

GOP National Convention Report Given Local Group

The "inside workings" of a political convention were related to a group of Jackson County Young Republicans Friday evening by Robert A. Elliott, state Republican chairman and one of four seconders to the nomination of Dwight D. Eisenhower.

In an informal speech, Elliott told the group of the importance that television now plays in a convention and how the different candidates geared their nomination races to the medium. He added that this would be one of the last instances of a delegate telling of the convention to an audience that had not already seen television, including, in most cases, the audiences knowing of various political moves sometimes well in advance of the delegates themselves.

Explained Enlargement
He explained the effect of the enlargement of the Republican National committee which had 32 new members added after the convention with the addition of state committee chairmen when a state qualifies by voting a Republican majority, or by electing a majority of congressional representatives, or by electing a Republican governor. The most important effect of such an enlargement, the speaker noted, would be the dilution of southern influence on the committee where the GOP party is the minority party.

He also expressed his belief that in the coming general election campaigns, Texas would be "a great battleground" for party supremacy for the first time. He noted forthcoming "key" battles based upon the fact that "35,000 properly placed votes would have elected Thomas Dewey in 1948 instead of President Truman."

The state chairman also predicted a "tremendous discussion in the next few years of national primaries," although he warned against too quick an acceptance with such pitfalls to be ironed out as a "flood of candidates" diluting a representative vote.

Funds Being Distributed To Support County Fairs

Salem (U.P.) — State money to help support county fairs in the state is now being distributed, Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry said Saturday.

The distribution is made from funds received by the state tax on pari-mutual betting at horse and dog racing in the state. As of Aug. 7, the fund totaled \$685,194.07, of which \$269,194.07 was apportioned to the state's general fund. The remainder is being handed out to 10 different fairs and expositions and to the counties for their fairs or expositions.

Each of Oregon's 36 counties will receive \$8,644.45. A similar distribution will be made next October following racing at the State Fair and other tracks. The total received for distribution in 1951 amounted to \$817,574.74.

selection of delegates more democratic.

In concluding his convention notes, the GOP leader said that in spite of the wide-spread belief that the difference of opinion between factions at the convention was based on age, there was stronger evidence to prove that voting was done by region for the favorite and best-known candidate. He cited many young midwest leaders as backing Sen. Robert Taft because they knew him, and other regional selections by the party's youth rather than a general old-young age division.

A guest at the meeting was Mrs. H. C. Elliott, Portland, mother of the chairman. Bob Dick, county Young Republican chairman presided and announced a board of directors meeting Monday, August 11, at 12 noon in the Medford hotel.

Girl Who Lost Memory Weds After Regaining Education

Charlotte, N.C. (U.P.)—A courageous 20-year-old girl who survived an agonizing illness and triumphed over a loss of memory by repeating her schooling from the first grade honey-mooned Saturday with an Oklahoma youth who admired her determination and wooed her by mail.

Pretty, brunette Carolyn Big-

Newly Elected VFW Commander Lashes Out at Communists

Los Angeles (U.P.)—The new commander in chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Saturday asked the group to "fight the Communies where ever they raise their heads."

James W. Cothran, 37, Bishopville, S. C., was elected to office Friday as the organization wound up its 53rd annual encampment amid a stormy condemnation of the Embassy Hotel for permitting a fund-raising group for 14 convicted California Communists to hold a meeting in its auditorium.

"I refuse to accept my oath as your commander in chief in this auditorium," Cothran said as he took the rostrum in the same hall where the fund raising group had been permitted to hold its meeting the night before.

Installation ceremonies were switched to the auditorium of a downtown hotel. Cothran was unopposed to succeed Frank C. Hilton as commander in chief.

Other officers were Wayne E. Richards, Arkansas City, Ark., senior vice commander, and Merton B. Tice, 43, Mitchell, S. D., junior vice commander. Robert D. Handy Jr. was elected to his 29th term as quartermaster general.

Mrs. George Holm, Chicago, was installed as national president of the VFW's ladies auxiliary.

Try for Attention Causes Difficulty

Portland (U.P.)—A Portland man was in Providence hospital Saturday following his attempt to attract the attention of his wife.

Howard Walter Schields, 30, suffered a severe laceration on his right arm as he pushed on a partly open automobile window late Friday night.

His wife, Velma, 30, according to police, had rushed from the house, climbed into the family car, and started to the home of her mother. As Mrs. Schields was backing out of the driveway, her husband approached the right side of the car and pushed on the front door window. The window was partly open and yielded under the force of Mr. Schields' hand, almost severing his upper arm.

Schields is reported to be in fair condition at Providence hospital.

New Political Party Plan Of Group's Chicago Meeting

Chicago (U.P.)—A group of persons from 10 states, expressing dissatisfaction with the policies of the two major political parties, Saturday, set up a "national committee" for a new party and said they were aiming at gathering the conservative vote in future campaign.

Philip Lee Eubank, San Antonio, Tex., a member of the committee, said a name may be selected for the party next week. He said that it appeared the party would not be organized sufficiently to play a major part in the 1952 elections but would aim at future campaigns.

