



MASTER CALLERS TEAM UP—Walt Keep of Portland, vice president of the Willamette Valley Callers Assn., left, and Clyde Charters of Salem, president of the same organization, team up in a call at the Buckeroo square dance barn Sunday. The barn's floor was kept hot by dancing feet most of the weekend. Early arrivals and club members numbered 350 Saturday night in an advance dance to the main dedication dance Sunday which drew 600. (Paul Jenkins picture).



THE OPPOSITE SEX is shown in action doing some fancy square dance calling at the Buckeroo Square Dance Club's dedication Sunday. Irene Cyphart of Springfield, above, and her husband William, conduct the Willamette Parks and Recreation Dept. square dance program. Curley Reynolds, master of ceremonies stands at left in background. Fiddling at center is "Zeke" Banning of Vancouver, Wash. (Paul Jenkins picture).

Hill Confidence Vote Criticized By Metzger

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motion by Buchanan. Only six voted against it.

"Pressure" Try Alleged

Metzger Sunday said he believed he was entitled to give an answer to the action and to answer the allegations of the court on a Dec. 14 radio interview.

He said: "I know I'm in the doghouse with the powers of the Republican Central Committee because of using my own judgment instead of being pressured on the sheriff's appointment last spring. (The central committee nominated State Police Officer Haystead to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Calvin Baird, but the court named Ira C. Byrd.)

"I can live with my own conscience now, but could not by following the commands of the powers behind the central committee," he said.

Turning to the Dec. 8 radio interview, Metzger said the central committee had taken the standing vote action "in spite of the fact Hill... brazenly admitted that this private road had been built and rocked by the county, but sidestepped the issue by saying it was a commitment of the old court."

"The fact is the road was built during Hill's reign without my knowledge. Regardless of any whitewashing attempts, such action is contrary to state law. The action of the central committee can only mean that political expediency means more than state law to the controlling powers of the Republican Central Committee."

Efficiency Claim Disputed

Metzger went on to say if doubtful road matters were referred to the district attorney as Hill said, was he asked to pass on the "legality of falsifying the records which had to be done to cover up this and other cases?" He charged Hill and Ashley of eating the service of the employee responsible for "the road and other deals" as "inevitable." He did not name the employee.

Two Youths Injured In Minor Accidents

A 19-year-old Sutherlin youth, Lewis Bratton Jr., and a 12-year-old Roseburg boy, John Young, were admitted to Community Hospital at almost the same time Sunday afternoon after being hurt in minor accidents. Both are in good condition.

FIRE KILLS 130 PIGS

SALEM — Fire in a broad sow building at the state prison farm killed 130 pigs early Sunday. Warden Clarence T. Gladden said the loss totaled several thousand dollars. The cause of the fire is not known, but Gladden said it might have been due to faulty wiring.



TWO OF BEST pattern dancers in the Northwest finish off a fancy dance Sunday at the dedication of the Buckeroo Square Dance Club's barn. The two, center, are George and Wayne Puckett of Portland. At left are Betty and Jim Massey of Roseburg, and at right are Don and Iva Glenz of Portland. Dancers from much of the Northwest turned up for the dancing activity in the biggest square dancing barn on the Pacific Coast.



SOME OF 600 DANCERS who turned out for the dedication of the new Buckeroo Square Dance Club's barn Sunday are shown above in some fancy steps during one of the "dancingest" weekends in the city's history. (Paul Jenkins picture).

Oregon GOP Heads Stress Need Of Vigorous Campaign To Attain Victory In 1956

Report card grades for the "students" attending Republican State Central Committee campaign schools throughout Oregon won't be handed out until 1956. But the pupils are receiving intensive class work concerning elections, informing voters and on what party spokesmen hope are winning techniques.

A battery of well-informed speakers conducted the sessions which drew nearly 100 GOP members to Roseburg Saturday from throughout the Fourth Congressional District.

Paced by the state's party spokesman, Chairman Wendell Wyatt, Astoria, the instructors gave resource ideas they hope will carry Republicans to victory in 1956.

"You are the salesman," Wyatt told the committeemen and women, "and you have a good program to sell." Volunteers will lead the party to the top, he believes. His recipe for winning is: (1) increasing GOP registration 100 per cent (educating the voters and getting them to the polls); (2) establishing functioning local committees.

Wyatt had a parting comment: he noted that Secretary McKay was "not a sniveling give-away artist as the Democrats say," but was rather a man who had made a success.

"We in the Republican Party don't think it is a mistake to be successful," he trumpeted. Material in a newly-prepared Republican campaign kit was described and explained of M. R. Frederic (Jean) W. Young, Portland. The state secretary said the new registration law which calls for voters to place their signatures on the poll books at the time of election, effective in the May Primary, is "a good law." The law will safeguard voters, she explained, and prevent illegal voting. "We know people voted illegally in Multnomah County," Mrs. Young said, but did not expand the subject.

