



MEMORIES OF YESTERYEAR—Smiling John F. Kennedy is pictured here in a happy moment, when he and his wife, Jacqueline, at right, attended the Lord's Acre Barbecue on Nov. 7, 1959 at Powell Butte and purchased a home-made piece quilt. The sale to Mrs. Kennedy was made by Mrs. L. B.

Yates, Redmond, center. After Mrs. Kennedy bought the quilt, she discovered she was short of change, and got a loan from a member of her party. Then a senator from Massachusetts, the late President visited Bend after attending the Powell Butte Barbecue. (Bulletin photo by Phil F. Brogan.)

Meets with officials

President Johnson assumes heavy burdens of his office

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Lyndon Baines Johnson today met the awesome responsibilities of President of the United States grimly determined — with the help of God and a united America — to carry on the tasks left him by John F. Kennedy.

Less than 24 hours after he formally took office in a hot, stuffy airplane in Dallas, Tex., the new Chief Executive called in Secretary of State Dean Rusk for the first of a full day of top level meetings.

Among other officials, Johnson was to confer with former President Dwight D. Eisenhower, whom Kennedy also consulted at times of national crisis.

Amid the hectic urgency of assuming the full reins of the presidency, Johnson set aside a few silent moments before the body of his predecessor, who was felled by an assassin's bullet in Dallas Friday.

Johnson set up office temporarily in his former vice presidential quarters in the Executive Office Building — "the old State Department building" — just west of the White House.

He continues to reside for the time being at his now heavily guarded Spring Valley mansion in Washington with his wife, Lady Bird, and a daughter, Lucy Baines, 16. The Johnsons' other daughter, Lynda Bird, 19, will remain at the University of Texas, where she is a student.

For the time being, Johnson appeared ready to retain the present cabinet, although he is likely to make changes in the future.

Still stunned by the tragic events of the day, Johnson told the American people on his arrival from Dallas Friday night: "I will do my best. That is all I can do. I ask for your help — and God's."

Rusk Asks Support
The response was swift and warm. Speaking for the cabinet,

Rusk said early today that "a great American is now President and Lyndon B. Johnson needs your support."

The 55-year-old, Texas-born President, a 29-year veteran of Capitol Hill, also carried into office pledges of support from democratic and Republican leaders of Congress.

Johnson conferred with House and Senate leaders shortly after his arrival in Washington and the White House said he had asked for their "united support in the face of the tragedy that has befallen our country."

"He said that it is more essential than ever before that this country be united," the statement said. "The legislative leaders of both parties assured President Johnson of their bipartisan cooperation."

One who attended, Sen. George Smathers, D-Fla., said that the Republicans offered Johnson their "total help and cooperation." Sen. J. William Fulbright, D-Ark., chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, described Johnson as "calm and contained."

Also meeting Johnson were McCormack, who now is next in line for the presidency; Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield, Mont.; Senate GOP Leader Everett M. Dirksen, Ill.; Senate Democratic Whip Hubert Humphrey, Minn.; and Senate GOP Whip Thomas Kuchel, Calif.

Confers With McNamara
Earlier, Johnson conferred with Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara. Undersecretaries of State W. Averell Harriman and George W. Ball, and presidential security advisers McGeorge Bundy, who spoke to Eisenhower and Truman by telephone.

Rusk returned to Washington earlier today with five other cabinet officials. Their flight to Japan from Honolulu for trade talks was reversed when they heard of Kennedy's assassination.

Central Oregon Obituaries

Almira Smith
REDMOND — Funeral services for Mrs. Almira Smith, who died here on November 22, will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church. Mrs. Smith had been a resident since 1918.

Aside from her husband, George L. Smith, she is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Robert Blair and Miss Irene Smith, both of Redmond.

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NAMED TO BOARD
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PRINEVILLE — Claude Williams, Prineville rancher and former president of the Oregon Flying Farmers, has been elected to the board of directors, Oregon Farm Bureau.

65 elderly men, women die in rest home fire

NORWALK (UPI) — Sixty-five elderly men and women perished in a rural rest home fire today in the worst fire in this country since 95 persons died in a Chicago school fire in 1958.

State Fire Marshal Fred Rice said there were 86 residents and three employees in the Golden Age Nursing Home 10 miles from here and "65 didn't get out."

Rice, after an on-the-spot inspection with Gov. James A. Rhodes, confirmed that three employees and only 21 of the elderly residents, many of them invalids, escaped from the one-story building which quickly became an inferno as winds whipped through the structure.

