

Lions Conclave Elects Officers; Set Baker in '51

Final business session in theater this morning. Lions here for their 26th convention voted to set Baker in '51. The Oregon city was the unanimous choice of the convention committee as the site of next year's conclave.

Election of district governors for the four Oregon districts saw only two contests, with the other two nominees shouted into office without opposition. Dick Doyle, Astoria, was elected governor of 36-0, nosing out Glen Leininger, Parkrose, by a vote of 40 to 34. Burton W. Dunn, Corvallis, became governor of District 36-E by a unanimous vote approving the choice of the nominating committee.

Hardin Named

In this district, 36-E, there was a race between Lou Hardin, Grants Pass, and Paul Lee, Klamath Falls. Hardin won the governorship by a vote of 60 to 32.

Mel Martin, The Dalles, was the unanimous choice of the delegates for governorship of District 36-G.

The final event of the three-day convention was the farewell luncheon held at noon today for Lions and their ladies in the junior high school gymnasium. Delegates to the annual meeting here were acclimated to one of the best-organized conventions in the history of Oregon Lionsism, notable, they said, for the lack of scrambled eggs for breakfast.

Banquet Held

High point of the convention was the governors' banquet and ball held last night at the junior high school for more than 800 Lions and wives. Toastmaster for the evening was Robert V. Christman, International councillor from Enterprise, and the speaker was International Director Herbert R. Hargrave, Fresno, Cal. Entertainment (and excitement) during the dinner were provided by the Grants Pass Lions club, and by an unscheduled conflagration that ignited a tablecloth and the formal skirt of a lady delegate.

This morning's last breakfast

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Mr. Hood Highway To Be Open Thursday

Portland, Ore., June 13.—(U.P.) The Mt. Hood Highway will be open to traffic at 8 a. m. on Thursday, F. T. Young, assistant division engineer of the state highway department, said today.

The route between Government Camp and Hood River has been closed all winter by snow.

for the men was enlivened by a slapstick burlesque of Shakespeare by a group of Shakespearean festival players from Ashland.

Ladies Elect

Mrs. Dean Erwin, Enterprise, was advanced to the presidency of the state auxiliary in the closing session for Lady Lions this morning at the Craterian theater. She has served as first vice-president during the past year.

Also named to office were Mrs. Al Crose, of the Hollywood club in Salem, first vice president; Mrs. Henry Griffin, Astoria, second vice-president; Mrs. L. L. Hickok, The Dalles, fourth vice president; Mrs. Robert McCurdy, Enterprise, secretary, and Mrs. Robert Chrisman, Enterprise, treasurer.

Gifts To Blind

Mrs. Ruben Kuratili, Hillsboro, retiring president, was given checks from various auxiliaries which will be added to the fund state school for the blind at Salem, Mrs. Kuratili asked that the traditional gifts to the retiring president be in the form of checks to the school.

The auxiliary this morning took a further donation of \$250 to the school in addition to \$500 already donated yesterday. \$500 was set as an annual minimum gift, with additional sums to be voted by each convention.

INQUIRY DEMANDED IN AMERASIA CASE

Walkout Ties Up Big New York Newspaper

Wage Boost, Union Security Sought In Guild Strike

Pressmen Refuse to Cross Picket Lines

New York, June 13.—(U.P.)—Zee B. Wood, executive editor of the New York World-Telegram and Sun, announced at 1 p. m. (EDT) that the newspaper would not print any of its seven editions today because of a strike of the New York Newspaper guild.

Federal mediator Thomas Dougherty requested both sides to meet with him at 5 p. m. Both sides accepted Dougherty's invitation.

Better Wages Asked

The guild's 540 members in the paper's editorial and commercial departments went on strike at 5:30 a. m. for higher wages, union security and other benefits. Pressmen, typographers and stenographers refused to cross the picket lines, making it impossible for the newspaper to publish.

Approximately 1,000 employees of the newspaper were off their jobs as a result of the strike. The newspaper employs an average of 1,550 people daily. Today, it was to have printed a 48-page paper.

Walkout Effective

Guild strike headquarters termed the walkout "completely effective." The guild said 750 persons were manning the picket lines on three sides of the main World-Telegram and Sun building in lower Manhattan. Pickets also patrolled three other plants where some of the newspaper's printing is done.

The strike involved some 500 employees in the editorial and commercial departments covered by the guild contract.

Remington Enters Plea of Innocent To Perjury Charge

New York, June 13.—(U.P.)—William W. Remington, former department of commerce economist, pleaded innocent today to a charge that he lied when he denied ever having been a member of the communist party.

