

P.R. Shouts "No" on Dropping Court Issue

Courthouse Election Is Set November 2

Plan Outlined For Submittal To PWA Heads

Ballot Would Authorize Appropriation With Use of Surplus

Three Issues Drafted by County Court, Submit to Vote of People

A three-point plan of financing construction of a new county courthouse with federal aid was drafted by the county court last night for submission to PWA officials. It provides for a special election November 2 at which the court would be authorized to appropriate \$300,000 immediately through use of surplus funds and imposing a special tax levy.

As outlined the plan leaves the way open for the court to build up a construction fund over a period of several years in case a PWA grant can not be obtained.

The court proposed to present three measures to the people at the special election:

1. Authorization to build a new courthouse costing approximately \$550,000.

2. Approving a special tax levy set at a maximum of \$50,000, or two mills, a year.

3. Empowering the court to appropriate existing surplus and working funds and uncollected taxes for construction purposes. Would appropriate \$300,000 if approved.

The plan, if it proves a legal one, would enable the court in November to appropriate \$100,000 of its surplus general fund cash, \$150,000 of its uncollected taxes from the same fund and \$100,000 from the special levy, or a total of \$300,000. This sum, which amounts to the county's share plus \$5000 in the proposed PWA project, would be available in itself or as collateral for a bank loan, in December.

The financing program was drawn up at the suggestion of C. C. Hockley, Oregon PWA administrator, who promised the court Tuesday night he would forward report, to Washington, D. C., at once. It is intended to show to PWA officials now considering making allotments under their 1937 appropriation that Marion county will be in a position to build its courthouse if the federal grant is made.

The amount of the special tax was cut from three to two mills after the larger levy had been discussed at a meeting of the court, District Attorney Lyle J. Page, County Clerk U. G. Boyer, Deputy Clerk Connel C. Ward and William H. Trindle, former district attorney, yesterday afternoon.

The combination of county funds was suggested by Ward and the election to obtain the people's authorization was proposed by Page and Trindle as the safest legal means of effecting the plan.

Plans on Capitol Pointed out: The statement to the PWA points out that "this project ties in perfectly with the state capitol and Salem postoffice... and will complete what should be an outstanding civic center."

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Cherrians Will Go To Santiam Spree

Uniformed Cherrians will meet this morning at 10 o'clock at the chamber of commerce to attend the Santiam Spree at Stayton today, according to plans made last evening at the monthly dinner held at the Quella.

Cherrians will form with the parade at 10:30 o'clock in Stayton at the Methodist church. King Bing A. A. Gueffroy will crown the queen and uniformed Cherrians will serve as attendants to make to the queen.

Cherrians voted to attend the Pioneer Pageant Saturday, July 24 at Eugene and to be accompanied by the high school band taking part in the parade beginning that day at 10 a. m.

Due to close conflicting dates the Cherrians voted not to attend other celebrations during the month of July.

A vote of thanks and appreciation was voted to all who cooperated with the Cherrians in making the Sky Circus July 3 such an outstanding success.

Before going to Eugene, Cherrians will drill on the evenings of Monday, July 19, and Thursday, July 22.

SOVIET AIRMEN FINISH 6262-MILE HOP



Above, crowd in pasture near San Jacinto, Calif., viewing Russian plane which landed there after spending more than 62 hours in the air over their jaunt from Moscow, Russia; below, the fliers; from left, Pilot Mikhail Gromoff, Co-pilot Andrei Yumachev and Navigator C. A. Danilin. — International Illustrated News photo.

Honor Heaped on Russian Aviators

Banquet Slated Tonight at Los Angeles; Luncheon Given, San Diego

LOS ANGELES, July 15 (AP)—Honor and acclaim await the arrival here from San Diego of Soviet Russia's three world-record smashing fliers who ended their non-stop flight from Moscow yesterday near March field, U. S. army air base.

