

Kefauver Says He Has Chance In Minnesota

Moorhead, Minn.—(U.P.)—Sen. Estes Kefauver said Saturday night his chances of capturing Minnesota's 30 Democratic National convention votes "are getting better and better."

The Tennessee Democrat displayed rising confidence in his barnstorming campaign of the state as he commented for the first time about what he plans to win in next Tuesday's primary election.

"We'll win several districts next Tuesday and after the election is over, there'll be a new look in this campaign," he told party leaders on his arrival here. "I think my chances are getting better and better."

Did Not Meet
Kefauver arrived in this northwestern Minnesota town as a second aspirant for the Democratic nomination—Adlai E. Stevenson—was leaving.

The two candidates came within a few feet of each other but again they did not meet. Kefauver was in a car carrying him away from the airport and Stevenson was in one headed to the airport where he boarded a chartered plane back to Chicago.

Stevenson wound up his Minnesota tour with a charge that the "Republican agriculture program threatens to drive the farmer to the wall everywhere in the country."

Stevenson said that "not only have the Republicans failed to do anything about the farm problem, but they are not even telling the truth about what they are doing."

Overflow Crowd

Kefauver shook hands with Moorhead residents for about 20 minutes as he strolled down the main street and then addressed an overflow crowd of about 1000 persons in the American Legion hall.

He was scheduled to wind up his campaigning for the day with a 30-minute television appearance on a Fargo, N.D., station. He will resume his campaign at Fergus Falls, Minn., tomorrow.

Before arriving in Moorhead the Tennessee presidential hopeful addressed a gathering of about 2,000 persons at Oklee, Minn., in a "welcome home" celebration for Minnesota congressman Coya Knudson.

American Sailors Cleared of Crime

Perth, Australia—(U.P.)—Police cleared the crew of the U. S. Navy's Antarctic expedition supply ship Arneb Saturday of any implication in the rape-beating of a 22-year-old Melbourne woman.

Detectives said two days of questioning the crew convinced them none of the American sailors aboard had anything to do with the attack on Florida Bentham last Sunday.

The Arneb left Melbourne for the United States early Sunday morning. Miss Bentham was found naked and unconscious shortly afterwards on the bank of a river near where the ship was docked.

Police got the Navy in Washington to order the Arneb to interrupt its journey to the United States and put in at Perth to permit detectives to question the crew. Capt. Laurence W. Smythe said he hoped to resume the trip later Saturday.

CPRFPD Residents To Vote Tuesday

Central Point—An election of a special tax levy of \$6,972.30 for the 1956-57 Central Point Rural Fire Protection district budget will be held Tuesday at the fire hall south of Central Point on Highway 99.

Polls will be open between 2 and 8 p.m. The levy for this year's budget is almost \$2,000 less than the levy asked last year. It is outside the 6 percent and 4 mill limitations. The overall budget shows a drop of \$259.52 from 1955.

Major services of the district include operation of two rural fire halls, one at Central Point and one at White City, a staff of three paid firemen, seven major pieces of fire fighting equipment and administration of a district-wide fire code.

Mrs. Irene Anhorn, Mrs. Warren Patterson and Miss Lillian Anderson will serve as the election board.

Injuries Fatal to North Bend Man Here

Dick Frost, 22, North Bend, died in a Medford hospital Saturday morning, shortly after being flown here from Gold Beach by a Mercy Flights, Inc., air ambulance plane.

He was seriously injured in an automobile accident near Gold Beach, and the plane went there to pick him up early this morning, arriving back at about 8:15 a.m. His injuries proved fatal before he could be gotten to surgery.

Police said two others were in the car with Frost. One of them was identified as Troy Ballah, of North Bend. Identity of the other passenger was not known. Neither apparently suffered serious injuries, however.

The three men had been working for a lumber company at Garberville, Calif., and were returning to North Bend.

Conger-Morris Funeral home is in charge of local arrangements.



PLAYING GROWNUP—Twelve-year-old Susie Goode kisses her 21-year-old husband, Robert Goode Jr., as he leaves their Greer, S. C. home for work. They were married, with Susie's mother consent in Spartanburg, Feb. 28. The young bride boasts that she can cook and sew "a little" but right now they are living with her parents so Susie has plenty of time to play with her favorite Christmas present, a rather large bride doll.

Hearing into Sinking Adjourned in Seattle

Seattle—(U.P.)—A Coast Guard hearing on the sinking of the freighter Washington Mail in Alaskan waters March 3 adjourned here Friday until further notice.

All 60 persons aboard the vessel were picked up from two lifeboats by the Navy transport Gen. H. B. Freeman after the Washington Mail broke in two and sank.

Friday counsel for American Mail Line, owners of the ship, suggested a Coast and Geodetic Survey search for uncharted pinnacles in the area where the Washington Mail went down.