The 32-year-old, six-foot-two defendant was arraigned in a five-minute session before Federal Judge John W. Clancy in the same courtroom where Alger Hiss was arraigned on a two-count perjury indictment nearly a year ago.

Clancy granted Remington two days to arrange bail of \$5,000. He was paroled in the custody of his attorney, Bethuel Webster, for that period.

Clancy told the defense it could have until July 5 to make motions. United States Attorney Irving H. Saypol told the court the government would have to fix the date of trial at the July 5 hearing.

Later, Saypol told reporters the government wanted to bring Remington to trial "as quickly as possible—maybe in July or August."

When asked how he pleaded, Remington replied in a deep voice:

"Not guilty."

His attorney told the court that Remington was having "some trouble" arranging bail because "the bonding companies apparently all have adopted the policy of not making bond in cases touching on the question of loyalty."

Webster said Remington would have to raise cash and was "on the point of getting some money from his mother, but will need about 36 hours to do that."

Senate Republicans Ask for Probe in Ways of Handling

Sen. Capehart Leads Investigation Request

Washington, June 13.—(U.P.)—Twenty senate republicans today demanded an investigation of the justice department's handling of the Amerasia stolen documents case, including consideration of "formal charges" against department officials.

Sen. Homer Capehart (R., Ind.) acting for himself and 19 other GOP members, introduced a resolution calling for an inquiry by the senate judiciary committee. The committee would be authorized to subpoena the justice department's "complete files and records" in the 1945 case.

New republican demands for reopening the case came at a time when a senate foreign relations subcommittee is conducting an investigation of its own and as a New York federal grand jury is looking into the case.

Republicans have charged a "bungled" prosecution and administration "whitewash."

Six persons were arrested in 1945 after FBI and office of strategic services agents found numerous secret government documents in the offices of the magazine Amerasia. Only two paid fines—Philip J. Jaffe, editor, who was fined \$2,500 after pleading guilty to illegal possession of the material, and Emanuel S. Larson, former state department employee, who was fined \$500 after pleading no contest.

The senate subcommittee is studying the possibility of contempt action against Jaffe for his refusal to discuss the case at a closed session yesterday on grounds any statement he made might be self-incriminating.

Edward P. Morgan, counsel for the subcommittee, was ordered to draw up a legal opinion.

Grange Master Urges Adoption Of Brannan Plan

Ontario, Ore., June 13.—(U.P.)—Delegates here for the 77th annual Oregon State Grange convention heard State Grange Master Morton Tompkins call for adoption of the Brannan farm plan in his annual report yesterday.

What Tompkins termed "public disgust" with costly waste of surplus commodities may result in junking of all government support programs, he prophesied. He offered the Brannan plan as at least worthy of a trial run.

To Battle Sales Tax

In his address, Tompkins warned delegates to grid for another battle against a state sales tax.

"The state should look to the corporate excise and personal income taxes for needed additional revenues," Tompkins said, "not the unfair sales tax."

Tompkins also attacked name-calling under the guise of patriotism to discredit individuals and "economic coercion" to keep businessmen from buying PUD power.

He urged continued Grange favoring of a Columbia Valley administration "until someone comes along with a better plan"—along with the boosting of state legislators' pay and the school support measure, both of which appear on the November general election ballot.

Sharp Debate Seen On Brannan Plan At Labor Conclave

La Grande, Ore., June 13.—(U.P.)—Support of the Brannan farm plan was asked today in a resolution introduced by R. F. Pickett of the Portland federal employees union before the Oregon State Federation of Labor convention.

No action will be taken on resolutions until after the 5 p. m. deadline, but the Brannan plan resolution was expected to bring sharp debate should it reach the convention floor.

Protection Requested

Portland federal employees also introduced a resolution requesting protection for rights of federal employees in loyalty hearings without sacrificing national security. The resolution condemned investigations conducted without observance of recognized judicial practices as the "American version of Russian secret police methods."

President J. M. McDonald of the federation submitted a resolution calling for endorsement of the AFL traditional policy of non-partisan support of political candidates.

McDonald, in keynoting the convention yesterday, warned labor to keep out of partisan politics.

Vehicle Building Dedicated Monday By Earl Newbry

Secretary of State Earl Newbry yesterday dedicated a new field branch of his office that will provide vastly improved service to motorists of Jackson county.

