

Pickin' Pears

News and Notes
From Camp White

By BILL HURN

A dance variety show was presented at the Camp White theater Wednesday evening by VFW under the direction of Mrs. Lella Birch. The Darrell Holt Rogue River dance studio members were introduced. Performers were from 3 to 15 years of age and the parents of the beginners were guests to the program.

On Friday afternoon at recreation center an entertainment by VFW department staff officers Lella Birch and Helen Lusk was provided which featured Miss Marylyn Fellers in a vocal program with Mrs. F. J. Glonning as accompanist in folk songs, character and comics, and operatic followed by group singing by the audience. Karon Britton and Lea Padgett with accordion numbers were also featured.

Wednesday morning, Blue Star Mothers of Grants Pass chapter 1 were on sewing duty and held a ward party for Ward 1 in the afternoon. Ruth Harman, Edna Makewire, June Goff and Martha Eritz were in the group.

Medford Blue Star Mothers chapter 2 under Aileen Larson, Margaret Naylor, Charlotte Bonner and Eula Middlebush held a game session for wheel chair members at the theater Friday afternoon, interspersed with accordion music by Karon Britton and Lea Padgett. Coffee, cake and cigarettes were served.

Chaplain and Mrs. Albert S. Fellers have had as a guest this week their daughter, Miss Marylyn Fellers, following her graduation from Stanford in music and dramatic arts. She has finished a year teaching arts at Castelleja private academy at Palo Alto, but is leaving for Paris where she is planning a summer course in dramatics and will spend the following year in Munich in advanced voice study.

A visitation was made at Camp White last week by Charles Langdon, Portland VARO manager, and E. A. Maher, adjudication officer, on routine matters under consideration between the regional office and the local facility.

The dining hall at Camp White has been enhanced by the addition of chair back covers of a green and a coral alternating effect. The 517 covers were prepared by Volunteer Service groups. Ten organizations comprising VFW auxiliaries, Blue Star Mothers of Medford and Grants Pass, Daughters Union Veterans, Military Order Lady

Several From Here to Attend Eagles Confab

Several members of the Medford Eagle lodge are attending the state convention in Bend this weekend. Among delegates from here are Everett Sybrant, R. G. Garrett, Floyd Leith, Ray Collett, Edward Olson, Alvin Lucas, Jack Weber, Harvey Hawley, Edward Fogel and Fred Johnston. Several others also plan to attend.

The Eagles will hold a short business meeting at the hall, 219 West Main st., at 8 p.m. Thursday, and Saturday, June 30, a fried chicken dinner is scheduled for those Eagles who do not attend the state convention. Henry Ruch is in charge of the dinner, which will be given in the auxiliary hall starting at 6:30 p.m.

NAACP Delegates Work on Problem of Civil Rights

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Delegates to the 47th annual convention of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People worked today on the problem of solving civil rights issues on the local level.

The 4,000 delegates divided into workshop groups to hear lectures on how to work on the local scene toward ending segregation in housing, recreation and transportation. An association spokesman said the purpose of the meetings was to "help our people at the local level proceed to secure voluntary compliance of anti-segregation laws."

Thurgood Marshall, chief lawyer for the NAACP, warned the association's 300,000 members Tuesday night that they must be on guard against the efforts of racists and Communists to infiltrate their ranks. President Eisenhower sent a message to the convention calling on Negroes to exercise "patience and forbearance and wisdom during the adjustment following the outlawing of segregation. He also expressed the hope that Congress would pass administration sponsored civil rights legislation.

Mineral Exploration Planned by Klamaths

Klamath Falls — (U.P.) — Members of the Klamath Indian tribe, hopeful of the presence of mineral deposits on the reservation, said today they were considering the possibility of hiring a private company to conduct boring and analysis.

A recent report indicated presence of only pyrite and diatomite. But members of the tribal executive committee yesterday brought up past reports which indicated possibility of presence of oil and titanium ore. Tribal members planned to confer with the U. S. Geological Service and the Bureau of Mines.

Second Rehearsal of Concert Band Tonight

L. A. Mirick, supervisor of instrumental program in Medford schools, reminded interested parties that the second rehearsal of the concert band will be held at 7 p.m. today in the Medford High school band room.

