

# Court Given Answers To Highway Problems

The County Court received answers to three perplexing road questions at its Friday meeting. Two of the answers were favorable; one was not.

Good news was heard on the question of permits for rock and cinder pits on the Klamath Indian Reservation and about proposed charges for use of a rock quarry on Stukel Mountain.

Bad news was forthcoming from the county's hopes to get more road money for roads in public domain timber land.

All the questions were proposed to Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore) on his visit here October 8. It was through Neuberger's office that the court learned these facts:

1. The Portland office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs does indeed have authority to issue temporary permits for use of rock and cinder pits on the reservation.

tion for maintaining reservation roads soon to be the county's responsibility.

Once the Portland office learned of its authority, it issued permits last August 13, 1958 — or sooner if lands are sold.

But the county has had no answer yet on its request for permanent, unencumbered use of reservation rock and cinder pits.

2. The threat of charges for use of a rock quarry on Stukel Mountain, of which the county was notified by the regional administrator of the Bureau of Land Management in Lakeview, doesn't hold the threat first feared.

The court was told in September that from now on the BLM would charge for use of the quarry, a move that County Judge Charlie Mack interpreted as one government agency unnecessarily charging another.

But James F. Doyle, area administrator for the BLM in Portland, said the county has a free use permit which expires March 31, 1959, and which the county already has taken steps to renew.

3. Not so good was the county's feeling toward getting the Bureau of Reclamation to either relinquish part of its share of timber sales from public domain land, or help maintain roads on the land.

Specifically, the question involves some land in the southeastern portion of the county on which timber has been sold on a contract basis. Of the profits, the Bureau of Reclamation gets 95 per cent, and the state gets five per cent. But the state — specifically, the county — is charged with keeping the roads in repair.

The county doesn't have the money, feels it doesn't get enough of the profits to work on roads, and the roads show little evidence of maintenance.

To this query, the court learned what Sen. Neuberger had said in the first place: It's tough to get a government agency to relinquish funds. Doyle explained that it was Congress, nobody else, who sets the appropriation percentages.

But Doyle said some roads have been kept in repair by lumber contractors as a part of contract commitments.

The court will not be in session next week. There is a meeting of Oregon and California (timber sales) counties next Tuesday, and the rest of the week will be occupied by a meeting of the state Association of Oregon Counties in Portland.

In between, the court has appointments with the regional supervisor of the United States Forest Service to discuss the road on the west side of Upper Klamath Lake, which soon is to become county responsibility.



**HUGH M. WORCESTER**  
**Former Tule Man Visiting Klamath**

Hugh Worcester, Berkeley, former resident of Tulelake where he served the federal government in the development of the Tulelake Wildlife Refuge, is spending an indefinite time in Klamath Falls, accompanied by Mrs. Worcester.

The out-of-town guests are vacationing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Siemens, 1112 Eldorado Avenue, Mrs. Siemens and Mrs. Worcester are sisters.

Worcester, now retired, is the author of a book on the lawless period of game hunters, "Hunting The Lawless," which has become widely known.

The background for his book was built up from personal observations as a game warden in Idaho, service with the Fish and Wildlife Service and as game management agent on Tule Lake and as law enforcement director in the California-Nevada area.

His primary efforts were directed for 20 years to breaking up the organized gangs preying on priceless wildlife for monetary gain.

He has served as director of American Wildlife Associates and is an authority on Indian artifacts.

**Potato Program Asked By Bureau**

The Oregon Farm Bureau Federation, in annual convention session this week at Salem, went on record as favoring an intensive national potato promotion program, in addition to other recommendations affecting farmers.

The federation sent a telegram to the American Farm Bureau Federation, directed to Joe Banderback, assistant director, Farm Bureau Fruits and Vegetables Division, which expressed the urgent need for such promotion.

Leland Cheyne, Klamath Falls rancher, was reelected a regional director to serve with Lester Van Brockland, Island City; R. W. Arens, Hood River; Arnold Walden, Bay City; Harry Ashbahr, Corvallis; and Ray Bates, Bandon. Resolutions approved by the group called for a three per cent sales tax; a study of state and federal income tax structures, aimed at placing farmers' taxes on the basis of income averaged over a five-year period; changes in methods of assessing farm lands, based solely on its value for agricultural production.

Congress to defer action on the proposed Wilderness Bill until the Outdoor Recreational Resources Review Commission submits its report in 1961; opposition to lengthening the public school year, and some form of a so-called right-to-work or voluntary unionism law.

