

Mineral Club Planning June Fairgrounds Show

Members of the Umpqua Mineral Club will hold a two-day Mineral and Gem Show June 20 and 21 at the Douglas County Fairgrounds pavilion as part of the Southern Oregon Music and Art Festival.

Over 100 clubs throughout the northwestern states have been invited to participate, according to club spokesman Mrs. E. L. Teater. In addition, commercial dealers from Tucson, Ariz., Desert Springs, Calif., Bend, Eugene, Springfield, Riddle, Sutherlin and Roseburg will display items, she said.

Mrs. Teater explained that the "rockhounds" from the clubs include a wide variety of people ranging from laborers to dentists and doctors.

Rock collecting is a family hobby, she said. Collection of Indian arrowheads, crystals, shells or petrified wood and use of intricate cutting and polishing equipment are among aspects of the hobby.

Artifacts To Be Shown

At the Mineral Club show will be

many Indian artifacts, contrasting stones in both natural state and highly polished, carved articles of petrified wood, onyx and jade, and minerals and ores. Color films will be shown in a separate room where fluorescent minerals will be on display.

Members of the club are also supplying polished stones to all who visit the Douglas County building during the Centennial Exposition in Portland. A map of Douglas County showing mines and mineral locations is also being provided for distribution. Members in Douglas County communities other than Roseburg are ready to provide direction to points of interest for the "rockhound."

Officers of the Umpqua Mineral Club include Vern Whittenburg of Sutherlin, president and show chairman; Ray Lang of Sutherlin, vice president and assistant chairman; Mrs. Robert Simonsen of Roseburg, secretary and treasurer of show and club; Milo Godfrey of Roseburg, field trip chairman; Joe Johnson, program chairman; Roy Rose and James Ingram, co-chairmen for grab bags; and Mrs. Teater, publicity chairman.

Accused Slayer Of Children Gets Grants Pass Counsel

GRANTS PASS (AP) — Circuit Judge Edward C. Kelly Thursday named two Grants Pass attorneys to defend Mrs. Frances Irene McCurdy in her first degree murder trial.

Mrs. McCurdy, 49, recently was released from the state mental hospital after 11 years confinement. She entered no plea Thursday before Judge Kelly, sitting here from Medford.

When asked if she could finance

her defense, she replied that Dist. Atty. Max McMillin had told her she had \$600 in a bank. But, she said, she had been advised that wasn't sufficient.

Judge Kelly said he would take judicial notice that \$600 was not enough. Then he named as her attorneys Elbert L. Mikesell and Gene Brown. They will be associated with W. W. Baldersee, her court-appointed attorney since her arrest in 1948.

McMillin plans to ask that the 1948 indictment still pending against Mrs. McCurdy be dismissed. The judge said he would not act right away on a dismissal motion.

True Bill Returned

A grand jury indicted Mrs. McCurdy Wednesday. She was charged with first degree murder in the deaths of her daughter, Pamela, 11, and her son, Paul, about 9.

The children were slain Sept. 1, 1948, in a Grants Pass auto court. Mrs. McCurdy was arrested in November, 1948, to the state hospital.

The commitment order signed by Circuit Judge Orval J. Millard said if she was released, a new hearing should be held to determine the state of her mental health. This was not mentioned in court at Thursday's hearing.

Judge Kelly ordered her to appear before him again next Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

Limits Posted On 2 Highways

PORTLAND (AP)—Elmer Bennett, interior undersecretary, said he can see no good reason to switch the administration of Oregon & California Railroad lands to the Forest Service, an Agriculture Department agency.

"Unless, of course, they want to put the Forest Service over in interior," he added smiling.

Bennett, en route from Seattle to Washington, D.C., said talk of moving the O&C lands administrative authority stemmed from the first Hoover Commission report.

It might have a certain amount of common sense if both agencies were doing an equally good job, he said.

But, he added, the burden of proof is with the Forest Service to show it can do a good job as the Bureau of Land Management, an Interior Agency.

Teamsters Okay Cannery Strike

PORTLAND (AP) — Teamsters Union members by a margin of 11 to one armed with a strike vote their committee to negotiate with Oregon and Washington cannery operators, an official announced Thursday.

The spokesman, who declined to be named, said the vote gives the Northwest Cannery Council of the union authority to call a strike if the negotiations now under way fail.

Some 25,000 workers usually are employed at Oregon and Washington canneries at the peak of the season.

Power Assn. Names Raver

SEATTLE (AP)—The American Public Power Assn. ended its three-day convention here Thursday by electing Dr. Paul J. Raver, Seattle, as its new president.

