

What Do You Mean 'Central Oregon'?

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CENTRAL OREGON PLYWOOD CORPORATION WILL BUILD TWO PLANTS,

A PEELING PLANT AT ELKTON, ORE., AND FINISHING PLANT AT COTTAGE GROVE.

GERALD EGAN, PRESIDENT, WILLIS E. SMITH, EUGENE, GENERAL MANAGER, AND MAYNARD WILSON, COTTAGE GROVE, SECRETARY-TREASURER.

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Information that the Wall Street Journal, San Francisco edition, recently carried a news item about plans for extensive operations in the coming year by a newly organized firm, the Central Oregon Plywood corporation, led to a bit of research by The Bulletin. The United Press staff in Portland was asked to check, and the above teletype message was received. "Central Oregon" is part of the new firm's name, but the plants will be west of the Cascades.

Marshall N. Dana Chamber Forum Speaker Friday

Marshall N. Dana, assistant to the president of the U. S. National bank of Portland and former editor of the Oregon Journal's editorial page, will address the first 1951 forum luncheon of the Bend chamber of commerce at the Pine tavern this Friday.

Topic of Dana's talk will be announced later.

Marion E. Cady, manager of the chamber, announced today that members of the Tumalo, Eastern Star and Pine Forest granges and the Deschutes county Farm Bureau federation have been invited to attend the forum, as well as all members of the chamber.

Reservations Asked
Cady requested that persons planning to attend the forum telephone reservations to the chamber office as soon as possible. The number is 1953.

Dana was employed by the Portland bank following retirement recently from the staff of the Oregon Journal. He had been employed by the newspaper since 1909. Dana has been active in the development of the northwest and is a past president of the National Reclamation association and the Oregon Reclamation congress.

He is co-author of "More Power to You" and many articles and reviews.

The forum will begin at noon on Friday.

Cook Sentenced To Prison Term

Oklahoma City, March 21 (AP) — Federal Judge Stephen S. Chandler ruled Billy Cook incurably mentally ill today and sentenced him to a 300-year term in Alcatraz prison for murdering the Calver, Mosser family of five.

It is the judgment of this court," Chandler said in a low firm voice, "that W. E. Cook be subjected to 60 years on the first count, and a life term on the other four counts."

The five counts charge Cook with the murder of each of the Mossers.

Immediately after the sentence U. S. attorney Robert E. Shelton announced a new attempt would be made to give Cook the death penalty.

"I am going to recommend to the attorney general that Cook be released immediately either to California or Missouri authorities."

Cook was charged with five counts of murder in Missouri because he shot the Mossers at Joplin and hid their bodies in an abandoned mine shaft there. He is charged in California with shooting Robert Dewey, Seattle, Wash., salesman.

Doctors Agreed
In ruling Cook insane Chandler said he was accepting the testimony of Dr. Hugh Galbraith, psychiatrist, and three doctors from the Menninger clinic in Topeka, Kan., who all agreed Cook was "incurably insane."

"I do not think it can be justifiably said," Chandler told a jam-packed courtroom, "that the defendant had sufficient mental capacity to commit a crime warranting the death penalty by a jury of this court."

As the black-robed judge pronounced sentence, U. S. district attorney Robert E. Shelton jumped from his chair and shouted angrily:

"If there was ever a death penalty case in the history of the nation this is a death penalty case."

Cook, a 23-year-old Missouri ex-convict who had pleaded guilty, showed no emotion whatsoever as the judge and district attorney argued sharply.

"This boy's childhood is no justification for wiping out six people — an entire family in cold-blooded murder," Shelton said. "I want the public and the court to know that I demand the death penalty in this case."

Intrim Committee Reports On Duplication, Waste Found In Administrative Setup

By RICHARD ANDERSON

(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Salem, March 21 (AP)—Oregon's "little Hoover" legislative interim committee today filed its third and final report asserting that state government was top-heavy with obsolete and overlapping agencies.

But the committee said the study would need more time and money before specific recommendations could be drawn up for a constitutional convention to streamline government. The interim committee on state government administration was created by the 1949 legislature. It published a voluminous analysis of state structure under the guidance of Chairman, Rep. Rudie Wilhelms, Portland republican.

