

Fire Department Lists Well Filled by Civil Service Tests

E. C. Hart, who for some time has been an acting first aid captain in the fire department, got permanent status Wednesday by appointment of the civil service commission. The appointment was a result of examinations given several weeks ago.

Hart graded 92.56 in the examinations. Right on his heels was the only other candidate for a first aid captaincy, Harvey Reinke, who scored 91.5.

Other results of the examinations were eight firemen eligible for promotion to fire captains and 17 rookies on the eligible list for service in the department.

Fire Chief W. P. Roble said all positions in the department are full at present, but that such appointments as are necessary when the new West Salem station is occupied in about 10 days can be readily filled from the new lists.

Those now qualified for captaincies in the order they rated in the tests are: Fred Hunt, Walter W. Mills, Robert Mobley, John Stetler, Jr., Donald Morley, Harvey Reinke, Clyde Buckholts, and Dene Ray.

In order of rating those qualified for rookie firemen are: Philip Jackson, Charles Whittemore, Royce Linhart, Herbert Fry, Frank Hills, Eugene McGuire, Dale Woodruff, Raymond Tompkins, Cecil Billings, Jack Hunt, Allen Meguer, Joseph Emmons, Glenn Hammond, Dean Blakeley, William Wenig, Earl Benz and Robert Anderson.

The commission will get a ruling from the secretary of state relative to credit for military service. A Salem civil service regulation allows 10 percent to be added to average grade in examinations, but City Attorney Chris J. Kowitz believes that is superseded by state law. The state law allows 5 points and but 10 points for

Highland Mothers Guests of Grades

The first three grades at Highland school entertained the Highland Mothers' club at their annual Christmas party, December 15, when they presented "Santa's Toy Review."

There were spinning tops, bouncing balls, panda bears, tumbling clowns, dancing dolls, tin soldiers, brownies, snowflakes and band boys—all parading before Santa Claus.

Adding to the review were the children dressed in their white capes and red bows, singing about each toy as they appeared on the stage. Glade Follis, principal, accompanied the children at the piano.

After the program the mothers were served cake and coffee in the school cafeteria. The tables were decorated with Christmas greens and red candles. Santa and his brownies distributed white elephant gifts to each mother.

Before the children are dismissed for the holidays, the Mothers' club plans a special treat for each child and a gift will be presented to each teacher. The room mothers will have charge of their respective rooms

Dewey Won't Be Candidate

Portland, Dec. 22 (AP)—New York's Gov. Thomas E. Dewey isn't going to change his mind and run again for the presidency. That's "as certain and final as death and the staggering New Deal taxes."

It's what he told a long-time friend in a letter answering the question.

John C. Higgins, who managed Dewey's republican primary campaign in 1948 in Oregon, said he had heard of political stirrings in the east, suggesting a move was afoot to get Dewey to run again. So he wrote and asked.

This, he said today, was the answer: "Nothing could arise now or in the future that would lead me to be the nominee for our party in 1952. My decision on this matter is as certain and final as death and the staggering New Deal taxes."

However, he said he believed advancement of "sound, progressive principles by the republican party is the only hope our country has of stopping the present drift to socialism in the national government," and "I shall continue actively to do everything in my power to advance those sound, progressive principles."

Power Output High

Seattle, Dec. 22 (AP)—Two new records for power production were set Tuesday by Bonneville and Grand Coulee dams, the Seattle office of the Bonneville power administration said yesterday.

During one 60-minute span, the two dams generated 2,078,000 kilowatts of power; in 24 hours, the production was 44,428,000 kilowatts.

Little Margaret O'Brien Denies She Caused Mother's Divorce

By BOB THOMAS

Hollywood, Dec. 22 (AP)—Little Margaret O'Brien finds herself cast by some people in the unwanted role as the villain in her mother's marital troubles.

"It's not true," says the child star. "All I wanted was to see my mother happy."

"That's right," agrees her mother, Mrs. Gladys O'Brien. "Margaret had nothing to do with the divorce."

Margaret has been censured from all sides for supposedly breaking up her mother's marriage to Bandleader Don Sylvio. The criticism has even been delivered in person.

While Mrs. O'Brien and daughter were shopping recently in Chicago, a wild-eyed woman rushed up and shook her finger at Margaret shouting, "what do you mean by interfering with your mother's marriage. You selfish child?" The woman wouldn't accept Mrs. O'Brien's explanations.

"In the first place," Mrs. O'Brien explained to me, "Margaret is my daughter; she does not advise me what to do. It is the other way around."

She added that Margaret did want her to avoid rushing into the marriage.

"She saw that I was unhappy about going ahead with the wedding and urged me to wait. But Mr. Sylvio had handed out the publicity to the papers already."

Margaret intends to pursue her career through her teens. (She'll be 13 in January.) I asked her mother if she thought there was a danger of an "in-between" age for a child star.

