

Young Republicans State Convention Opens Here Friday

State Rep. Bob Root will be the principal speaker here tomorrow at one of the opening events of the Oregon Young Republicans state convention.

The Medford representative will discuss problems confronting the next session of the state legislature. Root is scheduled to speak at an 8 p.m. buffet in the Jackson hotel, which will be headquarters for the two day convention.

To Study Election

George Jones, Salem, state president, has announced that an important part of convention time will be devoted to an analysis of the recent election, in which Democrats won contest for U.S. senator, third district U.S. representative, labor commissioner, and 29 seats in the state legislature.

Registration for the convention will start at noon Friday at the Jackson hotel. In addition to the Friday evening buffet, the convention agenda includes Saturday morning committee sessions on state, national and international affairs; a business meeting with election of state officers Saturday at 1:30 p.m., and a banquet Saturday at 6 p.m. in the Jackson hotel. The banquet speaker has not been announced.

George Tomlinson, Multnomah county deputy district attorney, and present Young Republican national committee man, will be a candidate for president of the state federation. James Hatfield, Salem, president of the Marion-Polk county Young Republican club, also is expected to be among the candidates.

Winston Carl, president of the host Jackson county Young Republican club, and general chairman for the convention, has invited members of all Republican organizations to attend the buffet and banquet.

Bill Duhaime, Medford, is assistant general chairman. Other convention committee chairmen are George Sennatt, Ashland, registration, and Foster Hibbard, Medford, housing and entertainment.

Chairmen of standing committees are Mrs. Patsy Smithson, Portland, constitution; Stan Dean, rules; Quintin Estell, Silverton, credentials, and Doug Spencer, Eugene, and Verner Anderson, Roseburg, resolutions.

McConaughy OK'd As FCC Chairman

Washington —(U.P.)— The Senate Commerce Committee, with Democratic members abstaining, today approved 7-0 the nomination of George C. McConaughy to be chairman of the Federal Communications Commission.

Democrats, who had succeeded in deferring action on the nomination at a meeting Tuesday, withheld their votes.

McConaughy now is serving as commission chairman. He was appointed to the commission in September and had been a Columbus, Ohio, attorney.

Sen. A. S. (Mike) Monroney, (D-Okla.), said after the meeting that he believes McConaughy's nomination will not be approved by the Senate because it is controversial.

New Jersey Demos Will Demand Recount

Newark, N. J. —(U.P.)— New Jersey Democrats, on the advice of the National Committee, will demand a county by county recount of votes in an effort to upset a narrow Republican victory in the Nov. 2 Senate election.

The decision to seek a recount tomorrow, one day before the Saturday deadline, was reached yesterday at a meeting between Democratic senatorial candidate Charles R. Howell and two representatives of the National Committee.

Official returns from all 21 New Jersey counties showed Republican Clifford P. Case won election to the U. S. Senate by 3370 votes, receiving 861,528 to Howell's 858,158.

Pearson Not Interested In Senate Appointment

Portland —(U.P.)— Former State Treasurer Walter J. Pearson, Democrat elected to the state House of Representatives last week, said today he was not interested in an appointment to the state Senate to fill one of the vacancies caused by election of Richard L. Neuberger to the U. S. Senate and Jack Bain to the Multnomah county commission.

"I was elected to the House and I'm going to serve in the House," he said.



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Ex-Cloud Seeders Attend Advisory Committee Hearing

Harvey M. Brandau and Eugene K. Kooser, who from 1949 to 1952 conducted aerial cloud-seeding operations in the valley, returned recently from San Francisco where they attended a meeting of the federal advisory committee on weather control.

Capt. Howard T. Orville, USN, is chairman of the committee, appointed by President Eisenhower this year. The committee however under Public Law 262 was set up to interview, as far as possible, everyone now engaged in weather control operations, or who has had experience in weather modification, Kooser reported.

