



OREGON CITY — Al Dukes, (right) owner of Dew Drop Inn of Sandy, was acquitted by a circuit court jury Wednesday night on a charge of beating up Steve Jackson Boory, a transient worker, at his place of business in Sandy early Sunday morning, May 21. The jury, voting 10 to 2 for acquittal, returned its verdict at 9:30 P.M. Wednesday after being out for nine hours. Dukes was found not guilty of all three counts of the grand jury indictment. Dukes testified that Boory was injured by striking his head on the door as he was being evicted from the tavern, and he denied that he struck the man at any time. Standing at the left of Dukes at the entrance of judge P. K. Hammond's court room is Dale Jacobs, his attorney. Jacobs is chairman of the Clackamas county Republican Central Committee.

County Court Promises To Build New Bridge To Span Zig Zag River

ZIG ZAG—A substantial two-lane bridge to span the Zig Zag river at the entrance of the Lolo Pass road will be built within the next 12 months.

This was the pledge made to a delegation of citizens of the Hoodland Valleys area by the Clackamas County court Wednesday, with Commissioner Stan Skoko as spokesman for the members of the court.

The delegation of a dozen residents of the area, headed by Mr. and Mrs. A.B. Bradley, appeared before the members of the court Wednesday morning, delivering a petition bearing more than 200 signatures.

The court was told that the present structure, built only for logging purposes, has long since outlived its usefulness, and with the Lolo Pass road now opened up to unrestricted travel, the present bridge is a serious bottleneck that not only slows down traffic but is a constant hazard to motorists.

Ex-Sandyite Is G.E. Grad

SCHENECTADY, N.Y.—Myron D. Tupper, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy B. Tupper, of Sandy, Oregon, is among 49 outstanding General Electric Company engineers newly graduated from the company's Advanced Technical Programs.

Members of the advanced programs, which include the Advanced Engineering Program and the Creative Engineering Program, are carefully selected from the company's most promising young engineers to train them for important engineering positions in the company.

The 33 members graduated from the Advanced Engineering Program have completed at three-year course of training in the classroom and on varied engineering assignments with General Electric's top-flight engineers to enable them to solve highly technical engineering problems.

The application of creative thinking to development and design engineering is emphasized in the two-year course of technical subjects from which the 16 members of the Creative Engineering Program have been graduated.

The Advanced Engineering Program has graduated 539 since its inception in 1923 and the Creative Engineering Program has graduated 398 since it was started in 1937.

Following graduation, members of the program are put on permanent assignments in various departments of General Electric.

Skoko also advised the delegation that not only will the bridge be built, but the county plans to widen the highway and straighten out a number of the dangerous curves now encountered.

Rains Wreck Berry Crops

SANDY—Rain which has persisted for more than a week with only a one-day respite, has cost strawberry growers of the Sandy area many thousands of dollars it was estimated Wednesday by both growers and agriculture authorities.

The peak of the harvesting season had not quite been reached when the rains started, causing many tons of the ripening berries to rot on the ground.

Some growers had harvesting crews in the fields during the height of the rain, attempting to salvage at least a part of their crop.

One grower reported that he would not even make growing expenses. Others reported that approximately half of their crops had been damaged by the unseasonable rainfall.

Parent-Teacher Session Planned

WEMME—Activities planned by the Parent-Teacher association of the Welches school for the coming school year will be outlined at a meeting of the executive board called for July 11, it was announced this week by Walt Blaisdell, newly elected president of the group.

Blaisdell hopes to have a complete schedule worked out and published in mimeograph form in order that all school patrons will know just what is planned for throughout the new school year.

Mrs. Margo Fox has been appointed historian and publicity chairman for the coming year. A vice-president is to be elected at the next meeting of the association.

Navy Enlistees Golf Tourney Due

WELCHES—Timber Structures of Portland will be host to between 70 and 80 employees Saturday with a picnic and golf tournament at the Mt. Hood Golf Club. The golf tournament is sponsored here each summer by the timber corporation.

Highway 26 Will Be Modernized Under Huge Road Program Measure

SANDY—Highway 26 between Portland and Central Oregon will be modernized and re-located in many areas to eliminate the present dangerous curves, as a result of the passage of the 32 billion dollar highway program enacted this week by Congress.

This was the assurance given the Sandy Post Thursday morning by officials of the Oregon State Highway Commission in Salem.

State highway officials indicated they expected to receive approximately \$26,000,000 a year for the two main highway systems, 99 and 30, which will be converted into four-way freeways, while an additional \$12,000,000 per year will be allotted to other state highway systems within the state. The state will match this latter highway windfall with an additional \$4,800,000 per year, making a total of \$16,800,000 annually to be spent on state highway systems other than 99 and 30. Money for the improvement of highway 26

will come from this latter fund, which is to be a continuous appropriation for the next 13 years.

