



NEGRO AND WHITE LEADERS meet at the conference table Friday in the first biracial meeting sanctioned by city government in Birmingham, Ala. They discussed city's tense racial situation at an open meeting. (UPI Telephoto)

A GOOD DAY

Birmingham's White And Black Sit Together At Historic Meet

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (UPI) — The possibility of renewed massive racial demonstrations hung over bomb-plagued Birmingham today, but white and Negro leaders were hopeful their problems could be solved at the conference table.

Twenty-five white and Negro community leaders made history Friday by sitting together publicly to talk over the steel center's racial crisis.

"It's been a good day," said Episcopal Bishop C. C. J. Carpenter after presiding over the organizational session of the first city-recognized and backed biracial committee in Birmingham.

The meeting, full of restraint and politeness, came as President Kennedy's two-man racial peace team finished its fact-finding here and left to report to the White House.

The possibility of possible renewed demonstrations remained pending the return Monday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who said he planned to appraise the racial picture here, and if necessary, to mobilize the Negro community for possible new demonstrations.

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NORMA L. BENSON new postmaster

Postmaster Job Will Be Steady For Area Woman

Mrs. Harlan O. (Norma) Benson became permanent postmaster at Days Creek this week, two years after she was named acting postmaster and a year after she took the Civil Service examination for the post.

Mrs. Benson was named acting postmaster in June 1961 upon the recommendation of the Democratic Central Committee of Douglas County. She replaced Lucia Snyder, who resigned the position prior to her marriage to Eldon Wimer and subsequent move to Medford to reside.

Civil Service examinations for the permanent position were held Sept. 8, 1962. Notice of her appointment was received by Mrs. Benson from John P. Snyder, president of the National Association of Postmasters with headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Benson, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Duncanson of Days Creek, received both her elementary and high school education at Days Creek. She was employed for 9 1/2 years by the US National Bank at Myrtle Creek and for 2 1/2 years in the office at Forest Glen Clinic in Canyonville just prior to her appointment as acting postmaster two years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Benson own their own home on the South Umpqua River on Beals Creek Rd. They have a 21-month old daughter.

Assistants at the Days Creek Post Office are Mrs. Robert McCormick, clerk, and Mrs. Vernon Lamm, replacement clerk.

Dr. Roy Leland Dunn

Dr. Roy Leland Dunn, 82, well known resident of Roseburg died Friday at his home following a prolonged illness.

Dr. Dunn was born Nov. 4, 1880, in Winfield, Kansas. He had lived in the Roseburg area since 1929, moving here from Eugene. He was married to Mildred Stringham Nov. 4, 1946, in Santa Monica, Calif.

Dr. Dunn was a chiropractic physician and had an office in Roseburg for the past 34 years. He was graduated from the Eugene Bible College (now the Northwest Christian College) in 1911. He was ordained a minister in the Christian Church in 1906.

He was graduated from the National College of Chiropractic in Chicago in 1916. He was a former minister at the Pine Grove Community church.

Dr. Dunn is survived by his wife, Mildred of Roseburg; two sons, Harold and David both of Springfield; one daughter, Mrs. Derfla Guthrie, Culver City, Calif.; one sister, Mrs. Myrtle D. Ingalls of Tacoma, Wash.; and one grandchild.

Funeral services will be held at Wilson's Chapel of the Roses Monday at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Earl Peterson of the Pine Grove Community Church officiating. Grave-side services and interment will be held at 3 p.m. at the Rest Haven Memorial Park in Eugene.

The family has asked that those who wish make donations to the Dr. Dunn Memorial Fund for a Bible teaching scholarship. Donations may be left at Wilson's Chapel of the Roses.

Albert Tompkins

Albert Tompkins, 93, Riddle, died at a Canyonville hospital Friday night after a short illness. He had just moved to Riddle from Portland three weeks ago to live with a stepdaughter, Mrs. Floyd L. Smith.

He was born April 10, 1870, at Des Moines, Iowa. He came to Coos County as an infant and then moved to Riddle with his family and had lived there most of his life.

He is a former member of the Elks Lodge.

Surviving him are his wife, Sarah, of Roseburg; several stepchildren, Mrs. Ada Den of Sublimity, Mrs. J. T. Farnsworth of Tacoma, Wash., John Donovan of Oakland, Joe Donovan of Riddle, William Phillips of Salem; James Phillips of Seattle and Mrs. Smith.

Funeral services will be held in the chapel of Ganz Mortuary in Myrtle Creek Monday at 2 p.m. Elder Harry Davis of the Seventh-day Adventist Church of Myrtle Creek will officiate at services. Interment will follow at the Riddle Cemetery. The family has asked that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Heart Fund. Donations can be sent in care of the postmaster.

