

FIRST CITIZEN NAMED

Don Forbes Receives Honor For Outstanding Services To Community During 1949



DON FORBES last night was awarded the honor of being Roseburg's junior first citizen. The secret committee's selection, announced at the Junior Chamber of Commerce's first citizen's banquet, was based upon Forbes outstanding service to the community during 1949. (Photo Lab portrait).

By LEROY INMAN

The announcement of a secret committee's choice of Don Forbes as Roseburg's junior first citizen was loudly applauded by an estimated 200 persons, who had set in suspense through dinner and an interesting program at last night's fourth annual first citizen's banquet. The affair was held at Kennedy's Dutch Mill under Junior Chamber of Commerce sponsorship.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

GET a load of this from Moscow: Russia's industrial production level last year exceeded goals set for 1950 and PERSONAL INCOMES ROSE SHARPLY. Soviet workers earned 12 percent more in 1949 than in 1948. Peasants earned 14 percent more. Russia's grain harvest totalled 7.6 billion bushels—which is equivalent to 44 billion bushels.

RUSSIA, you see, under the beneficent guidance of the big shots of the Communist party, is eating high up on the hog.

PAGE our Harry. It looks like the Politburo has been reading his messages on the State of the Union and the economic future of the United States (Continued on Page Four)

Ben DuFresne To Open Electrical Business Here

Bennie DuFresne, who has been employed as an electrician with Roseburg Electric, announced today that he is entering business for himself. DuFresne will have his headquarters in the W. R. Brown Electric Motor Shop. Under the name of DuFresne Electric, he will be handling all types of electrical wiring and commercial refrigeration service. A resident of Roseburg married his wife, DuFresne is married and has one son. He worked for Roseburg Electric before and after World War II.

Nelson Takes Long Step In Forest Service

Promotion to the office of assistant chief of the division of fire control of the forest service at Washington, D. C., marks a long step forward in the already rapid advancement of Marion M. "Red" Nelson, supervisor of the Umpqua National forest at Roseburg.



M. M. 'Red' NELSON

Nelson's appointment was announced yesterday by H. J. Andrews, regional forester, Pacific Northwest region of the U. S. forest service at Portland. He will be succeeded here by Robert Aufderheide, forester in charge of the Pacific Northwest and range experiment station's work center at Corvallis. At Ogden, Utah. The change is expected to take place about Feb. 20. Nelson is at present in Ogden, Utah, where he is attending a special fire control meeting. A native of Grand Valley, Col., Nelson is a graduate of the University of Washington school of forestry at Seattle. During the summer months while he was attending school in 1929, 1930 and 1934, he cruised timber in Washington, Alaska and eastern Oregon. During the summers of 1931-32 and 1933, he was fire warden for Los Angeles county, Calif.

Rail Strike Idles 17,000 Workers

The Weather Mostly cloudy with occasional rain today, tonight and Sunday. Sunset today 5:10 p. m. Sunrise tomorrow 7:38 a. m.

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The News-Review

Trainmen Quit After Dispute Over Dismissal

400 Strikers Put Many Out Of Work In Pennsylvania

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Nearly 17,000 workers were idled today by a strike of 400 Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen who quit work in a dispute over the discharge of a conductor on an inter-connecting railroad. The inter-Pittsburgh works of Jones and Laughlin Steel corporation was closed, throwing 12,000 out of work. The remainder idled are employees of other district plants served by the Monongahela connecting railroad. Picket lines were thrown about the sprawling Jones and Laughlin plant.

There was no disorder. However, hundreds of men ported for work shortly after the strike was called at 8 a. m. (EST). A union spokesman said only maintenance workers would be allowed into the plant. The railroad is a subsidiary of Jones & Laughlin, the nation's fourth largest steel producer.

8-Month Dispute. The strike culminated a nine-month dispute between the railroad and the union in connection with the violent death of a brakeman and the subsequent dismissal of a conductor. Union officials would not comment.

