

Honor of Junior First Citizen Bestowed on Billy Black For Outstanding Service in 1947



BILLY BLACK

Billy Black, diminutive Roseburg band leader, arose to an enthusiastic ovation at the Country Club last night, when he was presented as the city's Junior First Citizen of the past year.

The Roseburg Junior Chamber of Commerce, at its second annual Junior First Citizen banquet, awarded Black a gold key signifying his outstanding service to the community as organizer and leader of the Knights of Pythias Girls Drum Corps.

Ray Simms Hurt In Furnace Blast

Ray Simms, local manager for the electrical firm of Trowbridge and Flynn, was rushed to Good Samaritan hospital in Portland last night after suffering a fractured skull and concussion in an explosion of the oil-fired furnace at the Kohlhaugen building on Jackson street, where the electric company is quartered.

M. L. Orr, who was assisting Simms, suffered second degree burns on hands and face.

The furnace had been giving trouble and Simms and Orr were attempting repairs. Fuel had been turned off, but apparently fumes had collected in the firebox and were ignited as Simms opened the firebox door. The blast forced the door open with great violence, and Simms was struck on the forehead by the handle. The blow cut an artery and caused a fracture and concussion. He was given first aid immediately and was then taken to Portland by ambulance where he was expected to undergo an operation today for removal of splintered bone.

Workmen were engaged in work on the furnace today, the various tenants, including Radio Station KRNR, being without heat pending completion of repairs.

City Manager Rule Gets Albany Chamber O. K.

ALBANY, Ore., Feb. 7.—(AP)—Adoption of a city manager form of government in this city bore the recommendation of the Albany Chamber of Commerce today.

The Chamber appointed a committee to draft a new city charter for presentation to the voters at a special city election.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

A WEST Virginia judge holds that it is libel on the face of it to call a man a Communist. There have been similar rulings by many American judges in recent months.

So, if you feel boiling up within you the urge to call somebody a Communist, you'd better be prepared to prove it. (Our courts have held rather generally that TRUTH isn't libel.)

WHY is it libel when you call a man a Communist and it turns out he isn't?

There's a little story in the news that makes that rather plain. The Bulgarian state prosecutor demands the DEATH PENALTY for Dimitar Gichev, former Agrarian party leader. Gichev was a deputy under Nikola Petkov, former leader of the Agrarian party. Petkov was hanged in September on charges that he plotted against Bulgaria's COMMUNIST-controlled government.

The Communist method, you see, is this:

They SIEGE CONTROL of the government. Then they KILL OFF the prominent people who disagree with them. It is simple

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Food Price Drops Follow Grain Skid

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The Weather

Occasional light rain tonight and Sunday; warmer tonight.

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Rent Control Disputants "Cooling Off"

Deadlock Over Extension Of Existing Act May Be Terminated By Changes

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—(AP)—Both sides in the explosive Senate dispute over extending rent controls began a "cooling off" period today.

It will end February 16, a week from next Monday, Chairman Tobey (R-N.H.) will call the divided Senate Banking Committee together to write a bill.

That will be just 13 days before the present rent control act ends. This law covers some 40,000,000 tenants.

The delay gives the committee ten days to think over proposals to have the extension bill permit automatic rent increases and automatic lifting of all ceilings in some communities.

These suggestions, by a subcommittee provoked a sharp split in the 13-member banking group yesterday. After a two-hour closed session, no agreement was reported on any portion of the subcommittee bill.

The subcommittee measure was drafted by a group of five headed by Senator Cain (R-Wash.).

It would:

1. Extend rent controls in greatly relaxed form until April 30, 1949.
2. Permit no-limit rent increases in cases where landlords and tenants agree on leases running through all of 1949.
3. Remove at the end of this year controls over rents of 1,600,000 tenants who signed leases with 15 per cent increases, running through 1949, under the present law.
4. Allow automatic rent increases in cases where landlords can prove their operating costs have increased. The increases would be at the rate of half the percentage of the increase in operating costs.
5. Remove rent ceilings in communities where the census bureau finds that 1 per cent of the houses are for rent or sale.

Changes Coming

A federal housing official said the last provision would apply in many areas.

Cain conceded to a reporter that some changes will be made. But he said he and Senators Buck (R-Del.) and Bricker (R-Ohio) favor the bill as is.

