

Father Sharkey Notes 60 Years As Priest

Diocesan fathers from many parts of the state and Capuchin Franciscans from Oregon and California converged on Roseburg Tuesday to help Father Adrian Sharkey of Roseburg celebrate his 60th anniversary as a priest.

Heading the list of visitors for the thanksgiving mass and luncheon of celebration was the Very Rev. Fergus Lawless, provincial of the Capuchin Fathers from Our Lady of Angels Church in Burlingame, Calif.

Other Capuchin Franciscans attending were: The Very Rev. Cyril, superior of San Lorenzo Seminary in Solvang, Calif.; Rev. Father Sylvan, Our Lady of Good Counsel at Fort Bragg, Calif.; Rev. Father Edmund, San Lorenzo Seminary in Solvang, Calif.; Rev. Father Eunan of St. Joseph's Church in Roseburg; Rev. Father Marian, St. Joseph's; Rev. Father Valerian, St. Lawrence Church, Los Angeles, Calif.; Rev. Father Finnian, St. Mary Church, Ukiah, Calif.; Rev. Father Alban of St. Anthony Church, Willits, Calif.; Very Rev. Father Stephen of St. Francis of Assisi Church, Bend; Very Rev. Father Cassian of St. Francis of Assisi; Rev. Father William of St. Francis; and Rev. Father Fidelis, Our Lady of Angels Church, Herndon.

Diocesan clergy attending included the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edmund

J. Murnane, St. Mary Church, Eugene; Very Rev. Carl Mai, Sacred Heart Church, Medford; Rev. John M. Berger, Assumption Church, Portland; Rev. Daniel O'Connell, St. Peter Church, Eugene; Rev. Cornelius Linehan, St. Mark Church, Eugene; Rev. Jeremiah Linehan, St. Francis Xavier Church, Sutherlin; Rev. Joseph Cornier, All Souls Church, Myrtle Creek; Rev. Louis Schler, St. Allice Church, Springfield; Rev. John Ilc, Sacred Heart, Medford; Rev. Emil Kies, Holy Redeemer Church, North Bend; Very Rev. James P. Gallagher, St. Monica Church, Coos Bay; Rev. Robert Cieslinski, St. Paul Church, Eugene; Rev. George Murphy, St. Pius X Church, Klamath Falls; and Rev. Thomas R. Scanlon, St. Pius. The Rev. Emmett Buckley, chaplain at Mercy Hospital was also in attendance.

Father Sylvan was the preacher at the Mass at which Father Sharkey was jubilarian.

Retarded Children Association Slates First Fall Meeting

The Douglas County Association for Retarded Children will hold its first meeting of the fall season Thursday at 8 p.m. in Room 16 of the Courthouse and expects to get plans under way for a far-reaching program which will benefit retarded children of school age and others in upper age brackets.

According to Mrs. George Quine, who heads the association this year, goal of the group is to secure community support for a variety of activities affecting the retarded.

One of the immediate aims, Mrs. Quine said, is to establish what is called "sheltered workshops" in which the retarded can be trained under supervision and in safe surroundings, to learn some sort of remunerative trade.

Also this year the association is offering limited counseling service for parents of retarded children. A standing committee has been formed which will secure professional persons to serve as counselors in cases where parents encounter problems they cannot solve alone, Mrs. Quine reports. Anyone interested in learning more about this service may call Mrs. Quine at 673-8076.

Thursday's meeting is open to the public, and all persons interested in aiding with the retarded children program are urged to attend. "Full cooperation on a community level is needed to cope with the increasing problem of mental retardation which ranges from those requiring institutional care to the many more who suffer only slight degrees of retardation and who can be made useful members of society," Mrs. Quine said.



TAKING TIME OUT from a busy day, two administrators of the nursing home unit at Mercy Hospital talk to a patient Mrs. Ida M. Neal, left, on the first anniversary of the unit. At center is head nurse Mrs. Stella Gallo. At right is the supervisor in charge of the unit, Sister Mary Alphonsus, a member of the Religious Sisters of Mercy order. (News-Review photo)

JFK To Make Plea For Tax Cut Support

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Kennedy will go before the nation on radio and television tonight to appeal for public support of his proposed \$11 billion tax cut.

The Chief Executive is expected to stress once again his belief that taxes must be cut to boost the economy. He will also probably press for passage of the measure without the anti-spending strings proposed by Republicans during the 4 p.m. PDT address.

But it appeared that his appeal was doomed to failure beforehand as far as the House's GOP membership is concerned.

