

Robert J. Cunningham Elected President of United Medford Crusade at Annual UMC Dinner

Robert J. Cunningham, assistant manager of the U. S. National bank here, was elected president of the United Medford Crusade last week.

He was named by the board of directors at a meeting following the annual dinner at the YMCA Thursday evening. Other new officers are William H. Prentice, last year's campaign manager, first vice-president; Richard L. Henselman, second vice-president, and Ray Sorenson, treasurer.

Members of the board of directors elected at the dinner meeting include B. L. Nutting, a one-year term; A. R. Manno, retiring president, re-elected to a two-year term, and Dunbar Carpenter, R. M. Sorenson, Robert Cunningham, Frank Benesh and Edmund E. Hass, three year terms.

Will Choose Five
Cunningham will select five more board members, and will choose a campaign chairman for the fall fund drive. He will also name members of the admittance, budget and quota committee.

The gathering Thursday was the second annual UMC dinner, and was attended by some 150 persons. It was prepared by the Presbyterian Women's association.

Events on the program included the flag salute, led by Scout Executive Cliff Hanson; presentation of awards for community service to a number of people who assisted in the last campaign, by Mayor Earl Miller, and other awards and talks.

Service Awards
The community service awards went to Charles R. Baucum, Richard J. House, Richard L. Henselman, Leroy Hatcher, Mrs. Frank J. Van Dyke, Robert B. Duncan, Patty Jean Pease and Betty Jean Lindley.

Elliott Becken and Frank C. Bash, whose terms on the board expire, were given honorary board membership plaques as a token of their service. They are the first two to be honored by the honorary board membership.

Retiring president Tony Manno presented an award to Prentice for his work as campaign chairman, and Manno received an award from John Dellenbeck, first president of the UMC, for his work during the past year.

Manno delivered his presidential message, reviewing the achievements of the UMC for the past year, and pointing out that member agencies have so far been paid the entire amounts of their budgets to date, an indication that they will receive the full amounts again this year.

Quota Exceeded
He pointed out that this year's drive exceeded the \$102,000 quota by almost \$1,000, and said that Medford's rapid growth is forcing a greater demand for services on the agencies involved. The UMC will have to step up its work to keep abreast of changing conditions, he said.

Red Cross Leader Of First Aid Work Tells of Activity

Considerable activity in Red Cross first aid training in Jackson county has been reported by Leroy Williams, first aid chairman for the Red Cross.

A new class consisting primarily of Ground Observer Corps personnel will begin at the Elks club at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 1. Anyone interested is invited to enroll, he said.

Another class of Girl Scout leaders will begin Tuesday, March 28, at the Talent school. Williams said that the recent visit here by Murry Brooks, first aid and water safety field representative for the Red Cross, has been of considerable assistance to advancing first aid work here. Brooks and Williams conducted a refresher first aid course for Red Cross instructors, and he also met with various groups and appeared on TV and radio programs to tell of the need for qualified first aid instructors, as well as large numbers of citizens who have a working knowledge of first aid.

Brooks stated that in case of a national disaster there would be an inadequate number of doctors, and that qualified first aiders could and would fill the gaps in what would be a tremendous life-saving operation.

Shady Cove Class
Williams also announced that a first aid class recently was completed in Shady Cove, and that there are now seven qualified first aiders to be on call for duty at the new highway first aid station there.

Several other classes are being formed and will be under way within the next several weeks, he said. One of them is a group of 14 foremen at Bear Creek orchards.

Anyone wishing to enroll in any of the classes may do so by telephoning the Red Cross office at 2-4405, he said.

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Science Training In High Schools Declared Needed

Portland — (U.P.) — Dean George W. Gleeson of the Oregon State College engineering school believes public high school should return to the college preparatory course to combat the shortage of trained scientists and technicians.

He told the Portland City Club Friday that this shortage not only threatens the American economy, but also the American position in the cold war.

More Work Needed
The engineering dean said public secondary and elementary schools are doing "a marvelous job" in social and citizenship preparation of youngsters. But he said they "have done no job at all" in the fundamental studies of science and mathematics.

As a result, Gleeson said, many students who have not had the mental discipline required in the sciences fall when they reach college. He said the mortality rate in the School of Engineering was about 60 per cent.

Serious Shortage
He said so few students are completing college and university science and engineering courses that a serious shortage of trained men in these fields has developed. In engineering alone, 30,000 new graduates are needed each year just as replacements, Gleeson said. But, he said, "We haven't satisfied that demand in eight years."



HOLLYWOOD IS PUZZLED these days about romance of Clark Gable and Kay Spreckels, divorced wife of millionaire sugar heir. Neither will affirm or deny that they plan marriage. Here they are dancing at Palm Springs Tennis Club. (International)

Second Local Lawyer Joins Bar's Legislative Service

Robert Duncan, 1500 Terrace dr., an attorney with the firm of McAllister, Duncan and Brophy, is in Salem serving the Oregon State Bar's legal service to the legislature.

Duncan is the second Medford attorney to serve with the Bar in Salem this year. Edward Branchfield spent two weeks last in February.

Duncan started the job on Monday, March 21, and will remain through this week, returning April 2. Attorneys who volunteer their services are paid only a nominal amount to partially cover expenses.

Active Here
A graduate of the University of Michigan, Duncan was admitted to practice in Oregon in 1948. He was a Navy pilot during the war, and has been active in civic affairs since coming to Medford. He is a past president of the Active Club, a member of the First Methodist church and the Elks, and is a past chairman of the executive board of the Jackson County Juvenile Court advisory committee.