Tenants could appeal any of the "operating cost" increases. Cain said, "I don't see how national rent officials and then the courts.

Similarly, landlords could go to court to win increases if they were rejected by rent control officials. They do not have this right now.

Now he is giving free baton twirling lessons to the girls at Albany Junior and Senior High Schools.

Honor Guests Presented

Frank Roberts of KRNR, as master of ceremonies, introduced the honor guests, who included Dean Seeger, city manager of Eugene; State Senator Tom Parkinson, Mayor Albert G. Flegel, City Manager M. W. Slankard, John D. Todd, representative, and Harold J. Hickerson, secretary-manager of the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce; Bruce Elliott, Paul Geddes, Superintendent of Schools Paul S. Elliott; and Eddie Pape, junior first citizen of Eugene.

Seeger, as guest speaker, pointed out that the honor awarded at the banquet provides "an incentive for young men to work in their community." He added that the Junior First Citizen was chosen not for his important position in the community, but on the basis of service to the community. Seeger said that such a man must have a "certain discipline" involving a high degree of responsibility to himself and to his community, and to his organization.

Don Forbes, president of the Roseburg Junior Chamber of Commerce, awarded a plaque symbolic of the outstanding service within the organization to Wayne Crooch, whom he described as "giving more hours and being always on call."

Carl E. Schuster, Former OSC Instructor, Dies

CORVALLIS, Ore., Feb. 7.—(AP)—Carl E. Schuster, 58, widely known in Northwest horticulture circles, died here yesterday after a week's illness.

He was secretary-treasurer of the Western Nut Growers Association for 20 years before retirement in 1941. From 1919 to 1929 he was a member of the faculty of Oregon State College in the horticulture department, and in the latter year became horticulturist to the Department of Agriculture, stationed at OSC, a position he held at his death.

Plane Crash Kills Five Members of Air Force

JASPER, Ark., Feb. 7.—(AP)—Five Air Force personnel perished last night in the fiery crash of their plane in this Ozark Mountain country.

Britain, Trans-Jordan Plan Joint Defense Pact

LONDON, Feb. 7.—(AP)—Britain and Trans-Jordan have agreed tentatively on a new treaty of mutual aid setting up a joint defense board, diplomatic sources said today.

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FINLAND PAYS UP

HELSINKI, Feb. 7.—(AP)—Finland has delivered the last carload of prefabricated houses required as part of her reparations payments to the Soviet Union. The delivery was accomplished in just over three years of required eighty-year period.

Stunt Man's Last Leap Made From Golden Gate Span

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 7.—(AP)—A leap from the Golden Gate bridge was the biggest jump in the barnstorming life of Hollywood stunt man Alfred (Dusty) Rhodes—and the last.

Clad in life jackets and football padding with three small parachutes attached, the Indian daredevil died in the 265-foot plunge yesterday.

His wife, Lorraine, 25, mother of two, watched the death leap, and a Hollywood cameraman, Jose Guzman, who was to have made the plunge pay off for Rhodes, recorded it in pictures.

A veteran of many movie cliff leaps, gun and knife fights, the 35-year-old stunt man came here about a week ago after appearing in a daredevil "death car" show in Hawaii.

Yesterday he was driven in a car onto the bridge with his jumping equipment. It included a Kapok life suit, "Mae West" life jacket, the parachutes and a 50-pound weight for each foot.

The parachutes opened but failed to break the fall.

Mrs. Rhodes said her husband discarded the foot weights before he jumped. They were to have kept his body upright during the fall.

For four years the spectacular stunt had been planned. A year and a half ago San Francisco authorities denied Rhodes permission for the jump. Bridge maintenance men yesterday vainly tried to prevent the leap.

Weed-Control Chemicals To Be Discussed Here

Chemicals for the control of weeds in crops and for the control of shrubs and vines encroaching on grazing lands will be discussed by Rex Warren, extension specialist in farm crops, Oregon State College, next Wednesday, February 11, at Knights of Pythias hall, Roseburg.

The meeting is called for 10:00 a.m. through arrangements made by J. Roland Parker, county agricultural agent, to familiarize farmers and stockmen with the newest methods of weed control.