**Obituaries**

**MOLATORE**  
Felicia Molatore, 72, native of Ceva, Italy, resident of Klamath Falls for 33 years, died here November 15, 1958. Survivors include the widow, Anthony and four sons, Harry, Clifton, Anthony Jr. and Leo, all of this city; a daughter, Mrs. Dena Quisenberry of Lakeview, Oregon. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Ward's Klamath Funeral Home.

**ESTELL**  
Robert Dale Estell, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Pleasant Estell, died here November 14. Besides his parents he is survived by his grandmother, Mae Morden of Sacramento, California, and Mary Schultz of Tacoma, Washington. Funeral services will take place from the graveside in Klamath Memorial Park, on Monday, November 17, at 1:30 p.m., with the Rev. Otis Bell of the First Christian Church officiating. Ward's Klamath Funeral Home in charge of the arrangements.

**VAIDEN**  
Cowles Mead Vaiden, 70, died near Newell, California, November 15. He was a native of Vaiden, Mississippi, and a resident of Los Angeles, California. He is survived by one brother, Edward of Los Angeles. The remains will be forwarded to Los Angeles for final rites at a later date. Ward's Klamath Funeral Home in charge of the arrangements.

**CANT WIN**  
SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Sometimes you just can't win. Coffee came down about 2 cents Friday but cake's going up, roughly 10 per cent.

This was announced by the local Retail Bakers' Assn.

The cake price boost is aimed at offsetting union wage increases.

**EMERGENCY FLIGHT**  
McCLOUD — Tom Hall, McCLOUD pilot, made an emergency flight to Redding recently to take Dick Beam, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Beam to a hospital for an emergency operation. Dr. A. Larson accompanied Beam on the flight.

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## Postmaster Launches Plan 'Mail Early For Christmas'

"Christmas may seem quite a way off," Postmaster Chet Langslet said Saturday "but we're starting our annual 'Mail Early for Christmas' campaign immediately because there's every indication that the 1958 Christmas season will set an all-time mailing record."

Langslet said further that right now is the time to plan Christmas card and gift mailings.

"The first thing to do is to check your Christmas card list very carefully. Make sure that each address

extra mail clerks, carriers, and expanded facilities all around.

Christmas cards and gifts for most distant points should be mailed first, preferably well before December 10, and those for nearby points should be mailed by December 15, or at least a week before Christmas.

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## Judge Sets Trial Dates

Trial dates were set for three defendants who entered innocent pleas Friday before Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg.

Pleas were heard from Wesley Cole and Virgil M. Wilson Jr., both accused of larceny in the theft of equipment from a construction firm near Chiloquin in July, and from Earl A. Brown, charged with obtaining money by false pretenses involving a \$10 check.

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## Missionary To Speak Sunday

The Rev. Howard Sayres, returned Nazarene missionary from Trinidad, British West Indies, will speak in the Lakeside Church of the Nazarene Sunday, November 16, at 7:30 p.m. He is also expected to speak at 6:30 p.m. for the NYPS service. The church is at Quarry and Acosta streets.

He will speak of the Nazarene work in Trinidad where he was pastor, evangelist and Bible School teacher. His talk will be accompanied by exhibition of native curios and slides. Trinidad is of special interest, since it became the capital last January of the 13 islands comprising the new West Indies Federation.

A native of Shreveport, Louisiana, he was graduated from Bethany Nazarene College, Bethany, Oklahoma, and the Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City. He served during World War II in the Air Force.

The public is invited to the meeting.

## CADET TRAINING

Aviation Cadet Robert J. Sevede, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome H. Sevede, 2503 White Avenue, has begun basic single engine pilot training at Reese Air Force Base, Texas. He received primary pilot training in the Force civilian contract school at Graham Air Base, Marianna, Florida. At Reese he will take 116 hours of flying training in jet aircraft prior to graduation and commission as a second lieutenant.

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## County Judge Opposes Wilderness Bill Action

Klamath County Judge Charlie Mack cited principle precedent and economic peril in testimony opposing a controversial "Wilderness Bill" before a U.S. Senate subcommittee.

The wilderness bill would withdraw from national forests certain lands to be preserved in their natural state, without roads or other permanent changes, for the benefit of enduring generations.

The subcommittee hearing in Bend last week was one of four scheduled throughout the west to learn how western people feel about the proposal, which twice has failed to get through Congress.

Mack spoke on behalf of the Association of Oregon Counties, as chairman of its Public Lands Committee, and opposed the legislation as proposed principally from a governmental standpoint.

