

Porter Praises Smokey Bear on Floor of House

Washington (UPI)—Representative Charles O. Porter (D-Ore.) Wednesday praised the United States Forest Service and its firefighting Smokey Bear on the floor of the House of Representatives.

Porter praised the forest service "for its ingenious promotion of Smokey Bear and for its other remarkably well executed efforts to save the nation's forests for the profit and pleasure of everyone."

Richard E. McCordle, Forest Service Chief, told Porter that Smokey Bear receives more than a thousand letters and postcards daily, mostly from children. The Forest Service has set up a Junior Forest Ranger organization for children which has more than three million members.

McCordle told Porter that "We believe there is a direct correlation between Smokey's success and the dramatic forest fire reduction since the program started in 1953."

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Senators Have Plan for Laggards

Washington (UPI)—When the late bell rings in school, that's it for the laggard student.

But not so in the United States Senate. The dignified lawmakers have a special gimmick to cover up for dawdling senators.

Just before the roll is closed, a senator in the chamber will ask innocently whether he has voted on the bill. He knows he has, the clerk knows he has, and so does the presiding officer. Nevertheless, they go through the formality of checking the record to stall for time for the missing colleagues.

If more time is needed, a senator will even ask how he voted, as though he didn't know. There have been times when half the senators in the chamber, so far as the record shows, didn't know whether or how they voted.

When all missing senators are in the chamber, the pretense is dropped and the vote is announced.

Burbank Birth Site To Be Restored

Lancaster, Mass. (UPI)—The birth site of the late Luther Burbank, famous horticulturist, will soon be restored.

Piles of bricks are all that are left of the house where Burbank was born 110 years ago. Troops at nearby Fort Devens have used the property as an assault training area.

Army engineers will clear the property, cut the grass, fill in the foxholes and dugouts and replace dead elms with sugar maples.

Later, a concrete obelisk bearing a bronze plaque will be placed on the spot where the house stood.

Sorber Transferred To Mt. Hood Forest

Robert P. Sorber, assistant ranger of the Applegate district, Rogue River National forest, is being transferred and promoted to district ranger of Lakes Ranger district, Mt. Hood National forest, according to Forest Supervisor C. E. Brown.

Sorber has been assigned to the Applegate district for the past six years as timber management forester and assistant ranger. Previously he served two years as forester on the Union Creek district. He received his forestry education at the University of California, graduating in 1951. He first worked for the forest service at Union Creek during the summer of 1948 as a forestry aid.

Sorber and his wife, Mary, have been active in Applegate Valley community affairs. He was chairman of the Applegate Community Centennial committee.

Sorber is a native of Bloomsburg, Pa. He served in the Air Force, and is a member of the Society of American Foresters.

The Sorbers expect to move about Aug. 10. Their new headquarters will be at Oak Grove Ranger station on the Clackamas river.

Right To Attend Funeral Refused

West Covina, Calif. (UPI)—Dr. Bernard Finch, 41, accused of killing his socialite wife, Barbara, has been denied permission to attend her funeral Friday.

Finch, part owner of a medical center, petitioned Superior Judge Lewis Drucker late Wednesday to be allowed to leave his jail cell to attend the funeral, but the jurist turned him down. The Finches had been estranged.

Judge Drucker said he thought Finch's attendance at the funeral services would be "improper under the circumstances."

Police Chief Allen Sill also revealed Mrs. Finch might have been beaten before she was shot. He said an autopsy disclosed that two head wounds on the dead woman each caused minor skull fractures. He said blood from the wounds had flowed down her shoulders, indicating she was standing after they were received.

Youth Has Trouble Finding Right Wife

Budapest (UPI)—The Hungarian youth newspaper "Magyar Ifjusag" reported indignantly on the troubles of a young man who had to keep improving his offer when he set out to find a wife.

The newspaper said that he received only a few replies to an advertisement in which he said: "Young man, firm character, seeks good girl who says with him in good and bad days."

A slightly better response followed a second ad saying: "Serious, well-situated, young intellectual seeks the acquaintance of pretty, intelligent girl."

However, the newspaper said the young man got a "sackful" of letters when he made a third advertisement read: "Fifty-year-old gentleman with nice apartment and car wants to get acquainted only with really beautiful and young girl."

Grange Notes

Gold Hill
Nearly 100 Grangers assembled at Gold Hill Grange hall Thursday, July 16, for Pomona visitation night.

Among visitors from 10 of the 14 other Granges in the county were the state lecturer, Vernon Croxton, Sams Valley, and masters, Robert Bitterling, Pomona and Eagle Point; Carl Christianson, Live Oak; Benton Boyce, Central Point; Charles Johnson, Phoenix; R. J. Ritchie, Roxy Ann; and Herman Kamping, Griffin Creek.

Also present were Roscoe Roberts, county deputy, and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Topping, Loomis Grange, Loomis, Calif.

Master Charles Foote was in charge of the business meeting, which opened with the seating drill and seating of the guests. Each spoke briefly.

Chauncey Page, agriculture chairman, reported that cattle prices are steady and lambs down slightly. HEC chairman, Mrs. Bertha Potter, turned over to the secretary profits of the Lions club dinner.

A. A. Walker discussed the 450,000 acres the government would eventually allow the state for grazing or recreational purposes.

Mrs. Marie Christensen reported that the authorities are encouraging fishing in Malheur county at Warm Springs reservoir, Beulah and other nearby lakes as the water is being drained for irrigation.

County Deputy Roberts spoke on the advantages of securing a rural fire department, particularly for the area between Gold Hill and Central Point.

He said the insurance company would loan money for the equipment which could be paid for by taxation and would be a good community investment.

Pomona chairman, Mrs. Edith Poe, urged members to participate in a current canning contest.

Willie McLean, a member of the lecturer's committee, was in charge of the program which included group singing; a skit by Mrs. Lena Laricks, Mrs. Christensen, Leona Jenks, and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Jones; vocal trio, Mrs. Norman Gail, Mrs. Roy Eskew and Mrs. Paul Molloy; a quiz on Oregon, and a recitation by Mrs. Grace Bruce.

Closing the program was a special drill honoring chaplains present with women participating wearing white.

Mrs. Marie Jones was voted into membership and will be initiated later.

HEC members served refreshments and Mrs. Josephine Loeffler and her committee provided flower arrangements for the meeting and social hour.

McKay Praised By Dr. Paul Raver

Seattle (UPI)—Dr. Paul Raver, former Bonneville Power administrator, praised former Interior Secretary Douglas McKay today as a "dedicated public servant and a kind and gracious person."

Dr. Raver, head of Seattle City Light, said "over many years Gov. McKay was a personal friend of mine and his passing is a real personal loss. I worked with him as governor of Oregon and as secretary of interior. He was kind and considerate and I will miss him greatly as will his many friends."

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