

Demos To Mull Political Plans

A lot of action is scheduled this week by leaders of the Douglas County Democratic Party.

Tonight at 8, the Douglas County Democratic Central Committee's executive board meets at 1154 SE Kane St. It will make an advance study and preparation for by-law change recommendations. County Chairman Al Roll said the board will also consider applications for possible political appointments. He said he was not at liberty to reveal further information.

Then, this Sunday, a meeting of the full Douglas County Democratic Central Committee has been scheduled.

The meeting will be in the Roseburg City Council chambers at 2 p.m. Roll said the specific purposes are to revise the by-laws and to elect officers to fill vacancies.

He said vacancies exist on the nominating and congressional committees, and the positions of alternate chairman and vice chairman must be filled.

Singleton Park Caretaker Found Dead In Cabin

Funeral services for Chris McCann, 61, will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. in the Camas Valley Methodist Church. The Rev. Elmer R. Burkey of Canyonville will officiate.

McCann was found dead in his cabin on Fisher Road Tuesday. He was last seen on March 16. He was the caretaker of the Singleton County Park at the time of his death.

He was born Dec. 23, 1895, in Otter Creek, Ill., and came to this community 34 years ago to make his home. He was a resident of Camas Valley.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Gerald (Ruby) Looney and Mrs. John (Velda) Looney, both of Camas Valley; a son, Clinton, Albany; a brother, Ted, Otter Creek, Ill.; and a sister, Mrs. Lois Walker, Jerseyville, Ill.

Interment will be in the Noah Cemetery. The Chapel of the Roses is in charge of the arrangements.

Flames Kill Two In Big San Francisco Blaze

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Flames raced through a frame apartment building Wednesday and killed two persons. Another was hospitalized in critical condition.

Six others suffered from smoke inhalation.

The dead were tentatively identified as James Johnston, 60, and Ann Johnston, 50.

Policemen Joe Brodnick and William Roberts, cruising past the three-story building at 429 Van Ness Ave., discovered the fire and turned in the first of three alarms at 3:30 a.m.

Hammarskjold Heads For Cairo Conference

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sage" through the Gulf of Aqaba. The UNEF units which moved into Gaza after Israel pulled out are being prodded by Egypt into gradually yielding up their holdings in the strip's towns for positions on the Gaza-Israeli frontier.

Egyptian Foreign Minister Mahmoud Fawzi was reported, however, to have assured U.N. Under-Secretary Ralph Bunch that Egypt has no intention of sending Egyptian troops into the Gaza Strip immediately.

In a terse memorandum, Nasser's government said it would respect the spirit of the 1949 agreement opening the canal to international traffic but ships plying the 103-mile waterway must pay tolls in advance to the Egyptian Suez Canal Authority or its agents.

The memorandum ignored a Western proposal that halt the independent group such as the World Bank pending settlement of the claims.

No mention was made of Israeli shipping. Egypt contends she is still at war with Israel and therefore doesn't have to let her use the canal.

U.S. Gen. Raymond A. Wheeler, boss of the U.N. salvage fleet, received Egypt's permission to start work Friday on the Egyptian frigate Abukir, sunk near the south end of the canal. The Abukir and the tug Edouard Bonnet, due to be lifted Sunday, are the last remaining obstacles to navigation by ships of maximum tonnage. Wheeler has set April 10 as his target date for final clearance.

Rejoicing Arab crowds Tuesday welcomed the first food train to enter the Gaza Strip from Egypt since the Israeli invasion last fall. The 21-car train carried 300 tons of flour, rice and sugar loaded on the Suez Canal.

Israeli crowds greeted Ben-Gurion, who paid a visit to settlements along the strip frontier to explain his government's position. He said Israel left the strip in the interests of peace and told of plans to strengthen Israel's border security in the area.

Construction Worker Killed In Avalanche

BANFF, Alta. (AP)—The first avalanche tragedy in Alberta this year killed Road Nygaard, 28-year-old construction worker from Norway, whose body was brought into this Rocky Mountain resort Monday night.

Nygaard was buried under more than 10 feet of snow which thundered down on him while he was skiing along the south slope of Little Mt. Richardson, called by residents of the area "an avalanche field."

A 15-man search party probed the snow for nearly three hours before finding Nygaard's body with the skis snapped off.

The body was found at the 7,200-foot level of Little Mt. Richardson after the Banff National Park warden in the district, Gerald Lyster, spotted a pair of ski tracks running into the avalanche debris slab but not out.