Raver is superintendent of Seattle City Light and a former administrator of the Bonneville Power Administration.

Murder Complaint Ended In Portland

PORTLAND (AP) — Circuit Judge Charles Redding Thursday dismissed a complaint charging Karl Leopold Metzberg, 26, with second degree murder in the fatal shooting of Larry Bolton, 19.

The judge acted after the grand jury refused to indict Metzberg for the shooting in his coffee house May 15.

Deputy Dist. Atty. David Robinson Jr. outlined the case to the grand jury. He said later:

"It is clear from the evidence that the real question presented by the case was whether the homicide was justified by self defense."

The fatal bullet was fired during an argument in Metzberg's Caffe Espresso. Metzberg told police he shot only because Bolton threatened him and lunged at him.

Police also released Thursday two men held as material witnesses: Thomas Lee Richardson, 20, and James E. Tucker, 23, both of Portland. Police said they went with Bolton to the coffee house the night of the shooting.

Felony Counts Hold 2 Persons

Two persons appeared in district court this morning where one was held to answer the other asked for a preliminary hearing.

Joyce Kathryn Pickens, 20, of 321 W. Second Ave., Sutherlin, was held to answer to a charge of obtaining money by false pretenses was Floyd Raymond Hansen, 23, Oakridge, Hansen is accused in a complaint signed by Roy Beam, president of the Cavalier Lodge at 427 NW Garden Valley Blvd., of giving him a \$30 worthless check drawn on the Eugene Branch of the First National Bank.

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Judge Warren A. Woodruff set the preliminary hearing for 3 p.m. Monday.

Methodists To Vote On Fund For College

MEDFORD (AP)—Delegates to the annual Oregon Methodist Conference here will be asked either today or Saturday to approve a fund drive for \$328,500 for Christian higher education in 1959-61.

The major share of the fund proposed by the group's Commission would go to Willamette University, a Methodist institution, and for an extension program.

The program—if adopted—would mean asking Methodists within the conference's jurisdiction for an average donation of \$8 each to finance the expanded program.

The proposal calls for the allocation of \$100,000 to Willamette University and a like amount to the extension program. It would provide \$25,000 for Negro colleges.

The rest for Wesley Foundation work would be allocated with \$35,000 at Oregon College of Education, \$15,000 at Southern Oregon, \$10,000 at Portland State, \$5,000 at University of Oregon, \$15,000 at Oregon State College and \$25,000 at Alaska University.

The five-day conference will end Sunday.

Highway Board Asked For Liaison In Planning

PORTLAND (AP) — The Multnomah County Planning Commission called on the state Highway Department Thursday for closer liaison with local bodies in the future and charged there has been a lack of it in the past.

The commission said a proposed change in Highway 26 would wipe out a shopping area in the Sylvan area southwest of Portland, which because of topography, deed restrictions and Highway Department ownership cannot be relocated in the nearby area.

The commission said the area had been designated for commercial development after careful study.

Mabel Loveland Wilson

Funeral services for Mabel Loveland Wilson, 45, Wilbur, are scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Monday at the Scheden Brothers Mortuary in Myrtle Point. Mrs. Alene Thomas, News - Review correspondent, reports.

Mrs. Wilson died Wednesday at the home of her sister, Mrs. Gertrude Sandline, Myrtle Point. She had lived at Wilbur for about three years. Mrs. Wilson is survived by her husband, Willard of Wilbur, two sisters, Mrs. Sandline and Mrs. Dorothy Souden, both of Myrtle Point, and eight stepchildren, all living on the west coast.

In The Armed SERVICES

Karl Fraun, 23 nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Griesse, Roseburg, has been promoted to SP5 in the Army. Stationed presently in Korea, he joined in August of 1957.

Leland E. Freese, Navy fireman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benard F. Freese of 1383 NW Fairmont Ave., Roseburg, has returned to Long Beach, Calif. aboard the heavy cruiser USS Bremerton after a four-month cruise with the Seventh Fleet in the Western Pacific.

Firm Asks TV Channel

WASHINGTON (AP) — Newly formed TOT Industries, Inc., applied Thursday for the television channel 10 at Medford, Ore.

The new firm, the lone applicant for the channel, is headed by John F. Williams Jr., owner of Williams Sound Co., and associated with Medford Radio Station KDOV.

