

Democrats Will Honor Judge Frank TouVelle At Testimonial Picnic

A testimonial picnic honoring Judge Frank L. TouVelle of Jacksonville, former state highway commissioner and dean of the Democratic party in Jackson county, will be held at TouVelle State Park, north of Medford, Sunday, August 17.

The picnic, sponsored by Jackson county Democrats is open to the public. State park and highway officials and Democratic party heads and candidates will attend and take part in the program. Dr. Arthur Kreisman of Southern Oregon College will be master of ceremonies and Edward C. Kelly, Medford attorney, will give the main address. The picnic will begin at noon.

The event will be a public expression of appreciation to Judge TouVelle for his donation of some 50 acres of land, including 10 acres of beach land along the Rogue river to the state for park purposes.

The tract, including a large picnic area was donated in 1948 and is used by thousands of Oregon residents and visitors from every state.

Judge TouVelle, born in Kansas March 13, 1870, is a graduate of Cincinnati Law School, and a member of Phi Delta Phi Law fraternity. Taking an early interest in politics, he became county treasurer in Mercer County, Ohio, at the age of 23, serving from 1893 to 1897.

A case of "love at first sight" is the way Judge TouVelle describes his first contact with Oregon. He came here in 1905 to attend the Lewis and Clark Centennial celebration, visited relatives in Jackson county, bought a ranch and stayed.

"It got to be that every time I bought a piece of property somebody else wanted it so badly that I had to sell it and buy



JUDGE FRANK TOUVELLE To Be Honored

something else," he reminisced, "until I had bought ten ranches and orchard properties before I finally settled down."

He married Elizabeth Blosser, Feb. 24, 1916. Judge TouVelle's crusade for good roads finally elected him Jackson county judge in 1913, in which capacity he served until 1919.

Through his leadership the county passed a half million dollar bond issue to provide for the first paved section of the Pacific Highway, from Central Point to Ashland and a grade over the Siskiyou mountains.

Public Health Pioneer

Judge TouVelle also became a pioneer in the field of public health and during his term of office Jackson County established the first public health department in the state. The judge bought the first automobile for the public health nurse, so that she could make the needed calls around the county. For this "extravagance" he remembers humorously, "there were some threats to recall me."

In recognition for his promotion of good roads and highways, Judge TouVelle was appointed state highway commissioner under Governor Charles Martin in 1935, serving until April, 1939.

Farm Experts Called To Feed Drought Area

Washington —(U.P.)— The Agriculture Department has called in farm experts from seven states to lay plans for rushing emergency feed to drought-starved cattle in Tennessee and Kentucky.

The emergency program to dispatch Midwestern hay into the worst-hit states of the parched South will be financed by \$3,000,000 in federal emergency funds allotted by President Truman.

At the planning session were state agricultural mobilization directors from Tennessee, Kentucky, Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana and Illinois. These officials, with the department's Commodity Credit Corp., will carry out the emergency feed program.

Holland Harvesting Finest Tulip Crop

New York —(U.P.)— The finest tulip crop since before the war is now being harvested in the Netherlands, thanks to an unprecedented ten weeks of near-perfect weather, Gustave Springer, American director for the Bulb Growers of Holland said.

This year's shipments of spring flower-bulbs to the United States, starting in mid-August, are expected to exceed last year's figure of 420,000,000, Springer said. A sampling of U.S. orders in the hands of Dutch growers and exporters indicate American retailers will do better than the \$25,000,000 bulb business achieved in 1951.



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