

Record of New Judge Hailed By Governor

(Story also on page 1)
Circuit Judge E. C. Latourette's brilliant service to this commonwealth for nearly 20 years certainly entitles him to become associate justice of the state supreme court, Gov. Douglas McKay declared Wednesday.

Of Attorney Ralph Holman, 35, Oregon City, named to succeed Latourette on the circuit bench, the governor said: "He is a young man of fine educational and legal background and his record of service in the second world war (in which he lost a leg) is most commendable." He is secretary of the Clackamas county Young Republican central committee.

Regarding Latourette, the governor declared he had a "phenomenally small number" of opinions reversed since he was a circuit judge, and pointed to Latourette's obtaining a 3 to 1 margin of the Oregon State bar favoring him for the newly-created federal judgeship.

Matching these considerations against Latourette's party affiliation (democrat), the governor said:

"These returns might be discounted somewhat because partisanship was involved. However, they are clearly indicative of the great esteem in which Judge Latourette is held by the attorneys of the state. That, to me, seemed a very significant factor in the difficult decision I had to make. It carried weight when considered together with his splendid record as a jurist who possesses great knowledge of the law."

Informed of his appointment, Latourette said he was "profoundly appreciative of the confidence placed in me."

"Clackamas county has given the state of Oregon my illustrious predecessors, the late J. U. Campbell of Thomas A. McBride, each of whom subsequently became chief justice of the supreme court. It will be my earnest endeavor to follow in the footsteps of these learned jurists by carrying on the duties of my office wisely, judicially and humanely, within the laws and constitution of my state and nation."

Holman told the governor he was "deeply honored but mindful of the heavy responsibility placed on me in stepping up to a position that has been filled so capably by Judge Latourette."

Czech Consul Employee Quits, Asks Refuge

NEW YORK, Jan. 18-(P)—Arnost Fried, 52-year-old Czech consular employee, resigned today and asked the U. S. to let him stay here.

Fried, who said he was a \$7,000-a-year chief accountant at the consulate, said he put off the step until the last moment, hoping for a change in the communist Czechoslovak government.

He was due to go home Friday on the Polish liner Batory on a routine transfer.

The Czech consulate said late today it had not yet received Fried's letter of resignation.

In a letter to Secretary of State Dean Acheson, Fried said "I fully disapprove of the communist ideology to which the Czech people were subjected in February, 1948."

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Battleship Aground



The 45,000 ton battleship Missouri goes aground in Chesapeake Bay near Old Point Comfort. Several tugs try to pull her free. The Missouri, setting for the Japanese surrender, is the only U.S. battleship in active service. (AP wirephoto to the Statesman.)

Health Forces Retirement Of Supreme Court Judge Page

(Story also on page 1)
Gov. Douglas McKay, commenting on the retirement of Supreme Court Justice E. M. Page, Wednesday termed the judge a "fine legal mind" and said he was "forced to accept Page's resignation with extreme reluctance."

The governor issued this statement: "On January 12, the honorable E. M. Page, associate justice of the supreme court, filed with me an application for retirement, together with a sworn statement that his physical condition has become impaired to the extent that he could not perform his duties as associate justice, and that he had become incapacitated physically to longer perform the duties of his office, and made application for retirement pursuant to section 3 of chapter 504, Oregon Laws, 1947."

"Thereupon it became my duty to appoint three physicians of skill and repute, duly licensed to practice their profession in Oregon, to promptly examine the applicant and report their findings in writing to me. Pursuant thereto, I appointed Dr. A. T. King, Dr. C. A. Downs and Dr. Burton A. Myers, three physicians of skill and repute, duly licensed to practice their profession, in Oregon who did thereafter on the 16th day of January, 1950, examine the said applicant, E. M. Page, and made a report of their findings with me, and it appears that the applicant has become physically incapacitated to permanently perform the duties of his office, and I have approved the report and filed the same with the secretary of state for the applicant's retirement from office."

Judge Page is a native of Marion county and a life-long resident of this area. He was born (April 28, 1892) on the donation land claim of his grandfather, Thomas Jory, six miles south of Salem; attended Salem public schools, and was graduated from Willamette university college of law in 1913. He was admitted to the bar the following year.

Following service in the first World War, the judge became a member of the law firm of McNary, Keyes and Page, the partnership continuing until John McNary became a federal judge in 1927. In the ensuing years until Judge Page was appointed to the circuit bench in 1941 (when Marion county was made a separate judicial district), the judge and Walter Keyes continued in the firm.