House Republicans have been called to a conference, scheduled at mid-afternoon, to adopt a party position of opposition to the passage, expected next week, of the tax-cutting bill in its present form.

The rank-and-file, by a top-heavy margin, were expected to endorse the recommendations of their leaders that Republicans vote against the bill unless it is revamped to include the deficit spending curbs.

May Ask "Equal Time"
House Republican Leader Charles A. Halleck of Indiana told the GOP Policy Committee Tuesday that Republican leaders may ask the nation's television and radio networks for "equal time" to answer Kennedy, depending upon what the President says.

In advance of the GOP conference, the House Rules Committee arranged to begin public hearings on a request by Democratic leaders that the bill be scheduled for floor action under a procedure limiting the minority party to one amendment, or substitute, bill.

The present bill would provide two separate tax cuts. Income taxes on individuals and corporations would be reduced by \$7 billion on 1964 incomes, with an additional \$4 billion in tax relief scheduled to take effect Jan. 1, 1965. Both cuts would provide permanent relief.

Cancel Second Cut

The House Republican Policy Committee agreed Tuesday to recommend that Republicans support an amendment that would automatically cancel the second tax cut unless the President cut back spending this fiscal year to \$97 billion and held to \$98 billion the budget for the new fiscal year, to be sent to Congress in January.

The budget Kennedy submitted last January estimated spending at \$98.8 billion.

The policy committee agreed that Republicans should oppose the measure on final passage unless the amendment is adopted.

A bloc of Southern Democrats whose votes could determine the outcome agreed at a separate strategy session Tuesday that any tax cut should be accompanied by restraints on deficit spending.

The bill is expected to be cleared to the floor by the rules committee Monday. House passage is likely but administration officials are worried that it might get bogged down in the Senate Finance Committee headed by a staunch foe, Sen. Harry F. Byrd, D-Va.

Hospital Celebrates Anniversary Of Opening Of New Nursing Home

Mercy Hospital Tuesday celebrated the first anniversary of operation of its new nursing home unit, and an appraisal of that year indicated it had been successful.

Publisher Recovering From Auto Injuries

SALEM (UPI) — Taipei China Morning Post publisher M. S. Nancy Yu-Huang, 48, was listed in "fine condition" and was expected to be released from Salem General Hospital today.

Mrs. Yu-Huang was one of three women hospitalized Monday after a car swerved out of control and crashed north of here.

Driver of the car, Miss Helen Yu, 33, Eugene, who suffered a fractured pelvis, was listed in improved condition. The condition of Miss Ching Shan Chang, 74, who suffered a fractured spine, was unchanged, hospital officials said.

As proof of this, the unit is operating at near-capacity with an average of 19 patients being cared for, reports Assistant Administrator R. H. Wolter.

The unit was opened Sept. 17, 1962, as part of the million dollar expansion program carried on by the hospital. With the need for extra space, it had been decided to include the section in the new addition.

The unit consists of 22 private and semi-private beds for the care of convalescent and chronic type patients.

During the first year, the unit recorded 5,081 patient days.

The unit is located in the new section of the hospital and is staffed by registered nurses and allied nursing personnel.

The installation and other parts of the new addition were financed through a public subscription drive, a loan to the Sisters of Mercy and a grant of the Hill Burton federal funds to the hospital.

House Group Nearing Completion Of Approval For 'Rights' Bill

WASHINGTON (UPI)—A House judiciary subcommittee was only one long step away today from completing tentative approval of President Kennedy's civil rights bill.

The long step involved the administration's hotly disputed proposal to ban racial discrimination in the use of hotels, stores, restaurants and other public accommodations.

The subcommittee, chaired by Rep. Emanuel Celler, D-N.Y., took up the proposal in the 11th day of closed-door meetings on the far-ranging bill.

The 11-member subcommittee acted on three sections of the bill Tuesday. Three other titles were completed last week. But all the sections are subject to change before the subcommittee passes the

bill on to the full House Judiciary Committee for consideration.

At issue in the public accommodations sections were the constitutional underpinnings to be given the legislation and the limitations on its reach. The administration asked for a law based on the government's power to regulate interstate commerce. Republicans believe the 14th Amendment, which requires states to afford all citizens equal protection of the law, should be used.

Other congressional news:
Shelters: House-approved legislation to launch the nation on the first phase of a vast fallout shelter program moved to an uncertain fate today in a Senate committee which has shown little interest in it in the past. The bill, calling for expenditure of a total of \$190 million, goes to the Senate Armed Services Committee for consideration.

