

James Roosevelt Seems Certain for Democratic Nomination in California



NOMINEES—Gov. Earl Warren, above, and James Roosevelt, right, son of the late president, appeared certain to clash in November for the governorship of California. Warren scored a landslide to gain the republican nomination while Roosevelt, who trailed on the democratic ballot late last night, pulled steadily ahead today. California permits candidates to file on both tickets.

School District 6 Approves Budget Totalling \$363,117

Central Point, June 7—(U.P.)—Patrons of school district No. 6, a light vote yesterday approved the 1950-1951 budget by a count of 98 yes, 16 no.

The budget has a \$363,117 outlay, with \$231,131 to be raised by taxes. Of the levy, \$170,499.87 will be outside the six per cent limit on increases.

At a school board meeting last night a spokesman for the committee, judging the new high school name contest reported that the committee was not satisfied with the entries made. The committee recommended that the contest be reopened. It closed several months ago. There was no action from the board, which took the matter under advisement.

Contract Awarded

The board awarded a contract to Rogue River hardware, Grants Pass, to convert the furnace at Gold Hill school to oil. It was decided to install gutters on unit buildings at Central Point. Fred Scheffel, Medford, was awarded the contract to lay tile on the grade school grounds to catch the drain from the gutters.

The county has agreed to oil the play area around the buildings and part of the parking section.

1950 Rose Festival Will Open Tonight

Portland, Ore., June 7—(U.P.)—Portland's 1950 Rose festival will officially open tonight with the crowning of Queen-elect Dorothy Anderle in ceremonies at Multnomah stadium.

The crowning will be part of the giant show which features an aquatic performance by southern California swimmers and radio-recording star Margaret Whiting.

The climax of the festivities honoring the rose—Portland's official flower—will be the traditional rose parade Friday with a "circus day" theme.

Man Paroled After

Embezzlement Sentence

James Clarke was paroled to the state parole officer this morning by Circuit Judge H. K. Hanna after a two year jail sentence for the embezzlement of \$380 from the Midway Auction yards was suspended. Clarke had pleaded guilty.

Complaint was filed by William J. Bray, according to District Attorney George Neilson.

'Green Guard' on Job Lightning Fire Reported

One Oregon "Green Guard," already on the alert to keep Oregon green this year, State forest patrolmen said that Don Crutcher, a Green Guard, last night reported a lightning fire at Mt. Isabelle in the Forest Creek area. A snag and a small ground area burned. Two patrolmen were at the scene today.

Warren Captures Republican Race By 9 to 1 Margin

Helen Douglas to Oppose Rep. Nixon

San Francisco, June 7—(U.P.)—James Roosevelt appeared to be winning the democratic nomination for governor today although Gov. Earl Warren captured the republican race by a nine-to-one margin over the son of the late president and led in total by more than 300,000.

As returns from yesterday's primary election mounted, Roosevelt pulled into a lead of more than 75,000 votes over Warren in the battle for the democratic bid. More than half of Roosevelt's total came from the Los Angeles area where he lives.

Helen Douglas Picked

The race for the U. S. senate seat being vacated by Sheridan Downey was settled with Helen Gahagan Douglas, congresswoman and former motion picture and stage actress, carrying the democratic nomination for the November general election and Rep. Richard Nixon winning the republican bid.

The count of ballots was exceedingly slow and it was not expected complete unofficial results would be available until Thursday.

Returns from 7,630 precincts out of the state's 17,995 gave for governor in the closely-contested democratic race: Warren 294,723 and Roosevelt 373,307. In the republican gubernatorial contest Warren ran up 434,187 votes in 7,654 precincts against Roosevelt's 45,861. Warren's total vote in a bid for a third term 728,910 to 419,168 for Roosevelt.

Boddy Defeated

In the senate race, a three-corner fight between Mrs. Douglas, Nixon and Manchester Boddy, Los Angeles newspaper publisher, returns from 7,706 precincts out of a total of 17,995 on the republican side gave Boddy 43,315. Mrs. Douglas 53,716 and Nixon 223,182. The democratic race showed Boddy with 106,031. Mrs. Douglas polling 227,151 and Nixon 112,989.