Carrell Funeral Set For Monday

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Funeral services for James Frederick Carrell, 46, Riddle, killed in an airplane crash east of Bend Monday, will be at 2 p.m. in the chapel of St. Mary's, Myrtle Creek. The Rev. Frank Wagoner of the Church of God, Riddle, will officiate.

Carrell was born at Pawhuska, Okla., Aug. 7, 1910, and moved to the Riddle area 10 years ago from Tacoma. He was married to Dorothy Woolman March 13, 1937, at Fromberg, Mont.

He was a member of the Church of God, Riddle, and chairman of the Riddle School Board.

Carrell formerly engaged in logging, and for the past two years had been in the sand and gravel business.

Survivors include, his wife; a daughter, Olive, Riddle; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Carrell, Alamo, Texas; and nine brothers and sisters: William O. Carrell, Worland, Wyo.; Lawrence Carrell, Libby, Mont.; Mrs. Rosella Larson, Conrad, Mont.; Charles E. Carrell, Phoenix, Ariz.; Mrs. Margaret Matson, Seattle; Robert R. Carrell, Moses Lake, Wash.; Mrs. Della Gumm, Corvallis; Mrs. Dorothy Romanchuk, Great Falls, Mont.; and Walter H. Carrell, U. S. Air Force in England.

Days Creek School Board Sets Date

The Days Creek School Board, at its March 18 meeting, set Monday as the date to go over credentials of applicants for the position of Supt. Principal, according to Jean Yoder, News-Review correspondent. Candidates will be screened down to five, those of whom will then be asked to come for personal interviews.

The Board also asked for an appraisal of the teacherages, preparatory to putting them up for sale. The two duplexes, now owned by the school district, are located about a mile from the school.

An expression of viewpoint from eighth graders and their parents in regard to eighth grade graduation, is being asked by the Board. The Board generally feels that eighth grade graduations are "outdated" since high school is now required.

The Board also decided to consider, at the local budget meeting, the purchase of a piano for the elementary school and a gym mat for physical education.

RAIN PREDICTED

More rain and cooler weather are forecast for the next five days by the Roseburg station of the U. S. Weather Bureau.

The forecast calls for rains to begin on a quarter to three-quarters of an inch. Temperatures will range from 45 to 55 and the lows at night are expected to hover just above freezing, from 32 to 40 degrees.

Bennett Claims Bribe Of Schunk Was Frame

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was running for mayor of Portland.

The affidavit said that the meeting between Clark, McCormick and Bennett took place Aug. 8, 1956, at Great Falls, Mont.

Clark, an employee of Portland racketeer James Elkins, refused to comment until he had studied the documents.

Elkins was one of the star witnesses at the Senate hearings on charges of tieups between certain Teamster Union officials and vice activities. Elkins testified that Bennett had told him that during a raid he had placed \$500 in an envelope outside his club and that Schunk had picked it up.

Several witnesses corroborated this testimony. But Schunk steadfastly denied the accusation.

Bennett said in his television appearance that he had given his story to a "frameup" to Robert Kennedy, counsel for the Senate subcommittee, and had offered to back it up with witnesses.

Bennett said Kennedy just laughed at him and threatened him with a perjury charge if he gave this version of the incident at the hearing.

Bennett said his attorney had advised him that the penalty for contempt of Congress was less than that for perjury and he therefore had decided not to answer the questions put to him at the hearing. He did not cite the Fifth Amendment, the constitutional guarantee against self-incrimination.

Bennett said he now is "telling his story here today to keep innocent men from being framed by a bunch of perjured testimony."

In Washington, Kennedy said that Bennett "never said any of these things to me."

He received a number of telephone calls, some of them threatening, that he had never before heard of McCormick.

McCormick, located at a Spokane bar, was quoted by the Spokesman-Review as saying: "Since that thing was published, I've received a number of telephone calls, some of them threatening, that he had never before heard of McCormick."

He said he has moved his family to Montana, but he would not say to what city.

McCormick's statement said that he had Clark tell Bennett that he "had or would dig up other witnesses to make it the bribe accusation" look good.

The statement continued: "...I heard Raymond Clark say to Bennett that he, Bennett, could have the pick of the town and the chief of police, who was at that time Jim Purcell, would owe Bennett his job. Without this Schunk was bound to win. He would change the chief of police..."