Mayor Frank L. Shaw announced tentative plans for a great public reception, including a downtown parade followed by ceremonies on the city hall steps, tomorrow morning.

A banquet is being arranged for tomorrow night at the largest downtown hotel for the fliers, Pilot Mikhail Gromoff, Co-pilot Andrei Yumachev and Navigator Sergei Danilin—second trio of Soviet air heroes within a month to fly non-stop over the North Pole to the United States.

At San Diego today, the fliers were honored at a civic luncheon attended by high naval and marine corps officers.

Pilot Gromoff and his companions landed at 6:23 a. m., Pacific standard time, yesterday in a covey pasture near San Jacinto, which is 6262 miles in a straight course from Moscow. They had flown around over southern California for four hours, going as far south as the Mexican border, but were forced back north by heavy fog.

Farley may Attend

PORTLAND, July 15 (AP)—Howard Latourette, national democratic committeeman, said James A. Farley, chairman of the national committee, telegraphed him he would make an effort to attend the state-wide democratic picnic at Oaks park, August 22.

Reliable Shoe State Champ; Silvertown May See Playoff

SILVERTOWN, July 15—Reliable Shoe treated St. Helens just as unmercifully as it had Silvertown previously, to capture the Oregon semi-pro baseball championship here tonight. The score was 18 to 4. Silvertown however apparently has not seen the last of semi-pro championship ball; it was reported tonight that the playoff between the Oregon and Washington champions probably would start here next Wednesday night.

Reliable Shoe's dynamite was all unleashed in the third, fourth and fifth innings. Five runs were scored on six hits in the third, which saw Miller of St. Helens retired from the mound; McTaggard took over but there were three hits and four runs off him in the third before he was benched, with nobody out yet. Six runs in all came in in that inning, and five more off four hits in the fifth before Bergman settled down to tight pitching.

St. Helens scored its runs, one at a time, in the fifth, seventh, eighth and ninth.

Big Man Topples From 3rd Floor; Slightly Injured

CHICAGO, July 15 (AP)—Clarence Land, 37, who weighs more than 300 pounds, toppled out of a third story window in a loop building today.

He landed on a parked automobile, careened to the ground, arose, and walked to an ambulance.

Henrotin hospital physicians said external injuries included abrasions to the right elbow, knee and thigh.

Minister Admits Woman's Slaying

PITTSFIELD, Ill., July 15 (AP)—Merrill Johnston, states attorney for Pike county, said tonight the Rev. C. E. Newton, 61, had admitted he struck Mrs. Dennis Kelly, 45, on the head with a hammer and tossed her body into the Mississippi river last Tuesday.

The minister's reported confession in regard to the death of his former parishioner and neighbor at Paris, Mo., was made in the county jail after he had denied for two days any connection with the crime.

"Me and Mrs. Kelly were riding along in my car," Johnston said he related in the statement. "I wanted to turn back home, but she didn't."

"We began to scuffle in the car and she fell out, striking her head and injuring herself. Trying to get her back into the car I fell out too."

"I got panicky and struck her on the head with a hammer, and then drove back to the bridge (Mark Twain bridge across the Mississippi river at Hannibal, Mo.) and pushed her over the banister."

Two of Pollution Sources Located

Septic Tank and Tanning Plant Waste Go Into Mill Creek

Two sources of pollution of Mill creek have been discovered in investigation of possible others in under way, City Sanitary Inspector or Batty Cooper disclosed yesterday. He said he expected to have other cases to report within a short time.

In one instance Cooper located an outlet from a septic tank emptying into the stream near 23rd street, he said. The property owner responsible for this situation promised to have the outlet removed from the creek and connected to a city sewer.

Overflow of tanning chemicals were found to be getting into the creek downstream, Cooper also found.

The inspector said he would investigate complaints that waste from the state highway shops and the adjoining forest service buildings near the penitentiary also was being dumped into Mill creek.

