

Judge Grant Murphy Has Big Day Following Taking of Oath; Acts on Cases, Gets Reports

More than the oath of office, administered to him at 9:30 Thursday morning by Circuit Judge L. H. McMahan, introduced Grant Murphy to his new position as county judge of Marion county.

Nine juvenile court cases, one commitment to the state hospital for the insane and even one request for waiver of the three-day waiting period on a marriage license greeted him his first day in office.

All this activity was in addition to an unusually large accumulation of probate matters. And to top off the day, Judge Murphy was presented just as his office closed with a typed and tabulated monthly road report which he may scan over the holiday.

Most of the juveniles, too many of whom have been held in the county jail, sheriff's deputies declare, were out on parole by Thursday night; one youth had been sentenced to the state reform school and paroled, after Murphy had conferred with Mrs. Florence Reeves, county juvenile officer.

The new judge plans to commute regularly from his home in Stayton, 20 miles distant. Thursday he spoke highly of his confidence in Commissioners J. E. Smith and Ralph Girod, who with him comprise the county court, declaring he expected to lean heavily upon their knowledge and services.

Politics, he said, had been a "sideline" with him for many years, that he had long been interested in helping to get good men into office but that he had not contemplated becoming an office-holder himself until the office was tendered to him.

In spite of the weight and variety of business considered, the new judge and the two commissioners Thursday wrote and sent to Mrs. Leroy Hewlett the condolences of the court as a complete body on the death of her husband, late county judge.

"Since it has pleased our Divine Father to call from our midst our fellow worker and associate, Leroy Hewlett, late Marion county judge, we wish to express to his widow and relatives our sincere and heartfelt sympathy. Words are inadequate to assuage the grief of his loved ones, but we trust God will give them courage and fortitude to meet this great loss. Leroy Hewlett will be greatly missed, yet we shall always cherish him in our memory as one who performed his duty unflinchingly and labored unceasingly for the betterment and progress of his county. Faithful to every task, loyal to his friends, active in every civic work, a promoter for good in all circles, a sincere and true American citizen has passed and we mourn him."

Woman Dies At Portland

MT. ANGEL—Mrs. Mary Mucken, 71 died Thursday morning at a Portland hospital.

Mary Feuber was born in Germany September 29, 1869. At the age of 11 she came with her parents to Nez Perce, Idaho. She was married to George Mucken 45 years ago. They came to Mt. Angel in 1919, where he died eight years later.

Survivors are eight children: Erma Vogel, Nez Perce; Louise Managie, St. Paul; Susan Schaefer and Carl, Mt. Angel; Clara Dozier, Stayton; Tom, Henry and Mrs. Margaret Kehoe, all of Portland.

Funeral services are slated for Saturday at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's church here with burial at Calvary cemetery. She was a member of St. Anne's society and the group will say rosary for her at 2 p.m. today from the funeral parlors. Public rosary will be said at 8 p.m. tonight.

Pastor Speaks At School Fete

Dr. J. C. Harrison, pastor of the First Methodist church, was speaker Thursday at Parish junior high school Memorial day assembly, conducted by Douglas Berwick, new student body president.

The program comprised playing of "Star Spangled Banner" by the orchestra, pledge of allegiance and American's creed by the student body, "Peace Hymn" and "In Remembrance" by the ninth grade chorus, directed by Miss Margaret Simms, "Chaser March" by the orchestra, directed by Vernon Wiscarson.

Salem Stamp Society To Enter Exhibition

Ten members of the Salem Stamp society plan to enter the sixth annual philatelic exhibition and convention sponsored by the Northwest Federation of Stamp clubs in Portland starting today, I. A. DeFrance, president, said Thursday.

Exhibits schedule 320 frames, to be shown at the Multnomah hotel for three days.

First Son Born

ZENA—Mr. and Mrs. Duriyn Beach are receiving congratulations upon the arrival of their first child, a boy, born at a maternity home last Thursday.

US Soldiers At Camp Dix Lose Leaves

NEW YORK, May 29—(AP)—Military police Thursday night patrolled the Times Square area and bus and railroad depots to round up all soldiers on leave from Fort Dix, N. J., and order them to return to the camp.

Thousands of soldiers of the 44th division left Dix early Thursday for a Memorial day holiday before camp officials received an unexpected command from general headquarters in Washington to cancel all furloughs, the army information service said.

However, it arrived in time to prevent many others from leaving the grounds.

The men are wanted back at camp to prepare for a trip next week to "somewhere in Virginia" for maneuvers.

At the camp, Maj. Gen. Clifford R. Powell, commander of the 44th division, said the men would be ordered to return to camp by 5:45 a. m. Saturday.

Men visiting their homes received telegrams ordering them to return.

FORT CUSTER, Mich., May 29—(AP)—A "practice alert" at Fort Custer, with armed soldiers patrolling the reservation area and blocking all roads, provided several hours of drama here Thursday night.