Yield of small grains have been increased as much as 30 per cent through control of mustard, wild radish and other weeds with chemical sprays and dusts, states Parker. Local farmers are being encouraged to spray their grain fields to control wild radish in particular, as this weed is reducing yield of wheat, oats and barley on many farms in the county. Cost of spraying fields for the control of weeds will be more than repaid if yields are increased only two or three bushels per acre at present grain prices.

Poison oak and many other shrubs found along fence rows and on pasture land can be successfully controlled or eradicated with chemicals now available. Timing of sprays, concentrations used and thoroughness of application, according to Parker, have much to do with the results secured.

"Ike" Suggests Extra Pay To Encourage Recruiting

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—(AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower told a farewell news conference today that the Army's manpower situation is "getting serious." He said something must be done about it.

Eisenhower spoke as Army chief of staff shortly before turning the job over to Gen. Omar N. Bradley.

The Army now is about 100,000 under its proposed strength. As one means of encouraging recruiting, Eisenhower suggested the Army should give extra pay to men assigned to some of the more undesirable spots in the world. This would be in addition to the 20 per cent extra given all troops on overseas assignment.

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Sabotage In Korea Marks Anger at U. N.

SEOUL, Korea, Feb. 7.—(AP)—Widespread sabotage of rail traffic and telegraph communication lines was reported today—incidents regarded by U. S. authorities as pressure to force the United Nations Commission to leave Korea.

Handbills circulated throughout South Korea called for a general strike. Two notices delivered to Lt. Gen. John R. Hodge, U. S. occupation commander, warned of a three-day strike to force the commission's departure.

The commission voted yesterday to refer back to the U. N. little assembly the problem of conducting elections preliminary to Korean independence. Russia's refusal to permit entry into North Korea has stumped the commission.

The U. S. Army, which occupies South Korea, reported a 12-car train was derailed about 30 miles east of Seoul, and that tracks were damaged elsewhere in five places. Gauges, valves and drive rods were removed from 49 locomotives.

Telephone lines from Seoul were cut in many places. The Army announced 22 persons had been arrested.

"All along," said Hodge, "I've been expecting physical efforts to sabotage the work of the commission."

He added, however, that no troop alert was planned because "there is nothing to indicate that Korean authorities can't handle the situation at present."

Literature distributed in Seoul demanded the immediate withdrawal of United States and Russian occupation troops, the confiscation and redistribution of land, nationalization of industry, release of "political prisoners and transfer of power to the people."

No anti-American incidents were reported.

Baker, Minus 8, Oregon's Coldest Spot This A. M.

(By the Associated Press)

Slightly moderating temperatures failed to loosen completely winter's grip on Oregon today and from Bend to Baker early morning minimums were below zero.

At the 4:30 a. m. reading, Baker was the state's coldest, with a minus 8 degrees. Bend, which had 12 below yesterday, had only 4 below at the early morning reading today.

Elsewhere in the central Oregon belt, temperatures ranged from Pendleton's 4 above and Klamath Falls' 6 plus to the markedly higher readings of 19 at Medford, 23 at Eugene, 24 at Salem, 26 at Roseburg and Portland, and 30 at Newport.

A deepening storm approaching from the northwest is expected to bring snow to eastern Oregon and rain or snow to western Oregon tonight.

Southern Governors Shun Party Split Plan

WAKULLA SPRINGS, Fla., Feb. 7.—(AP)—The South's governors moved calmly into a discussion of regional education today without mentioning the explosive issue of a Democratic party split.

The governors gave no indication when or if they will consider a proposal to bolt the national Democratic party. Gov. Fielding L. Wright of Mississippi said he planned to recommend this action by the conference.

Wright, angered by President Truman's stand on matters pertaining to racial segregation, the anti-lynch law and the fair economic practices commission, told Gov. M. E. Thompson of Georgia last night he would introduce a resolution calling for formation of an all-Southern party.

Argentina Takes British-Owned Lines on Meat Debt

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 7.—(AP)—Argentina will take possession of the British-owned railways in this country by Feb. 24.

President Peron revealed this last night. The purchase price is expected to provide about \$150,000,000 toward payment for Argentine meat shipped to Britain.

PRESSMAN BACKS WALLACE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—(AP)—Lee Pressman has resigned the job of CIO chief counsel which he held for 12 years. He wants to be free to help Henry Wallace run for president.