Highway officials in Salem reported by long-distance telephone that preliminary surveys already have been made for the re-routing

of highway 26 and other surveys are contemplated before a final decision is reached on the final location of the roadway.

One preliminary survey already completed bypasses Cherryville and meets the present highway

near the Alder Creek bridge. Still another survey is reported to go from Portland to Estacada and eliminate much of the grade between Portland and Government Camp. Under this proposed routing it is understood that he present

Loop highway, with the projected changes, would become an alternate route from Sandy south and east to Government Camp.

Officials of the highway commission indicated Thursday that the state's first efforts would be directed toward getting highways 99 and 30 under construction and it might possibly be two or three years, or longer, before the rebuilding of highway 26 is off the drawing board.

PLAYGROUND PLANS CONTINUED IN SPITE OF STORMY WEATHER

"Rain or shine," Sandy's new recreational program will carry on through the summer whether skies are sodden or sunny. Mrs. Gil Christian, recreational supervisor, registered 25 children Monday, the first day, and expected many more through the week.

Skies were gray and the ground soaked on Tuesday, but 20 children had arrived at the Sandy Grade School grounds by 9 a.m. Mrs. Christian and her assistant, Sandy high school student Eloyce Gehrts, prepared for table games and crafts under the breezeways at the school.

The program will run through August 16 with children invited to register at any time through the summer, though the director asks parents to register the child the first day he plans to enter the program. There is a ten cent registration fee and a five-cent fee for each craft day to help pay for materials which the child will bring home at the completion of the project.

Parents registering a child will be asked to sign a simple form giving the director information on the family doctor and home telephone number. Parents written consent is required.

The recreation program will be

Wednesday for 6-9 yrs.

10-11:30 a.m., Crafts, Tuesday and modeled closely after that used in the Portland Public Park Bureau, Mrs. Christian said Tuesday. She has had two years' experience in the Portland system under the leadership of Miss Dorothea Lench, who has made the Park Bureau a nation-wide model. Mrs. Christian has been counselor in Campfire Girls summer camps as well as camp counseling for the Presbyterian church.

This Friday will be "Pirate Day" following the plan for a special theme on Fridays with children invited to bring sack lunches. Parents are welcomed all through the week.

Mrs. Christian suggested that parents wishing to help in the recreation program might loan some good used table games for the rainy days under the breezeway. Tin cans, bottle caps and marbles are needed for the craft projects. The director has only one softball and a few bats.

This is the weekly schedule. Parents are free to arrange whatever combination of hours and days are best fitted to their needs and wishes.

DAILY: 9 a.m., table games, playground supervision.

10-11:30 a.m., Crafts, Tuesday and Thursday for 4-5 years.

11 a.m., Friday, Story Hour for 4 years and up.

11 a.m., Monday through Thursday, active games.

12 noon Fridays, Special Day, with children invited to bring sack lunches.

1 to 2:30 p.m., Crafts, Tuesday and Thursday for 10 years and older.

1:30 Friday-Gimp classes. Afternoons will be for team and group games.

Eagle Creek Pioneer Dies

EAGLE CREEK—Edwin M. Valentine, late of Rt. 1, Eagle Creek, died at his residence June 18, 1956. Mr. Valentine had lived in the vicinity of Eagle Creek for about 30 years. He was born in Willamette, Illinois on September 18, 1884.

Besides his widow, Mrs. Elzira Valentine, of Eagle Creek, survivors include five daughters, Mrs. Jewell Harley, Madison, Wisconsin, Mrs. Helen Woltring, Port Orford, Oregon; Mrs. Lois Swanson, Gysick, Portland, Oregon; Scott Valentine, Bandon, Oregon; and Kenneth Valentine, Denver, Colorado; Mrs. Betty Lipp-trap, Eugene, Oregon; Miss Virginia, Valentine, Seattle, Washington; and three sons, Mr. George, who has a brother surviving him, H.H. Valentine, also of Denver, Colorado. He has 24 grandchildren.

Services will be at the Chapman Funeral Home in Estacada, Thursday, June 21, 1956 at 2:00 p.m. with interment in Lincoln Memorial Cemetery, Portland. Rev. Waldren Askren will officiate.

Traffic Death Toll Over 1955

WELCHES—Two new summer home families located in the Welches area during the past week, both having purchased home recently from W.E. Drips. The Howard Hosken family of Portland occupy one home and Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Aldredge of Oregon City have taken the other. Hosken is a manufacturer's agent and Aldredge is a bond broker.