One of the major surprises of the primary was the defeat in both republican and democratic races of Attorney General Fred N. Houser, one of the most controversial political figures in California's history. Houser was swept out of office after a turbulent four-year term in which agents of his office were linked with gambling syndicate payoffs. Houser himself frequently was at odds with Governor Warren's commission on organized crime which accused the attorney general of laxity in enforcing gambling laws.

Captured Americans

'Confessed' to Spying

Washington, June 7—(U.P.)—The navy confirmed today that a naval electrician's mate and a marine sergeant signed a false "confession" of spying in order to obtain their release from Chinese communists after almost 19 months' imprisonment.

Electrician's Mate William C. Smith, 32, Long Beach, Cal., and Sergeant Elmer C. Bender, 27, Chicago, previously had refused to discuss whether they had "confessed" spying. The Chinese communists claimed they had when they were released at Tsingtao May 3.

A naval intelligence report made available to the United Press said that the two men signed a false "confession" because they were convinced their freedom depended on it.

The report was based on secret questioning of Smith and Bender by a naval intelligence officer when they stopped at Pearl Harbor May 18-19 en route back to their homes in this country.

IMPROVING

Harvey Lee Williams, Central Point, who was injured in a mill mishap yesterday, is still in serious condition but is making good progress and doing better than expected, his doctor said today.

Diamond Lake Highway

Load Limits Announced

A limit on gross loads which may be carried on the Diamond Lake highway, from the junction with the Crater Lake highway to Diamond Lake was announced today by J. G. Bromley, Grants Pass, state highway department resident engineer.

The limitation, effective last week, is for 11,000 pounds gross load on any axle; 20,000 pounds gross on a pair or tandem axle; 36,000 maximum gross load for any vehicle.

The load limit will remain in effect until the roadbed is stabilized. Bromley said, and some of the snow has left the shoulders. The road is in excellent condition for two-way traffic, he said.

Cowboys to Appear in

Downtown City Area

A group of cowboys who will participate in the ninth annual Rogue River Roundup Saturday and Sunday will appear in downtown Medford at 2:30 p.m. tomorrow, to lend "atmosphere" before the weekend show.

A cowboy clown will also be in attendance, and any rider who wishes may join the informal "parade" tomorrow and Friday. Horses will be permitted on the streets during these two days.

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WIND STORM LASHES CALIFORNIA

Council Selects Phil Stansbury Mayor of Ashland

Hamaker, Taylor to Fill Council Posts

Ashland, June 7—Phillip Stansbury was elected by his fellow council members to the post of mayor of Ashland at a meeting here last night. Stansbury replaces Tom Williams, who was recalled in a special election held May 19.

Two vacancies on the council also were filled by councilmen. One vacancy was created by Stansbury's election, the other by recall of ex-Councilman Elmer Sheldon.

Councilmen Named

Mark S. Hamaker, a retired lumberman, was named to the Sheldon vacancy, and Fred A. Taylor, a retired restaurant operator, was elected to fill Stansbury's seat.

The three appointments were the latest moves in municipal strife which has racked the city for nearly two years. It began before the general election of 1948, when Williams was elected in a closely contested race among a number of candidates. Following his election the dispute continued to flare, being pointed up in disagreement between the mayor's appointment of a new police chief and city attorney to replace those then in office.

Early last year, a recall movement was launched against three councilmen, John Daugherty, John Nosler and Herb Fischborn, who were removed from office in an election March 17.

City affairs were relatively undisturbed for nearly a year following this action, until a group of citizens began expressing dissatisfaction with administration policies.

This culminated in the recent recall election. Williams was removed from office by a margin of 75 votes, with a larger margin of votes recalling Sheldon.

(An unverified rumor was current in Ashland today to the effect that another recall movement will be launched soon against councilmen who have stood with the mayor in city matters.)