Lawyers serving with the Bar office in Salem assist individual legislators and committees in the preparation and interpretation of legislation, attending committee hearings, and generally doing what they can to assist in the preparation of better laws. In the 11 weeks it has been in operation this year, the service has answered about 225 formal requests and many informal ones. It has drafted or redrafted about 175 bills, and attorneys think it has contributed materially to a shortening of the session and a consequent saving of a substantial sum of tax money.

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Drunk Driving Bill Passed by House, Sent On to Senate

Salem — (U.P.) — Safeguards for motorists accused of drunken driving were approved in a bill that passed the House Saturday and was sent to the Senate.

The bill would require that motorists sign a written consent form before being subjected to blood tests to determine extent of intoxication.

Rep. Al Loucks (R-Salem) said the Salem police chief had told him the bill would be unworkable with the restriction in 60 to 70 per cent of drunk driving cases. Loucks asserted that many drunks couldn't sign a consent form even if they wanted to.

Rep. Pat Dooley (D-Portland) replied that the written consent system had worked well in Portland and that he would fight the bill rather than have that provision eliminated. He said blood tests made without consent were tantamount to requiring persons to give evidence against themselves.

Present blood test law applies only to Multnomah county. The bill passed today would remove that limit and would involve all counties.

Bill Would Allow Acceptance Of Stock by State Agencies

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Salem — (U.P.) — The House Saturday approved a resolution aimed at allowing state agencies to accept gifts of stocks in private corporations.

The Senate-approved measure was opposed on the floor by Rep. Alfred Corbett (D-Portland) who said the resolution should stipulate the conditions for disposal of the stocks, once accepted.

The resolution would send to the voters the proposition that state agencies, principally the State Board of Higher Education, be allowed to accept and dispose of gifts of stocks.

People Fear Speculation
There is now a constitutional prohibition against the state accepting such gifts, apparently expressing the people's fear it would become involved in stock market speculations or become financially interested in private corporations.

The State Board of Higher Education already holds some \$100,000 in bequeathed stocks and bonds. The resolution would permit it to hold and dispose of that asset, accept more if it came in the form of gifts, but would retain the prohibition against stock purchases.

The office of the chancellor of the state system of higher education said "donors who consider it prudent to invest their personal funds in stocks are at a loss to understand why there is question relative to the propriety of the state accepting and holding donated stocks . . . since state money was not used" to acquire them.

Pay Raise Alive
In committee action Friday, the State and Federal Affairs Committee tabled two plans for raising legislators' pay but it kept for further consideration still a third such plan.

Those killed included a plan for raising the pay by statute instead of by seeking voter approval of a constitutional amendment. The other was a pay plan based on the cost of living.

Still active in the committee was a plan to ask the voters for authority to double the present pay to \$1200 a year. Rep. Lorin Stewart (R-Cottage Grove) declared he would fight any move for a pay increase this session.

"When we're asking the people to pungle up all this extra money to balance the budget, I don't think we'd ought to go to the mat the same time and ask for more money for ourselves," he said. Stewart is chairman of the House Taxation Committee.

Contractors Bill Urged
The same committee Friday heard painting and decorating contractors urge approval of a bill that would set up a state licensing system for building contractors. They said it would protect the public against unscrupulous and "fly-by-night" operators.

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Man in 'Hideous Mask' Frightened Off Before Attempting To Rob Mt. Angel Bank

Mt. Angel, Ore. — (U.P.) — A man wearing a "hideous Halloween mask" was frightened off Friday, apparently just before he intended to hold up a branch of the U. S. National Bank here.

Bank manager J. H. Fournier said he caught a glimpse of the disguised man looking in through a large bank window facing the street.

"The face was so hideous I couldn't collect my thoughts for a moment," he said. "Then I realized it was a mask I was seeing and I knew we were going to be held up."

Fournier said the man went to the door and started to enter the bank lobby, but apparently lost his nerve when he saw the number of people inside.

He turned and fled down the street to a parked car. A gas station attendant said the holdup man was pulling the mask off as he drove off.

Roadblocks were set up immediately on all roads leading

Portland Silver Thaw Over; Highways Clear

Portland — (U.P.) — Trees and shrubs in and around Portland yesterday still retained some of their icy coating from Friday's minor silver thaw which made the landscape beautiful but the roads hazardous.

The sun was out Saturday, but a chill wind blew down the Columbia gorge. However, the weather bureau said it would be sunny and warmer today.

All highways made dangerous by the icing conditions were heavily sanded by road crews yesterday morning and police said traffic was moving without difficulty.

The warming trend was general for most of the state and forecasters said above-freezing temperatures and clear skies could be expected through the weekend.

Government Camp Snow Deepest Since 1949

Salem — (U.P.) — Snow along S. S. Highway 26 at Government Camp is the deepest since 1949. State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock reported Saturday.

Snow depth recorded Thursday showed a total of 163 inches at the highway summit at Government Camp. Baldock said the total at the same time last year was 62 inches and in 1953 it was 50 inches.

The snow depth at Timberline was 189 inches, compared with 178 in 1954.

Other summit snows recorded Thursday were 144 inches at Santiam Pass, 6 at Ochoco, 33 at Austin. All recordings are considerably above last year's marks.

Tug Operators Agree To Pay for Damages

Portland — (U.P.) — Operators of the tug Columbia Queen and the barge Raquette have agreed to pay the U. S. \$84,978 as the result of a Columbia river collision near Astoria in 1953.

The money is for damage to nearly \$500,000 worth of U. S.-owned eight-inch artillery shells being hauled by the tug and barge to the ordnance depot at Umatilla.

When the tug collided with the freighter Hawaiian Planter, the ammunition sank into the river. The shells, although recovered, were damaged.

New Haven, Conn. — (U.P.) — Harry Bethke was not happy to have a lost wallet returned promptly. It was given back by police who said they found it, complete with identification papers, at the scene of a burglary. Bethke was arrested.



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