Shortly after the gates had been closed to all "except those recognized as having proper business at the post," this announcement was made.

"We have been advised that there is a threat to the security of the post and every precaution is being taken to safeguard the post."

It was issued by Captain Richard Merrick, intelligence officer, on behalf of Col. R. T. Finney, post executive officer and acting commander in the absence of Major General Joseph M. Cummings.

For four hours atmosphere at the fort, headquarters of the fifth army division, was tense as soldiers patrolled the camp, inside and out, and stood guard at a water main supplying the reservation and at a power substation on the outskirts of nearby Battle Creek.

Then, after the "alert" had been packed with all the realism of a war-time basis, sixth corps area headquarters at Chicago announced it was a "practice maneuver" and merely "routine."

Told that it was a "practice alert" Captain Merrick said: "It even fooled us. We had orders that the fort was threatened and to take every precaution possible. We did that." Captain Merrick said that he had issued his statement to the press in the belief that the fort was endangered and added that at 11:30 p. m., officers had not yet been advised that it was an "alert."

Oregon Higher Schools Will Graduate 1800

EUGENE, May 29—(AP)—Nearly 1800 degrees, diplomas and certificates will be granted by the six units of the Oregon system of higher education at commencement exercises early next month.

There are 1792 candidates for degrees, including 1270 for bachelor's, Willard L. Marks, president of the state board, said.

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The University of Oregon: 867 degrees, 571 bachelor's, 91 master's, three doctor's and two honorary.

University of Oregon medical school: 148 degrees and certificates; 55 advanced certificates in nursing education, 23 bachelor's, eight master's and 62 doctor's.

Oregon College of Education: 79 diplomas; Eastern Oregon college of Education: 58 diplomas; Southern Oregon College of Education: 61 diplomas.

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The census estimate was below the 1,000,000 guess of army officials, but the bureau pointed out that while there might be that many 21 year olds in the country on July 1, a certain percentage of them were that

Not London, but Newark, NJ, in Backout Test



Top, before the blackout; below, during the test

In a test staged by the city defense council to demonstrate air raid defense, the city of Newark, N. J., is blacked out for 15 minutes, the second U. S. city to try it. At the top is Newark before the blackout; below, during the "lights out" period. Seattle, Wash., had a test blackout a few weeks ago.

Fort Lewis Troops Prepare for Opening of War Games Monday

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CAMP HUNTER LIGGETT, Calif., May 29—Tens of thousands of perspiring infantrymen, wearing full field packs, swarmed over the straw and tree-covered hills on Hunter Liggett military reservation Thursday, taking conditioning marches for the nation's first 1941 war games.

As 35,000 Fort Lewis troops finished establishing regimental encampment areas, staffs of the 3rd and 41st divisions completed plans for the initial war game Monday, which will throw the numerically stronger 41st against the 3rd division.

The inter-division mock warfare was originally scheduled for the second week of June, but was unexplainably moved up a week, leading officers to believe the scheduled June-long concentration here would last only three weeks, with the Fort Lewis troops returning north in late June instead of early July.

Ninth army corps officials released the full plan of the first war game Thursday night. The 41st, which is a square division having 17,500 men, will move into the battle zone in the north half of Hunter Liggett at 4 p.m. Monday. It will be supported by Spokane's 118th observation squadron and the 99th pack mule artillery, which is expected to be unusually valuable because of the rugged terrain of the reservation.

The 3rd, a streamlined division with 13,500 men, will occupy a defending position on the north-west side of the Milpitas river. The infantry probably will dig foxholes, with the artillery firing behind wooded hills.

Major General Thompson of the 3rd will be handed the battle situation at 3:50 p.m., and will immediately rush his troops to their positions. The 3rd will theoretically be an advance division of an army established near Coalinga.

Major General White will then send his 41st division, supported by the ninth corps special troops, into attack. The war is scheduled to end Tuesday afternoon.

Demurrer Filed For Leme Crew

PORTLAND, Ore., May 29—(AP)—A demurrer was filed Thursday to the indictment charging 21 officers and crew members of the Italian motorship Leme with sabotage and conspiracy.

The attorney for the Italians argued that the World war statute under which the indictment was returned was not sufficiently specific and that the indictment failed to state sufficient facts to constitute a crime.

Arguments on the demurrer were set by Federal Judge James A. Fee for June 5.

OSC Will Hold Baccalaureate Rites Sunday

CORVALLIS, May 29—(AP)—Oregon State college will hold its baccalaureate services Sunday in the men's gymnasium with the Rev. Perry C. Hopper, pastor of Westminster Presbyterian church of Portland, as the speaker.

The baccalaureate service and commencement exercises the following day will be broadcast over the state radio station KOAC starting at 11 a. m. and 10 a. m. respectively.

