

AIRLINER, 30 ABOARD, VANISHES IN ALASKA

Entry of Leslie Scott Forms 5-Man Race for Republican Nomination for Governor

Two Democrats Contend For Nod To Oppose Cordon; Ellsworth To Have Rival on Primary Ballot

SALEM, Ore., March 13—AP—Oregon today had a five-man race at hand for the Republican nomination for governor. State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott placed his name in the field just before filings closed at 5 p. m. yesterday for the May 21 primary election.

Previously filed for the party nomination were Gov. John Hall of Portland, State Senator Douglas McKay, Salem; Glenn C. Ackerman, Portland, and John Peyton, Junction City.

In contrast the lone Democrat candidate for governor is State Sen. Lew Wallace, Portland.

Another late filing put President Truman's name on the Democratic primary ballot, unopposed. His name was filed by petitions bearing 1800 names.

Two Republicans are after the state's 12 votes at the party's national nominating convention. They are Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York, and Harold E. Stassen, ex-governor of Minnesota.

No candidates seek the Oregon nomination for vice-president on either party ticket.

U. S. Senator Guy Gordon, Roseburg, Republican, also is unopposed for nomination, but there are contests for all other congressional positions.

Two Democrats are after the nomination for senator—State Rep. Manley J. Wilson, Warren, and Dr. Louis A. Wood, University of Oregon economics professor.

John T. Hensley, St. Helens, Asst. Rep. Walter Norblad, Astoria, on the Republican ballot. Edward E. Gideon, Salem, is the only Democratic candidate for Norblad's job in the First Congressional District.

Rep. Lowell Stockman, Pendleton, in the Second District, is opposed by William H. Weatherpoon, Elgin, on the Republican ballot. C. J. Shorb, La Grande, seeks the Democratic nomination, unopposed.

In the Third District Rep. Homer D. Angell and W. A. Rushlight, both Portland, are after the Republican nomination. Roland C. Bartlett and Clifford T.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
JAN MASARYK, son of the first president of the Czechoslovakian republic, jumps to his death from a window of the foreign office in Prague (he was the republic's foreign minister).

Czechoslovakia HAD liberty and lost it. Masaryk couldn't take it.

TRY this thought on yourself: "What if NEVER AGAIN could I speak my mind without first looking around to see if some member of the secret police was within earshot?"

That will help you understand why Masaryk jumped out of the window.

IN New Hampshire's Presidential primary (interesting because it is the first) Dewey gets because of the eight delegates and Stassen gets the other two. For a Westerner in the heart of New England, that isn't bad.

Stassen, however, comments: "It's a strong showing in the first inning, but not quite strong enough."

HE'S a realist, you see—which is a point in his favor. We need realists in these critical times.

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The Weather

Increasing cloudiness and slightly warmer Sunday.

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Foreign Aid Fund Resists Attack

Lewis Hurls Threat of New Coal Strike

Operators Default On Pact on Welfare Fund, Miners Told by Chief

WASHINGTON, March 13—(AP)—John L. Lewis hurred an implied threat of a soft coal strike at the government and mine owners today, then waited for something to happen.

The United Mine Workers chief declared in a letter to the Union's 400,000 members that their employers in the past eight months "have dishonored the 1947 wage agreement and defaulted under its provisions affecting the welfare fund."

That contract, signed last July 8, pledged the miners to stay on the job as long as they are "able and willing."

Lewis told a news conference yesterday he did not know how much longer they'll be "willing."

The agreement—which runs until June 30—can be ended by either miners or operators on 30 days notice.

The fiery mine leader did not say that his miners will stop work. Instead, he asked the public to persuade the "millionaire coal operators" to break a deadlock over how the \$30,000,000 welfare fund is to be used.

Money for the fund is produced by a 10 cent royalty on each ton of coal produced.

