

Improved Picnic Grounds Readied At Oregon Fair

SALEM — Enlarged and beautified picnic grounds will be ready for visitors at the 92nd Oregon State Fair opening Aug. 31.

The picnic area bordering Silverton Road will cover several acres. Over 100 picnic tables will dot the shaded grounds, according to Howard Maple, new fair manager.

The new picnic grounds are already being used by large groups and will be available on a rental basis until two weeks before fair opening. Various church groups and both Republican and Democratic organizations have used the grounds in the past two weeks.

Sprucing up the picnic area is part of a landscaping project which has been under way all summer. Trees have been pruned, unsightly limbs removed and flower beds will be in full bloom and everything shipshape when the fair opens, Maple promised.

Missing will be four swarms of bees which were found in trees and some of the buildings. Too many bees have been a source of annoyance to fairgrounds visitors for several years.

Minerals Bureau Aide Not Having Mining Interests Sought By Interior Chief

By A. ROBERT SMITH, News-Review Correspondent

WASHINGTON — Secretary of Interior Fred A. Seaton is looking for a new assistant secretary for minerals whose appointment will bring Seaton close to a complete change in the top posts at Interior since he succeeded Douglas McKay.

Currently being considered is George Kinnear, Seattle attorney who just completed a term as Washington state chairman for Republican state.

Seaton is looking especially for a man who has no mining interests or ties which might compromise or handicap him as a sub-cabinet official having jurisdiction over the nation's mining program. Kinnear is considered qualified on this and other grounds.

The effect of this consideration by Seaton is to obtain a man who would not have the background of McKay's choice for this office, Felix Wormser, who was assistant secretary for minerals until his recent resignation.

Wormser was vice president of St. Louis Lead Co. and shortly before his appointment was actively working here in Washington in behalf of raising tariffs on lead and zinc. That effort collapsed when President Eisenhower at that time opposed this idea during congressional consideration of the extension of the reciprocal trade act.

Just before Wormser left office, he finished drafting a new mining program which included higher tariff protection for the lead and zinc industries.

That program, bearing the administration's stamp of approval, is more moderate than what Wormser had hoped to put through. It is now before Congress and has the support of many western senators and congressmen of both parties who are fearful that lead and zinc mines in the mountain states will close down unless given

some government help or protection from foreign imports.

"Clean" Man Sought
When McKay and Wormser were trying to find a new head of the Bureau of Mines in 1953, they picked Tom Lyon of Salt Lake City, who had to withdraw under critical fire when it was disclosed that he was drawing a \$5000 annual pension from Anaconda Copper Co. Wormser at the time told Congress he hadn't realized Lyon was getting a pension from the big mining firm.

Seaton is searching for Wormser's successor with what appears to be more care to see that his appointee will be "clean as his appointee's tooth." Thus far he has been successful in finding new men for Interior's highest posts, and none of them has come under fire as some of McKay's selections did.

Seaton's new assistant secretary for fisheries, Ross Leffer, has won praise from the conservation groups that were so critical of many of the policies at Interior during McKay's term. The new assistant secretary for public lands, Roger Ernst, has had none of the troubles that complicated the life of Wesley D'Ewart, McKay's choice who had to resign when the Senate refused to confirm him. Clarence A. Davis is gone as undersecretary, replaced by Hatfield Chilton, who is making a favorable impression.

The only remaining controversial figure who remains from the McKay regime is Fred Aandahl, assistant secretary for water and power. There have been unconfirmed reports that Seaton has wanted to ditch Aandahl, but that the White House has not gone along with this. Aandahl strongly supports the original "partnership" power policy, which embroiled him in many power controversies with public power groups.

Exams For Govt. Academies Entry Set In November

Rep. Charles O. Porter (D-Ore.) has announced that preliminary Civil Service examinations will be given in a number of cities in the 4th Congressional District next November to young men interested in nomination to a service academy.

Unmarried men in good physical condition who will have reached their 17th but not their 22nd birthday by July 1, 1958, are eligible to participate in the examination.

Porter explained that the tests are the first step toward possible appointment to the Military Academy at West Point, N. Y., Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colo., or the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, N. Y.

"My selection of those to be nominated to the various service academies will be based, in part, on these impartially conducted, competitive examinations," said Porter. He noted that members of Congress are allowed to make only a comparatively few nominations each year.

Young men interested in participating in the November examination should write to Porter as soon as possible so that full information may be sent out from the Washington, D. C., office. Porter's address is 324 House Office Building, Washington, 25, D. C.

Exam dates for the November examinations will be announced later by Porter and each applicant will be advised by letter of the place for him to take his examination.

Reward For Return Of Lost Clamp Offered

A reward is being offered by the Winston-Dillard Rural Fire Department for the return of a hose clamp which was lost off a fire truck Monday, July 22.

"The clamp could have come off any place in Winston, because we had several calls that day," Chief Mike Neely said. The clamp is worth about \$30, he said. The device is used to stop the flow of water through a hose. It can not be of any use to an individual. The clamp is too big to be used on a garden hose, the chief added.

AT ROTC CAMP

David G. Hanson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin L. Hanson, Scottsburg, is receiving six weeks of engineer ROTC summer training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., with members of the South Dakota State College cadet program.

