

Law Career Led Patterson to Oregon Senate, Governorship

Paul Linton Patterson, Oregon's governor from Dec. 17, 1952 until his death last night, didn't ask for the job.

He got it automatically when Douglas McKay resigned to become secretary of the interior.

But he admitted to enjoying it, even though his \$11,000 salary probably wasn't half what he was earning as a lawyer in his home town of Hillsboro.

Republican voters in the 1954 primaries gave their own appraisal of him in a 3 to 1 victory over gubernatorial aspirant Earl Newberry, secretary of state, and voices gave him a 4 to 3 margin over Democrat Joseph Carson in November.

Long-time Resident

Patterson who was 55 years old last July 18, is a native of Kent, Ohio. He came to Portland with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Patterson, when 8 years old. His father, a Missourian by birth, had traveled to Oregon first several years previously, but in the 1890s returned East for training as a

Christian minister. He preached for several years, then became a salesman until his death in March, 1939.

Gov. Patterson attended schools in Portland, and was graduated from Clinton Kelley Grade School (1914) and Washington High School (1918).

Military enlistments were temporarily closed when he reached the eligible age of 18 during World War I, but he joined the SAC two months later (September, 1918) and was assigned to the Field Artillery at the University of Washington. His next assignment was to Louisville, Ky., but the war ended before he was transferred.

Leader in Forensics

In 1919, young Patterson entered the University of Oregon, where he was a leader in forensics for four years, and was graduated with a BA degree in business administration in 1923.

The university years had not been easy. He had worked as a waiter and dishwasher to get through, just as he had delivered newspapers, been a Western Union messenger, and held down a night-shift job in a shipyard during elementary and high school years. But by this time his university record had earned him appointment as a graduate assistant and thus permitted his pursuit of a career in law.

It was in 1926 that he was graduated with a degree of Doctor of Jurisprudence, and that same year he was married to Georgia Benson, member of a prominent Portland family, who had been assistant to the U. of O. dean of women after graduating with the class of '24.

Hillsboro, where the governor's mother, Mrs. Ada Linton Patterson, still resides, was home to the Pattersons for 26 years, the first seven of which (1926-1933) the governor was deputy district attorney for Washington County. He was in private practice from 1933 until he came to Salem three years ago.

The governor's integrity was unquestioned. Newsmen found him answering questions frankly without hedging, and rated him highly in intelligence and ability.

Gov. Patterson was elected to the senate three times—in 1944, 1948 and 1952—and became governor by virtue of being president of the senate in the 1951 legislative session.

Held Many Offices

At Hillsboro, he held just about every office a small city has to offer—president of the chamber of commerce; president of the Rotary Club; commander of the Legion post; chairman of the state Junior Baseball Committee; county GOP chairman, county Izaak Walton chairman; officer in the Boy Scouts in which he held Silver Beaver and Silver Antelope awards.

He was also a member of the Elks, Masons, American Bar Association, State Bar Association and the Congregational Church, and formerly headed the Oregon State Motor Association.

Politically, the governor regarded himself as a liberal Republican although at times he had sided with the more conservative faction of the party. His senate voting record would indicate he was largely an independent. He did not hesitate to cross party lines, and at times found himself standing alone, but his general allegiance to the GOP never was questioned.

As senator, the governor was chairman of the Highway Committee that helped launch modernization programs for state roads; was co-author of the present employee retirement plan; helped form a basic school law, while chairman of the Education Committee, and as senate president was instrumental in streamlining that body's procedures.

In announcing his candidacy for an elected term in office, the chief executive early in 1954 named as his continued objectives:

Honesty and integrity in state government; emphasis on industrial development particularly relating to water resources and the hydro-electric potential; reduction in seasonal unemployment; development of agricultural production and food processing and merchandising; reorganization of state government in the interests of economy.

Not since the state was formed has a governor who first attained office by other than election been able to succeed himself until Paul Patterson. Former Govs. Jay Bowman, Ben W. Olcott, A. W. Norblad and John Hall are among those who tried and failed.

The governor's survivors include the widow, Mrs. Georgia Patterson; two daughters, Mrs. John Smithson of Portland and Mrs. James Dillard of Stillwater, Okla.; a son, Paul Jr., in Arizona; a sister, Mrs. L. Glenn Hall of Oakland, Calif., and three grandchildren.

MAN HOSPITALIZED

Ephraim M. Ackerman, 1772 Center St., was taken to Salem Memorial Hospital about 4:15 p.m. Tuesday after suffering an apparent heart attack, first aidmen said. Hospital attendants said later he seemed in "fine condition" but was retained for observation.

