

Oregon Set To Kick Off Gala Centennial Celebration



SHADES OF YESTERYEAR—Although students at Howard school didn't have their lessons taught to the tune of a hickory stick today, they looked like pupils that would have attended a one-room school long ago. Hoop skirts, sunbonnets, brocaded vests and derby hats were all in style for children and teachers alike as the school held its own celebration of Oregon's birthday. Student Linda Thames rode her horse to school, like children did before the days of school buses, which attracted the crowd of onlookers in the picture above. Other schools throughout the county observed the state's 100th birthday in the same manner.

Fate of Oregon Civil Defense Agency Debated

Motion Approved To Hold Hearing

Salem—UPI—The fate of Oregon's Civil Defense Agency hung in the balance today after a hearing before the Joint Ways and Means Committee in which some members were ready to scrap it. Others favored transfer of some activities to other agencies and still others insisted the agency continue as at present.

After spending almost an hour arguing about the agency, the Committee approved a motion by Sen. Ward Cook (D-Portland) to hold a hearing before the entire Committee at some future date on civil defense's \$301,574 budget.

Rep. Clarence Barton (D-Coquille) declared that civil defense activities in his county were duplications of effort.

State Police Praised
"We have spring floods in Coos county and in the past such disasters have been handled adequately by the State Police," Barton said. "Then Civil Defense took over, purchasing a jeep, a boat and other equipment and doing just what the State Police had been doing in the past," Barton said.

Rep. Leon Davis (R-Hillsboro) said he was not in accord with the Civil Defense organization and said he felt the same activities of this agency could be carried on more economically by other state agencies.

But Sen. Francis Ziegler (R-Corvallis) urged the Committee continue the agency. He said in his county, plans to cope with disasters were on paper and ready to be put into execution.

Planners Suggest Rezoning Properly In Grandview Area
The Medford planning commission last night overrode a petition signed by 258 residents when it recommended approval for one of two zone change requests in the Grandview area.

The petition was opposed to two zone change requests, both presented by Gottlieb J. Wolff, proprietor of the Grandview market, 2330 Crater Lake ave. The second request was turned down.

The approved request, to be acted on next by the city council, is for a change to limited commercial zoning for a lot at the southeast corner of Crater Lake ave. and Roberts rd., across from the market. A service station is reportedly to be located there if the request is approved.

Not Spot Zoning
Commissioner President Paul Selby stated that since this is adjacent to the market, which is already zoned limited commercial, the change would not constitute spot zoning.

The rejected request was for property at the northwest corner of Crater Lake ave. and McAndrews rd., Ervin Hogan, Medford attorney representing Wolff, said retail shops were contemplated for this location.

The petition was submitted to the commission by Dick Henselman, a business partner of Mark Goldy. Goldy and Henselman are developing a subdivision in that area.

Allan Perry, commission member, said the difference between the two tracts was their location and the effects of extra traffic that commercial development might cause.

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California Joins Against Curb of Daylight Service

Railroad's Loss Figures Challenged

San Francisco—UPI—California joined Oregon Thursday in opposing Southern Pacific's attempt to reduce service on its Shasta Daylight train between San Francisco and Portland.

Oregon has charged in hearings before the Interstate Commerce Commission that SP is attempting to discourage travelers from using the train by offering poor service.

The railroad proposes to operate the train, now running daily, on a tri-weekly basis during winter months.

Losses Minimized
Clyde T. Neary, one of three California PUC experts who testified Thursday, said SP is actually losing only \$155,000 a year on the train instead of \$1,900,000 as claimed by the railroad. Neary said this net loss is reduced by income tax deductions, leaving the firm with a cash loss of only \$72,000 a year on the Daylight operation.

Neary said the train would make money if it were not for a \$600,000 yearly loss on its dining car operations. He testified the railroad could make a profit if it wanted to by converting to buffet style or airplane style meal service.

Other Figures Challenged
Edward M. Jennings, PUC transportation engineer, challenged other SP figures by testifying that there was "considerable doubt" as to the accuracy of the railroad's maintenance cost accounting. He said SP car maintenance figures per mile were 42 per cent higher than a composite figure for three other railroads and locomotive figures were 30 to 50 per cent higher.

He blamed the railroad's higher locomotive maintenance largely on inefficiency, charging that SP was not using modern repair methods in its shops.

