



BURSTING CAP, frozen milk expands at New York residence giving Rusty, the cat, a cold breakfast. (International)

Legal Proceedings Start to Validate Wernmark's Filing

Legal proceedings designed to validate the candidacy of K. C. Wernmark, Central Point, for county judge, were instituted today.

William Deatherage, Medford attorney, filed a petition for mandamus proceedings with County Clerk Bereth P. Hopkins on Wernmark's behalf.

Wernmark attempted to file his candidacy for county judge on the Democratic ticket Feb. 13 and was refused. In stating the reason for her refusal to accept it, Mrs. Hopkins quoted from an opinion of Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton that the term of the county judge does not expire until 1960.

Addressed to Court The petition, addressed to the State Supreme Court, asks an alternative writ be issued directing Mrs. Hopkins to file the declaration of candidacy for Wernmark.

The law enjoins upon the defendant as a duty of her office to accept about 70 days prior to the primary for filing all declarations of candidacy for elective offices," according to the petition.

On Feb. 13 Wernmark presented his declaration of candidacy for the Democratic party and the \$20 required filing fee, the petition pointed out.

The defendant refused in writing to accept and file the declaration," the petition stated. "No action has been taken in accepting the declaration and she intends to continue refusal until ordered by the State Supreme Court," the petition states. "Last date for filing in the primary election is March 7."

Interest of Citizens "This involves the interest of all electors and citizens of Jackson county and several other Oregon counties. The public interest requires acceptance," it says.

It is argued further in the petition "that the county court and judge have had and now have no actual contingent judicial jurisdiction, authority, powers, functions and duties of any kind."

On November, 1954, the incumbent, Rodney Keating, was elected as a county judge. His term expires on or about Jan. 4, 1959, the petition argues.

The attorney general and the elections division of the secretary of state's office have both ruled recently the term of office for Oregon's county judges is six years. Other legal authorities claim county judges, being non-judicial of-

Wilford Said in Critical Condition

The condition of John Stanley Wilford, 50, of route 3, box 234, Medford, was listed as "critical" today at Sacred Heart hospital.

He was injured in an accident on Highway 99 between Medford and Phoenix Friday afternoon in which John Edwin Smith, 30, of Portland, was fatally injured. Three trucks and a passenger car were involved in the accident.

Earlier this week, hospital officials reported Wilford's condition as "poor."

DOW-JONES AVERAGES

New York — Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 439.74, off 3.32; 20 railroads 105.80, off 0.74; 15 utilities 72.80, up 0.16, and 65 stocks 150.43, off 0.83. Sales today were about 2,080,000 shares compared with 2,070,000 shares Wednesday.

ATLAS BLOWS UP IN SKY

Leopold, Touhy Granted Paroles By Illinois Board

Conditions Given For Both Actions

Springfield, Ill. — Nathan Leopold, sentenced to both 99 years and life for the "crime of the century" slaying of Bobby Franks in 1924, today was granted freedom.

The Illinois Parole Board gave him a parole despite the injunction of the trial judge that he was never to be released.

Leopold at the age of 19 with Richard Loeb — two brilliant, rich youths — killed neighbor boy Franks of Chicago for a thrill. They used a chisel.

The board also granted a parole to prohibition era gangster Roger Touhy. But for Touhy the board action meant only another step toward possible freedom in August, 1959.

Terms of Parole The duration of Leopold's parole will be five years. He will be under supervision for that period.

How soon Leopold walks out from the Stateville Prison that has held him since Sept. 11, 1924, depends on how soon the Division of Parole Supervision investigates and approves his housing and employment plans.

Touhy must now serve a six-month institutional parole in prison, then start serving minimum time on a three remaining years of a 199-year term for prison escape. He could then apply for parole on the second sentence and be freed in August, 1959.

Sewer Plans on Council Agenda

The Medford city council will consider authorizing plans and specifications for a sanitary sewer in the North Laurelhurst area at a meeting at 6:30 p.m. today.

The ordinance, if adopted, will separate the area from the Grandview-Kenwood district, providing separate improvement districts for each area.

The council also will consider a resolution permitting the city recorder to invest surplus funds of the city in Medford banks as time deposits.

The council will consider bids to supply gasoline, kerosene and diesel oil supplies for the city for the coming year.

Following the regular council meeting, student government day officials will conduct a mock council meeting. Student officials said they plan discussion of liquor license permits, traffic ordinances and construction of a new city hall.

Code of Ethics for FCC Recommended

Washington — Rep. Charles A. Wolverton (R-N.J.) said today the Federal Communications Commission should adopt a code of ethics to free it "from the implication" that its decisions could be swayed by political influence.

