

DAV Is Awarded Special Citation

Roseburg Chapter No. 9, Disabled American Veterans, has been awarded a special citation from national DAV headquarters for "its contribution to the welfare of disabled veterans through membership gains."

As of Dec. 1, the chapter has surpassed its membership quota for the current fiscal year with a total of 77 members.

Paul E. Frederick Jr., DAV National Commander, said in a letter of commendation to local officers and members that through the DAV "can we fight the wave of false economy at the expense of the disabled veteran." He referred particularly to a current review of claims by the Veterans Administration, which he said may result in the cutting off of disability compensation for more than 100,000 disabled veterans.

Governor Holmes Appeals For Help In Stopping Mice

SALEM, Ore. — Gov. Robert D. Holmes appealed to the federal government Tuesday for help in stopping the swarms of mice that have bobbed up in the West this year.

The governor said a survey showed five million dollars in crop damage because of field mice in central and southeastern Oregon, but added the farmers there were not asking payments to make up the loss.

"The ranchers don't want restitution. They want biological control so that future crops will be saved," said Robert J. Steward, state director of agriculture.

"This is not a state problem, but is a federal problem. California and Nevada also are affected, and it could spread all over the west," the governor said.

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The federal government, said the governor, "doesn't realize the magnitude of this problem. I don't care what agency pays, but we need real help."

In the Oregon outbreak, some areas report up to 10,000 field mice per acre. Klamath County alone estimates its crop loss at three million dollars, Lake and Jefferson counties one million each.

The governor said he has asked Sen. Morse (D-Ore) to "fight out which federal agency should be approached for help."

The governor conferred late Monday with Steward, Jack Nichols, Warner Valley rancher and Casey Jones, Lakeview businessman.

Holmes said, "We'll work from the top down in order to get help, instead of working from the bottom up, which would cause undue delay."

Alabama May Abolish County In Racial Rift

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Alabama voters have authorized the Legislature to abolish Macon County rather than see it come under Negro domination.

The decision came in Tuesday's election on 25 proposed amendments to the state constitution.

It reflects the Deep South's fear that the civil rights bill enacted by the last Congress to enforce voting rights may lead to Negro political control of local governments. Macon County's whites are outnumbered 7-1.

The county may now be abolished by legislative act and its territory added to adjoining counties where whites are in the majority.

Returns from 1,690 of the state's 2,700 counties gave 51,478 for the Macon amendment to 36,820 against.

That was an unusually light vote, even for an election of this type.

Macon County, seat, Tuskegee, is the home of Tuskegee Institute, famous Negro college. The Legislature this year narrowed Tuskegee city limits to exclude most Negro voters. The town's white-owned business then were boycotted by Negro residents.

TB Hospital Proposed As Mentally Retarded Children's Facility

EUGENE — The possibility of using The Dalles Tuberculosis Hospital as a second state facility for mentally retarded persons is under study by a state interim committee with headquarters here.

John D. O'Donoghue, executive secretary of the interim committee on Mental Retardation and Emotional Disturbance, said the committee discussed the idea at a meeting last weekend at Fairview Home in Salem, which now is used for the mentally retarded.

The last state Legislature authorized the closure of the Dalles institution as a tuberculosis hospital, subject to ratification by voters at the next general election.

The committee will talk with the state Board of Control about the feasibility of converting it to a second state institution for care and treatment of mentally retarded persons.

Also discussed was a suggested change in Oregon law which would allow for voluntary admission to Fairview Home for the mentally retarded. The proposal was referred to a subcommittee for additional study.

The committee tentatively scheduled meetings for next year as follows: Newport in January; The Dalles in February; Salem in March; Eugene in April; and Medford in May. Meetings in July and August will be devoted to preparing recommendations for the next legislative session.

Central JHS Yule Operetta Scheduled Friday

An original operetta composed by the school music instructor, Jean Turnbull, will be featured in a Christmas program to be staged by students of Central Junior High School at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

The operetta, titled "The Empty Chair," will feature Brooke Young and Jerry Evans in lead parts. They will be supported by a cast of 25.

Stage settings were designed and constructed by art students, under the direction of Mrs. Harriet Swerzbin.

Also performing during the program will be Central's advanced band, the girls' triple choir and a selected chorus.

The operetta will be presented for students Friday afternoon. No admission will be charged for either performance.

