

Committee Suggests School Consolidations



VERNOLA HUTCHISON Wins Elks Contest
WALTER A. BARNES Crater High Winner

Crater Seniors Win Leadership Contest Sponsored by Elks

Miss Vernola May Hutchison and Walter Allen Barnes, seniors at Crater High school, Central Point, have won the local division of the annual Elks lodge Youth Leadership contest, Donald D. Davis, exalted ruler, announced today.

Miss Hutchison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hutchison, 540 Cherry st., Central Point, and Barnes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Barnes, 1576 Beall lane, Medford, were two of 10 students from six high schools who participated in the contest.

Winners of the contest are judged on leadership initiative, organizational ability and influence on others; citizenship appreciation; perseverance, resourcefulness and a sense of honor; neatness and arrangement of brochure, and compliance with instructions for entering the contest.

Second places in the local contest were won by Miss Dewanda Winchell and Dale Foresee, seniors at Medford High school, Miss Nancy Anne Niedermeyer of Jacksonville and Arthur L. Gardener of Eagle Point placed third.

Honorable mention went to Mary Louise Cole and Donald D. MacKintosh of Phoenix High school; Shirley Ellen Callaghan of Eagle Point High and Deloris May Brown of Butte Falls High school.

Winners will receive awards for the local Elks lodge May 1 during the observance of

Vehicle of Chase Found in Garage

An automobile, believed by police as the one operated by Donald C. Hood, Grants Pass, during a Sunday morning high speed chase with area police, was located last night in the garage of a friend of Hood, Medford police reported today.

Police said they were contacted by the friend who said that the vehicle was badly damaged. It was reported that the automobile had turned over on Old Highway 99 near Rocky Point bridge Sunday morning after the operator, believed to be Hood, had eluded police.

According to information received, the car was brought to Medford after the friend received a telephone call Sunday morning from Hood. Police said that the vehicle was then brought to the private garage here.

Police believe that the occupants of the vehicle were injured in the accident due to the extent of damage to the car.

A district court warrant charging Hood with reckless driving was issued Monday.

193 Pints of Blood Collected in City

A total of 193 pints of blood was collected during the visit of the Bloodmobile at the Red Cross chapter house here yesterday. The goal was 290 pints.

The total did not include 30 pints collected in a special earlier drawing for open heart surgery. That blood was flown to Portland immediately after it was donated.

A total of 251 persons volunteered, but 24 were rejected. Red Cross officials said.

The Bloodmobile is in Ashland at the Ashland Elks temple between 1 and 5 o'clock this afternoon. Quota for the Ashland visit is 200 pints.

New York —UPI— The Transport Workers Union announced today that 7,000 maintenance and port stewards have voted 4-1 to empower the union to strike against Pan American World Airways on or before March 1.

Estacada Youth Admits Accidentally Killing Father, Setting Fire To Barn

Oregon City —UPI— A high school class president has admitted accidentally shooting and killing his father and then setting fire to a barn to try to hide it, Sheriff Joe Shobe said today.

Being held in the juvenile detention ward of the Clackamas county jail was Duane Marvin Anders, 17, president of the senior class at nearby Estacada high school.

Body in Ruins
"Everything was in a whirl, I didn't know what to do..." the sheriff quoted the youth as saying.

The body of the boy's father, Hector Anders, 56, was found in the charred ruins of the family barn about 8 miles northeast of Estacada Sunday night.

The sheriff said that an autopsy ordered by Clackamas County Coroner Douglas Pratt

Election Plans Authorized By Medford Board

The Medford school board last night authorized its superintendent, Dr. Leonard Mayfield, to prepare plans for an election on consolidation of four districts with the Medford district.

The board has received requests from Griffin Creek, Howard, Jacksonville and Ruch school districts for consolidation with the Medford district. The requests grew out of meetings held in the four districts on what action school patrons desired as to school district organization.

