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SCREWBALLS—Mark Risher, state Chaplain from Pendleton, and Clem Roskoski, state president from Portland, are initiated into the Screwball club of the Eagles lodge in ceremonies in front of the Medford Eagles

hall Friday. The outgoing president usually is included in the club. Officers for the new year were elected yesterday, the last day of the three-day state Eagles convention. — Photo by Tompkins, Convention Photographer.

Pendleton Man Is Elected President Of State Eagles

Francis Baker, Pendleton, was elected president of the Oregon state Eagles Saturday at the final session of the organization's annual three-day convention. Election of officers was held at the Knights of Pythias building. Pendleton was chosen as the site for next year's Eagles convention.

A parade in downtown Medford Saturday by drill teams and drum and bugle corps climaxed the state organization's convention.

Outgoing president is Clem Roskoski, Portland.

Other officers elected include Bill Bigoni, Portland, vice president; Mark Risher, Pendleton, chaplain; Bill Kent, Coos Bay, conductor; Jack Weber, Medford, inside guard; Kenneth Restrom, Nyssa, outside guard; C. N. Bennett, McMinnville; Marvin Hamstreet, Klamath Falls; and Harold Manney, Hermiston, all trustees.

Elected president of the lady's state auxiliary was Grayce Johnson, Pendleton.

Also elected to auxiliary posts were Wuanita Walter, Prineville, vice president; Louise Rogers, La Grande, chaplain; Zoe Williams, The Dalles, conductor; Mary Chapman, Salem, secretary; Barbara Jacques, Nyssa, treasurer; Opal Havlina, Bend, inside guard; Mary Odegaard, Lakeview, outside guard; Caroline Roskoski, Portland; Lucille Lawson, Eugene; Melba Klatt, Medford; Mable Thomas, Tillamook; and Irene Chastain, all trustees; Iris Enck, Salem; musician; and Mary Brown, Pendleton, membership director.

Record High Interest Collected on Funds

Jackson county collected a record high of \$40,718.50 interest on county government funds during 1956-57, according to Treasurer Karl Janouch.

Janouch said he collected \$32,065.07 of the total interest from banks throughout the county Friday. He said substantial interest was also earned on school and other funds in the 1956-57 fiscal year.

Interest on county government funds the previous year totaled \$25,540.79, which was also a record figure. The treasurer will close his 1956-57 books on Monday.

Sports Bulletins

Seattle — A two-run homer by Bill Caution in the seventh inning powered Hollywood to a 5-3 Pacific Coast league victory over Seattle last night and gave the Stars a 4-1 lead in the series.

John Kovens cracked a three-run homer with one out in the ninth inning to give the Medford Cheney Studs a 5 to 2 triumph over the Drain Black Sox in a non-league semi-pro baseball game at the fairgrounds diamond here. Ron Bowen solo homered for Drain in the eighth inning.

Col. John Nickerson Fined, Reprimanded

Huntsville, Ala. — Col. John C. Nickerson, Jr. Saturday was fined, reprimanded and deprived of his rank for a year for his admitted carelessness with military secrets in a "Billy Mitchell" fight for the army's guided missiles.

A 10-member court martial board fined the 41-year-old colonel \$1,500 and took away for a year his rights even to order

a buck private to sweep out his office, if he gets an office.

Nickerson's lawyer called the sentence a "magnificent victory," since the colonel could have received up to 30 years at hard labor.

Appears Jubilant

Nickerson, appearing jubilant at the light sentence, indicated he would not appeal.

The sentence, however, will be reviewed automatically by the commander of the third army, Lt. Gen. Thomas F. Hickey, in Atlanta and by an examination board in the Judge Advocate General's office in Washington. It can be lightened even more but reviewing authorities cannot increase it.

Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson, who was a target of sharp criticism by Nickerson for his order giving the air force control over 1,500-mile range missiles, declined comment on the sentence, as did army secretary Wilber Brucker.

Technically, Nickerson, as field coordination officer, had no command at Redstone arsenal here. But when he is transferred, which Washington sources said would come this week, he will have to be assigned to a duty where it will not be necessary for him to give orders to subordinates.

Grants Pass Girl Reported Missing

Grants Pass — More than 500 volunteers, state police and Josephine county sheriff's deputies late Saturday were searching for Sheryl Lee Johnston, 5, of Grants Pass, reported missing since 5 p.m. yesterday from Mattson park near here.