Defects Observed
A third California witness, Claude Carlock, a PUC staff member, said he had observed numerous defects during trips on the Daylight within the last few weeks that would discourage the traveling public.

These included such deficiencies as water leaking through the ceiling in three locations, automatic sliding doors out of order, a bar refrigerator out of order, air pockets in floor linoleum in the diner, a stuck baggage elevator that caused passenger delays, and an improper valve which caused overheating of the parlor car.

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Strothers Resigns From Commission
Ed Strothers, Shady Cove, has resigned from the Jackson county planning commission, the county court said today.

Strothers will be replaced by someone from the same area, County Judge Earl Miller said.

Strothers is one of the original members of the planning commission which was formed about three years ago, County Commissioner Chester Wendt noted.

In his letter of resignation, Strothers said he felt that someone with an engineering or legal background can serve better.

Thornton's Opinion Asked on Selection
Salem—UPI—Sen. William A. Grenfell Jr. said today he had requested Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton to give an opinion regarding the legality of Gov. Mark Hatfield's recent appointment of Col. Robert L. Irving as the acting adjutant general of the Oregon National Guard.

Dulles' Operation Called Successful

Washington—UPI—Secretary of State John Foster Dulles underwent a "successful" hernia operation today. Surgeons also removed tissue and fluid to check for cancer.

State Department Spokesman Lincoln White refused, pending results of laboratory tests, to speculate whether doctors fear any recurrence of the intestinal cancer for which Dulles was operated on in November, 1956.

Shortly after today's operation, the White House again vigorously denied a report that Dulles might resign his cabinet post.

"It's Not the Principle—It's the Money"



Lincoln's Ability Reviewed at Dinner

Abraham Lincoln was one of the few men throughout history who have been universally influential, Dr. Howard W. Runkel, professor of speech and drama at Willamette university, said here last night.

Dr. Runkel spoke at the 45th annual banquet of the Jackson County Lincoln club at the Jackson hotel. The occasion marked Lincoln's 150th birthday.

He told the group of about 100 persons that Lincoln's selflessness, understanding, and spirit have been universally influential. A man who believed in God, historians have marveled at Lincoln's ability to understand man and his tact in leading men, Dr. Runkel said.

Wisdom was Lincoln's principal asset, he noted, and cited several examples of the 16th president's ability to handle men and situations.

Offered Governorship
Dr. Runkel pointed out that Lincoln was offered the territorial governorship of Oregon while he was practicing law in Springfield, Ill. Lincoln's wife, Mary, "put her foot down" and said no, Dr. Runkel noted.

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Secretary Billings of Ashland was elected historian of the club, succeeding Mrs. G. Q. D'Albini, who retired after holding the office several years.

John Dellenback, retiring president, read a telegram from Oregon Governor Mark Hatfield, and Jim Frake, Medford High school student active in speech activities, read "In the Words of Lincoln."

The club adopted a resolution reaffirming its faith in the Republican party.

Mass Destruction Threatened If Ice Breaks Loose

Huge Chunks of Ice Piled High

Lafayette, Ind.—UPI—Authorities mounted a round-the-clock vigil at the scene of a mammoth Wabash river ice jam 12 miles long which threatens "tremendous destruction" to the Lafayette area if it breaks loose.

Army engineers and police stood by to alert residents of Lafayette and Delphi if the 35-foot high ice gorge, carrying chunks of ice as large as automobiles, begins to slip.

The ice gorge slipped once Thursday night when it was rammed by a smaller ice flow from the flooded Peru area upstream on the rampaging Wabash. However, after roaring for about a mile downstream it jammed again just above Delphi and about 28 miles from Lafayette.

Less Danger Indicated
The Weather Bureau reported the river crested at Delphi and Lafayette at about 26 feet Thursday night and has begun falling. National Guard officers said that indicated less danger of the ice pack churning downstream again.

Army engineers said the longer the ice flow stands still, the better the chance it will not tear loose again. But they added if it does give way, it would mean "tremendous destruction" to Delphi and Lafayette.

Lafayette police Sgt. Stanley Davenport said engineers might try to dynamite the gorge apart a little at a time today.

Deep Cracks Revealed
"They'll probably try to blast it loose about 60 feet at a crack," Davenport said. "There isn't enough dynamite in the country to blast it all loose at once."