There will be no commencement speaker but Chancellor F. M. Hunter and Robert W. Ruhl, state board member from Medford, will extend greetings from the state system of higher education. Dr. F. A. Gilfillan, chairman of the administrative council, will confer degrees in the absence of President F. L. Ballard.

Gas Consumption In State Shows Large Increase

WASHINGTON, May 29—(AP)—Oregon's gasoline consumption last year increased 7.4 per cent over 1939, based on tax collections, the federal works agency reported Thursday.

Oregon's increase was 15th greatest among the states, the report said. The District of Columbia had the greatest increase with 12.7 per cent and Tennessee led the states with 12.5 per cent.

Oregon's net total receipts from gasoline taxes in 1940 were \$11,359,000, placing it 30 among the states.

Taxes ranged from two to seven cents a gallon, with Oregon's five cents above the national average of 3.96.

Church Society Hears Speaker

JEFFERSON—Mrs. J. G. Fontaine presided at the meeting of the WSCS held at the home of Mrs. C. J. Thurston, with Mrs. C. M. Smith assisting hostess. Mrs. Blanche Libby led the devotions, and Mrs. Grace Thurston was in charge of the program.

The lesson study was "Stewardship of Our Educational Heritage." Mrs. R. C. Thomas told of work among refugees at Friendship House in New York city. Eleven ladies were present.

Miss Flora Thomas returned last Friday from Baker, where she attended the four-day session of the Rebekah assembly.

Services Slated

HOPEWELL—Memorial services will be held at the Hopewell cemetery. A speaker will give the address and a firing squad and taps will be features.

Bethel local Farmers' Union, will meet Monday evening.

Strike Leaders of Machinists Return From Washington With Complaints Against Senate

SAN FRANCISCO, May 29—(AP)—Three leaders of the machinists' union strike against 11 San Francisco bay shipyards returned from Washington Thursday with complaints against treatment by a senate committee and to declare the end of the walkout was as far away as it was May 10, when it started.

Assertions that the senate defense investigating committee was "not interested in fact" but only in "breaking the strike," were made by E. F. Dillon, and Harry Hook, AFL machinists' business agent, and James P. Smith, business agent for the CIO machinists' union.

The trio testified before the committee during its inquiry into the strike which has hampered work on \$500,000,000 worth of merchant and naval construction and repair.

"This senate committee, if you call it that, has absolutely no interest in the testimony of anyone except those who agree with it," Dillon said. "We were treated poorly and so were the other witnesses."

"They threatened to send individual letters to our membership," Dillon stated. "Well, let them go ahead and do it. They think we are dummies—we'll give them a chance to meet our membership through the mails."

Dillon was referring to the statement of Senator Truman (D-Mo) chairman of the committee, that the committee would write each of the machinists asking each to answer "yes" or "no" whether he is prepared to return to work.

Truman said he was "perfectly disgusted" with the failure of the union leaders to recommend that the men return to work and sub-

mit their differences to arbitration.

The unions demand \$1.15 per hour and double pay for overtime. Employers offered \$1.12 and time and a half for overtime, according to the coast shipyards' master contract. The machinists, who had been receiving \$1 per hour and double for overtime, said they had never ratified the agreement.

John P. Frey, head of the AFL Metal Trades council who, with other union leaders and government officials, has criticized the strike, said that after Thursday no more navy trucks would be used to transport men to the operating plants, because the men now were walking to work.

Salem Youth Draws for US Paper

Prominent in the Salvo, weekly newspaper published by Fort Worden, Wash., troops, a copy of which was received Thursday by The Statesman, is the name of Pvt. Howard T. Amend, son of T. C. "Ted" Amend, 1525 State street.

Pvt. Amend, who was inducted into the army in January, is staff cartoonist and reporter for Battery D, 248th Coast artillery. His is the feature cartoon of the issue.

Asks Congress To Quit Tax On Gasoline

WASHINGTON, May 29—(AP)—Rep. Angell (R-Ore.) has asked favorable consideration of the Oregon legislature's memorial requesting congress to withdraw from the field of gasoline taxation. He said lawmakers of 23 other states had urged similar action.

He asked that congress not only refrain from adding to its tax on gasoline but that "steps be taken at once to remove the existing federal tax thereon so that this one field of taxation so peculiarly available to the states and local governments may be left to them, without interference from the federal government."

Recalling that Oregon originated the gasoline tax, Angell said, "we pride ourselves on having constructed and maintained a system of road development equal to any state in the union, in comparison with our resources and population and territory covered. Unfortunately, the federal government owns over 50 per cent of the land area of the state of Oregon, which has removed from taxation a very considerable portion of the wealth which otherwise would be available for carrying on state activities."

Mill Race Is Barred

EUGENE, May 29—(AP)—The mill race which flows through the University of Oregon campus has been declared unfit for swimming. The branch of the Willamette river, long identified with student activities, was said by the county health board to be contaminated.

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