

Kennedy Steals Show At News Dinner Friday

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Kennedy took his price battle with Big Steel, poured it into a different mold, added some humor and stole the show at a newsmen's banquet Friday night.

He had some stiff competition from such professional entertainers as Benny Goodman, Gwen Verdon, Sally Ann Howes and the British comedian Peter Sellers.

The black-tie dinner, given by White House correspondents and news photographers in honor of Kennedy and Prime Minister Harold Macmillan of Great Britain, was light on speeches, heavy on songs and laughter.

Kennedy was amused by Sellers' imitation of Macmillan and roared with laughter at comic Elliot Reid's takeoff on the press conference in which Kennedy tongue-lashed the steel companies for raising prices.

Near the end of the show, Kennedy turned the tables with his own parody of his denunciation of the steel price rise. He hooked it to the hike in the price of tickets for the banquet.

He said, "The sudden and arbitrary action to raise the prices by \$2.50 over last year is wholly unjustified (and) not in the public interest. The American people will find it difficult to accept this decision. If not rescinded, it will have a serious effect on the economy of our city."

Commenting the talent of Reid and Sellers, the President said, "I've arranged for them to appear next week on the U.S. Steel Hour. Actually, I didn't do it. Bobby did it."

Earlier, Kennedy was given a silver reproduction of the inkstand used at the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution.

The prime minister received a silver cigar box modeled after a colonial tobacco box.

Before leaving, Kennedy remarked that "after being in the hands of over 1,400 members of the press for over four hours, we haven't gotten off so badly."

Havana Papers Blame Sabotage For Big Blaze

HAVANA (AP)—Havana's papers Friday blamed sabotage for a fierce blaze which practically destroyed an important chemical fertilizer plant in Havana's suburbs Thursday.

The Communist paper Hoy said nearly 100 persons were injured or overcome by the fumes and smoke. The fire was visible for miles. Hospital reports said 15 of the patients had been released.

Firemen continued today to battle flames which swept the depot, the property of the government's National Agrarian Reform Institute.

The fire was the second in 48 hours involving government property and attributed by the press to saboteurs. Flames broke out Tuesday in scaffolding around the 20-story National Bank of Cuba, creating the most spectacular blaze in Havana since the destruction of the big El Encanto department store last year. The department store fire also was attributed to saboteurs.

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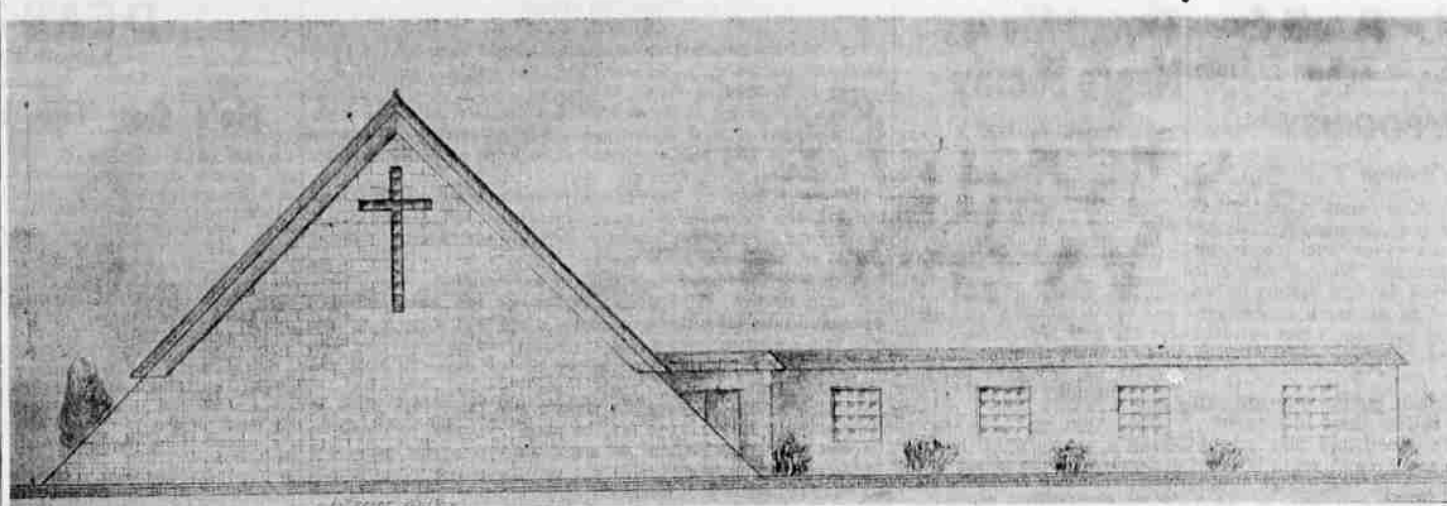


