

Soil Conservation Committee to Meet

Salem - (UPI) - The Oregon Soil Conservation committee will meet here Friday, Jan. 15 to discuss a number of topics including measures to be considered for the 1961 Legislature.

The committee is expected to hire an administrative assistant, as authorized by the 1959 Legislature and act on a petition by land owners of Umatilla county for expansion of the South Umatilla Soil Conservation district.

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Affable Senator Kennedy Tells All Who Listen That Aspirations Are Presidential

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Washington - Was Senator John F. Kennedy's formal launching of his presidential campaign a quivering moment of history, or just another exercise in futility? The trim candidate in the non-Ivy league blue pin stripe knew his craft may capsize of the rocky shoals of the re-

ligious issue, but he exuded confidence that his bold voyage would succeed.

He told any who doubted that his intentions were purely presidential. He patiently repeated to reporters who nipped his sentences, that he would not accept the vice presidential nomination. Should the more glittering prize elude him, he will stay in the Senate.

"All a vice president does is preside over the Senate, and keep a watchful eye on the President's health," he grinned lugubriously, taking a subtle swipe at Vice President Nixon.

Warning to Leaders

While it wasn't evident to this reporter, James Reston of the New York Times said Kennedy's adamant stand on the vice presidency was a warning to Democratic party leaders that they weren't going to use him. In other words, they can't have it both ways: refuse him the presidential nomination because he is a Catholic, yet give him the vice presidential nomination to woo Catholic votes.

The huge senate caucus room was a mass of elbow pushing humanity. There wasn't enough seats for the 140 reporters; many were forced to stand around the marble-walled edges of the room amidst the Corinthian columns. The candidate stood in the center, facing the full battery of four network TV

cameras. The uninvited public and a sizeable cheering section of Kennedy admirers took seats at the rear.

The most beautiful spectator sat in the second row, her demeanor quiet but intense. She watched the handsome candidate with rapt concentration, her lips sometimes parted in a gentle smile. She was elegant in a black wool sheath, whose severity was softened by a Christmas red coat. The syndicated columnist, Joe Alsop, engaged her in conversation. As the gathering broke up, a blustery citizen strode up to her and asked who she was. He received a smile as she softly told him she was "Mrs. John Kennedy."

Pictures of Mrs. Kennedy

The ubiquitous table-jumping photographers then hustled Mrs. Kennedy to the front of the room for pictures with the candidate. "Just one more... put your arm around her... come on now, smile." The Kennedys were composed and cooperative under this prodding. As one shaggy reporter said admiringly, "She'll be responsible for many a vote, man."

When most of the press and public had departed, Kennedy lounged against a press table, his leathery brown face wreathed in smiles, and swapped easy banter with

lingering members of the press. He is affable, candid and extremely articulate.

One newsman joshed him about giving up a Caribbean vacation to endure the tough presidential grind. "When doesn't he play golf, he reads books," Kennedy readily conceded that he relished his sunny vacation.

"You can read a lot of books lying on the sands of Jamaica," he said.

Books Not Revealed

He wouldn't be tricked into revealing his reading preference when someone asked him whether the books he read on the beach were paperback westerns. But many a newsman knows his proclivity for serious reading, having caught him in airport waiting rooms, perusing the Foreign Affairs Quarterly and other erudite publications.

Whether this was an historic or futile start, no one could know, but the candidate and the crowd joined in laughter when a reporter concluded the event with a puckish "Thank you, Mr. President," the traditional phrase for ending a presidential news conference.

Salem - (UPI) - Public Utility Commissioner Jonel C. Hill has granted an increase of \$11,600 in gross revenue to Central Heating company, Eugene.



OUTDOOR BOWLING ALLEY-Despite chill weather, a bowler makes his mark on this granite bowling alley just outside Barre, Vt. The Barre Granite Association says this lane has withstood temperatures ranging from 40 degrees below zero to 90 degrees above. - (UPI Telephoto)

Only Bowling Alley Made of Granite Used in Vermont

Barre, Vt. - (UPI) - High in the Green Mountains of Vermont is the nation's only granite bowling alley - and it's outdoors, too.

