

Petitions Ask Two County Union High School Districts Dissolved

Petitions seeking to dissolve Marion county union high school districts of St. Paul and North Marion county and annexation and consolidation requests were taken up by the county school district boundary board Wednesday.

Residents of St. Paul union high district 3 and North Marion union district 6 requested the board to set a date for an election in each district to vote on dissolving the union districts.

These requests were continued by the court for deliberation until next February 21. By then, said Marion County Judge Grant Murphy, present litigation involving the two districts should be settled. He also hoped that "confusing election registration laws" also would be clarified by that date.

In other action Wednesday the board set January 3 as the date for an election on proposed consolidation of the Jefferson and Looney Butte districts.

A proposal to annex a small part of West Stayton district to North Santiam district was dismissed by the board on request of both districts. Another petition asking that a portion of Sublimity district be transferred to Aumsville district was taken under advisement by the board.

Court action seeking to validate the organization of St. Paul union high district and subsequent bond issue elections are now pending in Marion county circuit court.

Also on the docket are suits attacking the right of one of the district's board of directors to serve and a complaint seeking to enjoin the collection of school taxes brought on by the bond issues.

Validity of the organization of union high district 6 (North Marion) also is being tested in circuit court.

Mountain roads on the Little North Fork of the Santiam river and along the upper Abiqua, recently blocked by slides, are open today, Marion County Commissioner E. L. Rogers reported.

The rain-caused slide on the Santiam fork above Mehama was removed Wednesday morning by a county crew. County crews also tackled the Abiqua block Wednesday afternoon.

A flood-rained bridge over the Pudding river at McKee is still closed, Rogers said, and traffic over it will be halted for at least several weeks. All other roads in the county are in "good shape," he said.

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Talks Safety



One of the visiting speakers at the two-day Oregon industrial safety conference, opening here today, will be A. C. Blackman (above), chief of the California division of industrial safety. About 300 employe and employe delegates are expected for sessions at the Woman's clubhouse.

Col. Lyon to Head Reserve Officers Unit

Lt. Col. Homer G. Lyon, jr., Salem, was elected president of the Marion county chapter of the Reserve Officers association at a meeting at the American Legion club Wednesday night. Lyon was named to fill the vacancy left by Maj. Edward Houser, who returned to active duty.

Lt. Norman R. Hanson, Salem, was elected to fill the secretary-treasurer spot vacated by Lyon.

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2 Policemen Deny Charges, Win Verdict

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Charges that Police Officer Leonard Weaver had issued an excessive number of overtime parking tickets prior to the November election in an attempt to embarrass the city administration were denied by Weaver in testimony before the city civil service commission Wednesday.

Weaver and Detective Hobart Kiggins were reinstated, with back pay, after the commission heard their appeal from discharges on grounds they had caused dissension in the department and had violated civil service by campaigning against the present form of city government.

Weaver testified the 1,633 parking tickets he issued in October, the month before the election, was the same number he issued in September and 200 fewer than he had issued in July.

Denied Campaigning Weaver denied campaigning against the city manager government in favor of a city initiative for a commission government, but said he had expressed opinions as a private citizen. He told of one man, whom he did not identify, who asked him "what as ordinary citizens can we do to clean up that rotten, dirty mess at city hall?"

Weaver said, "I told him if he'd consider my answer as coming from a private citizen and not a police officer, the only thing I could see is to vote them out of office if that's the way you feel about it."

Weaver testified that before the election he had stated that a city commission government might work in Salem, "but not the kind proposed in this election."

Kiggins Also Denied Kiggins also denied campaigning for city commission government.

Kiggins said "I have followed orders and given my best efforts to my duty" in response to a question about his work since returning to the police force, after last January's force shakeup. He resigned rather than become a captain on a night shift instead of chief of the plainclothes detail, later returned as a detective without the \$15 extra pay he had received before. He was identified as Chief Frank Minto, however, as head of the plainclothes detail in testimony Wednesday.

