

Irrigation District Approved in IV Vote

Cave Junction — An overwhelming 128 to 20 victory was tallied in favor of forming the Sucker Creek Irrigation district at the special election in the Odd Fellows hall at Kerby this week. After the county court has checked the ballots, an order will be issued declaring the district as formed.

A 60 per cent majority was required in this particular election, with eligibility to vote set at a minimum of two acres of land within the district.

The next step in the proceedings once the county court has made the declaration of a district being formed, will be to obtain Congressional approval of the feasibility of such a dam. Then a contract between the government and the irrigation district to build the Sucker Creek dam will be brought before the people for consent in a second election.

This election will differ

Ekerson, Copeland Low Bidders on Job

Ekerson Paint and Roof store was low bidder on a roofing job for the county and the J. W. Copeland Lumber yard here was low bidder for supplying lumber needed in the job, the Jackson county court reported yesterday.

The job of reroofing the center section of the court house drew bids from two firms, and five firms bid on supplying the lumber. Copeland bid \$1,575 and Ekerson bid \$2,097, the court reported. The pending roofing job is for routine maintenance purposes, the court said. Last year the south section of the building was reroofed.

Grange News...

Phoenix Grange — Phoenix Grange met Tuesday, Sept. 9, at 8 p.m., with Overseer Edith Poe presiding, in the absence of Master Charles Johnson, who was called away because of a death in the family.

Charles Hockersmith, reporting on agriculture, quoted market prices on grains and livestock. He said prices here compared quite favorably with prices elsewhere.

He announced the annual Grange Co-op meeting Sept. 15 at 8 p.m. in Central Point Grange hall, and that any interested person as well as members are invited to attend.

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from this week's election in that it will require only a 50 per cent majority and the minimum acreage for eligibility to vote will be raised from two acres to four acres.

On the same ballot this week, three directors for the district were elected. They were Ronald Tyler, 99; Ashby Fulk, 74, and Robert Martin, 73. Other candidates on the ballot and their votes were Dave Renfro, 70; John England, 41; Elbert Easterbrook, 40; three write-in votes registered one vote each for Larry Cushing, Dr. Collman and William McLean.

Heads, Managers Of Small Forests To Attend Meeting

Owners and managers of small forest holdings are being invited to attend and participate in a meeting of small woodland owners Oct. 15 at 1 p.m. at the fairgrounds south of Medford.

This is one of a series of such meetings held throughout Oregon during October. The meetings are of forestry and the forest service.

The purpose of the meeting is to present to owners of small forest property the need and opportunity for better management of their properties for full production, and the small forest owners as to programs, if any, that are needed to improve the management of their small forest holdings.

Dr. R. E. McArdle, chief of the forest service, has repeatedly stated that the most significant opportunity for meeting future needs for forest products in the United States lies in better management of the small woodland holdings. This situation was brought to the attention of the country by the recent Timber Resources Review, a nationwide study of the condition of the woodlands of the country, and analysis of probable future needs and production in the country.

Similar meetings are being held throughout the country under the sponsorship of the forest service and the local state forest agencies. The local meeting will be co-chaired by Don Maus of the Salem office of the Oregon state department of forestry and Martin Syverson from the regional office of the forest service, Portland.

Local coordinator for the meeting will be Jack Mace, service forester for southwestern Oregon. Assisting Mace is a committee consisting of Curt Nesheim, district warden for the southwestern district; Howard Hopkins, timber management assistant; Rogue River National forest; Clem Ault and Bob Lanzway, soil conservation service; Earl Jossey, Jackson county extension agent; Marvin Young, Josephine county extension agent, and Hershal Obey, supervisor of Siskiyou National Forest.

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'IDEAL COUPLE PARTS'—Debbie Reynolds and Eddie Fisher, regarded as the 'ideal couple' when they were married at Grossinger, N.Y., in 1955, announced in Hollywood that they have decided to separate. They are shown above at the time of their wedding.