Plane, 60 Aboard, Down at Sea

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 7.—AP—The Coast Guard reported that a Constellation airliner with 60 persons on board had been "ditched" about 80 miles at sea at about 1:27 p. m., today. Eastern Airlines said: "We are afraid the plane is ours."

The Coast Guard reported that the last word from the plane said: "We are ditching."

A great rescue effort got under way immediately. Eastern Airlines at New York confirmed that it was its flight 611 from Boston which took passengers aboard at LaGuardia field in New York bound for Miami via Palm Beach.

Treasure Finder, Now Ill, Jobless, Wants Only Fee

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 7.—(AP)—Benjamin Lieberman is willing to forget all about the \$92,800 treasure found in his cellar—provided he is paid a fee.

The former \$75-a-week bookkeeper says he lost his health and his job worrying about the hoard. So yesterday he relinquished claim to the cash.

His only condition is that the State of Pennsylvania give him the usual 25 per cent informer's fee if it wins the treasure through escheatment proceedings.

This the Commonwealth agreed to do. Common pleas court which is hearing claims put off a ruling on the rightful owner until later this month.

Lieberman told police he stumbled on the treasure 11 months ago while hunting a light bulb and didn't know how it got in the cellar of his home.

But Mrs. Anna Theresa Hillop, widow of a gangster slain in New Jersey, told the court the cash was hidden in a secret trap door by her slain ex-convict husband 16 years ago.

She declared the \$92,800 rightfully was hers.

Two Teen-Agers Held in Attempt To Strangle Third

BOONVILLE, Mo., Feb. 7.—(AP)—Two teen-aged inmates of the strife-ridden Missouri State Training School for boys were held today in the attempted strangulation of a fellow inmate.

Col. Hugh H. Waggoner, state highway patrol superintendent, said John Joseph Asst, 17, and Robert Osborn, 16, had attempted to strangle 15-year-old Junior Earl Hickman with a leather belt.

They were prevented by a state patrolman on guard duty at the school, Waggoner said.

The incident occurred last night just a few hours after special Justices Senate and House investigating committees toured the correctional institution.

Two strangulation playings have occurred in cells at the school in recent months and there have been numerous escapes.

Total of Holy Land's Slain Mounts to 1,080

JERUSALEM, Feb. 7.—(AP)—Nine new deaths in bitter communal fighting in Palestine put the unofficial toll today at 1,080 since partition was voted by the United Nations Nov. 29.

Latest to die were seven Jews and two Arabs who lost their lives in scattered areas yesterday. Much of the Palestine battleline has occurred in small communities.

Police reported two men presumed to be Arabs shot and killed a 50-year-old Jewish messenger of Haifa's Ottoman Bank. They escaped with \$2,400 in currency.

Tax Dodging Charged to Hotel-Club Operator

PORTLAND, Feb. 7.—(AP)—E. O. Stratton, proprietor of the Pendleton Hotel and two Pendleton clubs, appeared before the U. S. commissioner yesterday on a charge of income tax evasion.

Stratton was indicted by the federal grand jury on a charge of understating the amount he owed the government for 1943 and 1944 tax. Trial date will be set later.

Botulism Suspected in Death Following Meal

PRINEVILLE, Ore., Feb. 7.—(AP)—Mrs. Ella Carnegie was in a hospital here today after a meal that made her violently ill and killed C. M. Daniels, 68, Prineville.

Dr. Evan W. Thomas said he suspected botulism in home-served vegetables served at Mrs. Carnegie's home in South Junction near here yesterday.

Samples of the food were taken for analysis.

CIO POLITICIAN NAMED

PORTLAND, Feb. 7.—(AP)—The appointment of James Lowman, Portland, as CIO political action director for Oregon was announced today.

Lowman, president of the Portland local of the CIO Amalgamated Lithographers, was named by the National Political Action Committee.

Snow at Diamond Lake

Thirty Inches Deep

Lumber Union Council Opens Meeting Here

Almost 100 delegates and their wives gathered at the Rose Hotel this morning for the two-day convention of the Willamette Valley Council of Lumber and Sawmill Workers, AFL.

Eldon Kraal, Eugene, secretary-treasurer of the council, said that the agenda would probably include discussions of the procedure to be adopted in carrying out further wage negotiations with employers.