Plane Crash Altered State Politics in '47

The last Oregon governor to die while in office was Earl Enell who was killed Oct. 28, 1947 in a Southern Oregon plane crash which also took two prominent potentials for the governorship and cut sharply into the ranks of top-ranking Republicans of the state.

Killed with Enell were Marshall Cornett of Klamath Falls, president of the state senate and first in line to succeed to the governorship; Secretary of State Robert Farrell, and the pilot of the private plane, Clifford W. Hoque of Klamath Falls, who was flying the men to eastern Oregon on a hunting trip.

Bad weather was blamed for the crash.

With Enell and Cornett both dead, the governorship succeeded to Speaker of the House John Hall.

The latter was defeated by Douglas McKay in the subsequent election. McKay was governor until Dec. 17, 1952 when Patterson took over when McKay resigned to become Secretary of the Interior.

House Passes Farm Gasoline Tax Relief Bill

By WILMOT HERCHER

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House unanimously approved an estimated 60 million dollars a year relief for the farmers Tuesday by voting to exempt them from federal taxes on gasoline used in farming.

The exemption is one of the nine points in President Eisenhower's farm relief program, but both Republicans and Democrats claimed credit for it. The roll call vote was 387-0.

Farmers, like the rest of the citizenry, now have to pay a federal tax of 2 cents a gallon on gasoline they buy. The new legislation would exempt them from the tax on gas and special fuels when they are used for agricultural purposes. Fuel used on the highway would still be taxable.

The bill now goes to the senate, where it is expected to meet with the same speedy approval.

Farmers already are exempt from taxes on diesel fuel used on the farm. They will still have to pay the gas tax when they fill their tanks, but may file annual claims with the treasury for refunds.

County School Study Set to Start Today

First studies of county school problems chosen last October by a convention of Marion County school boards are scheduled to get underway today.

Teacher supply will be the problem for the first committee which meets at 10 a.m. today in the county school office. Chairman is Mrs. Edith Brydon of the Salem board; members are Phyllene Sweeton, Bethany; J. W. Richardson, St. Paul; Sam Galvin, Cloverdale; W. R. Amesey, Buena Vista; Josephine Fox, Victor Point; and Richard Sorick, state department of education, Salem.

At 8 p.m. tonight county finances will be the topic for a committee headed by Harry Oldenburg, Jefferson. Committee members are A. C. Spranger, Bethel; Ernest Andrews, St. Louis; Clem Gentry, Marion; Arnold Selnes, Aumsville; Merton Cox, Stayton.

Dates will be set later on two other committees of study school district organization and a sales tax labeled for school purposes.

Grand Jury Eyes Cases

Half a dozen cases are scheduled for investigation by the Marion County grand jury which will hold its first session of the year on Feb. 8.

District Attorney Kenneth Brown said no major crimes were now on the list of cases due for study. It was possible, he said, that the assault with intent to rob charge against Roy Wesley Gilcrease, 3242 Chehalis Dr., might be before the grand jury.

Gilcrease, charged with driving the car for Grady William Cope in two holdup attempts two weeks ago, is scheduled for preliminary hearing in Marion County District Court later this week.

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Mother of Heiress in Abortion Case Freed

(Picture on Wirephoto Page)

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Refusing to exact "legal revenge," a judge Tuesday freed under suspended sentence a wealthy mother who arranged the abortion that killed her 22-year-old heiress daughter. But the couple who performed the illegal operation received prison terms.

Quarter Sessions Judge Vincent A. Carroll spared Mrs. Gertrude Silver, 49, a jail term on grounds that "the memory of this dreadful tragedy... will be substantial and overwhelming punishment."

For a bartender and his beautiful wife, in whose North Philadelphia apartment Mrs. Doris Jean Silver Ostreicher died last Aug. 24

— suddenly and in "great agony," the autopsy doctors said — the outcome was different.

Mrs. Rosalie Schwartz, 33-year-old blonde, collapsed and had to be carried from the crowded courtroom when Carroll sentenced her to an indefinite term in the state industrial home for women at Muncy.

Milton Schwartz, 49, gray-haired and with an almost invisible mustache, was sentenced to 3-to-10 years in Eastern State Penitentiary.

Dist. Atty. Victor H. Blanc announced later, following a conference with Judge Carroll and attorneys involved, that the couple's sentences would be reconsidered Thursday.

