

Ways, Means Plans Visit To Klamath

It was learned today that the Joint Ways and Means Committee of the legislature will be in the Klamath Falls area on Saturday, April 6.

George Filcraft, Klamath and Lake counties' representative, is a member of the committee, and has indicated that the group will visit the Oregon Tech new campus among other points.

A complete itinerary for the group is still being worked out. Indications are that Sen. Harry Boivin and Rep. Carrol Howe may also accompany the group on its trip here.

Air Rescue Unit Cited

The air rescue unit at Kingsley Field, Detachment 10 of the Western Air Rescue Center, is a recipient of the 1962 Military Air Transport Service Flight Safety Award, the information office of the air field has disclosed.

The detachment was cited for maintaining an accident-free record and for demonstrating a positive attitude in the accident prevention field and is commanded by Capt. Kenneth L. Spaur.

Captain Spaur, commander of the unit, was presented a plaque attesting to the contribution that the detachment made to the flying safety program.

Col. Edwin J. Wittenburger, 40th Fighter Group commander, made the presentation on behalf of Western Air Rescue Center Commander Col. Robert A. Stribling.

Loan Bill OK'd

SALEM (UPI)—A bill which expands veterans loan eligibility was approved Tuesday by the Senate Military Affairs Committee.

The proposed change would extend the loan eligibility to veterans who have recently moved to Oregon, and to veterans of service with U.S. allies.



LAKEVIEW MAN BOWS OUT—In Spokane, Wash., Wednesday, Bruce Colwell of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, was installed as president of the Intermountain Logging Conference. Here he accepts the "gavel" from outgoing president Floyd N. Morgan of Lakeview, Ore. —UPI Telephoto

\$2.7 Billion Education Bill Near Bi-Party Okay

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The House education subcommittee was close today to reaching bipartisan agreement on a \$2.7 billion college construction and student aid bill, the only new education proposal by President Kennedy given a chance of passage.

The measure, expected to be approved this week, probably will have White House support even though it will differ from the administration's original request for a \$3.3 billion education bill.

The bill also is likely to receive substantial Republican support. Sponsored by Mrs. Edith Green,

LAKEVIEW—A murder charge against Robert Lee O'Connor, resulting from the death of Mrs. Theresa Arzner on March 6, was dropped here Wednesday morning and the defendant pleaded guilty instead to a lesser charge of failure to stop at the scene of an accident resulting in the death of a person.

District Attorney Chick Chaloupka explained the action by pointing out that a report from the Oregon State Crime Laboratory proved that the woman had jumped or fallen from the right door of the pickup of O'Connor and had fallen under the right rear wheel of the vehicle, sustaining fatal injuries.

The murder charge had been filed when it appeared that she had been run over repeatedly by a vehicle.

Chaloupka made the following statement:

"On the morning of March 6, 1963, the death of Theresa Arzner was reported to the law enforcement authorities of Lake County and an investigation immediately commenced. Evidence at the scene of the accident, the only evidence available at this time, indicated that there was a possibility that the victim had been purposely run down by some individual by means of a motor vehicle. Subsequent investigation confirmed this tentative theory by a report from a local service station indicating that the suspect's vehicle, a pickup truck, had departed from Lakeview the morning of March 6 with obvious damage to the front portion of the vehicle. Shortly thereafter, a warrant was issued charging an unknown person with the crime of murder, and a postmortem examination immediately ordered.

"Before 1 p.m. of the same day, the suspect was arrested in Bend and the vehicle impounded. An investigation by the Oregon State Crime Laboratory was ordered.

"The measure would provide \$1.1 billion in five years for direct grants to public, private and church-related colleges for construction of libraries, science and engineering classrooms and laboratories.

Federal grants would not exceed one-third of the total cost. Junior colleges and college-level technical schools also would be eligible for the grants.

Other congressional news: Ratings: Rep. Paul Rogers, D-Fla., a member of the congressional subcommittee investigating television and radio rating companies said testimony so far indicates some form of government regulation over the companies is needed. Although he did not provide details, Rogers said such regulation might come through licensing.

Civil Rights: A group of Republican senators proposed broad legislation to carry out the recommendations of the Civil Rights Commission. The GOP civil rights package proposed new federal laws in the fields of voting, education, employment, housing and administration of justice. In a joint statement, the eight senators said President Kennedy's proposals fall "far short of the commission's recommendations and both national party platforms."