Report to President

The collected data, and the committee's analysis, will be reported to the President by June, 1956, with recommendations regarding federal legislation on weather modification.

Kooser reported that the Oregon weather control law was discussed and that those attending agreed it to be satisfactory. The only objections pointed out were that it prevents research and experimentation by small private operators or firms, Kooser said. He explained that in Oregon cloud seeding cannot be done without first spending some \$800-\$1000 for a license and about \$700 for a \$100,000 insurance policy.

Decreases Possibilities

Kooser said that it was felt this decreases the possibilities of progress in weather modification research, inasmuch as most of the satisfactory methods of weather modification in use today have been developed by small operators with limited funds.

Charles Pennypacker Smith, meteorologist for Pacific Gas and Electric company in California, presided at the meeting, held at the California Academy of Sciences in Golden Gate Park.

Mendes-France Starts Anti-Alcohol Drive

Paris —(U.P.)— Milk-swilling Premier Pierre Mendes-France opened a limited offensive against alcohol today, causing the world's thirstiest people to mutter in their wine glasses.

Mendes-France won approval of his anti-alcohol program from the cabinet last night, but most of the provisions need approval of the temperamental French National Assembly.

The program would raise taxes on hard liquor, limit the number of bars, close saloons at least five hours daily and increase the fines assessed drunkards.

Mendes-France is not an advocate of all-out prohibition, but he has expressed alarm over statistics which show that the per capita consumption of alcohol in France is three times greater than that of the United States.

Manuscript Tells Source Of Name for America

Whitehall, Wis. —(U.P.)— A manuscript found among the books of the late H. A. Anderson, Trempelau County historian, has this theory as to how America got its name.

It is generally agreed that the country was named after Amerigo Vespucci, but the manuscript by Charles A. Johnson says America was named after Leif Erickson the Scandinavian explorer. Like this:

"America is properly named after its real discoverer, Leif, the son of Eric. The prefix 'am' in Scandinavian means 'land' and the combination 'Am-Eric', or America, simply means 'land of Eric'."

Black Widow Spider Old Resident of North

Madison, Wis. —(U.P.)— The "latrodectus macatans"— black widow spider to you—is seldom seen in the North, but it is an old resident according to a University of Wisconsin spider expert.

Prof. Herbert Levi, of the university's zoology department, said the black widow is prevalent in the state, but likes lodgings farther away from man than do its southern relatives.

In the South, the spider beds down in buildings, but it prefers wooded areas in the North.

Levi said the spider serves a useful purpose. Its coarse web makes dandy cross-hairs for optical work.

Grange Urged To Oppose Turning SCS To States

Spokane —(U.P.)— Representatives of soil conservation districts today approached national Grange leaders to urge that the Grange take a stand opposing a proposal which would, in effect, turn the soil conservation service over to the states.

Indications were that the Grange, in its 88th annual convention here, would take some action opposing the plan. National Master Herschel Newsom was the only member of an advisory group which made the proposal to vote against it.

Gradual Assimilation

Although the plan was not officially made public, it was learned that it involved a gradual assimilation of soil conservation service functions by the various states with the amount of SCS costs paid by the federal government gradually decreasing. Whether the Grange will formally oppose the plan will not be learned until later in the nine-day convention because all sessions are secret.

An Armistice Day observance, special committee reports and the annual youth banquet were scheduled for today.

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Eugene Woman's Suit Set in San Diego

San Diego, Calif. —(U.P.)— A jury tomorrow will begin hearing testimony in the civil suit for \$175,000 asked by the wife of a University of Oregon professor from San Diego Police Chief Elmer Jansen and two grocers.

The wife, Mrs. Mary Ellen Allton, charges the three illegal caused her arrest on check forgery charges.

Jansen is charged with libeling Mrs. Allton in a letter to the Eugene, Ore., police department. The grocers, Harold R. Haberman and Clyde McCain, are being sued for falsely identifying Mrs. Allton.

