

Metzger New CODA Treasurer; Collins Retains Executive Post

County Commissioner Elmer Metzger of Roseburg has been elected treasurer of the Cal-Ore Recreational Development Association, (CORDA).

Charles S. Collins, former supervisor of the Douglas County Park Department, also of Roseburg, has been retained in the office of executive vice president.

The two Douglas County men were named to their offices at

CORDA's annual meeting. The association's head office is in Medford.

William J. McCaw, member of the Modoc County, Calif., Board of County Supervisors, was elected president, succeeding Robert R. Walker, Klamath County, for the next fiscal year.

County Judge Earl Miller, Jackson County, is vice president. CORDA is an organization devoted to development of both public and outdoor recreation in its five member counties of Oregon and California. Present county members are Jackson, Josephine, Klamath and Douglas in Oregon, Modoc in California. Siskiyou and Del Norte counties are expected to become members in the near future. Financial support comes from the counties as well as from a number of industrial and business firms.

One of the pioneer instigators of the activity, the California Oregon Power Co. Pacific Power and Light, with which Copco was merged, is continuing as a sponsor. Several banks, including the Douglas County State Bank, Roseburg, are aiding in the program. The program is expected to be an important factor in community development.

The treasurer's report at the annual meeting revealed the net worth of CORDA to be \$8,713.41, of which a cash surplus in the amount of \$7,628.72 is being carried over to the next fiscal year. Reports of officers of CORDA showed that two park areas pres-

ently are in process of negotiation in Klamath County. The work of the past year includes a preliminary survey of proposed recreational projects in the CORDA area and a suggested program of priorities. The survey was made with cooperation from the U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, the respective County Courts and a number of individuals interested in the recreational program, according to Vice President Collins.

Prayer Ruling Pandora's Box, Solons Claim

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Five senators declared today that the Supreme Court's school prayer decision opened a Pandora's box which could lead to an ever increasing erosion of spiritual life in the United States.

Their statement was coupled with a demand that Congress either express its repugnance at the decision or pass a constitutional amendment to nullify the controversial ruling.

The senators, who expressed varying degrees of apprehension, were Sen. Kenneth B. Keating, R-N.Y.; John C. Stennis, D-Miss.; A. Willis Robertson, D-Va.; J. Glenn Beall, R-Md., and Strom Thurmond, D-S.C.

They testified as the Senate Judiciary Committee opened public hearings on a series of resolutions and amendments designed to invalidate the court ruling.

They were joined by Sen. Vance Hartke, D-Ind., author of one of the measures before the committee. Hartke limited himself to discussing the ruling, however, and into the hazards of future decisions.

"I have a grave apprehension," Stennis said, "that the decision in this case will shortly be followed by others which increasingly erode our spiritual heritage."

1942 Grads Plan Reunion

The Roseburg High School class of 1942 is getting together this weekend after two decades.

It will celebrate its 20-year reunion with an open house Friday night and a banquet and party Saturday night.

Activities Friday night will take place at the home of Ralph Sandsted, 522 W. Hazel St. The open house will start at 7:30 and continue until 10:30 p.m.

Saturday night activities start at 6 p.m. at the Roseburg Elks Temple. A social hour is scheduled from 6:30 to 7:30 and dinner at 7:30. The class reunion program is slated from 9 to 10. Letters have been sent to all members of the class, and more than 100 are expected. All faculty members were invited, as well as class members and their wives and husbands.

This is the first reunion for the class.

Accused Woman Takes Stand In Own Defense

Mena Kim, 21, of Pasadena, Calif., took the stand in her own defense today in her trial before Circuit Judge Don H. Sanders on a larceny charge.

Mrs. Kim, along with Fred M. Edwards, 35, are accused in grand jury indictments of larceny of \$1,237.80 from the Drain Variety & Dry Good Store last May 12.

Case Circumstantial
Dist. Atty. Avery Thompson, in his opening statement Wednesday said the information the state had was circumstantial. He introduced testimony to the effect that Mrs. Kim and Edwards had been seen in the variety store, and that they were seen running to the car and that the car had left town in a hurry. A witness testified to following and taking down the car license number.

Thad Thompson, owner of the store, later discovered money that he had set aside in the above amount, missing from a desk drawer in his office.

When the Edwards car was stopped near Grants Pass a similar amount of money was found in the car. Edwards directed Mrs. Kim to take a sack in which the money was found from behind the rear seat of the car and give it to the officers, it was testified.

