



DICK TRAVIS
Selected New Chairman

Travis Selected As UMC Campaign Chairman in 1958

Dick Travis, owner and manager of Mechanics Laundry, has been selected campaign chairman of the 1958-59 United Methodist Crusade, Edward Branchfield, UMC president, has announced.

The UMC this week completed its 50th consecutive successful campaign. The \$123,130 goal this year has been surpassed.

Retiring Chairman Robert A. Johnson and Assistant Chairman Dave Irving expressed pleasure with Travis' selection. They pointed out that Travis was one of the outstanding division leaders in the recent campaign. Heading the service division, which had a \$23,750 goal, he was instrumental in obtaining contributions totaling more than \$25,000.

He is a member of the American Legion, the Elks club, and United Travelers lodges. He lives at 1042 Mt. Pitt ave.

Travis plans to organize and complete plans for next year's campaign as soon as possible. He expressed appreciation to section heads and solicitors in the service division of the recent campaign for their work in making the campaign successful.

No Negligence Found in Death

"No negligence nor malfeasance of any kind" has been found on the part of the Medford city police in the death of Leo Jefferson Culley, 62, Medford, according to District Attorney Tom Reeder this morning.

Culley died in the city jail Nov. 23.

A complete investigation was made, including the questioning of all police officers connected with the case, Reeder said. "Culley died rather suddenly without any apparent complaint or symptoms indicating he was ill. Due to the above circumstances I felt it necessary to have an autopsy performed and ordered the same immediately."

A report from the local pathologist who examined the body stated: "The cause of death is felt to be hemorrhage into the pituitary gland tumor. This condition is extremely rare."

Wooden Doghouse Sent Over Pole to Dover Still on Way

Jackson County Chamber of Commerce's "Muttink," a wooden doghouse scheduled to go to Dover, England, over the Polar route to London from Portland, didn't make it.

The Polar flights by Pan American World Airways started last week, when a special flight carried Portland newspaper and radio representatives and travel agents.

But Ed O'Meara, Oregon Journal Sunday editor, writing from London, said Jackson county's "Muttink" never reached London. In fact, he wrote, the wooden doghouse never got off the ground. It was left aboard a bus in Seattle.

The doghouse will reach England, eventually, O'Meara writes, "since it's addressed to the mayor of Dover, England, and will complete its orbiting when it arrives at his office."

Hungary Conducting Trials Aimed at Wiping Out Last Traces of Uprising

Vienna—A wave of trials aimed at wiping out the last traces of the 1956 anti-Communist uprising is sweeping Hungary, informed sources said here today.

The sources said at least three major trials are in progress and others are expected to be disclosed today.

Nagy Trial Seen

They said the wave was expected to culminate with the trial of Imre Nagy, prime minister of the short-lived "free" Hungarian government which was smashed by Soviet troops.

Trials currently in session, according to the sources, include those of Msgr. Egon Turcsanyi, secretary to Cardinal Mindszenty; a group of priests, 18 workers of the huge Csepel iron and steel works and members of the Győr City revolutionary government.

The trials of Msgr. Turcsanyi and the workers are being held in the Markotica court in Budapest, the sources said.

They said that although no announcement has been made in the press, the trials are open to the public.

Chief defendant in the Győr trial is Attila Szegedy, who headed a provincial revolutionary government in that Western Hun-

American Missiles Due NATO Defense

SNARK LAUNCHING SEEN IMMINENT AT FLORIDA BASE

Cape Canaveral, Fla. — Preparations appeared underway for another missile shoot today in the wake of Tuesday's first successful launching of the intercontinental Atlas.

The red warning ball went up before dawn and when a heavy fog lifted jets were seen sweeping in low over the cape, indicating a Snark launching might be imminent. Jets are used as "chase" planes to follow and guide the long-range Snark pilotless bomber.