Kiggins said he had been assured three times by Mayor R. L. Elstrom that he would get his old job and pay back. "When I went back to work," Kiggins said, "I was told by Chief Minto that City Manager Franzen didn't want to do it right away but I would be taken care of in two or three months."

Regarding Kiggins' resignation at that time, Assistant Police Chief Carl Charlton testified: "Kiggins told the chief and me during a conference with the city manager and mayor and Walter Esplin that he went in the dog or horse races in Portland almost every night and didn't want anything to interfere with that."

Charlton testified, "Kiggins told me he was in favor of city commission government and would hearsay I understood he was actually working for a change of government."

Asked on cross-examination by Burris to identify persons who mentioned political activity by either Kiggins or Weaver, Charlton said the only names he recalled were Cliff Parker and Ben Ramseyer.

On the witness stand, Parker said he'd talked to Weaver several times while the officer checked parking in the vicinity of Val-

ley Motor Co. used car lot where Parker was working. Parker said, "Weaver advocated city commission government as better for the city, but I can't remember the exact conversation. I had asked him about it for an opinion by someone on the inside."

Ramsayer was not a witness. L. F. LeGarie, who headed a citizens' group which promoted the city commission initiative, testified that he had discussed the city government plan with Kiggins and Weaver when they came into his delicatessen for coffee while their police vehicles were serviced in the nearby city garage. "I did try to sell them and other city employes on the city commission plan, but they were very hesitant to commit themselves as they were afraid of their job."

Sheriff Denver Young testified that both Kiggins and Weaver were very cooperative with his office and "good officers." Other witnesses called by Attorney Burris, all of whom testified that Kiggins had shown cooperation and efficiency in his dealings with him, were Gurnee Flesher, dean of boys at Salem high school; Mrs. Nona White, county juvenile officer; Carl Aschenbrenner, Parrish junior high principal; and George Kanze, chief of investigation for the state police.

Martine-Lally To Head Demo County Board

Luis Martine-Lally, for the past two years secretary of the Marion County Democratic Central committee and a law student at Willamette university, was elected chairman of the organization at a meeting Wednesday night in the county court house.

Martine-Lally won the post over Dr. John A. Rademaker, professor of sociology at Willamette by a vote of 43 to 22. He replaces Kenneth Bayne, chairman for the past four years, who announced several days ago that he would not be a candidate.

Featured speaker at the meeting of county precinct committeemen and women was Walter J. Pearson, who was sworn in as state treasurer Wednesday. Pearson told the democratic workers to set their sights on the 1950 election with the intent of gaining more top state positions and seats in the legislature.

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Pearson said that the results of the election just past have aroused the interest of the national party and more financial and moral aid can be expected from the top rank democrats. He reminded party workers that labor in the lower levels—the precincts—pays off in elections and told them to begin work now for future elections. He cited the example of door-to-door and telephone campaigning to gain the edge for the democrats in Multnomah county.

