

THREE DROWNED IN APPLEGATE

Eva Hamilton Wins School Board Job; Other Areas Elect

Mrs. Moore (Eva) Hamilton, wife of Medford's acting postmaster, polled 532 votes in the Medford school election yesterday to gain a five-year term on the district No. 49 school board. She succeeds John P. Moffat, whose term expires and who was not a candidate for re-election.

Mrs. Hamilton was opposed on the ballot by Dunbar Carpenter, who received 366 votes, and Dr. Leroy Jensen, who got 210.

The new director has three children in Medford schools. She has been a member of the executive board of the Jackson County Public Health association for 10 years and a member of the county chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis since chapter organization. She is now secretary of county Red Cross chapter and the Jackson Parent-Teacher association executive board.



MRS. MOORE HAMILTON Wins School Board Post

Honor Paid Emil Britt for Years Of Weather Aid

More than 300 persons gathered at the front of the Southern Oregon Historical museum in Jacksonville last night as the late Emil Britt was posthumously honored by the United States weather bureau for 58 1/2 years service as a volunteer weather observer.

At a presentation ceremony arranged by the Jacksonville Lions club, Robert Church, official in charge of the Medford weather bureau, presented Miss Mollie Britt with a pin in recognition of her brothers' work for the bureau. Church acted in behalf of F. W. Reichelderfer, chief of the weather bureau, who wrote that Britt was "one of the deans of the bureau's volunteer cooperative observer service."

Memory Honored

A. C. Van Galder of the Jacksonville Lions club presided at the ceremonies on the steps of the historic former Jackson county courthouse in Jacksonville. There were also brief remarks in memory of Emil Britt by County Judge J. B. Coleman and Mayor Albert Hackert of Jacksonville. Van Galder said the weather bureau's recognition pin should also be considered an honor to Miss Britt since she participated in weather observation work with her brother.

At the conclusion of the brief ceremony, Miss Britt and the visitors were conducted on a tour of the museum. It is now nearly ready to receive its first exhibits after several months of restoration work. In the main hall on the second floor, the guests were greeted with a musical salute by the Eve Prentice accordion band.

Hollywood, June 20—(U.P.)—Actor Joseph Cotten, handsome screen leading man, was a grandfather today.



MISS BRITT ACCEPTS AWARD—Miss Mollie Britt, Jacksonville pioneer, is shown above as she accepted a pin from the United States weather bureau posthumously honoring her brother, the late Emil Britt, for 58 1/2 years' service to the bureau as a volunteer weather observer. On the left, making the presentation, is Robert Church, official in charge of the Medford weather bureau. Others in the picture, left to right, are A. C. Van Galder, who presided at the ceremony in behalf of the Jacksonville Lions club; Mayor Albert Hackert of Jacksonville, and County Judge J. B. Coleman.—(Brainerd photo.)

Flood Crest Moves Down Fraser Valley As Families Flee

Rain Expected to Hamper Soggy Dikes

Vancouver, B. C., June 20—(U.P.)—Two dikes collapsed and others developed serious leaks in the Fraser valley today as the first drowning of the 1950 flood was reported.

A state of emergency has been declared at Harrison Mills, 35 miles east of Vancouver where the Fraser river collapsed part of a dike.

Missing and presumed drowned as the first victim of the Fraser valley floods of 1950 was eight-year-old Paul Dussault who fell off a log in the swirling Fraser river tributary, Silverdale creek, 40 miles east of Vancouver.

The Canadian army was called in to help evacuate river-threatened residents. Already 2,000 persons have been forced from their homes by the snow-swollen streams.

Could Be Dangerous. Continued pressure on the dikes could mean serious trouble, Bruce Dixon, Fraser valley dike commissioner said. He warned that if the high level remained for any length of time the situation could be "very dangerous."

The famed Harrison Hot Springs, B.C., spa was one of the hardest-hit spots in the 70-mile valley. Most of the town was under four feet of water. But many of the 500 residents refused to evacuate their homes. Town Commissioner Col. A. N. Smith used a motorboat to cruise the streets.

The mighty Fraser appeared to be receding at its headwaters, however, despite a boiling sun which beat down on snow-covered mountains in the interior of the province. At Prince George, B. C., the stream dropped six inches yesterday.

Additional hope was given flood-fighters as the weather bureau said a cold front billowing out of the Gulf of Alaska would bring cooler weather. However, he predicted temperatures in the 90's again today for most of the Fraser watershed. A light rain forecast for Wednesday was expected to soften already-soggy dikes.

