

Republican Women Elect; Labor Legislation Topic

Mrs. Robert J. Keeney was elected president of Jackson County Republican Women at the January meeting held yesterday at the YMCA. She succeeds Mrs. Stephen G. Nye, who has served the group as president for the past three years.

Elected to serve with Mrs. Keeney are Mrs. Wayne Stine, first vice-president; Mrs. Roy V. Rickard, second vice-president; Mrs. Clair Larson, third vice-president; Mrs. Howard Arant, secretary and Mrs. Frank Ross, treasurer.

Mrs. Nye was given a rising vote of thanks for her service to the organization, and in relinquishing her office said "I owe you all a great debt of gratitude for your loyalty and cooperation during my term of office."

Labor legislation was the program topic, with George Potucek, president of Medford Carpenters' local, Clyde Brummell, director of organization for the Republican party in Oregon and Marie Merriman, member of the Republican party in Medford and a labor leader, speaking.

Introducing Mr. Potucek, Mr. Merriman stated that the views of labor and the Republican party did not always coincide, and that "we should investigate all avenues." Mr. Potucek opened his talk by saying that organized labor "is neither anti-Republican, or pro-Democratic" and that labor merely wanted to "elect our friends and defeat our enemies," whoever they might be.

Reviewing the legislative picture in Oregon, Mr. Potucek said labor thought the picketing laws "should be examined," said labor opposed a sales tax because it falls most heavily on those least able to pay, said the unemployment compensation laws in this state are unfair and inadequate, declared that the "people should have their say on all tax measures" and that the legislature should not have the power to put an emergency clause on tax measures" and that public employees are "grossly underpaid" and closed by saying that organized labor opposed the measure which requires voters to sign a poll book, saying it would only slow down the voting procedures.

Mr. Brummell began his talk by saying he believed labor was becoming "too slanted and too political" and outlined Oregon's record of legislation and benefits for labor which he said were largely the result of the efforts of the Republican party. The speaker pointed out that Oregon was the first state to set

aside Labor day as a holiday and that this state has a nationwide reputation as a progressive state in the field of labor legislation.

He further pointed out that Oregon was the first state to create a state board of conciliation and arbitration, the second state in the union to legalize and oversee the training of youth in the skilled trades, one of the pioneer states in assuring all citizens the right to jobs regardless of race, creed or color, and that Oregon's wage and hour law which dates back to 1913 set the pattern which other states followed for decades.

He also spoke of the state's record on wage standards, child labor, hours, workmen's compensation, the pay day law, the wage collection law and the factory inspection laws.

Mr. Brummell then said he believed a laboring man should not set himself up as only a workman, but remember that he is an American. He declared that the workmen themselves have no voice in the endorsement of candidates, only the leaders.

He stated that a committee has been set up to study the unemployment compensation laws in this state to see if they need revision, and speaking of the new poll law, stated that it was the answer to the large numbers of voters who cast their votes in precincts in which they did not live in violation of the election laws.

At this point he digressed to speak of Sen. Wayne Morse, saying that a survey made of the congress indicated that Senator Morse is 56th among the senators in point of effectiveness.

Mr. Brummell also spoke of the party's national record on labor legislation and ended by saying the Republican party is "not a defeatist party but one of accomplishment and humanitarianism." He paid homage to President Eisenhower and urged his support.

Mrs. Frank Basil, chairman of the Republican party for Jackson county, introduced Mr. Brummell.

Mr. Merriman was given time to offer rebuttal of Mr. Brummell's talk and spoke of the need for a guaranteed wage

Coming Events Announced by West Side Club

Coming events were announced at a meeting of West Side Mothers' club January 11, at the home of Mrs. Phillip Humphreys, Ross lane.

In cooperation with the Heart Fund drive which will start February 26, members of the club are asked to take their donations to the next meeting which will be February 15 at the home of Mrs. E. D. Davis, Neidermeyer lane.

Plans for a central library to be formed at the school are being made. A meeting will be held soon to inform the students and parents of its need and how it will operate and benefit the school.

The Jackson County School Board association will meet at the West Side school cafeteria Tuesday, January 24 at 8 p.m. Members of the mothers' club will be hostesses for the evening.

