

3 Eugeneans Earn Degrees

LEWIS AND CLARK COLLEGE, Portland (Special) — Patricia Boals Clark, Stanley Clark and Philip Dahlquist, all of Eugene, are three of 267 students who will receive degrees at Lewis and Clark college June 1 at 4 p.m.

Mrs. Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray B. Boals, 1706 Jefferson street, will receive a bachelor of science degree in physical education. Stanley Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Clark, formerly of Eugene, will receive a bachelor of science degree in business administration. Both are June '48 graduates of Eugene high school.

Dahlquist, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip C. Dahlquist, 1680 Westover Drive, will receive a bachelor of science degree in business administration.

Merton K. Cameron

Merton K. Cameron, 66, former professor of economics at the University of Oregon, died at San Gabriel, Cal., May 22, 1952.

He was born in Maryland, graduated from Princeton University and took his Ph. D. at Harvard. He came to the University of Oregon in 1920 and left in 1928 to teach at the University of Hawaii, at Honolulu. He retired in 1950.

He is survived by his wife, 855 East Leslie Dr., San Gabriel, Cal.; a daughter, Edith Kennerick, El Paso, Tex.; a son, Capt. Merton K. Cameron, II, Marine Air Force, El Toro, Cal.; and three grandchildren.

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Collision Brings Man's Arrest

OAKRIDGE — Frank Sutton of Willamette City, was cited by state police Tuesday for being drunk on the public highway. Police said he was driving a 1946 Chevrolet pickup which collided with a car driven and owned by Anna L. Flemming, when she attempted to make a right turn into a driveway. Both cars received fender damage, with the heaviest damage to Mrs. Flemming's 1952 Plymouth sedan. The accident happened on the county road in Willamette City.

Louis Andrew Clifton of McCredie Springs was arrested Tuesday by the state police on a warrant from Klamath Falls, on a charge of driving with suspended operator license. He was cited to appear at Klamath Falls Justice Court.

May 26, Monday, early in the morning, the state police officer at Oakridge was called to dress out a deer which was killed by a train at Pryor siding, the deer was taken to Eugene and put in quick freeze. It will be disposed of by the game commission at Portland.

Ellen E. Burton

Ellen E. Burton, 1572 Patterson St., died at her home May 27, 1952. She was born near Marysville, Mo., Sept. 27, 1894, and was married to Dixon P. Burton at Cottage Grove in 1914. He died in 1919.

She was the daughter of pioneer parents, who came to Lane County 71 years ago to live at Cottage Grove and Eugene. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Eugene and was the last surviving charter member of the Cottage Grove Rebekah Lodge.

Survivors include four children, Mrs. Eva Barrows, Eugene, Steven W. Rockaway Beach, Mo.; Milton C. Pasadena, Texas, and Cyrus C. San Francisco; a sister, Mary J. Vaughan, Portland; four grandchildren, and a great grandson.

Services will be at the Poole-Larsen Chapel Saturday, May 31, at 1:30 p.m. Dr. Vance H. Webster will officiate. Interment will be in the family plot at the I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Cottage Grove.

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News Briefs



PARTLY CLOUDY

U.S. Weather Bureau Forecast: Eugene and vicinity: Partly cloudy with partial clearing Thursday afternoon. Cooler. Highs Wednesday and Thursday, near 74. Western Oregon: same, except possible showers and thunderstorms over mountains.

Local Statistics: Highest temperature Tuesday, 87; low Wednesday morning, 47; rain in 24 hours ending 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, 9; total for month, .39 inch; normal for month, 1.80 inches; stage of river at 7:30 a.m., Wednesday, 10.4 feet; wind at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, SW-12; prevailing Tuesday, SW-6.4.

Sunrise and Sunset (PST): Thursday, 4:34 a.m., and 7:45 p.m. Friday, 4:33 a.m., and 7:46 p.m.

OAKRIDGE — William F. Rickard, a Hines Lumber Co. woods employee of Westfir, was treated at Oakridge Clinic Tuesday forenoon, for a foot injury suffered while at work.

HAROLD E. L. Barton, clerk of the Eugene Friends Meeting, will be discussion leader Thursday noon at the open forum meeting at 1076 Willamette St. The topic for discussion is, "Is our present foreign policy leading to the objectives the American people want?"

THERE WILL be a special meeting of the American Federation of Government Employees Local 1276 at 8 p.m. Thursday in the civil service room of the Postoffice Bldg. in honor of the group's national representative, Walter F. Sanders. This meeting will be in lieu of the regular June 8 meeting and is open to all classified and annual federal employees.

MEMBERS OF General Lawton Auxiliary, USWU, are asked to meet at the home of Mrs. George L. Jenkins, 1825 Mill St., at 1:30 p.m. Thursday to make wreaths and sprays for soldiers graves. Members are asked to bring flowers.