Motor vehicles registrations, drivers' examinations and license renewals are now to be handled from the white concrete and tile building on Highway 99 near Bear Creek orchards south of Medford. It is the 14th field office to be built under the current program of Newbry's office. He said he anticipates there will be 25 of them by this time next year.

Cites Demand

Introduced to the small crowd gathered in front of the building yesterday afternoon by Judge J. B. Coleman, Newbry told his listeners that the need for the field offices was created by the increasing demands made on the central office in Salem where vehicle registration business was formerly conducted by mail. Newbry said that when he took office in 1948 the state had about 500,000 registered motor vehicles; now it has about 700,000. Field offices scattered throughout the state will spread the state pay-roll, reducing the office staff in Salem for every one that is added in the field, Newbry said.

With Newbry was Ward McReynolds, chief driver's examiner for the state. He revealed that the opening of the building in Jackson county will make possible inauguration of daily drivers' examinations, instead of the two-and-a-half-days per week schedule that has been in force here for years. By hiring a part-time examiner to serve the Grants Pass area, the two regular examiners will be released to serve the Medford office from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. Monday through Friday and 9 a. m. until 1 p. m. Saturdays. This improved service will begin July 1.

License Division

In the license division here, William O'Brien is to be assisted for about two weeks by Allan Greene from the state office.

As soon as the brief dedication ceremonies were completed the office staff yesterday did a brisk business in license plates and operator's license renewals. The first plates sold over the counter went to Voltaire 165 of the 40 at 8 for their World War I vintage "Marne Taxi."

Music for the ceremonies was provided by two members of the Ashland Killy band, and members of the air force and marine recruiting offices officiated at flag-raising ceremonies.

Mayor Diamond Flynn assisted as master of ceremonies, introducing guests from neighboring towns.

Absence Indicated Defense of Wilsons

Vancouver, Wsh., June 13.—(U.P.)—Defense Attorney Irving Goodman further indicated today that the case for Turman and Wilson would be based on the contention that they were not in Washington state at the time 18-year-old Joann Dewey was kidnapped and murdered.

Goodman, in exercising a peremptory challenge to one of the 12 jurors selected yesterday, said that the Wilson brothers were in Portland, Ore., at the time of the alleged crime.

The Wilson brothers—Turman, 24, and Utah, 20—are charged with the kidnap-murder of Miss Dewey last March 19. They were arrested at Sacramento a few days after Joann's nude body was found in the Wind river in southern Washington.

Virginian First in Women's Air Derby

Greenville, S. C., June 13.—(U.P.)—Martha Ann Woodrum of Roanoke, Va., finished first in the annual powderpuff air derby, a coast-to-coast race for women light-plane pilots, when she crossed the finish line here at 11:51 a. m. (EST) today.

Miss Woodrum, daughter of a former congressman, was not declared the winner. Only time spent in the air is counted, and a later arrival might show less elapsed time than she.

Thirty-three planes began the race Monday at San Diego and at least four had reportedly dropped out because of one trouble or another.

The racers must touch down at Charleston, S. C., before doubling back to Greenville for the official finish. The race is sponsored by the Ninety-Nines, an organization of women fliers.

Mildred Harshman of Dayton, O., led the field out of Texas last night, but race officials did not know whether she was leading the derby. The race is run on the basis of flying time compared with manufacturers' advertised speeds for the planes.

Most of the planes were expected in here before tomorrow. Contestants must fly only during daylight, and reach Greenville by 1 p. m. EDT Friday to be eligible for the prizes, ranging from \$250 to \$750.

The women fliers were permitted to land last night at Tucson, Ariz.; Columbus, N. M.; El Paso, Tex.; Wink, Tex.; Odessa, Tex.; Big Spring, Tex.; Abilene, Tex.; Dallas, Tex.; Tyler, Tex.; Shreveport, La.; Monroe, La.; Jackson, Miss.; Meridian, Miss.; Montgomery, Ala.; Charleston and Greenville.

A sister of a Medford woman is one of the participants in the Ninety-Nines transcontinental air race from San Diego to Greenville, S. C. She is Mrs. Betty Gillies, San Diego, sister of Mrs. James G. Town, 2679 Eastover terrace. Mrs. Gillies' 16-year-old daughter, Patricia, is serving as her co-pilot. Mrs. Gillies was second last year.

3 Rescued After Accident at Lake

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Fire District Election At Rogue River Slated

A special election has been set for July 20 by the Jackson county court for balloting that will decide on the formation of a proposed Rogue River Rural Fire Protection district. Registered voters in the boundaries of the district will also elect candidates to the board of five directors.

Ballots will be cast at Col. Ted Hopkins' real estate office at Rogue River.