Indian Woman Is Slain in Quarrel

PORTLAND, Ore., July 15 (AP)—A quarrel between two Indian women over a \$2 debt ended tonight with the death of Mrs. Dorothy Spencer, 19, from a pitchfork wound and the detention of Mrs. Lucy Dick, 36.

Chief Criminal Deputy Holger Christofferson said Mrs. Dick told him she thrust with the fork to defend herself when Mrs. Spencer attacked her with a knife after the two had fought with their fists.

One of the tines penetrated Mrs. Spencer's neck. She died about 20 minutes later.

The deputy said Mrs. Spencer, whose home is a Wiley City, near Yakima, and Mrs. Dick of Auburn, Wash., came here to pick cherries and lived together in a tent near Gresham, each having two children. They were related by marriage.

He quoted Mrs. Dick as saying the quarrel began over the actions of the children, and continued over the \$2 which Mrs. Dick allegedly owed the other.

Poultry Research Projects Helped

CORVALLIS, July 15 (AP)—New appropriations passed by the Oregon legislature enabled numerous research projects in poultry management to be started and other continued at the Oregon State college experimental station.

Studies being carried on include the possibilities of egg production in laying batteries, the related problem of rearing pullets to maturity in confinement, control of wet litter and floor heating, using cornless rations for chicks and laying hens and the adding of dried yeast to the feed of the laying flock.

Cherry Picker Strike Called On Polk Farm

Wage, Better Conditions of Camping Demands at Clarke Place

Owner Would Arbitrate; no Assurance Yet of Agreement Today

Labor troubles which broke out in the 100-acre R. W. Clarke cherry orchard three miles north on Wallace road, in Polk county, yesterday morning disrupted picking operations for the day and brought strikers' threat against working unless demands for a wage increase were met.

Clarke, after agreeing to remedy living and checking conditions to which the strikers had objected, declared picking would continue today. He invited all the pickers to return to work and issued a call for new pickers. His wage before the strike exceeded 400 persons.

The striking group claimed it had the backing of 90 per cent of Clarke's crew while the latter claimed not more than 25 per cent were in favor of the walkout. Protective Co-op Sends Investigator

Invoking the services of the Farmers Crop Protective Co-op for the first time, the Willamette Cherry Growers, a cooperative marketing organization affiliated with the new protective co-op, asked to have a representative sent to investigate the situation, according to Herman Lafky.

In company with C. A. Chambers, organized labor business agent here, Lafky said he visited the Clarke orchard, interviewed

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Twenty Killed In Mine Blast; More may Die

Victims Hurlled Against Wall of Shaft; Bodies Are all Recovered

Carbon Monoxide Delays Entry; Nine Are Hurt Badly; Story Told

SULLIVAN, Ind., July 15 (AP)—A terrific explosion turned the Glendora Coal company's Baker mine into an inferno today, hurling 20 miners—"like footballs," one survivor said—to sudden death against the rough walls of the shaft in which they were working.

Nine other miners were injured, three of them so critically they may die. One hundred seventy-four miners escaped injury.

Bodies of the 20 victims were removed from the gas-filled mine to local mortuaries late today. Their relatives, friends and company officials joined in identifying the dead. Carbon monoxide fumes hampered rescue workers in their attempts to remove the bodies.

"I got out alive but I don't know how," said Wesley Bond, one of those working in the area. "There was one big blast that mashed me against the wall. It was followed by a big wind. How it blew, it beat against my ears until it felt like railroad spikes were being driven into my head."

Hoping against hope, tears in their drawn faces, wives and children of the trapped men milled forlornly near the mine entrance. They wouldn't believe what officials told them—that all 17 miners left in the shaft were dead.

Earlier there had been scenes of hysterical joy as the 174 miners who were unscathed rushed from the mine into the arms of waiting relatives.

"The explosion picked me up and my buddies up and rolled us like footballs," said Jerry Cox, who suffered head injuries.

Harry Keenan, mine superintendent, said the explosion occurred about one and three-fourths miles from the entrance. Cause of the explosion had not been determined.