For Conservatives
"It should draw a following from conservatives in both major parties," Eubank said. He said he was a member at the Republican National convention of the pro-Taft Texas group led by Henry Zweifel.

A token campaign may be waged this year, however, Eubank said. He said he believed the group would be "quite happy" if Gen. Douglas MacArthur

would be their presidential candidate and Sen. Harry F. Byrd of Virginia their vice-presidential candidate.

Meanwhile, the national committee of the group was attempting to outline a declaration of policies and to consider organizational matters.

Not America Firsts

Eubank said the group had no connection with the old America First movement, and that he did not believe that any of the committee were prominent America Firsters.

He said that they primarily were persons who accuse the two major parties of vacillation on major issues and of stands too far to the left on policies.

HOSPITAL BIDS

Portland (U.P.)—The State Board of Higher Education said Saturday it will open bids on the 335-bed teaching hospital for the University of Oregon Medical school on August 13. Construction costs are expected to be more than \$4,000,000.

Saturday Fire Hits Big Chehalis Plant

Chehalis, Wash. (U.P.)—Fire early Saturday destroyed the Perma Products Corporation plant here with loss estimated in excess of \$750,000.

Owner John Martin said a cleanup crew was using naphthalene in a cleaning process shortly after 2 a.m. PST when a spark apparently ignited a leaking naphthalene line. The regular night shift had gone off duty at 2 a.m.

Within minutes the half-block building in Chehalis' westside residential district was ablaze. Dense smoke, sparks and debris shot up hundreds of feet in the air, lighting the countryside for miles around.

The Chehalis and Centralia fire departments were summoned but were nearly helpless against the intense heat of the blaze which consumed highly inflammable stains, dry shingles and a warehouse nearly full of finished products. The corporation processes and stains shingles for use as siding on buildings.

Labor Record System For Children Changed

Portland (U.P.)—An amendment to record-keeping regulations applying to children working on farms under the fair labor standards act becomes effective Monday, it was announced yesterday by Madison R. Smith, field office supervisor of the labor department's wage and hour division in Oregon.

Farmers will now be required to record three items for workers under 18 years old. They are the name, the date of birth, and the permanent address of the child.

The act prohibits employment of children under 16 in agriculture during school hours. It does not prohibit employment of children outside school hours and does not apply to the farmer's own children.

Vancouver, Wash. (U.P.)—Funeral services were held here Saturday for Capt. August Charlton, 97, retired Columbia river steamboat skipper, who died Thursday at Vancouver Memorial hospital.

Longtime Resident Of Medford Dies

Mrs. Mary Jane Meadows, a resident of Medford for the past 43 years, died Friday at a local hospital. She had resided here at 310 Portland avenue.

Private funeral services will be conducted from Perl funeral home Monday at 2 p.m. with the Rev. W. A. Dawes, pastor of the First Baptist church, officiating. Interment will be in the Medford IOOF cemetery.

Mrs. Meadows was born at Pulaski, Va., Jan. 12, 1877. She was married to B. W. Meadows, who preceded her in death in 1947. Mrs. Meadows was a member of the First Baptist church of Medford.

She is survived by five daughters, Mrs. Dalton Robert, Mrs. Virgie Hartlerode, and Mrs. Velma McComb, all of Butte Falls; Mrs. Roberta Rodgers, Eugene, and two sons, Edgar Meadows, Prineville, and Lethew Meadows, Medford, and by 15 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

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Carpenters' Wages Increased 15 Cents

Portland (U.P.)—The Wage Stabilization Board said Saturday pay increases of 15 cents an hour, retroactive to July 1, have been approved for some 12,000 carpenters in Oregon who work for about 600 contractors affiliated with the Associated General Contractors, light construction division.

The increase makes the journeyman rate for carpenters \$2.45 an hour, with the pay for saw filers, power saw operators and workers on charred material boosted to 2.57½.

The increases cover all AFL carpenters in Oregon except those in Klamath Falls, Florence, Reedsport, Coos Bay, Coquille, Gold Beach and Bandon.

America's Discovery Credited to Arabs

Johannesburg, South Africa (U.P.)—Dr. M. D. Jeffreys, a leading South African anthropologist, said Saturday the Arabs, not Christopher Columbus, discovered America.

Jeffreys based his claim on the discovery 18 months ago, of Negro skulls in the Rio Grande river. He said Arabs were in the new world as early as 1000 B.C.

4-H Club News

Fern Valley 4-H Club
Fern Valley 4-H club met Thursday at the home of our leader, Mr. Swingle.

We checked our entry blanks for the fair. The Forestry Club discussed its exhibit board and arrangements were made with Mr. Fayingtinger to take us on an overnight camp.

The Sheep club decided to make a tour to see members' sheep on Wednesday, August 13, starting at 7 p.m. at Francine Robertson's home.

The boys not in the Sheep club are also invited to attend. Refreshments were served after the meeting.

Raymond Swingle, Reporter.