

Meeting Mulls District Future

Poll Bottleneck Called 'Impossible'

Many persons appeared at a meeting of the Wallamette Park and Recreation Board held in Springfield Monday night, most of them with an expressed desire to fight for continuing the district. During the evening several alternatives were suggested to carry on with the district. (See story on Page One).

Mrs. Vera Hansen, one of the citizens at the hearing who asked for resubmission of the issue, pointed out that the poll bottleneck is an "impossible situation." She noted that the more than 6000 registered voters in the district conceivably might all flock to the voting place and that the single election board of four persons could not begin to handle them in the allotted five hours' voting period under Oregon law.

During the Jan. 22 election an all-time record number of voters turned out to cast 1195 ballots. Officials have explained that the district is bound by Oregon law especially governing park district elections. General election law, however, permits polling places for every 500 persons.

THE MEETING among citizens and the board Monday was dominated by persons desiring continuation of the district's projects. Discussion ranged from a tearful plea by a Springfield woman that the district remain open for the "hundreds of local kids," to an irate demand by an unidentified man who insisted the vote be the deciding factor.

He said a proposal to resubmit the bond issue is a "poor example to set before our young people." In America the majority rules, he said; and the 602 No and 593 Yes votes should be final.

A burst of applause was given Mrs. Hansen when she jumped to her feet at one point, exclaiming that the "election was not a true expression of the people." She later repeated her point: that if many voters desiring to vote were unable to do so, it is impossible to determine the majority wish.

PETITIONS were submitted to the board from 300 high school students, asking for another election. A lady in the audience challenged the signatures on grounds that students "will sign anything." She wanted to know how many signers utilize facilities of the district.

A high school student blurted out, "Four hundred per cent." Petitions signed by about 85 citizens were also presented, asking for another election.

Another woman challenged the idea of a re-vote. "If the situation had been reversed, and the election carried," she said, "would there be this discussion about why the election should be re-submitted?"

DON WARNICK, in favor of re-submission, told her, "The people have a right to vote and vote again until the election carries." Board Chairman J. Spencer Carlson said it would not be necessary to check whether all voters Jan. 22 were registered. Attorney Fort explained that as long as the election was defeated there is no purpose in the check.

Board members promised decision soon on whether to ask for another election. Another meeting has been set for 8 p.m. next Tuesday in Memorial Bldg.

More Turkeys Due

PORTLAND — (AP) — Oregon turkey growers plan on a 1952 turkey crop about 5 per cent greater than last year, the Department of Agriculture reported Tuesday.

News Briefs



RAIN

U.S. Weather Bureau Forecast: Eugene and vicinity: Cloudy with occasional rain through Wednesday. High temperature Tuesday and Wednesday, near 50; low Wednesday morning, 38. Western Oregon: same.

Local Statistics: Highest temperature Monday, 54; low Tuesday morning, 46; rain in 24 hours ending 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, .05 inch; total for month, 5.14 inches; normal for month, 5.73 inches; stage of river at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, plus 1.1 feet; wind at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, SE-5; prevailing Monday, SW-2.

Sunrise and Sunset (PST): Wednesday, 7:32 a.m., and 5:19 p.m. Thursday, 7:31 a.m., and 5:21 p.m.

ROAD REPORT

Santiam Pass—Slippery; carry chains.

Willamette Pass—Good condition; chains not needed.

Siskiyou—Good condition; chains not needed.

VFW AUXILIARY 3965, Springfield, has cancelled a card party scheduled for 12:30 p.m. Wednesday.

COTTAGE GROVE—A Saginaw man, Theodore Thompson, 62, was given out-patient treatment at Cottage Grove Hospital Monday after he fell at home, cutting his forehead.

COTTAGE GROVE—Six-year-old Katherine Isbell of 1595 Lincoln St., Cottage Grove, was in good condition Tuesday at Cottage Grove Hospital with second degree burns. She was burned Saturday by boiling water. Her brother, George, was also injured. However, he was released after first aid treatment.

