



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE NOMINEES — The six young Medford men shown above are candidates for the annual distinguished service award, presented each year by the Medford Junior Chamber of Commerce to the young man selected as outstanding in civic affairs for the preceding year. The winner, selected by a secret committee of local civic leaders,

will be announced next Thursday, and the winner will receive his award in the Ore-Cal Panorama program over television. The award will consist of a plaque, certificate and pin, and will be presented by Ron James, Jaycee president. Left to right, the nominees are Robert A. Boyer, 649 South Ivy st.; Manville M. Heisel, 1808 Thomas rd.; Richard L.

Henselman, 333 Ardmore ave.; Clifford D. Ouellette, 1532 Terrace dr.; Thomas J. Reeder, 135 North Ivy st., and Robert C. Taylor, 905 Oak Grove rd. All were active in a wide variety of civic activities in Medford during 1955. Gene Piazza is chairman of the committee arranging the awards.

District Attorney's Report Lists Numerous Felony, Traffic Cases

A total of 257 felony cases, involving 290 defendants, and 463 serious traffic misdemeanors were filed through the district attorney's office during 1955, according to an annual report by District Attorney Walter Nunley.

"It is virtually impossible to measure statistically the work done by any office dealing entirely with people," Nunley said, "and the report is not intended to reflect entirely the time spent or work done by the personnel of the office."

Felonies Defined

Felonies are crimes punishable by statute with commitment to the Oregon state penitentiary and misdemeanors are punishable by less than a term in the penitentiary.

The 257 felony cases fell into 35 different crime categories, including 7 crimes with violence (assault) and two homicides. There were 26 sex crimes; 89 property crimes, such as burglary and larceny; and 85 check crimes.

Of the check cases, usually only one criminal charge is filed regardless of the number of checks passed, according to Nunley. Checks involved totaled \$6,263.69, he said, "much of which was classified as a loss to the merchants and business people of the community."

Of the felony defendants, 72 per cent were apprehended and arrested by county police agencies, an "extremely high percentage of arrests on charges filed, compared with other counties in the state," Nunley stated. Investigations were done, with few exceptions, by the sheriff's office, Medford city police and Oregon state police.

Reflects Energy

"It reflects a great deal of credit upon the energy and ability of the police agencies serving Jackson county," he said.

Twenty felony cases were dismissed on motions from the district attorney's office, according to the report, when it was evident that the facts failed to sustain the charge. Three defendants were juveniles, who were remanded to juvenile court.

A total of 145 defendants pleaded guilty or were found guilty, including 18 carried over from 1953 and 195 cases. Of these, five were permitted to plead to lesser offenses and were sentenced to the county jail. Sixty-nine were committed to the penitentiary, 47 received probation, and five were sent to institutions for mentally retarded or mentally ill.

Pending Cases

Nineteen cases are still pending. Three felony trials were held in circuit court—those of LeRoy Elmer Starkey, who was found guilty of assault and robbery while armed with a dangerous weapon; Bernice H. White, guilty of second degree murder; and Robert Darrohn, guilty of larceny of livestock.

The majority of misdemeanor crimes committed under state law are violations of motor vehicle laws and are filed directly by members of the state police or other agencies on mimeographed forms prepared by the district attorney's office.

Only when contested on an innocent plea do they concern the district attorney's office. A total of 3,958 misdemeanors were filed in the justice and district courts of Jackson county last year.

More Serious Violations

The more serious traffic violations, such as reckless driving and driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, and others filed through the office totaled 463. Of the total, 118 were liquor crimes, including drunk driving; 128 violations of the state game laws, and 217 miscellaneous crimes, such as assaults, petty larceny and shoplifting.

There were 24 trials in district court during the year, with 17 defendants found guilty, six innocent and one dismissed for lack of evidence.

Failure to provide, which is a felony punishable by a term in the penitentiary, has become "more than a crime," Nunley declared. "It is becoming an increasingly difficult social problem, and for that reason is given somewhat different treatment than the other crime categories."

Notified of Action

In no other crimes are defendants given notice that action is contemplated by the office. Last year 107 reports of failure to provide were made to the district attorney, which resulted in 193 letters from the office in which the person responsible for the support of minor children was notified that "unless he immediately took steps to comply with his duty of support, criminal action would be taken against him."