"I don't think so—if you can find the right stories."

Bridges Trial Recessed

San Francisco, Dec. 22 (AP)—The Harry Bridges perjury trial is in recess until after the holidays. Federal Judge George B. Harris, after sternly admonishing the jurors not to discuss the case, yesterday recessed court until January 3.

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Prowler Flees Library With Armful of Books

Portland, Dec. 22 (AP)—William Bruce Anderson, 23, was charged Wednesday with stealing an armful of books from the Portland public library.

He was arrested in a garage just after an intruder made a running leap through a library window with books under each arm.

Fred J. Stenson, the library janitor, said he found a prowler

in the library early this morning. The prowler jumped out a window, leaving his shoes behind him.

Presently the prowler turned up inside again. He had on shoes and the janitor's hat. He grabbed a stack of books and again made a running jump out the window.

Police arrested young Anderson a little later in a neighboring garage. They said one of the five books under his arm bore the title, "Robber."

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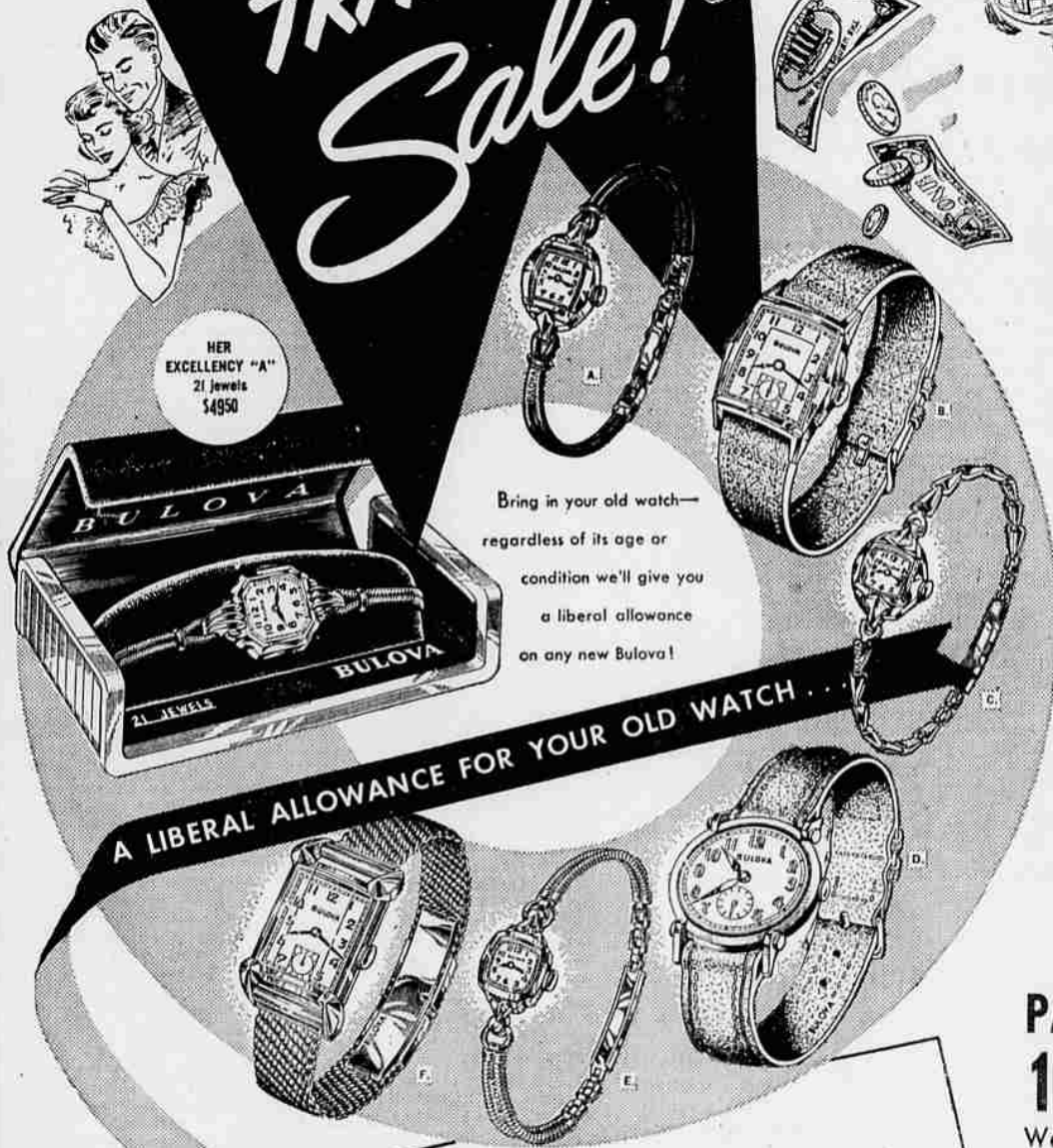
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