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ARTIST'S DRAWING of the Newton Creek Church of Christ which will be constructed at the corner of N.E. Newton Creek Rd. and Vine St. Ground-breaking ceremonies will be held Sunday at 3 p.m. The church will be put up in two units. The first will be 36 by 60 feet.

Sabin Vaccine Clinic Excludes West County

The Sabin Oral Sunday operation in which oral vaccine will be given to all people in the county who wish to take it will not include the Reedsport-Gardiner-Scottsburg area.

The people in these areas will be invited to the Coos County vaccine clinics, according to Dr. Warren Kadas, president of the Douglas County Medical Society which is sponsoring the mass vaccination.

He also reported that Dr. Yoncalla and Elkton will be invited to the Sutherlin administering station, but they will also have access to a Lane County clinic to be conducted at Cottage Grove.

In another development, Dr. Frank Merker of the U. S. Veterans Hospital in Roseburg said today he "heartily endorses" the program and is encouraging staff members to participate. He said separate arrangements are being made to order sufficient vaccine on a different date to be administered to the hospital patients.

Sorority Members Attend Convention

Nine women from the chapters of Epsilon Sigma Alpha sorority from Douglas County are in La Grande this weekend attending the state ESA convention.

The presidents of the chapters are delegates to the conference. They are Mrs. Charles Bailey of Beta Iota in Roseburg, Mrs. Robert Stearns of Oakland's Beta Pi; Mrs. George Castillo of Gamma Iota in Roseburg.

Others attending are Katherine Powell of Gamma Iota, Roseburg; Mrs. Joe Scallan of Alpha Chi, Roseburg; Mrs. Dolph Boyer of Beta Iota, Roseburg; Mrs. Jim Wilson of Gamma Iota, Roseburg; Mrs. Paul Allen of Beta Pi and Glenda Paulway of Alpha Chi.

Mayor Proclaims Day Of Loyalty

Mayor Peter B. Serafin today proclaimed May 1 National Loyalty Day in Roseburg.

The day is designated to urge that people of the United States show the world "our undivided devotion to our government and our way of life," Serafin said.

The day is being sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, which has urged a public display of flags. No ceremonies or other activities are scheduled in the city.

Morse Wants Liquor Banned From Senate

COTTAGE GROVE, Ore. (AP) — Arthur S. Flemming, University of Oregon president, said Friday he does not expect a Senate Subcommittee to accept his offer to take a leave of absence.

This word came from Dr. Roy E. Lieuallen, chancellor of the Oregon System of Higher Education, who said he had a telephone conversation with Flemming.

Flemming testified in Washington about actions he took as director of the Office of Defense Mobilization in the Eisenhower Administration.

He offered to take the leave of absence to review records which he said he could not recall in detail.

Lieuallen said Flemming told him he did not expect the offer to be accepted.

School Reorganization Group Schedules Meet

The county School District Reorganization Committee will meet Monday at 7 p.m. in the Courthouse to discuss the Umpqua School District.

The meeting will be held in the office of Kenneth Barneburg, County superintendent of schools.

