

Columbia Utilities Officers to Attend Telephone Meeting

D. O. Hood, John W. Kirby, William E. Driscoll, and Ernest R. Hood Jr., all of Columbia Utilities company, and Fred Brugger, Eagle Point, will attend the 1956 convention of the Oregon and Washington Independent Telephone association in Portland, May 31, June 1-2.

About 400 officials of independent companies and representatives of manufacturers and service organizations are expected to attend, according to John H. Dillard, of Nehalem, president of the Oregon association.

Thursday Speakers
Merle M. Hale of Lincoln, Neb., president of the United States Independent Telephone association, will head the list of Thursday speakers. Don Childers, Oregon-Washington Telephone company, Hood River, also will speak Thursday. Thursday's luncheon and entertainment will be sponsored by the Northwest chapter of the Independent Telephone Pioneer association.

Friday's general session will include a talk by Oregon Public Utilities Commissioner Charles H. Heltzel, Salem, Tom Lawson McCall, Portland radio and television commentator, will be featured at the Friday banquet.

The Oregon and Washington associations will elect officers at separate business meetings Saturday afternoon.



TAX MEN CALL IT ENTERTAINMENT—The Government demanded \$44,694 in back taxes from Ruthie Shepler, 29, a buxom barmaid, on grounds that it's entertainment when she balances glasses to pour beer in this manner. Ruthie is shown performing in her bar in Des Moines, Ia.

Phoenix Concert Set At School Gym Today

Phoenix — The Phoenix concert band and high school girls' chorus will present their annual spring concert at 8 p.m. Friday, May 25, in the Phoenix High school gymnasium.

Concert band numbers will include marches, overtures and novelty selections. A clarinet quartet will also be featured during the program.

The girls' chorus will sing sacred, popular and patriotic selections. The concert will be open to the public with no admission charge, according to H. R. Kannasto, music director.

GOLD HILL Eighth Grade Exercises Set

By MRS. SAM ELLIOTT
Gold Hill — The Sams Valley eighth grade exercises will be held at the Sams Valley Grange hall Monday, May 28, at 8 p.m. Those graduating are Mickey Duggan, Glen Brown, David Bell, James Shope, Jimmy Vague, Keith Schulz, Garry Dusenberry, Gwen Birkland, Patty Straus, Connie McDonough, Shirley McAllister, Barbara Sanderson, Myrna Hyatt, and Bonnie Baseler.

On Tuesday, the school bus will pick the children up at the usual time and a movie will be shown at the school house. At 11 a.m., parents bringing potluck picnic will start serving. Every parent is urged to attend.

Frank Lockwood celebrated his birthday with his brother, Burt Dodenhoff, and family of Eagle Point last Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Lockwood and the Dodenhoffs made a trip to Glendale and stopped at many points of interest along the way, coming home from Tiller, where they had their birthday dinner, and home through Trail.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Malone and daughter, Mrs. Bob Gray, and family spent a long week end at Crescent City.

Mrs. Fanny Eggers and daughter, Mrs. H. P. Bears, of Cave Junction met Charles Feheley of Yreka, Calif., here Tuesday and took him back to Cave Junction to recuperate from a bad case of ptomaine poisoning.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ramsey of Medford spent the week end at Squaw Lake fishing, with not much luck.

Mrs. Bruce Bennett of Ontario, Ore., and children Jerry, Dennis, and Debi, arrived Friday to visit Mrs. Bennett's mother, Mrs. Mable Davis, and her step-brother, Richard Davis, and her grandmother, Mrs. Louise Robinson. She intends to meet her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Bennett, in Medford and after a short visit they are taking her and the children back to Ontario.

The Governor Brothers are getting a good start on the new Gold Hill Truck and Implement shed. Roy Huffman, former owner of the Romine ranch, was here on a visit among neighbors and friends en route from Mexico. Huffman has built a new home below Cave Junction, but has been forced to lease it since a

Former Premier of Russia Doing Research at Stanford University

By GEORGE COFFEY
United Press Correspondent
Stanford, Calif.—(U.P.)—Alexander Kerensky, premier of the short-lived Russian Republic before he was deposed by the Communist revolution, has arrived quietly on the Stanford university to do research for the Herbert Hoover Institute, the United Press has learned.

The former Russian leader, now 75 years old, came to Stanford in February of this year, but no announcement of his assignment was made at the time. Institute officials issued a statement confirming his appointment as a "research associate."

The institute said Kerensky, who is expected to remain here "another 15 months or longer," has agreed to "cooperate in a research project undertaken by the Hoover Institute."

"The purpose of this project is to prepare for publication a collection of documents originating during the period of the short-lived provisional government," the announcement said. "In Excellent Health" "For many years research on this important period has been neglected, mainly because the necessary sources were unavailable outside Russia. The Hoover library has been able to collect the pertinent sources and work has begun on the selection, translation and annotation of documents showing the democratic potential of Russia during this single period of full political freedom in Russia."

The institute said that Kerensky, who was born April 9, 1881, at Simbirsk in Russia's Volga

district, is in "excellent health."

"His memory of past details is astonishing," the announcement said.

Kerensky, a widower whose two sons live in England, resides alone on the university campus. "In his free time Mr. Kerensky is working on his memoirs," the institute said.

After the outbreak of World War I, Alexander Feodorovich Kerensky was a lawyer in St. Petersburg (now Leningrad) and was a socialist member of parliament where he sat as a leader of the workers' wing of his party.

