

Hatfield Names Withycombe Inquiry Board

The Beauties of Scenic Oregon

(Oregon State Highway Commission Photo)



Silver smelt follow Pacific ocean breakers onto Oregon shores, attracting these fishermen near Yachats.

California Man Killed in Crash Along Highway 99

Clarence Herbert Koppl, 33, of Union City, Calif., was killed early this morning when the truck he was operating went out of control and tipped over on Highway 99 about seven miles south of Ashland.

State police said the truck was loaded with about 38,000 pounds of reinforcing steel for delivery to a construction firm in Medford.

The truck was going downhill when the driver attempted to negotiate a sharp curve. Police said the truck's brakes apparently set, causing the vehicle to skid about 250 feet. The trailer then flipped over and skidded another 215 feet on the highway shoulder.

The truck knocked over a medium-sized tree, and the truck's cab was sheared off, officers said. The cab slid into two fir trees.

Koppl's body was under the cab, police said. The body was taken to Conger Morris Funeral directors in Medford.

The accident was reported to state police about 4:09 o'clock this morning by a bus driver.

It was the 14th traffic fatality in Jackson county this year.

Damage to Streets Being Repaired

Two construction firms are repairing damage to city streets caused by heavy equipment.

Peter Klewitt Sons' company is working on portions of Jackson, Fourth, Main, and Eighth sts. The Virgil Anderson company also is working on Fourth and Jackson sts.

The streets were damaged by equipment working on the Interstate 5 freeway project.

American Millionaire Ordered Deported

Manila—President Diosdado Macapagal today ordered the arrest and deportation from the Philippines of American millionaire Harry S. Stonchill and his business associate, Robert Brooks.

Stonchill is a U.S. Army veteran who stayed on in the Philippines after World War I and built up a financial empire, mainly in tobacco.

He has been accused of involvement in bribery of public officials, tax evasion and illegal financial transactions.

NEWS BRIEFS

IKE ABANDONS COLOGNE TOUR
Bonn—Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower today abandoned plans to tour Cologne because he feared police were too few to handle the crowds.

BUENOS AIRES STRIKE FIZZLES
Buenos Aires—A 48-hour "general strike" called by the CGT Union Federation ended in apparent failure at midnight Thursday.

EDITORS REPORT ON TOUR OF RUSSIA
Washington—Four newspaper editors Thursday reported to President Kennedy on their recent tour of Russia and conversation with Premier Nikita Khrushchev.

Group To Study Disappearance of Surplus Property

Investigators All Retired Officers

Salem—(UPI)—Gov. Mark Hatfield today named a special three man board of inquiry to look into the disappearance of \$6,000 worth of surplus property at Camp Withycombe in Clackamas county.

The Clackamas County Grand Jury studied the matter but last week announced its inquiry had ended. No indictments were returned.

Hatfield said the case "is not closed."

All Retired Officers
"To probe more deeply into the matter I have impaneled a board of inquiry composed of distinguished citizens who are familiar with military procedures," he said.

The three, all retired Army officers, are Arthur Lowe, Corvallis, Willis E. Vincent, Salem and Harold A. Taylor, McMinnville.

"They shall have access to whatever records are deemed appropriate. Our citizens are entitled to know what happened," Hatfield said. "Responsibility must be fixed for this irregularity."

The governor said "stern disciplinary action must be taken with those who participated or knowingly turned their backs on any wrong doing. New procedures have already been instituted to prevent a recurrence of this type."

Commander Suspended

On July 6, Oregon Adjutant General Paul L. Kliever suspended Lt. Col. James J. Anderson as post commander at Camp Withycombe. Kliever said following the grand jury's announcement that Anderson's status was the same.

The board of inquiry will report directly to the governor.

Taylor now owns a hardware and implement firm, Vincent is active in civic affairs in Salem, and Lowe is business manager of the Corvallis Gazette-Times.

Two Tests Seen

Count congressional contests seemed headed for court tests with the margin between two leading candidates slim. These races involved Democratic Rep. J. B. Frazier Jr., Chattanooga, and J. Carlton Loser, Nashville. Frazier appeared to be the victim of an upset, and Loser seemed a bare winner, but there were disputes over some of the votes in each race.

Clement was first elected governor in 1952, then re-elected in 1956. He became the state's first four-year governor after the state constitution was changed.

Noted for his speechmaking ability, Clement made many trips out of Tennessee to talk at Democratic party functions.

In 1956, he was keynote speaker at the Democratic National Convention.

Gold Star Mother Held as Abortionist

Rapid City, S.D.—(UPI)—This Black Hills city's Gold Star Mother of the Year has been charged with being an abortionist, climaxing a 12-year investigation.