Railroad President Richard L. Barnes said the railroad discharged Conductor W. J. Legge Jr., of Pittsburgh, following the (Continued on page Two)

Flood Threat On Willamette Diminishing

By The Associated Press A serious flood threat for western Washington and Oregon diminished today as snowmelt warm rains abated and major rivers held within their banks. A general two and half inch rainfall over the region during a 48-hour period brought flood warnings yesterday along swollen streams. But forecasts of only occasional rains today eased the danger as high rivers leveled off. Temperatures fell to 40. Temperatures that shot upward Thursday continued their steady climb. The only reports of sub-freezing temperatures were from The Dalles, Ore., and Ellensburg, Yakima and Walla Walla, Wash. Meanwhile, transportation crept slowly back to normal. Trans-Washington highway travel was related today with the opening of Snoqualmie and Blewett passes to one-way traffic early this morning. Slides in the Cascade mountains had virtually blocked rail and highway travel as the rise in temperatures loosened heavy accumulations of snow. Trains Late. Most eastbound trains were held up slightly only when connecting trains were late. The Columbia highway east of Portland was shut tight and was expected to remain closed until next week. The Wilson river highway from Portland to Tillamook on the coast was reopened to two-way traffic, but heavy rains kept impassable a two mile stretch of the Oregon coast highway north of Tillamook. Planes to and from all Washington airfields were resuming normal schedules. The Portland airport was expected to reopen late today. The main stem of the Willamette was not expected to flood except possibly in the Harrisburg area.

O'Dwyer May Quit From Ill Health, Rumors Say

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Reports circulated today that the status of Mayor William O'Dwyer's health may cause him to resign. Such reports appeared in three of the city's morning newspapers. However, a close aide of the mayor said he puts no stock in the reports. "There is nothing wrong with him (the mayor) now that a complete and decent and uninterrupted rest won't cure," the aide said. The 59-year-old mayor, who started a new four-year term at the first of the year, now is vacationing at Key Largo, Fla., with his bride, the former Sloan Simpson.

Coal Shortage Solved

PASSAIC, N. J., Jan. 21.—(AP)—Kurt Wehrmann couldn't quite figure out why he was using up his coal supply so fast. He took his puzzle to police yesterday. They found that a man who has been sleeping in Wehrmann's coal bin with his permission, has been carrying away the coal, a ball at a time, over the period of several weeks.

FOR BLOOD DONATIONS

Registry Of Types For Emergency Service Aim Of Movement Begun Here

Saving lives in Roseburg is the aim of a committee made up of local citizens leading a movement to obtain a registry of at least 400 prospective blood donors in this locality. John Hardiman, who has been instrumental in putting the program into effect, announced today that approximately 125 persons already have their blood typed and are available for call whenever a local physician deems advisable for a blood transfusion.

RINGS COME BACK

Lost In Sack Of Onions, Buyer Restores Them

Darleen Loomis of Sutherlin, a checker at Safeway Store, lost her diamond engagement and wedding rings in a sack of onions. That happened last week. Friday the rings were returned to her by Mrs. George Singleton, who purchased the onions. Mrs. Singleton reported that after making her purchase, she went home and removed the onions, then started to discard the sack, but changed her mind. While she was separating the double sacks (that's the way onions are packed), one ring fell to the floor. Further inspection revealed a second ring in the sack. Mrs. Singleton went back to Safeway's and inquired whether or not anyone had lost the rings. Surely enough it was Mrs. Loomis, who said her husband had cautioned her before to have the rings sized, as they were loose on her finger. The rings were returned in their original condition. Knudson's Jewelers are now sizing the rings to correct fit.

Death In Gas Chamber Fate Of Fred Stroble

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Fred Stroble is sane and must die for murdering six-year-old Linda Joyce Gluoff. Superior Judge Charles W. Fricke, who ruled him sane yesterday, will pronounce sentence next Friday. Under California law it will have to be death in the gas chamber because the jury convicted him of first degree murder with no recommendation of leniency. Lone uncertainty for the 68-year-old grandfather now is when he will meet his end. The law also provides for automatic review of all death sentences by the State Supreme court, which sometimes takes several months.

