

HOUSE PASSES INCOME TAX BILL

Veteran Circus Aerialist Dies In 50-Foot Fall

Omaha, Neb. —UPI—A veteran circus aerialist faltered as she stood atop a 50-foot swaying pole Thursday night, then tumbled to her death in the green sawdust below.

Henrietta Grotofent, 42, a fifth generation circus performer and a former member of the tragedy-haunted Wallenda aerial troupe, died almost instantly.

Mrs. Grotofent, who was billed as "Miss Rieta," performed without a net. Her act was known as "skirting on the borderline of eternity."

Fellow performers said Miss Rieta was "extremely nervous" the past few days.

"She was just plain worried," said Barbara Woodcock, who has a trained animal act. "I think it got a little worse each day."

Spectators Stunned

The 4,666 spectators at the Shrine Circus were stunned into silence as a spotlight followed her fall and then for just a few seconds—lighted her crumpled body as it lay face down.

Suddenly aware of the tragedy, the crowd began to scream.

Performers said she had not looked at all well Thursday night before she began her act on the swaying fiber glass pole.

But she insisted she go on as scheduled. "I'm all right," she said, "I'm always all right when I'm up there."

Until about 12 years ago, Miss Rieta had been a member of the Wallenda troupe. Sixteen months ago, two members of that troupe were killed and a third was crippled during their act in Detroit.

Living With Grotofents

The crippled survivor of that act, Mario Wallenda, has been living in Sarasota, Fla., with the Grotofents.

Her husband was a half-brother of Karl Wallenda, the family patriarch.

Grotofent, also a fifth generation circus performer, and his wife quit the Wallenda troupe to form their own act. Rieta's husband had supervised the erection and rigging of Rieta's swaying pole and the suspension system.

Their parents both owned circuses in Europe.

Valley Businessmen Form Association

Talent — A group of about 15 Talent and Phoenix area businessmen formed an organization here last night for the purpose of promoting their business area, which later this year will be bypassed by the opening of a new Interstate 5 link.

The group decided to call itself the Talent - Phoenix Businessmen's Association.

Norman Wade of the Paradise motel in Talent was elected chairman, Mark (Red) Norton of Phoenix vice chairman, and Mrs. Orval Tronsdal of the Phoenix motel, secretary-treasurer. The officers were empowered to appoint two other board members.

The group discussed inviting Jacksonville businessmen to join the association.

Erecting a sign in the Ashland area was proposed, with the sign to encourage motorists to stay on Highway 99 instead of taking the freeway.

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Cuban Council President Claims Kennedy Reneged

Leader Resigns From Exile Group

Miami —UPI—Antonio de Varona, vice-president of the Cuban (refugee) Revolutionary Council, sought today to rebuild the exile group following the storr resignation of President Jose Miro Cardona.

Miro, 60, resigned Thursday, charging that President Kennedy failed to keep a promise to mount a second invasion of Cuba to topple the regime of Premier Fidel Castro.

Washington —UPI— President Kennedy denied today that he ever promised Cuban exile leader Jose Moro Cardona to attempt a second invasion of Cuba. But the President said "time will see Cuba free again."

The State Department issued a statement in Washington calling Miro's charge a distortion of the truth and saying the United States could not allow Cuban refugees to lead it into possible war with Russia.

Others Resign

Seven other members of the 17-member CRC resigned with Miro, pulling out four of the six political groups in the council, which has been the chief representative of 250,000 Cuban exiles in the United States.

The nine remaining members planned to meet today to decide on the council's future. It was not known whether it would continue to receive financial backing from the U.S. government.

Miro gave newsmen copies of a 10,000-word "white paper" shortly after the final 10-minute session with the council during which he announced his resignation. It gave his version of talks with President Kennedy following the abortive invasion of Cuba in April, 1961.

Breaks With Associate

Varona broke with his longtime associate during the session over release of the statement and the two men argued vehemently, according to informed sources.

Varona said following the meeting that publication of confidences in Miro's document would mean that "no government is going to deal with Cuban exiles" in the future.

"I will fight to maintain and rebuild the council," Varona said.

Miro went into seclusion, presumably at his Miami Beach home. He received permission Thursday from the government of Costa Rica to live in political asylum in that Central American country.