Additional copies may be obtained at the Canby Herald, Molalla Pioneer, 1st National Bank Oregon City and by writing to the fairgrounds, Canby.

New Residents

The comparatively low May toll cheered safety officials since it came on the heels of a record-killing April when 39 traffic deaths were reported.

Officials said the April count produced a mileage death rate of 6.5 persons killed for each 100 million miles traveled. Total miles driven on streets and highways hit 602,070,414, the highest so far this year.

Boy Scouts Take 5-Day Pack Trip

ZIG ZAG—Twenty-five Boy Scouts from the Portland Metropolitan area camped Wednesday night near the Zig Zag ranger station enroute by saddle horses to Camp Baldwin in Central Oregon over the old Barlow trail.

From Zig Zag the boys, with scout leaders, started out Thursday morning over the Still Creek trail, planning to camp Thursday night at Devil's Half Acre near Barlow Pass.

The 32 horses of the pack train will be kept at Camp Baldwin throughout the summer months to accommodate other scout troops for their summer outings.

Obtain Fireworks For July Fourth

WELCHES—At a meeting of the executive board of the Hoodland Valleys Association Monday night a contract was signed with the Western Fireworks company of Canby to provide the fireworks for the annual pyrotechnic display to be given on the night of July 4th at the Mt. Hood Golf Club.

Officers of the booster group announced the fireworks this year would be even more elaborate and spectacular than that of last July 4th. The display will get underway at 8:45 P.M.

Welches School Director Named

WELCHES—Mrs. Margaret Christensen of Zig Zag was elected to a five-year term on the Welches grade school board in the annual election Monday. She defeated Tom Day of Cherryville, 67 to 22. She takes office at the July meeting of the board.

Voters of the school district gave almost unanimous approval of the new budget which was \$15,761.49 in excess of the legal six-percent limitation. They also approved the sale of property owned by the school district in the Sleepy Hollow area.

Mrs. Christina Perry, currently chairman of the board, retired at the close of the present month. She did not seek re-election.

Langdon To Work On Fire Control

ZIG ZAG—At the request of forest service officials in the Portland office, Jim Langdon, district ranger in charge of the Zig Zag station, will relinquish his post temporarily in order to have charge of the fire control work throughout the Mt. Hood National Forest for the next four months. He already has taken over his new duties and is working out of the Portland office.

Assistant Ranger Jim Lyne will serve as acting district ranger until Langdon completes his fire control duties early next fall.

HAZEL MURRAY WINS GRADE SCHOOL POST BY LARGE MARGIN OVER JAMES EMERSON

SANDY—Efforts of a Sandy ministerial group to gain partial control of the Sandy grade school board were defeated at the annual school election Monday night when Mrs. Hazel Murray won a resounding victory over James Emerson, whose write-in candidacy was sponsored by a group of ministers, for whom Reverend Roy Graham appeared as spokesman.

Mrs. Murray was elected by a margin of better than three to one, with a total of 265 votes as against 75 tabulated for Emerson. The voters at the same time approved the annual budget which was \$15,956.30 in excess of the six percent limitation. The vote on the budget was 298 for, and 64 against. A tense situation developed immediately after the polls closed

at 8 P.M. when Graham appeared before the election officials and demanded the right to have an auditor he had brought with him count the ballots. He said he wanted to make certain that every ballot in the ballot box was counted, and insisted that his auditor, Ned Dyal, be permitted to audit the ballots.

White of face and quivering with anger, Mrs. Dorothy Mills, election judge, ordered Graham away from the counting table and assured him that the election officials would be the only ones to handle the ballots.

Ned Dyal, who, is the son of A.W. Dyal, the man who circulated Emerson's petition, was named by Don Deming, clerk of the school board, as one of the mem-

bers of the election counting board, thus preventing further verbal fireworks.

Another chapter in the two-year effort of the ministerial group to elect its partisans to a school board will be written at the Sandy Union high school next Monday, when V.O. Anderson of Boring, sponsored by the ministers, will oppose Glen T. Schaeffer, also of Boring for the one director to be elected this year. They will be contesting for the post to be vacated June 30 by Walter H. Markham, present high school director, who declined to file for re-election.

Anderson's petition was presented to Brenton Vedder, clerk of the high school board, by Reverend Graham. When first presented the

petition was not in proper form and Graham was forced to withdraw it and make needed corrections to legalize it before Vedder accepted it.

Schaeffer formerly served on the high school board from the Kelso district but resigned when he moved into the Boring area.

Plans of the ministerial group to dominate the two school boards stems from a campaign they started some two years ago when they protested the holding of social dances in the school buildings.

Their efforts to prevent dancing were more or less fruitless, and since then have switched their tactics in an effort to get their sympathizers elected to the grade and high school boards.