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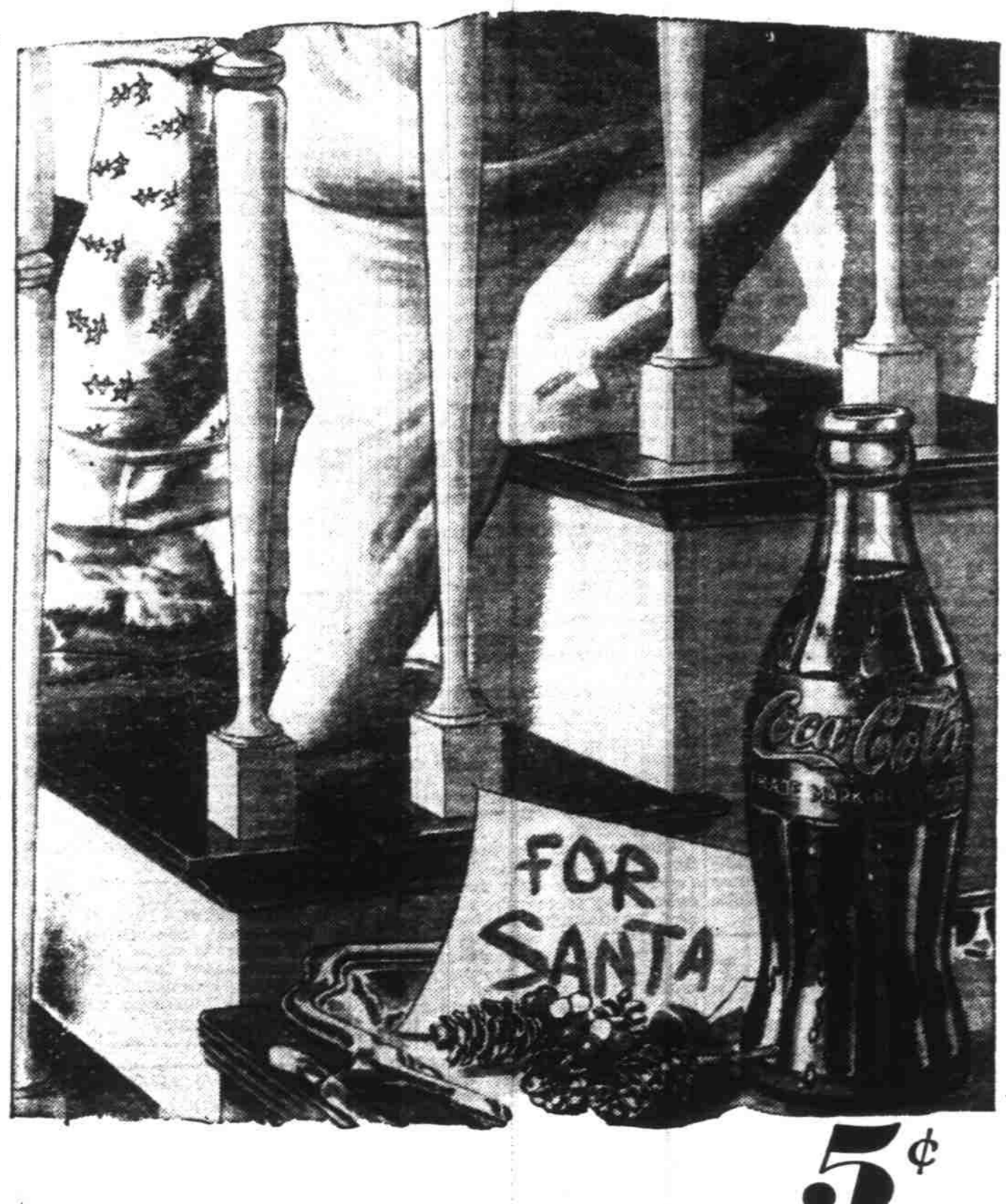
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CIO Abolishes Clerks' Union

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15—(AP) The CIO in effect ordered Samuel Wolchok's retail, wholesale and department store, union out of business today and gave its field to the Amalgamated Clothing Workers.

President Philip Murray in announcing the drastic move sharply criticized the organizing results achieved by Wolchok's union in department stores.

SP to Purchase New Equipment

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15—(AP) Plans for a \$15,740,000 equipment purchasing program were announced today by president A. T. Mercier of the Southern Pacific company.

He said the company plans to purchase ten 6,000-horsepower diesel electric freight locomotives; 12 diesel electric switching locomotives of 1,000 horsepower each; seven 600-horsepower diesel electric switching locomotives; 1,300 steel 50-ton box cars; and 52 lightweight passenger train cars.

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It's Legal to Put New License Plates on Cars

It's legal to have your car "wear" 1949 license plates now. Distribution began last month, and several cars have appeared with the new aluminum tags bearing black numerals. But Wednesday was the first day they were allowed by law.

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