North Umpqua Extension Unit Slates Meeting

The North Umpqua Home Economics Unit will meet Wednesday, Oct. 9, at 10:30 a.m. at the Glide Community Hall.

The project, "Meals from the Freezer," will be given by Mrs. Robert Wilkinson and Mrs. Robert Newman. The luncheon will be prepared and served by the project leaders. Members are requested to bring their own table service. Ladies of the community are invited to attend.

Projects relating to homemakers and of family interest will be given each month, according to Mrs. Arthur Selby, correspondent.

Former Umpqua Man Honored In California

Lou Thompson, 82-year-old former resident of Coles Valley near Umpqua was honored at a "Lou Thompson Night" recently at the Santa Maria Club in Santa Maria, Calif., the club where he has lived since 1928. He has been well known in the oil business and other activities in California and was for many years on the board of the 37th Agricultural District Fair.

According to word received from California friends, Thompson had a leg amputation recently and has had to give up his long-time residence at the Santa Maria Club where he had a host of friends. A group of 185 persons attended a barbecue party featured at the special night at the club.

Thompson's brother, Clarence, still lives in Coles Valley. Two other brothers live in California.

CENSORS STUDY PLAY

CAPE TOWN (UPI) — The South African Board of Censors announced today it will decide Monday whether to allow the American play "Who's Afraid of Virginia Wolf?" to resume its run here.

The play was suspended by Interior Minister Jan de Klerk, who contended the play was anti-religious.

Welfare Office Readies For Cutback Possibility

Officials of the Douglas County Welfare Department have begun revising budget plans for the remainder of the fiscal year to carry out their operations within the framework of a 13.4 per cent reduction in funds which could come about if the Oregon tax bill is defeated at the polls Oct. 15.

Should the \$60 million tax increase be approved by the voters, there will still be a short period of time during which the Welfare Department will operate within the framework of a reduced budget.

Orders were received by Welfare Director Gary Loomas from state Public Welfare Commission administrator Andrew F. Juras to plan the local operation for the possibility of a budget reduction. In addition, Juras said there is a possibility of the cutback amounting to 25 per cent instead of 13.4 per cent. Present plans are being made on the basis of a 13.4 per cent reduction, however.

in all programs except assistance to the blind.

A restriction of drugs to life-saving requirements and pro-rating all drug billings.

Elimination or delay in filling 55 new or vacant positions in Welfare Department administration staffs. This, however, will not affect Douglas County, Loomas said, as all but one staff position here is presently filled, and there are no planned reductions in current staffs.

Building Blast Fatal For Five

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (UPI) — An explosion and fire ripped through a converted apartment building early today, killing a mother and four of her children.

A fifth child dove through a window to escape the flames that destroyed the one-story building.

Police identified the dead as Mrs. Betty Lou Ryan, 36; three daughters, Billie Jean, 7, Vickie, 6, and Linda Sue May, 15, and a son, Freddie Arthur, 9.

Another daughter, Karen Sue May, 13, suffered second and third degree burns and severe lacerations when she jumped through a window to escape. She was hospitalized in serious condition in a hospital.

Linda Sue and Karen were children of a former marriage of Mrs. Ryan.

The blast in the concrete block structure awakened a neighbor, James Daugherty. He ran to the flaming building and assisted Mrs. Edith Wilson, 62, from the front apartment.

Patrolman Joe Jared, attracted by the flames, arrived a few minutes later and attempted to enter the rear four-room apartment, occupied by Mrs. Ryan and her children. But he was forced back by the flames and smoke.

"It was a mass of flames," said Jared. "It was just too hot, I couldn't get close enough to find the rear door."

Jared said the roof caved in shortly after his arrival.

Mrs. Ryan and the children apparently were asleep at the time of the blast at 5:25 a.m. Karen, her clothing ablaze, was cut when she dove through the window glass, Jared said.

Firemen quickly extinguished the flames and removed the bodies from the smoldering ruins. Origin of the explosion was not determined immediately.

2 Plead Guilty In Check Case

Pleas of guilty were entered by two men returned here from Odessa, Tex., to face worthless check charges on appearance before Circuit Court Judge Charles S. Woodruff Friday.

William P. Johnson, 27, was charged with obtaining money by false pretenses in connection with a \$20 worthless check passed at the Idlewild Park Store, owned by William H. Buck, July 17. The check was made on the First National Bank of Roseburg.

