

Jack Thompson Appears Secure As Elections Head

Salem (UPI) — Jack F. Thompson appeared yesterday to have secured his job as state elections director.

Thompson was the choice of Secretary of State Howell Appling for the post and received an interim appointment.

However, permanent appointment hinged on civil service exams and the state civil service commission announced Friday that Thompson topped all candidates in the competitive exam.

He is a registered Democrat, while Appling is a Republican.

A dispute developed earlier this year when Appling gave Thompson the temporary appointment and at the same time asked the civil service commission to relax its qualifications for the job.

State Sen. Monroe Sweetland (D-Milwaukie) charged that this was an attempt to "rig" the examination so that Appling's man would be in.

The secretary replied that this was "cheap, political poppycock."

"It is very gratifying to have our judgment of Mr. Thompson confirmed in such a rigorous competition conducted by the civil service commission," Appling commented.

Thompson served five years



TEST FLIGHT—Test Pilot Scott Crossfield, shown at the controls of the X-15 rocket plane, will guide the stub-winged craft on a free-flight, non-powered glide to earth at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., to test flight characteristics. The X-15, designed to carry a man into orbit around the earth, will be carried aloft by a giant B-52 bomber and released for its glide at about 38,000 feet.

Damage Suit in Court is \$60,039

Damages totalling \$60,039.67 were awarded by a Jackson county circuit court jury Friday to Leslie N. Pruett, 3628 South Pacific highway.

Court observers claimed as an administrator in the federal service in Japan, in addition to wartime service in the Marine Corps.

this is the largest known personal injury verdict ever awarded in a contested case here.

Pruett was seeking \$100,000 in damages from M. C. Lininger and Sons, 3959 Hamrick rd., as a result of an industrial accident.

Pruett claimed he received severe third degree electrical burns on his hands, feet and

legs on July 27, 1954, when a crane operated by another man allegedly hit a power line.

Pruett's attorneys were Bernard P. Kelly and Hugh Collins, both of Medford. Circuit Court Judge James M. Main presided. The jury brought in the verdict after being out 1 1/2 hours.

Arizona has the largest stand of yellow pine in the U.S.

McLoughlin Students Get Awards at Assembly

Climaxing the year's activities, McLoughlin Junior High school students were presented school letters, pins, and certificates by Glenn Linn, principal, at the awards assembly last week.

Valerie Knights won the

Cub Scouts

Pack I Picnic

Cub Scouts of St. Mary's school held their annual picnic at TouVelle State park Saturday, June 6. Parents and friends of Cub Scouts helped make it one of the biggest events on the Scouting calendar.

Each club furnished a hot dish of some type while hotdogs, ice cream, punch and coffee were purchased with unit funds. General chairman for the picnic was Mrs. John Leavens with Mrs. Lester Stinson and Mrs. Frank Gritsch assisting her.

During the afternoon the Cubs played games with ribbons for contest winners. Elbert Nelson and Hal Krueger had charge of the game activity.

Charles Hackett who is scoutmaster for Troop 1 was present to receive the Cubs who were graduating into Boy Scouting. A group of Boy Scouts performed the ceremony which enabled the Cubs to join their unit.

The following awards were presented to the Cubs of Pack 1 during the evening ceremonies.

Bobcats, John Gritsch, John Hackett, Jerry Jones, Mike Mahar, Sammy Naumes, Tommy Owings, Gary Pullman, Danny Ratty, and Greg Scherzinger.

Wolf badge, David Patterson.

Gold arrow (under Wolf), David Budreau, Mike Brophy, and William Bates.

Silver arrow (under Wolf), Dorian Corliss, John Leavens (2), Tommy Nave (2), Stephen Rossi, Robert Scherzinger, and William Bates.

Bear badge, Louis Mahar. Silver arrow (under Bear), Randy Dibble, Patrick Mannely, Danny Stinson, Steven Rose, Jerry Gritsch, Chris Olson, and Steven Williams.

Lion, Patrick Mannely, Charles Darland, Eric Jensen, Douglas Nelson, William Pruett, James Batzer, Larry Hochstatter, John Lowry, and David Nicoletti.

Webelows, Bob Anderson, Tom Clark, Mark Froeber, Richard Hanawalt, Eric Johnson, James Naumes, Larry Spielbusch, Glen Stewart, Steven Strobel, Dennis Sullivan, Greg VanDyke, and Stephen Whinihan.

coveted Daughters of the American Revolution award and will have her name engraved on the plaque. Elaine Davenport and Don Kengla were runners-up. Future Homemakers awards went to JoAnne Kibler, Carolyn Kieff, Sheryl Martin, and Wylajjo Mills.