Judge Page was an instructor in the Willamette law school from 1920 until 1945. He is a past president of the Salem Rotary club, past commander of post 9, American Legion, and a member of the Elks lodge of which he formerly was exalted ruler, district deputy and state president.

Polio Drive Underway At Sheridan

Statesman News Service
SHERIDAN — Sheridan March of Dimes campaign was underway this week with Frances G. Bradley chairman of the campaign. Following are Mr. Bradley's appointments for solicitation of the contributions: Finance, B. C. Swails; city and rural collections, C. Wayne Flynn; coin boxes, Police chief Henry Fast; schools, Joe Zook; fraternal organizations, Dean E. Holmes; industrial, L. M. Kaufman.

The PTA met Monday in the grade school gymnasium. Numerous parents attended to hear Melvin Murphy of Portland, an executive director of mental health, Murphy will be in Sheridan to speak at the February meeting.

The Sheridan unit of the American Legion auxiliary has announced the annual essay contest for which the subject this year will be "U. S. Spells Us." Charlotte Brandt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Brandt, was last year's winner. Chairman of the contest for the auxiliary this year is Mrs. Isabelle B. Armitage, unit Americanism chairman.

NEW ROADS PLANNED

PORTLAND, Jan. 18-(P)—Roads into timberland, provided for by the president's recommended budget, would open up \$20,000,000 of timber stands which now are inaccessible, the bureau of land management said today.

Brakeman Run Over by Train

SPOKANE, Jan. 18-(P)—A railroad brakeman slipped on ice and fell in the path of an oncoming switch engine today. The diesel locomotive dished several broken ribs, cuts and bruises.

Sheriff Ralph Smith said Mack was between the tracks underneath the engine and covered with snow when the diesel stopped. He said the engine was traveling only about five miles an hour.

College Senior Admits Slaying Of Secretary

LANCASTER, Pa., Jan. 18-(P)—Edward Lester Gibbs, Franklin and Marshall college senior from Pittman, N. J., tonight signed a statement admitting the slaying of Marian Baker, 21-year-old college stenographer, Capt. Fred Gleason of the Pennsylvania state police said.

Capt. Gleason said Gibbs is 25 and married. The police captain quoted Gibbs as saying in the statement that he picked up Miss Baker in front of the post office a week ago last Tuesday, drove to a lonely spot and struck her over the head with a lug wrench.

The police officer said Gibbs took \$14 from Miss Baker's purse, which he spent. A ring was recovered earlier today at a Lancaster gas station where Gibbs had attempted to flush it down a toilet.

Gleason said Gibbs gave no motive for the slaying. During the police captain's recital of Gibbs' statement, the five-foot, nine-inch dark-haired ex-GI showed no emotion.

Ranking Pole At U.N. Quits Over Walkout

LAKE SUCCESS, Jan. 18-(P)—Poland's ranking delegate at the United Nations has resigned his diplomatic post here.

The delegate is Dr. Aleksander Rudzinski, 49, who has been legal counselor of the Polish delegation and the top Pole here in the absence of the chief delegate Juliusz Katz-Suchy.

The break became known today in a letter Rudzinski sent to Secretary of State Dean Acheson. The primary cause was reported to be Rudzinski's unwilling walk with the Russians out of a U.N. commission Monday.

Instructions for Rudzinski to walk out of the special U.N. committee on stateless persons, reported to have come from Warsaw, reached him Monday morning about two hours before the committee met. He was said to have made up his mind then he would quit. After the walk he went to his home wrote three letters and became a stateless person covered by the U.N. committee he had just left.

Valley Obituaries

Statesman News Service

DR. L. L. HEWITT
DAYTON — Dr. L. L. Hewitt, youngest son of Oregon pioneers, died at his home here Wednesday. He was 80.

Hewitt had lived in Dayton about 10 years, practicing medicine nearly all of that time. Death followed a heart attack last Sunday.

He was born at Uniondale, the son of Henry and Elizabeth Hewitt, and practiced at Independence and Portland before moving here.

Surviving are the widow, Mabel Hewitt of Dayton; a son, Lavell Hewitt in the Philippine Islands; and three grandchildren.

Services will be held at Dayton Pioneer church Saturday. The time will be announced later. McMinville funeral home is in charge of arrangements.

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Federal Funds Asked to Fight Budworm Pest

Gov. Douglas McKay Wednesday urged that congress make an early appropriation of \$900,000 to help combat the spread of spruce budworm in Oregon forests.