But the report from all parts of the Fraser valley early today was "the dikes are holding." Several dike districts said bolts and seepage were being closely watched and secondary dikes were being constructed in some places.

More than 1,000 men were thrown out of work when 16 lumber mills closed down because of flooding.

Tent City Installed. A tent city sprung up at Mission, B. C., as about 700 persons fled their homes on Nicomen Island which was inundated during the disastrous floods of two years ago.

Lines of the Canadian National and Pacific Great Eastern railroads remained blocked today. The other trans-Canada rail link, the Canadian Pacific railroad, reported trains were sloshing through water at Silverdale, B.C.

Portland, Ore., June 20—(U.P.) The Willamette and Columbia rivers today continued to rise at the rate of an inch every two hours.

Weather bureau forecasters said a 24-foot-plus stage sometime tomorrow should be the high for the current runoff season.

Meanwhile, residents in lowlands near the river were being plagued by some sewage water. In most areas water lapped near the tops of dikes but only a few minor breaks have been reported.

Post Office Employee Given Jail Term for Discharging Revolver

Edward J. Corvelyn, custodial officer, was sentenced in Justice court yesterday to 30 days in the county jail on a disorderly conduct charge for firing a revolver yesterday morning in the post office, according to city police and justice court reports.

According to information given to police at the post office, Corvelyn fired the shot at or over his head and into the ceiling. Post office employees said the bullet made two small holes in the ceiling of the work room. The revolver was a .45 caliber Colt model used for protection in the mail room.

BUDGET DISCUSSION SET

Central Point, June 20—An explanation of the city's proposed 1950-51 budget and a discussion of its importance will be held at the high school building here at 8 p.m. today. A revote on the budget, which was turned down recently by the voters, has been scheduled for June 22.

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BOY SCOUTS PREPARE FOR JUBILEE DEPARTURE—The 71 Boy scouts and eight leaders who left last night by train for Pennsylvania, where they will attend the national scout jubilee, gathered on the lawn near the Southern Pacific depot yesterday afternoon for last-minute ceremonies and a court of honor. They are shown in the above picture just before they were dismissed for the afternoon for last goodbyes to parents and relatives. H. D. Christensen (white shirt, right foreground), council scout president, was master of ceremonies. City and scout leaders also gave brief talks and two awards were made at the outdoor court. The boys will return July 14. A large number of friends and relatives gathered to witness the ceremonies. A few of them can be seen in the foreground and left background of the picture.—(Brainerd photo.)

Mrs. Hopkins to Head Republican County Committee

Mrs. Curtis L. Hopkins, vice-chairman of the Jackson County Republican Central committee, was elected chairman of the group without opposition at a meeting held at the YMCA last night. She succeeds John Niemeyer in the post, and will hold office for two years.

The election of Mrs. Hopkins gives the county the distinction of being what is thought to be the only county where chairman of both parties' central committees are women. Mrs. Edward C. Kelly is chairman of the democrats here.

Other officers named unanimously by the GOP committee included Rodney Keating, Ashland, vice-chairman, succeeding Mrs. Hopkins; Col. W. H. Paine, Medford, secretary-treasurer, elected; and Don Darnielle, Medford, and Mrs. Ed Bolt, Gold Hill, congressional committee-men and woman. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Denman were named alternate chairman and vice-chairman respectively.

Other Business. The committee also considered ways and means of filling 17 vacancies in precinct offices, and made arrangements to distribute precinct lists of voters.

Other business included the appointment by Mrs. Hopkins of two committees: a budget committee for the GOP group, and a committee to study a statement of republican policy prepared by Robert Ormond Case, Portland author.

The committee voted to commend the county clerk and The Mail Tribune for public services rendered in providing information for voters at the primary election.

Next meeting of the committee will be July 17.

Change Suggested In Pear Marketing

Recommendation for five amendments to the winter pear marketing agreements were announced today by the production and marketing administration office in Portland.

The recommendations were (1) revision to permit greater flexibility in grade and size regulations and regulation of shipments by minimum quality standards; (2) establishment of new voting procedure on regulation recommendations; (3) provision of additional committee alternate; (4) to authorize exemption from regulation pears shipped to designated areas; and (5) to make other minor and related changes to facilitate the program.

The recommendations were based on hearings at Portland, Yakima and Sacramento earlier this year. Those wishing to take exceptions may write the agriculture department's hearing clerk by July 3, 1950.