Easter Egg Coloring Set For Friday

Eighteen hundred eggs which will be used Sunday in the Lions' annual egg hunt will be colored Friday when a committee headed by Clair Douglas will hold its annual "paint session." Other members of the committee are Bruce Cullison, Jim Lanzarotta, William Healy, Jr., Jim Wade and Kenneth Cruikshank. The eggs will be in the rear of the Woolworth store and the committee faces many hours of work.

Final plans for the Easter egg hunt, to be held this year for the first time at the Bend municipal airport, were announced at yesterday's meeting of the Lions, at the Pine tavern. The program will start at 1:20 with a concert by the Bend municipal band, followed by drill team action.

The hunt is to start promptly at 2 o'clock. O. K. Rogers, general chairman of the evening, has announced. Work of hiding the eggs will start Sunday at 8 a. m., in a roped-off area near the airport buildings. The committee promises some "tough hunting" for the youngsters, with plenty of tall grass available.

There will be plenty of parking space. Spectators will be able to view the hunt from the paved aprons in front of the airport buildings. The airport is on the Butler road, about six miles east of Bend.

For the past two years, the egg hunt was held on the Shevlin farm, but because of the wet condition of the ground, a new location was designated this year.

The Lions' program yesterday was themed on the approaching Easter holiday, with Rev. Roy Austin as speaker. He was introduced by Don Pence, program chairman. W. E. Naylor presided in the absence of R. E. Jewell, president, who is in Portland.

Highway Group To Meet Here

Officers of the Oregon U. S. Highway 20 association will meet in Bend March 27 with members of the roads and highways and tourists and conventions committees of the Bend chamber of commerce, Marion E. Cady, chamber manager, announced today.

The men will stop here as part of a tour which they will conduct preliminary to a special "trek" of highway 20 in May. The trek will be made by bus from Newport to Boise and will be conducted as part of a program by the association to stimulate interest in the use of the highway.

Meeting here on March 27 to plan the trek will be Frank Updike, Toledo, president of the association; James M. Howes, Newport, secretary, and Mel Hamerness, Toledo, chairman of the trek committee.

While on their trip, the officers will also confer with members of chambers of commerce at Burns, Vale, Nyssa, Caldwell, Boise, John Day, Prineville, and Redmond. They will meet at Prineville at 10 a. m. on March 27 and at Redmond at 11 a. m. the same day.

BURGLAR FAILS

Police reported today that an attempt had been made to burglarize the Crouch Candy Co., at 375 East Burnside avenue in Bend, but that the prowler was unable to get into the building, through a window. The burglary attempt apparently occurred Monday night, but it was not discovered until yesterday.

Schueler Resigns As Savings Bond Committee Head

Resignation of A. L. O. Schueler, Bend, as Deschutes chairman of the U. S. treasury savings bonds committee and appointment of Clark A. Price, also of Bend, as his successor, was announced today by E. C. Sammons, Portland, state chairman.

"It was with real regret that I recently received word from you that you wished to resign as county chairman of the savings bonds committee," Sammons wrote to Schueler, adding: "However, in view of your own uncertain plans for the future and of the fact that you have served almost exactly 10 years as war bond and savings bond chairman for Deschutes county, I certainly do not feel that we are in a position to attempt to get you to change your mind."

Always Met Quotas
Schueler served as Deschutes war bond chairman through world war II, during which the county never failed to meet its quota.

"The showing made by the people of your county during war bond days is of too recent memory and too well known to require any comment from me," Sammons noted. He concluded: "I congratulate you most heartily at the conclusion of a long and difficult job and I also take this opportunity to extend to you my own thanks as well as those of the treasury department and your fellow citizens in your own county."

Price Taking Over
Price, who will take over the savings bonds work for the U. S. treasury in Deschutes county, is manager of the Oregon state employment service, with headquarters here. He has been a resident of the county four years. Price is a member of the Bend chamber of commerce, the Bend Rotary club, Bly lodge Masons, Royal Arch Masons and Elks. He is chairman of the Red Cross industrial division, and is serving as deputy defense director here.