In Exile Since 1917

When the workers and soldiers of Russia revolted in March, 1917, forcing Nicholas II to abdicate, Kerensky was named as one of the men to form a provisional government under Prince Lvov.

Kerensky served as minister of justice, war and the navy un-

der Lvov. With the return of Trotsky and Lenin and the start of the Bolshevik revolt, the prince resigned and Kerensky succeeded him as head of the government.

Kerensky was deposed by the Communists during the October, 1917, revolution and fled to Britain. He has lived in exile ever since, spending recent years in New York City where he was active in campaigns to promote counter-revolution in Russia.

After his presence on the Stanford campus was learned, Kerensky agreed to a meeting with this reporter, but declined to comment for publication on current events in the Soviet Union. "I prefer to remain out of the limelight," he said.

Boys Displays Fish Caught on Unique Gear

Knoxville, Tenn.—(U.P.)—Six-year-old Mickey Turner today proudly displayed 10 bass and a five-pound carp he caught in a small pond near his home.

His gear: A foot-long stock, some fish line, a rusty hook, and white bread for bait.

Aged Pension Issue In Campaign Between Stevenson, Kefauver

Washington —(U.P.)—The old age pension issue crowded into the Kefauver-Stevenson campaign today as a factor which may affect the outcome of the presidential primary contest in both Florida and California.

Adlai E. Stevenson and Sen. Estes Kefauver, contenders for the Democratic nomination, were both in Florida in the home stretch of their campaigns before the primary next Tuesday.

Florida Democrats will elect pledged delegates with 23 votes at the Democratic national convention. The California primary, involving 68 convention votes, comes a week later and ends the series of presidential primaries involving these two candidates.

Both states are havens for elderly citizens. In both the old age pension issue carries more weight than in many states. Supporters Cry 'Foul'

Kefauver and his Florida backers have attacked Stevenson this week for his record on old age assistance while governor of Illinois. Stevenson supporters have cried "foul" and accused the Kefauver camp of distorting Stevenson's record with false statements and half-truths.

In a reply to Kefauver Thursday, Stevenson said that Kefauver "knows very well" that he, Stevenson, vetoed an old age pension bill while governor of Illinois only because "the Republican legislature refused to make the payments it authorized."

In another attack on Stevenson Thursday, Kefauver charged his rival with being "strangely silent" on the threat small business faces from big business. He then said that Stevenson, as titular head of the Democratic Party, placed the party in a "dubious" position last year by representing the Radio Corp. of America as an attorney in an anti-trust action.

"Since Mr. Stevenson has placed himself and the party in a dubious position," Kefauver said, "I would have expected him to have clarified his opinion and his purposes in the matter of anti-trust laws and their enforcement. His silence has been one of the curious facts of this campaign."

Gets Group Endorsement
In California earlier this month, Kefauver was endorsed by the California Institute of Social Welfare, an organization of elderly citizens.

Kefauver forces gleefully cheered that endorsement as a factor which could mean the difference between victory and defeat. And one veteran neutral observer of California politics said the primary result could hinge on the turnout of the old age pension group.

In Florida Thursday, Kefauver also referred to the fact that Stevenson has received support from the state's congressional delegation. He said "ganging up" on him was no new experience.

It was understood that Sen. George Smathers (D-Fla.), who has taken no part in the Florida campaign, may give Stevenson a left-handed endorsement before the primary.

INVESTIGATES SINKING
Milwaukee, Wis.—(U.P.)—A three-man board of inquiry convened today to investigate a barge sinking in which seven men drowned and two others were missing. A Coast Guard officer announced the board will question the 10 survivors of Wednesday's sinking "to determine the cause of the loss of the vessel and the lives."

Gordon to Compete In Eugene Contest

Don Gordon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gordon, 932 King st., and top awards winner in the Medford Junior Chamber of Commerce Teen-Age Road-e-o, will leave for Eugene to participate in the state drive-off finals on May 27.

Gordon scored 386 points in a contest last Saturday at Medford High school. The contest involved both a written examination and various tests of driving skill. Runners-up in the local Road-e-o contest were Ronald Wisdom, with 357 points, and Earl Knight Jr., with 326 points.

The Teen-Age Road-e-o is an annual project, sponsored nationally by the Jaycees to encourage the development of better driving skills and familiarity with traffic laws.

The winner of the state contest in Eugene will join other state winners to compete in the national Teen-Age Road-e-o in Washington, D.C., this summer.

Thornton Move On In Vice Investigation

Portland —(U.P.)—Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton moved ahead today in his investigation of local conditions after his authority was bolstered by a new directive from Gov. Elmo Smith.

Circuit Judge Alfred P. Dobson yesterday ordered Thornton to take over the current grand jury investigation from District Attorney William Langley after Thornton presented the governor's order.

Thornton said the governor's directives did not take away all of Langley's authority but only insofar as it concerns the current vice probe.

The governor said he signed the order so there would be no question that Thornton had the fullest power possible.



NEED A DERBY FOR THAT—Mrs. America (Mrs. Chris Maletis) finds her newly-won crown a pretty accessory but hardly ample to quiet that horn of band-leader Red Nichols. Fresh from her triumph in Florida, Mrs. America met Red as she stopped over in San Francisco's Sheraton-Palace Hotel on her way home to Portland, Ore.



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