

Kierdorf Claimed Victim Of Own Act

Labor Officers To Be Chosen By Referendum In Future



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The students were Sandra Buxton, 18, of Medford; Sheila Haggerty, 17, of Cove; and David Mack, 18, of Central Point. They received the scholarships by having high points on a test on unionism, problems and history of unions. A committee of five educators also interviewed the applicants at Portland.

When accepting his \$500 scholarship, Mack said "The council scholarship program is doing much to stimulate young minds. People living in the 20th century will be greatly influenced by today's high school graduates."

David plans on majoring in political science at Harvard University while Sandra and Sheila will both attend Oregon State College in September. Sandra will major in chemistry and Sheila in physics.

After the awards were made, Dr. Benjamin Simmons, State Dept. of Education, addressed the delegates and gave his personal opinions on some of the critics of the educational system.

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Convention Date Change Is Defeated

Delegates at the convention of the Oregon State Labor Council overwhelmingly approved a resolution changing the name of the organization to Oregon AFL-CIO.

Cited as reasons for the resolution were contentions that the current name is "cumbersome" and adds to confusion with other "councils" in the state. The vote was 261-28. A two-thirds majority was required for passage.

Delegates to the convention of the Oregon State Labor Council this morning voted to change the organization's constitution to provide for election of officers by referendum instead of at conventions.

Another constitutional amendment was defeated. It would have changed the date of conventions from the first week in August to a June date.

The referendum measure was adopted without opposition although during early days of the convention many delegates privately expressed opinions that the election change was not needed.

Nominate At Conventions
The new election procedure calls for nomination of officers and district board members at the annual conventions in odd-numbered years. Within 15 days after adjournment of these conventions, ballots are to be sent to all affiliated unions.

There will be a 55-day period for voting, during which time at least one union meeting is to be held and is to have advance notice. All members of locals are to have an opportunity to vote instead of leaving the hands of delegates to conventions.

Changing the date of conventions came in for plenty of discussion and voting before the proposal was dropped. The committee which considered the resolution would have changed the date to September. However, this would have been

Opposition Asked To Morse's Stand On Moore Property

Organized labor of Oregon is being asked to adopt a resolution at odds with Sen. Wayne Morse.

One of the unspoken resolutions before delegates to the convention in Roseburg of the Oregon State Labor Council calls for the organization to support legislation giving downtown Roseburg property known as the Little Moore property to the city of Roseburg. The resolution was rushed before the delegates just before the deadline Wednesday.

Resolutions went to committees for study Wednesday afternoon and are slated to come up for action today and Friday.

Morse Opposes Bill
Sen. Morse has taken a stand against the bill which would give to the city the land upon which the Moore house stands. His Senate and House colleagues, Sen. Richard Neuberger and Rep. Charles O. Porter want the federal government to give the property to Roseburg without charge.

Morse, like the other two Democrats, is blocking the measure on the ground it violates the Morse formula which calls for local governments or organizations to pay 50 per cent of the value of property. He maintains that a change in his thinking would be called favoritism to his state.

The property involved is sought by the Douglas County Historical Society which wants to preserve it as a sort of museum. Rep. Porter took up the cudgels for the organization and introduced a bill which would hand the property over to the city. Neuberger sponsored the Senate measure.

The property involved is part of that decided to the federal government in 1940 upon the death of Miss Lillie L. Moore. Three lots have been sold to private interests for about \$110,000, while the portion which the historical society wants is valued at some \$20,000.

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Paving Of Highway 38 Scheduled For Contract
A contract for surfacing of about 15 miles of Highway 38 in the improvement zone between Reedsport and Mill Creek is expected to be awarded soon by the Bureau of Public Roads.

The bureau will open bids on the project Aug. 19 in Portland. It is a forest highway project.

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The Weather
AIRPORT RECORDS
Fair with considerable cloudiness tonight and Friday. Little change in temperature.

Highest temp. last 24 hours 92
Lowest temp. last 24 hours 52
Highest temp. any Aug. 102
Lowest temp. any Aug. 41

Precip. last 24 hours 0
Precip. from Aug. 1 0
Precip. from Sept. 1 45.04
Excess from Sept. 1 14.84

Sunset tonight, 7:28 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 5:11 a.m.

Loggers Fire Weather — Moderate fire danger in the Coast Range and on the west side of the Cascades. High fire danger on the east side and in the Southern Cascades. Considerable cloudiness and cooler with lowest humidities 25-45 per cent east of the Cascades and in the southern mountains and 45-55 on the coastside.