Rear Heard Early

The staccato roar of a missile zooming off its launching pad was heard early in the day and observers believed either a Snark or an Air Force ground to air Bomarc missile had been fired. The Air Force, however, said it had no information about an early morning shoot.

The Air Force was readying another intercontinental Atlas missile for firing while mechanical brains compiled data from Tuesday's launching. It was uncertain when the second Atlas would be fired.

Some sources said it would go before the week is out, but others said at least a week will be required to assemble all the data from Tuesday's shoot and make the necessary adjustments for the second firing.

The presence here of Maj. John A. Medaris, commander of the Army ballistic missile agency at Huntsville, Ala., and Dr. Werner von Braun, technical director, brought increased reports that a Jupiter intermediate range missile might be fired some time today.

The big talk was still about the Atlas which Tuesday completed a "limited range test of several hundred miles." Two previous attempts to fire this U. S. entry in the long-range missile race had ended in destruction of the Atlases a few thousand feet above the launching stand.

At a press conference after the spectacular shoot, Maj. Gen. Donald N. Yates, commander of Patrick AFB and military operations at the test center, and engineers tried to emphasize that "busts" do not mean a launching was unsuccessful. They said previous tests should be considered "95 per cent successful" because of the information gained. As they spoke, about 50 technicians had already started processing data recorded electronically during the Atlas shoot.

The firing of the first ICBM gave this nation new strength in the rocket race with Russia, a former footing in the Paris NATO talks, and a third potential satellite carrier.

The successful Atlas launching came on the 54th anniversary of the Wright brothers' first airplane flight.

Local Woman Dies Of Injuries After Being Hit by Car

Anges M. Pinne, about 68, of 936 Grant st., Medford, died in a local hospital last night from injuries received when she was struck by a car near the Piggy Wiggly market on Stewart ave. It was Jackson county's 25th traffic fatality for 1957.

The accident occurred about 6 p.m. when a car driven by Barbara Lynn Reich, 16, of 1173 Casino rd., Medford, struck Mrs. Pinne as she stepped out of the Piggy Wiggly parking lot and onto the street, state police said. The accident victim was struck and tossed 17 feet down the street, but the car did not run over her, officers reported.

She died shortly after she was taken to a local hospital by Medford Ambulance service.

Investigating officers said she was dressed in clothing which could not be seen easily in the dark, rainy night. The driver was cited for failure to comply with license restrictions. She was supposed to be wearing glasses while driving, they said.

District Attorney Tom Reeder said this morning he didn't anticipate any further action on the part of his office. He was called on the case last night.

Funeral arrangements will be announced by Conger-Morris Funeral home.

High Court Clears Medford Attorney

Medford Attorney George W. Rode was cleared by the State Supreme court today of charges brought against him by the Oregon State Bar.

The charges, filed more than a year ago by the bar's board of governors recommended that he be suspended from practice for one year because of actions which were "unethical and in violation of the rules of professional conduct" for an attorney.

Eight members of the court heard the case. The justices were equally divided on its merits, according to the United Press, resulting in the dismissal of the action. Justice William McAllister, Medford, did not participate in the decision.

60-Foot Smoke Stack Topped by Truck

A 60-foot smokestack was demolished at the American Laundry, 132 South Central ave., Tuesday evening when one of the guy-wires was hit by a semi-trailer truck, city police reported. The stack also damaged the boiler room roof.

The truck, driven by Jayrold Elmer Pollock, Oswego, Ore., and owned by Gould National Batteries company, Salem, was reported to have pulled into the parking lot at the O. K. Auto Tire Sales, 144 South Central ave., when it hit the wire.

Pollock told police that he did not realize the trailer had hooked the wire and drove from the area. He was later located by police at a Medford motel. A fire truck was summoned to standby at the scene.

American Laundry officials reported today the loss was covered by insurance and the laundry was back in full operation by noon.

Road to Rim at Crater Lake Closed by Snow

The road from Crater Lake National park headquarters to the rim was closed today because of the national park service here.