Your Income Tax

How to Save Money on Your Returns . . .

By SYLVIA PORTER
Part 8
In collaboration with the Research Institute of America

While the hurricanes and floods of 1955 made the headlines, millions who didn't suffer in these disasters were hit by other catastrophes — thefts, fires, accidents. Countless other families lost money on the sale of property or other assets.

The following points will be guides to tax savings.

QUESTION: I was in a serious automobile collision last year and my car was demolished. Do I get any deductions?

ANSWER: Yes — and most people forget this loss at tax-reporting time. Damage to your car because of an accident is a loss you can deduct unless the damage was the result of your willful negligence (drunken driving, for instance).

This covers only your property damage. You cannot take a deduction for money you may have paid for damages to another's property because of your negligence. If you were hurt in the accident, you will have an important medical deduction.

QUESTION: Our home was badly damaged by fire last year. We were insured and the fire insurance company awarded us \$6,000. I calculate our loss at \$9,000, however. Is there anything I can do?

ANSWER: Yes. Get an appraiser to help you fix the value of your property immediately before and after the fire. Then, subtract from the loss the amount of insurance you received. The difference — which in this case, your claim is \$3,000 — is the amount you deduct on your income tax return.

QUESTION: Our record player, several records and typewriter were gone when we returned from

a night at the theater. We are sure they were stolen although we don't know who did it. Do we get deduction?

ANSWER: Yes. You get a deduction for articles that are stolen but you must prove that the property actually was stolen. You are not allowed a deduction merely because the articles are missing. To help prove theft, you should have a police record of the robbery or statements from witnesses.

QUESTION: In our case, it was a severe winter blizzard that caused us a loss, for it destroyed our trees. What should we do?

ANSWER: Damage to your trees or shrubs or tropical plants as a result of this unusual act of nature is a deductible loss. This also applies to damage to your trees as a result of drought, extreme dry waves or thaws.

It also covers damage to your home or grounds caused by hurricane or tornado, lightning or floods, heavy rains or freezing — all the casualties due to a sudden act of nature.

QUESTION: I sold my house at a loss last year. Can I deduct that loss on my income tax return?

ANSWER: No. You cannot deduct this loss. If you sell property devoted to your personal use at a loss, you do not have a tax deduction.

QUESTION: My wife's fur coat and my suits and our carpets were ruined by moths last summer. Can I deduct for this?

ANSWER: No. Moth damage is not a deductible casualty loss.

QUESTION: I loaned a friend \$2,000 in 1954. He went completely bankrupt in 1955. Can I deduct the \$2,000?

ANSWER: Yes — but not all this year. The debt is what is known as a non-business debt and is therefore treated as a short-term capital loss. You could offset the entire \$2,000 against capital gain — such as your profit from sale of stock. Any part of the bad debt not used up as a deduction against capital gain can be deducted from ordinary income up to \$1,000 a year. Assuming you had no offsetting capital gains you can deduct \$1,000 this year and \$1,000 next year.

QUESTION: I started a small corporation. I invested \$3,000 for stock and loaned the company \$3,000. The venture folded in 1955. Can I deduct the \$6,000 I lost?

ANSWER: If you had no capital gains in 1955, all you can deduct is \$1,000. The remaining \$5,000 can be deducted at the rate of \$1,000 a year for the next five years.

Tomorrow: If you own your home.

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SYRIA CHIEF EYES VISIT

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP)—President Shukri Kuwaili is to start an eight-day visit to Egypt Feb. 6. Syria and Egypt are partners in the Arab league.

A study of Alaskan eagles shows that their food is almost two-thirds fish and less than one fifth other birds.

Awarding of the contract will follow a meeting of the emergency board Feb. 10.

The board also approved expenditures of \$6,774 for an addition to the bakeshop and dining room at the Oregon State Tuberculosis hospital. Funds for this project are available.

Also approved was the purchase of a linotype for the State School for the Deaf. The linotype will be used in the printing department at the school.

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Mollet Elected French Chief In 420-71 Vote

PARIS (AP)—The French National Assembly by a big majority early Wednesday approved Socialist Guy Mollet as the nation's 22nd postwar premier.

The vote was 420-71, with 83 abstentions. Mollet's victory had been assured by earlier promises of diversified political support, including the Communists.

Mollet heads a Republican Front bloc. His confirmation as premier had been expected ever since Jacques Duclos, the Communist floor leader, announced his party's 151 votes would be cast for the Socialist Party's secretary general.