Guilty Plea Made

James Charles Elam, 22, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit obtaining money by false pretenses. Both men were sentenced to 90 days in the county jail, with probation for the remainder of their terms after serving 30 days, provided they make restitution in the sum of \$90 for this and other checks outstanding, and further that they return immediately to Texas.

Deputy Dist. Atty. Thomas O. Dell handled the states case. Spencer Yates was appointed to handle Johnson's case and Fred Bernau the case for Elam.

In District Court of Gerald R. Hayes, Robert Francis Whitney, 21, and Mary Jennings, 24, both of Monroe, were bound over to the Grand Jury following a preliminary hearing on charges of larceny by bailer. Whitney was held in \$1,000 bail, and the woman was released on her own recognizance to take care of her children. The case involves the alleged purchase for a small down payment of an accordion at Richard's Music Store, then taking the instrument to a pawn shop.

Young Widow Faces Murder Charge After Husband Slain

CHICAGO (UPI) — An attractive young widow was held on a murder charge today in the alleged love triangle slaying of her executive husband.

Mrs. Irwina Weinstein, petite 28-year-old mother of two children, surrendered voluntarily to police Friday five days after the charred body of her husband was found in his fire-swept station wagon in a South Side garbage dump.

Her husband, Harvey, 31, was an executive for Royal Display Inc., a firm operated by Mrs. Weinstein's father.

The woman was implicated in the case by a burly ex-convict, Richard Mattox, 31, who told police he and Mrs. Weinstein had been carrying on a love affair.

Mattox, who also has been charged with murder, said Mrs. Weinstein asked him to kill her husband so that they could get married. Mattox said he refused, however, and that she found another man—whom he could not identify—to help her do the job.

Mrs. Weinstein refused to speak with reporters after a 30-minute session with the state's attorney but denied through her attorney that she had anything to do with the death of her husband.

Attorney Frank Whalen unsuccessfully sought the widow's release from police custody, and she was held in jail.

State's Atty. Daniel P. Ward said Mrs. Weinstein refused to answer his "appropriate questions" about the case. He said no bond would be set for the pretty brunette because "it's a murder case."

Mattox told police he was on his way to visit Mrs. Weinstein at her home last Sunday when he saw her strike her husband in the presence of a man he did not know. He said he went home and did not know what happened next.

"I tried to talk her out of killing him," Mattox said. "It's a story of love and romance. She wanted to divorce him and he would not give her a divorce."

Whalen called Mattox' statement "incredible."

Police said tests on the dead man indicated he was killed by a blow on the head and was dead before the station wagon fire started.



MRS. IRWINA WEINSTEIN, 28, whose husband, Harvey, 31, was found dead in a burned-out auto, is shown with her attorney, Frank Whalen, in Chicago, Ill., Friday as she arrived at the Criminal Court building to surrender to police. Shortly after she was formally charged with murdering her husband. (UPI Telephoto)

YMCA Swim Practice Set

Practice sessions for boys and girls who want to try out for the Roseburg swim team will begin Tuesday at the YMCA.

Coach Tom Keel said the practice sessions will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and added the month of October has been set aside for prospective new team members. The swim team will start its actual practice in November.

YMCA membership is required to become eligible for the team. "We need boys and girls in all age groups for the team," Keel said. "Candidates should be pretty good swimmers in order to qualify. Those who have passed the fish, flying fish or shark tests are urged to try out for the team."

YMCA Secretary Wayne Schulz said the Roseburg swim team hopes to arrange for meets during the school year. He added that year-around training and swimming will help keep the team in better shape for the summer meets.

Interested persons are invited to call Keel or the YMCA for further information.

INTRUDER SLAIN

HOUSTON (UPI) — A large black horse ran to Wally Franks' house Friday, kicked in a window, knocked an air conditioner down on top of a television set and tried to climb inside.

The animal later was shot by a Harris County official.

Attending were Mrs. Munson, Mrs. Don Blake, Mrs. Warren Engdahl, Mrs. Robert Kischel, Mrs. D. Rooke and Maxine Johnson and Frank von Borstel, 4-H extension agents.

A meeting of all Douglas County 4-H leaders will be held at the courthouse at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 9.

HOUSTON (UPI) — Top federal space agency officials defended industry Friday against a General Accounting Office (GAO) report that contractors were inefficient on the nation's first space effort.

A press conference of a two-day meeting summarizing the GAO report Friday turned into a statement-and-question period between newsmen and four top space figures.

The four were Walter Burke, vice president of McDonnell Aircraft, prime contractor for the Gemini spacecraft; Hugh Dryden, deputy administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA); Robert Gilruth, director of the Manned Spacecraft Center; and Dr. Walter Williams, deputy director for mission requirements.