Buenos Aires, Argentina, June 20—(U.P.)—The government today ordered Western Union and All America Cables to close their offices throughout Argentina, except in Buenos Aires.

WEATHER

Forecast: Clear to partly cloudy and warmer tonight and Wednesday.

Highest yesterday 81
Lowest this morning 57

Census Man Reports County Irrigation Growth Phenomenal

Jackson county's irrigation system has grown phenomenally, probably more than any other in the northwest area, according to Ray Feves, Eugene, district supervisor of the census, who visited Medford today.

This unexpected and "overwhelming" growth is one of the factors which delayed completion of the population count, Feves said, but the irrigation tally is now nearing completion and will be available for publication soon.

Actually the census was five counts made at the same time, Feves added. The population count is finished except for some readjustments, but work

Bill Completed To Increase Taxes On Corporations

Washington, June 20—(U.P.) House tax writers completed work on their tax revision bill today by voting to require corporations to pay their taxes faster in the next five years and thereby increase government revenue.

As the house ways and means committee wound up almost five months of work on the legislation, the final product shaped up this way:

Excise Tax Cuts. 1. Excise tax cuts of \$1,010,000,000 on such items as furs, luggage, cosmetics, telephone bills, movie tickets, travel tickets and telegraph tolls.

2. An increase of \$433 million a year in corporation taxes. Corporations which earn more than \$167,000 a year would pay higher taxes under the committee plan, and corporations earning between \$5,000 and \$167,000 would pay less.

3. Closure of "loopholes" in the present tax laws to yield the government about \$465 million a year.

Prompt Payment Asked. 4. Adoption of a proposal by Rep. Wilbur D. Mills (D., Ark.) to require corporations to pay their taxes more promptly than they now are permitted to pay them. This would yield the government about \$420,000,000 in additional revenue over the next five years, but would have no effect on government income after that.

5. A shortage of about \$10 million between the excise tax cuts and the new revenue picked up through tax increases, without taking into account the Mills proposal. It was estimated that the Mills plan would yield about \$800 million in fiscal 1951, which would more than offset the excise tax cuts approved by the committee.

Portland, Ore., June 20—(U.P.) Motorists paid \$207,000 traffic fines and bail forfeits here during the last five months, Judge J. J. Quillin announced today.

BULLETINS

Two accidents which occurred just at press time today were reported by Conger Morris ambulance service. No details were immediately available. In one, it was reported that a woman had been hit by a car at the corner of Front and Eighth streets. The other report said a car had rolled over near the Big Y market at the north city limits.

71 Scouts Entrain For Jamboree at Valley Forge, Pa.

Dressed in natty forest green and khaki uniforms with short pants and sleeves, and carrying a fully decorated pack, 71 Crater Lake Area council Boy scouts and eight leaders entrained for Valley Forge, Pa., here last night, en route to the national Boy scout jamboree.

The boys, pulling colorful "trek carts," marched through downtown Medford yesterday, led by the prize-winning Boy scout drum and bugle corps from Central Point.

Honor Court Held. A court of honor was held on the grass of the Southern Pacific plaza after the parade, and the boys were congratulated and wished well by civic and scout leaders.

Jack Bailey, a member of Explorer Post 8, was presented with his Explorer ranger badge. He is the first in this council to win the ranger award, and one of few in the nation to win both ranger and eagle badges. George Flanagan, camping chairman for the council, made the presentation, and the award was pinned on the scout by his mother. His card was signed by President Truman as honorary Boy scout president.

The other award made at the special court was ordinary seaman rank awarded Life Scout Pat Niles, Grants Pass, a member of the sea scout ship Rogue. Other Speakers. Others who spoke briefly at the ceremony were J. D. Christensen, council president; Frank Runtz, acting mayor; J. A. MacDougall, council commissioner; Dr. Charles Lemery, national jamboree chairman for the council and train medical officer; Mrs. Marjorie Hopkins, Girl scout executive who presented record-keeping material to the scout leaders for use on the trip, and Cliff Hanson, scout executive.

Following the ceremonies, boys were released until train time to visit with parents, relatives and friends. They left at 7:38 p.m. in two special cars, and will join a special train at Eugene for the trans-continental trip. They will return July 14.

Grand Rapids, Mich., June 20—(U.P.)—It was not quite a firebug that touched off a blaze in a house here, Firemen said. It was a bird that tried to use a lighted cigarette in building its nest.