He said several college and high school students turned out last night for the first session. Regular summer classes of band and orchestra sponsored by the Medford school district started Monday and yesterday at the high school.

Mirick said college and high school students are urged to participate in the summer concert band.

Copco Will Improve Substation at Merrill

Klamath Falls — (U.P.) — California Oregon Power Co. has initiated a \$17,000 project to enlarge and improve the transformer capacity of the substation at Merrill, Ore. Copco Manager S. I. Ritchey said a mobile unit will be moved into the area to prevent any interruption of service.

Alleged Following Of 'Communist Line' By High Court Argued

Washington — (U.P.) — The chairman of Americans for Democratic Action and the chairman of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee got into a dispute today over whether the Supreme court has followed the "Communist line."

Joseph L. Rauh Jr., ADA chairman, branded as "arrant cynicism" charges made before the subcommittee that some of the court's decisions have been pro-Communist. He said such charges were "clear evidence of a continuing drive to discredit the court."

Subcommittee Chairman James O. Eastland (D-Miss.) who accused the court Tuesday of making "pro-Communist" decisions retorted:

"That's where you're wrong. The Supreme court has discredited itself."

Eastland said there has been "one pro-Communist decision after another." He said the people of the country are "dumbfounded" that we've got a court that evidently is being influenced by pro-Communist elements.

Rauh charged here is a "certain schizophrenia" in the Republican party about the Supreme court. He said Vice President Richard M. Nixon called Chief Justice Earl Warren a "great Republican Chief Justice" when Nixon, Rauh said, was "trying to take credit for civil rights." But Tuesday, he said, GOP witnesses before the subcommittee "implied that this great Republican Chief Justice is pro-Communist."

Mother Wins Round In Custody Battle

Vancouver, Wash. — (U.P.) — Latest round in the four-state custody battle that has raged around three-year-old John Marcus Renhard went to the boy's mother here yesterday.

Superior Court Judge Eugene G. Cushing stipulated, however, that Mrs. Evelyn Renhard must post \$1000 guaranty bond assuring that she would appear for a full hearing on the boy's permanent custody later.

Mrs. Renhard had accused her former husband, Marcus, a Portland lumberman, of abducting the child from a Eureka, Calif., nursery school. She claimed a Grants Pass court had granted her custody after the couple's divorce. Renhard countered that an Idaho court had given him custody last September. He and the boy were taken into custody in a motel here recently. Mrs. Renhard was given temporary custody in Superior Court here yesterday.

Search for Missing Airplane Abandoned

Eugene — (U.P.) — Search of the McKenzie river area for a light plane and its two passengers, missing since June 14, was abandoned yesterday.

Milt Ruberg, air search supervisor for the area, said that the search had been called off for the plane carrying Lebanon dentist Dr. Ralph Johnson and singing evangelist Hartley Hanson.

The pair had taken off from Lebanon during bad weather on a flight to Minneapolis, Minn. The search shifted to the upper McKenzie area after forest service men reported sighting a low flying plane in that area the night the Johnson plane disappeared.

Democrats Claim New Strength in North Dakota Vote

Bismarck, N.D. — (U.P.) — Democrats, newly allied with the rural Nonpartisan League, claimed a vast new strength in this farm state today on the basis of Tuesday's primary.

But Republicans, almost always the winners in North Dakota, countered that the Democratic gains fell far short of serious proportions. With the Democratic vote counted in about one-third of the state's precincts, unopposed gubernatorial candidate Wallace E. Warner had about one-third as many votes as two Republican candidates.

The Republican totals, however, represented nearly one-half of the precincts. Combine Big Question The big question in the primary was the effectiveness of a new political combine which found the Nonpartisan League shifting from the Republican to the Democratic state ballot for the first time in 40 years.

Republicans apparently nominated state Sen. John E. Davis, 43, McClusky, for governor in the only major nominating contest on the ballot. Sen. Milton R. Young and Reps. Usher Burdick and Otto Krueger were renominated easily against nominal opposition in the GOP primary.

Father Opposes Son The general election in November thus will find Burdick running on the opposite ticket from his son, Quentin, nominated with opposition for U.S. senator by the Democrats. An assessment of the Republican and Democratic turnouts was difficult because Democratic votes were not tabulated immediately in many counties. In past years, the Republican nomination has usually been considered tantamount to election. This year, the big fight will come in November.