Mrs. La Vange Michael, 67, selected Gold Star mother for 1962 two months ago, was arrested in a surprise raid on her home by city, county and state agents.

Sheriff Glenn Best said he began his investigation of Mrs. Michael and placed her home under surveillance 12 years ago when he was a deputy sheriff.

Mrs. Michael was freed under \$5,000 bond Thursday. Municipal Judge Jack Hunt continued her arraignment until Aug. 9 to allow her attorney, Roswell Bottom, brother of Sen. Joseph Bottom (R-S.D.), time to study the case.

Dr. Soblen's Return Is Delayed in London

London—(UPI)—Bail-jumping Soviet spy Dr. Robert Soblen won another delay tonight in his return to the United States to serve a term of life imprisonment.

The El Al Israel Airline, which had been ordered by the British government to fly Soblen, 61, to the United States, was given until Monday to decide what it was going to do.

To Receive Degrees

Eugene—(UPI)—A class of about 400 students will receive graduate and undergraduate degrees Aug. 11 at the University of Oregon's first formal summer commencement exercises.

Distributor Bans Controversial Novel

Portland—(UPI)—A Portland distributor said today his company has imposed a voluntary ban on the controversial novel, "Tropic of Cancer."

Norman Bay, operator of Bay News Co., said the remaining copies will be taken off newstands at 50 or more outlets Monday, even though the book has not been a target of the city's new obscenity ordinance.

Bay said his firm probably will make no effort to supply author Henry Miller's sequel, "Tropic of Capricorn." The latter book is due out in September.

QUEEN CHOSEN

Eugene—(UPI)—Claren Best, 17, Springfield, Thursday night was chosen queen of the Emerald Empire Roundup.

Townsend Plan Cofounder Held For Felony Theft

Amarillo, Tex.—(UPI)—R. E. Clements, businessman and cofounder of the Townsend plan for the aged, surrendered himself to a sheriff today as one of three men indicted for felony theft and conspiracy by a grand jury investigating Billie Sol Estes.

Warrants were out for the arrest of the other two men, one of them from Pecos, Tex., and the other from New York. They were not to be identified until actually arrested.

Clements, prominent in Amarillo for charitable work and a former real estate agent in Long Beach, Calif., posted \$10,000 bond on the indictment charging felony theft, conspiracy and restraint of trade.

Made Tanks

He was former owner of the Superior Manufacturing Co., which made fertilizer tanks used by Estes in his business manipulations.

Clements sold Superior Manufacturing to Harold E. Orr and Ruel Alexander in April, 1960. Orr and Alexander have been indicted by a federal grand jury with Estes and both have pleaded guilty to four counts of a 29-count indictment.

Payment in Mortgage

Testimony in a state court of inquiry said Clements took part of his payment for the firm in bogus chattel mortgages and that he was aware they were fraudulent.

In Amarillo, Clements was president of the local United Fund charity drive and was active in organizing cultural programs.

He was a cofounder with the late Dr. F. E. Townsend of the depression-era Townsend plan to provide the aged with pensions.

Ben Bella Arrives For Triumphant Entry

Algiers, Algeria—(UPI)—Dissident Vice Premier Ahmed Ben Bella, victorious in the Algerian struggle for power, arrived in Algiers today for a triumphal entry into the capital he left six years ago as a French captive.

Ben Bella's plane landed at Algiers' Maitland Airport after a flight from the western port city of Oran.

A public holiday was declared this afternoon for Ben Bella's return.

Value Increase Noted In Utility Properties

Salem—(UPI)—The Oregon Tax Commission today put out final figures on the increase in true cash value of utility properties in Oregon from 1961 to 1962, showing an increase of \$109.9 million, or 9.1 per cent.

The commission revised its preliminary figures of two weeks ago that showed the increase as 9.3 per cent.

Four Workmen Killed When Bridge Falls

Rapid City, S.D.—(UPI)—A bridge under construction on an interstate highway collapsed today, raining hundreds of tons of concrete, steel and mortar on a work party below.

Four dead were counted immediately and another workman was missing and feared killed, authorities said.

Beer-Drinking Youth, 15, Chases Mother, Sisters

Jefferson—(UPI)—State police said a 15-year-old Jefferson boy chased his mother and two sisters from their home here early today, armed himself with a shotgun and rifle, and held state and local police at bay for about 20 minutes.

Officers said they climbed a trellis to an upstairs window and discovered the boy, Robert Franklin Hay, asleep on the floor with his hand on a loaded shotgun.

The boy's mother, Mrs. Gertrude Hay, told officers the youth came home shortly before midnight, after drinking beer. He began to squabble with his mother and sisters and fired a blast from a shotgun over her head as she fled the house.

