

Hospital Campaign Workers Schedule School, Dinner

A school of instruction and dinner for volunteers in the Rogue Valley Memorial hospital fund raising campaign will be held starting at 6:30 p.m. tomorrow at the Jackson hotel.

A general campaign to raise \$714,000 toward the proposed \$1,900,000 hospital will start in December. The advance gifts committee has been working for contributions from those who are in a position to donate larger amounts and memorials.

The proposed hospital will be a 78-bed structure at the corner of Barnet and Murphy rds. Of the estimated \$1,900,000 for construction, some \$600,000 already has been contributed, and another \$586,000 is available from Hill-Burton federal funds.

The hospital, which will replace Medford community hospital, has been endorsed by the Medford Ministerial association. In an official statement signed by Thomas McCamant, president of the association, and the Rev. Nicholas Dies, pastor of Sacred Heart church, the association said the hospital "will be an asset to the people of Jackson county and the surrounding territory."

The association urged residents to support the hospital program.

Ex-Turncoats Are Billed Evangelists In Portland Temple

Portland — (U.P.) — Three ex-turncoat Americans, fresh out of military prison, gained confidence here Friday night in their second appearance as evangelists extolling the ways of God over Communism.

Otho Bell, William A. Cowart and Lewie Griggs, former GIs who once spurned chances to return home for a life in Communism, China only to repent and shout the virtues of Americanism, are currently billed at the Wings of Healing Temple here.

Bell, who said he will make his home at Olympia, Wash., was most popular with a crowd of 400 persons at the temple Friday night when he described how he had once vanquished 20 Communist police in Peking. He said he had spent the day criticizing Communism and the police sought to arrest him but that he incited a Chinese mob against the police. He did not say whether he spoke Chinese.

Audience Weeps

Members of the audience wept when Bell said "blood ran down my chest." On the platform with him were the other two former turncoats and Bell's wife and daughter.

Cowart told the audience that many Chinese "are just like you and me. They love God and want peace."

Griggs reported how he had suffered a mental breakdown under Chinese psychological pressures.

"They told me I had a mind like a child," he said.

The three escaped prosecution as enemy collaborators when the United States Supreme Court ruled they could not be prosecuted by the military for crimes committed before their discharge.

They came to Portland under the auspices of Thomas Wyatt, head of the Wings of Healing Temple. He said they would appear Sunday but that their future plans were indefinite.

OILING CONTRACT

Salem — (U.P.) — The State Highway commission has awarded a Lake county surfacing and oiling contract to Allum Bros. of Eugene on low bid of \$92,336.

'Open-Door' Press Policy by McKay Remains Still Unchanged

By A. ROBERT SMITH
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Washington — Nearly three years in office marked by almost constant controversy have not caused Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay to retreat from his open-door press policy or seek refuge from the din of dispute.

Now, as when he entered the cabinet, McKay will grant interviews to accredited newspaper reporters and answer their questions on any subject, no holds barred. A favorite McKay admonition is, "There are three people you never want to pick a fight with—a traffic cop, your wife and a newspaper."

For his frankness and accessibility, McKay is admired and well liked by reporters who cover the Department of Interior and have the job of digging out what is going on within its many bureaus.

Won't Be Presented

This side of the picture appears to have no chance of being presented in the congressional investigation that got underway this past week into the information policies of the Eisenhower administration. The inquiry began with testimony from leading editors and reporters who've charged that the public's right to information has been infringed upon by many government officials who have clamped down on the flow of information to the press.

The committee, which has just published a document showing McKay to be the only cabinet official who held no news conferences this past year, is now getting the administration's side of the story from various department heads. But the committee said it has no plan for calling Interior Department officials.

One Formal Conference

McKay has held but one formal press conference since entering office. That was in 1953 when he announced he would not intervene against Idaho Power Co. in the Federal Power Commission hearings on Hells Canyon. But what McKay does that not all cabinet officers have

Minnie C. Simonds Services Planned

Graveside service will be held Tuesday, Nov. 15 at 2:30 p.m., at Siskiyou Memorial park for Mrs. Minnie C. Simonds, 86, who died Nov. 11 at San Pablo, Calif. She was a former resident of Medford and Eagle Point, and the widow of William Simonds. Mrs. Simonds left here about 10 years ago. McCune Funeral home of Vacaville, Calif., is in charge of arrangements.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Pearl Robinson, Four-Mile Ore., and two sons, Howard Simonds, Vacaville, and Charles Simonds of Alaska, and Lawrence Phelps, Four-Mile, also survive.

Portland Evacuation Interests Directors

Salem — (U.P.) — Widespread interest in Portland's recent evacuation test was shown at a meeting of the National Association of State Civil Defense Directors in Washington, D. C., Nov. 3-4. Oregon Civil Defense Director Arthur M. Sheets said Saturday.

"Every state director at the meeting expressed keen interest in the evacuation," Sheets said. "However, many of them thought it was incredible that the Portland test had received the co-operation of all segments of business, utilities and transportation. I believe Portland's experience will give many of the directors the confidence to hold similar exercises in their target areas."

Chiloquin — (U.P.) — The post office at Modoc Point will be discontinued Nov. 30.

been willing or able to do is to grant private interviews with reporters who requested them.

This open-door press policy permits reporters to ask McKay questions when they are most timely, rather than when the secretary may choose to call a press conference. The press conference is a device for handling many reporters at one time—an indispensable device for the president and other top officials who would be swamped with requests for personal press interviews if they granted them.

McKay's press policy was advised by Larry Smyth, his information director until he returned last spring to his Portland newspaper job. It has continued without change under Smyth's successor, William C. Strand, former city editor of the Washington Times Herald and ex-editor of the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner.