Debbie Reynolds, Eddie Fisher Tell Plans To Separate

Hollywood — (UPI) — Debbie Reynolds says she still is very much in love with her husband, Eddie Fisher, despite their decision to separate.

"I'm still very much in love with Eddie," the petite 27-year-old actress said Wednesday shortly after announcing jointly with her husband that they were separating.

Conferring for hours with their attorneys, the couple emerged with a brief, bleak statement that the marriage Hollywood once considered the "ideal" wedding of "the young couple next door" was threatened.

"A separation exists between Debbie and Eddie," the statement reported. "No further action is being taken at this time."

Did they plan to get a divorce? What was the cause of their trouble — Elizabeth Taylor?

No Answers Now — These and other questions like them designed to let the world peek into the private life of a famous couple went unanswered. At least for the present.

Friends said Debbie went to Palm Springs. Eddie was reported staying with a friend in Hollywood, and Elizabeth wasn't at her rented Bel Air home.

Returning to her West Los Angeles home after the separation announcement, Miss Reynolds told reporters she had nothing to add to the joint announcement. Then, she said she still loved Eddie.

Search for Youth In River Halted

Albany, Ore. — (UPI) — Sheriff George Miller said Wednesday night the search for the body of Rickey Daddus, 20, Albany, missing since Tuesday and feared drowned in the Willamette river, had been called off for the time being.

The youth had gone fishing in the Willamette about five miles east of Corvallis. Searchers found his fishing pole on the steep bank of the river where it joins the Truax slough.

Bloodhounds followed the youth's trail from his locked auto to the river's edge, but found no scent leading away from the river.

GOT A HOME TO BURN? — Dunn, N. C. — (UPI) — The fire department is looking for a house to set fire to. The department is teaching volunteer firemen from nearby towns and needs a burning house for practice purposes.

SPORT FAMOUS NAMES — Atlanta — (UPI) — Mrs. Mary H. Oliver says the pupils in her first grade class include Patrick Henry, John Hancock, Tommy Dorsey and Jennifer Jones.

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The speculation continued as to what caused the break-up of the couple's marriage which began Sept. 26, 1955, at Grossinger, N. Y., with vows they would have six children and "never be apart."

Deny Being in Love — Gossips wondered if Miss Taylor, lovely widow of flamboyant Mike Todd, wasn't the third side of a marital triangle when Fisher squirmed her around New York night clubs.

"Stupid... garbage." Those were the terms the raven-haired actress used to brush off newsmen who asked if she were falling in love with Fisher.

But friends said Miss Taylor did not feel her dates with Fisher had anything to do with the dispute between him and his wife because "they have not been getting along."

Boysish-faced Eddie, 30, denied he was in love with Elizabeth or that she was in love with him.

Plane Crash on Highway Kills 1

Verdi, Nev. — (UPI) — A San Francisco Bay Area man was killed and three others were injured Tuesday when their light plane crashed in the middle of a freeway section of Highway 40, near the Nevada-California line.

The dead man was identified as Gerald Elmer Kirby, 27, South San Francisco. Injured were Jerome Mark Maher, 31, San Francisco; Robert J. Harrington, 32, South San Francisco; and Floyd Phipps, 33, South San Francisco.

The California Highway Patrol said the four men, all salesmen for Bay Area baking companies, had been on a "one-day outing" to Reno. The injured men were under sedatives and unable to explain the crash.

Investigating officers said Kirby was apparently at the controls of the Piper monoplane, which was owned by Maher. It appeared as though Kirby was attempting a forced landing.

"Our guess is that they ran out of gas," Sgt. Frank Snyder said. "The gas tank of the wrecked plane was empty, and there was no indication any gas had spilled out on the ground."

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Capital Punishment Attacked; Failure to Meet Requirements

This is the second of three articles to provide voters with the arguments for and against capital punishment.

BY JOE BIGHAM

Police, judicial and penal systems in a democracy rest their actions on three presumptions. Laws and punishment must protect the public, must be relatively certain of enforcement and must be just.

