

Tainted Cranberries Declared Not Dangerous To Humans



QUEEN PICKED—Sharon Laing (in white, above) head majorette for the Medford High school band, was chosen queen of the Veterans Day parade yesterday morning. She is shown above being crowned with a floral headpiece by Pat Graham, of the Disabled American Veterans. At Miss Laing's side

is Bonnie Wilson, Medford High school majorette, who was chosen as runner-up. Also pictured are, left to right, Brig. Gen. William H. Prentice, County Judge Earl Miller and Henry Herzog, manager of the Camp White domiciliary.

Medford Laborer Found Guilty of Assault by Jury

Clarence Frederick Farleigh, 69-year-old Medford laborer, was found guilty by a Jackson county circuit court jury Tuesday of assault with a dangerous weapon.

The jury was out an hour before reaching a verdict. Later in the day, Circuit Court Judge Edward C. Kelly sentenced Farleigh to two years in the Oregon state penitentiary.

The verdict and sentence followed 1½ days of testimony. Court-appointed attorneys for the defense were O. H. Bengston, Gerald J. Scannell and Brian Mullen prosecuted the case for the district attorney's office.

Farleigh was charged with stabbing Stanley James Steege, 30, of 401 East 12th st., in Medford Aug. 2.

Other Cases

Judge Kelly also sentenced James C. McDowell, 41, of P.O. box 177, Talent, to a maximum term of five years in the Oregon state penitentiary for contributing to the delinquency of a minor. McDowell had pleaded guilty to the charges previously.

McDowell was charged with acts involving a 12 year old girl on Aug. 31.

Judge Kelly ordered a presentencing investigation on Charles La Vonne Coffey, 24, of Blackwell rd., Gold Hill. Coffey pleaded guilty in circuit court Tuesday "to breaking and entering a house with intent to commit a crime."

Coffey is charged with entering the home of Bonner Birdsong Oct. 3 and taking several guns.

Warrant Issued For Man's Arrest

A warrant for the arrest of Robert Carr Mix, 43, of 215 C st., Phoenix, charging him with assault with a deadly weapon, was issued by district court today.

Mix is being sought following a dispute Wednesday morning with his wife, Mrs. Aletha Maxine Mix, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mix, 2542 Walden place, according to Medford police and county sheriff's deputies.

Reports to police indicated that Robert C. Mix, armed with a revolver, shot through the door of a room at the Dan Mix residence, in which Aletha Mix had locked herself.

The hunted man was reported to have left the area in a pickup truck.

Seattle—UPI—John Rosellini, 77, father of Gov. Albert D. Rosellini, died at his home here today.

Symington Proposes New Six-Point Farm Bill

Long Beach, Calif.—UPI—Sen. Stuart Symington (D-Mo.) proposed today a broad six-point farm bill aimed at helping the small farmer in a speech before 2,000 members of the National Grange.

Obvious Waste of Money

"The farm program of the present administration is an obvious waste of both food and money," said Symington in a speech prepared before the 93rd annual convention of the National Grange.

He said the major purpose of the bill would be to "bring to the efficient family-sized

Miss Sharon Laing Selected Queen of Vets Day Parade

Miss Sharon Laing, daughter of Mrs. Nellie Laing, 260 Beatty st., Medford, and head drum majorette for Medford High school band, was crowned Veterans Day Queen in pre-parade ceremonies at the Library park in Medford yesterday.

Miss Bonnie Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Wilson, 19 North Peach st., was selected as runner-up, and accompanied Miss Laing in the parade.

They rode in a car with Jackson County Judge Earl Miller, parade marshal.

The queen and her assistant were selected by Henry Herzog, manager of the Camp White Domiciliary; Miller; and Brig. Gen. William H. Prentice, assistant to the commander of the 104th infantry division, Army reserve unit.

Included in the parade were local school bands, the United Spanish War Veterans, American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Veterans of World War I, in addition to local reserve units, and women's auxiliaries to veterans organizations.

Spanish American War veterans in the parade included Col. W. H. Paine, Andrew Unger, both of Medford, and Ellet Hitt, Central Point.

Frank C. High, Ashland, the valley's only known living Congressional Medal of Honor holder, led the parade in a special car. He received the medal for his participation in the Philippine Insurrection in 1899.

The parade was one of three Veterans Days events. Others included a breakfast at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall, and a dance at the Medford armory last night under the direction of the American Legion. Veterans Day events were sponsored by the Jackson County Allied Veterans council.