Burke, representing industry, said "I have never known of any evidence of deliberate sloppy workmanship."

Burke said the fact that parts functioned correctly was testimonial to industry and the space team. "Six men flew (in space capsules) and nobody lost their lives," he said.

Gilruth said the contractors on Project Mercury were a "highly dedicated group on the government-industry team" and Dryden added that quality control on Mercury components "was as high as had ever been contained in any project I know about."

Williams, clarifying a paper he presented to the session concerning industrial testing standards, said the paper was not intended to be "vindictive," but only to point out that such testing must be geared to search for the tiniest flaws.

Inefficiency Charge Leveled Against Contractors Gets Denial By Agency

Because testing did not simulate complete flight conditions, Williams said, the possibility that moisture might collect in capsule electrical components was not revealed.

Such actually did occur in astronaut Gordon Cooper's "Faith 7" capsule, causing failure of the automatic controls as Cooper readied for re-entry.

Williams added that correct functions on Mercury components was "better than 90 per cent."

Burke said discrepancies pointed out in paper at the conference were caused by re-working of the capsule from its regular duties into the Cooper spaceship.

John D. Hodge, assistant chief for flight control at the Houston center, told the conference delib-

James Maddox

James Maddox, 70, was found dead in his trailer-house at Idlewild Park Friday night, the apparent victim of a heart attack.

He was found by an owner of the trailer park, David Kota. A medical examiner and deputy sheriff investigated. They told Glbe correspondent Mrs. Arthur Selby, the death was apparently a result of a heart attack.

The body has been taken to Wilson's Chapel of the Roses, where funeral services are pending.

New Course Is Offered

A new class is being offered by the Adult and Vocational Education Department of the Roseburg Public Schools. It will be included in the roster of fall classes beginning Monday.

Alex Kennedy, director of the department, said that James Lombard will instruct a class in silk screen printing. Classes will be held each Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Library Arts Building at Roseburg High School. There will be a \$10 fee for the course, with a \$3 charge for supplies.

Silk screen painting is a means of reproducing large amounts of art work quickly and economically. Special emphasis will be on the making of Christmas cards.

Openings Available

Kennedy said there are still openings in many of the classes. These include "Mr. Chairman," a parliamentary procedure course; Conversational and Advanced Spanish; Nurses Aide; Fitting of Garments; Bishop Method Clothing, Beginning and Intermediate Typing and Mathematics.

Other classes being organized to start in the near future are: Holiday Foods, Accounting, Child Development, Business Law, Automotive Brake Service, Welding Electrical Code, Conversational French, Tractor and Farm Equipment Servicing and Basic Electricity.

All classes are held at the high school and start at 7 p.m. one night a week for 10 weeks unless otherwise stated. A minimum registration of 12 is necessary to assure the operation of a class.

Apprentices Called

All registered apprentices in the area, Kennedy said, are requested to contact the Adult and Vocational Education office to obtain their schedule for related technical apprenticeship classes.

Further information regarding the program may be obtained by calling 673-5152 in the afternoons or evenings, or by calling at the Adult and Vocational Education office in the Social Arts Building at the high school.

4-H Committee Has Evaluation Session

Evaluation of 4-H participation in the Douglas County Fair was the program for a 4-H leaders committee meeting held this week at the 4-H headquarters at the Courthouse, according to Mrs. George Munson, correspondent. The committee had during Fair time helped 4-H members with displays and demonstrations and judging in sewing, canning, cooking and all phases of homemaking.

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Demonstration Given To 4-H Sewing Group

The Busy Bees 4-H Club met recently at the home of Mrs. Neil Talcott and elected new officers. To serve are Bonney Ivey, president; Cynthia Talcott, vice president; Carol Engels, secretary; Cathleen Talcott, reporter; and Susan Talcott, recreation leader.

Mrs. Neil Talcott and Mrs. Watson Talcott are leaders of the group. Mrs. Neil Talcott gave a demonstration on sewing on buttons.

The club members are having a button-sewing contest, to be completed by Christmas.

Harpsichordist Due

John Hamilton, a University of Oregon teacher and artist in the field of organ music, has been named as the next artist-lecturer to appear at the Roseburg Womens Club building at 10 a.m. Wednesday. His presentation will be the second in a series of lecture-recitals. He has been praised for his knowledgeable and sensitive presentations on the harpsichord. His presentation in Roseburg will include a harpsichord. Others interested in registering for the series may do so until Wednesday by calling 673-8581 or 673-7192.



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