

School Board Okehs Hiring of Second Aide to Superintendent

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Salem School Board Thursday night hired a second fulltime assistant superintendent, approved a new Saturday morning instrumental music program which would include suburban schools, and considered several suggestions for names for the district's proposed new junior high schools.

Dr. George B. Martin, who has divided his duties between the Salem School District and Willamette University, was authorized a three-year contract to begin with the next school year. He has been head of the education department director of graduate study and director of summer sessions at Willamette while also doing duty as curriculum consultant for Salem.

Second Assistant

The addition of Dr. Martin to the staff will give the district the second assistant superintendent authorized in the last budget. Already in one of the positions is Charles D. Schmidt.

The new instrumental music program, suggested by Dr. William Swettman, is designed primarily to improve instruction for some of the smaller suburban schools, but will not go into effect in that respect until next school year. However, the board authorized a go-ahead for the program on a fee basis for Salem pupils to see if it would pay its own way. In the plan all music students would get instruction at Garfield School on Saturday morning with the sessions open to in-town pupils at a \$5-a-term fee.

Name Delayed

Naming of two new junior high school sites was postponed after several names including Samuel Walker, Joseph Patterson, Willson McNary, Hawley, Meek, Rex Put-

nam, C. A. Howard, Charles Edson, Benjamin Franklin and Jason Lee were suggested. The board moved to have the Board Chairman Harry Scott name a committee to study the name selection and bring in a recommendation. Expected members, who tackled the expected enrollment problems for next year, got little encouragement from results of the most recent school census which indicated a continued increase for some years to come. The census report showed the school district count for children between four and 19 at 15,920, a 1,899 increase over last

Fish Season On Columbia River Reduced

PORTLAND — Shorter commercial fishing seasons on the Columbia River this year were announced Thursday by Washington and Oregon fishing authorities.

But the February or winter season will remain unchanged despite a request from the Washington State Game Department and several sportsmen's organizations for closure of the river to protect steelhead.

Sports fishermen argued that the steelhead has a greater economic value as a sports fish than as a commercial fish.

The Washington State Fisheries Department and the Oregon Fish Commission, however, said that steelhead runs in the Columbia were showing an increase and that there was no valid reason for a February closure.

The most significant changes in regulations close the August season on the river Aug. 25, one day earlier than in the past. The season will remain closed to Sept. 16, instead of Sept. 10, below Bonneville Dam. The closure above Bonneville will continue only until Sept. 10.

In addition, the 20-mile closed area in the vicinity of Bonneville will be extended upriver nine miles to place the limit at the Hood River Bridge during the September-November season.

RED CROSS HEAD AILS

Mrs. Helen Bailey, director of the Marion County Red Cross, was taken to Salem Memorial Hospital Thursday for observation. Nature of the illness was not reported but attendants called her condition "good."

Police 'Probe' Heating Unit

City police, whose Good Samaritan acts often are overlooked by a parking-ticket conscious public, were called upon to ease a woman's mind Thursday night.

Officers said a Salem woman, who had left hurriedly earlier in the day for a Portland hospital with her ill husband, phoned headquarters long distance. What she asked was a check of a bedroom heater in her home, which she was afraid she had neglected to shut off.

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VISTAVISION

McKay Aide Okehed Rogue Mine Claims

WASHINGTON (AP) — Clarence A. Davis, undersecretary of the Interior, said Thursday he granted 15 disputed mining patents in Oregon's Rogue River National Forest on his own responsibility and in full compliance with the law.

He said Secretary Douglas McKay had no part in the decision, made in 1954 when Davis was the Interior Department's solicitor. Davis appeared before a House-Senate subcommittee which is studying the circumstances of patents granted to Al Sarena Mines, Inc.

Critics have accused the administration of a giveaway of valuable timber rights in the guise of mining patents. Defenders of the administration say the whole thing is simply an attempted political smear.

Davis said Thursday the matters involved in the Al Sarena patents "are not matters of discretion or of political action, but are matters of law and evidence."

Much of Thursday's hearing centered around published assertions of columnist Drew Pearson that the patents were granted in a "timber steal."

Rep. Hoffman (R-Mich.) demanded that the columnist be called before the committee. Sen. Neuberger (D-Ore.), presiding, refused to consider Hoffman's motion, saying freedom of the press might be involved.

Pearson had stated that a letter urging the patent grant was in the committee's files and that it bore a handwritten notation from President Eisenhower addressed, "Dear Doug," and asked that something be done on the patents.

The "Dear Doug" was identified in the discussion as Secretary McKay.