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Portland Paper Up To 32 Pages

Portland—UPI—The joint edition published by Portland's two daily newspapers in the face of a stereotypers' strike jumped from 24 to 32 pages today to carry customary food advertising.

Managements of the Oregon Journal and The Oregonian reported production of two editions Wednesday totaled more than 200,000 copies, nearly half the normal combined press runs.

They reached most subscribers' homes within Portland and a portion of those living in suburban areas.

Employees of the Oregonian's engraving department, who refused to pass the stereotypers' picket line Wednesday reported to their jobs this morning.

Portland—UPI—John H. Windham has taken over as agent in charge of the Portland office of the Federal Narcotics Bureau.

farmer a return on his investment, labor and managerial ability reasonably comparable to the returns received by people in other segments of the economy."

Less Taxpayer Cost

Symington, a hopeful for the Democratic presidential nomination, said enactment of his program would help the small farmer "at far less cost to the taxpayer than the cost of the present policies."

Symington promised to introduce the proposal as soon as Congress convenes in January.

Hearing Today on Wrecking Yard

A public hearing on a proposed wrecking yard on Highway 62 between Four Corners and Dessert Service station was scheduled for 1:30 p.m. today by the Jackson County court.

Court members have received two petitions signed by more than 70 residents of the area asking that the court deny approval of a proposed application for the yard by Wylie, Nelson and Lewis Baker.

The Baker brothers notified the court that they have land under option for establishment of a Crater Lake Wrecking yard, and plan to apply to the state department of motor vehicles for a license if the county court indicates it will approve the application.

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Rockefeller Won't Take Second Spot

Governor Admits Far Western Tour To Study Chances

Not a Candidate 'At This Time'

Los Angeles—UPI—Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller of New York said today he wants no part of second place on the Republican ticket in 1960 but he admitted openly he is touring the Far West to see what his chances are to run for the top spot.

Rockefeller shied away from saying he is or will be a candidate for President—but he told a news conference that his four-state tour will be "very useful to me in coming to a decision."

Told that some California Republicans pledged to Vice President Richard M. Nixon for the top spot on the ballot next year would like to see Rockefeller as his running mate, the 51-year-old New Yorker said: "I would not be available for the position of vice president under any circumstances."

Earlier, at an impromptu airport press conference, he said he definitely was not a candidate for president—"at this time."

Rockefeller added that he considered his job as governor of the nation's most populous state one of the top administrative posts in the country.

"Does that mean you think being vice president is a throttle-bottom job?" he was asked.

"You're not quoting me," Rockefeller said. (See story and picture on page 2)

Central Point Man Dies of Injuries

Lavonne H. Peters, 44, Central Point, who was injured in a logging accident Monday morning, died at Rogue Valley hospital Wednesday morning from injuries.

Peters was reported to have been working at a log dock for Bros Logging company about five miles east of Red Bank mill at Prospect, when a log rolled off a truck onto him.

He is survived by a wife, Josephine Peters, Central Point.

Funeral arrangements will be announced by Perl Funeral home.

Election Stated In Fire District

Central Point—An election will be held at the Central Point rural fire protection district hall Dec. 7 to name one director for a five-year term.

The director will take office Jan. 1. Term of Claude Hoover expires.

Nominating petitions are to be in the hands of Ray Vogel, district secretary, 15 days prior to the election. They may be mailed to post office box 494, Central Point, or may be brought to the fire hall.

"Oh, Well, I've Been Thrown Out Of Better Joints"



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Cancer Research Project Starts In Jackson County

1,000 Families To Be Contacted

A cancer prevention study among 17,000 Oregon families for the state division of the American Cancer Society is under way in Jackson county, where 1,000 families will be contacted, according to Mrs. Walter Garner, Medford, county chairman.

Oregon is one of 22 states participating in the research project, which is expected to shed light on what factors in the environment and habits of people can be pinpointed as contributing to or causing cancer.

Mrs. Garner said volunteers will contact families in which there is at least one person over the age of 45, and invite them to check a four-page questionnaire.

The questions and answers will be returned in sealed envelope to the research scientists in New York, she said. Reports must be completed and returned to the Oregon division office by Jan. 21.

Information obtained in the study will be compiled by the American Cancer Society staff under the direction of Dr. D. Cuyler Hammond, director of statistical research, who coordinated the recent smoking survey for the Society.