New snow in the past 24 hours totaled 14 1/2 inches, bringing the total depth to 55 inches. So far this year, 128 1/2 inches have fallen at the park, compared to 136 at the same time last winter.

Chains are required on all park highways, and roads are reported narrow, the service said.

Road Conditions

Highway 99, Siskiyou—Chains not needed. Well sanded; 8 inches new snow, 11 inches roadside. Highway 99 north is open, no snow reported.

Highway 66, Green Springs—Chains required; 6 inches new snow; 9 inches roadside.

Highway 62, Prospect—Chains required from Prospect north; 1 1/2 inches of snow.

Highway 199, Oregon mountain—No snow on pavement; 3 inches new snow.

Highway 230, Diamond Lake highway—No report this morning. State police expected the highway would be closed to traffic at any time, yesterday 11 inches of new snow was reported with 30 inches roadside.

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Hatfield Takes Governor To Task On Mouse Problem

Secretary of State
Offers Own Program

Salem — Secretary of State Mark Hatfield took issue with Gov. Robert D. Holmes and the State Agriculture Board today on handling of the mouse infestation problem in southern Oregon.

Hatfield suggested his own four-step program for coping with mice on the state level after taking the governor to task for asking federal aid.

"Bowing before the altar of Washington for aid without first exhausting our potential at the state level gives emphasis to the distinction between the two types of government philosophy which operate in Oregon today," Hatfield said.

Leadership Lack Said Evident

Hatfield said a "lack of executive leadership" was evident in the decision of the Board of Agriculture to postpone its December meeting "while millions of dollars of damage is being done to crops within our borders."

Hatfield's plan called for:

1. Emergency convening of the State Agriculture Board in joint session with the State Board of Health.
2. Formulation of a coordinated attack on the problem by a committee from the state veterinarians' association and biologists from public and private colleges.

Would Call Emergency Board

3. Calling into session the State Emergency Board for allocation of funds.
4. Regional meetings among agencies of the affected states.

He said he had asked the secretary of the State Land Board to make a full report on the infestation of state lands in Klamath, Deschutes, Jefferson and Lake counties.

Hatfield added that because of Oregon's current unemployment, manpower could be found to fight the mouse infestation if scientists indicate the best method of attack.

Appraised Value of SOC Buildings Listed

Ashland — Total appraised value of present Southern Oregon college structures is approximately \$3 1/2 million dollars, according to Dr. Elmo Stevenson, president of the college.

Recently completed structures on the campus which contributed to the present value are the Britt Student center, the College Court, the physical education and health building, and the motor pool carport.

Under construction or approved for construction are the men's dormitory, \$420,813; College Commons, \$269,187; central heating plant, \$357,000; and science building, \$460,000. The total estimated cost is \$1,507,000.

Buildings to be constructed through 1975 are estimated to cost \$6 1/2 million.

BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS HELP FIGHT TB

5 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

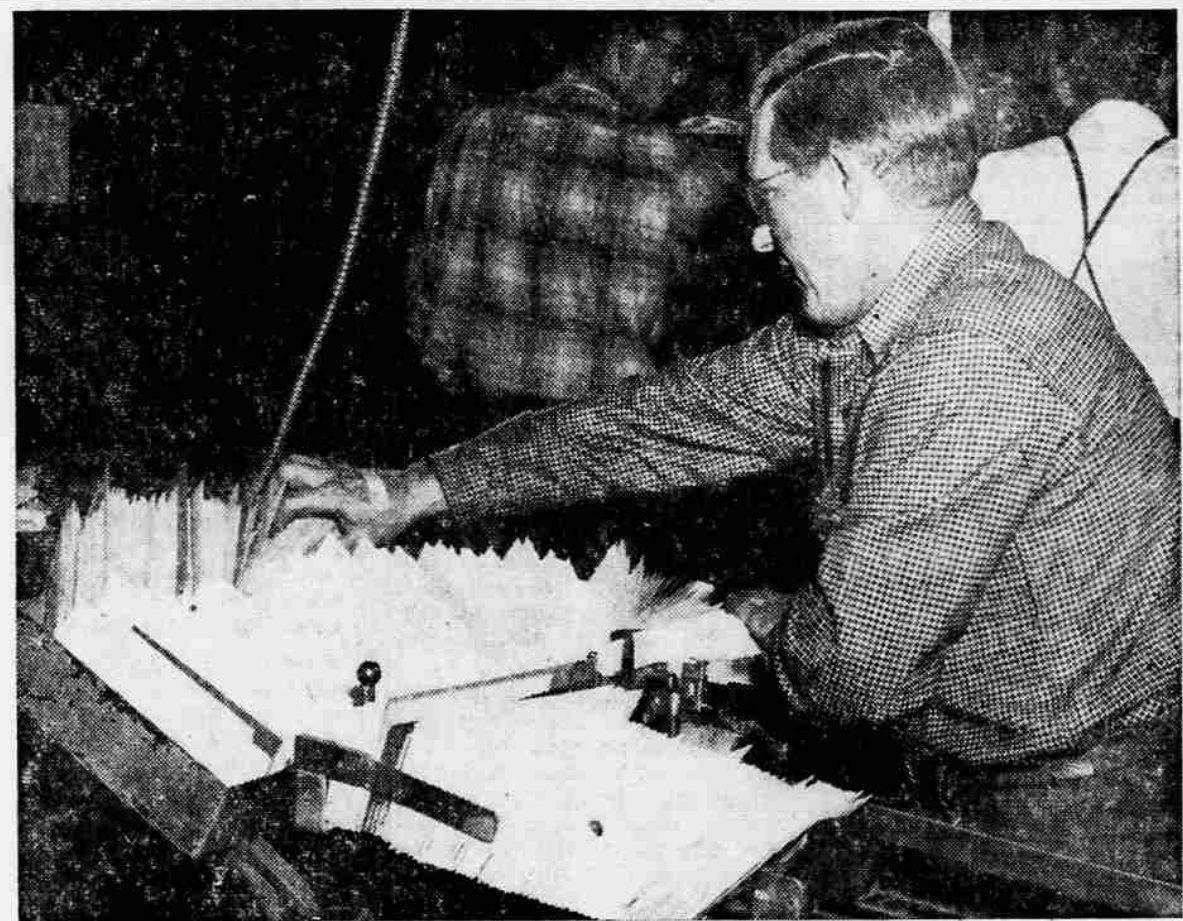
WEATHER
FORECAST: Snow showers above and rain showers below about 2,500 feet through Thursday. Cooler temperatures. Low tonight 32. High Thursday 45.

Highest Yesterday 36
Lowest this Morning 37
Precip. 10 a.m. today .52

Our Skies Tonight
Sunrise 7:35 a.m.
Sunset 4:41 p.m.
Moonrise Thursday 3:54 a.m.
New Moon Dec. 20

EVENING STARS
Venus low in southwest 6:15 p.m.
is now nearly 15 times as bright as Sirius, rising at 8:33 p.m.

MORNING STARS
Jupiter, in the southeast 5:24 a.m.
Mars, rises 5:45 a.m.



BUSY—More than 110,000 letters and Christmas cards, not counting thousands of Christmas packages, were mailed at the Medford post office Monday, according to Postmaster Moore Hamilton. About an equal amount went out Tuesday and in addition to this incoming mail peaked at the same time. The volume of mail handled during the two-day period may set an all-time record for the local post office, Hamilton said.

Veteran Economy Drive Seen in New Appointment

Washington — The long-delayed appointment of a new veterans administrator appeared to have cleared the way today for any administration economy drive in the big veterans program.

G. Sumner Whittier, former lieutenant governor of Massachusetts and unsuccessful Republican candidate for governor last year, was named to the top Veterans administration post late Tuesday by President Eisenhower.