Charges against Mrs. Allton were dismissed in Superior Court as a case of mistaken identity.

The trial opened yesterday.

Tokyo —(U.P.)— An upper house committee complained to Tokutaro Kimura, head of Japan's growing military force, that his naval frigates sought safety in a recent storm that whipped across Hokkaido instead of helping stricken fishing boats. "Our frigates never sought haven," Kimura replied proudly. "They only temporarily changed their course."

Reclamation Delegates Table Resolution on Partnership Power

Portland, Ore. —(U.P.)— The National Reclamation Association refused yesterday to approve a resolution reaffirming the administration's "partnership" power development policy.

Delegates to the NRA's 23rd annual convention tabled a resolution favoring the partnership policy advocated by President Eisenhower. Secretary-manager William E. Welsh said the delegates believed the matter "sugests further study."

It was the only one of 35 resolutions the delegates refused to adopt.

Wording of Measure

The measure said in part that the NRA "encourages state and local agencies to join with the federal government and . . . pledges its active support to the program in order that the development of the resources . . . of the Western states . . . may proceed on a sound and practical basis . . ."

Welsh said the NRA delegates felt the association should defer taking position on the matter at the present time.

As its last order of business last night, the convention voted to hold its next year's meeting at Lincoln, Neb., the home of President C. Petrus Peterson, who was elected to his fourth term as NRA chief.

Other Officers

Guy C. Jackson, Anaheim, Tex., was named first vice-president. He was nominated by Charles L. Kaupke of California, who resigned the post earlier.

Other officers named were L. E. Coles, Prineville, Ore., second vice-president; Herbert L. Buck, Billings, Mont., treasurer, and Welsh as secretary manager.

All directors for the 17 member states were reelected at state caucuses, except H. T. Godfrey of Murray, Utah, succeeded D. D. Harris of Layton, Utah.

Resolution Adopted

A resolution dealing in some detail with the application of project revenues was altered substantially by the delegates before it was approved. The modified resolution directed the association president to appoint a committee to study the use of power revenues to aid reclamation projects.

Dr. R. G. Gustavson, president of Resources of the Future, Inc., told the convention that "solar engines may be pumping irrigation water where fuel is scarce" sometime in the near future. He also predicted solar energy used with electricity to heat homes.

Truman's Gift in Eisenhower Museum

Abilene, Kan. —(U.P.)— One of the exhibits in the Eisenhower museum here is a book, given to President Eisenhower by his predecessor, Harry S. Truman.

The book, "Mr. President," written by William Hillman, is about the Truman administration. It is inscribed "to a great general with kindest regards."

The date of the gift was Aug. 13, 1952, a few weeks before Mr. Truman took to the road in an effort to defeat Mr. Eisenhower in the 1952 presidential election.

British Socialists To Vote Ratification

London —(U.P.)— Britain's Socialist members of Parliament decided today to vote with the government for ratification of the Paris agreement for German rearmament.

The Socialists accepted the party leadership's recommendation for approval by a reported vote of 124 to 72.

The party's position on German rearmament had been debated for two days behind closed doors at the House of Commons.

Dewey Will Join New York Law Firm

New York —(U.P.)— Gov. Thomas E. Dewey has bought a 10-room New York apartment and will join a prominent law firm here at the end of his term, it was made known today.

Dewey will become a member of the firm of Root, Ballantine, Bushby and Palmer, which was founded by the late Elihu Root, secretary of state to President Theodore Roosevelt and winner of the Nobel peace prize.

TOMBSTONE MYSTERY

Kagoshima, Japan —(U.P.)— Historians at last have solved the mystery of a 300-year-old tombstone shaped like a combined sake cup and bottle placed on the seaside near here. It marks the grave of a Samurai warrior who so impressed his lord with his capacity for sake (rice wine) that the lord promised to erect the monument in memory of the super-drinker.

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