Price is also a member of the Bend apprenticeship council advisory board. Schueler was assistant general manager of The Shevlin-Hixon Company plant in Bend, until its recent purchase by Brooks-Scanlon, Inc.

Gas Explosion Damages Portland Bank, Causes Injury of 7 Persons

Lava Bears Take Opening Tilt

Eugene, March 21 (AP)—Bend's Lava Bears opened the second day's play in the 33rd annual Oregon state high school basketball tournament at MacArthur court today by wallpopping Scappoose, 60 to 48.

Bend, led by star center Reggie Halligan who scored 27 points, got off to a flying start and flashed to a 21 to 9 lead by end of the first quarter.

Scappoose shook its tournament jitters and closed the gap to 32-24 at halftime and came out after the intermission to battle to a 34-34 tie after three minutes of the third period. The rest of the quarter was fiercely fought with Bend maintaining a five-point, 47-42, edge going into the final period.

With Halligan leading the way, the Lava Bears poured in 13 points while holding Scappoose to six to win going away.

Guard Ray Wallis sparked the Scappoose attack with 18 points. Forward Dick Laursen scored 12 points for Bend and guard Ron Johnson netted 11 for Scappoose. (Continued on Page 6)

Noon Holy Week Service Thursday

Final Holy week noon-hour service in the series sponsored by the Bend Ministerial association will be held Thursday at First Lutheran church, and traditional Good Friday noon services will be held March 23 from 12 noon to 3 p. m. at Trinity Episcopal church.

The noon-hour services have been held daily from 12:30 to 1 p. m., with each program including an organ prelude, an opening hymn, a scripture reading and prayer, announcements, special music, a lenten message, closing prayer and an organ postlude.

Speaker for tomorrow will be Rev. Stanley Gunster of First Lutheran church, with "Weep Not for Me" as the text. Rev. Len Fishback of First Christian church will preside.

Speaker for today was Rev. Percy Götter of the Church of God. Rev. Roy Austin of First Baptist church presided. The sermon topic was "Let Not Your Heart Fail."

Rev. Fred C. Wissenbach, pastor of Trinity Episcopal church, will be in charge of the Good Friday service, assisted by several members of the ministerial association. Theme for this year's Good Friday meditations on the Crucifixion will be, "What Jesus Saw from the Cross." Participating ministers stressed that the public will be welcome to attend.

The ministerial association also provided luncheon speakers for Bend service clubs this week. Rev. R. E. Nicholas of Westminster Presbyterian church spoke at the Rotary club, and Rev. Fishback addressed the Junior chamber of commerce.

Central Oregon Load Limit Cut

Effective tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock, load limits on the Central Oregon highway between Hampton and Suxtek will be reduced about one half, because of a break-up of the road bed, it was announced today by W. E. Chandler, engineer in charge of the state highway department's Bend division. A number of soft spots have developed, making the reduced limit necessary.

A load limit is still effective on the new Ochoco highway between Prineville and Mitchell, with heavy loaded vehicles being detoured over the old highway, via the Ochoco ranger station. Blocked near Biggs by work for about a week, the Oregon Trail highway along the Columbia will be opened to one-way travel this evening.

TALKS RESUMED

Portland, March 21 (AP)—Contract talks between northwest lumber and sawmill employers' representatives and the International Woodworkers of America resumed here today at 2 p. m. Federal mediator Arthur Viat, San Francisco, reported.

No progress was made in yesterday's negotiations between the two groups, Viat said.

Spring Comes Amid Mild Temperatures

Spring moved into the central Oregon country today, calendar makers report, but so far as temperature was concerned the last day of winter was milder than the first day of spring. Yesterday's maximum was 55 degrees, highest of the month. At noon today, the mercury was hovering near the 50-degree mark.

Blue skies, flecked by occasional clouds, were in evidence today, and Bend residents are confident that spring is finally here and that March will go out like a lamb. However, weathermen are not so optimistic. They have indicated that Easter may be damp, at least in the western part of the state.

The winter that just ended was a sort of double winter, old timers agree. A cold, damp fall and early winter were followed by generally fair weather through December and January. February was normal, but the first part of March brought winter of marked severity.

Lowest temperature of the winter of 1950-51 was 12 below zero, in February.