He is expected to take office promptly under a recess appointment that is subject to Senate confirmation when Congress returns. He has not been a controversial figure and there was no immediate indication of any opposition to his confirmation.

Whittier parried questions about a reported White House decision to put the brakes on spending for veterans' benefits not linked with their military service.

Other sources said this probably will be his first big chore, one sure to arouse a storm of protest.

Whittier's elevation from the non-controversial post of VA insurance director followed a long search by the White House for a successor to Harvey V. Higley who quit the top VA post Nov. 13. Higley's decision to quit the job he held since 1953 was in reported protest to the projected economy drive.

Combined Christmas Program Scheduled at Hedrick Gym Tonight

The first combined Christmas program by Medford High and Hedrick and McLoughlin Junior High schools will be presented at 8 p.m. today in the Hedrick gymnasium.

More than 800 students, including a 150-piece orchestra, and a chorus of 680 voices, will participate. The program is under the direction of Jerry L. Dryud, vocal music supervisor of the Medford schools. He is being assisted by Lynn Sjolund, High school vocal music director; Ray Lewis and Bob Anderson, both of McLoughlin Junior High; Carroll Graber, Hedrick; and John Drysdale, orchestra director.

The program will be presented in two parts, the Legend and the Adoration.

The Legend will include Anderson's "Christmas Festival" by the orchestra under Drysdale's direction; "Song of Christmas," and "Rise Up Early" by the combined chorus; "Oh! Tannenbaum" by the boys chorus with Bob Gee soloist, and "Poor May" by the combined girls glee clubs. The latter selections will be directed by Dryud.

Drysdale will direct Tschakovsky's "Nutcracker Suite," a presentation by the orchestra, girls chorus, combined chorus and dancers. Carroll Graber will direct the Junior High chorus in "Pat a Pan," and the combined chorus in "Cherubim Song."

Lynn Sjolund will direct the Medford High school choir in "Oh! Blessed Night," and Dryud will direct the combined chorus in "Mary, Mary, Where is Your Baby?" and "Amen."

Second Part

The Adoration, or second part, will include "Three Songs for Christmas" by the orchestra under Drysdale's direction. The high school choir with Rosemary Doolen as soloist will sing "Messiah," "Come Unto Him," and "He Shall Lead His Flock."

Ringwald's "Song of Christmas" will be directed by Sjolund and narrated by Dennis Barr. Karen Pashke, Sharon Walsh, Paul Moore and Larry Nolte will make up the quartet; Colleen Barr is mezzo soprano; Dick Sorenson, George Koch and Keith Berg are the Three Kings, John Frohnmayer is baritone; Kathleen Barr, soprano; and Bob Gee, tenor.

Accompanists during the program will be Ray Lewis, Melody Pierce and Robert Anderson.

Monday Is Deadline For Contest Entries

Deadline for entering the Medford Junior Chamber of Commerce Christmas Lighting contest is Monday, Dec. 23, Jim Anicker, chairman of the contest, reminded residents today.

He said there is no entry fee, but entries received after Monday, Dec. 23, will not be eligible for the contest. Entry blanks are available at the California Oregon Power company office, Weeks and Orr Furniture, Home Appliances store, Montgomery Ward or by writing to the Jaycees at post office box 251, Medford.

Anicker announced that Municipal Court Judge Noreen Kelly, and Dic Walsh and Bill McCorkle, commercial artists, will be judges for the contest.

More than \$300 in prizes will be awarded for the best eight entries, and the local winner will be entered in the National General Electric contest to compete for \$5,000 in cash and prizes.

Packing Houses Say Demand Is Greater

All local packing houses handling gift pack reports reported the demand for the holiday product exceeds previous years.

Bear Creek Orchards reported a sales increase in volume of 15 per cent over the previous year. The company was sold out Dec. 10, a company spokesman said.

The payroll for the last 30 days at Bear Creek was \$12,000 to \$15,000 a day, he said. The industrial eastern United States accounts for a tremendous amount of the gift-packed fruit, he added.