Several art and shop students won national and state recognition for their work. Those receiving awards were Dave Jackson, soap carving, and Harold Huettle, linoleum block print. Jerry Niedermeier, Dennis Gaster, Dave Elmgren and Jerry Zemlicka won woodworking awards.

Scholarship Awards

Scholarship awards went to Valerie Knights and Elaine Davenport, seventh grade; Sharon Baize, eighth grade; and Marsha Watson and Richard Knights, ninth grade. Joel Gregory was named to the star reporter award and will have his name engraved on the plaque. Lois Stedman was the runner-up.

The busiest students winning awards were the students winning activity letters. They were John Alansky, Judy Chastain, Lesaine Davenport, Karen Ekberg, Joel Gregory, Dennis Gaster, Wallace Huffman, Richard Knights, Valerie Knights, Julie Latham, Linda Mattson, Ruth Milligan, Claudia Owen, Cheryl Stewart, Lois Stedman, Ronald Smith, Sharon Hale, Frank Van Pelt, Cheryl Vessey, Marsha Watson, and Carl Washburn.

The Booster Sportsmanship award went to Minda Ells and Dennis Gaster.

Baby sitting certificates were presented to those who qualified. National Poetry awards, orchestra and band letters, majorettes, and yell leaders were also presented as well as to the golf, track and tennis team members.

Graduate Receives Preaching Award

Philip Armour Getchell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bayard M. Getchell, 28 Ashland ave., Medford, received his bachelor of divinity degree in ceremonies held last evening by the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, Berkeley.

He was also awarded the alumni preaching prize.

Mr. Getchell is a candidate from the diocese of Oregon and is a member of St. Mark's Episcopal church here. Early next week he will take his canonical examination.

Airport Dedication Set in Grants Pass

Grants Pass — Grants Pass' new airport will be dedicated next Sunday. The airport is located six miles northwest of the city.

Events will include fly-ins by visiting pilots, a chuckwagon breakfast and lunch, pilot competition, a jet flyover, parachute jumps, Naval reserve center dedication and Elks Flag Day ceremony.

Helicopter rides will be available. Pilot competition includes spot landings, ribbon cutting, bombings, and prizes to the oldest, youngest and the most distant pilots.

Buffalo herds in North America at the time of the white man's arrival have been estimated as high as 60,000,000 animals.

Indian Centennial Planned in Madras

Madras — Plans for an Indian Centennial celebration June 25-27 have been announced by the confederation Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation in central Oregon.

Linton Winishut, chairman of the Warm Springs Centennial committee, outlined the three-day program in a letter inviting Gov. Mark Hatfield to be a guest speaker June 26.

A parade will open morning festivities all three days. It will be followed by a beauty contest, with a winner to be announced each morning.

Evenings will be devoted to tribal and other dances, starting at 7 p.m. and run-

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From the soil comes the sustenance of the world. From the hard working man who tills the soil comes the fruits of Nature in bountiful array. God loves the Farmer, someone has said, because he is in such close communion with the good earth. He plows it. He plants it. He worries over it. And lo, then his smiling fields are lush and abundant with tassels, tomatoes and all the things we eat. Fat cows and porkers give us milk and meat. And Mrs. Farmer has chickens and turkeys for the market. Without the Farmer there would be no life or living. Let's salute his sun up to sunset existence... and be grateful for his bounty!

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NEW OFFICER — Clarence Young, president of Rogue Valley State bank, recently was elected treasurer of the Oregon Bankers association at the 54th annual convention in Portland.

EXAGGERATED REPORT

Berkeley, Calif. — (UPI) — Patrolman Lee Jones checked out a complaint Friday of "a half nude young woman at San Pablo ave. and Channing way." He sent this jaundiced report to headquarters: "It proved to be a low-cut gown with a broken zipper."

Western Moonion Wire Sent by Ike

Washington — (UPI) — President Eisenhower used the moon as a messenger service yesterday to send greetings to Canadian Prime Minister John G. Diefenbaker and scientists at a new U.S.-Canadian research laboratory.

The message, bounced off the moon, traveled about 500,000 miles in 2.7 seconds last Wednesday, the White House announced. It was taped and played yesterday at the official opening of the laboratory at Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.

The President said the event

marked "another major advance along the road of cooperative ventures between our two countries in defense research and other fields."

Diefenbaker, who heard the message, agreed that the laboratory is a "significant milestone in our mutual cooperation in the defense sciences."

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