Oregon Voters May Pass on Tax Setup, Indicated

Salem, March 21 (AP)—Oregon's house representatives' tax committee today was considering a proposal to turn over the state's weightiest tax problem to the voters.

The voters would decide at the next general election whether they want a sales tax or a heavily increased income tax, or neither. The proposal was made by house tax committee chairman Rep. Rudie Wilhelm late Tuesday after the committee struggled with tax bills for four hours.

Meanwhile, Sen. Dean Walker of the joint ways and means committee said there was little chance of the legislature trimming Oregon's \$180,000,000 budget proposed for the next two years.

The house tax committee also indicated it would not favor repeal of a \$30 per pupil property tax levy for the basic school fund approved by the voters at the last general election. The repeal measure was introduced by Rep. Gies French, of Moro, who said schools did not need the additional \$11,000,000 a year the tax would raise.

Rep. Donald Husband, of Eugene, however, opposed repeal, and believed that school costs would be lower under recommendations for more streamlined administration recommended by Dr. T. C. Holly.

Field Acquitted In Contempt Case

Washington, March 21 (AP)—New York millionaire Frederick Vanderbilt Field, 45, was acquitted of contempt of congress today by Federal Judge T. Alan Goldsborough.

After examining the official transcript, Goldsborough ruled that Field was within his right in refusing to answer 32 questions put to him on April 28 by a senate committee investigating alleged communist infiltration of the state department.

He said if Field had answered affirmatively to all 32 questions, little more evidence would have been needed to put him in the penitentiary.

In passing, the judge pointed out that convicting a man who has asked for constitutional protection "could be used as first class propaganda against the government of the United States."

The constitution states that no man can be compelled in any criminal case to testify against himself.

EX-AGENT SURRENDERS

San Francisco, March 21 (AP)—Ernest M. Schino, ousted chief field deputy of the collector of internal revenue of northern California, and Martin Hartmann, a stock salesman, surrendered to the U. S. marshal today on charges they conspired to defraud the government by trying to "fix" an income tax evasion case.

Patrick Mooney, 81, former chief field deputy for the collector of internal revenue of Nevada, was also served with a government indictment but there was no report of his surrender.

PROGRAM ENDS MAY 10

E. Harvey Miller, chairman of the state production and marketing administration, has announced that the 1950 potato price support program is to close on May 10.

Costello Again Defies Committee

Albany, N. Y., March 21 (AP)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, who rode to fame as a hard-hitting racket buster, refused today to testify before the Kefauver senate crime investigating committee.

By Barbara Bundschu (United Press Staff Correspondent)

New York, March 21 (AP)—Frank Costello, alleged boss of a nationwide crime syndicate with tentacles into big-time politics, defied the senate crime investigating committee today for the eighth time.

The sullen master mind of the underworld was proving the most recalcitrant witness yet encountered in questioning gamblers, racketeers and criminals.

Testifying only because he faced possibly three years in prison under a three-count contempt of congress citation voted by the committee Saturday, he brought his total defiance to seven and eight today by refusing flatly to state the amounts of his total indebtedness and of his net worth.

Deportation Goal
But Rudolph Halley, committee counsel, pressed him relentlessly, obviously in pursuit of admissions which could result in his prosecution for perjury and in his deportation to his native Italy for falsifying his citizenship papers.

At 12:30 p. m. when the committee recessed for lunch until 2 p. m., the swarthy Costello appeared shaken. Costello was compelled to admit to owning approximately \$150,000 in cash and real estate and stocks worth approximately \$100,000.

And he was forced to admit to having had a hand in the wide-open gambling at Saratoga Springs, a spa near New York's capital at Albany. Committee witnesses have testified that the gambling there was with police connivance and the committee renewed its invitation to Gov. Thomas E. Dewey to tell his official position regarding Saratoga conditions.

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Bonneville Party Visits in Bend

Headed by A. B. MacPherson, acting chief of the branch of land and property utilization, a group of Bonneville power administration officials were in the Deschutes country yesterday in connection with the extension of the BPA line south to the Klamath country. The group conferred with Brooks-Scanlon, Inc., and forest service officials relative to right-of-way matters in the southern woods.

