

Reapportionment Plan Sparks Cries For Study

SALEM (AP)—Cries for study of Oregon's constitutional provision for legislative reapportionment arose Thursday after a new plan for reapportionment was submitted by Secretary of State Howell Appling Jr.

The plan sliced the representation of sparsely populated Eastern Oregon and added seats in more populous Multnomah, Lane, Jackson and Washington counties.

"This is really rough on Eastern Oregon," said Sen. Loyd Key, D-Milton-Freewater, who was reapportioned right out of the legislature by the plan.

"In the case of Umatilla County with its fruit, sugar beets, irrigated areas, feeding business, attaching it to Wallowa and Union counties across the blue mountains and not very accessible, is certainly not giving that particular division very much thought," he said.

The plan was submitted by Appling upon instructions from the Oregon Supreme Court, which ruled unconstitutional a plan passed by the legislature that did very little reapportioning.

Rep. F. P. Montgomery, R-Eugene, said, "I am confident Mr. Appling gave full consideration to legislative intent insofar as the

Dust Storm Hits West

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The remnant of an unusually violent dust storm moved east Friday after displacing much landscape and wreaking minor havoc over a wide area of Eastern Washington and northeastern Oregon.

Visibility was zero, highways were closed, work stopped, motorists were stranded, and planes were grounded for three to four hours Thursday afternoon. There were numerous accidents.

The Weather Bureau said an extremely rapid build-up of a high pressure area over the Pacific, back of a low pressure area extending east into Montana, caused wind to rush in from the south.

Four persons were injured, one critically, in a 16-car pileup near Lind, Wash. Near car collisions started when one car stopped.

A lot of the dry land wheat farming area of the Horse Heaven country, south of Prosser toward the Columbia River, took to the sky.

State Highway 8, running north from Patterson on the Columbia to Prosser, was darkened so automobile traffic stalled.

Benton County Deputy Sheriff Gene Dallas and Sgt. Ted Jonge, ward moved in. They put on protective goggles and walked down the center of the road, waving a flag, for cars and cattle-laden trucks to follow them bumper-to-bumper until the dust thinned out.



SNUG AS A BUG IN A RUG—Three-month-old "R. J.," son of Mr. and Mrs. Roland J. Crume of Sprague River, peers contentedly at the world from the comfort of his Indian baby board. The buckskin board was especially made for the baby's great aunt, Mrs. Diertha Crume, by members of the Piyute tribe in Nevada. It is hand beaded, has a wicker hood and the buckskin is fitted snugly to the child and tied with leather thongs. "R. J." the Crume's only child, is shown here with his father.

Air Blamed For Death

PORTLAND (AP)—Air in the bloodstream has been blamed for the death of Mrs. Ted Bussey, 29, whose body was found crumpled in her parked car Monday.

Mrs. Bussey's body was found Monday, eight days after her disappearance was reported.

Dep. Dist. Atty. Guerts said he could not say whether the woman had been murdered. He said that was up to the detectives.

Experts had been unable to determine how Mrs. Bussey died. Police said there was evidence of a struggle in the car. The victim's clothes had been disarranged, and the contents of her purse had been spilled.

No serious wounds were found on the body.

Byron A. Shields, chief of detectives, said Thursday night: "We haven't ruled out the possibility that the injury which caused her death may have been self-inflicted, but based on physical evidence and other factors, we have to go on the assumption that it was murder."

This Mink Coat Acts Like Rabbit

By ANN LANDERS

Dear Ann Landers: My fiance gave me what he said was a mink cape for my birthday. I got caught in the rain with it and it sure didn't act like mink. I think he got rabbit.

I showed him how it matted up and smelled sort of peculiar. Then he admitted that he bought the cape from a man who came by the office building and said he needed some money in a hurry.

Now that I know the circumstances I'm sure he got taken for a ride. Of course he has no idea of how to get in touch with the man who sold him the cape. What can he do?—GYPPED

Dear Gypped: He can kick himself for being such a yokel. People who know nothing about fur should know a furrier. It's only common sense to buy from an established firm, a firm which, in accordance with the fur-labeling act, states on the ticket the name of the animal that gave his life for m'lady.

Dear Ann Landers: I used to think you made up the letters but after what happened to me I'd believe anything.

My wife and I were married seven years. I thought we were happy. Last month she asked for a divorce. I almost had a heart attack. She told me she wanted to marry an old flame. He turned up five months ago and they took up where they left off in college.

She filed for divorce and we agreed to live in the same house until the decree was final for financial reasons. She cooks, cleans, does the laundry—and goes out with him four nights a week.

I knew there was something phony about this jerk but exactly what I couldn't say. If he was so nuts about my wife, what was he doing the other three nights? So I tailed him. Sure enough, he was meeting another woman. I told my wife but she wouldn't believe me. So the next night I took her along.

Now she has called off the divorce and swears she'll be true to me as long as she lives. Should I give her another chance?—OLD SHERLOCK

Dear Sherlock: After an experience like this I'm willing to bet she'll be a first-rate wife. Give her a chance to prove she means what she says.

Dear Ann Landers: I'm going with a girl who is very intelligent and has a lot of character. The one thing that bothers me about

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Clayton S. Schultz, 19-year-old Klamath Falls youth, was convicted late Thursday afternoon of assault with intent to kill. The jury by a circuit court jury of seven men and five women.