Dr. Mayfield said he would notify the Jackson County Reorganization committee and the county school superintendent's office of the requests, and ask County School Superintendent Alf B. Mekvold to prepare election material and set dates.

To Be Approved
Consolidation would have to be approved by a majority vote in each of the districts seeking consolidation, but also in the Medford district.

The board also accepted on a continuing contract basis principals of all but three schools. They are Lester D. Harris, Medford High school; Vincent P. Bevis, Hedrick Junior High school; Glenn Linn, McLoughlin Junior High school; Roy Gilbertson, Hoover; Bruce H. Metzger, Jackson; Kenneth Hulbert, Jefferson; John Childers, Roosevelt; Robert Sage, Washington; and Robert Bacus, Wilson.

Three principals not on the

Porter Schedules Visit in Medford

Representative Charles Porter will visit Medford during a five-day trip to Oregon this week end. He plans to spend Tuesday, Feb. 17, evening here.

Porter will participate in Centennial activities at the state capitol Saturday, after visiting the Oregon Legislature, meeting with state leaders and speaking to Oregon Democrats in Salem Friday, Feb. 13.

In addition to the informal visit to Medford, Porter also will visit in Eugene, Roseburg, Coos Bay, Grants Pass, Albany and in Linn county. He plans to return to Washington, D. C., Feb. 18.

Parks Commission To Meet Tonight

Medford's parks and recreation commission tonight will elect a new president and hear a preliminary report from City Manager Robert A. Duff on hiring a city parks and recreational director.

The commission's agenda also includes discussion of the possible services of a landscape architect and development of park facilities on a city-owned lot on Union ave.

The new president will replace Jerry Poulos, who resigned from the commission last month. Vice president at present is Mrs. Edith Eden, and secretary, Mrs. Owen Kunkel. The commission did not hold a regular meeting in January. Tonight's meeting will be at 7:30 o'clock.

Undeveloped Areas

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St. Louis Workers Tackle Debris in Tornado Area

St. Louis —UPI— An army of workers today struggled to clear away mounds of debris that once were homes and searched for possible additional victims of a tornado that killed at least 22 persons and injured more than 350.

One Still Missing
A check of police districts in the tornado disaster area near the center of the city showed one person still missing.

Rescuers believed they had recovered the last of the dead and concentrated on cleaning up the wreckage from a teen- ing Negro tenement district hit hardest by Tuesday's twister.

The workers toiled through the cold, windy night under the glare of portable flood lights.

Damage Not Estimated
City officials declined to give an authoritative estimate of the damage, but unofficial estimates ran above \$10 million.

President Eisenhower Tuesday night decried the nation's eighth largest city a major disaster area and authorized the use of federal aid for relief efforts.

Former Customer Blames SP for Lack of Passenger Patronage

San Francisco —UPI— Southern Pacific testified Tuesday it is losing \$1,900,000 a year on its Shasta Daylight train between San Francisco and Portland, Ore.

And a former customer testified the company had no body to blame but itself.

The testimony came in the opening session of Interstate Commerce Commission hearings on whether SP should be allowed to reduce the Daylight's schedule from a daily to a tri-weekly basis during winter months.

The service reduction is opposed by the California and Oregon public utilities commissions and several trade unions.

Robert M. Gilmore, assistant SP vice president, said the change would not be contrary to the public welfare because the public still could use daily Cascade trains, which run at night, and regular airplane and bus service.

"This is not a case of Southern Pacific's trying to eliminate something," he said, "It's a case of the passengers leaving us."

L. R. Smith, SP superintendent of the Portland Division, said winter traffic on the line has declined 26 per cent in the past two years. He said only an average of 150 to 200 passengers a day now ride the Daylight in winter.

Charles B. Nines, SP transportation research expert, estimated that the proposed reduction in the Daylight's service would save the railroad \$557,000 a year. He said that even if operated tri-weekly the service would still cost the company an out-of-pocket loss of \$1,355,000.