It was necessary to file only 16 criminal charges for non-support. In addition, 27 reciprocal actions were taken with other states, 15 of which were successfully concluded, seven still pending and five not served.

The office prepared formal requests in 26 cases, by means of which the governor of Oregon

requests the governor of another state to deliver fugitives from Oregon to be returned for prosecution. It was the largest number of extraditions from any county in the state.

Legal Opinions

Twenty-three written legal opinions were given the various county offices on matters concerning functions of office during the year, and approximately 180 oral legal opinions were rendered to county officials and employees.

Reporting on other duties of the office, Nunley said an unlogged amount of time was spent by personnel who attended meetings of the county court, board of equalization, assessor's office, state tax commission, county and state public welfare commissions, and other administrative boards and bodies.

More time was spent in hearings and proceedings concerning taxation of orchard trees, regarding which three civil cases for the county were initiated during 1955.

Letter Writing

Correspondence, which is a large item of work in the office, included 549 letters written con-

cerning miscellaneous grievances and oral complaints reported to the district attorney but which did not result in criminal action being filed and were otherwise resolved.

Nunley said it should be noted that the figures do not reflect the time spent by personnel interviewing citizens and police officers concerning matters and complaints upon which no action is taken. An average of 72 phone calls go through the office daily, and approximately 166 persons are interviewed each week.

Crimes reported are in addition to all offenses committed under city ordinances and disposed of through municipal courts. In general, total volume of work is statistically slightly above that of 1954. Approximately twice as many of the cases filed were carried to successful conclusions last year than in the previous year.

The volume of work handled through the Jackson county office was exceeded only by Multnomah and Lane counties, according to figures from the six largest counties. Comparative figures for last year are not yet available.

Gov. Patterson Not Decided About Race

Boise, Ida. — (U.P.) — Gov. Paul Patterson of Oregon said Friday night he would decide by Feb. 1 "give or take a day or two" whether to run for the Republican nomination for the U.S. Senate to oppose incumbent Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.).

Interviewed following his address to a southwestern Idaho "Salute to Eisenhower" dinner, Patterson said a poll was currently being conducted among GOP leaders in Oregon to determine whether he should enter the senatorial race or remain in the governorship.

NW Mining Council Protests Proposed Land Withdrawal

A letter protesting the withdrawal of lands along the Rogue River from mining until sent to public hearing has been sent to the bureau of land management by the Northwest Mining Council, Inc.

It is signed by Frank DeSouza, president; Thad W. Hatten, secretary-treasurer; and Bruce J. Manley, director.

They state, "We would call to your attention the fact that the Rogue River and its tributaries cut through one of the most highly mineralized areas in the state of Oregon. Below Prospect there are a number of occurrences of mercury and the area below Grants Pass has produced more gold than any other area in the state. In addition to gold and mercury, these areas contain copper, manganese and other minerals."

Effect Small Miners

They maintain that the proposal will be "particularly severe in its effect on the owners of small mines and prospects."

BLM has announced its intention to withdraw lands from mining entry in the area one-half mile on each side of the river from Prospect on the Upper Rogue to Agness on the Lower Rogue, a distance of 120 miles.

A resolution making a similar request as the mining council letter was passed unanimously last week by the board of directors of the Josephine County Chamber of Commerce.

The group requested that the hearing be held in Grants Pass after May 1, to give interested persons sufficient time to prepare briefs for presentation at the hearing.

Area Men Receive Orders For Active Duty With Navy

Several members of the Naval reserve electronics division 13-5, Medford, have volunteered for active duty, and have received orders to report this month, according to E. V. Tate, radio-man first class, local reserve unit stationkeeper.

Among those volunteering for active duty recently are John F. Larson Jr., Leo S. Callaway, Audrey R. Brown, Vernon C. Baldwin, Kenneth L. Myers, Orland E. Stone, Robert G. Welch, John T. Logston, John D. Shreeve, Richard A. Howard, Ewel W. Chapman, Michael C. Shreeve, and Ronald L. Spinas. F. Larson Jr., Leo S.