The tragedy was the second disastrous rest home fire in the United States this week. On Monday, 26 elderly persons died in a fire at the Surfside Hotel in Atlantic City, N.J., a resort hotel used as a convalescent home in the off-season.

The Chicago school fire on Dec. 1, 1958, claimed 95 lives. The tragedy, however, was far from the worst in Ohio's history, three fires each having claimed more than 100 lives. A fire at the Ohio Penitentiary on April 21, 1930, killed 320.

"This is the most devastating thing I have ever seen," the governor said as he looked at the smoldering ruins which disclosed an occasional charred skull and piece of human flesh.

Rhodes ordered all assistance at the state's command made available and then flew to Washington to join other officials in paying their respects to the slain President Kennedy this afternoon.

Rhodes ordered a complete investigation of the tragedy by the Highway Patrol under Capt. A. B. Cook.

Robert Pollack, president of the Cleveland firm which owned the rest home, said the building and operation had recently been approved by the state and the Health Department. He said it was cited for an "efficient, clean, safe nursing home."

About half of the elderly patients came from Cleveland and Cuyahoga County, Pollack said. A number of the residents were transferred here from the Cleveland State Hospital about a year ago.

The grim task of identifying the charred remains began shortly before noon. Officials said identification would be difficult and mostly through teeth and dentures and from charts showing the beds assigned for each resident.

The cause of the fire was not determined but the fire marshal said he believed the fire broke out in the lounge.

Bachelor snow at 54 inches

Snow at the Bachelor Butte ski area reached a depth of 54 inches this morning, following a storm that dropped 7 inches on the slopes of the peak in the past 24 hours.

However, only one inch of new snow fell at Timberline Lodge, on Mt. Hood, and the snow depth there was 49 inches.

Rain was falling over the mountain passes this morning. Chains were not required. There were some patches of "black ice" on plateau roads, and shaded streets in Bend were icy in the early morning.

Bend measured 0.25 of an inch of rain from the Friday storm.

News of Record

Bend City Police

Two Bend boys, 17 and 18, cited on after hours charges and riding bicycles after dark without lights. One boy is also charged with unlawful possession of cigarettes.

Bend Municipal Court

Stewart T. Harrington, 1474 Kingston, no operator's license, fined \$22.50.

Edward J. Rogers, Tacoma, Wash., disobeyed traffic signal, forfeited \$10.

Joe Reyes, Redmond, no operator's license in possession, forfeited \$5.

Bradley D. Fancher, Route 1 Box 470, failure to remain stopped for school bus loading students, forfeited \$10.

Judith Ann Barton, 621 E. 11th, expired vehicle license, forfeited \$5.

John Franklin Weaver, no address, intoxicated in public place, fined \$25.

Thanksgiving services due

Special to The Bulletin

REDMOND — Annual Union Thanksgiving rites will be sponsored by the Redmond Ministerial Association Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Redmond Free Methodist Church.

The sermon will be delivered by the Rev. Ralph Lyon, pastor of the Church of God. Music will be provided by participating churches, Foursquare, First Baptist, Assembly of God, Redmond Christian, Community Presbyterian and Church of God.

Special Thanksgiving services will be held Wednesday evening at the Zion Lutheran and St. Alban's Episcopal Churches.

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Gov. Hatfield orders day of mourning on Monday, plans to attend JFK funeral

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Legislature Recesses

SALEM (UPI) — "In Memoriam President Kennedy."
This black-penned inscription on a simple wreath beside the great seal in the Capitol rotunda spoke for Oregon today.

It explained the hushed chill that has characterized the statehouse since the news of President Kennedy's assassination flashed through Friday morning.

Oregon's officialdom reflected the disbelief, and then the stunned sorrow, of the people.

Gov. Mark Hatfield declared Monday a day of mourning in Oregon. State offices will be closed.

Hatfield said he will go to Washington, D.C., Sunday night to attend the funeral of President Kennedy the following day. Hatfield closed state offices

early Friday afternoon and sent employees home.

Legislature Recesses

A solemn and sickened legislature recessed indefinitely. Flags dropped to half staff.

The news first reached the Capitol on teleprinters in the basement press room.

The first newsmen to shoot the flash were greeted with responses of "You're kidding," and "That's not funny."

Within moments the word had spread through the statehouse. It was met with horror, denial, tears and prayers that the President would live.