National Guard officials at Logansport said an inspection of the flow Thursday night revealed deep cracks on its downstream side. They said the gorge apparently loosened and moved downstream when the ice broke through along the cracks.

Authorities said if the gorge let loose again, it could smash at least 10 bridges between Delphi and Lafayette and crush low-lying buildings.

Sweetheart Trees To Be Planted
A planting of redbud trees, also known as the sweetheart tree, will be held Saturday by the Medford Tree committee, honoring the state's birthday and St. Valentine's day.

The trees will be planted on Catherine st. The trees have heart shaped leaves.

Coordinator for the area is Mrs. Ted Ball. The trees will be planted and dedicated to children in the area, with several of them dedicated to children with birthdays on Feb. 14.

Bids To Be Called Soon On Two Jobs in Project
Bureau of reclamation officials reported today that calls for bids on two more jobs in the Talent project are expected in April.

Construction is expected to start in June. Dates for the bids will be set by the chief engineer, according to reports from the Denver, Colo., office.

The projects are for the enlarging of the present east lateral canal of the Talent Irrigation district from Emigrant dam nearly to Medford. Earth work on this lateral is currently under way by the irrigation district.

The contract will include the constructing of nine 33 to 51 inch precast concrete pipe siphons totaling 2,835 feet, and a 330-foot-long concrete

Visit by Nixon Adds To Plans For Saturday

Festivities Start Year of Observance

Portland—UPI—Oregon, admitted quietly to the union 100 years ago Saturday as the 33rd state, today prepared for a rousing celebration of its Centennial birthday to be spiced by a visit from Vice President Richard Nixon.

Nixon, due to arrive here by plane at 9:05 p.m. today, also scheduled visits to Astoria and Salem to help his neighboring state observe its Valentine's day admittance to the union. Other cities and towns throughout the state were planning observances of their own.

The Saturday festivities touch off a year which will feature a 100-day Exposition and International Trade Fair starting June 10 which state leaders hope will help attract new business and industry.

Word Late in Coming
The gala preparations were in sharp contrast to 100 years ago when word of Oregon's admittance to the union did not reach the state until a month after it happened—on March 15 when the steamer Brother Jonathan arrived from San Francisco.

Nixon was to spend the night at his hotel here and then fly along with Gov. Mark Hatfield and other state officials to Astoria Saturday morning where ceremonies will be held for issuance of a Centennial stamp at the oldest post office west of the Rocky mountains.

After ceremonies there, Nixon flies to Salem for an afternoon round of festivities before returning to Portland for a speech Saturday night. The Vice President is scheduled to pay a visit to his home state of California, leaving Portland Sunday morning, before returning to Washington, D.C.

Ball at Salem
A Centennial ball is scheduled for Salem Saturday night with actress Gloria Krieger, a former Portland Rose festival queen, as guest soloist.

At Astoria, precedent will be shattered when the Vice President will be served sable fish instead of salmon for lunch. Sable fish is a valuable ocean delicacy, also called black cod.

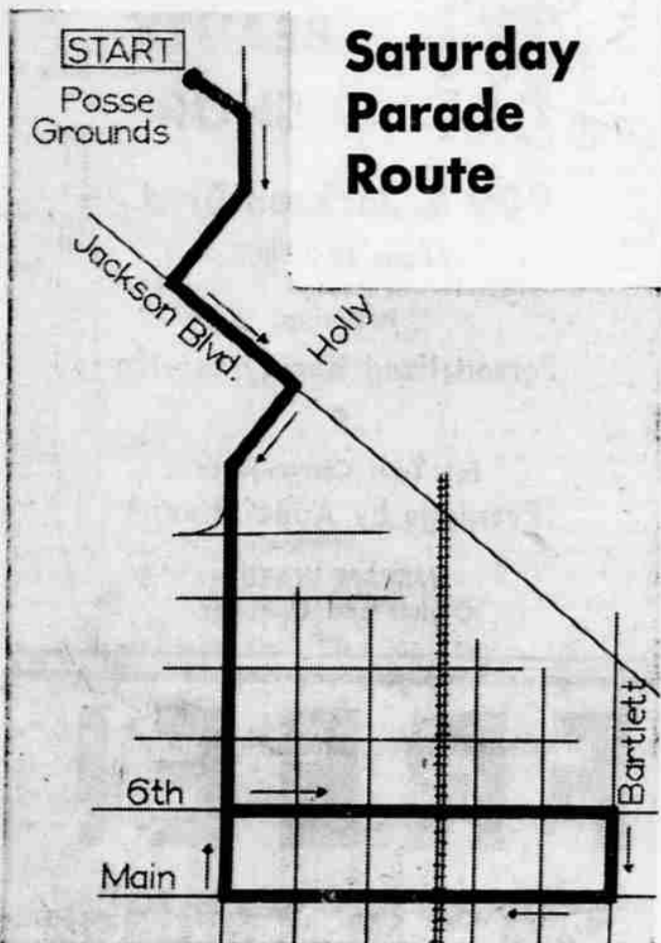
Thousands of Oregon men, caught up in a "pioneer" spirit, were growing beards, including several state legislators. A stagecoach and a group of about 50 horse riders near Astoria on the last leg of a three-day trip from Portland.