OREGON RAMBLERS Motorcycle Club of Springfield will meet at 527 1/2 Park St. Thursday at 8:30 p.m.

ROBERT H. GRANT, graduate of St. Mary's High School in Eugene, has been elected vice president of the student body of St. Martin's College. He is a sophomore pre-law major at the Olympia college.

Election System Outmoded

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senators. Many times this number may seek the nomination.

The more names are on the ballot, the longer it takes the citizens to vote. And (the political scientist adds parenthetically) the less informed the voter likely will be.

ELECTIONS COST too much. The May 16 primary cost Lane County more than \$25,000. This is not unusually high, although it may be a little high because of the big vote and the long ballot. The county pays board members, rents polling places, and prints the ballots. The state provides certain tallying forms, pencils, sealing wax and needles.

ELECTION BOARDS are hard to get.

A clerk in the election department began in November lining up boards for the county's 152 precincts. The day before election three board chairmen resigned.

There is no good way of schooling election board members before an election. It isn't unheard of, Payne admits, for boards to be made up entirely of inexperienced workers. Even if the election department had time to run a pre-election school for board members, it wouldn't be fair to require them to come into Eugene from outlying points, paying their own expenses to learn a job for which they are not highly paid.

Pay is 75 cents an hour, straight time. It used to be 50 cents. Some board members worked more than 24 hours in the 1952 primary. One woman worked 36 hours in one stretch.

Many boards are made up of people who are too old or too feeble to work quickly. Younger people have jobs or have children which make it difficult for them to serve. Yet, says Payne, "They are doing the best they can and deserve a lot of credit." The system might work better, Payne conceded, "if we had experienced boards in age brackets that can stand the gaff."

POLLING PLACES are inadequate.

The secret ballot is often a joke. Any sharp-eyed citizen who wants to can usually peek over the "booth" and see how another person votes. In cases where polling places are in homes, it is not unusual for voters to mark ballots on the family piano or on the mantel.

The county pays \$10 rent on a polling place at which two boards operate. If no counting board is used, rent is \$5. A second board may be added if more than 100 votes are cast in a precinct. The county usually appoints the second board; always does for the larger precincts.

Proper voting booths cost. The law says there shall be a booth for every 40 voters. Portable, canvas booths of a type which meet legal requirements come in sets of two, at \$44 a set. Chase figures the outlay for enough of these to cover the county would be \$30,000—nearly a year's election department budget.

SOME PRECINCTS are too big. Precincts vary in size from Five Rivers to Thurston. Five Rivers, on the Lincoln County line near Alsea, has 21 registered voters, eight of whom voted May 18. Thurston, east of Springfield, has 800 registered voters. Many have more than 600.

Because of distance, many small precincts cannot be consolidated. Large ones aren't split because the cost would be too great if more boards were hired and more polling places rented. A precinct must be split, however, if 500 votes are cast there. The number of registered voters doesn't count. That's why Thurston has not been split. In Zumwalt precinct last year, more than 500 voted. It was split this year into North Zumwalt and South Zumwalt.

To the above complaints one answer is often heard—voting machines.

But even the magic machines could not be used without special legislation, Chase feels. The law now calls for ballots of certain color and description.

CHASE AND PAYNE believe the machines might help, but have not looked into the matter too closely. In the absence of a law permitting them, they feel the question is academic.

Multnomah County has explored the possibility, and in 1928 tried the machines. They were discarded because they gummed up on Oregon's long candidate lists, and because people who held election board jobs objected to losing their checks.

Payne thinks at least three persons would have to work in precincts, even with the machines. Present boards are made up of five persons. If machines were

used, however, counting boards would be a thing of the past.

Voting machines cost about \$1400 each, Chase and Payne said. They aren't sure of the figure, and haven't priced them, however, because the question of using them is academic.

Payne estimated it would take 500 machines to service Lane County's 158 precincts. That multiplies out to \$700,000, a fifth of the county's yearly budget. They admit they may be overestimating the number of machines they'd need. Portland, with 774 precincts, believes it could get along with 500 machines.

IT IS ALSO possible, they admit that machines in the biggest precincts might solve the major problems, even with the smaller precincts continuing to use the board-and-ballot system. In the long run, they feel, the investment might be worth while. A lot of money would be saved each election. And, each election the job would be done easier and quicker. Official tallies would be possible a few hours after the polls closed.

Five hundred communities in 30 states use machines now. New York and Rhode Island use them in all precincts. They have been proved relatively tamper-proof. Under the ballot system there is always the possibility of monkey business.

Chase and Payne don't believe there's monkey business going on in Lane County elections. But the system is slow and cumbersome. They say all they can do under "the system" is make the best of a nineteenth-century situation.

Pfc. L. L. Smith

The body of Pfc. Leonard L. Smith, son of Mrs. Rheba W. Smith, 341 E. 16th Ave., Eugene, is being returned from Korea aboard the Jericho Victory, due in San Francisco this week.

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