EMMAUS Lutheran Ladies Aid meets Thursday, Feb. 7, at 2 p.m. in the parish hall for its monthly meeting. Mrs. A. M. Anderson is hostess.

Dry Milk in Lunch

Topic of Demonstration

A demonstration of uses of dry milk in school lunches will be given by Mrs. Madge Little, national demonstrator for the American Dry Milk Institute, for public school luncheon cooks in Roosevelt Junior High Wednesday, Jan. 30, at 2:30 p.m.

Lunchroom employees of Eugene, Bethel, Springfield, Coburg, Veneta, and Junction City have been invited by Mrs. Laura P. Wells, state lunchroom supervisor, Eugene, Portland, and Salem are the only three Oregon cities in which the demonstrations will be held.

Edgar Hulse

Edgar H. Hulse of 425 Cal Young Rd., Eugene, died Tuesday, Jan. 29, 1952, at the age of 67. He was born Aug. 30, 1884, at Wallawa, Ore.

Surviving are his widow, Bessie; three sons, Kenneth of Eugene, Robert of El Segundo, Calif., and Beal of Sacramento, Calif.; three daughters, Irene Stephens, Marjory Collar and Thelma Kaufman, all of Eugene; a brother; a sister, and 20 grandchildren.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in Poole-Larsen Chapel. Dr. Vance H. Webster will officiate, with burial in Mulkey Cemetery.

40th in Action?

WASHINGTON — (AP) — A report of the death in action of a California soldier indicated Tuesday that the 40th or California Guard Division is fighting in Korea.

Council-Manager Proposal Studied

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open to a discussion of whether to go ahead with the proposed plan, a lively debate ensued between its opponents and proponents. The main arguments against it were that it would be undemocratic and dictatorial, and that the present county government is a good one.

The Register-Guard, which has editorially supported the proposal for a manager form of county government, was a main target of the opponents to the plan.

ROBERT N. MCCREA, 730 Van Buren St., said he had opposed the plan before and would do so again. He said he thought the Register-Guard was behind the present move and that the paper wanted a manager system "because they want to control county government." He referred to the plan as "a monster" fattered by Register-Guard Editor William M. Tugman.

Todd replied that the Register-Guard had not called the meeting. He again emphasized that the meeting was not for the purpose of debating the pros and cons of the manager system but to decide upon whether or not to begin the drive to get the measure before the voters.

DAVE HOOVER, of Deadwood, called the plan "a great mistake... a red herring." He said the American people had greater issues to decide today than those concerning their county government. Hoover recommended that the people give their attention to the federal government which is "bleeding the county white" through taxation.

Norman Schneider, 710 E. 18th Ave., favored the plan. He said no counties which have adopted the system have done away with it, that it has proved efficient and democratic. He challenged the opponents of the plan to run their own businesses in the same manner as the present county government, asking "Where would your businesses be in 30 days?"

"COUNTY BUSINESS is big business today and deserves a better system," Schneider said. Annual county business is more than \$3 million, Schneider added.

L. G. Raish, a member of the three-man county court which would be done away with under a manager form, came to the defense of the current system. Admitting that the court doesn't always agree, he stated, "We get along up there better than some people think."

Raish said in support of the court that Lane County has no bonded indebtedness today, that its 8-mill levy is well below the average of counties in the state, and that there are more important things to accomplish in the county than a change in its government. He specified a county convalescent home as one thing the county needs.

Myrl Garnett, of Rt. 3, Eugene, bitterly attacked the manager proposal.

"I'VE LIVED here a long time and I don't see anything wrong with our form of government," he said. "Joe Stalin tried to change

it and has an instrument right in our community."

The people would be "losing our liberties" to "one man rule" if a council-manager system were okayed, Garnett said. He charged that "a publication around here" supported some officials in the last county elections so that it could point to them later as reasons for bringing a manager form of government to Lane County.