Operators say Lewis wants a \$100 monthly pension for every miner over 60 who has been in the pits at least 20 years. That, they argue, would raise coal

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ROSEBURG, OREGON, SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 1948

Percy Croft, J. M. Morgan Join Group of Aspirants For County Commissioner Post

Contest for the county commissioner's office will be lived in the May 21 primary election by the entry of four Republicans and two Democrats, who will seek their respective party nominations, it was disclosed Friday, as filings closed at the county clerk's office.

City Councilman Percy Croft of Roseburg filed his declaration of candidacy yesterday afternoon for county commissioner on the Republican ticket, and Joe M. Morgan, Roseburg real estate man, filed for the Democratic nomination to the office.

County Commissioner H. B. Roadman, the incumbent, Thursday announced he had made up his mind to enter the race to seek a fourth term, while earlier, William (Bill) Evans of Roseburg and Guy McGee of Days Creek had filed for the Republican nomination and Deputy Sheriff Richard G. Baker for the Democratic nomination.

Roseburg will have served on the County City Council 14 years next January. As a councilman, he is chairman of the street committee and a former chairman of the Fire Commission. He also serves as chairman of the Roseburg Park Commission and as a member of the Public Library Commission.

Operator of an automobile repair garage, Croft is a member of the Roseburg Rotary Club and has been active in other civic groups and activities. He is a member of Umpqua Post No. 16, American Legion, and during the recent war was chairman of the Douglas County Selective Service Board.

Morgan, who filed for the commissioners office yesterday, is employed by the George Dimmick Real Estate Co. in Roseburg as a salesman of timber property. He has resided here all of his life. He has indicated that he is seeking the office because of his opposition to the County Court's timber sale policy, which he said, favors "large operators" to the disadvantage of the "small operators."

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Reported Fire Arouses Fear Of Disaster

Searching Plane Heads For Mt. Sanford; Flight Started at Shanghai

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, March 13—(AP)—A chartered Shanghai-to-St. Paul Northwest Airlines DC-4 plane with 30 persons aboard vanished over Alaska last night, and a search plane took off today to check on a mountain fire report.

The Civil Aeronautics administration search plane headed for 16,200-foot Mt. Sanford, where the Gulkana CAA ranger station reported a fire had been sighted during the night.

The plane was carrying 24 passengers and a crew of six over the Great Circle Route from the Orient.

The last radio contact with the big craft was at 11:03 p. m. when it passed over the Gulkana range station approximately 150 miles northeast of Anchorage. The station reported it was flying at 11,000 feet.

Airlines officials said the four-engine plane left Anchorage at 10:05 p. m. and was scheduled to make its first stop at Edmonton, Alta., at 5:04 a. m. today.

Gulkana reported early this morning that a fire was seen on Mt. Sanford, which towers high to the right of the plane's normal course through Nabesna Pass.

Weather conditions were reported good this morning and also at the time of the airliner's last report to the Gulkana station last night. Visibility was reported at close to 50 miles today.

Northwest Airlines headquarters in St. Paul, Minn., identified members of the ship's crew as Capt. James Van Cleef, Minneapolis; Capt. Robert Petry, St.

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GENERAL'S BROTHER — Maj. Gen. Patrick J. Hurley, said he was convinced that 64-year-old William Patrick Hurley, a Marysville, Calif., ranch hand (above), was his long-missing brother. General Hurley said his family believed his brother had been killed in Mexico in 1911 during the regime of Francisco Madero (NEA Telephoto).

Taff's Move To Cut Total Meets Defeat

Negative Vote Victory For Vandenberg; Final Senate O. K. Forecast

WASHINGTON, March 13—(AP)—The Senate raced toward final action today on the European recovery program after defeating a major drive to slash its first-year funds.

By a vote of 56 to 31 late last night it blasted aside a determined effort led by Senator Taft, chairman of the Senate Republican Policy Committee, to shave \$1,300,000,000 off the \$5,300,000,000 Marshall plan figures.