Ground-Breaking Ceremonies Slated For Church Sunday

Ground-breaking ceremonies for the Newton Creek Church of Christ will be held Sunday at 3 p.m.

The Rev. Delbert White, of the Church of Christ, Drain, will be guest speaker while John Hogen will turn the first shovel of dirt at the ceremony. Hogen is chairman of the building committee for the church.

Construction of the building, at the corner of Newton Creek Rd. and Vine St., will begin next week. Edwards and Coxey, Roseburg contractors, are the builders.

The Rev. Lloyd Whitford, minister of the church, said the construction will be in two units. First unit will be an educational structure with four classrooms, kitchen and social hall. The social hall will be used for a chapel until the sanctuary unit can be constructed at a later date.

Official Says Liz Is Going Too Far

ROME (AP)—Elizabeth Taylor had an official warning today that she is going too far—even though Italians have "always been very understanding of the sometimes strange conduct of actors and actresses."

The glamorous movie star's cavorting with actor Richard Burton has shocked Egidio Ariosto, who once had supervision over Italian films.

Chastising the 30-year-old star for both her "amorous and non-amorous conduct" Ariosto declared, "I have the impression this time Miss Taylor is exceeding the limits and, in fact, risks destroying herself."

Ariosto's present job is under-secretary of the interior, which is in charge of Italy's national police and safeguards the nation's safety and morals, among other things.

Burton, 36-year-old Welshman, has his blonde wife, Sybil, and 4-year-old daughter Katy with him now in Rome, but he still has more roles to play with Miss Taylor as Marc Antony in the film "Cleopatra."

County Gets Check For Alcohol Funds

Douglas County has received a check for \$7,077.22 as its share of the quarterly distribution of a tax on the manufacturing, importing and distribution of malt and alcoholic beverages.

Bert Laurance, county treasurer, said the money is credited to the special fund to be expended by the County Court for Mothers Aid, Old Age Pensions and direct relief of the indigent.

The money distributed to the counties totals \$184,645.87. It is distributed on the basis of population as determined by the state Board of Census estimate Sept. 25, 1961.

Total distribution from the tax was \$247,527.83. However, \$1,000 is credited to the state census account and \$61,881.96 is credited to the state general fund.

Local Homemakers To Attend Meeting

Douglas County homemakers will go to Oregon State University at Corvallis next week for the 30th annual meeting of the Oregon Home Economics Extension Council.

The program will include talks, camp tours and workshops to help women plan ways to strengthen the program in their own communities.

County women going to the conference are: Mrs. Norman Compton of Elkton, district director of the area; Mrs. Alex Kennedy, Roseburg, chairman of Douglas County Home Economics Extension Advisory Committee; Mrs. Guy Shore, Little River; Mrs. H. A. Doyle, Roseburg; Mrs. George Casebeer, Mrs. Tom Amos, Mrs. J. F. Hennigan, Mrs. Vern Shrum and Mrs. S. R. Ball, all of Glidre; and Mary Fletcher, county extension agent.

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TAIPEI, Formosa (AP)—The Chinese Communists lobbed 43 shells at the Nationalist-held Quemoy islands in an 85-minute attack Friday night, the Defense Ministry reported.

Todd Gets Contract For Bowling Alleys

Todd Building Co. Friday was awarded the contract to construct the Indian Lanes Bowling Alley, which D and D Bowl Inc. is building at 1028 NE Stephens St.

Todd said he would move onto the property just as soon as possible to start construction. The contract (let without bid) calls for 90-day completion.

Excavation by C. P. Tallon, contractors, under the supervision of Richard Darby, is just about completed. Some work of removing rock and dirt from the hillside and leveling remains.

Co-owners of D and D Bowl are William L. Donnelly Jr., John P. Donovan Jr., Harrison R. Winston, local attorney, and Dr. Roy E. Hanford. Operation of Indian Lanes is under the supervision of Donnelly and Donovan as co-owner managers.