The U. S. government has made no attempt to deport Miro and there were indications he might remain in the Miami area.

Architect to Visit In Jacksonville

Jacksonville — Marion D. Ross, acting dean of the school of architecture and allied arts at the University of Oregon, will visit Jacksonville tomorrow to discuss the highway situation and restoration plans.

Ross and members of the Jacksonville planning commission will hold a discussion at 3 p. m. at the community hall. The public is invited.

The proposed relocation of the Medford-Pravitt highway through Jacksonville and its effect on restoration plans is expected to be the principal topic of discussion at the meeting.

Training Session Held for Personnel

A training session for 30 key persons of the Medford and Grants Pass divisions of the southwest district of the state forestry department was conducted today at the headquarters on Table Rock rd.

A session also will be conducted through the day Monday.

Subjects include such matters as basic map reading and work simplification. The training is in preparation for the coming fire season.

DIES IN COLLISION

La Grande —UPI—Louise N. Holsat, 20, Imber, was killed Thursday evening in a two-car collision a mile south of here.

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LUCKY SHOPPER—When Milton Steinmetz, mayor of Gold Hill, parked his car in a Medford Park and Shop lot this morning he was more than a little bit surprised to have a pretty girl hand him a check for \$25. Miss Suzette Holmes, above, secretary for the Park and Shop system here, gave him the "award" for being the 500,000th customer to use the Park and Shop facilities since the system started in August, 1959.

Said Mayor Steinmetz, "With me being mayor and all, people are going to think it's a put up job." Of course it was not, and Mr. and Mrs. Steinmetz were last seen heading for a downtown department store to spend the money.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Mixed rain and snow showers through Saturday, occasional sunny periods Saturday afternoon. Low tonight 32. High Saturday 45. Outlook for Sunday little change.

Highest Yesterday 57 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow 5:21 a.m. Moonrise tomorrow 1:01 a.m. New Moon April 23

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Police Recover Clothing in Car

Grants Pass — Close to \$2,000 worth of clothing taken from stores in Medford, Ashland, Klamath Falls and other cities was recovered here yesterday after police obtained a search warrant to enter a car that had been impounded Wednesday.

The owner of the car, Raymond Dean Lewis, 36, of Independence, Mo., was arrested in Yreka last night by the Siskiyou county sheriff's department on a Grants Pass warrant charging him with concealing stolen property.

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They then obtained a warrant to search the impounded car, and after recovering the clothing, issued a warrant for Lewis' arrest.

FALL FATAL

Salem —UPI—Earl B. Ashley, 62, Sunnyside, was killed Thursday in a fall from a roof at an ice and cold storage firm here.

Fire Damages Local Restaurant

The range, range hood and attic above at Babby's restaurant at the Big Y shopping center were involved in a fire early this morning.

City firemen reported that the motor in the ventilating system was burned and that extensive smoke damage resulted. They said that the blaze apparently started from a cloth left on the range which is left on low temperature at nighttime.

A passing truck driver first noticed the fire and turned in the alarm at 4:45 o'clock this morning. Firemen dispatched three trucks including the aerial ladder truck.

Baseball

AMERICAN (Morning Game) Detroit 1 8 1 Boston 3 6 7

Regan, Dustal (8) and Trindas; Conley, Farley (8) and Tillman, HR: Bressoud, Boston. 2; Schilling, Boston.

Tentative Total of County Budget Set At \$4,542,133.16

The tentative total budget estimate for the new fiscal year is \$4,542,133.16. The Jackson county budget committee decided yesterday.

This balances with the estimated receipts, according to County Purchasing Coordinator William Cochran. Further consultation is necessary with County Auditor George Stacy before the definite budget total can be set. Hearing date is 8 p. m., June 14 in the courtroom auditorium.

The new fiscal year total is up about \$200,000 over the current year total of \$4,366,593.98.

To reach the new total and balance the budget the county road department budget was cut \$50,000 setting the new total at \$1,609,062. Building improvement and maintenance fund was trimmed \$10,000 to make a new total of \$84,920.40.

Budget trimming was necessary to meet the \$268,389 expected drop in O and C money and \$16,678 drop in forest service receipts. The O and C money includes an expected carry over from the current year of \$130,000 or a total of \$2,545,043 and forecast receipts are \$324,285 (no carry-over).