Senator Connally (D-Tex.), one of the program's chief sponsors in Congress, predicted its overwhelming passage by tonight. The bill is designed to speed funds to sixteen western European nations to bolster them against Communism.

The Senate was called to meet at noon to resume debate on the stack of amendments which still were awaiting action when it recessed at 11:30 last night.

Win For Vandenberg — Elated backers said the re-

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Pay Boosted to Keep State Engineer Aides

PORTLAND, March 13—(AP)—The State Highway Commission is increasing salaries of engineers' aides in an attempt to keep its skilled employees.

The commission voted \$20 monthly increases for four classifications of aides yesterday, and said it was ready to grant further boosts.

The \$20 was the limit allowed by civil service regulations, and the commission now is attempting to get authority for future raises.

Commissioners said neighboring states were getting Oregon's skilled personnel by paying more money.

Taft-Hartley Law to Be Forum Speaker's Topic

The "Taft-Hartley Law" will be the topic of the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce forum lunch-noon Monday at the Umpqua Hotel, it was announced by Earl Flegel, chairman of the forum committee. Speaker will be Ransom Meinke, labor relations consultant, described by Flegel as a recognized authority on labor legislation.

The public is invited, Flegel said.

Commissioner Roadman Asks Re-election on Record Backing Timber Policy, Highway Work

County Commissioner H. B. Roadman announced his candidacy today for reelection to a fourth term on the County Court. He will seek the Republican nomination at the May 21 primary election.

Roadman, who has been undecided in recent weeks about seeking reelection, filed his declaration of candidacy late Thursday at the court-house. Filings for all offices closed Friday.

Continued support of the county's timber sale policy, in which county timber lands are sold in conjunction with cooperative sustained yield units of federal timber agencies, was given by Roadman as his principal reason for again seeking the commissioner's seat. Others who have filed for the commissioner's post include William (Bill) Evans and Percy Croft, Roseburg, and Guy McGee of Days Creek on the Republican ticket, and Deputy Sheriff Dick Baker and Joe Morgan of Roseburg on the Democratic ticket. The following statement relative to his candidacy for commissioner was issued by Roadman today:

"I have again filed for nomination as county commissioner on the Republican ticket. A short while ago I had no intention of becoming a candidate again, but in the last few weeks I have been importuned by so many taxpayers to serve another term, that I feel I should comply with their request.

"Also, there are many things I would like to accomplish before finally retiring. I will, therefore, set forth briefly some of the things accomplished since I first assumed the office of county commissioner on Jan. 4, 1937.

"In January, 1937, the county was on a warrant basis, had borrowed money from the banks and had an over-all indebtedness of approximately \$81,655.65. On Jan. 31, 1948, the county clerk's cash statement for all funds showed a true credit balance of \$1,882,726.18.

Timber Policy Explained — "Up to about six years ago the county had acquired by virtue of tax foreclosures some 240,000

acres of timber land. There was considerable effort made to induce the County Court to sell all this timber in one block or lot. This movement I strenuously opposed.

"Since then this timber has been sold in blocks or units in cooperation with the O. & C. and the Forest Service and so allocated as to result in the greatest benefit to the nearest town or community.

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Blasts, Fires Hit North Portland

PORTLAND, Ore., March 13—(AP)—Two separate explosions—each followed by spectacular fires—shook sections of northwest Portland last night.

In one, flames roared 100 feet high after a train and a gasoline truck collided. No one was injured.

In the other, 40 persons were routed from an apartment house. Two unexplained midnight explosions and the ensuing fire inflicted minor injuries on 10 persons.

Most of the tenants escaped ahead of the second blast, which shot shattered windows and flaming gas at persons on the street. Six firemen and four apartment dwellers were treated for cuts and burns.

Firemen brought the blaze under control after an hour.

The explosion of the gasoline truck came as the passenger train, the Portland Rose, was leaving the Union Station for Chicago. The train, moving slowly, collided with the truck and tumbled at the foot of the Steel bridge across the Willamette River.

