

Porter Predicts Demo Win, But Foresees 'Hard Fight'

Charles O. Porter, a Eugene lawyer intent on recovering a congressional seat he once held, told Douglas County Young Democrats and members of his county campaign committee Friday he thought the Democrats would win the congressional seat but "we'll have a hard fight."

Porter was the center of attention at a small party luncheon in the Umpqua Hotel. He said he did not consider the unopposed Republican, Carl Fisher of Eugene, "a cinch" to beat because "he is campaigning full time now and will continue to do so up to the November election." Porter also indicated Fisher had the money back of him that none of the four Democratic candidates will have.

Durno Gets Barb
Turning to the more immediate primary election, Porter said any one of the four Democrats would make a "fine congressman—certainly better than the one we have." His barb was aimed at Republican U. S. Rep. Edwin Durno, who is giving up the seat to run for U. S. Senate.

Porter said the decision on the Democratic nominee would have to be based "not on promises but on achievements."

He went on then to list the accomplishments he claims as a former U. S. representative.

1. One of the most important, he said, was keeping in touch with his constituents through repeated visits to the district, through the mails and through offices in Medford and Eugene.

2. He says he launched the Oregon Coastal Ports Federation to engender cooperation among the ports of the state.

3. He claimed credit for establishing the annual federal timber policies conferences at the University of Oregon in which federal forest agencies could explain their policies and practices to timbermen.

Credit Claimed
Porter also claimed credit for the national policies being reflected by the Alliance for Progress. He said he was opposed to appealing Latin American dictatorships. "I wanted

us to be on the side of those wanting social and economic progress. This means my stand has now become American policy," he insisted.

FAA Checks Runway Beef

WASHINGTON (AP)—Federal Aviation Agency chief N. E. Halaby says the FAA is looking into an argument between two pilots over which had precedence as they approached the same runway at Washington's busy National Airport.

In describing the incident at a news conference Friday, Halaby said it could have resulted in a collision but for alertness of the Northwest Airlines pilot and the air traffic controller.

The argument was tape-recorded by a commercial radio engineer Thursday night, and newsmen asked Halaby about it. He explained it this way:

Flights Converged
A Northwest Airlines DC6 from Detroit and a DC3 owned by Holmes Drilling Co. of Houston both approached the airport from the south on gradually converging flight paths about 8:30 p.m. The weather was clear and the crews of each plane could see the other.

The DC6 passed under the DC3, or the DC3 overtook the DC6, depending on the pilots' conflicting versions.

Halaby said that when both were about seven miles from the airport they began arguing over which had landing precedence on Runway 36. He said lower personnel, seeing the DC3 ahead at five or six miles distance, gave it the right of way.

The DC6 circled again, landing later on the same runway. The news conference had been called for Halaby to report on a man-machine error which left two airliners circling in the overcast at the same altitude over the suburb of Springfield, Va., preparatory to landing at National Airport last March 21.

The incident involved an Eastern Air Lines Electra, with 41 persons aboard, bound from Louisville, Ky., and a United Air Lines Viscount, with 20 persons aboard, from Huntsville, Ala., and Knoxville, Tenn.

FAA officials said "Providence" and the fact that the faster Electra was making a wider circle kept the two from colliding.

Neither of the pilots nor the control tower was aware of the problem until the Eastern pilot announced he was leaving the pattern at 7,000 feet en route to a landing.

Navy Recruiting Office Gets Excellent Rating

The Roseburg Navy Recruiting branch office has been rated excellent during a recent inspection by Lt. Cmdr. M. F. Wirth, assistant officer in charge of recruiting for the Portland Recruiting Area.

The Roseburg office is staffed by chiefs Delmar Hockersmith, Robert Lewis and William Triska. Hockersmith is in charge of the office.

Mrs. Oliver Dotson

Funeral arrangements are pending in Roseburg for Mrs. Oliver (Anna Cynthia) Dotson, 55, Canyonville, who was killed in an automobile accident near Woodland, Calif., on Highway 40.

Mrs. Dotson was the wife of the business agent of Local 2672, Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union in Canyonville. She died as the result of a chain-reaction collision in which three others were injured.

Wilson's Chapel of the Roses is in charge of arrangements for the funeral.