Resignation Received

In other action last night, the city council accepted the resignation of Bert Day as street superintendent. Day said he had received an attractive job offer. No replacement was named by the council. The street department has been unoperative for several weeks due to lack of funds.

City Recorder J. B. Austin, budget director, gave an informal presentation of the new city budget, which after minor changes affecting the police and fire departments will be submitted for council approval. It will not exceed the six per cent limitation this year, he said.

Judge's Salary Cut

The council trimmed the salary of city police judge from \$125 to \$100 per month. Col. H. R. Jordan is acting judge, having been appointed to the job to succeed L. Peers Wilmet after the recall election. Wilmet was a Williams appointee, and lost his job at the same time as the former mayor.

The council approved the sale of a Third street garage building originally purchased for the fire department. It was bought by Kenneth Perrine for \$13,000, the same figure for which the city originally purchased the structure.

Fred Homes, council chairman, presided until Stansbury took over the gavel. A full audience of interested citizens attended the council session.

Police Identify Body

Found on Car Tracks

Portland, Ore., June 7—(U.P.)—The body of a woman identified by Multnomah county police as that of Mary Austin, 36, of Portland, was found yesterday near the Belrose interurban car tracks southeast of Portland city limits.

According to police reports, the woman had been missing from her home since Sunday afternoon when she went for a walk.

The cause of death was not immediately determined, but an autopsy has been ordered.

Two Brothers Left

His killing left alive two of five Shelton brothers, three of whom led a gang which terrorized southern Illinois during the roaring 20's and brazenly invaded towns to fight rivals in quarrels over profits from liquor and gambling.

State's Attorney Gerald Mayberry said that the shooting was witnessed by Frank (Whiz) McKibbins, a hired hand. McKibbins did not see the attacker, he said.

The killer stood in three inches of water behind bushes about 100 yards from Shelton. Shot Punctures Tire

McKibbins heard the shots. Mayberry said, and ran over and turned off the tractor. As he did so, another shot hit a tractor tire, puncturing it. McKibbins didn't know, he said, whether the shot was fired at him or at Shelton's body.

The shooting occurred about 7 a.m.

Mrs. Earl (Big Earl) Shelton, the victim's sister-in-law, reported



FIERY RAMPAGE—White clouds of smoke and fumes tower over 13,680-foot peak of Mauna Loa that can be seen 35 miles away in the city of Hilo. Mauna Loa's eruption is one of the greatest in Hawaii's volcanic history, covering an area of 25 miles to the sea, three miles wide and 25 feet deep.

City To Buy Housing Project; Council OK's Taxi Rate Boost

Medford city council last night voted to apply to purchase the Jackson county housing project in northwest Medford. It was understood that the project will continue to operate and will not be torn down until the need for the housing ceases to exist.

The city reportedly can obtain the property at a nominal price to be used for municipal purposes after the housing is no longer necessary. City use of the property must be of public nature and must not compete with private enterprise.

157 Units

The federal public housing authority had advised that any political subdivision can apply

for the property. The project has 157 units, all occupied, and there is a long waiting list.

Councilmen also acted to grant Medford taxi-cab companies a rate increase "as requested," but denied the reduction in license fees petitioned by the firms. The fare increase would provide an additional 25 cents for an uninterrupted cross-zone trip in Medford. New rates and maps must be filed with city recorder before the new rate is effective.

Asked Boost

The cab companies asked the boost to meet increased operating expenses, including a pay boost that is being negotiated for drivers.

There was some question as to whether the council action would be acceptable. The question hinged on the interpretation of an "uninterrupted" trip. One operator indicated that the council action might represent a rate decrease if a taxi is not permitted to make additional pickups on a trip.

Councilmen Dwight Houghton and Paul Selby voiced objection to taxi cabs operating a "bus service." Selby pointed out that doubling up of passengers in cabs was a wartime measure.

Petition Presented

The council was handed a petition from residents of the area requesting that James H. Golden, 106 Lincoln street, be compelled to refrain from further

use of his property for storage and repair of logging trucks, and other similar use.