Bennett's statement was quoted by the Journal as saying that "Elkins and Clark both promised me if I would just come back and stand on the Fifth Amendment in front of the grand jury, that they had enough witnesses or would find enough witnesses to get an indictment against Schunk and once they had the indictment, he definitely would not make mayor."

Two grand juries have investigated vice and corruption here and although Bennett, Clark and Elkins were indicted on various vice charges, Schunk was not. He was elected mayor last November.

Former Roseburg Man Passes In California

George Garfield Bacon, 76, former resident of Roseburg, died Tuesday at Berkeley, Calif. Funeral services will be held in the chapel of Long & Orr Mortuary Thursday at 2 p.m. Concluding services and interment will follow in the Roseburg Memorial Gardens.

Bacon was born at Pates Hill, Tenn., Feb. 27, 1881, and came with his parents, Henry N. and Virginia Winnifred Bacon, to Douglas County in 1885.

He lived in Garden Valley and Lookingglass until 1940, when he moved to Salem. In 1945, he moved to Berkeley. He was married to Maud Oliviant in September 1913.

Surviving are his wife; two sons, Henry of Berkeley and Marvin of Los Angeles; a brother, John, Garden Valley; two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Hanan, Garden Valley, and Mrs. Mill Leatherwood, Tacoma; and one grandchild.

Nixon, Other Guests Watch Tunisia Parade

TUNIS (AP)—Vice President Nixon and guests from 33 nations Wednesday watched free Tunisia parade its new army of 3,000 men in celebration of its first independence anniversary.

The vice president and Mrs. Nixon, winding up a tour of Africa, sat at the right side of the bays, Sidi Mohammed al-Amin, for the celebrations.

Controversial Bills Appear Definitely Dead

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.

SALEM (AP)—Two of the Oregon Legislature's most controversial bills apparently are dead.

The bill to compel banks to close on Saturdays met sudden death when the Senate Finance Committee voted 3 to 4 to table it. That means the committee wants to let it die.

And the measure to make trading stamps redeemable in cash was on the table in the Senate and Federal Affairs Committee. Even if it should get out of committee and be passed by the Senate, as appears extremely doubtful, it certainly would be clobbered by the House State and Federal Affairs Committee, a poll showed.

Killing the bank closure bill was a victory for the First National Bank of Portland, the only bank which opposed the bill.

The trading stamp bill, so the stamp companies said, would hurt their business. There were proposed amendments to restrict the sale of the stamps, and these are dead, too.

Legislators say their heaviest mail has been on the bank closure and stamp bills.

The Senate Labor and Industries Committee refused 4 to 3 to recommend passage of the bill to abolish the Unemployment Compensation Commission, and replace it with a single administrator. But this vote isn't final, as some of the committee members said they might change their minds.

The House Education Committee, which had recommended repeal of a law which requires the teaching of morality in the schools, did a quick about-face.

After a deluge of protests from church and temperance groups, the committee decided it had better leave the law unchanged.

Then the committee went a step farther and approved a bill to repeal the teaching of the effect of alcohol and narcotics in the schools. Last week, the committee had rejected the bill.

The Senate Judiciary Committee recommended repeal of the 1935 law which makes it impossible to collect punitive damages for accidental libel.

The committee vote was 6 to 1, with only Sen. Donald Hubbard (R), Eugene, voting to retain the present law.

However, Sen. Anthony Yurri (R), Ontario, said he would seek some replacement for the law.

The law provides that when libel is committed accidentally, as through a typographical error, the damages party can collect only the actual damages he has suffered.

Five Men Killed When Elevator Falls Five Floors

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP)—A cable snapped, and a construction elevator carrying 19 workmen plunged five floors to the ground yesterday. Five of the men were killed and the rest injured.

"It sounded like an explosion when it hit — there were screams," said Bob Barth, an insulation superintendent at the new Duval County courthouse the men were helping to build.

Among the horrified witnesses were women waiting for their husbands to finish up for the day. The 85-foot fall killed George Edward Leach, 31; Dewey Woods, 39; Glenn D. Idol, 25; Jack Monroe Thomsom, 24; Dave Atmore, 36. All were white except Atmore.

The injured were distributed among five hospitals. Their conditions were reported serious or critical.

Plumbers' Strike Said Settled In Principle

PORTLAND (AP)—Federal mediators said the 18-day strike against 25 Salem plumbing shops was settled in principle Tuesday night.

