

### Welfare Group To Hire Physician

Portland —(UP)— A decision to hire a fulltime physician as medical consultant to help the state public welfare commission with its growing medical care program responsibilities was made Friday by the commission. Commissioners said the position would include responsibility for directing the group's medical care policies, maintaining liaison with medical organizations, setting standards of service, controlling expenditures and determining functions of medical consultants on the local level.

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## Price Drop, Cost Rise News Jolts GOP Farm Belt Hopes

Washington —(UP)— Republican candidates in the politically-sensitive farm belt were jolted yesterday by an agriculture department report that farm prices dropped 2.3 per cent in the month ending Oct. 15.

The report, released late Friday, also said farm production costs rose to a record high in the month. The agency's monthly price report was issued only three days before voters troop to the polls in Tuesday's congressional elections.

Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Marvin L. McClain said the farm price decline was "primarily seasonal." He pointed out that prices received by farmers in mid-October were five per cent higher than a year earlier and that farm prices have been higher than last year during each month of 1958. He said the lower prices occurred mainly in commodities which are in seasonally large supply.

McClain commented on the report in the absence of Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Benson who was in Fresno, Calif., for a campaign speech. Benson said he expects the Republicans to hold all their farm state seats and perhaps pick up some new ones.

The department said a heavy volume of new crop grapefruit and oranges moving to market was chiefly responsible for the sharp drop in

farm prices in mid-October. It was the scarcity of these citrus fruits which caused the farm price index to go up in mid-September.

Also contributing to the decline for mid-October were lower prices for hogs, cotton, eggs, and corn. Price increases for milk, strawberries, wheat, and several vegetable crops were not enough to offset the sharp declines.

Farm production costs, led

by higher farm wage rates, pushed farm living expenses up seven-tenths of one per cent during the month.

Average hog prices for the month were \$18.50 per hundredweight compared with \$20 in mid-September and \$17 in mid-October a year ago.

Average beef cattle prices were \$22.50, compared with the same amount for mid-September, and \$17.40 in mid-October, 1957.

## Halloween Party Honors Teachers In District 6C

Gold Hill — An adult Halloween party honoring teachers and personnel of the Crater High, Hanby and Patrick schools of district 6C was held Thursday in the Odd Fellow's hall in Gold Hill. Mrs. Jerry Herrington, general chairman, was master of ceremonies.

More than 200 people attended the event, which started with costumed masqueraders providing the first portion of the evening's entertainment. Those participating depicted the character of the costume while the audience and three judges, Mrs. Daniel Stewart, Mrs. William Grossman and H. D. Force observed about one hour prior to the grand march and final judging at 9 p.m. Music was provided by Jerry Herrington at the piano.

Judged the best couple were Mrs. Paul Molloy and Mrs. Earl Moore, who depicted a red hen and rooster in chicken costumes. Donald Morrow, in a girl's roller skate costume, was judged the funniest. The prize for the most unusual costume was awarded to Mrs. Paul Thompson for her purple people eater costume and Mrs. B. C. Hoffman's Sputnik costume won the most original prize.

Mrs. Herrington introduced Arthur Straus, principal of Crater High, who presented members of the school's faculty and personnel. Gilbert Mack, principal of Hanby and Patrick schools, introduced teachers and personnel of the two schools.

Delos Walker and Donald Morrow represented the Gold Hill Lions club in the first skit, "a busy morning in Gilbert Mack's office at Hanby." "A day at the Country club" was the title of a skit presented by members of the Amethyst Rebekah Friendship club. Participating were Mrs. Donald Morrow, Mrs. Paul Molloy, Mrs. Clarence Parsley, Mrs. William Gossman, and Mrs. Delos Walker. A vocal selection by sev-

eral members of the Gold Hill Grange was furnished between skits. Those singing were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cook, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Walker, Mrs. Ruby Quackenbush, Mrs. Jessie Hayes, and Mrs. Molloy. Mrs. Roy Eskew was at the piano.

A skit, "a candidate's speech," by Mrs. Molloy and Mrs. Hoffman represented the Gold Hill Health unit.

Amethyst Rebekah lodge, sponsoring organization of the affair, was joined by the Odd Fellows in arrangements for the closing numbers. Showing the Hawaiian version of hula dancers in grass skirts were Wilbur "Shorty" Martin and Cecil Johnson, both members of the local Odd Fellows. Several teachers participated in the modern hula hoop version.

Other groups in the community which did not take part in the evening's entertainment but did assist Rebekah lodge with arrangements were the Gold Hill Parent Teacher association, Gold Hill Garden club, Past Noble Grand's club and the VFW Post and auxiliary.

## Slack Showing At Portland Rally

Portland —(UP)— Slack attendance at a political rally here Friday night staged for employees of three Portland firms in a forum that included Oregon Congressional and gubernatorial representatives was blamed on the spirit of Halloween.

Speakers at the rally included Gov. Robert D. Holmes; Travis Cross, who represented Mark Hatfield, Republican candidate for governor; Rep. Edith Green, 3rd Congressional District Democratic incumbent, and John Johnson, her GOP opponent.

About 1500 employees of Cascade Manufacturing Co., Electric Steel Foundry Co. and Hyster Co. were anticipated at the meeting but only 300 showed up, officials said.

## Fire Near Baker Sweeps 200 Acres

Baker —(UP)— A timber fire in the Wallowa-Whitman National forest about 15 miles south of here near Dooley Mountain reached 200 acres yesterday but was believed under control, according to H. K. Fisher, forest service official at the Baker ranger station.

Fisher said about 75 men and three bulldozers were being used to fight the blaze and that a converted B25 plane from La Grande "bombed" the fire with borate solution three times to help bring it under control.

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## Neuberger Says Power Review 'Time Has Come'

Eugene —(UP)— Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) told the annual meeting of the Lane County Electric Coop. Inc., yesterday that "the time has come in the Pacific Northwest to reconsider the priorities and preferences in the distribution of power from the federal Columbia River system and to assure that no single state or area will monopolize its benefits."

"This will be one important facet of the effort to transform the Bonneville Power administration into a regional government corporation," he said, "with continuity of planning and financing, which can assure the whole region of continued low-cost power in the future."

Neuberger, who sponsored the Columbia River Development corporation bill, said he personally believes in public power but that neither public nor private ownership of power distribution systems should be the single, decisive factor in determining who could get federal power if there should not be enough to meet all future demand.

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## Oakridge Man Denies Shooting

Eugene, Ore. —(UP)— Foster Lee Collins, 31, of Oakridge, Ore., denies he killed Raymond Jamieson, 62, when the latter ordered him to stop firing a .22 caliber gun in Jamieson's Restaurant, according to Lane County District Attorney Eugene Venn.

Venn said Friday night that Collins admitted being in the restaurant early Friday when Jamieson was shot but denied having killed the proprietor.

Collins was arrested within an hour after the shooting, which occurred shortly after midnight. He was arraigned on a charge of first degree murder and a preliminary hearing was set for Monday.

State police who investigated the shooting said Collins fired the gun in the restaurant and was warned by Jamieson not to do it again. The investigators said Jamieson then started towards the kitchen and was shot in the back four times.

## Klamath Falls Man Dies While Hunting

Klamath Falls —(UP)— Theodore E. Munson, 61, Klamath Falls, died while bird hunting about two miles east on highway 97 near here Thursday, state police reported Friday. Police said he apparently died of a heart attack.

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