New Equality Section Urged For State Law

SALEM (AP)—A new first section in Oregon's Constitution was proposed today to guarantee equal rights to women, and to ban discrimination because of race or religion.

The Human Rights Subcommittee of the state Constitution Revision Commission recommended that the first section read:

"To secure the liberty, the dignity, and the equal right before the law of all men and women, regardless of race, color, creed, national origin or social condition, the people of Oregon, exercising the power inherent in a free people, guarantee the rights of this article in addition to and independent of any other constitution or law."

They would follow guarantees of the basic freedoms of religion, press, speech, assembly, rights of the accused, and guarantees against unreasonable search and seizure.

These rights now are guaranteed. But the new first section more strongly guarantees these rights to women and minorities.

The subcommittee's recommendations will be considered by the 17-member commission next Friday and Saturday.

The commission is writing a new constitution that would be submitted to the 1963 legislature, and then to the people in 1964.

The subcommittee has recommended that the death penalty for murder be changed from the status of constitutional provision to law. It took the same action on the provision for liquor by the drink.

This gives the legislature the authority to abolish capital punishment.

Portland Firm Seems Lowest Bidder On Pipe

Armed Drainage and Metal Products, Portland, was the apparent low bidder Friday on corrugated metal pipe of various sizes and fasteners for county road work.

Bids were opened by the County Court with Armed bidding \$20,298.28. Other bidders were Beal Pipe and Tank Corp., Portland, \$21,131.77, and Concrete Conduit Co., Division of American Marietta Co., Portland, \$20,486.15.

The court will open bids during the next week for civil defense insurance and air conditioning of the Courthouse. The insurance bids will be opened Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. The air conditioning bids will be opened Friday at 4 p.m.

The court is also asking bids on asphaltic concrete pavements on various county roads for May 2 at 10:30 a.m.

The work involves 42,800 tons of asphaltic concrete. Included will be the pavement for 15.5 miles on the Wilbur-Glide Rd. (North Bank Rd.); 5.3 miles on the South Myrtle Creek Rd.; and 5.8 miles on the Upper Cow Creek Rd.

Bid work is to be completed on or before Oct. 15, 1962.

Fellowship Tea Plans Made By Merry Circle

The Merry Circle of the Olivet Presbyterian Church in Glendale met recently at the church, reports Mrs. Gerald B. Fox, correspondent.

Mrs. Wayne Close led the Bible study in the book of Romans. Plans were made for holding a breakfast at the church and for participating in the May Fellowship Tea which is to be held at the Azalea Community Church.

Members displayed project materials which have been made at home for shipping to an Indian Mission school.

After the meeting, birthday honors were given to Mrs. John Sether.

City Police Get Report Of Stolen Auto Tire

Lester E. Walker, 516 W. Chatham Dr., Roseburg, reported to city police this morning the larceny of a tire from his car.

Police reported he said the tire was taken from the auto between midnight Friday and 8 a.m. today. The car was parked across from his home.

Police are also investigating the vandalism to a neon sign about 11 p.m. Friday at McKay's Drug Store, 547 SE Jackson St. Part of a word on the sign was broken.



MOVING in on a burning gas truck in Portland is a U.S. Air Force foam truck Friday. The truck tipped over and burned in an underpass leading to Ross Island Bridge in Portland. (UPI Telephoto).

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Straub Favors New Highway To Coast Area

State Sen. Robert Straub of Eugene, one of the four Democratic candidates for U.S. representative, said at Myrtle Point this week, he thinks another highway should be built between Coos Bay and Roseburg.

"Building of an east-west highway between Coos Bay and Roseburg would in no way compete with improvement work planned on Highway 42," he said.

He contended the road could be built without the use of state highway funds. He said the state would not enter the picture until after the highway was built and became of general public use.

"The main funds and support for building the highway would be federal access road money and existing access roads already in the area."

Earlier Straub had indicated the road might be built along the route of the old Coos Bay Wagon Rd.

Straub urged that people in the south end of Coos County get behind the east-west road as a means of increasing chances for continued improvement of Highway 42. "What builds one part of Coos County builds all of Coos County," he said.