State police said the girl was last seen playing among some rocks on the banks of Rogue river which runs through the park. Dragging operations on the river were not scheduled until early today, police said.

Several small boys later reported they saw the girl wander into a heavily wooded area, which led searching parties to canvass the countryside near the river, according to police.

The girl was visiting at the park with friends of her parents at the time, police said.

Washington — Scientists said Saturday they hope to get some good out of evil fallout by using it to trace vast air movements which determine earth's weather.

Program Planned By Y For July 4

Two thousand dollars worth of fireworks will be used in the YMCA second annual fireworks show about 8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 4, at the Medford High school stadium.

"Americana" will be the theme of this year's show. Cliff McGinty, chairman, has been working with the Southern Oregon Timing association and Jerry Lausman in constructing a set of ground display and colored lights. Some of the additions to the show will be a star bomb, which will rise out of the ground in colored floral fire wreaths.

Preliminary events are scheduled to start at 7:45 p.m. with a hot rod and home made car demonstration by the Southern Oregon Timing association, the Wheelers and other car clubs.

At 8 p.m. Medford policemen and firemen will present a demonstration of firefighting equipment. The fireworks show will begin when darkness occurs. John Lusk will be organ accompanist for the show. The fireworks display will be directed by Glenn Jennings, with Howard Lage, Gary Shaffer and others assisting.

Proceeds from the show will be used in developing the Diamond Lake YMCA camp. Installation of showers and sanitation facilities are planned this year, as well as improvement of equipment on the water front.

National Guardsmen Return to Medford

More than 200 Medford National Guard troops returned home about 1 p.m. yesterday after two weeks of tactical combat training at Ft. Lewis, Wash.

The "active duty" period was climaxed Thursday with a review honoring Brig. Gen. Frederick L. Weigand, who is retiring as the assistant division commander of Oregon. All Oregon units participated.

Earlier in the week a two-day one-night bivouac was held in a wooded area several miles from a large tent city where 9,000 Oregon and Washington Guard troops made their base. Here field problems and range maneuvers were set up to resemble a realistic combat situation.

Mayflower II Facing Hard Task

Newport, R.I. — The Mayflower II faced the most difficult task of its trans-oceanic voyage Saturday as it tried to meet a strict New York reception timetable.

The 92-foot replica ship was scheduled to depart from its third port of call, Newport, at 8 a.m. on the final leg of a trip that has been alternately two weeks late and two hours early.

Freight Smashes Into Streamliner; Six Known Dead

More Than 20 Hurt In Kentucky Mishap

Guthrie, Ky. — A freight train smashed into the side of a Chicago to Miami streamliner, The Dixieland, near a railway station here late Saturday knocking over the diner and derailling five other cars.

Officials of the Louisville and Nashville railroad, which operated both trains, said six persons were known dead and 21 were injured.

H. E. Webb, an undertaker and the mayor of this town just north of the Tennessee border, said the injured numbered 25 or more.

"The freight train just hit the side of the passenger train," the superintendent of the L&N's Louisville Division said. He was not sure exactly how it happened.

The accident occurred at a spot where two tracks crossed. The streamliner, moving slowly southward through town on the main line, was rammed and six of its cars were sent reeling off the tracks.

J. T. Smith, fireman on the freight, said he could see as his train approached the crossing that "we weren't going to make it" without a collision. He said he and the brakeman jumped but that the engineer, Walter Rasberry, "didn't have time to jump."

There were 29 cars on the freight, including two engines, and the Dixieland carried 13 cars. Witnesses said one of the freight's engines hit one car on the streamliner, breaking it loose from the rest. The other engine ripped into the diner.

Twenty or more ambulances sped to the scene from towns in both states and the injured were taken to a number of different hospitals in several towns.

Railroad officials said about 300 passengers were on the Dixieland. Presumably, only a few crewmen were on the freight, bound from Louisville to Memphis.

Kelly to Be Sworn In as Judge Monday

Edward C. Kelly, newly appointed judge for Oregon's first judicial district, will be sworn into office Monday at 9 a.m. in the new circuit courtroom of the Jackson county courthouse.

Circuit Judge H. K. Hanna will administer the oath to Kelly. Several representatives of the Jackson County Bar association are expected to be present at the public installation ceremony.