Wolverton is ranking Republican of the House Commerce Subcommittee which is investigating the operations of the FCC and other regulatory agencies. It has heard charges that outside influences have been exerted on the FCC, ranging from an alleged payoff to one commissioner to pressure from government officials up to the White House level.

The fugitives, arrested by Oregon state police when the car in which they were riding failed to stop for a traffic light, were Charles Edward Fullerton Jr., 29, originally from New York City, and Ronald Richard Sadosky, 25, Minneapolis, Minn.

Capt. Stine Lagomarsino and Sgt. K. Swanson of the San Leandro police department left by plane today at noon to return the men to California on a charge of armed robbery. According to information received the men are wanted on a similar charge in Sacramento, Calif.

Phoenix Sells Bonds For Improvements

Phoenix — U.S. National bank of Portland and Blyth and Company were successful joint bidders for \$57,879.31 worth of improvement bonds issued by the city of Phoenix recently.

Bonds mature serially from Feb. 1, 1959, to 1968, with an effective interest rate of 3.70 per cent.

Money from the bonds will be used to finance street improvements.

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House Committee Sees Deficiency In Space Agency

Appropriations Requests Marked

Washington — The House Appropriations Committee expressed fears today that a top space agency is "deficient" in basic research in the missile field.

Its criticism was voiced in approving a \$2,837,882,907 emergency appropriation for the Labor and Agriculture departments and other federal agencies. The bill's total was \$33,582,937 shy of administration requests.

One of the agencies, the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, which conducts plane, satellite and missile research, came in for some sharp comments.

Russia Believed Ahead

The committee said that NACA is again deficient in basic research in the field of "missiles," the report said. "Russia apparently is considerably ahead of us in this field now and the committee is of the opinion that NACA has devoted too few of its 8,000 employees to missile programs."

Nevertheless, the committee whittled NACA's appropriation request from \$11,780,000 to \$9,500,000, knocking out \$1,500,000 for personnel and \$780,000 for construction and equipment.

Refuses Fair Funds

The committee refused to grant \$2,054,000 in new funds sought by the administration for the U.S. exhibit at the forthcoming World's Fair at Brussels, Belgium. Instead, it authorized the transfer of \$1 million from other funds to bring the total Brussels spending to \$13,345,000.

The committee voted \$8,690,000 for old age pensions, \$170,600,000 for public assistance grants, and \$33 million for unemployment compensation, blaming all three in large part on increased unemployment.

Russia Offers Korea Unification Step

Moscow — The Soviet Union today proposed a nuclear-free zone comprising North and South Korea as a step toward unification of that divided country.

At the same time, it called for an international conference to seek "a rapprochement between both parts of Korea."

The Soviet proposals were contained in a statement released by Foreign Ministry press chief L. F. Ilychev at a press conference this afternoon.

Ilychev announced that the Soviet Union supported Red China's decision to evacuate "volunteers" from North Korea by stages, with complete withdrawal by the end of 1958.

The statement blamed the United States and South Korea for failing to implement the Geneva armistice agreement and "rejecting a number of constructive proposals made by the North Korean government."

Portland — William M. Langley said he would seek to regain office as Multnomah county district attorney in this year's elections.

15 YEARS FOR BECK



WINSTON CHURCHILL Fever Slightly Lower

Churchill Said To Be Unchanged, Has Good Night

Roquebrune, France — Sir Winston Churchill's condition "is not greatly changed since yesterday," his physician reported in a medical bulletin today. Earlier, a member of his household said Churchill spent a "fairly restful night."

The bulletin said: "Sir Winston's position is not greatly changed since yesterday. He is comfortable, and the fever is a little lower."

Next 48 Hours Decisive

It was the first indication that the 83-year-old Churchill had been suffering from fever. The bulletin was signed by Lord Moran and Dr. David M. Roberts.

Earlier, friends said the next 48 hours are apt to be decisive in Churchill's illness with pneumonia and pleurisy. The pneumonia was confined at the moment to an area at the base of Churchill's lung.

Friends said Churchill was responding to treatment, apparently with antibiotics, but in view of his past medical history his illness is causing them some anxiety. This is the fifth time he has been stricken with pneumonia.

Reduction of Cinders, Smoke Being Studied

Corvallis — The amount of smoke and cinders given off by the tepee-type wood waste burners used by sawmills and plywood mills can be greatly reduced with minor burner design changes and with improved maintenance and operation of burners, according to Oregon State college engineers studying ways of reducing cinder and smoke

Franklin Girard Files Candidacy for Office

Franklin (Jere) Girard, 65, of Ashland, today filed for the Democratic nomination for county commissioner. Earlier he announced his intentions.