Officers said he ordered the other two sisters from the house but directed that one sister's 18-month-old child remain behind.

The youth was charged with assault with a dangerous weapon and taken to Salem's juvenile detention facility.



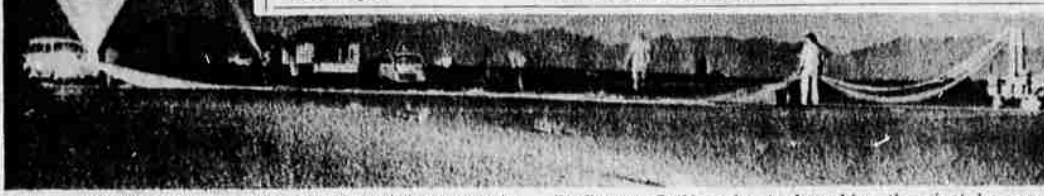
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BALLOON INFLATED—General Dynamics-Astronautics personnel inflate a 140-foot-tall polyethylene balloon near El Centro, Calif., prior to launching the giant bag on a 120,000-foot-high ride to measure cosmic rays. (UPI)

Lumber Shippers Granted Temporary Relief From Act

Washington—(UPI)—A completely revised bill to allow Pacific Northwest lumber producers to ship lumber to U.S. East Coast ports on foreign vessels under certain conditions was approved Thursday by the Senate Commerce Committee.

The bill by Sen. Warren G. Magnuson (D-Wash.), chairman of the committee, was worked out in line with President Kennedy's six-point program to help the depressed lumber industry.

Limited Exemption
The legislation, as finally drawn by the committee, would provide lumber shippers a limited and temporary exemption from provisions of the Jones Act, which requires American flag vessels in the U.S. coastal trade.

The exemption would expire Jan. 31, 1964. Under it lumber shippers could use foreign flag vessels.

"When no domestic carrier service is 'reasonably available' to the shipper," the committee said.

"If the commerce secretary declares the domestic industry is being injured by foreign competition."

When rates on a "substantially parallel" foreign route are at least 20 per cent lower than those on a domestic route.

Food Stamp Plan To Be Extended To Multnomah County

Portland—(UPI)—The federal government Thursday extended its food stamp program to Multnomah county and 24 other areas in 18 states.

If the state accepts the plan by Oct. 1, it will enable welfare recipients and certain

other persons with low incomes to buy food in grocery stores with stamps purchased from the federal government.

The stamps will cost about 63 cents and will have a value of \$1 in the stores. The government picks up the rest of the tab.

If adopted, the program would mean an end to distribution of free surplus food in Multnomah county. The surplus food program would continue in 15 other Oregon counties.

The federal stamp program is designed to stimulate retail economy and the food industry.

The coupons may be used to buy any food except imported items and non-food items such as tobacco and liquor.

Welfare officials and retailers both greeted Thursday's announcement with pleasure.

Harold E. Carlson, president of the Oregon Independent Retail Grocers Association, said tests in other areas have shown the program stimulates sales, especially of milk, butter, cheese and flour. He said he hoped it could be expanded to other counties in the state.

Snider Proposes 'Park of Alba'

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Work Scheduled In Playground Area

Work to complete the Hawthorne park playground area will begin early next week, according to Bob Haworth, director of the city parks and recreation department.

The city council last night voted \$1,500 for the project. The appropriation will come from the park and recreation improvement fund.

Work will include drainage, installation of sprinklers, and preparation of lawn. Play apparatus has been installed, and the ground in the apparatus area will be covered with a layer of white fir bark to provide a cushion. Sandboxes also will be filled.

The project is expected to take about 60 days, Haworth said.

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Life Imprisonment Given for Slaying

Coquille—(UPI)—Elmer Finley Jeffers, 37, of Coos Bay, was sentenced to life imprisonment here Thursday by circuit court Judge Dal M. King.

Jeffers pleaded guilty to a charge of second degree murder arising out of the death of his stepdaughter, Linda Jean Johnston, 12, the night before.

Coos County Dist. Atty. John M. Eaton said Jeffers forced his way into his trailer home Wednesday night and began beating the girl and her mother, Dorothy, 38, while they lay in bed.

The girl died of head injuries in Kaiser Memorial Hospital in North Bend. Her mother—Jeffers' estranged wife—was not seriously injured.

Jeffers was charged with first degree murder Thursday morning but the charge was reduced to second degree murder so Jeffers could plead guilty.

Eaton said Jeffers had been released Wednesday from the county jail at Coquille after serving a 10-day sentence on assault charges brought by his stepson. During his sentence, his wife filed for divorce.