He said that the bill, if passed, should provide that Congress may not create any additional wilderness areas in a state without consent of that state's Legislature.

"We see no need to come forward at this time with a mandate aggressively dedicating many millions of federal acres... with restrictions added whenever it is possible to eject the irrigator, the miner, the timberman or the stockman and the explorer for gas and oil, unless such steps are taken with the advice and consent of our state Legislature," Mack said.

The judge reminded his listeners from Washington that the federal government already owns 52 per cent of the land in Oregon. He injected, as a matter of principle, that people here should say what the government does with their land, even though the government owns it.

"No Oregonian or group of Oregonians would care to dedicate national forest lands scattered along the Atlantic Seaboard to one or more specific purposes," he said.

Things of this sort have happened before, but the people have made their wishes known before the judge said. An example was a request by the Navy for three million acres of land in northwestern Nevada in 1955 — 10 years after World War II was over.

The three Nevada counties involved, with help from the Association of Oregon Counties and other western organizations, raised so much protest that the Navy backed down. Significantly, through Congress went a law restricting land allocations for the Department of Defense to 5,000 acres in one location except in time of war.

Mack thinks that very same law

should be amended to include any attempt to create "single use" areas from any public lands covered by any government agency.

As for approval by a state Legislature, Mack cited sections of the Weeks Act restricting national forest acquisitions to approval by states involved.

The economic question, pressed more closely by other witnesses, brought these comments from Mack:

Oregon gets 20 million dollars a year from federal government-owned land in the state; 60 per cent of the state's income comes from forests, mostly the government-owned timber monopoly; as far as recreation goes, Oregon spends almost half as much for rural recreation as the federal government spends in its national forest budget for the same purpose all over the country.

"A well-meaning congressional mandate... which commands that our federal timberlands be locked into a series of economic ice boxes to be known as wilderness areas could plunge Oregon into economic chaos," Mack said.

Mack was the second of 53 witnesses to appear at the Bend hearing. Opposition came from timbermen, ranchers and others whose economic welfare depends upon multiple use of forest lands; support came from mountain climbers, naturalists and others interested in wilderness preservation.

The committee scheduled three other regional hearings — at San Francisco, Salt Lake City and Albuquerque. Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore), a co-sponsor of the bill in the last session of Congress, had doubts about attendance at Bend, but was gratified to find the high school auditorium there was packed.

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## CITY BRIEFS

**Meeting**—Klamath Lutheran Ladies Aid will meet on Tuesday, November 18, at the church at 7:45 p.m. Program will be on youth in Klamath Lutheran by the Sunday School superintendent. Election of officers. Hostesses will be Mrs. E. Stadius, Mrs. J. Lloyd, Mrs. S. Munson and Mrs. K. Horton.

**Qualifies**—Pvt. J. B. Wright, 23, former service station attendant at Klamath Falls, has qualified as an M-1 rifle expert at Ft. Riley, Kansas. Wright's wife, Catherine, lives on Route 3, Klamath Falls.

**Friendship Club No. 11**—Order of Amaranth will hold a stated meeting with initiation Wednesday, November 19, at 8 p.m. at the Scottish Rite Temple. The meeting will be preceded by a potluck dinner at 6 o'clock. There will be a gift bazaar to help fill your Christmas needs. All members are asked to attend.

**Rebekah Social Club**—will hold its next meeting at the home of Florence Briggs, 935 Division Street, on Monday, November 17, Luncheon at 12:30 with Edith Barleen as hostess.

**Meeting**—There will be a regular meeting at OSEA Chapter No. 36 OTI on Tuesday, November 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the student union lounge.

**Home**—Mr. and Mrs. George Boudon, 4310 Highland Way, returned home Friday after a week in Portland where Mrs. Boudon received medical attention. She is getting along fine. They made the trip by car and came by way of the North Santiam and didn't have to put on chains. Mrs. Boudon said.

**Garden Club**—Members planning to attend a Christmas decoration workshop Monday morning at Joan's Kitchen are asked to bring their own cups as well as sack lunches.

**Completes Course**—Pvt. David E. Blevins, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Blevins, Route 3, has completed a crane-stovel operator course at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri. Blevins, 18, was graduated from KUHS in 1958 and entered the Army in June.

**Henley Bethel**—No. 51, International Order of Job's Daughters, will hold a regular meeting, 7:30 p.m. Monday, November 17, in the Henley Grange Hall. All parents of Bethel members are invited. Membership is invited.

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