The state has a 1,000,000 acre insect control project planned for this year, the state forestry department announced. Federal funds are needed soon because the best time to control the pest is in late May or early June. The state will spend \$197,000 to carry out the program on state and private timberlands.

Without early federal appropriation most of the control work will have to be abandoned, said Gov. McKay. Private forest land owners are also contributing to the cost of the project.

"Timber killing is already in progress and it is estimated that, unless large scale control is undertaken this June, trees will be killed on at least 800,000 acres. George Spaur, state forester, estimated that about 2,250,000 acres of timber lands are infested with the tree-killing insect. About 1,000,000 gallons of DDT and 70 airplanes are planned to do the job."

Civic Groups Elect Leaders, Middle Grove

Statesman News Service
MIDDLE GROVE — Gil Blankenship was elected president of Associated Community clubs in a meeting at Middle Grove school Tuesday.

Other new officers are Mrs. Alma Anglin, vice president; Jack Wikoff, secretary; Mrs. Vera Bassett, treasurer and Norman Fletcher and Cleo Keppenger, trustees. The association will meet Friday, January 27, at 8 p. m. instead of on Friday, January 20, because of the snow. New residents of the east Salem area have been invited to join the club which plans to build a community center building this year. Refreshments will consist of jello and cookies.

Workers Remove Body of Miner

MAHANOCY CITY, Pa., Jan. 18-(P)—The grim, dangerous five-day hunt for Edward Burda, trapped in an anthracite mine cave-in, ended today with the removal of his body from the pit on broad mountain.

Doctors said the 26-year-old Burda apparently was suffocated a short time after the cave-in Friday afternoon. He was trapped 12 feet underground. His body was found in a heap of coal and rock that was crushed to fine bits by the weight of debris above.

Two of his brothers working with him when the accident occurred escaped alive.

U.S. Standing Firm on Plan For A-Control

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18-(P)—The United States is standing firm on its plan for ultimate international control of atomic weapons regardless of whether it builds a super A-bomb many more times deadly than the existing one.

Secretary of State Acheson made that point clear today in a cautiously worded reply to questions at his news conference.

But he left unanswered whether any decision has been reached regarding reported plans for production of a mighty hydrogen-powered bomb which might lay waste an area 40 miles in radius—as compared with the two-mile circle of destruction at Hiroshima.

Acheson, who helped formulate the international control plan which the Russians have steadfastly rejected, discussed the subject in guarded language. He said he does not know of any prospective atomic weapons development in this country which would cause the United States to change its policy on international control.

This policy calls for a system of rigid safeguards to be enforced by the United Nations, including inspection of all atomic energy projects, before any nation could give up its atomic weapons or secrets.

The drone bee dies soon after the wedding night.

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Civic Memorial Group to Air Building Plans

Building plans for Salem's proposed civic memorial auditorium will be explained to the public February 1 at a meeting of the city's War Memorial Auditorium association and its affiliated groups.

William Hamilton, chairman of the building committee, will discuss proposed building plans. President Bruce Williams announced the auditorium association's officers and advisory committee.

Williams predicted an active year for the war memorial group and announced that on February 15 Ormand R. Bean, city commissioner of Portland, will explain details of financing the project at another public session. Bean has devised a plan for financing a similar auditorium in Portland.

At the public meeting February 1, scheduled at 7:30 p. m. in the Chamber of Commerce offices here, progress of the association will be reported and objectives for 1950 will be outlined.

Williams announced Wednesday night that Burr Miller has been named to head his group's location committee.

Officers will meet again next Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. at the state supreme court building where last night's session was conducted.

WU Law Students Elect Hilliard

Wayne Hilliard, Santa Ana, Cal., junior in law at Willamette university, has been elected president of the law school for the coming year. He succeeds James Bodie, Clinton, S. C.

Also elected are William C. Hallin, Longview, Wash., vice president; James Ragland, Salem, secretary-treasurer and Elliott Motchenbacher, Roseburg, student council representative.

Paasikivi Re-Elected Despite Fire of Reds

HELSINKI, Finland, Jan. 18-(P)—President Juho Paasikivi, under fire from Moscow and Finnish communists, won re-election easily in voting for presidential electors, the count showed today.

But marked gains by the communist-led popular democrats and the right-wing conservative and progressive parties apparently doomed the social democratic government of Premier Karl A. Fagerholm.

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