

## Marion Democrats To Hold County Meeting

A county-wide organizational campaign was approved Sunday by the Marion county democratic central committee, the campaign to include a house-to-house registration drive.

Approximately 50 members of the committee attended the meeting, held in the Mayflower auditorium, following a pot-luck dinner.

Luis A. Martine-Lally, county chairman, explained that plans for the organization campaign had already been formulated and provide for meetings in Mill City, Stayton, Woodburn, Silverton and Salem within the next three weeks.

"We expect to have a complete slate of candidates for the legislature and all county offices on the ballot," said the chairman.

He said that Andy Burk, former sheriff is being urged to run for county commissioner and there will be two candidates, one a man and one a woman, for the county recorder's office. The names of the two were not revealed.

Characterizing the republican party as "do nothing" party, William Josslin, democratic state chairman, said that election of democratic candidates was necessary if the state of Oregon was to progress.

Credit for the construction of the present state capitol building was given by Josslin to the late Governor Charles H. Martin and the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

"The morning after the old state house burned," Josslin said, "President Roosevelt called Gov. Martin and asked what he could do. The governor told him that the state lacked funds to rebuild and immediately President Roosevelt ordered the Public Works administration to go to the assistance with 40 per cent of the funds for the new building."

Construction of the present postoffice, Josslin said, was the result of efforts of former Postmaster Henry Crawford and the democratic administration.

"But just walk down a block," he added, "and what do we see. An old, inadequate court house. I am glad that finally they have approved plans for a new court house but it took the republicans 12 years to get to planning for a new building."

Incidentally it cost Josslin 70 cents for designating the republican party during the course of his talk, the mention of the name being barred by the county committee.

Josslin said that the republican officers spent their time going around the state crowning queens and placing wreaths on cows instead of tackling the many problems of state.

"I have the highest regard for Governor McKay," he said, "but he fell into the ways of his standpat party. And we see him down at Taft crowning a red headed queen when he should be in office handling the many affairs of state."

Josslin told the democrats that Oregon should provide a mansion for its governor just as three-fourths of the union have done.

"Our adjoining state of Idaho

has furnished a governor's mansion and certainly we can afford to do as much as Idaho. The republican leadership must take the blame for the lack of a governor's mansion in Oregon.

Ed Eggen, of Portland, chairman of the registration committee for the state central committee, urged the Marion county democrats to enlist the aid of all organizations in the county for a non-partisan registration campaign.

Others attending from Portland included Walter J. Dennis, young democratic national committeeman; Robert D. Davis, president and John M. Winkler, vice-president of the young democratic clubs of Oregon.

## Lauderback Home Invites Gatherings

Bethel—Mrs. E. E. Natten was honored by her daughter, Mrs. Lauderback, with a party at the Lauderback home. The guests were Mrs. Matten, Mrs. Donald Sandau of St. Louis, Mo. Mrs. Arno Spranger, Mrs. Donald Mader, Mrs. George Hain, Mrs. Nile Hilborn, Mrs. Roy Marchand, Mrs. Ralph Wilson and the hostess. The evening was spent informally and the guests assisted with the serving.

Mrs. Lauderback opened her home Friday afternoon for the preliminary meeting for the Better Dress project of the Home Extension group. Women wishing to take part in the project were registered and the leaders, Mrs. Cornelius Bateson and Mrs. Lauderback gave the instructions. Registering at the meeting were Mrs. Robert Anderson, president of the group, Mrs. Nile Hilborn, Mrs. Ralph Wilson, Mrs. John Feldschau Mrs. Robert Hansen, Mrs. Oscar Johnson, Mrs. John Amort, Mrs. Albert Monte. The hostess was assisted in serving during the social hour.

## Hayesville Mothers Give Bazaar Support

Hayesville—The Hayesville Mother's club met for a 1 o'clock dessert luncheon at the home of Mrs. P. Zielinski on Blossom Drive. Plans were discussed for the Girl Scout bazaar which will be held at the Hayesville P.T.A. March 10.