Capital punishment is attacked for failing to meet these three requirements. Those who attack the death penalty also claim that it is morally wrong.

If there is one ground on which abolitionists universally decry capital punishment, it is that there is the ever-present possibility of error—the chance that an innocent man will be executed.

Defenders of capital punishment offer deterrence as one of the main points in their argument. Consequently, abolitionists attempt to prove that the death penalty fails as a deterrent to murder.

First, they claim that capital punishment fails as a sound deterrent because it is not feared. The infrequent and inconsistent use made of capital punishment in many states offers too many ways by which the murderer may escape death. Consequently, the potential criminal does not fear execution, abolitionists claim.

Abolitionists point out that the deterrent effect is further lost because most murders are unpremeditated. The murderer often kills on the spur of the moment in a fit of anger. He does not stop to consider the possibility that he may be captured, tried and executed.

Paradox Seen

Abolitionists argue that there is a paradox between the alleged deterrent factor of capital punishment and the need to insure protection for the innocent. If the death penalty is rigorously enforced, the danger of executing an innocent person increases accordingly, they say. If, however, extensive precautions are taken to insure the protection of the innocent, the number of executions will drop so low that the deterrent effect will be lost.

The certainty that he will be convicted is a major consideration in deterring a person from crime. The death penalty comes under attack because its application is uncertain. Many murderers are not executed. Judges and juries often convict and sentence them on lesser counts than first degree murder, because they are unwilling to apply the capital sentence that goes with conviction on the gravest charge.

Abolitionists conclude their attack on the deterrent effect of the death penalty by saying that modern improvements in crime detection are a far more effective and safer deterrent than is the death penalty.

Rich Able to Escape

Another charge made against the death penalty is that the rich are often able to escape execution through good counsel, legal technicalities, and delay and influence. On the other hand, the economically poor defendant is often unable to obtain good counsel, and his case is not given as much consideration as one involving a rich or influential person.

The basic objection of many persons to capital punishment is not that the death penalty does not deter, nor that an innocent man may be executed. The fundamental objection of many is that capital punishment is morally wrong, that man does not have the right to take life.

These people back up their point by citing from the Bible, Matthew, 5:39: "But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on the right cheek, turn to him the other also."

Commandment Quoted

Some abolitionists further claim that the Sixth Commandment, "Thou Shall Not Kill," also prohibits capital punishment. They agree that this commandment specifically prohibits murder, but they classify capital punishment as murder practiced by the people as a whole, rather than by the individual.

They also claim that the state cannot effectively teach the sanctity of human life if it destroys life.

Abolitionists submit two proposals as substitutes for the death penalty. Some claim that a strict life imprisonment system would be sufficient. Defenders of life imprisonment claim that it protects society if used strictly and fully, is a better deterrent than death, since "juries are more willing to convict for life, and satisfies the public conscience and morals."

Reform, Rehabilitation

Many modern penological theorists assert that the end of penal institutions should be reform and rehabilitation. They consider the offender as a sick person, who must be cured if possible, instead of as

Non-Swimmer Saves Pal From Drowning

Portland — (UPI) — A fisherman who said he doesn't know how to swim saved himself and a companion from drowning Wednesday morning when their small boat capsized in the Columbia river three miles downstream from Sauvie Island.

Dom Molinari, 65, said he couldn't swim, then added, "but I sure learned fast." He pulled Joseph E. Gagne, 65, of Portland, from the water

when their 12-foot boat overturned while the men were catfishing. Molinari said they were trying to tie the boat to a piling when it overturned. "We were both struggling," he said, "and somehow I got hold of Joe." He said he didn't know how he got Gagne to the Washington shore, 100 feet away.

Henry Wannego, operator of Willowbar moorage, was alerted by fishermen who heard the cries for help and sped to the scene in a speedboat. He returned the two fishermen to his moorage where they received first aid.

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