Would Retire Sen. Morse

A classmate of Sen. Wayne L. Morse, Donald Walker, Portland, stressed the importance of recruiting precinct workers and volunteers. Walker emphasized the point with this comment: "Without the Minute Men, Paul Revere's ride would have been just another horse ride."

Defying the "danger of perpetuating our senior senator," the former president of the Multnomah Republican Club added: "If we lose, it will be only because we will have failed to get out the maximum effort on our part."

A Bible-quoting energetic Portlander, Clyde V. Brummell, explored the precinct worker's approach to the voter. "People are people," according to the executive secretary of the GOP central committee. "Learn to like them." And he urged them "not to deny who you are," pointing out the bad effect of St. Peter's Biblical denial. "You are a Republican, you stand for good government—or you wouldn't be there," he continued.

The GOP record has favored labor, farm and education, he noted, adding that Oregon has the most progressive labor legislation in the nation: First Labor Day, FEPC, etc.

Early afternoon speakers included Paul Johnson, William Dawkins and Frank Learned.

All-State Urging Needed

Johnson is GOP state speaker administrator. He noted that Republicans are being wasted: "our record must be spread to all people." and, likewise, he said that the speaker's material is more important than his method of speaking.

Dawkins looked at press relations at the county level, which means good practices and common sense, he believes.

Learned, in discussing fund raising on the county level, stressed the merits of a quick financial campaign, good organization, efficiency in disbursement and the need of setting up a committee "representative of all phases and activities in the county."

Gen. Curtis T. Beecher, Douglas County Republican Central Committee chairman, presided over the session, which concluded in mid-afternoon. He pointed out: "We're in business because we believe Republicanism is the only philosophy which can save the country, not because the Democrats are racists!"

Russia Frees 57 More German War Prisoners

BERLIN — Fifty-seven German prisoners of war freed by the Soviet Union arrived in West Berlin today. They were the first to reach Western territory in two months.

The latest returnees were part of a "large group" which ADN, the Communist East German news agency, reported arrived in the Soviet zone during the weekend. The Russians previously announced 600 prisoners would reach the West German border tomorrow.

Famed Jungle Fighter Of World War II Dies

FERNANDINA BEACH, Fla. — Maj. Gen. Frank D. Merrill, 53, New Hampshire public works and highways commissioner since 1949 and famed World War II jungle fighter, died Sunday night of a heart attack.

Merrill, leader of "Merrill's Marauders" who plagued the Japanese behind the lines in the Pacific fighting, was stricken at a motel here, about 30 miles northeast of Jacksonville.

Balanced Budget In '56 Envisioned By Ike

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al condition was "good" in his convalescence from his Sept. 24 heart attack but that he should "slow down" his activities.

Snyder indicated it would be mid-February before Eisenhower knows from a physical standpoint whether he's in fit condition to run for another term in the White House.

Some Republicans have been urging Eisenhower to declare his intentions soon so potential presidential candidates will know where they stand.

Israeli Kill More Than 50 Syrians In Battle

JERUSALEM — U. N. truce observers rushed today to the Syrian border area where Israel claimed her troops had killed more than 50 Syrian soldiers in reprisal for attacks on Israeli boats on the Sea of Galilee.

Israel said 30 Syrian soldiers were taken prisoner in the action. Four Israelis were reported killed and 12 wounded.

Dock Stroop, 67, Dies On Saturday

Dock Luther Stroop, 67, of 519 W. Maple St., Roseburg, died at a local hospital Saturday.

Stroop was born at Lomena, Tex., April 24, 1888, and was married at Drumright, Okla., June 7, 1915, to Thelma Cartwright. The couple came to Roseburg in 1945, and lived here until 1952, when he moved to California. He returned to Roseburg in August of this year. He was a member of the Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Roseburg; four children, Mrs. Glenn (Opal) Breeland of Fortville, Okla., John of Umpqua, Jack and George, both of Roseburg; three sisters, Mrs. Sally Arthur of Springfield, Ark., Mrs. Ollie McClary of Gentry Ark., and Mrs. Susie Langley of Stillwater, Okla.; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services are scheduled in Long & Orr Mortuary, Roseburg, Tuesday at 2 p.m. The Rev. Henry Fox of the First Baptist Church will officiate. Concluding services and interment will follow in the Oak Creek Cemetery, east of Roseburg.

3 Dead, 4th Wounded In Family Shooting

DETROIT, — Three persons were killed and a fourth wounded in a wild shooting spree Sunday by a husband-father in the home of his estranged wife.

Police said Arthur Jackson, 44, a factory worker, put a bullet into his own brain after killing his wife, Vera, 36, and her brother, Harold Brenner, 28.

Jackson's 15-year-old daughter, Barbara, was wounded in the right leg by one of eight bullets her father sprayed about the terror-stricken household before reloading his automatic and firing a ninth shot into his own head.

EPIDEMIC SPREADS

LANCASTER, Pa. — The number of cases of paratyphoid in this area rose to 159 Sunday as 11 new afflictions were reported to health authorities still trying to isolate the cause of the epidemic. No deaths have been reported.