Undersecretary Davis said: "I do resent, and I resent keenly, the implication—in the reported 'Dear Doug' letter—that I was subjected to any pressure from the President or anyone else in the decision I made in this case."

Alabama Demos May Ban Politicos Who Backed Ike

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP)—Democrats who voted for President Eisenhower in 1952 may be barred from running as candidates in the party primaries in Alabama again this year.

The State Democratic Executive Committee meets at Montgomery Saturday to adopt ground rules for the May 1 primary and the runoff May 29, and high-ranking party leaders propose to reach back four years in writing the 1956 loyalty oath.

One committee officer who would not be quoted by name said a resolution reportedly backed by Chairman Roy Mayhall of Jasper will be introduced to compel candidates to sign a pledge that they did not oppose the Stevenson-Sparkman ticket in 1952.

Electric Chair Claims Slayer

OSSINING, N. Y. (AP) — John Francis Roche, 28-year-old slayer of at least four persons, died Thursday night in Sing Sing prison's electric chair.

Roche spread terror in the Yorkville section of New York in the spring of 1954 when he raped and murdered two teen aged girls with-in two months in a two block radius. In between he murdered a cab driver.

Roche also admitted the icepick slaying of Mrs. Rose Chronik, 65, in 1953.

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TARANTULA, 7:00 and 10:30; TRIAL, 9:15.

School Bus Kills Child at McMinnville

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

(Story also on page 1.)

Snow fell in much of Oregon Thursday—bringing delight to children in the western part of the state. But death came to one of them.

Five-year-old Cathy Johnson, playing in the snow on the school lawn after getting out of a kindergarten class at McMinnville, darted into a street and was killed by a school bus.

It was the first pedestrian fatality at McMinnville in three years. The driver was not cited.

Snow began falling from Southern Oregon into Southwest Washington Thursday morning. Rain supplanted the snow later at some points, but at night there still were snow showers in the Willamette Valley and on the northern Oregon coast. Snow also was falling east of the Cascades.

Baker reported the heaviest snowfall in the state, 20 inches being measured there.

Fraternity to Lose Chapter In Race Issue

WILLIAMSTOWN, Mass. (AP)—The Williams College chapter of Sigma Phi Fraternity faces loss of its national affiliation for pledging two unidentified Negro students.

This became known Thursday when the alumni trustees promised the membership "complete support" after the national body accused the local of forfeiting its affiliation by pledging two "controversial" Negro students.

In a resolution the national body accused the chapter of pledging "two men of obviously controversial character irrespective of any individual merits."

The resolution said the committee "strongly condemns" the chapter action "as a selfish and irresponsible act without regard for the interest of the society as a whole."

The Williams chapter was organized in 1834.

British Columbia Company Hires Moisture Maker

VANCOUVER, B. C. (AP) — While heavy rains have been plaguing the West coast of the United States a "rain-maker" firm has been employed to try to bring moisture to the normally wet British Columbia coast.

Crown Zellerbach Canada, Ltd., said a water shortage has caused a cutback of operations at its paper plant at Ocean Falls, 300 miles north of here. The firm has hired North American Weather Consultants of Santa Barbara, Calif., to "seed" clouds with silver iodide in the hope of increasing precipitation.

Snakes, often regarded as slimy creatures, are actually cool and dry to the touch.

Judges Make Poor Showing In Spell Bee

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — The judges did rather badly in this spelling bee.

First they were embarrassed when they failed to note a contestant drop an "R" in "embarrassment."

Then they were overruled by 13-year-old Carol White of Warrenville when they disqualified Roseanne Hill, also 13, of Hightstown, for putting an "E" at the end of "glycerine." The dictionary allows it to be spelled both with and without the last "E."

The fifth letter of the alphabet gave them trouble again when Roseanne Spelled "loveable" with that "E" in the middle.

Wrong, said the judges. But an up-to-date dictionary sanctioned Roseanne's version.

In addition to helping Roseanne, Carol had to file briefs defending her own spelling. Her "pigmy" was challenged — the judges insisting on "pygmy." She asked for a re-check—and won.

The judges' alibi was a 25-year-old dictionary. They plan a new one for next year's contest.

The spelling bee, sponsored Wednesday by the N.J. Grange, was won by John Lancaster, 12, of Paramus.

He got a w-r-i-s-t-a-t-e-h.

Man to Keep Job Despite \$1 Million Gift

ALHAMBRA, Calif. (AP)—Although William C. Vail says he received 65 per cent of his brother's one million dollar estate, he's going to keep on working as a real estate man.

"I can't quit," Vail said Thursday. "I can't afford to. The government will take most of the money for inheritance tax."

His brother, Edgar L. Vail, retired president of a watch company, died last Dec. 28.

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