The county court will levy, according to a recent interpretation of the state law, a tax for \$10 per census child to raise \$240,560. This will go for school districts' operational expenses. An additional per census child allocation of \$7.50, or a total of \$187,170 will be given from O and C funds. Millage is estimated at 2 1/2 mills to raise the first sum.

The new fiscal year budget will include, besides the roads department, such major expenditures as \$105,472 for parks and recreation. This is up \$1,202 over the current year.

The much argued county allocation to the Medford library remains at \$73,943, the same as the current year. Another controversial budget, for the mental health clinic, was set at \$38,636, up \$458.

The county budget committee gave in to the clinic board's request for \$7,500 for the clinic's administrator's salary. It had been set at \$7,350.

An allocation of \$4,750 was left in the budget for the county's agricultural program over the protests of County Judge Earl M. Miller. This includes the future purchase of 30 head of beef cattle during the next fiscal year, cost of cutting and baling hay, supplies, gas, oil and salary for a part-time supervisor.

Two other large budgets are the county health department's \$99,092, down \$4,338; and the county clerk's \$98,331 budget, up \$6,895.

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Georgia-Pacific To Cut Back Production

Portland —UPI—More cutbacks in sawmill production were announced today by Georgia-Pacific corporation because of market conditions.

The firm said the cutbacks would affect 135 men in operations at Toledo, Ore., and Coos Bay. It announced Wednesday it would close its sawmill at Springfield, Ore., April 25.

Cat Bill Receives Approval of Senate

Salem —UPI—The Senate today approved a measure which would allow counties to adopt regulations for the control of domestic cats.

Kennedy Defends Record Budget; Tax Cut Program

Editors Hear Chief Executive

Washington —UPI—Declaring that federal spending is essential to the country's economic health, President Kennedy said today that major cuts in his record \$98.8 billion budget would "harm both the nation and the typical neighborhood in it."

Addressing the American Society of Newspaper Editors, Kennedy strongly attacked arguments that his tax cut program should be accompanied by a corresponding reduction in federal spending to achieve a balanced budget.

Would Be Second Best

A \$15 billion cut in the budget, he said in his prepared text, "not only would cripple our defenses and make us permanently second-best in space — it would virtually turn the clock back in every American community."

And a \$5 billion reduction, he declared, would mean one million fewer jobs by mid-1964 and would nullify all the gains a tax cut would produce by then.

Could Cause Depression

Furthermore, he said, a continuation of that lower level of expenditures "would eventually cause, not only a recession, but an even greater budgetary loss in revenue than the amount supposedly saved."

Proposals for \$10 to \$15 billion budget cut have been advanced by a group calling itself the "House Republican Task Force on Budget Reduction." It is headed by Rep. Frank Bow (R-Ohio).

Dr. Tom Anderson, 1341 Murray ave., was appointed to serve on the citizens' budget committee, filling a vacancy created by the resignation of Harry Barker.

Thresher Inquiry Closed To Public

Portsmouth, N. H. —UPI—A Navy court of inquiry investigating the sinking of the submarine Thresher was unexpectedly closed to the public today for undisclosed reasons.

The Navy said the hearings would be held in private and that open sessions of the court "probably" will resume Saturday morning.

Officials gave no explanation for the change in plans and did not identify witnesses who might appear at the closed door session.

At the hearing Thursday, two crewmen who by chance missed the last dive of the submarine which went down with 129 men aboard, testified the ship was plagued by mechanical difficulties and "sloppy" work during nine months of overhaul and tests.

In the Atlantic 220 miles east of Cape Cod, meanwhile, the search for the sunken ship continued amid a published report it already had been found. The report was officially denied by the Navy.

Hatfield To Attend Arizona Conference

Salem —UPI—Gov. Mark Hatfield flies to Arizona Saturday for the Western Governors' Conference at Scottsdale. He will be chairman of a committee on higher education. He returns to Oregon next Wednesday.

S. P. Freight Engines Derailed at Dorris

Klamath Falls —UPI—Two diesel engines of a south-bound Southern Pacific freight train derailed at Dorris, Calif., 20 miles south of here, about 4 a. m. today.