Normal activities of state government stopped.

Legislators, agency heads, state officials and clerks streamed into the press room and crowded around printers, radios, and a television set.

Some were stunned. Many were so choked with emotion they could not speak. Men and women alike had tears in their eyes.

A few became ill. Minutes earlier the legislature had been alive with partisan reaction over the Boardman project.

Differences Disappear
In an instant partisan differences evaporated.

Disbelief still was the dominant reaction when word came that the President was dead. "God, God, God," mumbled

one legislator. He clutched in his hand a photograph he had just received of himself taken with Kennedy during the President's recent visit to Tongue Point at Astoria.

The House received confirmation of the death as it met to recess.

Members stood in grave silence while two representatives, a Democrat and a Republican offered prayers.

"In this hour of anguish, I beg thy guidance," they prayed.

Republican Gov. Mark Hatfield called it "an hour of great tragedy, grief and personal loss to every citizen."

"Our heartfelt prayers are with President Johnson as he assumes the heaviest burden in the world today," he said.

Republican Secretary of State Howell Appling Jr. said "we have lost not only a devoted American who gave his whole life to the service of his fellow man."

"We have also lost something very dear to the concept of a decent, civilized society," he said.

The Senate also prayed, "give us strength...we bow in profound sorrow..."

Senate President Ben Musa and House Speaker Clarence Barton, both Democrats, issued a joint statement, saying:

"The entire legislature stands in solemn and deep grief at the loss of our beloved leader. We ask divine guidance and protection for his family."

In an unusual procedure, the legislature recessed at least until Monday, perhaps until later in the week, and possibly until Dec. 2. Legislators left addresses so that legislative leaders could call them back when a time is decided upon.

Area

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and overflowed into the vestibule.

The Rev. Stephen Murtagh, wearing black vestments of the mass for the dead, was celebrant, with children of St. Francis Parochial School as choristers. Hundreds joined in Communion. Extra chairs were placed to accommodate the overflow congregation.

Redmond

Special to The Bulletin

REDMOND — The mayor of Redmond today announced that all city government offices will close Monday and recommended that local merchants do the same thing.

Mayor Kieran P. Madden released the following statement: "In profound mourning of the death of President John F. Kennedy, all local government operations of the city of Redmond will close on Monday. It is further recommended that all businesses close on Monday also. All citizens of Redmond are also urged to observe in their own way through prayer or silent meditation the memory of our late President."

There will be a requiem high mass at St. Thomas church at 8 a.m. Monday, Rev. Francis McCormick announced.

Madras

Special to The Bulletin

MADRAS — Here in Madras it appears that most or all commercial establishments will be closed Monday, including most food and drug outlets.

Probably a few service stations will remain open, a merchant said this morning.

All schools in Madras will be closed.

Prineville

Special to The Bulletin

PRINEVILLE — The whole community here is waiting on a decision by the Prineville Ministerial Association as to what the Day of Mourning observance will be.

This morning saw pastors of all Protestant churches in session to determine the course of action. At press time today no decision had been reached.

The Prineville Chamber of Commerce announced the whole city probably will go along with what the ministerial association recommends. Some stores will probably remain open, but most will close. Food and drug stores will probably be operating with skeleton crews.

Tests

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jacket and out the door.

"I said 'you sure are in a hurry' but he didn't even answer."

He ran toward a bus stop, Mrs. Roberts said.

Patrolling in Oak Cliff was Officer J. D. Tippitt, a 38-year-old father of three. He was about five blocks from the Texas Theater where the double feature "Cry Battle" and "War is Hell" was playing.

It was near 1 p.m.—the time Kennedy was pronounced dead—but the exact time is not known.

Tippitt fell to the street, shot twice. How he accosted his slayer is not known.

Call Other Police
A witness called police and cars headed for the area. Then Mrs. Julie Postal, cashier at the Texas Theater, called police.

A suspicious-looking man was in the theater, she said.

Officers M. N. MacDonald, Ray Hawkins, C. T. Walker and Bob Varroll converged on the theater. They charged in.

The house lights flared up. Oswald, in the third row, center section, leaped up and said "This is it."

Some witnesses said he cried: "This is the end!"

MacDonald headed toward him. The 38 snub-nose came up. It misfired. The officers jumped him.

Oswald, a wiry 5 foot 8 inches and 160 pounds, lashed out at MacDonald's face.

The policemen smashed him down and dragged him, still fighting, to a police car.

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