Kelly, who has practiced law in Medford since 1927, was appointed judge on June 14 by Gov. Robert D. Holmes. The appointment followed creation of a third judgeship in this district by the legislature. Already serving in the district are Judge Hanna of Jacksonville and Judge Orval Millard of Grants Pass.

Kelly's term will extend until the next general election in November, 1948. The Kelly law firm will be maintained by his daughter, Noreen, who is also Medford municipal judge, and his son, Bernard, who recently completed military service and has been doing post graduate work in Washington, D.C.

Weather

FORECAST: Fair today and Monday. Chance of thunderstorms over the mountains Monday afternoon. High today 88, low tonight 58, high Monday 82.
Highest yesterday 81
Lowest yesterday 58

Our Skies Tonight

Sunrise 4:37 a.m.
Sunset 7:53 p.m.
The Moon sets 9:18 p.m. and is in Perigee.
The planet, Mars, is now in the constellation, Cancer. In its background tonight is Uranus, a telescopic planet, revolving around the Sun well beyond Saturn.

Warning of Action Is Raised In Audrey Path

Jury Unanimous in Innocent Verdict Of Mayor Schruck

Jubilant Crowd Hears Decision in Court

Portland — A Circuit Court jury here Friday night took less than two hours to return a unanimous verdict of innocent in the perjury trial of Mayor Terry D. Schruck.

The verdict, read at 6:38 p.m., touched off the wildest demonstration seen in a Portland courtroom in recent history and it was rapped to silence only long enough for Judge James W. Crawford to poll the nine women and three men on the jury and then adjourn the court.

A jubilant crowd of nearly 200 well wishers crowded forward to congratulate Mayor Schruck and his tearful family.

The city's chief executive, who faced a five-year prison term if he had been convicted on the perjury charge, returned to his desk in city hall Saturday determined to get on with the job he assumed in January.

The state had charged Schruck with perjuring himself when he denied before a grand jury last summer that he accepted a bribe from a gambler. A trio of assistant attorneys general who prosecuted the case had called Robert F. Kennedy of the Senate Labor Rackets committee staff as one of its stellar witnesses. One of the chief accusers of Schruck had been racketeer and convicted wire tapper James B. Elkins.

The dramatic return of the jury during the dinner hour Friday and its reading of the verdict was witnessed by Portlanders in their homes via the first television cameras over to be permitted to telecast a court proceedings live west of the Rockies.

Indictments Pending

The fate of Schruck concerning four indictments still pending against him is up to the attorney-general Robert Y. Thornton.

Mayor Schruck has four indictments still standing against him. They are: Agreeing to receive a bribe as a public officer, illegally obtaining wiretaps, conspiracy for subornation of perjury, conspiracy to illegally obtain wiretaps.

The consensus of opinion of lawyers around Portland, not connected with the case at all, is that the four remaining indictments will be thrown out.

Attorney-General Thornton is out of state attending an attorneys-general convention at Sun Valley, Idaho, and he was not available for comment on the situation.

Harry Birch Named State Commander

Pendleton — Election of officers was held here Friday at the annual Veterans of Foreign Wars encampment.

Elected new commander was Harry A. Birch, 52, Medford, of the Shady Cove Post. Birch served in both World Wars and is a Medford building supplier.

His senior vice-commander is former St. Paul, Minn., Army Major Jerry Leibel. Leibel, 44, belongs to Willamette Post 293 in Eugene.

Harriet Shumaker of Portland Police Post Auxiliary 2807 was elected President of the Auxiliary unit.

Wayne E. Richards, Commander-in-Chief of the VFW, flew into Pendleton early Friday, to speak to the some 1000 VFW's gathered here.

The delegates at the encampment voted to hold next year's encampment at Redmond, Ore.



FOREST PANORAMA—From lofty Dutchman peak in the Siskiyou, Forest Service Lookout Hal VonStein can see for about a hundred miles in any direction. Other lookouts in southern Oregon, both the state forestry department and the U. S. forest service, are now manned, ready for the coming forest fire season. (See story on page 12).

Resources Board to Discuss Rogue Bill

The state water resources board will discuss its study of the Rogue River basin and the flood control bill recently introduced by Congressman Charles O. Porter Monday at a meeting in Medford.