The track was expected to be cleared by noon. A mail train was held here temporarily.

Local Girl Scout Council Votes Against Plan Proposed by National Group

The Rogue Valley Girl Scout council has voted against the new "council coverage" plan proposed by the national organization and given intensive study in recent months. The vote, 68 to 1, took place at the annual spring council session held Wednesday at Bellview Grange hall, Ashland.

Using the Girl Scout delegate voting system, the balloting was supervised by two regional committee members, Mrs. R. W. Gray, Medford, and Mrs. Wilson Mulheim, Eugene, who spoke concerning the change before the voting took place.

Rogue Valley council is made up of Jackson and Josephine counties in Oregon and Siskiyou county in California. Some 2,000 Girl Scouts and Brownies are served by the council.

Under the new plan, the areas covered by each council would be greatly enlarged and the new council into which the local one would be absorbed would include 10 counties in Oregon and California. Headquarters would be in Eugene.

After the new plan was studied, Rogue valley Girl Scout officials said they oppose it because control will be in fewer hands, tending to make the organization less democratic; because it will not provide any better program than is now offered and because the problem of volunteer leadership, always a major one, would be aggravated due to the distance from headquarters.

Local Girl Scout volunteers believe that the new plan would mean more professional help and increased expenses; feel it would weaken the neighborhood system,

which local Girl Scout authorities believe are already badly serviced and would result in poorer training for volunteers.

Another major problem from the Rogue valley standpoint would be that of property ownership. The local council owns Tomlin Forest near Medford and Low Echo, an established camp at Lake of the Woods.

Mrs. B. E. Culy, Medford, Rogue Valley council president, stated yesterday that because of the adverse local vote, the council will now request a hearing from the national board.

It is pointed out that the new plan is meeting with considerable opposition in various parts of the nation. Donora council in Pennsylvania has taken its appeal to court and a hearing is set for mid-May.

Future Seen as Less Certain in Senate Debate

Bank Tax Bill Also Approved

Salem —UPI—The House passed a sweeping \$35-million income tax bill 42-18 today in a stunning victory for the House tax committee.

The major revenue-raising measure went to the Senate, where its future was less certain and some changes were expected to be made.

The House action culminated a session-long effort by the committee to meet the state's biggest problem — a need for some \$65 million to keep state services at their current level. The committee has tolled to "reform" the state income tax structure without offending the House and Senate by a too-radical measure.

Surprising Swiftness

Passage came with surprising swiftness after less than one hour of debate. The House opened debate on the cigarette tax bill, then recessed until 1 p. m.

The income tax bill action came on the heels of another tax committee victory: 53-7 passage of a \$9 million bank tax bill that also went to the Senate.

It is an attempt to shut a loophole under which banks have protested a 9 per cent corporation excise tax since 1957.

Rep. Richard Eymann (D-Marcia), tax committee chairman, said if not approved by the legislature, the tax dispute would cost Oregon \$9 million next biennium.

It is retroactive. Rep. Sidney Bazett (R-Grants Pass) protested it would hit other institutions as well, and called the retroactive feature "a devious way to win a court decision."

Income Bill Praised

Eymann and Rep. Victor Altyeh (R-Beaverton) appealed for passage of the income tax bill — "the big money-raising measure of the session — as one that is 'looking to the future.'"

They said it would broaden the tax base to pick up new taxpayers, simplify the tax structure, keep dollars in Oregon that now are going to the federal government, and provide flexibility for the future.

Eymann said it would pay for services "for which you have been voting and the people have been asking."

Lithia Mill Plans Opening Next Week

Ashland — Employment for about 32 men, and as many as 60 more in related industries, is expected to be provided by the reopening of the old Lithia mill here.

Reopening plans were announced this week by Thomas J. Parker, a member of the board of a new firm taking over operation of the plant.

The mill expects to start operations next week and be in full production within a month, at which time it would be cutting 100,000 feet of lumber per day.

The new company is made up of employees of the plant, with Earl Knight serving as president. Each stockholder will share in the mill's profits. Those employees who are not stockholders will work on straight wages.

Parker Industries has leased the mill from Magnolia Lumber Corp. and will in turn lease it to the newly formed company, Parker said.

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