BULLETIN
DUBLIN, Ireland (AP) — Albert Thomas of Australia defeated fabulous miler Herb Elliott by 25 yards Thursday night and set a new world mark of 8:32.0 for two miles.

The listed world mark of 8:33.4 was set by Hungary's Sandor Iharos in London May 30, 1953.

Elliott, who last night clocked an amazing world best time of 3:54.5 for the mile, was timed in 8:37.6.

Thomas recently set a world record for the three miles of 13:10.8.

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15 Persons Die As 2 Tankers Collide In Fog

NEWPORT, R.I. (AP) — Two tankers collided and burst into flames Thursday in a thick fog at the entrance to Newport Harbor. The tragedy took 15 lives.

The Navy immediately swung into a rescue operation combined with a battle to quench flames on the tanker which contained 650,000 gallons of gasoline.

Twenty-six crewmen were hospitalized — mostly with flame-seared bodies. Estimates of missing ranged up to 12.

The dead included Capt. Monteville Eden, of Port Arthur, Tex., skipper of the SS Gulfport; second mate Raymond C. Day of the Gulfport and quartermaster Colbert Banks, both also of Port Arthur, and Stafford McKensie, of New York, an oiler — all aboard the Gulfport.

Nine bodies were found huddled together in a compartment aboard the Gulfport.

Finally Control Flames
Firefighting efforts were devoted mainly to the second tanker, the SS Gulfport, which contained the gasoline. Navy tugs battled for several hours before controlling the flames.

Helicopters were called into play to remove the more seriously injured to the U.S. Public Health Hospital in Boston.

The SS Gulfport, 10,347 tons, was outbound empty from Providence for Port Arthur, Tex., when she struck the port bow of the 250-foot motor tanker S.E. Graham, inbound from Newark, N.J., with 22,000 barrels of gasoline.

Both ships caught fire and were beached while Navy tugs battled the flames, hampered by the

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Stranger In Pickup Alerts Family As Buildings Burn

A stranger "in a red pickup" who alerted a family late Wednesday night, may have saved them from death as fire swept through the garage and buildings adjacent to their home near Dixonville.

His warning was instrumental in bringing help in time to save the Henry Hansen home, although the garage, pump house, and other buildings burned to the ground.

Damage was estimated in excess of \$5,000. The Hansens lost their car and motor boat as the garage and farm buildings "went up like a torch," witnesses reported.

The unknown man in the pickup saw the fire from the road as he was driving by. Observing the house was dark, he stopped and pounded on the door. The entire family, including several children, was asleep.

The local rancher's fire association was summoned and arrived with three trucks. They placed water on the house, confining the flames to the other buildings, and were able to save the family home after fighting the blaze for an hour and a half.

Hansen suffered the only injury when he was burned slightly on the back from melting tar which dripped from the garage roof.

The family "wants to express thanks to the stranger who woke them to the danger," according to Mrs. Charles Forrest, Dixonville correspondent for the News-Review.

FIRE EXTINGUISHED
Roseburg rural firemen put out a small grass fire Wednesday afternoon in back of U. S. Plywood on Rifle Range Road. Wind carried sparks to dry grass on a hill in back of a pit burner, firemen said. The call was received at 3:35 p.m. No damage was reported.

BEARLESS CITY FATHERS at Canyonville have been paying this kind of penalty for failure to sprout whiskers for the city's centennial celebration, which will be held Saturday and Sunday. Norman Hanson and Gordon Harry mark time in the town's stockade as punishment. A horse trough also has been made handy for dunking of the beardless. (Virginia Proctor)

Talks To Resume In Construction Strike Argument

PORTLAND (AP) — Negotiations resumed Thursday in a crippling construction strike—shortly after labor rejected what management said was its final wage offer.

The meeting between the Operating Engineers Union and the Associated General Contractors was the first since negotiations were broken off last week for a labor vote.

The Oregon-wide results of that vote were announced late Wednesday, and the union said its members had voted to reject the wage offer by a six to one margin.

The strike began July 11 and has tied up construction throughout Oregon and Southwest Washington. In all, about 25,000 men have been idled.

Included in the projects on which work has been stopped is the Klamath Falls Air Base and an Air Force SAGE project near Corvallis.

Air Force representatives met with the union Wednesday. They declined comment but an Air Force spokesman later said the two groups had discussed the work stoppage at the Klamath Falls installation.