Smoking Plane Lands Safely

VANCOUVER, Jan. 21.—(CP)—A smoke-filled plane, carrying 36 passengers and a crew of four, made a landing last night at the international airport here. It was a North Star under command of Capt. D. J. Lawson, who 10 minutes earlier reported: "There is smoke in the cockpit and I'm cutting my radio as a precaution." En route from Calgary on the Montreal-Vancouver flight of Trans-Canada Air lines, the plane was over mission, 65 miles east of here, when the smoke swept into the cabin from a fire-sparked ignition system. Silent after he sent his radio warning, Capt. Lawson landed, his head stuck out of a cockpit window to guide the big plane, as crash wagons, ambulance and fire trucks stood on the alert.



LIKE LIGHT OF DAY—Residents of Sutherlin were awed last Tuesday evening by a display of electrical fireworks which lasted nearly ten minutes and was caused by short circuits of ice-laden power lines. Picture above is of Sutherlin substation, set afire by short-circuited wires which destroyed all of the transformer's superstructure. See story on page 2. (Picture by E. H. Coult, Sutherlin).

Wartime Civil Defense Plans Leader Named

Aircraft Observers Corps Of 150,000 Volunteers To Be Recruited In U.S.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—(AP)—A former atomic research official was named today to head the government agency charged with planning for wartime civil defense. Paul J. Larsen, who has been associated with atomic research in Los Alamos and Albuquerque, N. M., will take over as first chairman of the civilian mobilization office on March 1. Presidential assistant John R. Steelman announced. The office was set up as one of eight planning groups in a recent reorganization of the National Security Resources board, which Steelman has been running as acting chairman. Plane Observers Set. Larsen's appointment was announced on the heels of a defense department disclosure that recruiting of 150,000 volunteer aircraft observers will start immediately to be ready for action if war should come. The two announcements marked a sudden surge of action in the civil defense program, which has been dormant since the war. Larsen will supervise planning for civil defense, health resources, housing and community services, strategic dispersion of industrial and governmental facilities, and censorship. The new official formerly was associate director of the Los Alamos scientific laboratory of the University of California. Later he (Continued on page Two)

Officials Expect Bulgaria To Stand Fast Against U. S.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Informed officials said today they look for Bulgaria to stand fast—possibly on orders from Moscow—against a United States threat to break off diplomatic relations. Expressing the suspicion that the Soviet Union had called for signals on the Bulgarian demand for the recall of U. S. Minister Donald Heath, these diplomatic authorities said, these Russians may welcome a chance to force American officials out of Sofia entirely. The United States, replying to the recall note yesterday, declared bluntly that it will withdraw its entire diplomatic mission from Bulgaria and send Bulgarian diplomats in this country home unless the Communist government at Sofia drops its insistence on getting Heath out. Adopts Tough Policy. The American government thus indicated that it has decided on a tough policy toward the Communist satellite governments of eastern Europe in respect to the treatment of American officials and citizens there. The note to Bulgaria threatened to break relations unless the Bulgarian government did two things: (1). Withdrew its request for (Continued on page Two)

Hiss Trial Jury Asks Re-reading, Goes Out Again

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—(AP)—The jury in the second Alger Hiss perjury trial returned to the courtroom today to have part of the judge's charge re-read to it. In response to the request, Federal Judge Henry W. Goddard read the jurors for the second time those parts of the charge which referred to reasonable and corroborative evidence. The eight women four men resumed deliberations at 9:20 a. m. (EST)—40 minutes earlier than the time set by Federal Judge Henry W. Goddard when he sent them to bed at 10:45 o'clock last night. Follows Pattern. Thus the jury continued to follow the pattern set by the jurors in the first Hiss trial—falling to agree on the day they got the case, spending the night in a hotel, then re-reading deliberations ahead of time. Hiss, 45, formerly a high State department official and later 1930-31 president of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, arrived at the courthouse at 9:05 a. m. The defendant was smiling and gave a cheerful greeting to persons who recognized him. His wife, Priscilla, was with him. She sat by his side during both lengthy trials. End In Disagreement. The earlier trial ended last July in a jury disagreement. Today—18 months after the case broke into the headlines by way of a congressional investigation—a light snow covered the ground as the jury returned to the Foley Square courthouse. Federal Judge Henry W. Goddard gave the case to the jury at 3:10 p. m. yesterday after a 33-minute charge. Hiss—his reputation and future in the business—was tense and relaxed by turns as he waited for a verdict. He lowered his head once during a blistering wind-up attack by the government, which called him a traitor.