The 4-H cooking club will bake bread and cake to be sold at this time and the proceeds will go toward a half scholarship to Oregon State summer school.

The Mothers voted to make up the difference.

Present for the afternoon were Mesdames G. Vanleave, P. Wellbrock, D. Don, J. Henning,



**Reveals Murder**—Diana Heaney Johnson, 18, of Linwood, Calif., strikes a pensive pose after she revealed to police in Washington, D. C., that her husband, Evald, 29, beat and choked to death wealthy Texas oilman W. A. (Tex) Thornton last June 22 in a tourist camp near Amarillo, Tex. She is being held as a fugitive for Amarillo authorities. (Exclusive photo by Washington Times-Herald.) (Acme Telephoto.)

R. Burton, A. Katka, G. Siddall, W. R. Weddell, J. Barnes, O. Noren, R. Tuers, J. Raaf, E. Brown, H. Christenson and the hostess P. Zielinski. Mrs. O. Noren, president, announced that any mother of this district is invited to attend the club.

## Power Firm Asks Council For Non-Exclusive Franchise

**Independence**—The Mountain States Power company is negotiating with the city council for a non-exclusive franchise for both water and electric service supplied by it for Independence. The company has submitted by letter a comprehensive plan of improvement scheduled for completion before next fall.

Outlining of the improvements was set forth at an informal meeting of company officials and council members in December. Action on the franchise was postponed until the company could submit the improvement plan. To date, no action has been taken on the franchise by the council.

The principal requests of the council were: (1) that the power company provide some means to assure a continuity of water service and water pressure when there may be an electrical service failure to the end that there should always be water under pressure for customer use and for fire protection; (2) for the company to investigate the possible need for some type of water filter plant; (3) the enlargement and enforcement of some water mains, particularly in the area where the Independence Lumber and Manufactur-

ing company is located to assure better fire protection; and (4) The reconditioning of water mains which were damaged and partially washed away due to previous flood conditions; (5) eliminate the multiple meter system so far as possible in electrical service.

The company reported in the letter to Mayor Spencer that some of the projects connected with the water system improvement have already been completed. A new 6-inch water main near the mill has been installed which reduces some of

the hazards in the fire protection problem and also provides a better service to residents on Tenth street. Some work was also done on the Monmouth street water main which was damaged by the floods.

Installation of 9800 feet of new water mains in various sections of the city is scheduled for completion before April 30.

The company plans to reconstruct, reinforce, and enlarge a number of its power lines within the city, beginning the work in the spring and finishing by fall.

One of the most significant proposals set forth by the power company concerning the water system is the construction of an elevated water storage tank to be in service not later than June 30. This would provide continuous water pressure throughout the city and eliminate any future failure of wa-

ter service even though there may be at times interruption of water supply pump operation.

The company pointed out that new electric schedules which went into effect in January now permit full electrical service through one meter for residential service, and in certain instances will make possible the elimination of multiple meters for commercial services. This is in accordance with wishes expressed by citizens at the December meeting, the company stated.

Since the well which caused rocky water during the late spring of 1949 has been abandoned, the company stated that it did not believe a filter plant for the water system was necessary. They said that they now have three proven wells