They asked that Golden be required to remove the trucks and junk, saying that the operation was detrimental to other properties of the district. Rezoning of the district was asked to prevent others from using property for similar purposes.

F. C. Findley was spokesman for petitioners. The matter has been brought to council attention before and Findley indicated a feeling of being "brushed off."

Mayor Diamond Flynn said councilmen will make further investigation of the issue.

No Setback Action

Discussion on one problem of determining the setback line for the seven-story apartment house planned at the corner of Oakdale avenue and 10th street by Coates Construction company resulted in no action being taken.

Possibility of rezoning the entire block as a business area was mentioned. There was some talk of delaying a decision until the new zoning ordinance is passed, but Mayor Flynn said some action is needed within a reasonable time.

The council approved the renewal for one year of the City Sanitary service lease of approximately 40 acres of the Camp White sewage disposal area.

Police Commended

In discussion of the park and pool dedication Sunday, police drew commendation for their work. Many of them volunteered their services during regular time off. Darrell Huson, member of the park advisory committee, reported that the Crater Lions club concession stand at the park Sunday made a profit of \$130. The money will defray \$65.35 dedication expenses and will be used to buy pool equipment.

Huson said the committee considered its services terminated. Resignation of George Goodman from the budget committee was accepted.

Lever Brothers Not

To Sponsor Bob Hope

New York, June 7—(U.P.)—Lever Brothers announced today that the company is ending its 12-year association with comedian Bob Hope.

The company, manufacturer of soaps and detergents, disclosed it will not renew Hope's option for his Tuesday night radio show and has released its Tuesday night time on NBC.

The Hope show leaves the air after the June 13 broadcast. Hope had announced he had had differences with Lever Brothers and had asked for a release. A spokesman for NBC said the network had no comment on reports it hoped to sign Hope to a radio and television contract.

Caulking Being Taken

From New Swim Pool

Hawthorne park swimming pool was out of operation today while gummy caulking was removed from seams.

The caulking, a material which did not harden as expected, had been disagreeable for swimmers. The pool was drained for the work.

City Superintendent Vernon Thorpe said it is planned to have the pool ready for swimming again Thursday.

Purse-Snatcher Gets

20 Cents for Pains

Carol Spence, 33, Willamette avenue, told police that a man driving a small truck made off with her purse yesterday after it bounced from her bicycle basket as she was riding on Main street at Front street.

She said she went back to pick up the purse but the man stopped his truck, picked up the purse, and drove off. The purse contained 20 cents.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Generally cloudy and continued cool tonight. Scattered light showers. Increasing cloudiness and warmer Thursday. Temp. Highest Yesterday 36. Lowest this Morning 44. Prec. to 4:30 A.M. Today .91.

Crops, Property Heavily Damaged; One Man Killed

Gale Extends Into Western Nevada

San Francisco, June 7—(U.P.)—A storm carrying winds of full gale force blew itself out today after killing at least one person, and injuring eight, uprooting trees and causing damage in the thousands to crops and property. The storm extended from the Oregon and California coasts inland over the central valley and into western Nevada, where gusts up to 80 miles per hour were recorded.

Storm Extinguishes Fire

The storm also was credited with at least one good result when torrents of mixed rain and snow extinguished a forest fire which had burned over 4,000 acres in the Modoc national forest.

The storm's victim was Melvin McCoy Hamilton, 29, a tractor driver. He was killed instantly when the wind toppled a 70-foot redwood tree on him at Lagunitas, 35 miles north of San Francisco.

Areas Blacked Out

The wind knocked down signs and power poles, causing a house fire and brief interruptions of power and telephone service in the San Francisco bay area and blacking out Carson City and Virginia City, Nevada.

Four persons were injured, one seriously, when a Sacramento-to-Reno Greyhound bus skidded off Highway 40 during unseasonable rain and landed on its side. The injured were identified as James T. 60, Stockton, Cal.; James E. Farmer, 65, Ogden, Utah; Dorothy J. Brooks, 35, Reno, and D. J. Cunningham, Reno.

