



Walter A. Swanson

Candidate for Congress Visits Medford Friday

Walter A. Swanson, Springfield, democratic candidate for nomination as United States congressman from the fourth Oregon congressional district, was a Medford visitor Friday. He was accompanied by Mrs. Swanson.

Swanson said he is impressed with the rapid growth of Medford in the past 10 years, and added that he will again visit Medford before the May primary election. He is 39 years of age, not 30, as previous press releases had stated.

A graduate of the University of Oregon, Swanson also studied agriculture at Oregon State college, and is familiar with the problems of Medford pear growers, he said.

The democratic candidate spoke at the Williams Grange hall Friday evening on the qualifications of a congressional candidate. He contended that his opponent in the primary election, Dave Shaw, Gold Beach, is unqualified from the standpoint of residence, experience and accomplishments.

"It is impossible for a newcomer to understand the problems of agriculture, forestry, manufacture, and labor, as practiced in the state of Oregon, in the short span of two or two and a half years residence here," Swanson said.

"Book knowledge is fine when augmented with practical knowledge," he said. "But book knowledge divorced from the practical application is a very inadequate crutch for a congressional candidate to lean upon."

Swanson was to speak in Lane county Saturday and in Linn county today.

HORSES HAVE RIGHTS
ST. LOUIS (U.P.)—The law still recognizes the horse in this day of motorized vehicles. The board of aldermen passed a bill making it unlawful to drive any horse-drawn vehicle not equipped with a pail or bucket suitable for watering horses therefrom.



SHAKESPEAREAN DIRECTORS PLAN—The 1939 Oregon Shakespearean Festival association board is shown above at a recent session making plans for the Shakespearean birthday observance on April 23 at Ashland. The special program will feature a reception and ceremonies and will end with the showing of the film "Hamlet" at the Varsity theater.

Humane Society Tells Prop Nuts' Speed Contest Set Here

Mrs. Sidney W. Richardson, secretary-manager of the Southern Oregon Humane society Saturday pointed out that May 7 to 13 is Be Kind To Animals week, and that Sunday, May 7, is Humane Sunday.

Mrs. Richardson pointed out that Oregon law specifies one half hour per week of instruction in humane education in public schools, and she said the humane society has made the following suggestions for school projects:

Birdhouses, dog houses, animal-shaped book markers, toys for dogs and cats, cloth animals, suet sticks and seed blocks for birds, proper beds for dogs and cats, field trips to farm and through the woods, and bird-walks in city parks, and talks by veterinarians and demonstrations of the proper method of handling dogs.

Male drivers in 1949 were involved in more than 90 per cent of all U. S. automobile accidents. In 1948, 9,350 pedestrians were killed in the United States.

Prop Nuts' Speed Contest Set Here

The Medford Prop Nuts, local gas model airplane club, will hold its first control line speed contest of the year today at the Medford senior high school, starting at 10 a. m., with contestants from Klamath Falls, Grants Pass and Salem expected to compete.

Events to be held will be two classes of speed for the various size of motors, with top speeds of over 130 miles per hour expected, and a stunting event which will be open to all sizes of motors and all ages of flyers.

Planes flown in this type of contest are flown on steel wires varying from 52 1/2 feet to 70 feet in length, depending on the size motor used, and are held for a given number of laps to determine the speed of the model.

Any flyer of model airplanes is eligible to enter today's competition and the public is invited to attend. No admission charges will be made.

Pest Exterminator Opens Business Here

One of Medford's newest business establishments is the Ferris Pest Control service recently started here by W. S. Ferris, who formerly operated the service in Santa Rosa, Cal.

Operating from his home at 906 Grant avenue, Ferris is trained and equipped to serve the southern Oregon area in the control of flies, ants, rats, roaches, mice, bedbugs, fleas, bees, wasps and earwigs and will also engage in spraying of ornamental shrubs, shade trees, fruit and nut trees.

He said he is prepared to offer general weed control and destruction of termites, wood-destroying beetles and fungi.

Phoenix Man Guilty Of Reckless Driving

Henry Grant Scott, 28, Phoenix, pleaded guilty in police court here Saturday morning to a charge of reckless driving. He was fined \$50 and his liquor license was taken from him.

Arresting officers reported that Scott was caught driving 55 miles per hour and in a reckless manner on South Central avenue Friday night. When he was stopped, police said they found part of a fifth of whiskey in the car.

Last year, 269,000 pedestrians were injured in the United States.

CAP Drill Contest May Be Held Here, Commander Says

Possibility that the state drill competition of the Civil Air patrol will be held in Medford this year was reported Saturday by Lt. Donald Stewart, commander of the Medford flight.

He stated that Portland CAP officers are negotiating to shift the contest site from Portland to Medford. Date of the event is Sunday May 7. The two communities, reportedly, are the only ones with CAP drill teams.

Medford cadets are drilling earnestly three nights a week in anticipation of the reward for winning state honors, Lt. Stewart said. The winning drill squadron will get a free airplane ride to Ogden, Utah, for the regional meet on July 3.

Group "Looks Good"

The local contingent is looking good, according to Lt. Stewart, but the unit needs to sign up about 10 more boy cadets to round out the drill team and reserves. Boys 15 to 18 years of age interested in the CAP may contact officers at the drill locations—at the armory at 7:30 p. m. Monday, regular meeting time; at the junior high between 5 and 6 p. m. Wednesday, and at the municipal airport on Sunday. Free orientation flights for new cadets commence at 9 a. m. and drill at 1 p. m.

The state drill is to be an outdoor event if weather permits. Stewart said that one of the senior members has donated \$100 to the Medford flight.

About 75 per cent of last year's automobile accidents were caused by drivers of passenger cars.

Former Auto Dealer Dies Heart Attack

Loyes D. Champion, Montrose, Cal., passed away in Medford Friday.

He had suffered a heart attack while on a fishing trip with his son. He was born at Goodard, Tenn. on April 1, 1899.

He was an automobile dealer in Medford for many years, his garage being where the Leever Motor company, is located. He had to retire three years ago because of ill health.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ella A. Champion of Montrose, Cal., two sons, Elmer of Montrose and Ralph of Medford; four brothers, Joseph, Carl, Cecil and Ben all of Oklahoma and

one sister, Mrs. Elva Clemons, Bell Gardens, Cal. Remains will be transferred this evening to Montrose for services and interment will take place at Bell Gardens. Per funeral home is in charge of arrangements.

I AM REGISTERED and Voting ARE YOU?
Harold Hulse

County Education Group Hears Talks At Local Meeting

Richard Barss, editor of Oregon Education Journal, Portland, stressed problems of Oregon education at the annual luncheon meeting of Jackson county division of Oregon Education association held Saturday in Rogue Valley Country club.

His subject included public interest in education, financing and curricula. He placed special emphasis on financing and brought out that the increased birth rate and migration into this state have created real problems in Oregon schools.

Mrs. Bertha McKinney, president of the Jackson county association, presided. Roland Parks, principal of Ashland high school, was toastmaster.

Mrs. Winston Speaks
Mrs. Mabel Winston, registrar at Southern Oregon college and recently elected vice-president of the Oregon Education association, also spoke.

Special reports were given by representatives from the various county organizations within the association.

About 100 attended.

HEIDT BAND TO TOUR HOLLYWOOD, Apr. 15 (U.P.) Bandleader Horace Heidt and his troupe of 60 performers leave today for a three-week tour of U.S. army bases in Germany.

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