Deal said the 80 striking plumbers were to be back on the job Wednesday, although some matters still are to be settled.

The walkout started March 1 as the plumbers struck to back up wage demands.

Representatives of union and management will meet again Thursday or Friday. Deal said, adding that he hoped a new contract would be approved then.

"Money matters are among the issues still to be settled, Deal reported.

Jury Being Selected

KLAMATH FALLS (AP)—The task of selecting a jury in the first degree murder trial of Guy Earl Cramer resumed here Wednesday.

A dozen prospective jurors were ruled out early because they admitted having preconceived opinions in the case.

Probers Reveal Brewster Profited In Big Deals

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the senators had heard from Brewster that a campaign contribution was made to Gov. Goodwin J. Knight of California, and that he (Brewster) later interceded with Knight to get Charles Francisco's port director.

The date, amount and method of the contribution were left obscure as the senators went on to other matters.

In Sacramento, Gov. Knight denied receiving any contribution from the Teamsters Union for any of his campaigns. And he denied he ever interceded in the appointment of the port director of San Francisco.

It was the third straight day that Brewster, chairman of the Teamsters Western Conference, was in the witness chair.

Brewster stepped aside momentarily while the senators heard Salinger testify.

Salinger said Brewster and Newell started the table as an equal \$12,500 investments and that Newell later put up most of the operating funds.

Later, Salinger said, Newell sold out to Brewster and at that time the Teamsters official was credited with \$44,000.03 while Newell took a loss of \$40,127.50.

Salinger said that in July, 1953 the partnership was dissolved at Newell's request.

Brewster himself testified that while he was engaging in racing and real estate ventures as partner with Newell, the latter was receiving about \$300,000 a year as broker for multi-million dollar Teamsters Union health and welfare funds.

Brewster, in speaking of the payments to him in the 1951-53 period as "stable manager," said they were the form of blocks, 1,000 shares of stock in Affiliated Fund, Inc., the price of which varied from \$3.17 a share to \$3.26 a share.

Brewster said the arrangement had been that Newell would pay him \$5,000 a year, although the stock itself had a greater market value at the time Newell delivered it to him.

Newell later bought the stock back from Brewster, it was brought out.

Brewster said the whole arrangement was "just a verbal agreement" with Newell. He said Newell told him "he would like to have me save some money and he'd buy 1,000 shares of stock. He told me he would pay me \$5,000."

"You never knew it came out of brokerage funds," Sen. McClellan (D-Ark.), the committee chairman, asked him.

"I did not," Brewster said. Early in his testimony Wednesday, Brewster detailed operations of the union's health and welfare and pension funds which he said were made up wholly of employers' contributions.

He said they were handled by an administrative setup composed of equal representation by employers and employees.

But, he said he had no idea of the over-all amount of such funds because they were operated through union locals and not through the Western Conference.

In response to questions by McClellan, Brewster said the only other welfare fund was one for pensions for union officials which was made up of contributions from workers.

Pressed by Sen. Ives (R-N.Y.) for some idea of the amount of the welfare funds, Brewster said he knew some were "building up" and surpluses had been placed in banks so the money would draw interest.

But, he continued, "every fund is set up on a different basis, some are financially healthy, some are a little sour."

He said he knew of one local fund—which he did not identify—which "has a surplus in excess of \$300,000."

"Have you tried to find out how much is in all of the funds?" Ives asked.

"That is all done on the local level, I don't know," Brewster replied.

British Doctor's Trial Continues In Third Day

LONDON (AP)—Counsel for Dr. John Bodkin Adams Wednesday accused three of the prosecution's star witnesses in the "Eastbourne widow" murder trial of discussing their evidence on the way to court Wednesday morning in violation of the judge's warning.

One admitted under cross examination that during the conversation the remark was made, "Don't say that or you will get me into trouble."

Chief defense attorney Geoffrey Lawrence charged that three nurses who are testifying for the crown against the 38-year-old doctor took the same train to court and talked about the case.

The nurses had cared for Mrs. Edith Alice Morrell, the wealthy 81-year-old widow the doctor is accused of poisoning in 1950 to benefit from her will. Her body was cremated and her ashes scattered over the English Channel.

Steward Wants To Give Fair Wider Scope

SALEM (AP)—Rep. Robert J. Steward (D), Keating, who will become state director of agriculture when the Legislature ends, wants the state fair to emphasize all aspects of Oregon's economy.