Flames enveloped the truck and the locomotive, jumping 100 feet high and setting ablaze utility poles on the bridge.

The truck driver and engine crew escaped ahead of the flames. The locomotive was uncoupled and pushed away before the fire could spread to the rest of the train. Firemen brought the blaze under control within five minutes of their arrival.

The truck and trailer was owned by the Green Transfer Company, Salem, and was loaded with 5100 gallons of gasoline.

The driver, Lawrence James Mott, 25, Salem, said he tried to stop at the crossing, but his heavy load inched him onto the tracks. He jumped when he saw the crash was inevitable.

Show's Champion Ham Sells for \$33 a Pound

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., March 13—(AP)—Ham sold for \$33 a pound here yesterday.

The proprietor of a Ripley restaurant paid \$404.25 for a 123-pound ham judged the grand champion in the Little Kanawha Regional Council Ham and Bacon Show. The winner was entered by Gene Hoff of Spencer.

John Penz, the restaurant operator, said he planned to serve the meat as ham and eggs on Eastern morning in his establishment.

Ed Knight, president of the West Virginia Purebred Awlbreeders Association, said the price paid for the winner was the highest ever paid in the state, and as far as he knew, in the nation.

Grangers, Poultry Assn. Oppose Daylight Saving

PORTLAND, March 13—(AP)—Amidst the new movement for daylight saving time today, the farmers cried, "no."

The State Grange voiced opposition and the Pacific Cooperative Poultry Producers voted unanimously against daylight time.

Manager G. C. Keeney asserted, "Daylight saving to poultry raisers just means they have to knock off work an hour earlier if they want to get into town for business before the stores close."

Morton Tompkins, state Grange master, said daylight time would be "detrimental to the farmer's operation and hard for him to conform to."

Anderson to Quit Cabinet To Make Senate Race

WASHINGTON, March 13—(AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Anderson announced today he will run for the Democratic nomination for U. S. senator from New Mexico.

Anderson said he will remain in President Truman's cabinet until Congress adjourns, probably in July.

Anderson will be a candidate for the office now held by Senator Hatch. Hatch said last week that he will not be a candidate again in order to accept appointment to the Federal District Court in New Mexico if it is offered.

Anderson did not speculate on who might succeed him as secretary of agriculture.

J. M. Throne Seeks Legislative Seat

John M. Throne, Roseburg real estate man, filed his declaration of candidacy for the Republican nomination for state representative Friday, with the secretary of state at Salem.

A resident here for many years, Throne attended Willamette University where he studied law. He was associated with the old Umpqua Valley Bank prior to its merger with the Roseburg National Bank in 1932, and during the recent war was associated with the Hop Production Corporation at Salem.

Since his return to Roseburg, Throne has been associated with the W. A. Bogard real estate firm.

Riddle Sawmill Closes To Expand Equipment

Installation of a steam-driven "shot gun" carriage, as well as other equipment, will be completed during a 30-day shutdown of the Harbor Plywood Co. sawmill at Riddle, according to C. L. Murray, resident manager. The mill was closed Thursday night.

When the installations are completed, the capacity of the mill will be stepped up to approximately 125,000 board feet a day, Murray said. Previously the mill cut from 50- to 60,000 board feet a day.

New equipment at the mill, besides the carriage, will include a re-saw, to be hooked in with the new carriage unit, a slasher, and a green chain with an automatic pull-off.

Final Blow Dealt To Unregistered Gun Toting

BINGHAM CANYON, Utah, March 13—(AP)—Shed a tear, partner, for the Old West. It's dead, as of now.

City councilmen in this two-mile-long, one-street-wide mountain mining camp yesterday passed an ordinance making it illegal to carry unregistered firearms.

And until that action was taken, they said, Bingham Canyon was the last town in the once Wild West where no such law was on the books.