School Innovations Discussed At Meet

Salem—(UPI)—Innovations in construction of school buildings were described by an Illinois educator Thursday at a workshop here launching Oregon's \$3.5 million program to upgrade education.

Dr. Clyde Parker of Skokie, Ill., said the township's high school has movable wall panels so that rooms can be adjusted to classes of many sizes.

He said construction of schools must keep pace with new methods of teaching.

Sessions Planned For Medford Picked

Portland—(UPI)—The Oregon State Employment service today announced special sessions for recruitment of pickers for the approaching Medford pear harvest.

The question-and-answer sessions for job applicants will be held here Aug. 8 and Aug. 15. Pickers will be able to sign up following the sessions.

TRAINING SCHEDULED

Portland—(UPI)—The 304th Air Force Reserve Rescue Squadron will leave here Saturday for two weeks of active duty training.

Briton Working In Germ Warfare Laboratory Dies

Pneumonic Plague Claims Scientist

London—(UPI)—The War Office announced today that a scientist working at a top-secret British germ warfare laboratory on means of combating the deadly pneumonic plague has died of the germs.

The scientist, Geoffrey Bacon, 44, was understood to have been studying the plague germs in the biological laboratory at Salisbury. His job kept him near germs so virulent that amounts of a pound or less could kill millions of persons.

Pneumonic plague, which differs from the better-known bubonic plague, is an extremely virulent plague form affecting the lungs. It usually kills in three or four days.

Widespread Reports
Bacon died Wednesday. Doctors and scientists had been working since then to establish the cause of his death and there were widespread reports and fears he had died of some mystery illness.

The scientist's wife, Mary, and their two young daughters were placed under observation today, and the War Department said it has set up a board of inquiry into the death.

Mrs. Bacon said that when her husband died at a hospital after becoming ill last Sunday she thought his death was caused by a fever and pneumonia.

The British War office, in announcing Bacon's death, said he "died in circumstances which make it possible that death was due to an accidental infection resulting from his work."

McGregor Proposed For Commissioner

Grants Pass—The Josephine County Republican Central committee last night recommended the appointment of Don McGregor to the county board of commissioners to succeed the late Raymond A. Lathrop.

McGregor is a Grants Pass businessman, former city councilman and longtime civic leader.

The central committee's recommendation will go to the two remaining members of the board of commissioners, who make the actual appointment to the board.

If McGregor is appointed, he will serve until the November election, at which time he and other candidates may run for the office.

Lathrop, a Republican, died July 23. He was chairman of the board of commissioners. He had served as board chairman and previously as county judge since 1950.

Youths Arrested for Burglary in Home

Three youths were apprehended by Jackson county sheriff's deputies Thursday afternoon in connection with a burglary last month.

Two of the boys—one 14 and the other 15—were lodged in the Jackson county juvenile detention home pending a hearing. The third, a 13-year-old boy, was released to his parents. The latter was on parole, according to reports.

According to sheriff's deputies, the youths were arrested in connection with the theft of more than \$80 in cash from the Charles F. Shinn residence, route 2, box 442D, Medford. The burglary occurred about July 24 or 25.

Also taken were two B-B guns, and a third gun was purchased with the stolen money. The guns and a couple of dollars was recovered; the youths said they had spent most of the money.

Shinn reported to the sheriff's office yesterday that about \$50 in cash had been taken from his residence recently in a second burglary. Deputies said the burglary had no connection with the earlier one involving the juveniles.

Assessed Values In Area Determined

New assessed values for 1962-63 have been determined, according to Thad Hatten, Jackson county assessor.

Hatten said the total assessed valuation, including utilities, is \$103,448,929, an increase from last year's \$95,211, or 8.53 per cent.

The assessor said only four taxing districts have lower assessments this year because of changes in timber value. Tax levies have not been figured, he added.

Hatten noted that the increase in the assessed valuation is a "normal increase."

Mrs. Finkbine Cancels Reservations To Sweden

Los Angeles—(UPI)—Sherri Finkbine and her husband, scheduled to fly to Sweden today for an abortion, today canceled their reservations and said they were "considering going to Japan."

The husband, Robert, called Scandinavian Airlines System shortly before the flight was to leave International airport here. The airline had been holding the unpaid for tickets since receiving the reservation by telephone Thursday.

Finkbine said he and his wife were about 40 minutes from the airport. But he would not say whether they were living in a motel or staying with friends.

Newspaper, radio and television crews have been gathered at the airport since early morning waiting for the Phoenix couple, who have been in seclusion since early Thursday.

Mrs. Finkbine fears her unborn child is deformed because she took Thalidomide during the early days of her pregnancy.