Ten of the 12 jurors agreed on the verdict, which was a lesser degree of the crime charged, assault with intent to kill. The jury deliberated a relatively short hour and 45 minutes before foreman R. D. Scott of Klamath Falls announced the verdict at 4:50 p.m. to conclude a four-day trial.

Judge David R. Vandenberg will sentence Schultz next Tuesday morning. The crime carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in the penitentiary.

Schultz was convicted of stabbing Roland J. Crume, 19, Sprague River, four times in the kidney area on Aug. 2 in the Waldorf Billiard Parlor, 610 Main Street. The stabbing followed a brawl on Main Street between Schultz and Crume.

The case was nearly declared a

Jury Convicts Schultz Of Less Serious Charge

Trials Thursday when Deputy District Attorney Sam McKeen told the jury of their alternatives. He mentioned possible convictions and then said, "Your final alternative is to give Clayton Schultz his knife back."

Judge Vandenberg immediately sent the jury from the courtroom and had Reporter Doris Abernathy read McKeen's statement.

"This court was reversed in the State versus Wilson case for allowing a similar remark," the judge said. "We have the same thing here after four days of trial." After a recess, Judge Vandenberg instructed the jury to disregard McKeen's remark.

Schultz had claimed that he stabbed Crume after Crume hit him over the head with a crutch. Jurors were Ethel Croft, Josephine M. Leavitt, Marion Reginald, Carmel C. Raffetto, William J. Howe, Paul W. Duffy, Waldo D. Lasley, Elsie Learning, G. B. Baxter, Marvin Stump and Mary O'Loughlin.

Spud Queen Judging Set

MERRILL—Talents of the six contestants for queen of the Klamath Basin Potato Festival Oct. 20-21 will be presented before judges and the public Oct. 3 in the high school gymnasium. The program starts at 8 p.m. A small admission will be charged.

Judging will be on charm, talent, poise and personality.

In addition to appearance of the six girls in the court, Mrs. Robert Schmeichel will sing a medley of fall songs with Mrs. Jerry Green-eved at the piano; Margaret and Jane Retherath will give an acrobatic act; the eighth grade of the elementary school, led by John Ely will dedicate their songs to the queen contestants and Mrs. Rudy Paygr will play music suggested by the contestants.

Board Hears Oil Report

SALEM (AP)—Members of the Oregon State Land Board were studying Thursday a report of the state's chief geologist urging a flat royalty policy on oil leasing in the state.

The board has had the question of whether to have a flat royalty or sliding scale royalty under consideration for some time.

The report, submitted by Hollis Dole, director of the Geology and Mineral Industries Department, took the same position Dole took when the question first came up several months ago.

Dole's report contained answers to letters sent to 32 states and the U.S. Interior Department about royalty policies.

Gov. Mark Hatfield, Secretary of State Howell Appling Jr. and State Treasurer Howard Belton, land board members, all said they had the report under study but declined comment on it at this time.

Only California and Montana use the sliding scale royalty for leasing wildcat lands, those that have no known oil, Dole said.

He said Utah and the Interior Department use a modified sliding scale royalty for leasing land in areas known to have oil.

Prior Conviction Helps Murderer Escape Death

SPOTSVYLVANIA, Va. (AP)—A prior murder conviction may determine whether Melvin Davis Rees Jr. will escape execution in the 1959 kidnap-slaying of a Virginia family of four.

Death in the electric chair was decreed for Rees, 32, a dance band musician, Thursday by a Spotsylvania Circuit Court jury that found him guilty of first-degree murder in the killing of the head of the family, Carroll V. Jackson Jr., 29, 2½ years ago.

But Virginia's ability to carry out the judgment depends on the willingness of the federal government to commute two life sentences already imposed on Rees in the same case.

The life terms were meted out earlier this year in U.S. District Court in Baltimore, where Rees was convicted of kidnaping and slaying Jackson's wife, Mildred, 27, and one of their two daughters, Susan, 5.

A second Jackson daughter, Janet, 18 months, also was slain after the Apple Grove, Va., family was abducted from its car Jan. 11, 1959, in what the prosecution here called "the worst crime in Virginia history." Rees, though accused by police, never has been indicted for Janet's death.

The jury of 10 men and two women needed less than 25 minutes to return its verdict.

Judge John D. Butzner Jr. gave the two court-appointed defense lawyers 14 days to present other grounds for upsetting the verdict. If this move fails, the attorneys indicated they will appeal the death sentence.

Biddle Named

NEW YORK (AP)—Francis Biddle, U.S. attorney general during World War II, has been elected chairman of the National Committee of the American Civil Liberties Union.

Biddle, who has been a member of the ACLU National Committee since 1949, was elected Tuesday to succeed the late Ernest Boyd MacNaughton.

Biddle is a former national chairman of the Americans for Democratic Action. He served as attorney general from 1941 to 1943.

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Portland Has Low Death Rate

CHICAGO (AP)—The National Safety Council reported Thursday that Portland, Ore., had the third lowest traffic fatality rate for cities in its population group.

Portland had a rate of 1.8 deaths per 10,000 registered vehicles over the first eight months of 1961, for cities of 350,000-500,000 population. Columbus, Ohio, was lowest with 1.5 and Memphis, Tenn., was second with 1.7.

Seattle, Wash., with 1.61 deaths per 10,000 vehicles was second for cities of 500,000 to 750,000 population the council said.

Nationwide the council said, traffic deaths were at a record low of 4.9 per 100 million vehicle miles traveled.

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