

GOP Board Offers to Advise County Court on Appointments

The executive group of the Marion county republican central committee voted Wednesday night to send a letter to all other Oregon county republican committees and to the press, commending the record of the republican-controlled 45th legislative session.

The committee also voted to have a letter sent to the Marion county court, now entirely a republican county republican central committee is available for recommendations when vacancies occur in any of the county offices. The committee pointed out it is fully aware the court is not bound to follow such suggestions or recommendations, but that it would like to be consulted when such appointments are due.

B. E. (Kelly) Owens, chairman, Mrs. Ralph E. Moody and Leon Margosian were named a committee to draft such a letter, with Orval Hager, jr., central committee chairman, to work with them.

Named as a committee to draw up the letter commending the republican majority in the legislature are Jim Collins chairman, John Hakanson, Chris Kowitz, sr., and Marian Lowry Fischer.

The executive session was the first held since election of new committee officers with Hager as chairman. Plans for precinct committee positions and organization were discussed. Mrs. Ervin Potter and John Schwabe were announced as representatives from the Young Republican club to meet with the central committee.

Salem Airport Earmarked for \$15,000 Fund

Salem's city airport is earmarked for an added \$15,000 in federal funds in an appropriations committee recommendation to congress, it was reported from Washington, D.C., Wednesday.

The federal money would have to be matched with \$11,800 in city funds for airport improvement, but just how the newly recommended appropriation fits into the current Salem airport development program was not immediately determined here.

The city of Salem is now working on an \$80,000 airport improvement project approved by civil aeronautics administration as a match money project.

Stolen Rickreall Tractor Located On Farm at Sandy

DALLAS, April 6-(Special)-A caterpillar tractor stolen near Rickreall last June has been located near Sandy, the Polk county sheriff's office revealed Wednesday. The vehicle is valued at \$4,500 by Merton Coville, 815 Jefferson st., Dallas, the owner.

A man who is serving a sentence in Portland on another charge provided the tip that led to the recovery when he told authorities he had a caterpillar on a farm east of Sandy. On learning this, Tony Naufeldt, deputy sheriff, accompanied the owner there and identification was established by the serial number.

Stock Market Issues Drop

NEW YORK, April 6-(AP)-Buyers knew what they wanted in today's stock market. Most issues were marked down fractions to around two points at the outside. Utilities, golds, and a good handful of other widely diversified issues advanced, however, some to new high prices for 1949. Gains ranged to above a point.

Of the 979 issues which traded, 428 dropped and 299 gained.

Westmont College Choir to Present Concert Tonight

The Westmont college choir from Santa Barbara, Calif., will present a concert of sacred music in Salem high school auditorium tonight at 8:15.

Directed by Prof. John Hubbard, the 32-voice choir will also sing over station KOCO at 2 p.m. today and appear at a dinner for friends of the college at 6 o'clock tonight in the Youth center.

The singers include Shirley Bessel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Bessel, 1789 S. High st., Salem, and Daniel Heinrichs, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Heinrichs of Dallas.

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200 Fir Seedlings Planted by Club



Salem 20-30 club members launched a state-wide tree-planting project when they planted 200 Douglas fir seedlings (above) Sunday at Silver Falls state park. Shown above standing are, from left to right, Robert Sandstrom, Wesley Goodrich, Thomas Milne of Klamath Falls (northwest district governor), Leo Bulre, Lowell Joseph and Carl Schwab. Kneeling from left to right are Gene Malecki, chairman of 20-30 club's tree project, and Nelson Rogers, state forester. The clubs hope to plant about 50,000 trees this year in Oregon.

New Camera Shutter Beats Speed of Light

By Howard W. Blakeslee
Associated Press Science Editor
NEW YORK, April 6-(AP)-A new camera shutter that beats the speed of light was shown to the Society of Motion Picture Engineers today.

The shutter is small enough to fit in a pocket-size camera. Point this camera directly at the sun, push a button that snaps the shutter, and you get no picture.

Only a few feet of light gets through, even though the sunlight is traveling 186,000 miles a second. The amount of light reaching the film is not enough to expose it, for even bright sunlight has to have a small fraction of time to pile up on a film.

In the laboratory this shutter can operate faster than a flash of light traveling from the camera to a mirror 10 feet away and back. No light gets back before the shutter closes. Mirrors a few inches apart, one farther than the other from the camera, can be picked up one at a time by timing the return flash.

Impulse Flows
When the button is pressed an electrical impulse flows through the shutter cell. This impulse does the same thing as rotating the polaroids so that light gets through. But only the molecules in the polaroid lenses move. They twist a bit and that lets the light through. They can twist and return to position in practically nothing flat.

Story of Treasure Cave Spurs Search in New Mexico Area

HOT SPRINGS, N. M., April 6-(AP)-A story of gold bars "stacked like cordwood" in a lost cave spurred a treasure search near here today.

The tale -- about a miner who stumbled on the cavern, found it filled with metal ingots and gems, subsequently lost it attempting to blast a larger entrance and then was killed -- came to light with the extension of a prospector's permit.

Mrs. Ova E. Noss, middle-aged widow of the slain miner, supplied most of the details. The Hot Springs woman is directing the hunt. Of its prospects she said: "We should know the answer within a few days."

Fatally Shot
Mrs. Noss said her estranged husband, M. E. (Doc) Noss, continued a companion search until he was fatally shot March 5. His financial backer, Charles Ryan of Alice, Tex., has been charged with murder. Peace officers said the two argued before the shooting at nearby Hatch.

