possible locations for the building, and these advertisements specify a preferred area somewhat larger than that encompassed in the plan adopted last night.

A letter will now be sent to the GSA asking if it will locate within the boundaries of the center.

State Building

City Manager Robert A. Duff told the commission the state will eventually erect an office building in Medford, and there is even some talk along these lines now.

Duff also made the observation that the city cannot keep "subdividing" the city hall for space and will have to be looking for a location on which to erect a new one. He was referring to the present renovation of a portion of the city jail into offices for the police department.

As Medford continues to grow, he said, there is a strong possibility that a civic auditorium, an art gallery or even a museum will be built.

All of these structures would fit into the proposed civic center, he added.

The plan will now be presented to the city council for its consideration.

Actually the idea of a civic center for Medford is not new. In 1931, Jacob L. Crane Jr., a planning consultant from Chicago, was hired by the city to work with the existing planning commission in developing a comprehensive city plan including a civic center development.

Passed by Voters

The civic center which was planned by Crane, approved by the commission and favorably passed on by the voters of Medford, was to be located on approximately the same site as that approved by the commission last night.

At the time Crane developed his plan, the present park was already there as was the library, (it was smaller then) and plans had been developed for construction of the present courthouse.

Crane's proposed site was roughly one-half block deep surrounding the park. He envisioned, besides the courthouse, a city hall, an auditorium, a new library, two new churches and two new hotels.

This plan was largely forgotten for many years, as was most of the rest of his comprehensive plan for the development of Medford. He planned a city park extending along both sides of Bear creek from city limits to city limits.

The government's proposed federal building did much to bring Crane's civic center plan down from the shelves where it had been gathering dust for many years, and it may be that this plan will now become fact.

Annual Roosevelt Memorial Dinner Will Be Saturday

Helen Gahagan Douglas, former congresswoman from California, will speak on "World Peace" at the 10th annual Roosevelt Memorial dinner at Hedrick Junior High school at 6 p.m. Saturday.

Mrs. Douglas, who also is a former stage and opera star, served on the foreign affairs committee during her congressional days, and was an alternate delegate to the United Nations General Assembly.

She was scheduled to speak in Portland today at the 1960 World Peace conference.

Among other national figures who are expected at the dinner, which is open to the public, are Mrs. Maurine Neuberger, widow of the late Sen. Richard L. Neuberger; Representative Charles O. Porter; former congresswoman Nan Wood Honeyman, Portland; Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr., and Edward (Ted) Kennedy, younger brother of Sen. John F. Kennedy.

Others Expected

Others expected are Congresswoman Edith S. Green; C. Girard Davidson, Democratic national committeeman; Al Flegel, Roseburg; State Sen. and Mrs. Monroe Sweetland; County Judge Joe Jaross, Washington county; Ward Cook, Portland; State Attorney General and Mrs. Robert Y. Thornton; State Senate President and Mrs. Walter J. Pearson; Mrs. Elaine Hoffman, Eugene; Mrs. Helen Stoll, Portland; and Democratic State Chairman and Mrs. Robert Straub, Eugene.

Many of those attending are candidates for various offices this year.

Following the dinner, the recently formed Eleanor Roosevelt league will honor Mrs. Douglas at a brief coffee and reception in the Hedrick cafeteria.

Belton Says Foe's Charges Not True

Salem—UPI—State Treasurer Howard C. Belton said today that charges made against him by his opponent in the May 20 primary, State Rep. Shirley Field R-Portland, are "careless and unwarranted."

He pointed specifically to a speech of Miss Field's at McMinnville regarding Belton's administration of state-owned lands.

Baseball

NATIONAL LEAGUE	
St. Louis	1 5 0
Chicago	4 7 0
Kline and H. Smith; Hobbs and Taylor. Home runs: Thomas, Banks, both Chicago.	



REPORTS FIRE—Timmy Reeder, 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Reeder, 538 Granite st., Ashland, is shown above as he receives the Green Guard award from Dale Prentice, chairman of the Jackson County Keep Oregon Green committee. Timmy earned the award when he reported a new outbreak of the Ashland fire last summer, enabling District Ranger Harold (Red) Thomas, above,

left, to dispatch fire fighters to the scene to protect a number of homes in the area. In addition to a Green Guard badge, Timmy also received a Service Under Fire certificate and a pocket knife inscribed with a Keep Oregon Green slogan. Timmy was absent from school and was unable to receive the award during assembly as planned.