Several witnesses earlier had suggested the possibility that the ship might have collided with a volcanic pinnacle.

Evidence gathered in the hearing here will go to Washington, D. C. for further Coast Guard consideration.

COURTROOM THEFT

Bloomington, Ill.—(U.P.)—Police said Saturday a thief stole the witness stand microphone from the Circuit court room.

Ashland Kindergarten Sets Opening Monday

Ashland—Kindergarten for Ashland children in the four and five year age brackets will open for the spring quarter Monday, according to Dr. J. D. McAulay, director.

Morning session is scheduled for 9 to 11:45 a.m. The afternoon session is from 1 to 3:45 p.m. Both sessions will be conducted in the kindergarten building beside the library on the Southern Oregon college campus.

There are a few vacancies in each section and interested parents have been asked to phone the college office, Ashland 2-4611, or Mrs. Marie Diebel, kindergarten instructor, at Ashland 2-9187 to make reservations.

Siskiyou Students to Compete in Contests

Weed, Calif.—(U.P.)—Contestants are expected here Monday from all Siskiyou county schools for the annual county spelling bee.

Finalists in the county contest will compete in the state spelling bee at Sacramento.

Local winner in competition last week was Cecilia Pastega an eighth grader.

Pickin' Pears

News and Notes From Camp White

By Sid Hollingsworth
Los Angeles—The old saying about the inability to see the forest for the trees applies in a timely way to the situation in Southern Oregon and the entire state for that matter with respect to mining—especially the development of such valuable ores as uranium.

One of the Home members in L. A. called attention to a government map showing the location of uranium deposits in the U. S. Western Oregon is without a developed uranium claim.

This is surprising because of the prevalence at one time or another of other ores, including

gold and the plethora of minerals and variegated rock formations that have distinguished the Rouge valley at a mineralogical paradise.

Thriving Business
Any prospector visiting the mountainous regions of Oregon is certainly justified in believing "there is uranium in those hills." In fact, the Geiger counter business was thriving in Medford before the writer left last fall.

It is possible that the hesitancy to go into the business or locating uranium deposits is due to the extent of federal holdings of forest and mining lands in Oregon, and the reluctance of large interests to invest because of the difficulties involved in proving claims.

There is another reason apparent in the fact that uranium, unlike gold, silver, copper and lead, is not found in large deposits anywhere. The ore is scattered in small outcroppings close to the surface and not in veins or pockets large enough to work.

Be this as it may, there is one thing certain from this vantage point Oregon rocks have a fascination outside the state that, with promotion, could become another asset, minor to mineral development, but major as an advertising feature.

Here in Southern California, the picture agates and moss agates, the unique jaspers and distinctive stones like Medfordite and Roguette, the pseudomorph series and transparencies, are a delight to all gem lovers, and this includes a great many women.

Aside from the widespread interest as a hobby, rock collecting is confined to the comparatively few enthusiasts who are naturalists more than salesmen or promoters.

Perhaps the Chamber of Commerce can take up this suggestion in any new approaches being considered to further interest in community resources and projects.

18 Timber Tracts Sold By BLM During February

Thirteen tracts of O and C timber and five tracts of public domain timber were sold during February, according to Virgil T. Heath, bureau of land management supervisor.

The 19,736,000 board feet from O and C tracts brought \$851,705.30 and 4,074,000 board feet from public domain lands sold for \$115,333.20.

During March, 27 tracts of O and C timber, totaling 60,113,000 board feet, and three tracts in public domain forests, totaling 4,625,000 board feet, will be offered for sale.

Donna Timber Products company, Medford, was among successful February bidders.



'SHE RESISTED'—Margens Joyce Brunner, 17-year-old Bell Gardens, Cal., high school student, was found slain and ravished, her neck broken, in a parked car. Police said 23-year-old mechanic Orville Townsend admitted strangling her "because she struggled."

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Tax Need Opinion Sought at Clinic

Salem—(U.P.)—Statewide opinion on Oregon's tax needs will be sought here April 6 when the Oregon tax clinic meets.

That was decided Friday by a committee of Oregon Chamber of Commerce, executives meeting here under the chairmanship of Stanley Grove, manager of the Salem chamber.

Concern of many chamber leaders that the state's present tax setup might be handicapping industrial promotion prompted the state-wide meeting. However, the committee did not go into the merits of any particular tax.

"The tax situation is a critical one and this is the year for citizens to get interested in the job that has to be done," Grove said.

The tax clinic was expected to draw 400 persons with special invitations going out to all Chamber of Commerce officers, tax committeemen and other leaders, trade association executives, business leaders, state officials, women's organization leaders and candidates for office.

Program for the clinic will be planned by Robert Hall, chairman of the Portland Chamber Tax committee and Mrs. Louise Humphrey of Oregon Tax Research, with the assistance of the State Legislative Interim committee on Taxation, headed by Sen. Rudie Wilhelm, Portland.

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