W. A. Barr of Mt. Shasta, a Siskiyou county supervisor, charged that SP brought on its own problems. He said he got fed up with the company's attitude three years ago and hadn't ridden the train since.

"They started the premeditated idea four years ago to discourage the use of the Shasta and dispose of it," Barr testified. "It's common knowledge they try to restrain people from making reservations, when in fact, there's plenty of space available."

Barr said he believed that if the company ran its business in a manner that encouraged people to ride trains, it would not be in the state it's in now.

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Risk Said Taken To Save Airmen Of Downed Plane

Washington —UPI— A report was in print today that America took a "calculated risk" to save 11 U. S. airmen, if they still are alive, in revealing evidence that Russia shot down their plane.

The Army-Navy-Air Force Register gave the behind-scenes account of government reasoning. Conviction also grew that Russian radio signals lured the C130 into Soviet Armenia where it was shot down last Sept. 2.

At the same time, military men expected the Reds to try imposing tighter security measures on their fighter plane operations along the Iron Curtain. Some military quarters were uneasy because disclosing evidence on the shooting incident also showed how effectively the West's electronic eavesdropping apparatus can detect Communist radio frequencies and operating patterns.

The Register, a privately published military journal, indicated one reason for revealing the taped evidence to the Reds was to head off any "phony announcement" that the missing men, if alive, had been caught spying.

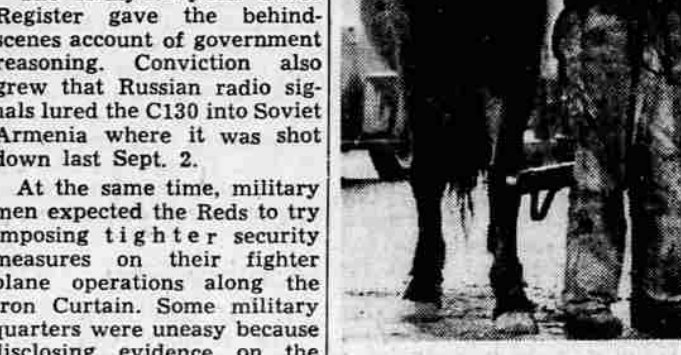
There were 17 men aboard the plane when, according to U. S. recordings of Russian pilots' radio conversations, it was shot down.

The Reds returned six bodies but never accounted for the other 11 men. They claimed the plane crashed.

The Register said it was thought for some weeks after the incident that the Russians might be detaining the 11 because they could tell the truth about the shooting. Or, if they were dead, the Reds might have kept their bodies because of evidence of the shooting.

In January, the Register said, the Russians decreed that foreign fliers violating Soviet territory would be imprisoned for as much as 10 years. That started speculation that the 11 Americans were alive and that the Russians might intend sentencing them on drummed-up charges.

Disclosure of the taped evidence was "a calculated risk to save" the men, if alive, the publication said, and in any event it may "force the Reds to think twice before they attack another unarmed transport."



DR. HOWARD W. RUNKEL To Speak at Banquet

Lincoln Banquet Slated Thursday

Dr. Howard W. Runkel, professor of speech and drama at Willamette university, will speak at the Lincoln club's Abraham Lincoln sesquicentennial at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the Jackson hotel.

Dr. Runkel is an authority on Lincoln's life and speeches, and is one of the northwest's more popular speakers, according to club members.

The banquet, in the Pioneer room, will feature a menu of old-fashioned foods prepared in the manner in which food was prepared during Lincoln's lifetime. Early American antiques will be used as decorations.

Mrs. Lester Adams, secretary-treasurer of the club, is general chairman of arrangements, assisted by John Delenback, president, and Manville Heisel, vice president.

Club members selling tickets include Mrs. Murray Gardner, Mrs. Earl Miller, Mrs. Sherman Feiss, Mrs. James Roman and Mrs. Adams. Tickets also may be obtained at Swem's, Robinson Brothers men's store, at Jean Hart's, and from club members or Don Stathos, chairman of the county Republican Central committee.

