

Roseburg, Medford Legion Posts Will Vie for Members

Commander Roy O. Young, of Umpqua Post No. 16, American Legion, today announced that Commander Roy R. Stoy, of Medford Post No. 15, had accepted his challenge for a membership contest.

Young recalled a similar contest held several years ago, when he, as membership chairman here, challenged the Medford post and lost due to a concentrated county-wide drive by Medford.

"The contest this year will run from Dec. 1 to Dec. 31 and will be judged on percentage of quota obtained," stated Young. "Should Umpqua Post, by any stretch of the imagination, lose this contest, 'I will owe Commander Stoy one prime Roseburg turkey.'"

"When we win," Young added, "Commander Stoy will owe me a box of Medford pears."

Business Career Planned by Queen Contest Entrant



Picture by Clark's Studio

Last of the queen contestants is Karna Henson, 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Henson, 608 Oak St. With only a few hours to go before the Senior Carnival gets under way at the Roseburg Armory tonight, Miss Henson and her manager, Leo Bowers, will put forth a final burst of energy selling tickets good for points toward her being selected queen.

Miss Henson is active in several organizations in and out of school. She is secretary of the Pep Club, member of the Tri-Hi-Y and Job's Daughters Bethel No. 8. Her favorite pastimes include working at the local theater and sewing skirts for herself.

After graduation, Miss Henson will attend the Southern Oregon college of Education for a few years, after which she will try to fulfill an ambition for owning or managing her own women's apparel shop.

Born in Roseburg August 15, 1931, Miss Henson since then has grown to 5 ft. 5 inches in height and now weighs 114 pounds.

Roseburg Jewellers is Karna's campaign headquarters.

nied but later admitted going into the room with Moser. White told the officers he then accompanied Moser to the wooden bridge across the South Umpqua at the end of Douglas street, that Moser went out onto the bridge and threw something in.

Returning up town, continued Baird, White said they stopped at the Spot Tavern, and according to White's story, he accompanied Moser again to the Spring Street alley because the latter was still worried about his lost articles. White said the man was gone when they returned.

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He described Moffitt as having a physique of a man in his 50's although he was reported to be 80. He was five-feet, five and one-half inches tall, and weighed 150 pounds.

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The Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Office
Roseburg, Oregon

Forecast for Roseburg and vicinity: Mostly cloudy with rain today and tonight. Partly cloudy with occasional showers Friday.

Highest temp. and Dec. 1 70
Lowest temp. for any Dec. 5
Highest temp. yesterday 49
Lowest temp. last night 44
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Douglas County School Boards to Meet Tuesday

A meeting of all Douglas County school boards has been called for Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. in the Circuit Court Room of the Court-house, announced Mrs. Lula C. Goyell.

Purpose of the meeting is to give the Rural School Board an opportunity to confer with the local district boards and pass on to the directors information which they will obtain at a meeting of all rural school boards of the state in Salem Saturday, Dec. 4.

Initiation of New Post Members Set by Legion

Umpqua Post No. 16 will hold initiation for new members in the Roseburg Armory Tuesday, December 7, at 8 a. m. It was announced today by Roy O. Young, post commander.

All new members are urged to attend the meeting. The Forty and Eight degree team will preside at the initiation.

All members who obtained new members are asked to notify them of this event.

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M. S. Jack Heads County Realtors

Macon S. Jack, local real estate broker, was elected to head the Douglas County Realty Board at the annual election meeting held in the Chamber of Commerce offices Wednesday evening. Jack succeeds Henry C. Kelly, Sutherlin realtor.

Also elected to office were Richard S. Mesick, Canyonville, vice president, and Stanley Short, Roseburg, secretary.

In announcing plans for the coming year, Jack stated that a program of interest to all realtors will be arranged for each of the monthly meetings during the coming year. He called for a strong attendance of members.