Taxes: House Republicans have been called to a conference today to adopt a party position of opposition to the passage of an \$11 billion tax cut bill backed by the Kennedy administration. The GOP rank-and-file were expected to endorse by a top-heavy margin their leaders' recommendations that they oppose the bill unless it is revamped to include deficit spending curbs.

Court Dismisses Forgery Charge

The trial of Judith Angell, 22, Roseburg, for forgery Tuesday ended abruptly without a jury even being empaneled, and the indictment was dismissed by Circuit Court Judge Charles S. Woodrich on motion of the defense attorney.

The indictment of the Grand Jury was thrown out as faulty on the basis that it bore insufficient names of witnesses for substantiation. Only the names of two officers were contained on the indictment.

Deputy Dist. Atty. Philip J. Washburn said that in all probability the case will be resubmitted to the Grand Jury. Meanwhile, the ball of Miss Angell, who had been released from custody, was exonerated.

The case involved an alleged forged signature to a payroll check of the R. A. Briggs Logging Co. Joseph Frank Guse, 28, Miss Angell's alleged accomplice, was brought here from Tacoma (where he faces an armed robbery charge) as a material witness. He will be returned to Tacoma.

When court opened at 10 a.m., defense attorney George Weigum moved for dismissal of the indictment. Judge Woodrich called a recess while the issues involved were discussed in his private chambers. The court later was called into session and the case was dismissed.

Children To Name Baby Pachyderm

PORTLAND (UPI) — The Portland Zoo's third baby elephant in the past year and a half will be named by the city's metropolitan area grade school children.

Don Spiering, manager of the Portland Zoological Society, announced here this week that the children will vote on three names — submitted by Portland Mayor Terry Schrunk, the city's Zoo Commission and the society. The three names have not been made public.

Eight-year-old Pet, the youngest of four mates to Thonglaw, gave birth to the 155-pound boy at the zoo Sunday afternoon.

Belle delivered Packy, a 225-pound boy, in April of last year and Rosy had Me Tu, a 182-pound girl, last October. Packy was the first elephant born in the nation in more than 43 years.



BENIGN reverence is shown here by Father Sharkey as he takes part in the procession to a mass in his honor at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Roseburg Tuesday. Priests from Oregon and California came to Roseburg for the event. (News-Review photo)



MASS OF THANKSGIVING to God for his 60 years as a priest is shown here being conducted by Father Adrian Sharkey, chaplain at the Veterans Administration Hospital. The jubilarian conducts the thanksgiving mass before two altar boys. (News-Review photo)



SPIRITED CONVERSATION by Father Sharkey at a luncheon in his honor at the Umpqua Hotel Tuesday draws the rapt attention of two high-ranking priests, Msgr. Edmund J. Murnane of Eugene, left, and the Very Rev. Fergus Lawless, Capuchin provincial from Burlingame, Calif. (News-Review photo)

Porter Plans Journey To Cuba To Seek Release Of Prisoners

MIAMI (UPI) — Former Congressman Charles O. Porter of Oregon Tuesday announced plans to fly to Cuba Friday to ask Premier Fidel Castro for the release of an estimated 75,000 political prisoners in Cuban jails.

Porter said Castro will be requested to free the prisoners "on humanitarian grounds alone and to permit them to come to the United States if they wish to do so."

"We have nothing to offer, nothing to bargain with," he said. The Eugene, Ore., lawyer, who served as Democratic congressman from 1957 to 1960, is making the trip on behalf of the Association of Relatives Pro-Freedom of Cuban Political Prisoners, Inc., a Miami-based organization.

Mrs. Consuelo Villaverde, president of the association, appeared with Porter at a press conference at which his journey was explained.

Porter said the United States "presumably" would not object to

having the Cuban prisoners come to the U.S. if they have relatives here. Mrs. Villaverde said that probably a "large percentage" of prisoners would elect to remain in Cuba with their families there.

Porter, who will fly to Havana from Mexico City on Friday aboard a Cubana Air Line plane, said he expects to remain in Cuba about 10 days.

He indicated that his one advantage is that he has met Castro on three separate occasions—twice in Cuba in 1959 shortly after the bearded leader came to power and once in Washington, D.C., in April of that same year, when Castro visited the U.S.

He said he has also "been in touch" with New York attorney James B. Donovan, who negotiated the release of the Bay of Pigs prisoners from Cuba in exchange for \$33-million in ransom goods.

Porter said the administration has given him clearance to make the trip but it has not indicated

either formal approval or disapproval of his objective.

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