Salt Lake City, June 7—(U.P.)—A violent storm lashed Utah today with wind, rain and snow, wrecking property, causing one fatal accident and helping drive an escaped Utah convict back to prison.

Widest wind reported was at Provo, where the gale at 6 a.m. averaged 44 miles an hour with gusts up to 55 miles an hour.

Wind Hurled Dirt

Huge dust clouds billowed over most of the western half of the state as the wind picked up light dirt and salt dust off the desert flatlands and hurled it through the skies.

At Tooele, the dust was so thick that Norman Shepherd, 44-year-old state road commission flagman, didn't see a loaded gravel truck backing toward him. The truck, driven by Willard A. Day, 22, Midvale, knocked Shepherd under its wheels and he was killed instantly.

Rescued Passengers

See Shark Eat Man

Miami, Fla., June 7—(U.P.)—The U. S. destroyer Saufley steamed toward the mainland today carrying 37 survivors of a crashed plane crash who watched in horror while a fellow passenger was being eaten alive by sharks.

Nine Puerto Ricans were known to have died when the twin-engine C-46 crashed-landed in the Atlantic ocean Monday night 270 miles off the Florida coast. Eighteen others were presumed dead.

The tale of one heroic rescue that came too late was related in a radio message received from the ship by 6th naval district headquarters at Charleston, S. C.

It told how sharks began attacking Pedro Guegan just before he was fished out of the water and a Bos'n Mate C/C J. B. Taylor risked his own life to save him. Guegan died soon after being pulled aboard the Saufley.

Ferry Service Over

Columbia Restored

Astoria, Ore., June 7—(U.P.)—Ferry service was restored across the Columbia river today after a compromise agreement was reached between unions and operators, ending a six-day strike that cut coast highway 101.

Some 25 employees will receive their present 48 hour pay schedule for a 44 hour work week. The unions had asked a 40 hour week for 48 hours pay, while the company had offered a straight 7.5 cents an hour raise for the 48 hour week.

Hailstorm Reported

In Grants Pass Area

Grants Pass, Ore., June 7—(U.P.)—A sudden hard hailstorm yesterday in the Grants Pass area ended the acute fire hazard in the wind dried timber area.

Hail did little damage to crops but some home gardens were slightly injured.

CITY FIREMEN CALLED

City firemen called to 838 West Jackson street at 1:20 p.m. today reported they could find no fire.

Roy Shelton of Gangster Clan Slain

Fairfield, Ill., June 7—(U.P.)

Roy Shelton, whose gangster brothers fought rivals with armored cars and a plane during prohibition era wars, was shot and killed today in the latest of a series of ambushes to wipe out male members of the Shelton clan.

He was shot four or five times and knocked off his tractor as he worked on his Pond Creek bottom farm. He fell in front of a disc harrow which mangled his body.

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the death to the Wayne county

sheriff's office. Townspeople believed Roy's assassination bore out the opinion of Wayne county officials that recent shootings were the result of a backwoods feud. There had been three attempts on the life of Roy's nephew, Little Earl, 34, in the last year.

Because Roy had led a quiet life as a farmer, in recent years observers didn't think the gunplay grew out of any racketeering disputes. Roy had taken little part in the outlaw activities of his brothers, Big Earl, Bernie and Carl, other than an occasional jaunt with them in their younger days.

"It just looks like somebody is out to get the whole family," one source said.

He said there had been "bad blood" between the Shelton clan and other Pond Creek families over land and cattle ownership.

Served Prison Term

Roy was in prison for most of the period of the Shelton gang's heyday. He was sentenced to serve one to 20 years in Illinois prison in 1922 upon his conviction in circuit court in Williamson county for armed robbery.

He was granted a conditional parole in 1924 but violated it by not reporting regularly to his parole agent and was ordered returned to prison. For two years he was a fugitive until his capture in East St. Louis. He was released from prison in 1931.