Accomplishments Of Legislature Outlined By Rep. Al Flegel For Roseburg Lions

Rep. Albert G. Flegel believes the recent Oregon State Legislature accomplished a few things, and he told the Roseburg Lions Club so Thursday night.

He said there had been some criticism on reconsidered bills and that not enough was done for conservation. But, he said, of the many bills introduced, including 85 by the Education Committee of which he was chairman, only seven measures were brought back for reconsideration.

Under conservation, no budgets were cut, and it was felt adequate money was allowed for fish and game commissions. Of the Game Commission budget, only expansion of research was not allowed, leaving the same money for this project.

Flegel referred to steps in what he called another conservation, not just fish, wildlife and natural resources. That conservation had to do with people, such as provisions made for the gifted children, and retarded children, the handicapped, provisions making junior colleges feasible and steps toward educational TV.

Misgivings Stated

He stated that he has misgivings regarding educational TV because of growing costs of such a program, if it is to be expanded to cover the entire state. The Legislature finally came up with a budget of \$250,000 for a start on this program.

He said the director of agriculture was taken out of politics. This he declared was a bold move for a Democratic legislature while there was a Republican governor. He mentioned also what he considers a step forward in giving counties home rule.

In spite of much "silent opposition" the Legislature came up with an amendment requiring school boards not to discriminate against blind teachers, Flegel said.

He continued that in California, which also has such a provision, there are 58 blind teachers, and they are given highest praise. He said the bill was backed by Lions clubs and Lions auxiliaries, as well as some other groups.

Move Considered Good

Another move he considers good was the taking of Oregon Technological Board of Education and making it responsible to the Board of Higher Education, limiting the student body to 800 and making it a technological rather than vocational school. He said the school's administration had an ambitious program to branch into vocational fields.

Flegel said he believes the boat laws, licensing boats and controlling speeds and providing other safety regulations are good.

As for taxation, he believes also that the Legislature did a good job. He stated that while he feels the taxation plan adopted is sufficient for the next biennium, it is very likely that there will never be a tax program adopted that will be good for all times, because of changing conditions.

If the people continue to seek increased public services, it is probable a sales tax may be the only answer. He can see advantages in a companion income and sales tax if necessary to meet the cost of expanding services. He said he would like to see repeal of both the inventory and property tax.



BERNARD SAAR
... elected Lions president

Bernard Saar To Head Lions

Bernard Saar is the new president of the Roseburg Lions Club, stepping up from first vice president and succeeding Bill Unrath.

Election was held Thursday night and installation will be held later in June.

Herb Leonnig was elected first vice president; Frank von Borstel, second vice president; Willard Buchanan, third vice president; Harold Stein, re-elected secretary; Lloyd Hastings, treasurer. Dr. James Campbell, tail twister; Edell Bryant, Lion tamer, and Bill Holboro and Rennie Secanti, directors.

The Lions will hold a joint potluck dinner with the Lions auxiliary next Thursday night. The place will be announced later.

Grand Jury To Receive Lynch Report On Parker

WASHINGTON (AP) — Gov. J. P. Coleman of Mississippi said here an FBI report on the lynching of Mack Charles Parker will be turned over to local officials in plenty of time for grand jury consideration next November.

Coleman told a Senate Judiciary subcommittee that the FBI report was given to him last Monday. He added he did not believe he is at liberty to discuss details of the report.

The FBI, in giving Coleman the report, announced it had found no violation of federal law involved in the lynching.

William Victor Boyd

William Victor Boyd, 89, well-known resident of Roseburg, died at a local hospital Thursday evening.

He was born at Kokomo, Ind., Jan. 22, 1870. He came to Oregon in 1894 from Nebraska and taught schools in Western Oregon until 1919. He then entered the Business field, operating grocery stores in Roseburg and Yoncalla until 1928.

During the teacher shortage of World War II he returned to teaching school until 1945. He never married.

He was a member of the Unitarian Church, the OOF lodge of which he was past noble grand, the Union Encampment and the Roseburg Rebekah Lodge.

Surviving is a niece, Mrs. Dorothy Hann of Cloverdale, Ore. His body has been removed to Long Orr Mortuary and funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Glide Baptists Schedule One-Week Bible School

Glide Baptist Church will start its daily vacation Bible School Monday through Friday, June 5, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. each day.

Theme of the one-week school will be "Living for Christ in the Space Age." Mrs. Neil Talcott is in charge of the beginners' department; Karl Faulkner, primary; Mrs. James Schloeman, juniors; and Mrs. Ralph Hickman, junior high. Those needing transportation may call GY 6-3515.

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