Students are again making plans for the annual hobby

and said that the state's unemployment compensation laws were adequate when they were passed in 1913, but that they had not kept pace with the cost of living index. He offered further material to show that a sales tax is not fair to low income groups and declared that Mr. Brummell was in error in saying that labor leaders chose labor's candidates. "It is a grass roots choice," he added.

Mr. Merriman pointed out how close the Republican and Democratic registration figures are in Oregon, and said that if the Republican party legislates against labor, it will lose the state. "We must do something in our party to prove that the Republicans are fair to labor," he declared. Mr. Merriman charged that in some instances legislators from Jackson county had even refused to meet with representatives of organized labor to discuss measures of vital importance to labor.

During the question and answer period Fred Robinson asked the two labor leaders if labor had any suggestions as to how Oregon could raise further tax money, if not by a state sales tax which is employed by almost every other state in the union. He added that "our tax structure is driving away new industries and causing established ones to move from the state." Mr. Merriman answered that the entire tax system needed overhauling.

Around Hollywood

Hollywood—(U.P.)—The surprise news of Grace Kelly's engagement to a dashing prince from Monte Carlo brought good-humored gags as well as congratulations from her colleagues around Hollywood.



The movie colony is a narrow, intimate world of its own. A noteworthy activity of a resident sends comedians rushing to their typewriters and everybody else to the telephone.

Grace's pending wedding to mustached Prince Rainier from the storybook land of Monaco inspired Producer Jerry Wald and Oscar Levant, the witty pianist, to propose that Beverly Hills be made a tax-free municipality, too.

"We will petition Los Angeles to let us secede and be like Monaco," declared Wald. "We have a city hall and postoffice that could be turned into casinos."

For the "Prince" of Beverly

Fleet Reserve Unit To Hold Meeting

Crater Lake post, Fleet Reserve association, has planned a meeting for Wednesday, January 18. It will be held at 8 p.m. at VFW hall, 42 North Front street, upstairs.

All retired Navy and Marine corps personnel and their wives are invited to attend.

Refreshments will be served.

show in February. Parents who wish to display hobbies may do so. Date of the show will be posted later.

Spring vacation for the West Side school will be the week of March 19-23.

Hills Wald and Levant suggest handsome Attorney Greg Bautzer or millionaire Howard Hughes. Marlon Bando, says Levant, can lead "the revolt of the insurgents."

The local columnists have had a field day. Bill Kennedy wrote, "the Rainier Beer Co. in Seattle has a great chance to capitalize on the wedding of Prince Rainier and Grace Kelly by putting on the ad campaign, 'Rainier, The Prince of Beers'."

Rainier Eludes Gabors Columnist Mike Connolly reports, "Jollie Gabor is furious because her daughters let Prince Rainier slip through their fingers. Her strategy has shifted to the Prince of Hanover. To arms, Eva, Magda and Zsa Zsa!"

Army Archerd writes, in Daily Variety, "No, Grace won't team with Hope and Crosby for 'The Road to Monaco'." Also, "This is a coupe de Grace."

Producers Capitalize Independent movie producers are always quick to draw on the headlines. Clover Productions registered two film titles, "Her Grace and the Prince" and "The Prince and Her Grace." The King Bros. Productions registered a title, "The Man From Monaco."

Comedians got into the act, too. Stuttering comic Joe Frisco wailed at a local nightclub, "If I'd been Grace Kelly's agent I'da p-packaged a deal that w-woulda netted me ten per cent of the action at Monte Carlo."

FLIGHT DELAYED

Auckland, N. Z. —(U.P.)—The non-stop return flight of four United States planes from the U. S. Antarctic base at McMurdo Sound has been delayed 24 hours because of bad weather. Officials said the planes will try the trip tomorrow if weather conditions are favorable.

There have been as many as 74 dense fogs a year in London.

Juvenile Delinquents Problem in Vancouver

Vancouver, B. C. —(U.P.)— Juvenile delinquents are becoming a major problem here.

Recruiting officials for the Canadian armed forces yesterday rejected a suggestion that they should take the city's young hoodlums into the service, fol-

lowing the start of an intensive police drive to halt delinquency. One military spokesman said "We're not running a reform school."