Douglas L. Brannock is presently home on leave prior to starting officer candidate course at Newport, R.I. He recently returned from a tour of Asat-Pacific duty, and is a graduate of the Electronics Technician school at Treasure Island, Calif. He enlisted at Medford in May, 1951, and has served aboard the Navy reefer USS Pictor in Korean waters.

Maynard W. Hadley Jr. is presently serving aboard the USS Yorktown on two week's annual training duty. Men due to report today for duty include Wayne S. Clymer, Francis G. Durante, and Kenneth G. Walker. They are going aboard the USS Mansfield.

The local Naval reserve electronics division is now accepting first enlistments and men with prior service, Tate said. Meetings are held Monday nights at the federal building, 33 North Riverside ave. Additional information may be obtained by calling 2-2566 or 3-4909.

Man Happy When Navy Accepts Him For Duty

Denver — (U.P.) — Aaron E. Pickering, a Wyoming timber cutter, beamed happily Friday when a Navy recruiting officer told him he had been accepted for another hitch in the Navy.

Pickering, who has five children, celebrated his 62nd birthday last July.

Annual Police Report Shows Traffic Violation Increase

Major crime in Medford did not increase appreciably during 1955. There was, however, an increase in the number of traffic violations and cases of embezzlement and fraud.

An annual police department report shows 608 major offenses during 1955 compared to 603 in 1954. Of these, 43 per cent were cleared, about 10 per cent more than the national average.

Cases of traffic law violation increased from 2,603 in 1954 to 3,012 in 1955. Road and driving violations increased from 554 to 914; and cases of driving while intoxicated from 55 to 72. Cases of embezzlement and fraud increased from 90 in 1954 to 122 in 1955.

Larceny Cases

Of the 608 major offenses in 1955, 425 of them were larceny-thefts of under \$50. Some 73 were burglary cases; 63 larceny-theft of over \$50; 35 auto thefts; four aggravated assault; five robbery; and three rape.

The grand total of all offenses reported during 1955 was 15,570 compared to 12,472 in 1954. A total of 96 per cent of all cases were cleared by police.

There was a decrease in several types of crime. Cases of offenses against family and children dropped from 30 in 1954 to only 7 in 1955. Federal and state liquor law violations decreased from 33 in 1954 to 12. Cases of vagrancy dropped from 130 to 97. Cases of forgery and counterfeiting decreased from 29 to 13.

Injury Rate Decrease

Although there were two traffic fatalities during the year the injury rate from automobile accidents decreased considerably over 1954. Police placed increased emphasis on traffic enforcement giving particular attention to hazardous violations.

Miscellaneous services performed by police totaled 11,715. These included providing 1,120 money escorts; opening 1,832 windows, 829 doors, and standing by while 132 safes were opened. Officers turned out 1,395 night lights; made 2,624 vacation house checks, provided 266 funeral escorts and sold 2,447 bicycle licenses.

Officers wrote 33,869 parking meter tickets in 1955 compared to 27,860 in 1954. They handled 481 cases of lost or found persons, animals and property, and made out 663 written reports.

December Cases

During the month of December a total of 477 cases were report-

ed, of which police cleared 399, or 84 per cent. Cases during December included three cases of robbery, six burglary, 42 larceny-theft, 2 auto theft, 5 assault, and 2 driving while intoxicated.

Members of the police force made a total of 85 public appearances during 1955 in an effort to improve public relations and to educate the public on police problems, safety, and crime prevention.

Officers made appearances on radio and television and spoke at schools, churches, and before service organizations. Subjects covered included bicycle safety, juvenile delinquency, traffic safety, safe driving day, and general police problems.

Department Personnel

During the first six months of 1955 the department had 28 officers and two civilian employees. Because of budget decreases it was necessary to operate during the last half of the year with only 27 officers.

Clifton W. Lacy was appointed lieutenant during 1955 and Theodore Whisler was appointed sergeant.

Medford police department sends and receives more teletype messages than any other department in Oregon. New, selector type machines, making possible the elimination of all incoming messages except those intended for Medford, were installed.

