

STATE CAPITAL NEWS

- August 27 Rites
- Flagpole Plans
- Fewer Tourists

By A. L. LINDBECK

Salem, Ore.—The eyes and ears of the whole United States will be trained on Salem August 27 when Oregon's favorite son, Sen. Charles McNary is formally notified of his selection as republican vice-presidential candidate.

Senator McNary's acceptance speech, the highlight of the day's activities, will be carried by the three major networks to all parts of the nation. Numerous special news wires and several hundred correspondents are expected to record the ceremonies for the press of the country, while newsreel cameramen will photograph the proceedings for the nation's theatre audiences.

The committee in charge of arrangements for the notification is under the direction of Republican national committeeman, Ralph Cake, of Portland. A crowd, unofficially estimated at 25,000 to 30,000, is expected for the event.

The state fair grounds grandstand, even with the addition of bleachers across the racetrack in front, is not adequate for seating that many. The stand itself will seat only 4,800 and the temporary bleachers will raise the seating capacity to only 9,000.

Cake, however, said there would be no reserved seats except for the members of the official entourage and working press who will occupy the platform. It will be a matter of first come first served even for members of the state central committee.

Plans call for utilization of part of the huge Salem Centennial pageant stage as the platform from which Senator McNary will deliver his acceptance speech. The Centennial background of the Waldo hills will be repainted red, white and blue.

The Salem Willkie-McNary club, a non-partisan group, is putting on an intensified membership drive so that a mammoth rally will prove to Senator McNary that the home town stands solidly in back of him.

The state board of control has left the problems of equalizing wages and cutting down the hours of employes at 11 state institutions to the next legislature.

At present employes in those institutions are working a six-day 12-hour-a-day, week, which everybody agrees is much too long, but a cut in daily hours from 12 to eight would cost the state around \$200,000 a year and the board of control has decided to let the legislature find that additional money.

The board also recommended that the legislators consider the payment of \$20 a month to employes who live at home in lieu of board and room.

Institution employes are now given board and room as part of their salaries if they want it, but many of the workers choose to live at home with their families and receive no compensation for the maintenance they do not use.

Paying those home-dwellers would cost the state \$70,000 a year.

Architects are preparing plans for the erection of two wooden flagpoles in front of the capitol, the installation of which would terminate Oregon's rather dubious distinction of having the only statehouse in the Union without an American flag.

The flag lack has been a subject of discussion for the last two years but it was only recently that the board found enough money to cover the cost of wooden poles. The wooden standards were chosen because of the high cost of bronze poles.

A public utilities commission order requiring all school buses to be equipped with safety glass by September of this year has been postponed at the request of the county school superintendents' association.

The school superintendents advised the commission that many district budgets had already been drawn up and would not permit the added

outlay for safety glass. In addition it was said that replacement of old buses by new ones properly glassed is going on so fast that all buses will soon meet the safety requirements.

The commission has decided to permit buses that were approved for the 1939 school year to continue operation this year.

The state department of agriculture announced this week the revision of Oregon pear standards to conform to the new U. S. standards recently established.

The change was also made as a step toward the proposed uniformity of all fruit and vegetable standards among Coast states.

The new Oregon grades are based on two sets of standards, one for summer and fall pears and the other for winter pears, instead of only one as under the old regulations.

New grades for late pears are: U. S. extra No. 1 or Oregon extra fancy; U. S. No. 1; U. S. No. 2 or Oregon fancy; U. S. combination grade; Oregon commercial, and Oregon unclassified.

The commercial grade is a combination of fancy and extra fancy, of which at least half must meet the requirements of Oregon extra fancy. The combination grade is half No. 1 and half No. 2.

New grades established for early pears are: extra fancy; fancy; unclassified, and combination. The U. S. standards for these pears may be used as optional grades.

On the plea of Dr. John C. Evans, superintendent of the Oregon state hospital, that the institution is understaffed, the state board of control authorized the appointment of an additional psychiatrist.

Dr. Evans also urged the employment of a parole supervisor in Portland as a measure to prevent the return of parolees to the state hospitals.

Dr. Evans said that many patients are discharged before they are entirely cured because of the overcrowded conditions at the hospitals and the appointment of a parole supervisor in Portland would greatly aid in control of the discharged patients.

Completion of the new state highway route through Oregon City, eliminating the traffic-jammed "bottleneck" there, one of the worst on the whole Pacific highway, has been set for the middle of September by the state highway department.

The project, which was delayed for years by right-of-way litigation, will also relieve the situation for Oregon City residents. Their Main street will not have to carry through truck and passenger traffic when the new highway is opened.

Under a reciprocal agreement adopted by the state of Alabama, Oregon nurserymen may ship their stock to that state without paying a permit charge, the department of agriculture has been advised.

Non-resident motor vehicle registration continued to trail the 1939 figures through July, Secretary of State Earl Snell announced.

Only 27,125 out-of-state cars were registered coming into Oregon this July as compared with 31,721 cars for July of last year. The cumulative total so far this year is only 74,417 cars compared with the 1939 seven-month total of 84,735.