The post is now held by Commissioner Chester Wendt, who said he will seek nomination on the Republican ticket.

Son Placed on Probation for Embezzlement

Former Teamster President Shaken

Seattle — Former Teamsters President Dave Beck was sentenced to a maximum of 15 years in the state prison today for embezzling \$1,900, obtained from the sale of a teamster-owned Cadillac.

Beck's 37-year-old son, Dave Beck Jr., was placed on probation for three years, also for embezzling union funds, obtained from the sale of Teamster Cadillacs.

Minimum Term 3 Years

Judge George H. Revelle passed sentence on the elder Beck approximately an hour after young Beck was turned over to a probation officer. Revelle said he agreed with the prosecuting attorney's recommendation that the State Board of Prison Terms and Paroles set elder Beck's minimum sentence at three years.

Beck senior was visibly shaken at Revelle's actions. He obviously had been buoyed up after the comparatively light judgment was placed against his son. Beck's face, already ruddy, turned beet red. He clenched his fists and swallowed hard.

Plans for Appeal

Defense Attorney Charles S. Burdell said the conviction would be appealed to the State Supreme Court "as soon as possible."

Earlier, Burdell had said the case would be appealed "even higher if necessary." Before sentencing Beck, the judge told the portly, 63-year-old labor leader that "you are a man of tremendous capacity. You have done, as a man in this community, tremendous acts of good works... and this has been a factor that has been most convincing to me."

Then he told Beck, in effect, that because of Beck's reputation, he should have known better than to defile a public trust.

"Briefly, It Says, 'Have You Ever Thought Of Trying Non-Fiction?'"



Tours Scheduled For SGD Students

High school students in the Medford Elks club jurisdictional area holding city and county offices were scheduled to take tours of governmental facilities this afternoon.

Students worked with their official counterparts this morning. They were sworn into office yesterday afternoon by County Clerk Mrs. Bereth Hopkins and Acting Medford Mayor Stanley Jones, president of the council.

Dr. Arthur Kreisman, professor of English at Southern Oregon college, discussed local government, and the part residents must play to have good government, at the annual Student Government Day banquet in the Elks lodge last night.

Local Government

He noted that local government falls "on the shoulders of a few public spirited, successful and busy people. Their friends and supporters — the people who put them in office — too often evaporate in their support when the heat is on."

He said it is the "average" citizen who is the "curse of the community. Sunk in ignorance and apathy, he refuses to participate in community projects. The average citizen wants all kinds of services, but is not willing to pay for them, he added.

Dr. Kreisman said that when people fail to support elected officials, it costs them money. "Eventually the elected officials get tired after constantly having to buck public opinion and continually make explanations. Then they eventually refuse to submit a needed bond issue and community needs pile up until something has to be done. Then it costs the taxpayers about four times as much as it would have originally when the needs were first recognized."

Like Charity

"Good government," he said, "like charity begins at home. All too few people have a deep and continuing interest in their local government."

Most of the small and medium-sized sawmills and plywood mills of the state have the wood waste burners, with all but a few of them of the tepee-type. The burners are used for incineration of sawdust, trimmings, slabs, bark and shavings.

Los Angeles Mops Up After Worst Storm in Years; Damage Seen Heavy

Los Angeles — Southern California mopped up today after its worst storm in five years, leaving millions of dollars of damage and many blocked highways in its wake.

Pasadena Freeway Blocked Major artery blocked was the inbound Pasadena Freeway. It was closed early today when boulders from Elysian Park's famed "moving mountain" crashed through three-foot retaining walls onto the super highway.

More than 30 extra police and highway patrolmen were called to duty to reroute inbound traffic from the pioneer Southern California freeway which feeds traffic from

Pasadena and surrounding communities into Los Angeles.

A 100-yard section of the moving mountain, Buena Vista Peak, also threatened to slip loose and slide over the highway. If the 50,000 tons of dirt and rock poised above the freeway should tumble onto the inbound lanes, it likely would close the outbound lanes, too.

Cheering News Highway officials, who have been dispensing gloom in closing of roads during the past 24 hours, did have one cheering bit of news for motorists in the reopening of the heavily traveled Santa

Second Missile In 13 Days Fails To Complete Test

Cause Not Given For Malfunction

Cape Canaveral, Fla. — The second Atlas intercontinental missile in a row exploded in the sky today two minutes after it was launched from the Air Force Missile Test Center here.

The Air Force announced that the \$2 million missile, exactly as its predecessor did 13 days ago, exploded in the sky "shortly after completion of the propulsion phase of its flight."