Porter Says Cuba Action Avoidable
Portland—UPI—Rep. Charles O. Porter (D-Ore.) charged today that the bloody revolution in Cuba could have been avoided if top officials of the State Department had not opposed holding of free, supervised elections while the Batista regime was in power.

Porter, who returned to Oregon for a Democratic fundraising speech in Salem tonight, said policy makers in the State Department refused to go along with proposals for United Nations-supervised elections in Cuba before the revolution. He did not identify the officials he said were involved.

The Eugene Democrat said he was convinced that Cuba, under the revolutionary government was on the right road. He added that present U.S. policy toward the nation is "very encouraging and I am satisfied with it."

Washington—UPI—The State Department has announced that "if developments warrant" there may be a meeting of western foreign ministers in Paris sometime before April 1.



Association May Sponsor Wagon in Oregon Cavalcade

Dick Carter, Medford, representative of William Dawkins and associates, discussed the possibility of Jackson county sponsoring a wagon in the "On to Oregon Cavalcade" at a meeting of the Jackson County Centennial association this morning.

The cavalcade will leave Independence, Mo., April 12, and arrive in Independence, Ore., about Aug. 15, Carter said. Carter, who will serve as administrative assistant on the trip, said five wagons now are being sponsored.

He noted that the deadline for constructing the wagons is near, and invited the association to study possibilities of sponsoring a wagon.

Committee Organized
A committee was organized to assist Carter in planning a Jackson county wagon, and several suggestions for financing such a venture were discussed.

Cost of the trip is \$1,650, he said, which includes the wagon, arrangements for horses, and space at the Portland exposition, where the wagon will be displayed after Aug. 15.

Carter said promotional opportunities are unlimited. He will plan promotion along the route, and arrange with Junior Chamber of Commerce groups to organize reception committees.

The association also heard a report that the Redwood Empire would loan murals to the association to hang on the inside walls at the Siskiyou summit welcoming center. The murals of the Rogue Valley were at the San Francisco exposition.

Also discussed was the possibility of a large topographical map of the county. Otto Ewaldsen, Medford businessman, said he would cooperate in preparing the map.

Men Fall While at Work This Morning
Two Medford men were taken to Rogue Valley hospital this morning by Medford Ambulance service following falls while at work.

Robert Swindler Jr., 27, of 528 South Ivy st., suffered injuries when he fell backwards across the prongs of a fork lift at Medford Concrete Construction company. Hospital officials reported that he was still being examined early this afternoon.

Treated and released was Bethel B. Reeves, 45, of 3542 Alley lane, following a fall from a ladder while working at Oregon orchards.

Work Progressing in Group Drainage Project in Beebe Farm Community

Work is progressing in a group drainage project in the Beebe farms community near Central Point, Clem Ault, work unit conservator, reported at the annual meeting of the Rogue Soil Conservation District in Central Point Grange hall last night.

The Ashland city council is working locally to support the Ashland creek dam project. Ault noted. Work is also progressing on the Daisy creek project near Jacksonville and on the upper Jackson creek watershed above the old dam, he said.

According to studies, all of the projects appear to have a favorable benefit-cost ratio. A large range brush clearing and seeding trial is being planned for at least 1,000 acres in the Little Applegate area. Ault announced.

This project is being sponsored jointly by the Rogue Soil Conservation district, bureau of land management, Caterpillar Tractor company and a number of cattlemen, he said. Work is being awaited from the tractor company so work can be started immediately. Ault said.