The Communist backing came despite Mollet's policy statement demanding reinforcement of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and renewed efforts toward European unity. Duclos apparently is ignoring these planks in Mollet's platform in hope that the Communists can eventually embrace the Socialists in a popular front leftist government.

Encouraging signs that a Wilsonville-area location might be developed for both the new state hospital and a proposed Air Force-Navy air-base were heard Tuesday at a State Board of Control meeting.

But neither location has been decided. Salem Chamber of Commerce has endorsed the Wilsonville hospital site and has made its overtures to the Air Force and Navy for a mid-valley-base location too.

The encouraging talk came from Gov. Paul Patterson who said a conference with military leaders had convinced him that operation of planes from any such new air base would not tend to disturb patients if the new \$14 million hospital were located nearby.

Indications were that the two Wilsonville sites are receiving more favorable consideration than a Hillsboro site for the hospital.

Plane Ditched In River Near Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH (AP)—An Air Force twin-engine plane ditched in the turbulent, bone-chilling Monongahela River Tuesday when it apparently ran out of gas two to three minutes from an airport. Four of the six men the Air Force said were aboard were rescued.

The craft, a B25 bomber converted for passengers, sank in about 18 feet of water less than two minutes after it made the crash landing six miles from mid-city.

Police, a heroic truck driver and rivermen combined to pull the four survivors from the stream, swollen by recent rains and melting snow. None of the survivors suffered serious injury. (None is from the Northwest.)

Teenagers Tear Up Jail

ROSEBURG (AP)—Five teenage boys, who broke up furniture and smashed a number of windows in the jail cell they occupied, face additional charges of property destruction.

The youths, who had been jailed on charges of car theft and larceny, went on the rampage Sunday night. It was just a case of "meanness," a deputy said.

Police cooled them off by letting them spend the rest of the night in the windowless, windy cell. The temperature that night was 25 degrees.

They since have been moved to another warmer cell.

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Gov. Paul Patterson, shown here with Mrs. Patterson at the governor's office, was fatally stricken in Portland Tuesday night while visiting friends at the Arlington Club. Mrs. Patterson has recently recovered from an illness.

Death Claims Aurora Man

AURORA, Ore.—Phillip Ambrose Hathaway, 46, an Aurora resident 13 years, died Tuesday afternoon in an ambulance en route to a Salem hospital, apparently of a heart attack suffered at work near Brooks.

A chemical fertilizer serviceman, Hathaway was working at Growers' NHS Service, Hopmore, at the time of the attack. Marion County coroner's deputies said circumstances of the death shortly before 4 p.m. were under investigation, but cause apparently was a heart attack.

Hathaway was born July 11, 1906, in Missouri.

He leaves his widow, Mrs. Nellie Hathaway, Aurora; two daughters, Mrs. William Tremaine, Eugene, and Mrs. Leo Jantzi, Albany; son, Phillip J. Hathaway, Aurora; mother, Mrs. C. N. Hathaway, Salem; two granddaughters, Terry and Gwendolyn Tremaine, both of Eugene; sister, Mrs. Wilfred Weathers, and brother, J. W. Weathers, both of Salem.

Arrangements are pending at Virgil T. Golden mortuary.

Bob Burns Seriously Ill

NORTH HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Bob Burns, Ozark comedian whose bawdyka fashioned from a length of pipe and a whisky funnel rocketed him to stardom in the movies and on radio, is critically ill.

His physician, Dr. David Hertz, said Tuesday night that Burns has been in a coma since last Saturday at the West Valley Community Hospital. Burns is 64.

Father-Son Banquet Due

South Salem Hi-Y will have a fathers and sons dinner 6:30 p.m. today in the YMCA.

Speakers will be Roy Harland, board of directors president; Ted Ogden, board member; and Julius Parisien, Salem delegate to the Paris conference last year. Ron Baker will ask invocation and Gary Anderson will give a humorous reading.

South Salem High School officials and coaches will be guests.

Vehicle Slips, Crushes Boy

EUGENE (AP)—An automobile slipped off some blocks while he was underneath working on it, fatally crushing Robert Jude Smith, 14.

Coroner Fred Buell said the youth was helping his father, George Smith of Eugene, make repairs on the family car when the accident occurred Monday afternoon.

Besides the parents, the boy is survived by four brothers and five sisters. The mother is an invalid.

Boivin to Seek Re-Election

KLAMATH FALLS (AP)—Harry Boivin, Klamath Falls Democrat, said Tuesday he will seek re-election to the State Senate.

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