"The Port of Coos Bay is a sleeping giant with vast potential not being realized. Building an east-west highway would be one of the significant developments to increase the amount of commercial tonnage carried by the port, as well as make the recreational facilities of the small boat basin at Charleston readily available to people living in the valley," Straub continued.

He concluded that the proposed route would bring Roseburg within one hour's driving time from Coos Bay.

Mothers' Day Projects Made By Glendale Girls

Members of the Girl Scout troop, led by Mrs. Alvin Howard and Mrs. Dean Swanson of Glendale, met recently to work on Mother's Day projects, reports Mrs. Gerald B. Fox, correspondent.

Plans were made for two training meetings at the park, the first scheduled for May 7, beginning at 10 a.m. The second date will be announced.

All those willing to assist with the camping program are urged to attend. Local leaders were assisted in their planning by a guest, Mrs. Janet Stutz of North Bend, executive director of Girl Scout work in this district.

Egg Hunt In Riddle

The Riddle Volunteer Fire Department is sponsoring the annual Easter egg hunt to be held Easter Sunday at the high school football field beginning at 1:30 p.m., with Harry Erkenbeck as chairman.

Prizes will be awarded for the gold eggs to be found among the 120 dozen to be hidden. All children from pre-school age through age twelve are welcome to participate in the hunt, reports Erma Best, correspondent.

Girl Scout Day Camp Is Planned For July

Glendale area Girl Scout leaders met recently at the home of Mrs. Alvin Howard to make plans for a day camp which will be held sometime in July, reports Mrs. Gerald B. Fox, correspondent.

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South Douglas Chamber Hears Roseburg's Mayor

Peter B. Serafin, Roseburg mayor, was principal speaker at the recent meeting of the South Douglas Chamber of Commerce, reports Mrs. Gerald B. Fox, correspondent.

He said he was interested in the group and offered his assistance. Serafin, a member of the Douglas County Planning Commission, recommended to the group that it consider the possibilities of bringing more retired people into the area as an aid to its economy.

Brochures Due
During the business meeting, it was reported that insert sheets advertising Southern Douglas County, which are to be used along

with brochures on the entire county, will soon be ready. Chamber official estimate that the area can make use of some 20,000 to 25,000 of the brochures and inserts.

It was also reported that the large signboards furnished by Pacific Power and Light Co. to give the name and some pertinent facts about each community in the South Douglas Chamber of Commerce membership will be ready for erection on the highway soon.

An announcement was also made concerning the need for bean pickers early this summer. A large additional acreage of beans is being planned for Southern Douglas County, and extra pickers will be asked to sign up bean pickers ahead of time so they will be available when needed. Many pickers will be needed in the Canyonville area where beans have not been planted previously.

Oust Castro Effort Noted

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—A new non-political military movement aimed at overthrowing Cuban Prime Minister Fidel Castro's Communist government has been organized underground in Cuba and openly in the United States.

A committee of three designated to represent the group in the United States announced formation of the movement Friday. The committee said Col. Ramon Barquin, former Cuban army officer operating a military school in Puerto Rico, had been chosen from inside Cuba to organize and head the movement.

Ignacio Mendoza, one of the three committee members, said the movement had begun operations underground in Cuba. He declined to elaborate, saying the military aspects of the movement would be secret.

Another committee member, Jose Aleman, said the movement would remain nameless because of its military functions.

Mendoza and the third member of the committee, Juan Adler, belong to the Peoples Revolutionary Movement (MRP), one of the strongest anti-Castro groups not affiliated with the Cuban Revolutionary Council. But Mendoza said the new group had no connection with the MRP.

There was some discussion of the proposed Galesville Dam, and of whether or not water rights on Cow Creek, presently owned by farmers on the stream, will be honored if the dam is put in. Ralph Plase, mayor of Glendale, reported from the Douglas County Water Resources meeting, held in Roseburg the previous evening, that all such water rights will, indeed, be honored. He said those having sufficient water under their ceding water rights, will not have to purchase more in acreage payments after the dam is put in.

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Truckdriver Arrested

Roseburg police report the arrest of Harold A. Mahan, 32, truck driver of 945 SE Mill St., Roseburg, on a district court warrant from South Salem.

He was reported stopped by police on NE Stephens St. The warrant charged group overland with bail fixed at \$198.

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