Members of the Bonneville party arrived by plane from Portland, and landed at the Bend airport. With MacPherson were George L. Englesby and M. W. Belcher, from the Bonneville office in Portland. They stayed last night at the Pilot Butte inn and left this morning, presumably for Klamath Falls. While in the Deschutes country yesterday, members of the party also conferred with officials of the Gilchrist Timber Co. relative to right-of-way through Gilchrist holdings.

Removing Timber
The Bonneville power administration has obtained right of way through the Deschutes national forest, and a contract for removal of timber from the right-of-way in this county has been awarded to Leonard Lundgren, local lumberman. In the southern woods, the line will extend through former Shevlin-Hixon property that is now owned by Brooks-Scanlon, Inc.

In the near future, the forest service will call for bids on BPA right-of-way timber in the Deschutes national forest in northern Klamath county.

Parks Admits He Was Once Communist

Washington, March 21 (AP)—Screen actor Larry Parks admitted today he was a member of the communist party 10 years ago, but said he has left it because there's a big difference between being a communist in 1941 and being one in 1951.

Parks was the first witness in a reopening of the Hollywood investigation by the house un-American activities committee.

"I was a communist a number of years ago when I was a younger man—10 years ago," he said. Parks admitted that there were communists in the Actors Laboratory—a school and "showcase" for actors—and that he was "honorary" treasurer of the group with the duty of signing checks. He said "there were communists attached to the lab."

Parks told the committee he left the communist party in 1944 or 1945 and has had no connections with it since 1946.

Difference Claimed
"I would like to point out that in my opinion there's a great difference, not a subtle difference, between being a member of the communist party in 1941 and being a communist party member in 1951," Parks said.

Film actors Gale Sondergaard and Howard Da Silva also were on hand to testify in the one-day session. The hearings will be recessed after today and be resumed about April 10.

Parks was the first Hollywood witness since the committee began investigating the film capital to admit that he had been a member of the communist party. Ten more figures who refused to answer questions put by the committee in 1947 were convicted of contempt of congress.

Parks said he couldn't recall the date when he was treasurer of the Actors Laboratory but that it was before 1950. He said the lab was not a communist group but had members of "all colors of political philosophy."

He said he quit the lab because he thought it should be turned into a permanent repertory theater for a group of professional actors. The majority of the group wanted to keep it as a school, he said.

He said that in 1941 he was idealistic and felt the communists were for the underdog. But his participation in the organization "did not work out," Parks said, adding: "After I did become a member of the party I attended very few meetings and I drifted out the same way I drifted in."

ALARMS ANSWERED

Stove pipe and flue fires were the cause of still alarms answered today and yesterday by the Bend fire department.

This morning at 9:41, firemen went to the Clyde H. Johnson home, 441 Riverside, to extinguish a flue fire.

Tuesday firemen made a run to the John McKay residence, 1355 Jacksonville, where fire was burning around the stove pipe.

No damage was reported in either case.

Defense Plant Loans Face Further Committee Probe

By Paul Southwick (United Press Staff Correspondent)

Washington, March 21 (AP)—House investigators today dug into more defense plant loans to expose shoe-string operators who may be using federal subsidies to promote multi-million dollar schemes.

National production authority (NPA) officials admitted to a house executive expenditures subcommittee yesterday that they approved a \$7,800,000 loan for three Hazleton, Pa., businessmen who had only \$600 in cash, and had been turned down by the Reconstruction Finance Corp.

Chairman Porter Hardy Jr., D., Va., said other loans among the 19 granted by NPA are under study. He did not specify which ones.

It was learned, however, that the subcommittee is studying NPA's largest loan—\$23,000,000 to the Lone Star Steel Co. of Dallas, Tex. The firm received an additional \$50,000,000 from the RFC.

Big Fund Available
NPA has a \$600,000,000 fund to grant special loans to boost production of critical materials. It also may grant certificates to allow cost of new defense construction to be written off within five years through special tax benefits.

Bend Forecast

Bend and vicinity — Partly cloudy with a few showers over nearby mountains through Thursday. High both days 50-55; low tonight 25-30.

Main Floor Of Building Shattered

Portland, March 21 (AP