Washington, June 13.—(U.P.)—The house banking committee today approved a bill to continue until July 1, 1951, the authority of the government to exercise import controls on fats and oils, rice and rice products.

Washington, June 13.—(U.P.)—The Army today appointed its first Eskimo chaplain—the Rev. Percy Ipalook who will serve with the Alaskan National guard.

Ashland Man Admits Deadly Assault Charge

Robert W. Hobbs, Ashland, pleaded guilty in circuit court here yesterday to a charge of assault with a deadly weapon.

Hobbs was arrested Saturday by Ashland police after he reportedly slashed the hands of an Ashland businessman with a knife. Ashland police said Hobbs was being escorted out of a store there because his behavior was objectionable and that he had the knife concealed on his person. The businessman, who was not named, called police immediately after the altercation and Hobbs was picked up shortly afterward. He is being held in county jail and will be sentenced in circuit court after his previous record is investigated.

Former Rep. Thomas Applies for Parole

Danbury, Conn., June 13.—(U.P.)—Former Rep. J. Parnell Thomas (R., N. J.) has applied for a parole from the federal correctional institution where he is serving a term of six to 18 months for defrauding the government, it was learned today.

Dr. George Killinger, chairman of the parole board, said Thomas would be given an interview some time today or tomorrow.

Thomas, sentenced last December 9, became eligible for parole June 6, but did not immediately apply. Instead, he asked President Truman to commute his prison term and cancel a \$10,000 fine imposed when he was convicted of conspiring to defraud the government by padding his congressional payroll and accepting salary "kickbacks" from his employees.

Killinger said a decision on Thomas' parole application may not be reached for several weeks. After the interview, he said, he would make a report to the parole board at Washington which would have to review it.

School Teacher Oaths Are Declared Legal

Cleveland, O., June 13.—(U.P.)—A common pleas judge ruled today that school teacher loyalty oaths are legal.

Judge James C. Connell said that the oaths do not violate provisions of the declaration of independence, the constitution of the United States and various state laws as charged in a taxpayer's suit.

The suit was filed by Attorney Jack B. Dworken after the local school board adopted a resolution on May 23, 1949, calling on all teachers to take the loyalty oath.

Dworken said the oaths "will lead to great confusion, demoralize the teaching staff and undermine the prestige and stability of our public schools."

Salem, Ore., June 13.—(U.P.)—A prominent Salem physician, Dr. C. A. Downs, 64, was in serious condition today at the Salem General hospital as a result of an automobile collision here last night.

Israeli Airmen Force Jordanian Plane Down

Tel Aviv, Israel, June 13.—(U.P.)—Israeli airmen forced down a plane bearing Jordanian military markings in south Israel today. A military spokesman who announced the incident said the plane was flying over Israeli territory in the Negev area in violation of the Israeli-Jordanian agreement.

The plane landed undamaged. Six occupants climbed out unhurt. Among them were the pilot who was said to be wearing British royal air force insignia, and some civilians.

The Israeli spokesman said Jordanian planes had been crossing Israel for many weeks despite Israeli warnings through the mixed armistice commission.

FREEZING DEMONSTRATION

Gold Hill, June 13.—Miss Eula Wintermute will conduct a freezing demonstration at the school cafeteria room on Wednesday, June 14, at 1:30 p. m. Persons interested in the demonstration are welcome to attend the meeting. It is hoped that women wishing to freeze fruits and vegetables will be present.

Salem, Ore., June 13.—(U.P.)—Gov. Douglas McKay today reappointed Mrs. Lee Patterson of Portland and Hugh G. Ball of Hood River to four-year terms on the state public welfare commission to become effective July 1.

Detroit, June 13.—(U.P.)—Mrs. Wanda Gitari divorced her husband George today because he bought a piano instead of a crib for their infant son.

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Fleet-Footed Girl Rescues Tot from Drainage Ditch

Birmingham Ala., June 13.—(U.P.)—An entire neighborhood heaped praise today on a teenage girl with a cool head and fast feet who snatched a two-year-old tot from a drainage ditch seconds before he would have been carried into an underground culvert.

While the parents and other neighbors of little Johnnie Shores milled around the spot where he had toppled into the rushing water, 17-year-old Doris Jean Schatz had a burst of inspiration.

She sprinted three blocks through backyards and alleyways to the culvert on the hunch that "the water was too swift to permit Johnnie to just sink."

And she was right.

A few yards away from the culvert, Doris Jean caught sight of the boy's head bobbing under the water and jumped in after him.