Townsmen, long accustomed to peace and quiet, didn't notice much change today—nobody seemed for a shooter, registered or unregistered.

Weather Conditions Blamed For High Unemployment In Local Area Since January 1

Weather was blamed for the "high level of unemployment" here during January and February, in the monthly labor market bulletin released today by the Oregon State Employment Service in Roseburg.

Weather conditions still hamper any major increase in activity in the lumber industry, and there is little work being done in the construction field, the report states. Shortages exist, however, in skilled and semi-skilled jobs in the lumber industry. The supply of unskilled workers is "adequate."

No break in the employment picture is probable until April, the report predicts.

Recent publicity given to this area in state and national publications is believed responsible for the increased number of inquiries received from persons in other areas interested in coming here.

The office is daily receiving requests for information concerning availability of work, wages, and living conditions.

Housing Still Problem — The "ever present housing problem" is very much a factor in the procurement of certain

types of workers from other areas who cannot be secured locally, the report continues. "Until there is a solution to this problem, there will be hard-to-fill openings in employment," it adds.

The local office handled 698 active claims for unemployment compensation during the month of March. Of these, 210 were for veterans, 154 for women.

Forty-six per cent of the 58 openings at the end of February were in the skilled and semi-skilled brackets in the lumber industry. The balance were grouped in trade and service and other industries. There were no openings in the construction field.

While the total of unemployed remains high, there will be "no particular shortage" in the supply of workers. It is believed the labor force will be "adequate" through May, when the picture should be "reversed," the report concludes.

Frightened Driver Leaps to Death

Becoming scared when the brakes of a highway freight truck apparently were not holding, a driver leaped from a curve of the Pacific Highway south of Canyonville, the truck's relief driver leaped to his death this morning, State Police Sgt. Lyle Marrell reported.

The victim's name was given as Edwin Louis Fuchs, 37, of Tacoma, Wash. Sgt. Harrell said that Fuchs was sitting to the right of the driver, when he became scared and jumped out of the truck, as it approached the Pioneer Bridge south of Canyonville.

Driver of the truck, Edwin Thompson, also of Tacoma, managed to bring his vehicle safely to a stop against an embankment within 200 yards of Fuchs' fatal leap, Sgt. Harrell said. The accident occurred at 7:15 this morning.

An ambulance called to the accident near Myrtle Creek was wrecked near Canyonville, rolling over an embankment and causing minor injuries to the driver, John R. Birenbaum, Sgt. Harrell, added.

Both Fuchs and Thompson were employed by the West Coast Fast Freight, operators of the truck.

Portland Mayorality Sought by 10 Candidates

PORTLAND, March 13—(AP)—Portland had ten candidates for mayor today, the list headed by the incumbent, Earl Riedey.

But, he indicated he was running because of recent charges that vice flourishes in Portland under police protection, is expected to get his chief opposition from City Commissioner Dorothy McCullough Lee.

Most of the candidates are newcomers to politics.

The candidacy of Mrs. Lee brought up the possibility of a race for a non-existent office. If no one receives a majority in the primary, the two highest have a run-off in November. If Mrs. Lee reaches a run-off, aspirants might run for her commissioner's job—but could not take it unless she won the mayorship.

Nomination for Sheriff Sought by A. B. Smith

A. B. Smith, former deputy sheriff stationed at Reedsport, filed his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for sheriff late Thursday. Smith was with the sheriff's office in Roseburg for more than three years prior to his assignment to the Lower Umpqua area last year. He has resided here many years.

Czechs Flee Homeland Under Gunfire Gauntlet

HOF, Germany, March 13—(AP)—Czechs fleeing from their homeland said today the sound of gunfire is heard day and night inside the Czech border as frontier guards try to block escape.

An 18-year-old boy was killed yesterday and a woman was wounded when Czech guards spotted them heading for the border, said one man who reached this city.

He said those captured in trying to escape to the U. S. zone of Germany are sentenced to five to