The course of action was suggested by new Police Chief George Archer who said hood-

KILLED IN ACCIDENT
Nyssa —(U.P.)— Richard Hawthorn, 53, Fruitland, Ida., was killed and his wife was injured critically Sunday in a three-car accident east of here.

lums should either be sent to jail, driven from the city or "volunteered" into the armed forces.

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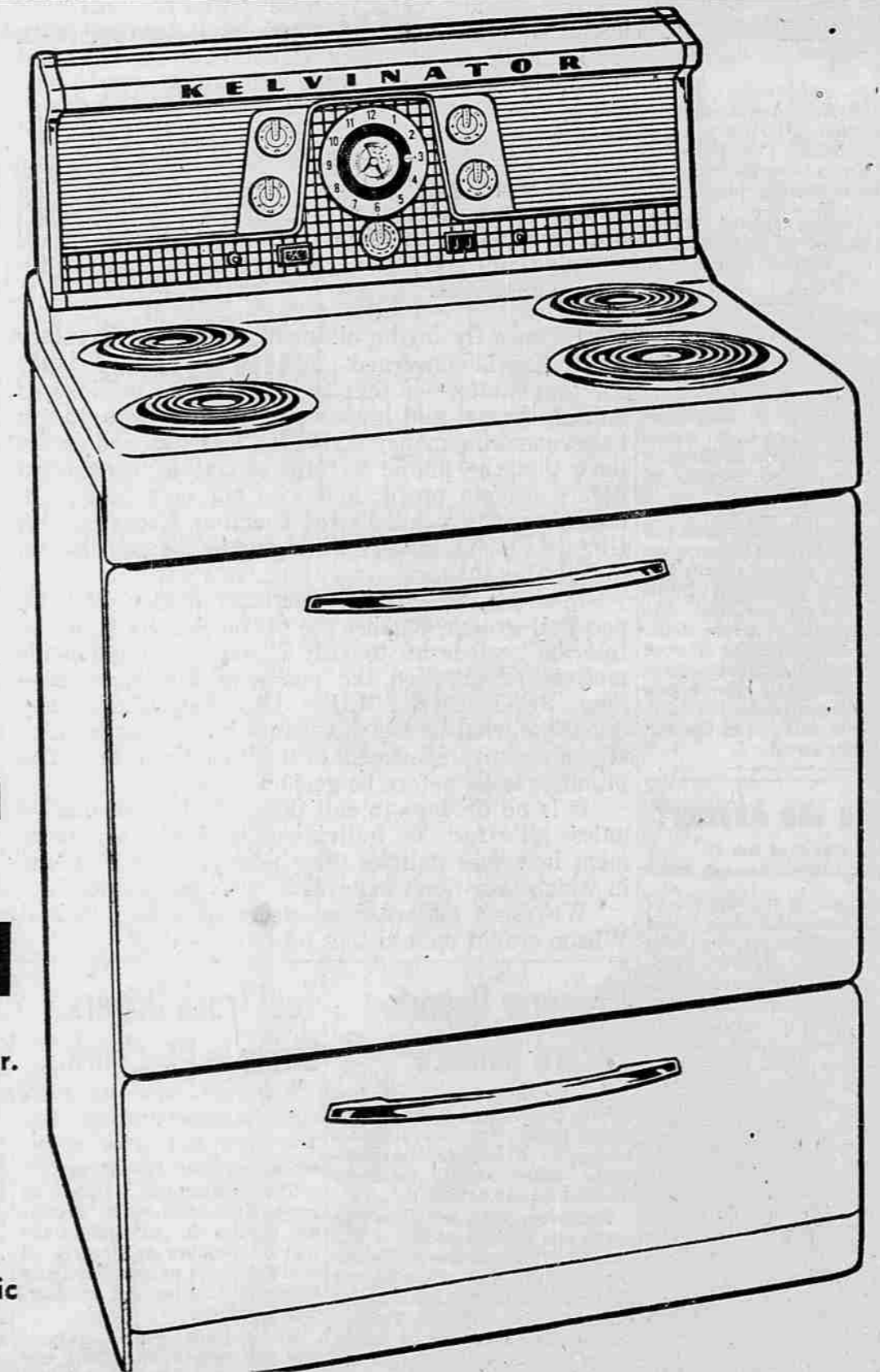
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