Another party to the treasure hunt died violently just the day before. He was Curtis Nobis, jr., of Edgewood, N. M., killed in a plane crash while trying to drop a note to a ground party.

Permit to Prospect
The search centers in a rugged San Andres mountain area about 40 miles northeast of Hatch. Mrs. Noss' state permit to prospect there for another month was issued yesterday.

She told this story in answer to an Albuquerque Journal reporter's questions.

Her husband stumbled upon the entrance to the cave during a 1937 deer hunt. It was a vertical hole with inscriptions, apparently Indian, carved in the walls. Noss descended several times. A bottomless crevice and an underground stream halted him twice, but one day he worked his way into a big cave.

Many Bars Stacked
"There were many, many bars stacked like cordwood, and Doc wondered what those people had wanted with all that pigiron -- the bars were black, and he thought they were pigiron."

Sealed Passage
After laborious exploration, Noss undertook to dynamite a wider shaft into the cavern. A slide sealed the passage.

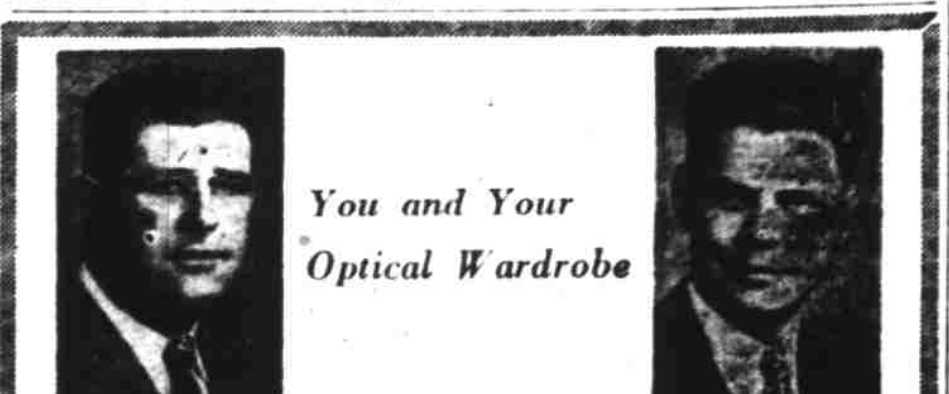
War interrupted his efforts to find a way back underground, and in the meantime he and Mrs. Noss separated. Later Noss interested Ryan in a mining venture. When the two sought a prospecting permit in the locality, Mrs. Noss said they found she already had obtained one.

Ryan and Noss then pursued the search over tracts bordering that of Mrs. Noss on three sides. At his arraignment on a murder charge last month, Ryan said he had objected to Noss using trucks owned by Ryan for "illegal" activities.

Heightening the mystery is the report from a secret service agent, Jim Hirst of Albuquerque, who obtained a metal bar from the effects of Noss after he was slain.

The ingot "definitely is not gold," Hirst said, although it has not been analyzed yet. He said the bar is yellow and tarnished and apparently as hard as brass.

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Elfstrom Wires Support for Baldock Plan

Mayor R. L. Elfstrom telegraphed his support Wednesday for the city council's proposed modification of the Baldock traffic plan for Salem.

The mayor has been absent from recent developments in controversy over the Baldock plan as he is on an automobile trip to Texas.

Elfstrom wired to City Manager J. L. Franzen: "Strongly urge immediate acceptance of Baldock plan subject to change being worked out by city manager. Close observation of traffic methods in many cities indicate Baldock plan only progressive solution to Salem traffic problems."

The mayor had been notified that Salem city councilmen in informal session this week had reached a tentative agreement to accept the state highway department recommendations for a Marion street bridge and a bypass highway east of the city, but to seek changes in through traffic handling which would eliminate most one-way streets from the Baldock plan. The council called for estimates of the possibility of connecting widened Commercial street and Pacific highway through north Salem via Pine street.

Accident Victim Reported 'Fair'

DALLAS, April 6-(Special) Condition of Arthur F. Mack, seriously injured near Boulder camp Tuesday, was reported fairly good by attendants at Bartel hospital here Wednesday night.

Mack received a fractured pelvis and internal injuries when he was crushed by the tires of an empty logging trailer. He was riding on the back of a truck which carried the trailer when it lurched forward, pinning him to the cab of the truck.

An employee of the Willamette Valley Lumber company, Mack lives at Falls City. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Mack, reside at 322 Hayter st., Dallas.

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Measure Would Give Counties Control of Courthouse Parking

A bill granting Marion county court authority to regulate or restrict parking on the courthouse square is ready for the legislative hopper.

Marion county Judge Grant Murphy said Wednesday afternoon a draft of the bill has been prepared and will be introduced by Sens. Allan Cagun and Fredrick Lamport. If passed the measure will be statewide.

"The bill would permit county courts to regulate auto parking on the courthouse grounds, restrict parking entirely in certain areas and during certain hours," Judge Murphy said.

Violators would be guilty of a misdemeanor and could be haled into a justice of the peace court, district or circuit court, the judge said. The amount of the fine the courts but would be governed would be left to the discretion of by the law on misdemeanors.

"The sheriff's office will be enforcement agency," said the judge. The new bill also provides that the court must post signs warning

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the public of the parking regulations.

The courthouse parking problem came to a head here recently when Salem Fire Chief W. P. Roble told the court that the drive is so congested day and night it would be impossible to maneuver fire-fighting equipment in the event of a fire in the building.

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