Ault called on Walter Hoffburr, manager of the Talent Irrigation district, who pointed out the need for irrigation planning and layout needed in anticipation of the additional water expected from the Talent project. The drainage problem will be accelerated with additional water, he said.

Chester Jensen, chairman of the soil conservation district board of directors, discussed the purpose of the state association of soil conservation districts and the relationship with the governor's state committee, particularly as related to legislation affecting means and advancement of soil and water conservation activities in the state.

One bill calls for appropriation of \$1,000 per district for clerical help so technical personnel can be relieved of routine administrative chores. Another bill proposes to permit land operators as well as land owners to serve as soil conservation supervisors.

Arthur J. King, extension soil conservationist, stressed the possibility for development of market outlets in Mediterranean areas for Jackson county products, especially for field seeds. Soil topography and climate here are similar in many respects to the Mediterranean lands, he noted.

Varied Activities Planned in Valley

A wide variety of Centennial activities are planned this week end throughout Jackson county.

The Centennial parade, sponsored by the Medford Trail Riders, will arrive in the downtown Medford area about 1 p.m. Saturday. The parade will start at the Jackson County Sheriff's posse grounds on Sage rd. at 12:30 p.m.

The parade will go south on Summit ave. to Jackson st. then proceed to Holly st. and to Sixth st., east on Sixth st. to Bartlett st., south to Main st., to Holly st. from where it will return to the Posse grounds.

Included will be covered wagons, riding horses, pack mules, old cars and other vehicles, it was reported. "Whiskerino Contest"

In Central Point old fashioned clothing will be the order of the day Saturday with a "whiskerino contest" scheduled at Phelps' Coffee house at 3 p.m.

Saturday at 6 p.m. the Central Point Grange will hold its Centennial dinner with a paganant following the meal. All tickets for the banquet have been sold. Dancing will be held later Saturday night at the Grange hall.

Mayor F. W. Mason of Central Point has issued a proclamation urging citizens to celebrate Oregon's Centennial Saturday and throughout the year.

Two Centennial breakfasts have been scheduled for Sunday morning. One will be held in Jacksonville and one in Talent.

Breakfast Scheduled
The Jacksonville Community hall will be the setting for the Buckaroo breakfast from 6 a.m. until 1 p.m. The Lumberjack breakfast in Talent will be held at the Talent city hall between 7 a.m. and 1 p.m.

A dance is scheduled for Saturday night at the Ashland National Guard armory. An hour long salute to the Oregon Centennial will be heard Saturday on radio station KMED from 3:30 until 4:30 p.m.

The program will originate from the Capitol rotunda in Salem and will include addresses by Vice President Richard M. Nixon and Governor Mark Hatfield.

Musical Narrative
The musical narrative, written and produced by Angus Bowmer, producer-director of

the Oregon Shakespearean Festival in Ashland, will be narrated by Don McCutcheon, public services director of the Oregon Association of Broadcasters.

Music during the program will include the 60-piece Portland symphony orchestra and

the 75-voice symphonic choir. This evening following the Jacksonville High school basketball game a group of Explorers from Post 35 under the leadership of Jerry Pawlowski will leave Jacksonville on a hike to Sterling creek mine.

To Mark Trail
The 12 boys on the hike will rebaze the trail to the mine and mark it for later use. The event will qualify the Explorers for the historical trail award.

The trail was a first used during the 1800s by wagons traveling from Jacksonville to the gold mine. The boys will camp out tonight and are scheduled to arrive at the mine tomorrow morning.

They will be met at the mine by an "old timer" who will teach them how to pan gold.

Cloudy skies and wind are forecast for Saturday, according to the weather bureau here.

Court Opposing House Bill 360
Jackson county court has written State Sen. Dr. Edwin R. Durno and State Rep. Eve Nye stating it opposed House Bill 360.

The bill provides that state, counties, cities and other districts and public corporations must call for bids on all work estimated to cost more than \$5,000. This would include alterations or wrecking of buildings, construction or repair of bridges, streets and roads. Maintenance projects are excepted.

County Commissioner Chester Wendt said no limit is set now on what the county must put up for bid. This bill would take the county out of the road construction business and make it too costly to operate a roads program, Wendt said.