Col. Eric Dougan of the Air Force said "Our discussion was friendly. We are interested in parties trying to keep informed."

The offer that the AGC termed its last called for an immediate 25-cent an hour increase, 15 cents in January of 1959 and an additional 5 per cent boost in January of 1960.

Nine Washington State Reformatory Inmates Escape

MONROE, Wash. (AP) — Nine inmates at the Washington State Reformatory overpowered two guards Wednesday evening and made their escape in a series of stolen cars. Three of them were reported in the Tacoma area early Thursday.

The State Patrol said one, Harry Harris, was spotted on a Tacoma street shortly after midnight. The others, also believed to be escapees, were later seen running from a car which had been stolen in Seattle, a patrol spokesman said.

Ernest Timpani, reformatory superintendent, received a report early Thursday that three other of the missing inmates had been stolen in the Olympia area.

Timpani identified the escapees as: Roland Osterman, 21, committed from King County for burglary; Elvin Gilroy, 19, King County, second degree assault; Jon Emmet, 25, Chelan County, second degree assault; DeWayne Dunlap, 19, Clallam County, second degree burglary.

Robert Jacques, 23, Spokane County, second degree burglary; Donald Frazier, 27, Yakima County, car theft; Eldon Spurgeon, 23, King County, robbery; William Brown, 18, Cowlitz County, grand larceny and Harry Hart, 20, Pierce County, grand larceny.

They watched television at the home of Erickson's uncle in Coos County and left to return to North Bend about 9 p. m.

When Erickson, a North Bend postman, did not report for work Thursday or Friday, Postmaster Robert Pittman checked with the Erickson's landlord, then notified police.

Everything was in order at their upstairs apartment above the home of their landlord, police said. The baby's formula was prepared and in the refrigerator. The family dog was in the back yard.

The Ericksons had just returned from a vacation and had little cash with them. They charged \$2 worth of gasoline at a local service station before starting to Coos County Wednesday.

Erickson's paycheck arrived at the North Bend post office Thursday.

Air Clash Told As Formosa Put On War Footing

TAIPEI, Formosa (AP) — The Chinese Nationalist planes reported a clash with Communist MIG's near Quemoy Thursday, but said its planes returned to Formosan bases unscathed.

The report came as Formosa echoed with warnings of war. Nationalist ground, air and sea forces were poised in combat readiness for any thrust from the Red mainland.

Air force headquarters said two formations of Nationalist planes on patrol over Formosa Strait were attacked by more than 10 of the swift, late model jet fighters. The MIG's then disappeared westward over the mainland.

The encounter was the first of its kind since July 29 when two Nationalist Thunderjets were shot down by MIG's.

Various Nationalist spokesmen reported:

1. All Nationalist China — Formosa, the Pescadores and the island outposts off the Communist mainland — is in a state of emergency.

2. Special precautions against sabotage are being taken at all strategic points, such as bridges and arms plants.

3. Troops manning Formosa's coastal defenses have been reinforced.

4. Nationalist ground, sea and air forces are in full combat readiness.

5. Air raid precautions were urged on the public.

Maj. Gen. Thomas S. Moorman Jr., commander of the U. S. 13th Air Force based in the Philippines, left for Okinawa after a 17-hour visit to Taipei. He conferred with ranking Nationalist and U.S. officers.

The American command on Formosa announced that Brig. Gen. Charles H. Pottenger, commander of the 315th U.S. Air Division, would arrive in Taipei tomorrow for a visit.

Ex-Champ Mile Runner, Wife, Baby Missing

NORTH BEND (AP) — Police and volunteer crews Thursday searched the Coos County area seven miles northeast of here for a 20-year-old former Oregon high school champion mile runner and his wife and child.

Allan Erickson and his wife Anita, 1957 graduates of North Bend High School, and their 3 1/2-month-old son, Allan Jr., were last seen a week ago when they visited with relatives Wednesday night of last week.

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Weinberger Kidnapers Slated To Die Tonight

OSSINING, N.Y. (AP) — John Angelo LaMarca, his legal pleas exhausted in the kidnaping — killing of little Peter Weinberger, is scheduled to die tonight in Sing Sing Prison's electric chair.

The 33-year-old LaMarca's final hope is last-minute action by Gov. Averell Harriman. Harriman has not acted on a mercy plea which LaMarca made about a year ago.