Traffic Accidents Kill 425 in Oregon

Portland — (U.P.) — Motor vehicle accidents claimed 425 lives in Oregon last year, continuing to take a greater toll than any other kind of accident, the State Board of Health said today.

Home accidents ranked second with 269, followed by occupational with 207 and public accidents with 189. There was a slight increase in accidental deaths in Oregon last year over 1954 figures, although the state's increase in population lowered the rate slightly from 64.4 deaths per 100,000 estimated population to 64.2. All major classifications of accidental deaths decreased except those in the home area, which increased from 240 deaths in 1954. The total number listed was 1086.

Largest single cause of accidental death among children under the age of 15 was drowning, both at home and in public places, which accounted for 27 fatalities. Continued Fall of Columbia Expected Portland — (U.P.) — The weather bureau said today that the Columbia river probably will go below flood stage at Vancouver, Wash., next week for the first time since April 23.

The five-day forecast called for a drop to 15.7 feet at Vancouver by next Monday. River Forecaster Elmer Fisher said it probably would get down to the 15-foot flood level by the fourth of July. The reading today was 18.2 feet, 3.2 over flood stage.

PUC Approves Rail Crossing Signals

Salem — (U.P.) — The Public Utilities Commission today announced approval of installation of automatic electric signals at two railroad crossings in Hillsboro and another north of Salem.

The Southern Pacific crossings in Hillsboro are located at West An existing signal at West Baseline st. and West Oak st. line will be replaced. The Oak st. crossing soon is to be designated as the eastbound leg of the Tualatin valley highway. The Oregon Electric crossing is at Claxter road north of Salem.

Southern Pacific will be reimbursed for 50 per cent of the cost by the State Highway commission while half the Oregon Electric installation cost will be paid by Marion county.

Court Dismisses Pelton Dam Appeal

Salem — (U.P.) — The Oregon Supreme Court today dismissed an appeal from a State Hydroelectric Commission ruling against Portland General Electric company on motion of the company.

The firm had filed the motion on the basis that the U. S. Supreme Court decision upholding the Federal Power Commission's issuance of a license for Pelton dam made the question moot. Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton objected to the grounds for the motion but did not object to dismissal of the appeal. The high state court observed that the reason for the motion was no concern as long as the respondent did not object.

Windsor, Ont. — (U.P.) — Police Chief Carl Farrow told the police commission Tuesday that he has been beset for some time with a wave of stomach illness complaints and said "most of them usually follow the day after payday."

Prime Ministers Of British Nations Discuss Problems

London — (U.P.) — The prime ministers of the British Commonwealth meet today to coordinate their actions against apparent changes in Soviet economic and diplomatic policies.

It was the seventh and perhaps the most crucial of the prime ministers' postwar conferences. It could decide whether the commonwealth expands into a dynamic world force or withers on the vine.

The Commonwealth, which replaced the pre-war British empire, faced increasing difficulties and new dissensions as the prime ministers met at 10 Downing st., official residence of Prime Minister Anthony Eden.

Trade Competition Problem First and foremost of the problems facing the prime minister was that of increased Soviet trade competition and the necessary reappraisal of the international scene in the light of apparent changes in Soviet foreign policy.

There were a number of internal matters—the efforts of Ceylon's Premier Solomon Bandaranaike to oust the British air and naval bases there, and India's and Pakistan's dispute over Kashmir.

Eden has held individual meetings with each of the prime ministers of the visiting nations—India, Pakistan, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Ceylon and the Union of South Africa. Each voiced the need for closer cooperation.

The Top Difficulties These were the major problems facing the Commonwealth:

1. Finding more capital within the Commonwealth for economic development.
2. Maintaining the chain of bases at Cyprus, Aden, Ceylon and Singapore upon which the defenses of the Commonwealth are based.
3. Preventing a split between neutralist and anti-Communist members over SEATO and other pacts.
4. Guiding the colonies to full statehood and cooperation within the commonwealth.
5. Preparation for the day when full convertibility of currencies will return, thus ending the sterling bloc and imperial preferences.

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