Taxes: The politically powerful oil industry provided the last witnesses as the House Ways and Means Committee held final public hearings on President Kennedy's proposals to cut income and corporate taxes \$10.3 billion. More than 30 witnesses, including the governors of Oklahoma, Montana, Indiana and Wyoming, appeared to oppose the higher taxes the administration's program would impose on oil and gas profits. Congress is expected to grant the President his request for tax cuts this year, but deny most if not all of the tax reforms he asked.

O'Connor Pleads Guilty To Lesser Charge In Arzner Case

and examination of the vehicle at that time indicated possible damage to the front end of the vehicle, possible blood smears on the front of the hood, and scraping marks on the underside of the front of the vehicle.

"And this evidence, plus the secret departure of the defendant confirmed the original conclusion as to the possibility of a deliberate striking of the victim.

"On March 25, a complete report from the pathologist who performed the autopsy was received by this office, and on March 26 a complete report from the crime laboratory was received in this office.

"Upon receipt of these reports, it became conclusive that the victim was not purposely run down by the front end of the vehicle, but that the victim had fallen from the right door of the pickup truck, while the vehicle was moving at approximately 20 to 30 miles per hour, and had been struck and run over by the right rear portions of the vehicle. The damage to the front of the pickup was prior damage. The smears were not blood and the scraping marks were unrelated to the death of the victim. This confirmed the subsequent statement of the defendant to the effect that the victim had opened the door of the vehicle and had jumped or fallen therefrom — while the pickup was in motion.

"At this time, it became clear that any degrees of murder or

the crime of murder, and the Grand Jury and entered a plea of guilty to information of the district attorney charging the felony.

"The defendant's attorney, Ted Conn, was notified and appeared in the Justice Court of South Lakeview on Wednesday, March 27, and waived preliminary hearing on the charge of failure to stop at the scene of an accident resulting in the death of a person, a felony carrying a maximum sentence of five years in the Oregon State Penitentiary and a fine of \$5,000, and the case was bound over to the Grand Jury of Lake County by Justice of Peace Richard S. Moffet.

"On the same day, the defendant and his attorney appeared in the Circuit Court of Lake County, Honorable Charles H. Foster presiding, waived investigation by

"Sentencing was set for Friday, March 29, at 10 a.m."



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Post Hosted By Auxiliary

American Legion Auxiliary, Klamath Unit No. 9 was host to Legion Post No. 8, honoring several members for many years of dedicated work. Ninety members and guests were present including winners of the 1963 Americanism Contest, sponsored by the auxiliary.

Several legion members have been affiliated with the organization since its chartering in 1919, 44 years ago, and carry consecutive membership cards for that period.

Past commanders present were introduced by Post 8 Commander Charles Poteet.

Mrs. Blanche Belkdraine, unit president, presented the essay winners, and check as follows: Kitty Stalker, first, senior division, \$15; Charles Whitlatch, first, junior division, \$15; Diane Crawford, second, senior division, \$10; Gail Cunningham, second, junior division, \$10.

Essays were written on "Americanism—Today Not Tomorrow."

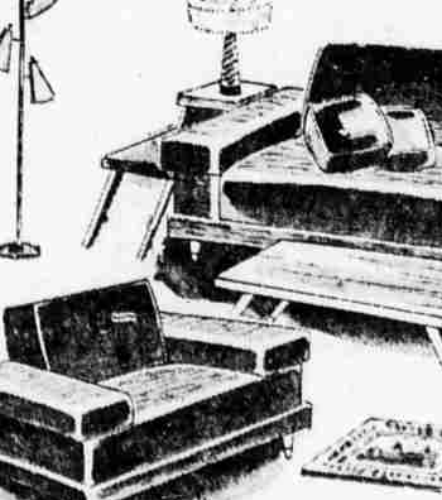
First place essays went to state competition.

Mrs. Belkdraine announced that the next regular meeting will be at 8 p.m. April 2 in the Legion Hall.

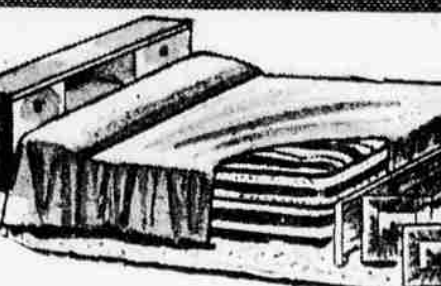
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