TODD JOINED in the attacks on the Register-Guard at this point, asking, "How long has it been since anyone was elected without the approval of the local press?—a good many years."

Under a manager form of government the board of supervisors would make the system more responsive to the voters and less subject to one-man rule from any source, Todd contended. "You have all seen one individual recently crucified in one short editorial. How could such a thing happen with this other system?" Marvin Warlick, permanent chairman of the 1950 committee to change the county charter, spoke up against a charge by Garnett that the manager would be a dictator and the supervisors his pawns.

"WHAT WOULD BE so undemocratic about electing seven men from seven different parts of the county to run the county government?" Warlick asked. This, he said, was representative government.

Dave Atwater, 2090 Adams St., said, "It makes me sick to see this county run the way it was when your grandfathers ran it." The "old, creaking machinery" should be replaced by new men with new ideas, he added.

Todd called a halt to the argument, asking only those to stay who were interested in forming a committee to work for the manager system.

Most of those persons favoring the plan were from Eugene and the surrounding area. William Cash, of Oakridge, promised support from that area, however.

Police Bag Stolen Cars

Hot cars from Washington didn't stand a chance Monday in the southern end of the Willamette Valley.

At 1:30 p.m., a Eugene patrolman stopped a 1949 Mercury at 10th Ave. and Pearl St., arresting Melvin Augustus Caughey of San Francisco. The car was listed as stolen from Vancouver Sunday midnight.

At 3:30 p.m., two state police officers saw a "suspicious 1940 Hudson enter Pass Creek Canyon, south of Cottage Grove. A radio check revealed that the car had been stolen from Yakima at midnight Sunday. They arrested the driver, Kenneth Still, 21, of Yakima, who said he was a private detective driving his boss' car.

Both men were turned over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, as interstate movement of stolen property is a federal offense.

Young Robber Sentenced To Six Years in Pen

James McAlpine Clark, 20 year old bandit who recently confessed to the holdup of the Friendly Tavern and the pistol-whipping of its owner, was sentenced to six years in the penitentiary in circuit court Tuesday morning for the offense.

Clark was captured by state police on Dec. 21 only twelve hours after he had staged the robbery. He gave his home address as Delwood, Oregon.

Four Indicted In Tax Evasion

PORTLAND — (AP) — A federal grand jury indicted four persons on charges of income tax evasion Monday.

Three were from Klamath Falls. A dentist, Miller E. Cooper, was accused of hiding \$15,963 income; Dan D. Liskey, a rancher, of hiding \$75,485; his wife, Mabel, of hiding \$160,428.

A Portlander, Charles A. Beahm, was accused of not reporting \$19,090 income.

The grand jury also indicted William Rowland, 55, on a charge of involuntary manslaughter. He was accused of causing the death of Mrs. Maoline Isabelle McCorkle, 28, on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation, where both lived, last November.

Four Rescued By Helicopter

MOUNTAIN HOME, Idaho — (AP) — Four men who waited a week at snowbound Rocky Bar were removed by helicopter Saturday.

Capt. John R. Peacock, the same pilot who flew Mrs. Gene Jack and her son from the area a week ago, returned from Washington State to make three more trips into the Sawtooth Mountains.

The men, all of whom aided in the rescue of Mrs. Jack, are Mrs. Jack's husband, Vern Mackey, a Hailey miner, and Lt. Daniel A. Fitzgerald and T-Sgt. Frank Sackrider. The latter two were parachuted to the snowbound mining camp to aid Mrs. Jack.

Oklahoma Station Draws Line on Beer

TULSA, Okla. — (AP) — Radio station KOME has quit the Mutual Broadcasting System rather than advertise beer.

Dr. John E. Brown, chairman of John Brown University, Siloam Springs, Ark., which owns the station here, said Monday KOME will cancel its Mutual affiliation on March 1 because of the "network's insistence that KOME carry beer advertising."

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