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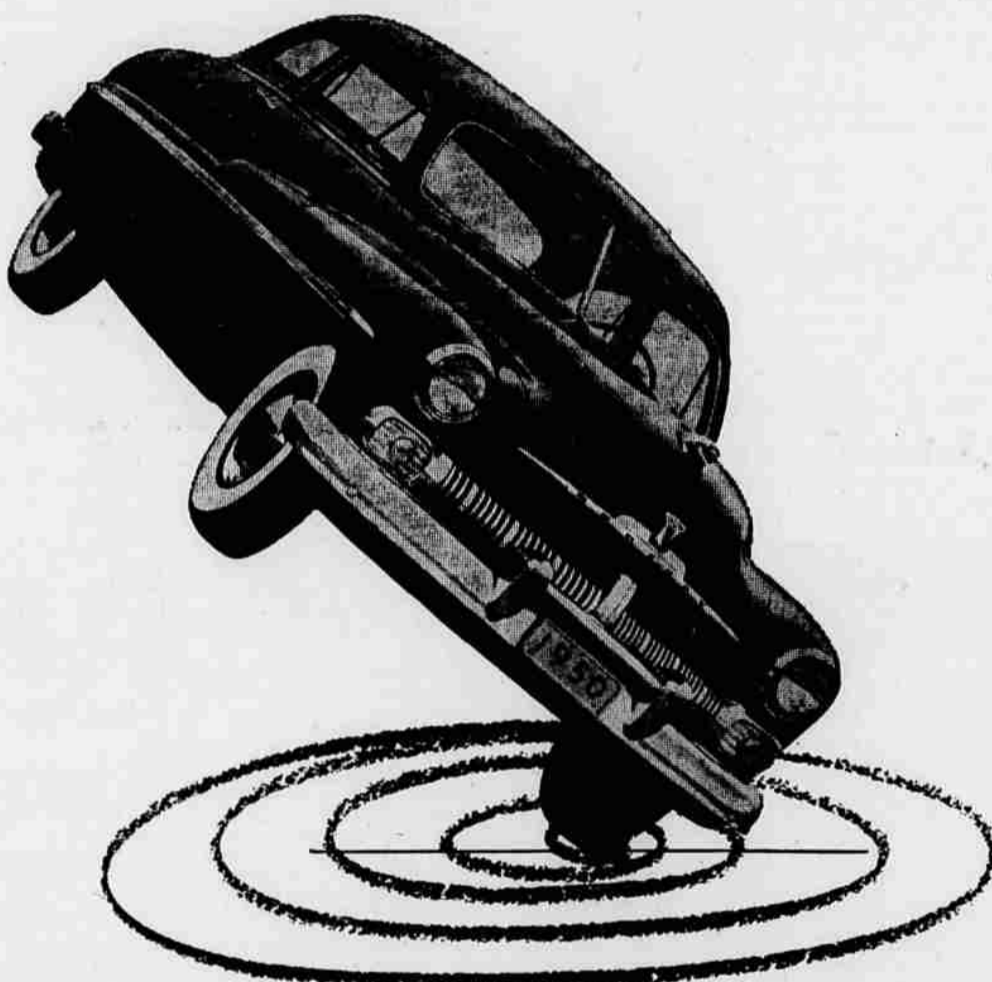
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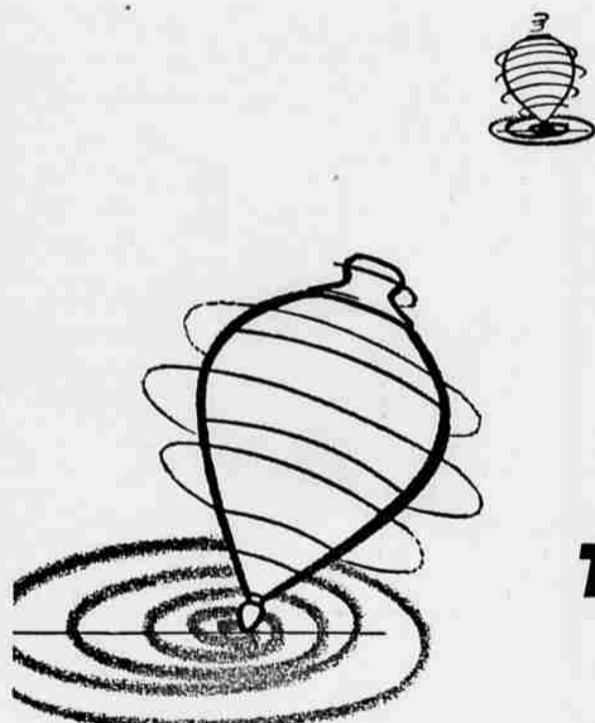
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