

Gov. Holmes Denies Report On Stewart

Portland —UPI— Gov. Robert Holmes yesterday denied a published report that he would like to fire State Tax Commissioner Sam Stewart. Holmes said he had given no consideration of any such move as reported in a copyrighted story in the Coos Bay World.

The World story had said Stewart was under fire for his stand relative to timber taxation methods.

Holmes reappointed Stewart to the commission last June for his second four-year term. Stewart, reached at Gearhart, said "I am the Governor's appointee, and under the law he has a right to hire and fire me. I shall reserve any further comment until after such action as the Governor might take."

In Coos Bay, The World said it was sticking by its story of Friday that Holmes planned to sack Stewart if he could find legal grounds. "That was the situation Friday," said Executive Editor Forrest Amsden. "Gov. Holmes has now discovered he hasn't the power to do so."

Springfield Man, Found in Forest, Now Recovering

Springfield —UPI— A 66-year-old Springfield man, Harvey Forbes, was in McKenzie-Willamette Memorial hospital here yesterday recovering from exhaustion and shock after being lost deep in the Willamette National forest for 19 hours.

Forbes was reported missing late Thursday when he failed to return home after putting in a shift as firewatch for Snellstrom Lumber Co. A search was launched Friday morning.

Two searchers, State Policeman Floyd Sisson and Ed Barney of the Fall Creek Guard Station, found Forbes about 3:30 p.m. Friday in a canyon near Gold Creek road in the forest, 40 miles southeast of Springfield. The man's pet black dog, Vicki, was with him.

Forbes was taken by stretcher to a waiting ambulance and then to the hospital. Attendants described his condition as "good" but said X-rays were being taken.

Barney said apparently Forbes had taken a wrong turn on his way home and became lost on a logging road. He tried to turn the car around but the vehicle got stuck and he set out walking. The searchers came across the abandoned auto first and found Forbes nearby.

Braley Sentenced To Death Penalty

Portland —UPI— Circuit Judge Alfred P. Dobson Friday pronounced the death sentence on convicted slayer Harry W. Braley, 36.

Braley was convicted for the fatal stabbing of Judith Knutsen, 42, with whom he had lived in a rooming house at 1223 SW Columbia St., Portland last May 19.

Judge Dobson said he gave the death sentence because the jury made no recommendation for leniency.

Braley will be transferred to Oregon State prison at Salem Monday.

Missile Battalion Going to Formosa

Seattle —UPI— An Army spokesman said yesterday the first Nike-Hercules guided missile battalion to be sent to the Orient is now en route to Formosa from here.

The sailing date and the strength of the battalion were not revealed, although a battalion normally includes from 600 to 900 men.

Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D-Wash.), described the move as further evidence of "our obvious determination to provide a real defense of Formosa."

"This should be a clear warning to the Chinese Reds to stay out," he said.

Electronic School Conducted in City

A school for electronic technicians on the west coast was conducted at Montgomery Ward's here to acquaint technicians with new circuits used in electronic equipment.

N. F. Howe, district service manager for Ward's, and John Seabloom, instructor, conducted the school here last week. Attending were technicians from Medford, Grants Pass, Roseburg, Eureka, Calif., Klamath Falls, and Yreka, Calif.

The training school here was part of a nationwide program to train service personnel for prompt, efficient and economical service, according to J. J. Materie, manager of the local store.

Sprague Doubtful Of Red China War

Portland —UPI— Charles Sprague, publisher of the Oregon Statesman and ex-governor of Oregon, told a luncheon meeting of the Portland Lions Club Friday he did not believe the Formosa crisis would lead to a general war but said "we cannot go on ignoring Red China."

Sprague, a former alternate delegate to the United Nations, said ultimately this country will have to come to terms "with whatever government" rules Red China.

"This is not appeasement," he said, "it is recognizing reality." The Salem publisher called for a more constructive, less negative U. S. foreign policy in troubled parts of the world. He said he doubted that the Warsaw talks would end in a cease fire, and, if that was the case, then it would probably go to the UN Sprague said he believed the situation in the Far East would "settle down" like the Middle East crisis.

Bridge Plunge Fatal to Worker

Ontario —UPI— A construction worker plunged to his death Friday at the site of a new freeway bridge over the Snake River while placing reinforcing steel in concrete. The victim was identified as Blewford Nummia Beauguess, 62, White Salmon, Wash.

Bauguess was working on a concrete pier at the time of the accident. He slipped and fell about 20 feet to a concrete base, striking his head. Death was instantaneous, according to Payette, Idaho County Coroner Giff Shaffer.

The bridge is the first of two spans over the Snake River that will connect the new federal-state freeway to Ontario and Fruitland, Idaho. The freeway will replace old Highway 30.

Bauguess was employed by Hansen and Parr Construction Co. of Spokane.

150 Openings in Guard Available

Salem — Manpower restrictions placed against the Oregon National Guard by the Army have been temporarily lifted to allow the National Guard to enlist 150 Oregon men to take six months of active duty for training, Maj. Gen. Thomas E. Rilea, Oregon's adjutant general, has announced.