Johnnie had already been carried under two street intersections and was floating face down when the girl reached him in water up to her waist.

"I thought sure he was dead," she said. "I carried him up out of the ditch and put him on the grass. I was taught artificial respiration in school but I got so nervous I couldn't remember how to do it. So I just started squeezing his stomach to get the water out."

Meanwhile, 13-year-old Marjorie Loveland, who had accompanied Doris Jean, shouted to attract the attention of others. Johnnie's father, C. W. Shores, an army veteran who three times had saved men from drowning, revived the lad about 45 minutes later.

Rain, Temperature Boost Swells Rivers

Portland, Ore., June 13.—(U.P.)—Moderately heavy rain and warmer temperatures in the upper Columbia basin sent most northwest rivers upward during the last 24 hours, the weather bureau said today.

Falls were recorded, however, at both Portland and Vancouver, Wash., where the Willamette river and the Columbia dipped 4 of a foot. The Willamette was 7 of a foot above flood stage at Portland but contained behind the city's seawall. At Vancouver, the Columbia stood 3.7 feet above flood stage but had spread only into low lying pastureland.

The Snake river at Lewiston went up 6 of a foot after 46 inches of rainfall and the Columbia at Trinidad rose .8.

Telephone Workers Discuss Walkout

New York, June 13.—(U.P.)—The United telephone organizations will decide today whether to call a strike of 16,000 maintenance and repair employees against the New York Telephone company, a union spokesman said.

The company's contract with the independent union ran out at midnight. Henry Mayer, union counsel, said the union's 39-man board of directors would "make a decision on strike action" by this afternoon.

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Prisoner Returned to Salem After 2 1/2 Years

Salem, Ore., June 13.—(U.P.)—Elmer Luther Murr, 46, was back in the state penitentiary here today after being free as an escapee for more than two and one half years.

He was captured in Tacoma, Wash., last week and returned to the prison by Oregon officers early today.

MASON LODGES DISSOLVED

Budapest, Hungary, June 13.—(U.P.)—All 19 Masonic lodges in Hungary have been dissolved on grounds that they were "meeting places of the enemies of the Peoples' Republic," the communist ministry of interior said today.

Mrs. FDR Not to See Denmark King, Queen

Copenhagen, Denmark, June 13.—(U.P.)—Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt will not see the Danish King and Queen during her visit here because of a tight schedule and not because of any ill feeling, a U.S. embassy official said today.

Mrs. Roosevelt will arrive here June 16 and stay four days.

Embassy press attaché William Roll said that before her exact arrival date was fixed, King Frederick invited her to stay at Fredensborg Castle, north of Copenhagen.

However, he said, the King and Queen moved to Graasten castle in southern Denmark last Saturday to make scheduled public appearances there.

Two Mystery Prospectors Vanish After Stirring Uranium Fever in Michigan

Houghton, Mich., June 13.—(U.P.)—Two mystery prospectors who vanished after nearly breaking a geiger counter with ore samples sent uranium fever soaring today in this community.

Every amateur and professional prospector in the area was all set to start digging for the supposedly super-radio active ore. But no one knew where to dig, and the two men who started the whole thing had simply disappeared.

Frank Goodman, 41, who runs a sporting goods store and newsstand in the bus station, said the men, clad in well-worn army fatigues, showed up yesterday and asked him to test some rock samples with his geiger counter. He said their pockets were bulging with rocks.

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them a quarter for each rock I tested," Goodman said. "One of them sort of smiled and dug around in his pocket and came up with a rock about five by four inches, the biggest one he had."

"I thought the counter was going to pop," Goodman said. "The neon tube flashed so much that it looked like one steady light. It just kept on buzzing and flashing without stopping."

He said the rock was "lots more active" than several radio active samples from Colorado he uses to demonstrate the counter.

"I told the fellows they really had something," Goodman said. "I asked them where they got the rocks, but they told me they 'just aren't talking.' I asked them to wait until I could tell a reporter about them, but they said

they didn't want any publicity. "Then they just turned around and walked out of the station," Goodman said. "Not that I blame them much. I wouldn't want the whole town following me around either."

News of the discovery spread quickly through this town of 5,000 on the northernmost thrust of Michigan's upper peninsula.

Everyone was waiting for the strangers to file a claim so they would know where to start digging for the precious ore—if that is what it was.

This rugged, eroded hilly area jumped into the nation's headlines in the fall of 1948 when the first uranium strike was reported. Several more strikes have been made since then in the Houghton area and the territory north of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

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