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He did not say what had caused the engine mounting to become loose or broken but said it could be caused by an abnormally hard landing.

Proposed Higher Rates Suspended

Proposed higher rates for residential customers of the California Oregon Power company were suspended late Thursday by Public Utility Commissioner Jonel C. Hill.

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News Briefs

IKE VETOES BILL

Washington—UPI—President Eisenhower today vetoed the depressed areas bill because he felt the measure would "squander the federal taxpayers' money."

TO BACK SYMINGTON

Chicago—UPI—Former President Harry S. Truman today endorsed Sen. Stuart Symington of Missouri for the Democratic presidential nomination.

SUMMIT ARRIVALS

Paris—UPI—Key figures of the summit conference started drifting into Paris today to prepare for the first top-level East-West meeting in five years.

Secretary of State Christian A. Herter arrived at Orly Air Field at noon to begin the influx that will lead to the momentous conference Monday.

SATELLITE LOST

Cape Canaveral, Fla.—UPI—American scientists fired a "radio mirror" balloon satellite into space today and then apparently lost it.

CHARGE FALSE REPORT

Washington—UPI—The Justice Department announced today that the FBI has arrested Donald David Kitch in Portland, Ore., on charges he made a false bomb report involving a United Airlines plane.

Lumber Price Index Shows Sharp Decline

Portland—UPI—A sharp decline in Crow's lumber price index was reported today in the two week period ending May 12.

Green fir items weakened in both rail and cargo markets with the latter showing the most severe decline.

Text of Russian Note to Norway Not Disclosed

Pakistan Probes Origin of Flight

Oslo—UPI—The Soviet Union sent a note to Norway today in connection with the U. S. U2 spy flight incident, the Foreign Ministry disclosed.

The text of the note was not released immediately.

It came as the U2's trans-Russian flight brought a firm protest to the United States from one American ally and a second said it was preparing a possible protest.

Flight Condemned

Norway condemned the plan for the U.S. flight to land at a Norwegian airbase. Pakistan said it was investigating whether the same flight originated at a Pakistani base.

Norwegian Foreign Minister Halvard Lange announced the protest during an address to Parliament, in which he also rebuked Russia for threatening to obliterate bases in Norway.

Pakistani President Mohammed Ayub Khan told newsmen in London that his country still had not determined whether the controversial flight actually had started from Peshawar, Pakistan, as the Soviets allege.

Protest in Future

"If we discovered that in fact it (the airfield at Peshawar) was used, we shall protest to the American government that it should not have been done, and certainly should not be done in the future," Ayub Khan said.

Any formal protest from Pakistan still was in the future. But that from Norway already has been made.

It was the first diplomatic action against the United States by Norway since Norway joined the North Atlantic Alliance. It followed a Washington admission that spy flights had been carried out.

Ashland Residents Approve Budget

Ashland—The Ashland school district budget, calling for expenditure of \$550,869.98 outside the 6 per cent limitation, was passed by school patrons yesterday by a margin of more than 3 to 1.

They vote was 389 in favor and 106 against. The turnout of 495 voters represented only about 10 per cent of the approximately 5,000 persons eligible to vote, school officials said.

The budget's total, including the general fund, bonds, school lunches and construction funds, is \$2,121,226.88.

Inside the 6 per cent limitation is \$161,245.02 and not affected by the limitation is \$170,245. Amount necessary to balance the budget is \$823,443, while extra taxes not collected total \$58,916.

Total estimated tax levies total \$882,359, and the district expects to receive \$163,267 from the basic fund.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday. Increasing cloudiness Saturday night. Low tonight 35. High Saturday 70.

Temp. Highest Yesterday 62. Lowest this Morning 44. Precip. to 3 a.m. Today. Trace.

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today 7:14 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow 4:31 a.m. The Moon rises 10:20 p.m. tonight and rides low in the constellation, Sagittarius.

Last Quarter May 17. The planet, Jupiter, seen near the Moon tonight, is now about 415 million miles from the Earth.



"What's So Funny?"