Assisting Mrs. Garner in the county research program will be Mrs. W. T. Dawkins and Mrs. Sidney Ainsworth, Ashland; Mary Southerland and Mrs. Ted Shoemaker, Gold Hill; Mrs. Hazel Ingle, Rogue River; Mrs. Donald E. Faber and Mrs. Wilton White, Central Point; and Mrs. J. R. Bar-tus of Eagle Point and Mrs. Willard Huffman of Prospect in the Union Creek, Trail, Shady Cove and Butte Falls areas.

Season's First Snow Reported at Pendleton

Pendleton—UPI—The first snow of the season here began falling about 10:30 a.m. and was sticking to the ground.

It was still snowing at noon. Heavy snow was reported in the Blue mountains with road snow and fog at Tollgate. There were heavy snow flurries at Meacham.



OFF FOR VACATION—President Eisenhower is shown as he arrived at MATS terminal in Washington this morning to board his plane for a vacation of rest and relaxation in Augusta, Ga., before leaving on his goodwill tour of Europe and Asia. Walking with the Chief Executive is his pilot, Lt. Col. William Thomas. (UPI Telephoto)

Police Detective Confers With Law Officers in KF

A Medford city police detective was in Klamath Falls this morning, conferring with Klamath Falls and California law enforcement officers regarding evidence in the case of Donald M. Thompson, 36, of Klamath Falls.

Thompson, who was arrested in Klamath Falls Sunday night on a San Pablo, Calif., warrant, was brought to Medford Tuesday, accused of the robbery of the new Safeway store here of \$2,700 Sept. 6. He is being held in Jackson county jail in lieu of \$15,000 bail.

California and Oregon police have searched nearly a year for a supermarket bandit who has held up more than 17 supermarkets in the two states.

Recent Holdup

During the most recent holdup, Oct. 30 in Sacramento, witnesses saw the getaway car for the first time. A yellow 1959 Cadillac answering the description of the getaway car was found at the Thompson home.

Thompson had made his home in Klamath Falls since arriving there from California in April. He was production manager of the Oregon Food Stores, a chain of three, and was an efficiency expert for chain markets. He was formerly district manager of the Purity Foods, Inc., in San Francisco.

Following his arrest Sunday, Thompson was identified as the man who had robbed supermarkets in the Eugene area by store officials there, as well as by witnesses to the Medford store holdup. Other witnesses were called from other Oregon points and California.

Value of Home

It was reported that Thompson's home was worth \$47,000, and that he had recently sold it but had not yet moved out. He lived there with his wife and two children. For the past few months, it was stated, he apparently had not been employed.

Thompson has consistently declared his innocence of the charges since his arrest. He offered no resistance, police

Mountain Road Travel Stopped; Hunters Missing

Cattle Stranded In High Ranges

Billings, Mont.—UPI—Six persons were counted dead today and an undetermined number of hunters were trapped in a savage storm that dumped up to 17 inches of snow across Montana.

The latest storm caused death came today when a Hardin, Mont. man died in a car accident on ice-covered Bozeman Hill on Southwestern Montana.

Ground and air transportation was snarled, hunters were trapped in the wind-swept Rockies and thousands of cattle were stranded by the swirling snow.

50-Mile-an-Hour Winds

The worst storm of the winter, packing 50-mile-an-hour winds when it broke out of the high mountain ranges, pushed toward the Northern and Central Plains and the upper Mississippi Valley today.

Heavy snow warnings were posted for portions of Nebraska and South Dakota with local accumulations of more than four inches. The storm was expected to reach northwest Iowa tonight.

Many Hunters Unreported

The Montana blizzard left many hunters unreported. However, sheriff's officers said the hunters probably were not in any serious trouble because of the relatively warm temperatures.

A veteran stockman estimated 10,000 to 15,000 sheep and cattle were stranded in high mountain ranges. Riders expected to try today to get feed to the cattle.

Air travel was halted because of poor visibility and many motorists were forced to abandon their cars.

Highway Travel Stopped

All highway travel between Helena and Missoula across the Continental Divide was stopped by the State Highway Patrol and sheriff's officers closing a 117 mile stretch of U.S. 10.

An estimated 50 cars slid from the highway in the Hellgate Canyon between Missoula and Helena.

Small Amount Of Residue Said To Be Harmless

Magazine Backs Chemist's Claim

New York—UPI—The chemist whose laboratory experiments disclosed that a weed killer used on some cranberry crops produced cancer in rats said Wednesday night the tainted berries were not dangerous to humans.