Individual clothing lockers for the officers were also installed, making it possible for the men to change into civilian clothes at the end of their tour of duty. One additional police car was purchased, raising the total number of cars to five, and several new books pertaining to police work were added to the police library.

Police Training Programs

Police training programs during the year included training for recruits, firearms training, advanced first aid, use of camera and darkroom facilities, operation of police network teletype machines, and a regular in-service training program for all patrolmen.

The firearms training program was initiated in 1955 based on FBI procedure and conducted by Chief of Police Charles Champlin. All law enforcement officers in the valley were invited to send officers to the school and about 50 local officers participated.

Another activity of the department was the sponsorship of the police athletic league. Officers coached boys at the PAL club gymnasium and held several boxing matches during the year.

Membership Drive Planned by Dairymen

Plans for a membership drive for the Oregon Dairymen's association have started after approval from the American Dairy association, according to Victor Birdseye of Medford, president of the state group.

The membership campaign will be managed by Glenn H. Lay, who was appointed as manager of the American Dairy association of Oregon. In addition to managing the campaign, Lay also will administer funds, inform members of the association activities, and coordinating promotion program of the American association with that of the Oregon Dairy Products commission and the Oregon Dairy council.

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Everyone Benefited From Man's Business

Chattanooga, Tenn. — (U.P.) — C. E. Rymer's attorney claims both Rymer and the public benefited when Rymer quit making dentures for dentists and went into business for himself.

The attorney said Rymer, charged with practicing dentistry without a license, spent 17 years making \$5 to \$10 dentures for dentists who would sell them to their patients for \$100. "Now he makes them for the patients and saves them a lot of money," the attorney said.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday; 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day.

Letter Supporting Mrs. Lyman Mailed To Gov. Patterson

A letter signed by 28 persons—all of them employees or former employees of the local welfare commission—in support of Mrs. Blanche Lyman, ousted commission administrator, has been sent to Gov. Paul Patterson.

The letter attests to her honesty, integrity and loyalty, and expresses concern for her many years of service and for the community.

Twenty of those signing the letter are present employees of the Jackson county welfare department, all but three of the professional staff. The eight others are all former employees.

Discharged Earlier

Mrs. Lyman was discharged early this month by the state public welfare commission as the result of an investigation of the local office. Charges on which the dismissal was based included lack of administrative responsibility, and lack of loyalty to the state department.

A hearing for Mrs. Lyman before the state civil service commission has tentatively been scheduled for Thursday, March 1, in Salem.

The letter from her employees and former employees follows:

"Dear Governor Patterson: "We, former and present employees of the Jackson County Public Welfare Commission under Mrs. Blanche Lyman's administration, desire to affirm that we have had unquestionable opportunity to observe and certify her honesty, integrity and loyalty—both to the principles of social work and to the rules and regulations of the State Public Welfare Commission.

Worked With Mrs. Lyman

"Among us, there are some who have worked with her as a citizen, as an employer and as a friend. In each capacity, we have found her to be a person of unusual intelligence and understanding. Her innate interest in and feeling for people in trouble has been an outstanding characteristic. We feel that the very compassion which so well qualified her for social work has in this one instance, done her a great harm.

"We are deeply concerned that the many years of service which she has given to the organization for which she worked and to the community in which she lives be given the consideration they deserve.

Signing the letter were Mrs.

Marjorie Haley, Ryntha O. Sturges, Donna Cline, Audrey Robbins, Betty J. Gerritsen, Jeraldine Jerome, Ruth H. Kilbourn, Ruth B. Walker, Celia M. Walker, Elaine A. Grivas, Suzanne K. Pappin, June Chesney Heidenreich, Dixie Kruggel, Ann Noblit, Mary Ann Wilson, Jeanne Y. Gang, Martha J. Sadri, J. Marie Clark, Frances E. Halfhill, Grace McKearan, Lillian Rheinsburg, Irene Finney, Grace Shaw, Winifred P. Uridel, Mary C. Browne, Georgia C. White, Donna Sherwood and Evelyn Rhodes.

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Every Month is Home Building Month in the Rogue Valley!

In many parts of the country, home building comes to a halt this time of year. But not here. Countless homes were begun this month in Jackson County and southern Oregon. Was yours among them?

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