Appointed to the board of directors were Roy O. Young and Kelly, Committee appointments included Earl Wiley, legislative; J. M. Housley, chairman, Joe Dent and Hayden DeCamp, membership; Leonard Riley and Young, entertainment, and R. R. Evans, publicity.

Armed Services Told To Show Merger Savings

merged military services meanwhile received fresh attention on the other side of the Capitol. Rep. Vinson (D-Ga.) told a reporter that if the Generals and Admirals can't settle their arguments Congress will take whatever action is needed.

The sharp-tongued Georgian, who was reelected to his 19th term in Congress last month, is scheduled to head the House Armed Services Committee.

Vinson did not comment on the military budget dispute. But he said "the country may just as well make up its mind" the defense program "is going to cost money."

He said that if the services can't work out their differences over wartime assignments, this Committee, "if necessary," will ask Congress to pass "laws which clearly define the responsibility, role, and mission of each branch."

Funeral Services Set For Mrs. Nola Houston

Funeral services for Nola Houston, 41, resident of Wolf Creek who died after a short illness, will be held in the Methodist Church in Myrtle Creek Friday, Dec. 3, at 2 p. m., with Rev. Mr. Hawthorne officiating.

Surviving are her husband, Merle, Wolf Creek; two sons, Roger, Myrtle Creek and LeRoy U. S. Navy, San Diego; four brothers, John Hoskin, Canyonville; Ralph Hoskin, Roseburg; Jim Hoskin, Myrtle Creek and Joel Hoskin, Days Creek.

Interment will follow in Canyonville Cemetery. The Roseburg Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

The Bible Book Center

Suggests that you shop early for your holiday needs. We have a fine stock of Bibles, books, Sunshine line greeting cards, scripture text stationery, sacred records, plaques, pictures and many other items to choose from. Don't be late in '48, shop now and avoid the rush.

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Annexation Advantages Pointed Out at Meeting

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Being in the city, however, makes such improvements available, through petition, whereas they would not be possible outside the city. Advantages would include the availability of such improvements, along with added police and fire protection, lower insurance rates and advantages from zoning.

The fringe areas are desirable for reasons other than personal and real estate taxes, in that the city would obtain increased gasoline, liquor and other incomes apportioned on a per capita tax or population basis. The area added would provide a larger possible budget with a lower tax rate, the city manager pointed out.

Sewer Phase Discussed

Considerable discussion, in answer to questions, was given relative to sewers and sewage disposal. The North Roseburg Sanitary district, the Veterans Hospital and city facilities were talked over at length.

Slankard brought out that the city's present disposal plant would not accommodate much increase, certainly not the volume that would come from North Roseburg, West Roseburg and the Veterans Hospital. But, he emphasized, the construction of a new disposal plant with all four units cooperating would reduce the cost proportionately, and the maintenance cost would also be greatly reduced from the cost of erecting and maintaining plants in all districts.

The assessed valuation of West Roseburg, said Slankard, is \$471,425, the tax revenues about \$8,596, and additional revenues to the city from other sources made possible under annexation about twice that amount. No individual tax, disregarding insurance reduction, would be increased by more than \$30, he said.

Insurance Cost Would Drop

Emery pointed out that decreased insurance rates would offset a large portion of this added tax. He cited numerous known examples to illustrate the insurance savings, which in some cases would be equal to or greater than the added taxes.

Baker discussed at length sanitary problems which his office encounters in various sections of the County outside the incorporated cities. He cited numerous examples where his office has secured sanitary measures thru cooperation, and no case has had to be brought into Court for two

years. He said little has been done in the fringe areas of Roseburg, since it has been hoped that community cooperation can accomplish this aim without resorting to pressure from his office. He stated he has worked with the North Roseburg Sanitary District in studying their problem and would work with any other group.

Soap manufacturers claim that soap will kill some germs when used in solutions as weak as one drop of soap to 1,000 drops of water.

The total number of children affected by divorce each year in the United States is estimated between 150,000 and 200,000.



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White's Story Told At Trial by Chief Baird

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