George Hubbs Is Chosen Recorder

SILVERTOWN, July 15—George W. Hubbs was elected city recorder tonight by the Silvertown city council, to succeed George Custer who died recently.

The vote was 4 to 3 for Hubbs, who won over George Barr, Alderman W. L. McGinnis nominated Barr and Alderman Mayor H. W. Moffett had suggested the names of Barr, Urin F. Page and Mrs. G. B. Benson. City Attorney Rex Albright acted as recorder temporarily tonight.

The refunding improvement bonds were sold to Tripp & McCleary of Portland following the opening of bids.

There will be a special meeting Monday night at which the pinball ordinance will be considered, as well as the proposal made tonight by Mayor Moffett, an economy program whereby the city may be saved, he declared, \$1500 a year through rigid economy in municipal expenses.

Strikers Planned Violence, Admits

CHICAGO, July 15 (AP)—A strike leader testifying at the inquest into ten deaths in the Memorial day steel riot, described today an attack along military lines he said was planned to "establish a strong picket line" at Republic Steel corporation's Grand Crossing plant.

Louis Selnek, head of the union at the Republic mill and member of the strikers' strategy committee, confirmed the plan in testimony before a coroner's jury of six American Legion members.

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Voices Appeal To Democrats To Fight Away

Judicial Reform Needed for Social Security President Claims

WASHINGTON, July 15 (AP)—President Roosevelt replied with a ringing "No" tonight to those who urged him to drop his court reorganization proposal as the result of the death of Senator Robinson, the democratic leader.

"I believe it is the duty of congress, and especially of the members of the majority party in the senate and the house of representatives, to pass legislation at this session to carry out the objectives," he declared.

Abandonment of "judicial reform" means abandonment of the goals of economic security and social betterment, the president added; and the responsibility will be "squarely on the congress of the United States."

Will Select Own Leader, Declares

Leaders of the senate opposition to the court bill quickly replied to the president. Senator Van Nuys (D-Ind.) declared: "We'll select our own leader and dispose of the court bill in our own way without dictation by any source whatsoever."

Van Nuys said the senate is "prettily well fed up on executive dictation and will reassert itself aggressively in the next few days."

Mr. Roosevelt, outlining his attitude in a long letter to Senator Barkley of Kentucky, the acting democratic leader, said he had hoped a "decent respect" for the memory of Senator Robinson would defer political and legislative discussions at least until after his funeral.

He added he was compelled in the public interest, against every inclination, to write to the acting leader.

Roosevelt's letter constituted the most vigorous public appeal he has made for court reorganization since he discussed the issue with the country in a broadcast months ago.

Need for Reforms Seen 4 Years Ago

Over four years ago, he declared, it became apparent to the American people and to the administration in Washington that "grave problems of many kinds called for great reforms." The people, he continued, recognized the need for bank reform, agricultural reform, labor reform, housing reform and judicial reform.

When he recommended reorganization of the judiciary last February 5, he said, the time had come to act upon that subject.

"At no time have I or any member of my administration insisted that the method or methods originally proposed be sacred or final except to point out that action was of immediate necessity, and, therefore, that the process of constitutional amendment was an impossibility if the objective was to be attained within a reasonable time."

"It is of course clear that any determined minority group in the nation could, without great difficulty, block ratification by one means or another in at least thirteen states for a long period of time."

Synod to Retain Place in Council

EUGENE, July 15 (AP)—The Presbyterian synod of Oregon voted today to continue affiliation with the Oregon council of churches and to contribute to its support.

The 47th annual synod meeting listened to reports of substantial progress in the work of the Sunday school missionaries, which project has been under way the past 50 years. Four full time and one part time workers have under their care 214 schools with an enrollment of 7,195 pupils. Vacation bible schools have an enrollment of 2,394.

The synod will close tonight with a fellowship dinner and public meeting at which Rev. Theodore G. Lilley will deliver the address.

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