The use of granite flooring is an experiment, more than two years old, dramatically demonstrating the granite industry's intention of keeping its stone-age product abreast of rocket-age developments. The two highly polished pieces of granite have with-

stood the winter's 40-below-zero temperatures and the summer's 90-plus.

Officials of the Barre Granite Association here in what is generally considered the "Granite Capital of the World" say that the truest and smoothest of the alley shows that the industry is aware of the part it can play in the Space Age.

Can Be Polished Flat

For example, only infinitesimal tolerances are permitted in the flat surfaces used in making templates for rocket construction. And association general manager Milton Lyndes says granite can be polished flat "to be made level within 1/20-millionth of an inch."

Barre granite, acknowledged by industry sources and geologists to be of superior quality for hardness, resistance to staining and fineness of grain, is being bought by many firms involved in the manufacture of jet planes and rockets.

On the other hand, a miniature rocket motor attached to a steel shaft is being used to "jet-pierce" quarry rocks at twice the speed of sound. This widens the choice of quarry sites and the workable varieties of dimension stone since no rock in nature can withstand the power of this "jet."

The device also cuts time and labor costs, important to an industry that's 135 years old.

Quarrying first began in the Barre area about 1824 and since then some 10,000,000 tons have been taken out of the ground. Of the stone quarried, 85 per cent has not been used. This portion is called grout, material unsuitable for monuments plus rejects because of flaws and shape.

Employs 2500 Persons

The five quarries in operation today produce more granite than the 72 in existence just before the start of the 1900s. Sales were expected to exceed \$20,000,000 in 1959.

The Barre granite industry has an annual payroll of more than \$10,000,000 and employs about 2,500 persons. Cutters receive a basic hourly rate of \$2.35, quarriers \$2.03½ and lumpers or common laborers \$1.98½.

Monuments still constitute about 80 per cent of the total business. But curbing, steps, building panels and markers made out of granite are being used at an increasing rate.

Vermont's Capitol was built of granite in 1838 and was the first major building in the nation to be so constructed.

Hunter Wanted Ducks, Got Fish

Council Bluffs, Ia. - C. G. Wilkins swears he went duck hunting and came up with a fish.

Wilkins said he was in a blind on a sand bar in the Missouri river and shot at a mallard just as it was lighting among his decoys.

He rowed out to collect the duck and heard a splashing among the decoys. "And there was a three-pound catfish flopping around that had been hit with one of the pellets," he said. "I picked him up, too."

His son, 10-year-old Tommy, vouched for the story.

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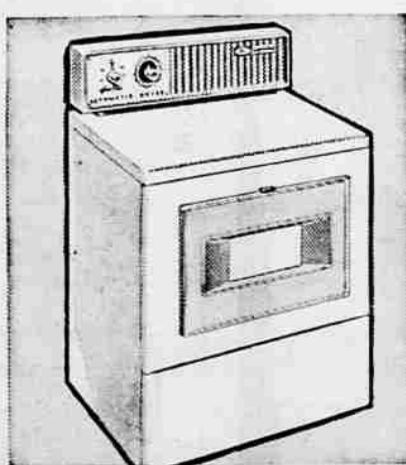
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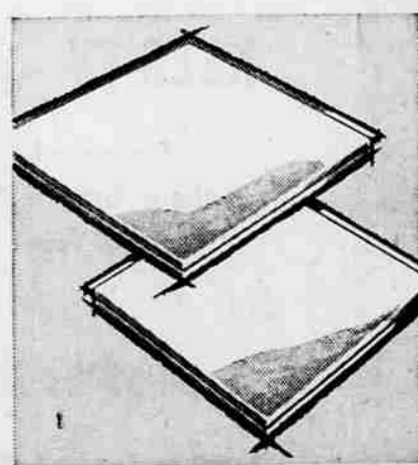
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