But the governor could step in any time before the execution.

At New Haven, Conn., Wednesday Judge Carol C. Hinks of the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals turned down a final move by defense counsel.

LaMarca, father of two young children, snatched 23-day-old Peter from his carriage outside the Weinberger's Westbury, N. Y., home July 4, 1956. Ransom notes became a grim mockery when it was learned that LaMarca, panicking, left the baby to die in a lonely briar and honeysuckle patch the second day of the kidnaping. He was not arrested until Aug. 23.

Roseburg High Marching Band To Start Rehearsal

Rehearsals in preparation for the coming football season, will start Monday for the Roseburg High School marching band, Robert Lennerville, band director, announced.

The rehearsals will be held in the high school band room daily from 8:45 to 10:30 a.m. Drum majorette tryouts and selection will be held in the high school auditorium at 8 p.m. Aug. 18.

Lennerville requested majorette candidates to wear shorts, instead of pedal pushers or skirts, and to furnish their own music. A record player will be available, he said.

Human Torch Dies Today From Burns

Witness Tells Of Blaze At Cleaning Business, Attorney General Says

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — Human torch Frank Kierdorf died Thursday shortly after Michigan Attorney Gen. Paul L. Adams said the Teamsters Union official became a human torch while trying to set fire to a cleaning shop at nearby Flint.

Death came at 12:35 p.m. for the 36-year-old Teamster business agent. He had lapsed into a coma while Adams was holding a series of news conferences that shattered the union official's story he was set afire by two strangers.

Adams continued questioning Pontiac Teamsters about the blaze Sunday night at nearby Flint.

He said Frank's story that he was doused with flammable fluid and set ablaze by two strangers has fallen apart.

The attorney general said his information was given by a Port Huron man who was passing the Flint establishment. The witness, who is being held in secret protective custody, said he saw what looked like a small fire.

Tremendous Flame
Then the fire let go with a tremendous flare that billowed as high as the tree tops, the witness told Adams.

The attorney general refused to identify the witness. Port Huron is 67 miles east of Flint.

Adams said the witness told him that there were explosions and that he heard cries of pain coming from inside the flaming building.

Adams said he is positive the witness' story is true.

The attorney general also said he believed Herman was one of several men who drove Frank to a Pontiac hospital early Monday and left him on the hospital lawn. Herman denied all knowledge of the burning.

There was still no trace of him. He disappeared after vowing revenge.

Frank Kierdorf lapsed into a coma early Thursday, developing kidney and chest complications.

Truck-Car Collide In Winston Area

A truck-car collision on Highway 42 near Winston Tuesday afternoon resulted in damage estimated at \$400 to the car of Albert Lee Brent, 35, of Tennille.

Winston police reported Brent attempted to pass a logging truck driven by Leroy Kenneth McCutcheon, 30, of Winston as the truck driver attempted to make a left turn.

The 4:25 p.m. collision spun the Brent car around and tore off a door. Neither driver was hurt. Little damage was done to the truck.

The accident occurred in the 40 mile an hour zone just west of the intersection in Winston.

Bridge Crewman Still In Hospital From Injuries

Douglas County bridge department crewman, Ed Thiel of Winston, is still in a Cottage Grove hospital recovering from a head injury suffered Monday when part of a bridge collapsed around him.

He was one of several county workers tearing down the old Turpin bridge which crosses Elk Creek on County Road 3 p.m.

A section of the housing frame collapsed. Two other crewmen received slight injuries, but were not hospitalized, according to Al May, county road engineer.

An ambulance was called to take Thiel to the hospital at Cottage Grove where he was treated for a "deep head cut." His condition is reported good today. Thiel is expected to be released late this week.

Canyonville Centennial On Special Pages Today

Highlights of this weekend's colorful Canyonville Centennial celebration will be found on pages 4 and 5 of the second section in today's News-Review.

The section includes old photographs depicting Canyonville's past as well as pictures concerning the celebration itself. In addition, a schedule of events and articles on Centennial activities appear in the section.

SKIERS TO COMPETE

MEDFORD (AP) — More than 60 water skiers are expected to compete Aug. 8 to 10 in the western regional water skiing championships to be held on Gardner Lake.

The president of the Pacific Coast Council of the American Water Ski Assn., William Barlow Sr., will be chief judge.

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

If the old saying that "one extreme begets another" applies to weather, then Oregon this year may experience a winter season reminiscent of the prehistoric ice age.