



SAFeway STORE OPENS — Oregon Shakespearean Festival Director Angus Bower, foreground, and Clarence Lane, right, also known as Mr. Ashland, officiated Tuesday at the opening of the new Safeway Store on Siskiyou Blvd., Ashland. Looking on as the two men cut the ribbon is William Patton, left, president of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce, and Henry Cavallo, store manager. The new quarter of a million dollar building features mosaic tile floor and abstract design of the Oregon Shakespearean Festival theater on its front and two sides. The tile design was made for the company at a cost of more than \$25,000. (Knackstedt photo)

Education Board Welcomes Probe

COOS BAY (UPI) — William Walsh, president of the State Board of Higher Education, Tuesday welcomed an investigation of the system's fiscal control procedures. "The Board of Higher Education welcomes any responsible investigation of the state system," Walsh said. "State law provides for continuing audits of the state system as it provides for audits of all state agencies." State Sen. Walter Pearson (D-Portland) called for the investigation in a speech at a meeting of the Washington County Public Forum at Beaverton Monday. Walsh, an attorney, said, "We have worked with the legislative fiscal interim committees in past years and prior to the last session on many studies including the subject of increasing use of our classroom space and we are continuing to work with the legislative fiscal office." "We are constantly engaged in cooperative efforts with the Department of Finance and Administration in the executive department," he added. Walsh said "We have been working very closely with Sec-

State Officials At Kelsay Funeral

ROSEBURG (UPI) — Gov. Mark Hatfield, House Speaker Clarence Barton, and other state officials and business and labor leaders from Oregon were honorary pall bearers at the funeral of State Rep. William Kelsay (D-Roseburg) Tuesday. The 50-year-old legislator was killed in an auto accident last Friday near Klamath Falls. Former Gov. Robert Holmes also attended the service, which was held in the First Presbyterian church here. Graveside service was in Eugene Tuesday afternoon.

Innocence Voiced In Portland Death

PORTLAND (UPI) — Robert Evans, 27, Honolulu, pleaded innocent in Circuit Court Tuesday to a charge of first degree murder in the strangulation slaying of an Idaho cattle heiress. The partially clad body of Mrs. Irene Davis, 41, Payette, was found in a bathtub in a room at the Portland Hilton hotel Aug. 6. Evans later was arrested in Fremont, Neb. Circuit Judge Charles Redding ordered the case set for trial. Multnomah County Dist. Atty. George Van Hoomissen said Evans probably would go on trial the week of Oct. 28. GENOA, Italy (UPI)—An Italian scientist said tonight supersonic transport planes could replace the first stage of rockets in the launching of satellites.

Airdrop in Vietnam Jungles Is Hazardous Operation

By ROBERT C. MILLER SAIGON (UPI) — Mule Train delivered the groceries to Poley Jor Tuk Buk, 12 tons of them. The shopping list included "C" rations, barbed wire, ammunition, bales of hurlap and all the household commodities needed to create a home away from home in the jungles of Vietnam. Mule Train is the 315th Troop Carrier group whose C-123s carry out the Air Force's supply missions in Vietnam. Poley Jor Tuk Buk was the delivery point for this cargo. It was largely a California operation with Capt. Charles Gonzales, Sacramento and Richard Ivers, Sacramento as pilot and co-pilot, and TSGT. Melvin Halvorson, Riverside as loadmaster. Canario Hinton, Honolulu represented Hawaii. The other two non-coms were Roy Whaley, Birmingham, Ala., and R. Bratcher, Auburn, Neb. It was Lt. Dorman Warren's job to find the tennis court-sized drop zone in the jungles and mountains where the ground troops were hungrily awaiting the three twin-engined Fairchild.

Three things combine to make the Poley Jor Tuk Buk drop hazardous. The terrain, the distance and the size of the drop zone. The briefing to the pilots was short and to the point: "Find the DZ. If there is a smoke signal, drop. If no smoke, get the hell out of there." It's early afternoon before the lumbering Fairchild reaches the general area. Halvorson opens the tail gate. Spread out below is the juicy green earth. It's a gold mine for botanists with its giant trees, underbrush, clinging vines, ferns and bushes; a collector's paradise for zoologists with its snakes, leopards, bears and reptiles, but a living hell for the men who have to fight, live — and sometimes die — in it. The spectacular beauty of the rolling countryside changes as the plane drops lower and lower among the valleys and hills. For it's then that you can see the mass of vegetation, the density of the jungle and the sharp peaks and straight-edged valleys that are interior Vietnam.

Warren spots the glade and reports panels and smoke that show the men on the ground are ready and waiting. There's to be one dry run and then three more runs to dump the load. Static lines are hitched, the red light comes on and the bulky crates of rations teeter precariously on the edge of space, held on by one thin strap. The dry run is an indicator of what's to come. The prop pitch is changed and the racket becomes even more deafening as the big blades bite deeper into the air. Gonzales pogo sticks over the ridge, banks sharply to miss a mountain and levels off just seconds before they are over the panels. Even the two

increases as Gonzales and company dodge the towering thunderheads and zig zag up the valley. Even on the ground it's tough work moving the tonnage aft to the fan tail and preparing it for the drop. This afternoon it is stevedoring at its worst. The crew drips with sweat, cursing as they lurch about the bouncing plane and shout warnings and orders to each other over the din of the laboring engines. Warren spots the glade and reports panels and smoke that show the men on the ground are ready and waiting. There's to be one dry run and then three more runs to dump the load. Static lines are hitched, the red light comes on and the bulky crates of rations teeter precariously on the edge of space, held on by one thin strap. The dry run is an indicator of what's to come. The prop pitch is changed and the racket becomes even more deafening as the big blades bite deeper into the air. Gonzales pogo sticks over the ridge, banks sharply to miss a mountain and levels off just seconds before they are over the panels. Even the two

updrafts move the plane up and down like a yo yo. But the hookups are made in time and the second pass is made the way the book prescribes. Gonzales manages to tighten the lurching plane just as they hit the DZ, the bell rings and with a heave the four loaders send it off. This time there are wide grins all around as the orange and white striped chutes drop their packages right on the doorstep. The third and final drop is a repetition of the second with an even narrower escape for Bratcher who just gets his leg out of the way as a careening load of ammunition sails down the conveyor and crashes into the restraining strap. Three minutes later the plane is empty, the chutes have lowered their cargo on the glade again and the job is done. The two other freighters will follow us in with their loads and enough material will arrive at Poley Jor Tuk Buk to supply a general store. Delivered exactly when requested by the consignees and "almost exactly" where they ordered it spotted. That's Mule Train, freight forwarders extraordinary.

Bible Teaching Meetings Planned

The Rev. De Vern Fromke of Mount Vernon, Mo., is returning to Medford with a Bible teaching ministry, it was announced today, and will hold his first meeting Thursday, Oct. 10, in the YMCA hall in Medford. The meetings will continue Monday through Friday at 7:30 p.m. There also will be morning meetings Monday through Saturday beginning Oct. 11. These sessions will open at 10 a.m. in the YMCA hall. Mr. Fromke is the author of several books and is the editor of the magazine, The Ultimate. He formerly held meetings in several valley churches and will minister in some churches again during his Medford stay. His church schedule has not been completed. Daily, beginning Oct. 14, at 10 a.m., Mr. Fromke will present a radio program on station KRVC. Montevideo contains one-third of all of Uruguay's population.



MISS BYLINE—Ellen McCormack, 18, of Valley Stream, Long Island, N.Y., poses after being selected "Miss Byline of 1963." She will reign at the Byline Ball held by the Newspaper Reporters Association on Nov. 2. (UPI)

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