The meeting will start at 10 a.m. in the Jackson county courthouse.

The bill drafted by Porter would authorize several flood control projects in the Rogue

basin, including a high dam at Lewis creek. Board members will consider effects from the introduction of this bill on their study of the basin. The Army Corps of Engineers has been surveying the basin to determine feasibility of a flood control and reclamation program but have not completed their report.

Umpqua Project

Robert Root of Medford, member of the board, will give a program committee report regarding the staff draft of the Umpqua basin program. L. C. Binford of Grants Pass will report on a meeting of the Columbia River Compact commission at Spokane, Wash., June 20 and 21.

Other reports to be given at the meeting will include a financial report as of May 30; secretary's report by Don Lane; chief engineer's report by E. J. Watson; field representative's report by Quentin Bowman; and state engineer's report by Lewis A. Stanley.

Vincent A. Ostrom, newly appointed board member, will be introduced at the meeting. He was appointed by Gov. Robert D. Holmes to fill the unexpired term of the late H. E. Maxey.

Phil Lowry to Speak At Roundtable Meeting

State Sen. Phil Lowry will give the first in a series of legislative reports for the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce roundtable Monday noon in the Pioneer room of the Jackson hotel.

The roundtable meetings are open to the public. Representatives Al Littrell and Robert Duncan will give legislative reports on the two succeeding weeks.

Hurricane Disaster Shows 150-167 Dead In Coastal States

3,000 Injured, Sick; Bodies Being Found

Lakes Charles, La. — A bitter argument developed last night over whether the victims and the survivors of hurricane Audrey's terrible onslaught along the Louisiana coast were warned to flee in time.

A clearer picture of the disaster was emerging from official sources; 1,205 homes in Cameron Parish, La., destroyed and 100 more badly damaged.

In addition to the damage and misery hurricane Audrey visited

Buffalo, N.Y. — Hurricane Audrey swept into Canada Saturday after cutting a 1,500-mile path from the Louisiana coast to Lake Ontario.

The first hurricane of the season had lost some of its punch as it slashed through southern and midwestern states. But it whipped up rain, thunder, lightning and a few tornadoes that claimed new victims and smashed more property.

upon Louisiana Thursday, it left 11 dead and six million dollars worth of damage in Texas and killed 19 other persons as it dove north of Louisiana into Canada.

Charges Leveled

Survivors charged that the New Orleans weather bureau, which predicted the hurricane's movements, said it would hit the coast Thursday night and that it actually hit Thursday morning.

Cameron, a fishing town of 2,500 population on the Louisiana coast, and half-a-dozen villages were engulfed between 9 and 10 a.m. Thursday by a giant tidal wave.

The impression seemed to be growing among leaders close to the tragedy that the eventual toll of dead in Louisiana would turn out to be around 150.

Bodies Recovered

Sixty-one bodies were recovered. Some, identified, were parcelled out to undertakers. A boatload of ice was shipped up from the Texas coast to preserve the others in the icehouse at Cameron.

United press reporter James M. Flinchum returned last night to Lake Charles from Cameron on the sheriff's boat which brought in 17 bodies.

Flinchum told of finding the bodies of a mother and three children, all bound together with quarter-inch rope. He said it appeared the woman had tied her children to her in a vain attempt to save their lives.

Bodies on Fence

Welcome W. Wilson, a regional civil defense administrator, told of the discovery of 35 bodies entangled in a fence two miles north and eight miles east of Cameron. He said the bodies apparently washed into the fence. The bodies were to be picked up by motor boat, sealed in plastic bags and flown to Lake Charles by helicopter.

Flinchum found the community of Holly Beach demolished. Johnson Bayou, another community, was 75 per cent wrecked. Grand Chenier, where 700 persons lived, was demolished. All these points are 30 to 40 miles below Lake Charles. (See stories on page 7)

All But Rath Sign County Budget

All members of the Jackson county budget committee who intended to sign the 1957-58 county budget have done so, it was reported Friday night.

Members of the county court, who are also members of the budget committee, signed the budget last week. Signatures of Chairman Tom Wray and Arnold Bohner, committee member, were obtained Friday.

Roger Rath of Ashland, another committee member, refused to sign the budget because of a \$104,000 item designated as an agricultural and horticultural research station sinking fund, to which he has been opposed.

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