According to General Rilea the 150 men quota for the six months training will be restricted to new enlistments in the Oregon National Guard on a first-come-first-served basis.

Information concerning an enlistment in the Oregon National Guard may be obtained from any local National Guard unit, General Rilea explained.

Former Valley Resident Dies

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Riddle, 84, former valley resident, died at the Masonic and Eastern Star home in Forest Grove Friday.

She was born April 18, 1874, at Brownsboro, Ore., the daughter of early pioneer residents, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Isaacs.

Mrs. Riddle was a charter member of the Reames chapter, Order of Eastern Star, Medford.

Survivors include two brothers, William F. Isaacs and Charles W. Isaacs, both of Medford; a sister, Mrs. Agnes I. Merrell, Oakland, Calif.; a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Harold Riddle, Los Angeles, Calif. Her son, Harold, preceded her in death several years ago.

Burial will be in the Masonic and Eastern Star cemetery at Forest Grove at 2 p.m. Monday.

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Boy Scouts Troop 16

Nine boys from Boy Scout Troop 16 recently went on a fishing trip to Brookings. They earned their eligibility quota of 5,000 points for diligence and achievements in Scout work during the past 11 months. Two other boys, Barry Ford and Danna Bowers, who also were eligible, were unable to go.

Assistant Scoutmaster Wayne Bennett, Committee Chairman Jim Stephenson and Paul Fullmer furnished transportation. Boys making the trip were Jeff Hiatt, Tom Stephenson, Tom Martin, Grant and Gordon Schroeder, Danny Hadin, Warren Fullmer, Bobby Jones and Dean Hansen.

Expenses for the trip were paid from the Troop's treasury according to points earned. John E. Schroeder is Scoutmaster of the troop, which is sponsored by Talisman lodge, Knights of Pythias, Medford.

Health Board Approves Grants

Pendleton —UPI— The State Board of Health Friday approved Hill-Burton hospital aid grants totalling \$700,017 for hospital construction projects at Pendleton, John Day and Oregon City.

Largest project would be the \$1,040,000 Doctors hospital at Oregon City which would feature 50 beds and 12 bassinets and receive \$346,667 in Hill-Burton act funds.

St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton was allocated \$182,750 toward new construction but that amount was far short of the \$953,042 the hospital had asked to build its proposed 127-bed project costing \$2,859,128. The Board said St. Anthony's would be given a priority claim on any funds turned back and could file an additional request next year.

A \$170,600 grant was approved for the Blue Mountain hospital district for construction of a 30-bed facility at John Day.

Trujillo Letter Threatens Oregon

Coos Bay —UPI— Rep. Charles Porter (D-Ore.), revealed here Friday that Gov. Robert Holmes had received a letter from the Dominican Republic threatening a trade boycott against Oregon unless Holmes purged Porter from Congress.

Porter expressed amusement at the letter signed by Dictator Ralpheal Trujillo's secretary of state for commerce and industry. It was dated Sept. 15.

The Oregon congressman has been critical of the Dominican government since the death of a Eugene airman in the Latin American nation. He said the governor of Indiana received similar letter concerning Rep. Charles Brownson (R-Ind.), who had said in Congress that United States aid to the dictatorship was a "waste of money."

Dominican Republic Denies Pressuring

New York —UPI— The Dominican republic sharply denied yesterday charges that Generalissimo Rafael Trujillo is trying to influence U.S. voters to put at least three congressmen out of office in the November elections.

A statement of denial was issued by the Dominican delegation to the United Nations, in the name of Dr. Porfirio Herrera-Baez, secretary of state for foreign relations.

The Dominican diplomat charged "a new smear campaign" had been launched against the Dominican republic by congressmen antagonistic to the island government.

BULLETPROOF

Philadelphia —UPI— The Philadelphia police department has purchased two 65-pound suits of body armor which give complete frontal protection against gunfire while still allowing full vision and freedom of movement. They cost \$300 apiece.

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Compact Commission Members Pass Resolution Affecting Dissolution

Seattle —UPI— Oregon and Washington members of the Columbia Interstate Compact commission led by the governors of the two states Friday adopted a resolution at a meeting here that could, while in effect, delay dissolution of the commission.

The commission was set up in 1953 to handle problems of the seven states linked with the Columbia River basin. The states are Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Utah, Nevada and Wyoming.

Gov. Robert D. Holmes led the Oregon delegation which included five legislators and Public Utility Commissioner Howard Morgan. Gov. Albert D. Rosellini headed the Washington group.

Tom Wright, Gov. Holmes' press officer, said the resolution would recommend to their legislatures in 1959 that the commission be dissolved if they cannot agree.

He said the commission was originally created with a "Columbia River authority" in mind. Since its inception, however, the member states have never been able to agree.

Wright said a majority of delegates were scheduled to attend a meeting next month in Spokane.

The Oregon and Washington groups saw some hope for agreement on pollution control, prohibition of out-of-Basin diversion of water and

LOFTY MOTIVES

New York —UPI— Philip Casoria, a 21-year-old engineer, told police he climbed to a tower atop the Williamsburg Bridge high above the East River because he wanted a "lofty spot to think things over" after a quarrel with his sweetheart.

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