Mrs. Kim, a telephone operator on part-time call, admitted being in the store in Drain and in other Drain stores, but denied participation or any knowledge of taking the money.

Race Claimed
She accounted for the fact she and Edwards were seen hurrying to the car, she testified to her and said: "I'll race you to the car." She said they often raced like that.

The small, attractive Mrs. Kim said she was divorced and had two children, ages 5 and 6, that she had known Edwards about two years, and they had gone together to the Seattle World's Fair. They were returning home.

Jurors Wednesday were questioned constantly by Thompson and his defense attorney, Robert Stults, as to racial prejudices, as both Mrs. Kim and Edwards are Negroes.

Trial was continuing today.

Giving Liquor To Minor Nets 30-Day Jail Term

Allen Jerry Hammons, 23, of 1228 SE Mill St., was sentenced to 30 days in jail and fined \$50 and \$10 costs on a charge of giving alcoholic liquor to minors by District Judge Gerald R. Hayes Wednesday.

Hammons changed a previous innocent plea to one of guilty, on appearance in court. He is accused of giving liquor to 14 and 15-year-old children, one a girl, on June 22. Arrest was by state police.

Fred Agee

Fred Agee, 80, lifelong resident of Douglas County and the last of a pioneer family of eight sons and four daughters, died at a Roseburg hospital Wednesday night.

He was born at the family home at Civil Bend Nov. 23, 1881, and was married to Annie Kent in Roseburg Dec. 20, 1914. He was the son of Benjamin Coats Agee and Sarah Elizabeth Lady Agee.

He was a member of the Baptist Church and the Oregon Historical Society. He lived at 1224 NE Fremont Ave.

He is survived by his wife of Roseburg; two daughters, Betty Sheldon of Grants Pass and Peggy Knaggs of Roseburg; two sons, Harold and Ronald of Roseburg; and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services are scheduled Saturday at 10 a.m. at Long & Shukle Memorial Chapel. Dr. Eugene Gerlitz of the First Baptist Church will officiate. Interment will follow at Civil Bend Cemetery in Winston.

Thomas Bell

Thomas Francis Bell, 69, died yesterday at a Roseburg hospital following a short illness.

He was born Dec. 24, 1892, in Cederville, Calif. He had lived in the Roseburg area for the past 10 years and was a retired lumber grader. He was married to Bessie French in Enterprise in 1917.

Bell is survived by his wife Bessie of Roseburg; three sisters, Mrs. Etta Anderson of San Jose, Calif., Mrs. Olive Dunn of Turner and Mrs. Jessie Carlton of Bend; and two brothers, Willard of Fossil, Leslie of Kinzua, Ore.

Funeral services will be held at Wilson's Chapel of the Roses Saturday at 10:30 a.m., with the Rev. Donald Smith of the Westside Christian Church officiating. Private graveside services will be held at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland.



DAMAGE VIEWED — Firemen look over result of three-alarm blaze which swept the fifth floor maternity ward of Brooklyn's St. Mary's Hospital Wednesday. No one was injured, since all patients were removed. (UPI Telephoto).

Administration Studies Softer Terms For Policing Of Nuclear Test Ban Pact

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Top administration officials today studied the possibility of offering Russia softer terms for policing a nuclear test ban agreement.

Secretary of State Dean Rusk, Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara, Atomic Energy Commission Chairman Glenn T. Seaborg and other experts were meeting to evaluate new technical information gleaned from underground atomic explosions in Nevada.

They planned to report their findings to President Kennedy Friday.

Senate Disarmament Chairman Hubert Humphrey, D-Minn., said Wednesday the United States had no intention of withdrawing entirely its requirements for on-the-spot

inspections in Russia to safeguard any nuclear test ban treaty.

Considering Cut Down
Sources indicated the experts meeting today would consider, in the light of the Project Vela tests in Nevada, the possibility of cutting down on the 19 inspection stations the United States has been demanding on Russian soil to guard any treaty.

Presidential Press Secretary Pierre Salinger said it was not known whether Kennedy's meeting Friday with his advisers would produce a new policy statement on nuclear inspection.

Humphrey said in his Senate speech that the "President will most likely make a recommendation within a week" on whether to change the U.S. stand due to new technical information.