"Cause of the malfunction is not available," the Air Force said.

The announcement indicated that the missile's two engines performed as they should have and that the trouble developed after they burned out high above the Atlantic ocean.

Officials were quick to emphasize that a blow-up does not necessarily mean a test flight was "unsuccessful" since the purpose of development programs here is to find out a and correct everything that could go wrong with the missile before turning it over to troops in the field.

The missile was launched in a huge burst of smoke and fire. Twin engines with a combined thrust of nearly 300,000 pounds pushed the gleaming white bird skyward.

After about two minutes of flight, observers saw a big puff of smoke, seconds after the Atlas appeared to veer sharply as it hurtled through the sky.

Pear Festival Rules Changed

Changes in regulations governing the selection of king and queen of the Pear Blossom Festival April 12 and 13, were approved at a recent meeting of the planning group.

To be eligible for entering as a candidate, a child must be between 5 and 6 years old, a spokesman said. A candidate may be sponsored by any firm, organization or private individual in the Rogue valley.

The selection of the king, queen, princes and princesses will be made by the public at a judging show April 9 at Lincoln school.

This is the fifth annual Pear Blossom Festival, and will be April 12 and 13.

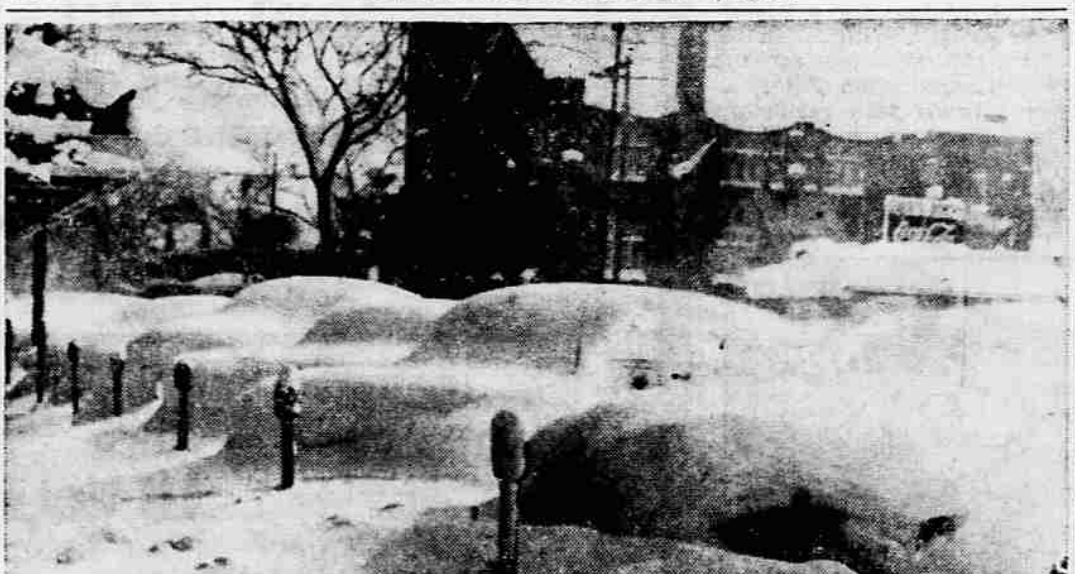
A committee has been appointed to recommend a theme for the junior parade and will report to the festival group at a meeting Tuesday, Feb. 25. Committee members are Ron Gaudin, Dic Walsh and Russ Jamison.

Crews Repairing Medford Streets

Two or three small crews are busy repairing the city streets during the day, according to Public Works Director Vernon Thorpe. He added that two graders are used in the repair work when the weather permits.

Thorpe explained that street repairs are made on streets deemed by the department to need it most. He said that street department personnel cover the 110 miles of city streets as often as possible to check on street conditions.

Although he reported that crews were working during the rainy weather, some types of repair work have to wait until drier weather.



PARALYZING TRAFFIC in Michigan City, Ind., heavy snowstorm maroons thousands of cars. Death toll throughout affected area is estimated at 170. (International Soundphoto)

WEATHER

Forecast — Generally through Friday. Rain likely Friday evening and night. Low tonight 42. High Friday 55. Highest yesterday 56. Lowest this morning 44. Precipitation To 10 a.m. today .03

Our Skies Tonight

Sunrise 7:02 a.m. Sunset 3:49 p.m. Moonset 3:11 p.m. First Quarter next Wed. Sirius, the brightest star, is now the first one to be seen after sunset, appearing in the southeast. It will be due south at 8:45 p.m.