He said that Roseburg was chosen for the convention in order to acquaint members of the council, who represent six Oregon counties, with this city as the center of a growing lumber producing area.

Following a meeting of the executive council at the hotel at 10:30 this morning, the delegates were to assemble this afternoon at the Odd Fellows hall, with a welcoming address by City Manager M. W. Slankard scheduled.

Among the persons who had registered at the convention headquarters today are Sidney Handerson, Seattle, general representative of the Carpenters and Joiners Union, AFL, of which the Lumber and Sawmill Workers are a part, and Mark Bailey, Portland, international representative for the Carpenters and Joiners.

Others registered included Jack Duback, Vancouver, Wash., business agent for the Lumber and Sawmill Workers, and Kenneth Davis, executive secretary of the Northwestern Council of the Lumber and Sawmill Workers.

Howard Hayes, Eugene, president of the Willamette Valley Council, also had registered today, as well as Ralph Barkley, Coos Bay, secretary of the Coast-Columbia Council.

The delegates will meet at the Rose Hotel at eight o'clock tonight for a banquet. The convention will continue through tomorrow.

Mills Still Run On Alternate Days

Mills served by the California Oregon Power Co. in the Roseburg area will continue to operate on alternate days until Tuesday, with the normal power load expected to be resumed Wednesday morning, said H. C. Wells, Copco manager, today.

Twenty-eight mills are staggering their operations during the power emergency, with half using the available electric power from the south every other day, and the remaining half curtailing their operations on alternate days.

Word from the Medford headquarters of Copco was received this morning, indicating that a warm front is moving over the mountains of Northern California and is expected to relieve the drought conditions which have reduced the generating capacity of the Pacific Gas and Electric Co., from which Copco purchases wholesale power.

The power load in the Roseburg area has been reduced by about 5,000 kilowatts, Wells said, and a system of staggered operating hours has been devised to evenly distribute the power available.

Wage Increase Granted Greyhound Bus Drivers

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 7.—(AP)—A wage increase offered by Southwestern Greyhound Lines has been accepted by its employees in eight states after nearly three months of negotiations. Drivers now will receive 5.85 cents a mile, a hike from a top of 5.65 cents.

Fire From Overheated Stove Fatal to Baby

MONMOUTH, Ore., Feb. 7.—(AP)—An overheated stove was blamed today for the death of the three-month-old son of Mrs. Morris Shurbrough, fatally burned in a second-floor apartment here yesterday.

The mother was waiting nearby when the fire broke out. It burned almost completely the second story.

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Snow was 30 inches deep at Diamond Lake Feb. 1, the caretaker of Diamond Lake Lodge reported to the U. S. Soil Conservation Service water forecasting headquarters at Medford, said M. M. Nelson, supervisor of the Umpqua National Forest, today. The lake is covered with 6 to 12 inches of ice, it was also reported.

Nelson said the North Umpqua Road is still open to the Copco camp at Toketee Falls, Big Camas Ranger Station, and to the Briggs Logging Co. camp on Trap Creek, but four inches of snow were reported there by Ranger Joe Elliott, who returned to Roseburg Wednesday evening.

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In the Chicago grain pit, meanwhile, the market made a stab at advancing but with only minor success. The stock market did better, edging ahead for the first time this week. Cotton also improved.

Some wheat and corn contracts, mainly those calling for delivery within the next three or four months, again plunged the allowed 10-cent limit, as they have done for the past three days. Later contracts managed to tack on small gains at times. Oats showed independent strength.

News of reductions in flour and lard came from all over the country. The cut in lard generally amounted to 4 cents a pound in flour 4 cents per 10-pound bag.

One of the cheeriest predictions for the housewife was made by A. W. Zelomke of New York, president of the International Statistical Bureau, a private research organization.

Zelomke, speaking at Cincinnati, forecast a 20 to 25 per cent drop in commodity prices within nine months. Most other forecasts were less definite.

Whether the initial crevice in the high cost of living would widen to a definite break was uncertain.

Top-level government economists, on a "don't quote me" basis, didn't believe retail food prices would match the current sag on the exchanges. They saw the wholesale decline as a healthy adjustment rather than a sign of abrupt collapse.

In its psychological effect, one said, the drop in futures quotations "will strengthen consumer resistance to high prices."

Paul S. Willis,