

Delegates Will Arrive Tuesday for FFA State Convention; Crater High is Site

Central Point — Delegates from all parts of the state will start arriving here Tuesday for the 27th annual Oregon Future Farmers of America convention scheduled for March 15 through 18.

Registration for the convention will start Tuesday at 3 p.m. at Crater High school, with the first event, the state public speaking contest, and tent night, set for 7:30 o'clock that evening.

Business sessions start Wednesday morning at 8:30 o'clock with the state parliamentary contest set for that evening. Thursday night will feature presentation of awards, together with talent and stunt finalists.

Morgan, Salem, adviser. Each FFA chapter in the state will send two official delegations to the convention, and other members also will attend. Total expected attendance has been estimated at about 400, making the convention one of the largest to be held in Jackson county this year.

Portlander Admits Fatal Shooting at Cafe Last Year

Portland — (U.P.) — Ivar W. Eklof, 70, Saturday signed a statement admitting the fatal shooting of Peter Crowe last May in front of the Sunrise cafe here.

Eklof, who was arrested Friday afternoon on a drunk charge as "a likely suspect" in the shooting, was to be formally charged with first degree murder sometime Saturday, according to detectives John Fraser and Joe Blewett.

Wait Ballistics Results Police still were awaiting the results of a second ballistics test made on a .22 revolver found hidden in a battered valise in Eklof's room after he was taken into custody.

Eklof strongly denied the shooting when first questioned. However, one witness emphatically identified him as the gunman, and another said there was a strong resemblance, and at mid-morning he made his statement.

Claimed Robbery Detective Fraser said Eklof claimed to have suffered a head injury some time ago, and he claimed Crowe once robbed him.

He began to carry the gun, he said, because he was afraid of being robbed again and he believed another head injury might be fatal.

On the morning of the shooting, Eklof said, Crowe came out of the cafe "carrying his hands like Jack Dempsey, like he was going to hit me."

He pulled out his old-model weapon and fired point-blank at the victim's chest.

Education Group Sets Medford Meet

Salem — (U.P.) — The governor's planning committee on state and White House education conference will hold 22 regional education conferences of laymen and educators throughout Oregon.

The regional sessions will be held in May with a state conference in June, the committee decided at a meeting here Friday. A White House conference will be held Nov. 28, to which Oregon will send 13 delegates.

At its March 29 meeting, the governor's committee will invite 50 citizens, educators and laymen equally divided, to set up the regional sessions in the following cities:

Ontario, John Day, Klamath Falls, La Grande, Pendleton, Medford, Grants Pass, Roseburg, Coos Bay, Newport, Seaside, McMinnville, Eugene, Corvallis, Salem, Oregon City, Hillsboro, Beaverton, Gresham, The Dalles, Bend and Portland.

Stephenson Promoted By Highway Department Salem — (U.P.) — Phillip M. Stephenson, Salem, has been promoted to the position of Bridge Engineer for the state highway department, according to R. H. Baldock, highway engineer.

Stephenson succeeds G. S. Paxson, who was named assistant state highway engineer last year.



STATE FFA LEADERS — Pictured above are state officers of Future Farmers of America, who will hold their 27th annual convention March 15 through 18 in Central Point. They are, left to right, Dick Paul, Pendleton, vice-president; Wilmont Elder, Enterprise, treasurer; Dan Dunham, Lakeview, president; Burgoon Aus, Oregon City, secretary; Byron Edmonds, Sandy, sentinel; Delberg Kessi, Eddyville, reporter. Other state officers not pictured include district vice-presidents Ralph Barker, Ontario; Richard Evans, Myrtle Point, and John Weisz, Gervais. Headquarters for the convention will be Crater High school.

West Coast Airlines Plans To Set Up 'Copter Service

Seattle — (U.P.) — West Coast Airlines Saturday announced it has applied for Civil Aeronautics Board permission to provide helicopter commuter service connecting cities on its airline route with smaller communities which do not have adequate airports.

Nick Bez, WCA president, said the request asked for authorization to serve 34 Washington towns and 20 Oregon communities with helicopters. He said the connecting service would run from "heliports" to commercial airports. Helicopters also would be used to provide additional service between some cities already served by West Coast Airlines.

"We don't want citizens of the smaller communities to be misled into thinking this type of service is going to happen day after tomorrow," Bez said. "But this application is a declaration of our future planning to operate such a service."

Communities in Oregon listed for helicopter service in the application are:

Albany, Astoria, Beaverton, Eugene, Forest Grove, Hillsboro, Independence, Lebanon, Mc-

Hells Canyon Hearing Stated for Portland

Washington — (U.P.) — Hearings will be held in Portland, Ore., in mid-April on the Hells Canyon bill introduced in Congress this week.

Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) said the hearings would be held by the Senate Interior Committee, of which he is a member. He and Chairman James E. Murray (D-Mont) would be among those participating.

Hearings would also be held in Lewiston, Idaho, and Pasco, Wash. before the Portland meeting. They would be held during the Congressional Easter recess.

Rep. Edith Green (D-Ore.), who sponsored the bill in the House, said she hoped to attend the hearings.

Milwaukee Road Opens New Offices in Eugene

Chicago — (U.P.) — The Milwaukee Road has announced the opening of a traffic department office in Eugene, Ore., on March 15.

The railroad at the same time announced that Arthur G. Brett has been appointed district freight and passenger agent with headquarters in Eugene.

George V. Valley, who had been district passenger agent in Portland since 1947, has been appointed assistant general agent at the Portland office.

Court Records

POLICE COURT
C. S. Taylor, overtime parking, \$1 and \$5 warrant.
Al Ray, overtime parking, \$1 and \$5 warrant.
Claude DeVer Morgan, failure to yield right of way to pedestrian, \$10.
John Spencer, Westwood, violation of basic rule, \$10.
J. S. Schulman, unattended vehicle, \$5.

DISTRICT COURT
Keith J. Thompson, failure to stop at stop sign, \$10.
Mae L. Gunter, no operator's license, \$7.50.

CIRCUIT COURT
Marlene Joan Faulkner vs. Richard Allen Faulkner, divorce complaint.
Rose Ann Jones vs. Jack Howard Jones, divorce complaint.
Katie Mae Holt vs. Charles T. Holt, divorce complaint.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS
Walbert Charles Flackus, 46, of 871 E. Ashland, and Velma Mae Hitzel, 30, of 140 Lincoln st., Ashland.

Observers Honored For Serving Watch At GOC's RR Post

Rogue River — Four observers for the Rogue River Ground Observer corps post have not missed a watch since the post was formed on March 15, 1954.

The four, Belle Hart, Fred Dengler, and Mr. and Mrs. Gothier, received recognition last week at a GOC meeting held at Live Oak Grange hall.

Four others, including Cassie Golding, Joe Golding, Juanita Scott and Mrs. Fred Dengler, have missed only one watch during the same period.

Wings Presented Wings were presented to Mrs. Iza Forsythe, who has completed 40 hours of active duty as an observer. The presentation was made by Sgt. Bernard B. Moore, Air Force man who works with the GOC in this area.

Two new observers have joined the Rogue River post, and two who formerly served have again taken up active duty. New observers are Robert Mars and Leora Mitchell, and those rejoining the post are Verlie Babcock and Mary Wogen.

Sergeant Moore reported on the Medford GOC post's "birthday party," in observance of that post's first anniversary. Howard Miller, chief observer for the Rogue River post, presided at the meeting.

Donations amounting to \$3.35 were given for the post treasury.

WEATHER By United Press Northern California: Mostly cloudy Sunday with occasional showers; occasional snow most mountain areas Sunday; colder entire area Sunday; westerly winds 10-20 mph near coast.

Governor Says Gore Plan 'Unrealistic'

Salem — (U.P.) — Gov. Paul L. Patterson said Saturday in his opinion the highway department program proposed by U. S. Sen. Albert Gore (D-Tenn.) is "totally unrealistic with reference to needs of the very important interstate highway system."

Gore had asked all governors to comment on his program. Gov. Patterson said he considered the 10-year highway development program proposed by President Eisenhower to be preferable.

The governor said the Gore program is really merely an expansion of the present federal aid program, which would take 30 years to complete.

About 46,000 miles of road will be built in the U. S. in 1955.

Hotel Arson Suspect Bound Over to Jury

Portland — (U.P.) — Russell Arnold Uren, 42, was bound over to a grand jury Friday afternoon at a preliminary hearing in municipal court here in connection with the tragic hotel fire early Wednesday in which five persons died.

Uren, an unemployed railroad worker, has admitted that a blanket which caught fire in his

room may have started the blaze, which forced 70 residents of the Lind Hotel to flee for their lives.

Anne Alexander, 64, who was with Uren at the time of the fire, was ordered held as a material witness by Judge J. J. Murchison.

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Revenue, Traffic Up At Medford Airport

Revenue, plane traffic and passenger traffic at the Medford airport for February showed a very substantial increase over the corresponding month a year ago," according to Ralph Pierce, manager.

In his monthly report, Pierce said revenue was \$2,160.26, up \$318.55, plane traffic was 3,950, up 269, and passenger traffic was 5,029, up 1,217.

Other totals showed that mail poundage on and off at the airport was 17,992, express was 4,323 and freight was 40,324.

Revenues included \$1,087.26 for building rental, \$587.61 for landing fees, \$109 for CAA services, \$284.53 for electric service, plus smaller miscellaneous items.

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