Glide Area Gets Snowfall Today

Residents of Glide may be wondering today where spring and summer have gone.

At 9 a.m., reports Mrs. Arthur Selby, correspondent, it was snowing in Glide. No temperatures were immediately available.

The Umpqua National Forest had its share of weather Friday. Mrs. Selby notes, District rangers reported that heavy winds blew all loggers and Forest Service men out of the woods.

A 15-man planting crew of the Little River District, working on Flat Rock, 30 miles southeast of Glide arrived at the area at 8 a.m. Friday. They were turned back by heavy winds and snow. Elevation of the area is 3,600 feet.

A cruising party of Little River District foresters was turned back at O.K. Butte, 30 miles southeast of Glide by heavy rain, hail and snow. Elevation of the butte is 4,000 feet.

In addition to the Forest Service personnel, all loggers in the Little River District were forced from the woods.

At Diamond Lake District, Don Tandy, district ranger, said the Roseburg Lumber logging operation on Watson Ridge, 70 miles southeast of Roseburg, was halted. The logging operation of Pacific Plywood at Deer Creek in the district, was also halted. Snow is reported falling in the district.

Tandy said the wind Friday was in "hurricane proportions."

Damage to the forest in the districts cannot be estimated until next week, rangers indicated.

Performer Breaks Fall Of Aerialist

ST. LOUIS, Mo. (AP)—An aerialist was saved from serious injury Friday night when another performer sensed trouble, rushed to the edge of the net and broke the aerialist's fall at the St. Louis Police Circus. A crowd of 7,211 watched at the St. Louis Arena.

Ronald Abbott, a member of a four-member team of trapeze artists billed as the "Flying Abbotts," executed a series of somersaults but hit the net improperly, but the breath knocked out of him and bounced him in the air.

Ray Maranda, 27-year-old member of a magic act following the trapeze performance, sensed Abbott wasn't going to land properly, rushed to the net and was able to grab Abbott and break his fall to the ground.

A circus spokesman said a preliminary investigation indicated Abbott was not seriously hurt. He was hospitalized for examination.

Douglas Farm Bureau Sets Candidate Meet

The Douglas County Farm Bureau will hold the first major two-party "meet-your-candidate" meeting next Thursday.

Both county and district candidates have been invited to the meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Building at the Fairgrounds in Roseburg.

Mrs. W. Frank Brown, publicity chairman for the bureau, reports that time will be set aside to allow questioning of the candidates also.

Women of the Farm Bureau will furnish and serve doughnuts and coffee. Anyone interested may attend the meeting.

The primary elections for both Republicans and Democrats are scheduled May 18.

BUCKEROOS TO DANCE

The Buckeroo Square Dance Club will have its usual dance tonight at the Barn, with Mae Bacon of Eugene as caller. Dancing will begin at 9 p.m. All square dancers are invited.

Roberts Fired By Army For Unauthorized Talk

WASHINGTON (AP) — Maj. Arch E. Roberts has been drummed from active duty by the Army and ordered back to civilian life for his unauthorized speech before the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The order was handed down Friday by Secretary of the Army Elvis J. Stahr Jr., who said he took the action "because of improper statements made by Maj. Roberts in an unclassified speech."

Roberts said he was surprised and intended to appeal.

"I expected a hearing and I still expect a hearing," declared Roberts. "My position has never been revealed, except to the dear ladies in the DAR, God bless 'em."

**No Appeal Open**

The Army said, however, there was no formal appeal procedure open to Roberts, who claims to be the author of former Maj. Gen. Edwin A. Walker's controversial pro-blue troop indoctrination program.

Roberts—who believes the nation is menaced by communism—gave a talk to the DAR convention April 19 after the Pentagon refused to approve the formal speech he had prepared. He attributed a Communist background to Los Angeles Mayor Samuel Yorty—a charge Yorty denounced as ridiculous—and said Assistant Secretary of State G. Mennen Williams had leftist leanings.