Other companies in the area declined to give any figures but said their sales have exceeded previous years.

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Hollywood — Confidential and Whisper magazines have been convicted at a non-jury trial of conspiracy to publish obscenity and fined \$5,000 each.

No Deal Involved For Stockpile of Nuclear Weapons

New Big Four Talks
With Russia Sought

Paris—The United States and its NATO allies agreed unanimously today to strengthen the Atlantic alliance's defensive shield with American missiles and nuclear stockpiles in Europe. At the same time, they agreed to seek new big four talks with the Russians.

Full agreement on the entire summit conference agenda was hammered out by the foreign and defense ministers of the 15 NATO countries at a meeting this morning. It was then submitted for final endorsement by the heads of government at their third working session.

No Deal Involved

U. S. delegation sources hastened to stress that no "deal" was involved. They said the U. S. did not agree to new East-West talks merely to win the European members' acceptance of American missiles in the NATO defense shield.

The agreement still has to be spelled out in detail. But it constituted, in effect, a sweeping two-way plan for putting new vitality into the alliance. It will bolster the NATO group with every modern weapon in the West's arsenal while at the same time seeking new talks with Russia to end the East-West nuclear arms race.

Will Pool Arms

The agreement came at the NATO conference, spurred by the U. S. successful launching Tuesday of the Atlas missile, headed into the home stretch.

The military phase of the agreement covered these main points:

- America's NATO allies accepted in principle the U. S. offer of nuclear stockpiles and missile bases in Europe. But decisions on just where these would be established were left for further review by NATO defense chiefs and for bilateral negotiations between each country and the U. S. in any case, the bases could not be ready for use for at least another 12 to 18 months.

All 15 countries approved in principle a British plan for a balanced NATO force to which each nation would contribute those arms it is best able to provide.

They agreed on further integration of NATO armed forces, establishment of an integrated NATO air defense system in Europe, tighter concentration of their supply services and closer integration of their navies.

Urges Nuclear Bases

They agreed to pool their scientific know-how in a scientific committee of all 15 nations to be headed by a science counselor — in effect, the "science czar" of the whole NATO alliance.

On the political side, the agreement's main points were:

- A renewed appeal to the Soviets to permit a reunified Germany, coupled with a restatement of the West's determination to remain in Berlin as long as Germany is divided.

—A renewed offer to end nuclear tests and ban nuclear weapons, but only as part of an agreement with the Soviets for controlled worldwide nuclear disarmament.

—An agreement to make cautious new approaches to the Soviets on new East-West talks possibly leading up to a big four foreign ministers conference in 1958.

Amnesia Claim Hoax; Man Admits Taking Girl

Kennewick, Wash. — A Richland carpenter Tuesday admitted as a hoax an amnesia attack which he previously said caused his three and one-half months disappearance following a family picnic last August.

Barney Blackwell, 36, told authorities he took a minor girl with him from the picnic Aug. 24 in the Blue Mountains near here, drove through four states let her off in California and then continued to Tennessee where he phoned his wife, claiming he had had amnesia.

Contributors To Void Hoffa Election To Be Kept Secret

Washington — Attorney Gofrey P. Schmidt said today that names of persons who contributed funds for the court fight to void James R. Hoffa's election as president of the Teamsters Union will be kept secret for fear of "reprisals."

Schmidt made the statement to newsmen after Stephen J. Milone of New York Teamsters Local 808 testified that his own partial list of the contributors had been lost or mislaid.

Schmidt's announcement marked an overnight change in his position about making public names of some contributors. Schmidt told newsmen late on Tuesday that Milone would be prepared today to name all of the persons from whom he personally has collected funds and the amounts received from each.

Schmidt was asked if he had changed his mind about making public the identity of contributors.

"I'm not going to expose these people to reprisals," Schmidt told newsmen. "I would put it (the list of contributors) into the record only if the court orders it."