Dr. Boyd Shaffer, a toxicologist for the American Cyanamid Co., said his experiments with aminotriazole produced cancer in rats only after "continued administration over the lifetime of the rats at a relatively high dosage."

He said similar experiments with dogs produced no cancer. "If you ask me whether the very small amount of residue presented (in the tainted cranberries) is dangerous to people, I steadfastly maintain the answer is no," he said.

Magazine Supports View

Shaffer said a human "would have to eat 15,000 pounds of cranberries a day for many years" before he would suffer any ill effect from consumption of the chemical residue.

The McGraw-Hill Chemical Week in an editorial prepared for the Nov. 28 issue supported Shaffer's view.

The magazine said a person would have to eat large amounts of the berries every day for more than 20 years to reach the feeding-test levels at which the weed killer first proved harmful.

"And nobody, but nobody, eats that many cranberries," Chemical Week added.

Professor Robert D. Sweet of Cornell University also debunked reports that the tainted berries might be dangerous to humans.

Compared With Cigarettes

"As far as the danger is concerned," Sweet said, "I would rather take my chances with cranberries than to smoke cigarettes."

Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Arthur S. Flemming started the controversy Monday when he warned that a portion of the Washington and Oregon crops had been contaminated by the weed killer.

Some food chains and grocers across the nation withdrew their stocks from public sale.

Dr. Mayfield to Speak at Rotary

Dr. Leonard B. Mayfield, superintendent of Medford schools, will speak at the Medford Rotary club meeting Tuesday, Nov. 17, at the Rogue Valley Country club. His topic will be his recent 30-day trip to European and Russian cities.

Dr. Mayfield, who recently was appointed to the advisory council of the American Association of School Administrators, returned from the Russian tour last Saturday.

The ladies of Rotary will be special guests at the luncheon meeting Tuesday. Women not contacted by a member of the telephone committee should contact Mrs. Harvey D. Field, NOrmandy 4-2204 for reservations before Friday evening.

Reorganization Committee Goes Ahead With Preparation of District Plan

The Jackson county school district reorganization committee has decided to "proceed with preparation of a reorganization plan" for some districts, County School Superintendent Alf B. Mekvold said this week. Others will be included later.

Those in the plan now include Rogue River and Evans Valley, District 6 or Central Point, Pinehurst and Ashland, the newly consolidated Phoenix-Talent district, now known as Phoenix district, and Prospect, which will remain alone.

The Jackson county committee has received an extension of time to Dec. 1 for submitting the county's reorganization plan.

"Plans for the districts will be completed as soon as possible so the state board of education will have time to consider them," Mekvold said.

"It is anticipated that the approved plans will be returned to the county in time to call for an election on pro-

posed district administrations for Rogue River-Evans Valley, and for Ashland-Pinehurst. After that, elections will be called for new school board officials. This should be early enough so the new boards can participate in the budget-making for the following school year," Mekvold added.

It is not possible to include the newly consolidated Medford District 549 since Apple-gate district may have to join Medford. Applegate residents seem to favor joining with the Josephine county unit, Mekvold noted. "No word has been received from the Josephine county officials on whether they would favor this proposed move," the county school superintendent said.

"There are special provisions in the reorganization law concerning the school board in districts with a population of over 40,000," Mekvold noted. "Estimates indicate the present Medford district is approaching this figure and steps are being taken to ar-

rive at a definite figure so the Jackson county reorganization committee will know which provisions of the law apply."

Probably the people of Butte Falls school district will have to further consider the committee's present proposal that Butte Falls be joined with Eagle Point before the proposal can be included in the final plans, Mekvold said.

The reorganization committee deferred action on a new petition to transfer a section of District 6 in the Miller's Gulch and Fiddler's Green area to the Rogue Valley district. This is a part of the larger area up to Rock Point bridge which had been proposed for transfer to the Rogue River district by petition presented at the Jackson county school district boundary board's hearing on Nov. 3.

The boundary board is deferring action on the over-all area until an attorney general's opinion is received on the jurisdiction of the boundary board.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Partly cloudy tonight and Friday. Cooler. Low tonight 20. High Friday 52-54.

Highest Yesterday 53
Lowest This Morning 27

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today 4:53 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 6:59 a.m.
Moonset tomorrow 5:13 a.m.
Full Moon Nov. 13
Visible Planets
Saturn, setting at 7:57 p.m., moves very slowly among the stars.
Venus, rising at 3:18 a.m., is moving eastward among the stars and will appear near Saturn in February.

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