Myrtle Creek 4-H Club Members Win

Myrtle Creek 4-H Club member Douglas Dyer won two first prizes in the Oregon State Corn Show, results announced today.

In the hybrid yield contest, Dyer topped the field for the Western Oregon Division in the irrigated corn class with a yield of 112.7 bushels per acre. His other first place was in the 10-ear class for 4-H members.

Dyer won a total of \$30 in prize money and was awarded ribbons. Cash and ribbons were awarded to seven other Douglas County winners.

Douglas County is in District 3 in the 10-ear class for the annual corn show which was held in Canby Nov. 29. Entries were sent to the show and results were just announced.

In the 10-ear open class, Richard Stritke and Margaret Stritke, Winchester, took first and second prizes respectively.

Taking prizes in this category were Ho Dyer, Myrtle Creek, third; Eugene Holcomb, Oakland, fourth; V. K. Holcomb, Oakland, fifth; Wade Worthington, Canyonville, sixth.

David Dunlap, Canyonville, won second prize in the 5-ear class for 4-H Clubs, according to Wayne Scher, assistant county extension agent.

Reform Bakers To Ignore Order Of Old Union

WASHINGTON — Leaders of a new reform bakery workers union said Wednesday they intend to ignore orders from the old union placing six key union locals under trusteeship.

The dispute could wind up in the courts.

The trusteeship orders came from the Bakery and Confectionery Workers International Union headed by President James G. Cross. That union has been expelled from the AFL-CIO on charges it is corruptly dominated. The charges mainly involve Cross.

The AFL-CIO has chartered a new union, calling itself the American Bakery and Confectionery Workers International Union. Daniel Conway, a leader of the reform elements among the bakery workers, has been installed as acting president, pending a convention.

Tuesday night Cross' headquarters announced that six locals had been placed under trusteeship. They are locals 6 and 492, Philadelphia; 59 and 51, New York; 84 in Newark and 118 here.

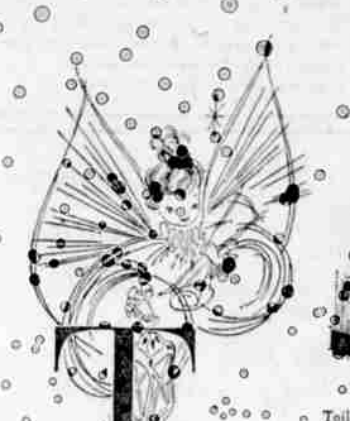
The locals have about 15,000 members in all.

Voice, Orchestra Concert Set By Apostolic Faith

The Apostolic Faith Church orchestra and chorus from Grants Pass will be featured in concert at the Roseburg church Thursday at 8 p.m.

Besides selection by the 15-piece orchestra and 20-voice choir, a violin duet and two vocal solos have been scheduled. The Rev. Forrest Damann, pastor of the Grants Pass church, will be guest speaker.

The program at the Roseburg church at 563 NE Chamon St., across from the City Drive in Market, will start at 8 p.m. No collection will be taken.



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Morse, Neuberger Urge Federal Aid

PORTLAND — More federal aid against the field mouse infestation in Oregon was urged Tuesday by Sens. Morse (D-Ore) and Neuberger (D-Ore).

The Department of Agriculture was asked by Neuberger to determine what kind of loan assistance is available to farmers of Klamath and Lake counties. Heavy losses to grain, potatoes, hay and alfalfa crops had been reported in these areas.

Neuberger's office here reported possible health hazards and control of the mouse infestation would be investigated by the U.S. Public Health Service, which is sending field men from the San Francisco Rodent Laboratory-Center.

In Washington, D.C., Morse said he had been informed by Oregon's Gov. Robert Holmes that crop damage in Klamath, Lake and Jefferson counties is estimated at five million dollars.

Morse urged the Agriculture Department to provide emergency funds if necessary to finance a Fish and Wildlife Service program of rodent control in Oregon.

Marine Found Guilty On Mistreatment Count

YOKOSUKA, Japan — A U.S. Navy court-martial today found Marine Pfc. Frank K. Pasternak Jr., Chicopee, Mass., guilty of mistreating prisoners and sentenced him to two months at hard labor.

