

## Roseburg's Mayor Flegel Among Those Named At Democratic Huddle As Possible Candidate For Congress

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Democrats announced the opening of their campaign to elect a Democratic congressman in 1950, when they organized their congressional committee for the fourth Oregon district at the city hall here Sunday afternoon.

The meeting, called without advance publicity, was attended by state party officials, delegates from six of the seven counties in the district and by representatives of labor and farm organizations.

Dr. Jay C. Hicks of Eugene, Lane county democratic chairman, was elected chairman of the congressional committee. Named as secretary was Mrs. Christina Micelli of Roseburg, Douglas county chairman. Presiding at the all-afternoon session was State Chairman William L. Jossin, Portland.

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session was State Chairman William L. Jossin, Portland. Others attending included National Committeeman Monroe Sweetland, Portland; Volney Martin of Portland, AFL official and secretary of the Democratic state central committee; Jim Goodsell, state democratic executive secretary; Chester C. Dusen of Portland, regional director of the CIO; Verne Livesay of Portland, official of the Oregon State Grange, and unofficial representatives of the AFL, CIO, railroad brotherhoods, Grange and Farmers union.

Democratic organizations of Coos, Douglas, Lane, Linn, Jackson and Josephine counties were represented by their chairmen, vice-chairmen and congressional committeemen and women.

The meeting was marked by an unflattering off-the-record discussion of 21 potential congressional candidates. The five who received most prominent and favorable mention were Mrs. Edward C. Kelly of Medford, Jackson county democratic chairman; J. W. Forrester, publisher of the Coos Bay Harbor at North Bend; State Senator Orval N. Thompson of Albany; David C. Shaw, Gold Beach attorney, and Mayor Albert G. Flegel of Roseburg. Sweetland and Goodsell made

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## Farm Bill Still Deadlocked In Conference With Truman Firm For 90 Percent Parity

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—(AP)—A 50-minute meeting of House and Senate conferees Monday broke up without any agreement on new farm legislation.

The dispute, one big obstacle to the adjournment of Congress, centers on the level at which the government should support farm prices.

Senator Elmer Thomas (D-Okla.) told reporters after the closed meeting that he is more hopeful now that an agreement will be reached.

He said he based this on the refusal of the conferees, on three occasions, to report back to their respective houses that they are unable to agree.

He still thinks there is hope for an agreement.

In the midst of the congressional disagreement over a farm bill, House Speaker Rayburn told newsmen that President Truman wants farm price supports at 90 percent of parity.

Reporters asked Rayburn whether the chief executive had advised Democratic congressional leaders, at their regular Monday meeting with him, what kind of farm bill he wants.

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The speaker said Mr. Truman did not, but added: "He wants 90 per cent; he has always wanted 90 per cent. He made a campaign on that."

Another White House caller, James G. Patton, president of the National Farmers' union, told reporters Mr. Truman will make support of the Brannan farm plan an issue of the 1950 congressional campaign.

Under the Brannan plan, prices of perishable farm products would be allowed to drop to their natural market levels and farmers would receive subsidies representing the difference between these prices and a pre-determined figure guaranteed by the government.

Parity is a computed price intended to give a farm product the same relative purchasing power it had in a past favorable period. Two senators suggested that house members may be handling farm legislation so as to allow a sag in farm prices early next year.

The senators, Democrat Elmer Thomas of Oklahoma and Republican Young of North Dakota, are members of the senate-house conference committee.

Thomas and Young reasoned that house members of the committee might go through with a let-supports-sag plan in order to force senators to go along with a

detailed report on Rep. Harris Ellsworth's voting record, which they termed "anti-labor, anti-liberal, anti-farmer and anti-Fair Deal."

Plans were laid for an intensive registration campaign which Jossin predicted will "put the fourth district into the democratic column before November, 1950."

The committee passed a unanimous resolution praising President Truman for his "forthright liberal leadership in a determined effort to overcome the resistance of congress in the fight for the Fair Deal program."

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ification by Lewis first would want to know if Murray had asked Lewis for \$250,000 a week. "Is your proposal based upon a request you received from Mr. Murray for financial assistance?" Green asked Lewis.

Green said that Murray had never requested financial help from the AFL.

Philip Murray, president of the CIO and of the Steel Workers, publicly endorsed on Saturday the idea that unions should "pool

their resources." Murray spoke of a pooling for "the common defense and the general welfare of the labor movement."

**LAYING HEN CROWS**

**FAIRBURY, Neb.**—(AP)—On the Adolph Schierkolk farm near Fairbury a bird had a comb and wattles like a rooster. It also crowed. But its body resembled that of a hen and it was known to have laid eggs.

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