Two Sentenced To Serve Year In Penitentiary

Two persons were sentenced to the Oregon state penitentiary Friday, when they appeared in circuit court before Judge Carl E. Wimberly. Kenneth George Payne, 20, Spencerport, N. Y., received one year after pleading guilty to a charge of attempted automobile larceny, at Oakland last November. W. W. Wisner, found guilty by a jury, of stealing four truck tires, was also sentenced to serve a year in the penitentiary. Wisner's sentence was stayed 15 days, pending filing of a motion for a new trial by his attorney.

Auto Insurance Rates Reduction Set Monday

New automobile insurance rates providing reductions of about 123 per cent on premiums of liability and property damage policies on private cars and pickups of farmers in the state, will go into effect Monday, according to an announcement from Arthur M. Eppstein, president of the Oregon Automobile Insurance company, in a Portland newspaper. Roseburg representatives of the company announce that the new rate will apply in Douglas county. The new rate is expected to result in an annual saving of approximately \$425,000 to farmers and ranchers in Oregon.

Sutherlin Station To Get New Transformers Soon

New transformers, on the site at the burned-out Sutherlin substation, will be installed over the weekend so that service will be restored by Monday, according to spokesmen of the California Oregon Power company. Unless further difficulties arise, power service will again be normal by the first of the week. Emergency announcements will be made over radio station KRNR according to Copco.

FOOD STORE BURNS

KENNEWICH, Wash., Jan. 21.—(AP)—Fire, apparently started by a short circuit in a refrigerator unit, swept through Art's food store at Richland early Friday morning, destroying the building and contents and causing an estimated \$50,000 loss.



GLENN B. CLUTE

Glenn Clute Takes Management Of Roseburg Electric

Glenn B. Clute, above, former assistant manager of Trowbridge Electric Co., has taken over the management of the Roseburg Electric Co. Clute, a native of South Dakota, moved to Roseburg three years ago. A veteran of the army in World War II, he served in the signal corps in the south Pacific area and in Japan. He is a native of Roseburg, has two children, and lives at 804 So. Main St. At Roseburg Electric, Clute will be in complete charge of sales, electrical contracting and electrical repairs. George and Dena Singleton of Roseburg electric desire to announce their retirement for semi-retirement. Singleton will continue to be active in the operation of the company in an advisory capacity, but plans more leisure. Singleton, who has lived in Roseburg all his life, has been associated with Roseburg Electric nearly 25 years. He and his wife purchased the business from O. M. Nicholas 13 years ago. No major changes are planned in the operation of the contract wiring and electrical repair department. Another sales person will be added to the staff, it was announced.

Trades Council Is Formed Here

Organization of a Building and Construction Trades council for Roseburg and vicinity, composed of all unions in this area affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, was perfected at a meeting held here Jan. 19. Marvin Mayo, who was elected president of the council, announced. Other officers elected were T. O. Hart, vice-president; Vincent Whitebeck, recording secretary; and Vernon H. Finstad, C. J. Osburn and L. F. Thorn, trustees. Represented at the meeting were the following crafts: tile setters, plasterers and brick layers, carpenters, electricians, painters, plumbers, sheet metal, cement finishers, painters and linoleum layers, and laborers. The purpose of the council, according to Mayo, is to coordinate the efforts of A. F. of L. unions in this area. It was announced that contractors will be contacted soon and asked to sign referendum agreements on future contracts guaranteeing employment of union help, as well as paying scale according to agreements now signed with them by the various unions affiliated with the council.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein After winter's ravages, what? Spring housecleaning and the annual rash of seasonal poetry.