Answering questions Tuesday at a Senate Agriculture Committee meeting, the Baker County rancher said the fair should not confine its emphasis to agriculture.

It should, he said, be a combination agricultural fair, trade fair and exposition.

His testimony, which was on a bill to abolish the State Fair Commission and let the Department of Agriculture run the fair, was a surprise. The principal purpose of the bill is to put more emphasis on agriculture, not less.

Steward said he would vote for the bill if it reaches the House. But he added it would be "presumptuous" of him to recommend whether it should be passed or defeated.

The state fair commission was created in 1951. Before that, the Department of Agriculture ran the fair.

Leo Spitzbart, manager of the fair, testified in favor of the present commission system. He said he suffered from political pressure when the Agriculture Department was his boss, and that he fears he would be under more political pressure if the bill were passed.

He said that "degeneracy" publicity already has hurt the next fair because people are getting the idea it features cheap carnivals.

He denied there are any cheap carnivals, saying "the fair has to comply with the strict Salem ordinances, and Salem is a Methodist town."

It was Gov. Holmes who made the carnival criticism. He wants the bill passed.

Spitzbart said that most of the country's larger fairs operate under commissions.

"The job of director of Agriculture," he said, "is a capricious one, while a commission has continuity."

He recommended that the fair be moved to a larger site, asserting the present 170-acre fairgrounds are too small.

Power Co. Employs Consultant For Farmers

Andrew H. Schmidt, agriculture engineer formerly with the U. S. Soil Conservation Service, has been named to fill a position just established by California Oregon Power Co.

H. C. Wells, Copco district manager in Roseburg, said Schmidt has been named rural extension engineer. He will be available to assist farmers throughout the Copco service area with problems of irrigation pumping and other uses of electricity on the farm, Wells said.

Schmidt may be reached through the Roseburg Copco office or through the sales department in the company's head office in Medford.

The Oregon State College graduate and his family now live in Grants Pass. Wells said he had been practicing agriculture engineering for 15 years. He is a registered professional engineer.

Wrong-Door Raid Hearing Nears Completion Today

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The woman victim of the wrong-door crash in aimed at Marilyn Monroe gave a county grand jury the story of her "night of terror" when a group of raiders burst into her bedroom.

"I was terrified," Mrs. Florence Kotz Ross testified Tuesday. "The place was full of men. They were making a lot of noises and lights flashed on."

"They broke a lot of glasses in the kitchen getting out of there," Mrs. Ross admitted she couldn't tell if Frank Sinatra was one of the raiders. "It was too dark and I was too shocked," she said.

The jurors today hope to end the hearing into the ill-starred Nov. 3, 1954, raid which ended in Mrs. Ross' apartment. One of the witnesses will be Sheila Stewart Renour, the actress Miss Monroe reportedly was visiting that night on another floor of the apartment.

Sinatra told the jurors yesterday he only went along for the ride with Joe DiMaggio and others assertedly seeking evidence against Miss Monroe, then the wife of the ex-Yankee Clipper.

This was the same story the crooner told a State Senate committee which recently investigated practices of private detectives in connection with scandal magazines.

Another witness, private detective Phil Irwin, said he also told the same story the senators heard. Sinatra was an active participant in the raid and wasn't in a car "smoking a cigarette" as he claimed.

DiMaggio, in a disposition, backed Sinatra's story, and wrote that business matters in New York would prevent him from personally testifying. Miss Monroe, also invited to appear, has not been heard from yet.

Explosion Takes Lives Of Four Men At Tacoma

TACOMA (AP)—A safety expert blamed "human failure" Wednesday for a dynamite explosion that took four lives at a powder plant 18 miles southeast of here.

The blast at the Olin Mathieson Chemical Corp. Tuesday obliterated a building where the four victims were working, shook windows in downtown Tacoma and touched off "earthquake" reports at Seattle, 40 miles to the north.

After visiting the plant and questioning workers, Ed Sorger, chief of the safety division of the State Department of Labor and Industries, said the company observed all precautions and safety regulations and the explosion apparently resulted from "human failure."

"Something slipped up somewhere along the line," Sorger said. "There was no chance of mechanical failure."

Killed by the explosion were Alfred B. A. Coon, 24, Tacoma; Robert D. Schultz, 33, Yelm, Wash.; Richard Nelson, 26, Tacoma, and James Capps, 24, Frederickson, Wash.

They were working in a 25-by-40-foot wooden building stuffing dynamite into cardboard paper tubes.

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