**Suspended Immediately**

Roberts was immediately suspended pending an investigation, which resulted in the action by the secretary of the Army.

Stahr, said the Defense Department had decided the 46-year-old former paratrooper had "violated traditional standards of conduct for an officer of the U.S. Army."

The department said the finding "followed official inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the making of the speech and a study of the contents of the speech."

The order relieving Roberts from active duty is effective May 7. He will retain his Reserve commission.

The Army said that if Roberts stayed in the Reserves and kept up with the requirements, he will be eligible for a pension when he's 60 if he has 20 years service in. The Army figures he now has 15 years, 8 months of service toward a pension.

**Wants To Tell Story**

Roberts, restricted to his post at Ft. Lee, Va., since the speech, has said he wants to tell his story before the Senate Armed Services subcommittee, headed by Sen. John Stennis, D-Miss., which has been investigating allegations that the Pentagon and State Department have muzzled anti-Communist speeches and efforts of military officers.

The DAR also demanded a congressional investigation of the Army's action when it first suspended Roberts.

But Stennis said his subcommittee planned to take no immediate action. Sen. Strom Thurmond, D-S.C., an Army Reserve major general whose allegations triggered the muzzling inquiry, has said that he felt the Army should handle Roberts' case.

In Los Angeles, Mayor Yorty said, "The Army has acted swiftly with great circumspection and I think little remains to be said."

Chicago Police Seeking Slayers

ELMWOOD PARK, Ill. (AP)—Chicago and Cook County police have joined in the search for the gunmen who shot two brothers and their woman companion to death as they made a frantic attempt to escape.

Phillip Scavo, 36, a minor hoodlum; his brother Ronald, 30; and Lydia Abshire, 28, were shot in pre-dawn darkness Thursday on a quiet residential street in this Chicago suburb.

The three were in Phillip Scavo's sports car when the attack occurred. Police said Phillip, in a frantic attempt to escape, had rammed the car into reverse and sped across a lawn into the side of a house.

Phillip's second wife, Barbara, a tall, blonde night club vocalist who uses the name of Nikki North, flew back from a Cleveland, Ohio, engagement after she was informed of his death.

She was questioned by police. Afterward, Mrs. Scavo tearfully told reporters her husband may have been slain because of his efforts to promote Miss North's career. She did not elaborate, but it is known that some of Chicago's hoodlums have night club, recording and juke box interests.

Police also were looking into the possibility that the killing may have resulted from a quarrel over burglary loot. Phillip Scavo had a record of 15 arrests, mostly on suspicion of burglary, and one conviction.

School Preview Set At Sutherlin

Move-up day — a day when students get a small look at the educational year ahead — has been scheduled for May 7. It was announced by Richard Scott, principal of Sutherlin Junior High and East Elementary schools.

During the day, children who will be first graders at East Elementary School next year, will attend school for a day so that they may get acclimated with the school and the teachers.

At the other elementary grade levels, students will be moving to rooms where most of them will be next year. Sixth graders of both East and West Elementary schools will have an opportunity to go to the Junior High school to get a look at the new building and to get acquainted with the school and classes.

Flemming Leave Isn't Expected

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Wayne Morse, D-Ore., said Friday he will talk every week about his resolution to ban hard liquor at parties in the U.S. Capitol until the Rules Committee allows it to come to the floor for a vote.

Morse began his protest against the liquor April 2 when Senate leaders held a party to open a new conference room in the Capitol's east wing.

He said shortly before the party started, he visited the room and counted five Senate employees hauling in liquor, all at public expense.

County Receives Funds For Green Fire Station

Bert Laurance, county treasurer, reports that his office has received \$60,000 from the U.S. National Bank of Portland, Roseburg Branch, for sale of Rural Fire District bonds.

The bonds are for the construction of a new fire station in Green. Besides the \$60,000, the bank included \$284.83 in accrued interest.

Bonds will be paid off at the office of the county treasurer each July and January.

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