Meet Press Squarely

Within the experience of this reporter, McKay's assistant secretaries and the heads of the various agencies under the In-

terior Department have met the press squarely and without recourse to the familiar words, "no comment."

Secretary of State Dulles must necessarily rely upon the press conference, for several hundred American and foreign correspondents cover his department. He usually holds one each week he is in Washington. He held 20 the past year.

Labor Secretary Mitchell holds one every other week. He held 25 last year. Defense Secretary Wilson and Agriculture Secretary Benson each had 18, while Attorney General Brownell had 7.

Only a few cabinet officials have done as McKay does, seeing reporters for interviews as they request. They include Treasury Secretary Humphrey, whose office said he also held about 30 press conferences in the past three years; Commerce Secretary Weeks, who had three or four press conferences; and Postmaster General Summerfield, whose office had no exact record but guessed he had "about 15."

Hearing on Timber Policies This Week

A one-day Congressional hearing on federal timber policies will begin at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16, in the Pioneer room of the Jackson hotel.

The hearing is one of a series to be held in the next two weeks by the joint Congressional committee on federal timber. It is expected the hearing will last until late in the afternoon.

The series opens Monday in Redding, Calif., and will move to Klamath Falls Tuesday, Medford Wednesday, Roseburg Thursday, and Eugene Friday. Nov. 21, 22 and 23 hearings will be held in Portland, on Nov. 28 in Aberdeen, Wash., on Nov. 29 and 30 in Seattle, and on Dec. 1 in Spokane.

To Study Management

Rep. Earl Chudoff (D-Penn.) is chairman of the joint committee. He has said the objective of the hearings is to study management and administration of government forests on the west coast.

As the hearings approached, charges are being made that they are being used for partisan political purposes.

The United Press quoted Rep. Clare E. Hoffman (R-Mich.), a member of the committee, as saying that the purpose of the hearings is "to discredit the Eisenhower administration and contribute to the reelection" of Sen. Wayne L. Morse (D-Ore.).

The Industrial Forestry association, Portland, an organization of lumber companies which operate tree farms on a sustained yield basis, issued a policy statement regarding the hearings, which said the association "recognizes, with regret, that these hearings could be used by unscrupulous persons as both a framework and cover for partisan political activity."

Personnel Listed

Advance information on the

hearings indicates that Congressmen Chudoff and Hoffman, and Reps. John E. Moss Jr. (D-Calif.), and possibly Robert H. Mollohan (D-W.Va.) will represent the House of Representatives, and that Senators W. Kerr Scott (D-N. C.), Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) and George W. Malone (R-Nev.) will represent the Senate. Senator Scott, the senior of the Senators, may have to leave for Alaska after the first few days, and whether he will be here for the Medford hearing was not known. Senator Neuberger is expected to be the presiding Senator after Senator Scott leaves.

A list of forest industry representatives scheduled to testify at the Medford hearing was not immediately available, although a number of local people have made application for time before the committee.

Timber management practices, marketing areas, access roads, and other problems of federal timber ownership are expected to be brought up during the hearing.

Young Republicans Meeting in Portland

Portland — (U.P.) — Oregon Young Republicans Friday opened a three-day annual convention, which was expected to be highlighted by selection of a national committeeman and committeewoman.

Committeewomen candidates were Jane Arthur and Marjorie Wootton, both of Portland, while Kenneth K. Maher and David Belch, both of Portland, were seeking the committeeman post.

Gov. Paul Patterson was scheduled to address the convention's banquet last night, which followed the first business session of the meeting.

Wyant Herd Tops JCDHIA Records During October

The top five dairy herds in Jackson county for the month of October have been announced by the Jackson County Dairy Herd Improvement association.

Top producing herd for the month is owned by R. L. and Blanche Wyant. Twenty-seven cows in the herd produced an average of 44.1 pounds of butterfat and 721 pounds of milk each.

Other Leaders

The other four top herds were the Lewis and Ruth Clark herd, with 26 cows producing an average of 37.1 pounds of butterfat and 804 pounds of milk; the James and Neala Edge herd, 26 cows producing an average of 36.3 pounds of butterfat and 900 pounds of milk; the P. K. Nelson herd, 24 cows, 36.1 pounds of butterfat and 710 pounds of milk; and the Clarence and Sadi Williams herd with 33 cows producing an average of 35.9 pounds of butterfat and 730 pounds of milk.

Top cow for the month was Dottie, owned by Victor and Nita Birdseye. She produced an average of 88.3 pounds of butterfat and 1104 pounds of milk.

Other top cows were owned by Straus Brothers, W. C. Higenbotham, Carter Boggs, R. L. and Blanche Wyant, Clarence and Sadi Williams, J. E. Parsons and Gilman's Dairy Farm.

Farm Bureau Hears County Commissioner

Talent—County Commissioner Chester Wendt was the featured speaker here this week at a meeting of the Talent center of the Farm Bureau.

Wendt discussed the county's road problems, and noted that there are 1,100 miles of roads in the 2,800 square miles of Jackson county. Agriculture, he pointed out, is the second most important industry using these roads, with lumber being first.

Other speakers included Stan Tieg and Robert Lytle. The program was arranged by Mrs. Cloe Small, center chairman. Refreshments were served by Lois Struve and Mrs. LeRoy Williams.

San Diego County in California has 4,258 square miles, about the same area as Connecticut. It extends 70 miles up the Pacific Coast from Mexico.

Tavern Operators ATTENTION!

Watch for this announcement on next Wednesday—Nov. 16th in the Mail Tribune. We have been given an exclusive assignment to put on the market one of the best money making taverns in the Medford area. Owner retiring. On Sale license. Lease nearly six years to go. Further details Nov. 16th.

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