Early forecasts had indicated that tourist travel this year would break all records because of the complete stoppage of travel abroad. Officials are at loss to explain the decline except as a case of "jitters" caused by the war in Europe.

Governor Charles A. Sprague took advantage of the lull between the Salem Centennial and the National Guard review at Camp Murray, Wn., by spending a four-day vacation on the Metolius river in central Oregon.

CALL FOR WARRANTS

All outstanding warrants of School District No. 35, Morrow County, Oregon, will be paid on presentation to the district clerk. Interest on said warrants not already called ceases August 16, 1940.

C. E. LINN, Clerk,
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Ione, Oregon.

PINE CITY NEWS

Surprise Dinner Butter Creek Event

By BERNICE WATTENBURGER

A surprise birthday dinner was given Sunday at the A. E. Wattenburger home in honor of Mrs. Nora Wattenburger's 64th birthday. A lovely dinner was served at 1 o'clock and a handkerchief shower in the afternoon. There were 35 present.

Mrs. George Currin and son Ronald spent Friday and Saturday with her sister, Mrs. John Harrison.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Vey were down Saturday from the mountains to their home on Butter creek. They have finished their second crop of hay.

A large number from the creek plan on taking in the Rodeo this week end in Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Robinson of Hardman were overnight guests at the C. H. Bartholomew home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Reid Buseick and family of Long Creek spent Sunday night at the A. E. Wattenburger home and left Monday morning for Seattle and coast points and plan to return by the way of Portland.

Electrical Contest Open to 4-H Members

With the rapid increase in electric service in rural areas in Oregon, the national 4-H rural electrification contest affords a real opportunity to club members in this state, says Everett H. Davis, extension specialist in agricultural engineering.

During the four years that this contest has been held, four Oregon boys have won free trips to the national 4-H club congress in Chicago. These state winners have been Eugene Wheeler of Lane county, Edward Weston of Tillamook county, Allen Parker of Multnomah county, and Charles Kik of Umatilla county.

"The national 4-H club rural electrification contest offers recognition and reward to club members for their study of the use of electricity on the farm and in the farm home," said Davis. "The state 4-H club office has approved this contest and any 4-H club member may enter with the approval of his county club agent. It is not necessary that club members have electricity on their own farms to compete."

A recent national report shows that farm families installing electricity use it first for improvement of the farm home, and then later apply it to farm operations. After installing lights, the most popular electrical appliances appear to be radios, irons, washing machines, refrigerators, toasters, vacuum cleaners, hot plates, and water system pumps, in that order.

Research Lab to Begin Studies

Oregon State College—The western regional research laboratory established by the federal government near Berkeley will soon be ready to begin operations and will work on many crops produced in Oregon, says R. S. Besse, assistant director of the S. C. S. experiment station who visited the new plant recently.

The western laboratory, one of four in the country, was sought by several Oregon communities but was finally located at Albany, Cal. It will attempt to develop new and improved uses for such crops as alfalfa, fruits, vegetables, poultry, potatoes and wheat. Studies will be coordinated with work of the 11 western experiment stations to avoid duplication.

"Oregon is deeply concerned with the work of the western regional laboratory because this state produces a surplus of all the crops to be investigated," said Besse. "It is believed that the development of any new use of the extension of the utilization of any of these crops will be of economic assistance to Oregon agriculture."

APPRECIATION

I take this way of thanking the citizens of Lexington for the way everyone helped to put out the grass fire which threatened the destruction of my property.

Elsie M. Beach.

Closing Date to Be Set on Seed Purchases by AAA

A closing date for the purchase of Austrian winter pea or hairy vetch seed from growers by the Commodity Credit corporation, is expected to be announced soon by the AAA office at Corvallis. The closing date will probably be set sometime between the first and fifteenth of September in order to allow for shipment of the seed to the southern states in time for fall planting, says N. C. Donaldson, state executive officer.

Movement of seed from Oregon to the southern states has been rapid, with upwards of 100 carloads having been shipped by the first week in August. Orders were being received by the Corvallis office at the rate of almost 20 carloads a day, and these were being distributed among the various Oregon dealers, who are doing most of the cleaning and resacking for the government agency.

Practically all the eligible Austrian winter pea seed had been sold through the Commodity Credit corporation at the established rate of 3 cents a pound. Prices on hairy vetch seed, on the other hand, have stayed enough higher than the 7 1/4-cent guaranteed price, so that private dealers have been able to handle most of the crop. Growers have been getting from 7 1/2 cents to 7 3/4 cents a pound for their vetch seed.

Reports from throughout the Willamette valley indicate that the federal purchase program is being carried out with a minimum of delay and red tape. Growers have been paid for their seed in cash within three or four days of delivery, and seed dealers have been experiencing less difficulty than usual in obtaining an adequate supply of freight cars for the movement of the crop.

The program in the southern cotton belt is also moving along well, as indicated by the steady flow of orders which are cleared through the Corvallis office. The grant-of-aid program there allows AAA co-operators who are short of cash to obtain seed now which will be paid for through deductions from next year's benefit checks.

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