Kennedy told his news conference Monday that consideration of the new data "should be concluded by the end of this week." The tests, he said, provided more information on "the ability to detect an underground test, its range, and to distinguish between an underground test and an earthquake."

Alternatives Expected
Officials said they doubted that the inter-agency committee meeting today would come up with one unqualified recommendation. They expected the committee would give Kennedy several alternatives to be considered in the light of both political and scientific factors.

Some officials claim a U.S. offer to soften the proposed treaty terms would be a good way to illustrate this country's sincerity in trying to stop the nuclear arms race. But others contend Russia would never agree to permit any sort of inspections on its soil, and no useful purpose would be served by cutting down the safeguards.

Driver Cited After Mishap

William Leroy Hess, 28, of 1246 SE Mill St., Roseburg, was cited for having no operator's license and violation of the basic rule for failure to keep his vehicle under control, after a minor accident in which he failed to negotiate a turn off SE Mosher St. onto SE Pine and struck a tree Wednesday evening.

He told officers his steering gear, locked Susan Haun, 14, a passenger in the car, suffered minor bruises and abrasions. Also in the car but unhurt was Debra Marie Hess, 8. The car was towed from the scene by Billy Mohr's ambulance.

Local News

Melrose Grange will hold its monthly public card party July 28 at 8 p.m. All those interested in playing pinocle are invited to attend. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Abel will host the affair.

Joseph Miller
Joseph Henry Miller, 74, a resident of Winston died Wednesday at his home near Winston.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later by Wilson's Chapel of the Roses.

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Medics Finish Critical Surgery As Firemen Douse Hospital Fire

NEW YORK (UPI)—In an operating room on the fifth floor of one of New York's oldest hospitals, a 54-year-old patient was having his stomach removed.

In the maternity ward on the same floor, newborn babies were being fed and nursed while expectant mothers were being prepared for delivery. One woman had just gone into labor.

It was a busy routine day at St. Mary's Hospital in Brooklyn. Then the fire alarm rang and moments later smoke began pouring into the delivery room and other areas of the maternity section.

Nurses, nuns, and attendants moved into action and with the swift, quiet teamwork for which they were trained to meet unexpected crises, they removed the patients to safety.

One hundred firemen battled the blaze which was brought under control within 45 minutes and it broke out Wednesday in the air space between the fifth floor ceiling and the roof of the hospital. No one was injured and fire officials today praised the expert rescue operation which averted what could have been a major disaster.

"It was potentially a very serious fire," said George David, chief of the New York City Fire Department. "We had a great life hazard here."

About 200 patients were guided to a lawn area on the hospital grounds out of reach of the smoke. Many were brought out on stretchers and in wheelchairs and infants were carried by nurses.

James Watson was having his stomach removed and the operation was considered too serious to interrupt. So while attendants kept firemen with hoses in the hall outside the operating room, the surgery was calmly completed.

School Board Lets Laundry Contracts

Contracts for providing petroleum products, heating oils and laundry service were awarded in business of the Roseburg School Board Wednesday.

The board accepted the bid of Richfield Oil Corp. on regular gasoline, motor oils and lubricants. Three separate heating oil packages went to Roseburg Fuel Oil, Union Oil Co. and Texaco. Texaco also received a contract for providing stove oil at the special education school.

Laundry Service contract went to New Service Laundry of Roseburg.

In other business, the board approved a recommendation that a steering committee consisting of Dr. Nels Lindell, chairman; Don Reed, vice chairman, and Dr. Verne Anderson be appointed for the purpose of expediting board business at regular meetings.

The board will serve in an advisory capacity to district administrators in the preparation of meeting agendas.

Two teacher appointments were approved. They were for Tommy Vaught of Broken Arrow, Okla., who will teach seventh grade English, geography and mathematics, and Chrystal Janssen of Stanton, N.D., Winchester third grade.

DFPA Douses Fire

The Douglas Forest Protective Association extinguished a small fire eight miles east of Sutherlin Wednesday afternoon at 3:20.

The Hinkle Creek crew was sent to the scene of the fire and controlled the blaze in old logs along side the road. The DFPA listed the fire as smoker caused. No damage resulted from the fire.

ONE ARMED ROMEO
NEWPORT PAGNELL, England (UPI)—Brian Owens was fined \$28 Wednesday for kissing a woman passenger as he drove his automobile at 80 miles an hour with one hand on the steering wheel.

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