Judy Garland Fails in Attempt To End Life by Cutting Throat

Hollywood, June 20—(U.P.)—Judy Garland, hysterical and despondent after years of illness and career frustrations, tried to kill herself last night by slashing her throat with the jagged edge of a broken drinking glass.

MGM studio, where the singing star grew from chubby girlhood to a maturity haunted by ill health and mental desperation, reported the suicide attempt today.

Missed Juglar Vein. They said Miss Garland missed her juglar vein and was treated for slight cuts about her famous throat that has earned millions of dollars for the studio.

Friends of the hollow-eyed beauty said she was "desperate" and almost out of her mind "over her recent suspension from the studio."

MGM executives chopped her off the payroll Saturday after she failed to show up for a rehearsal of "Royal Wedding."

This was too much for the 27-year-old movie queen, they said. Jack Atlas, studio representative, reported Miss Garland conferring with her business agent, Carlton Alsop, at 6 o'clock last night.

"Her husband, Director Vincent Minnelli, was there, too," Atlas added, "and her secretary, Myrtle Tully."

Judy Got Hysterical. "They talked a while and then Judy got hysterical. She walked into her bedroom, locked herself in a bathroom, broke a drinking glass and scrapped it across her throat."

Minnelli went to the bathroom door and persuaded her to open it. "She said she was sorry she had done it," Atlas reported.

Sisters, 6 and 8, And Uncle Victims Of Tragic Mishap

Two Others Saved From Death by Bystanders

Two small Medford girls and an uncle visiting from California were drowned in the Big Applegate river at about 4 p.m. yesterday, County Coroner Carlos Morris reported this morning.

The victims were Roberta "Bobbie" Elaine Schnack, six, her sister, Elizabeth Ann "Betty Ann" Schnack, eight and their uncle, Carl A. Walters, about 50, of 9625 Highland Gorge Drive, Beverly Hills, Cal. The girls are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Martin D. Schnack, route 3, box 206, Medford.

Two other sisters of the drowned girls, Margaret Louise, nine, and Mary Madeleine, 11, survived after being rescued from the swirling waters of the stream.

Story Pieced Together. The story of the tragic accident was pieced together by the coroner's office this morning from the reports of survivors and witnesses. According to Morris this is what happened:

Walters, accompanied by a Beverly Hills neighbor, Allen H. Buncie, were fishing in the stream and the four small girls were watching from the bank. They had been talking to Mrs. John Streibinger, Medford, wife of another fisherman, who went on upstream after chatting with the girls.

Buncie, who was fishing downstream from the girls, said he suddenly heard them scream. He saw them in the water, holding hands. They were being swept off their feet, he said, and one of the older girls later said one of the younger ones was the first to slip.

Calls for Help. Buncie threw his fishing line in front of the girls as they were being swept downstream, but it broke. He called for help, and then plunged into a deep hole after the girls, but was unable to get close to them. Mrs. Streibinger, who had returned after hearing Buncie's yell, said he too had drowned, but managed to crawl up the bank.

Walters, who had been upstream, came running back, and went into the water after the girls. He caught up with them and succeeded in gathering them together before all five were swept away.

Buncie meanwhile had climbed from the river, and ran downstream. He found Margaret hanging on to a bush, and pulled her to safety.

Pull Two Out. John Streibinger was further downstream where he had been fishing and soon saw Walters and Mary floating down the river. Walters was face down and the girl was clinging to his back, gasping. Streibinger managed to pull both to the bank where Mary was safe, but Walters did not survive.

About this time Mrs. Streibinger had called for help from Lyle Hard, route 2, box 55, Jacksonville, who ran to the ranger station for help. The party found Roberta in an eddy below the spot where Walters and Mary were found. Hard dove in and brought her out and started giving artificial respiration, to no avail.

Other Victim Found. The other victim, Elizabeth, was found further downstream and on the other side, caught on some rocks.

Two Conger-Morris ambulance rescuers were used for two hours on Walters and Elizabeth before hope was given up.

Funeral arrangements with Conger-Morris funeral home in charge, are pending, and will be announced later.

School Bond Issue Defeated at Bend

Bend, Ore., June 20—(U.P.)—A proposed \$780,000 bond issue for construction of a new high school here was defeated Monday by a vote of 921 to 716, a check of returns disclosed this morning.

It had been planned to build the new school on a 30-acre tract in the southeast part of Bend, and use the present building for a junior high school.