The 22-year-old Marine was convicted on four counts. The court also ordered that he be reduced to private and fined \$750. The sentence is subject to review by higher naval authorities.

He was one of 16 former Marine guards charged with mistreating prisoners at the Sasebo Navy base camp. Of the others, six have been found guilty, five acquitted and four are awaiting trial.

Off For Honduras

WASHINGTON — Rep. Porter (D-Ore) said Tuesday he will leave Wednesday for Honduras to attend Saturday's inauguration of president-elect Ramon Villeda Morales. Porter will be accompanied by his wife.

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Milk Prices Rise Slightly In Dallas War

DALLAS, Tex. — Skim milk prices climbed back as much as 12 cents a gallon Tuesday as both congressional and court hearings were scheduled for Dallas' milk price war.

Rep. Wright Patman (D-Tex) disclosed plans for the House Select Committee on Small Business, in which he is chairman, to hold a hearing Dec. 30-31 in Dallas.

A million-dollar damage suit against five major dairies was filed last week by Louise A. Teague, owner of the Beverly Hills Dairies in connection with the price war. U.S. Dist. Judge T. Whitfield Davidson also ordered a hearing Saturday on a motion for a preliminary injunction.

Patman told the Dallas Times Herald that he and four colleagues will conduct the House committee's inquiry.

Prices to the consumer were raised by some food stores from 30 cents for a half gallon to 35 cents and from 39 cents for a gallon to 69.

ICC Rules Carriers Can't Bargain Away Duty To Serve Public

WASHINGTON — The Interstate Commerce Commission held Wednesday that common carriers may not bargain away through labor contracts, such as the "hot cargo" clause, their duty to serve the public.

The commission ruled that a group of motor carriers acted unlawfully in refusing to accept shipments handled at Oklahoma City by Galveston Truck Corp. of Houston, Tex.

The commission told nine motor carriers to "cease and desist" from practices which it found to be in violation of terms, conditions, and limitations of the operating authority issued them by the ICC.

The commission held that it lacked jurisdiction to rule on legality of the "hot cargo" clause which the Teamsters Union insists upon in its contracts with employers. The ICC said this was a matter Congress had given the National Labor Relations Board.

But the effect of the ICC ruling is to require that common carriers handle cargo offered them in accordance with their operating permits. This is broad enough to include "hot cargo."

"Hot cargo" is goods which the union regards as unfair — often because it is produced or handled at some stage of a nonunion firm.

The nine truck lines operating out of Oklahoma City refused to accept cargo from Galveston Truck Corp., which is unorganized. They did so at the demand of Teamster Union representatives who called it "hot cargo."

More Tinsel Found In Douglas County

Another report of discovery of gold and silver-colored tinsel in Douglas County was made Tuesday by Alva Manning, a farmer who lives about eight miles east of Sutherland near Fair Oaks.

Unlike previous reports over the past week, Manning said the tinsel he found was not scattered but was lumped into a fist-sized ball. He came upon it on pasture land on his property.

Civil Defense authorities have described the tinsel as material used in radar-jamming tests.

Gas Explosion Rocks Airman's Dining Hall

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. — A gas explosion rocked the main airman's dining hall at Kelly Air Force Base Tuesday, injuring 12 civilian food handlers.

Mrs. Wilma Lasker, 59, was listed in serious condition with second and third degree burns. Oscar Garcia, 29, was reported in fair condition, with second degree burns.

Carol Service At Episcopal Church

The service of lessons and carols will be held at St. George's Episcopal Church Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

The service is the same as that used at Little's College, Cambridge, and consists of nine lessons from the Bible which tell the story of Christmas, beginning with the Old Testament prophecies. In between each lesson and at other parts of the service carols and Christmas numbers are presented. For this service the choir will consist of the adult choir, directed by Robert E. Robins, and the older Girls Friendly Society choir, directed by Mrs. George French.

The lessons from the Bible will be read by nine different men of the parish with the last being read by the Rev. Alfred S. Tyson, rector of St. George's. The public is invited to attend this traditional service of Christmas music. The communion services for Christmas will be held at 11 p.m. on Christmas Eve and at 10:30 a.m. Christmas Day.

Sending Voices Home

SALEM — Fourteen Hawaiian students at Willamette University will send their voices home for Christmas.

They and the 33-voice Willamette choir are making a half-hour recording to be played by Honolulu radio station.

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