Mrs. E. A. Littrell is chairman of the decorations committee.

Talent, Phoenix District Among Those Proposed

Consolidation of a number of Jackson county school districts was recommended last night by the Jackson county school district consolidation and reorganization committee.

The proposed district consolidations would become effective July 1.

Consolidation was recommended for Talent and Phoenix districts; for Lone Pine, Griffin Creek, Jacksonville, Ruch and Howard with Medford; and for Eagle Point and Butte Falls.

The committee made no changes in its previous recommendations that Evans valley and Rogue River be consolidated.

No action was taken on possible consolidation of the Applegate district with Medford. This is still pending, Committee Chairman Keith Hockersmith said today.

Remain the Same
Central Point School District 6C would remain the same, with possible slight boundary changes to solve any transportation problems.

All such consolidations would be subject to approval of the districts' voters.

In a letter to the committee dated Feb. 7, the Applegate school board stated that the Applegate Parent-Teachers association has gone on record as "not in favor of consolidation (with Medford) at this time."

Residents of Gold Hill had sent 42 letters to the committee plus a petition bearing 172 signatures stating they would be opposed to any suggestions that Gold Hill be included with Rogue River school district. Gold Hill is now part of Central Point School District 6C.

A poll taken of Phoenix school district residents revealed 160 citizens favored consolidation with Talent and 117 favored consolidation with Medford. Several indicated they wished to have the district remain the same. The Phoenix school board recommended that the present boundaries be kept.

Letters were read from Lone Pine, Griffin Creek, Jacksonville, Ruch and Howard school districts stating their respective school boards favor consolidation with Medford.

The county committee had recommended previously that Eagle Point and Butte Falls be combined, and it stood on that recommendation.

Procedure for District
Procedure for school district consolidation consists of recommendations made by the county committee, then petitions from the various school districts involved are presented to the county board of which Alf B. Mekvold, county school superintendent is a member.

After petitions are checked for authenticity with the county elections department, the proposed consolidations are posted and publicized and each district votes on the proposals. The boundary board then makes a canvass.

If the vote is favorable the consolidation may become effective immediately or may be postponed to the next fiscal year.

Ike Asks Additional Funds for Fiscal Year

Washington —UPI— President Eisenhower asked Congress today for an additional \$2,414,000,000 in appropriations to round out current fiscal year spending.

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WHOA, NELLIE!—The pair of horses in the picture above look a little suspicious of the business end of a covered wagon that they will pull in the Centennial parade in Medford this Saturday. Holding the horses is George McUne, owner of Court Street Repair shop where the wagon was completely rebuilt by T. W. (Logger) McFadden, right, and McUne. Also helping was Mel Stiehl (in wagon), an employee of the shop.

Lone Director For Resources Study Proposed

Salem —UPI— The House Committee on Planning and Development Tuesday held a public hearing on a bill setting up a new department to study better coordinated uses of Oregon's natural resources.

The bill calls for a single director to be appointed by the governor. He would be charged with a thorough study of the administration and enforcement of laws relating to natural resources and would report his findings to the 1961 legislature.

Heavy Opposition
Opposition to the bill came from members of the present Committee on Natural Resources, the Water Resources Board, the state engineer, the State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries, the Izaak Walton league and the Oregon Reclamation congress.

Dan P. Allen, executive secretary of the Committee on Natural Resources, said there was need for further coordination among agencies now handling natural resources, but that a new department was not needed.

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WEATHER
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Temp.
Highest yesterday 37
Lowest this morning 32
Prec. to 10 a.m. today .07
Sunset tonight 5:37 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:14 a.m.
Moonset tonight 9:38 p.m.
First quarter Feb. 13
PROMINENT STAR
Betelgeuse, high in south Venus sets 8:39 p.m.
VISIBLE PLANETS
Venus sets 7:02 p.m.
Mars, high in southwest 7:54 p.m.
Jupiter, low in southeast 5:31 a.m.
Saturn, rises 4:57 a.m.