Oregon Traffic Mishaps Kill Eight Persons

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and Mrs. William Hooe, also of Donald.

Mrs. Shalman's husband, Fred, driver of the car, said the steering mechanism failed. He suffered critical injuries. The Hooes, also passengers, were not hurt.

Charlene Reid, 17, Mt. Angel, was killed and Ronald E. Moen, Silverton, was injured in a one-car accident on the Silverton-Mt. Angel Highway two miles north of Silverton Sunday evening. Their car crashed into a power pole, cutting electric service to a large area for several hours.

Hunters Thought Drowned

Carl C. Marts, 49, died Sunday in an Albany hospital. He was injured Saturday when his car collided with a parked truck at Jefferson. Whether his death was due to injuries suffered in the accident was not determined immediately.

Two 23-year-old Astoria men, Eugene Legate and Clarence Bitley, were presumed drowned in a boat accident while duck hunting at the mouth of the Columbia River Sunday.

Their empty skiff was found Sunday afternoon on the south jetty.

They were last reported Saturday morning when they left the Clatsop Spit in their eight-foot duck boat.

Transport Union Heads Vote To Stay In Merger

NEW YORK — The executive body of the Transport Workers Union has voted 37-7 in favor of remaining in the merged AFL-CIO despite Union President Michael Quill's opposition to the merger. The union had been a CIO member. Quill said he would support the majority decision, which must be approved by the union's 120,000 members.

ANTI-NEGRO THREAT

ATLANTA — Georgia's state parks will be sold if it is not possible to maintain segregation in them legally, Lt. Gov. Ernest Vandiver and House Speaker Marvin Moate said Saturday.

'Messiah' Chorus Thrills Audience

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Music written nearly 250 years ago has once again thrilled its listeners.

Handel's "Messiah" was presented in Roseburg Sunday by the 71-voice Messiah Festival Chorus and four soloists. Musical accompaniment for the annual event was provided by a 20-piece symphonic group, an organist and pianist and a young trumpet player.

Given in the Roseburg High School gymnasium, the "Messiah" drew a large audience. Estimates of its size ranged from 1,200 to 1,800.

Revised seating in the gym offered near-perfect acoustics. Soloists and chorus could be easily understood as they recounted the story of birth, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Director S. Clarence Trued led his performers through a near two-hour program which never dragged, and went off without a single apparent mishap.

Attired in red choir robes, the "Messiah" chorus members showed evidence of real familiarity with the meaning of the monumental Handel oratorio.

Their rendition of the beloved "Hallelujah Chorus" was impressive. Coupled with excellent orchestral accompaniment, the chorus was without peer.

The soloists merit accolades. Miss Elaine Anderson, soprano, and Arthur Bailey, tenor, both of Eugene, have appeared locally in the "Messiah" on previous occasions. Mrs. Iva Lindsey, mezzo-soprano, and the Rev. Henry I. Fox, bass, both of Roseburg, were new to their roles.

Another Eugene man, Marshall Pallett, was heard with Rev. Fox in "The Trumpet Shall Sound." It was the first time the Air has been given locally. Pallett plays the trumpet with the Eugene-Springfield Symphony Orchestra.

Adjectives wear thin in describing this annual "Messiah" performance. Perhaps it may be best expressed as "one of the nicest Christmas presents possible," one listener comment of Sunday evening.

Five Traffic Accidents Recorded Over Weekend

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gine Engineer was M. L. Ellis of Eugene. About \$30 damage was done to the locomotive.

Smith told officers he was crossing the tracks when he suddenly saw the engine approaching from the south. He tried to out-race it, but the pickup was hit just behind the rear wheels.

Cars Hit On Winchester

About \$300 damage was done to a car driven by Howard Jack Wilson, 46, 325 S. Main St., Sunday morning when he was unable to avoid a collision with a car driven by Delbert Scott Martin, 24, 609 E. Lane St., officers said.

Martin was turning left off Winchester Street near the railroad tracks north of Diamond Lake Boulevard when the mishap occurred. About \$200 damage resulted to his car. No citations were issued.

A station wagon driven by E. W. Lippincott, 31 Centralia, Wash., resulted when the humper of his car was struck by a car on the Oak Avenue Bridge Sunday night. The other car did not stop.

Killer Slays Family, Self, Wounds Policeman

BALTIMORE — Police Lt. Joseph A. Heming, wounded by a crazed killer who had slain his own mother, wife and daughter, and later committed suicide, was reported in critical condition today.

The 45-year-old policeman lay in an oxygen tent in Mercy Hospital, where doctors treated him for a chest wound inflicted by Eugene McNeal, East Baltimore tavern-keeper who ran amok in his place Saturday.

Lt. Edwin E. Taylor said the motive apparently lay in a broken marriage. Neighbors told police McNeal had beaten his wife several times and she recently threatened to leave him.

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