ON HONOR ROLL

Ervin John Stritzke, Winchester, is on the spring semester honor roll at Washington State College, it was announced there.

Representative Says He Doesn't Need Policing On Talking Medals By Morse

By LEWIS GULICK

WASHINGTON — Rep. Rooney (D-N.Y.) said Saturday he doesn't need any "policing" by Sen. Morse (D-Ore.) on whether to accept a foreign government decoration.

Rooney was joined by Reps. Passman (D-La.) and Judd (R-Minn.) in challenging Morse's statement that acceptance of a foreign medal tends to cast suspicion on a Congress member unless he abstains from legislation affecting the government involved.

Rooney is chairman of an appropriations subcommittee handling State Department funds. Passman heads an appropriations subcommittee about to write a foreign aid money bill. Judd is a senior House Foreign Affairs committee member.

All three are included in a series of recent bills authorizing Congress members to accept foreign decorations. House approval of the bills by the unusual procedure of bypassing all House committees has set off backstage rumblings on Capitol Hill.

Morse brought the issue into the open after the Senate Foreign Relations committee declined to act, pending further information from the State Department, on six new House-passed bills naming 11 House members.

"I think the policy is bad, and that it ought to be stopped" because it "violates the spirit and intent" of the constitution.

"The U.S. constitution prohibits any federal official from accepting any present from a foreign state without Congress' consent."

Rooney told a reporter that by allowing for Congress' consent, the constitution's framers showed their intent was for rather than against such bills as the ones which would allow him, Passman and Judd to accept from Greece "the Cross of the Grand Commander of the Royal Order of the Phoenix."

None of the three seemed quite sure what the decorations were for, but all said they did not regard them as very important.

Rooney said it's all right with him "if Sen. Morse feels that he should not accept one—if he were offered it."

"If he needs policing that's one thing, but I don't think I or any member of the House named for decorations needs policing on the matter," Rooney said.

Passman said he didn't know why the Greeks should want to give him a medal, since he said he has fought to slash every foreign aid bill that came along. He figured the reason may have been his speeches before Greek-American groups, which he said he was

making long before he got into politics.

Judd said the bill to let him wear a Greek medal was introduced without his knowledge and "if they want to stop (allowing decorations) it's all right with me."

Judd expressed "grave doubt" that any congressman would be influenced by a decoration.

He said he had pushed a number of foreign affairs bills which he believed to be in the U.S. interest and assumed his medal stemmed from his activities in behalf of Greek-Turkish aid in 1947.

Hospital News

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Douglas Community Hospital
Admitted
Surgery: Mrs. Thomas Paulson, Roseburg; Mrs. Henry Weber, Myrtle Creek; Mrs. Albert Grennawalt, Wilbur.

Medical: Mrs. Roland Shelman, Mrs. Benton Smith, Mrs. Howard Harry, Tommy McCarroll, Phyllis Finney, Mrs. John Yalley, Carl Smith, Roseburg; Mrs. James Murray, Mrs. J. P. Morgan, Winston; Mrs. Duane Obenschain, Glide; Aurelius Hudson, Camas Valley.

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President Armas Target For Communist Gunners

By STANFORD BRADSHAW

WASHINGTON — Col. Carlos Castillo Armas, spunky Guatemalan president slain Friday night by an assassin's bullet, was a marked man for Communist gunmen.

Initial reports from Guatemala gave no motive for the shooting of the chief executive by one of his palace guards. But the charge d'affaires of the Guatemalan embassy here, Julio Asensio-Wunderlich, said he had talked to officials back home and declared:

"We are definitely sure that the assassin was a member of the Communist party."

Castillo Armas had ended—with strong U.S. moral support — the Reds' chief attempt to date to take over a western hemisphere nation, and made Guatemala the first nation in the world to throw off communism's shackles.

But more than that, his three-year rule, backed by 71 million dollars in U.S. aid, was proving to the world that democracy works better than communism in raising the living standards of a people.

While his death may move Guatemala to new efforts against the Red underground he hated, it also could touch off a struggle for power among military leaders who resented his forceful rule.

Curiously enough, his death came just after his ambassador to the United States, Col. Jose Luis Cruz-Salazar, had warned a U.S. radio audience anew of the danger of Red subversion.

Castillo Armas, slain by one of his own palace guards, was one of the best-guarded men in the Americas.

During a 1955 visit to Guatemala by Vice President Nixon, photographers complained it was difficult to get a picture because of guards carrying submachine-guns.

Since Castillo Armas took over, the United States has extended Guatemala emergency grant aid to tide it over the economic chaos left by the Reds. It also sold surplus agricultural commodities to help out a drought-induced food shortage, and made sizable grants for hospital and highway construction.

By last reports, the tiny nation of three million was enjoying solid prosperity. Gold reserves were at record levels; business profits were more than double the 1955 level; and coffee and cotton crops — two big export items — were high.

TREMENDOUS SPEEDS SEEN

OKLAHOMA CITY — Air Force Maj. Gen. Charles J. Bondley Jr., predicted here Friday that planes will fly ten times the speed of sound within ten years.

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