Porter Asked To Demonstrate 'Statesmanship'

Bend – (UPI) – Former Governor Elmo Smith today called on Rep. Charles O. Porter (D-Ore.) to "demonstrate some statesmanship" by letting Smith's efforts to keep the Northwest regional post office in Portland be decided on its merits.

Smith, a candidate for the U.S. Senate, said Porter's accusations that he and Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield were making a "political football" out of the proposed switch of the regional post office from Portland to Seattle were false.

Smith said that Porter's dabbling in politics could easily endanger the efforts to keep the office in Portland.

"I know from my personal interview with Summerfield that the decision to move the regional post office to Seattle was not made on a political basis," Smith said. "It was made in an effort to consolidate administrative expense made necessary because Congress had ruined the post office's budget. And Porter is one of the men who voted for a budget cut of $45 million," Smith concluded.

Smith, a Republican, opposes Mrs. Maurine Neuberger, a Democrat, for one of Oregon's two senatorial positions.

GI DEATHS CONFIRMED

Washington – (UPI) – The Defense department reports it has definite evidence of the deaths of 61 more American servicemen listed as unaccounted for when the Korean War ended. The department said Friday it now has narrowed to 391 the total of 944 who were missing and unaccounted for when the war ended in 1953. It said it had "no reliable information" to indicate any of those were alive but that possibly "cannot be completely foreclosed" and the investigation will continue.

Pickin' Pears

News and Notes From Camp White

By WALTER TOWNSEND

Mrs. Frankie Burton of the Red Cross read to some dozen men for an hour beginning at 10 a.m. Wednesday recently. The men were grouped around the large table at the library's group meeting room.

The chief librarian, Enid Holmes, wrote the names of visiting members on the board, putting "Mr." in front of each name. It made the men feel welcome and that they belonged in this room.

First item read by Mrs. Burton was about a lion. Next a great deal was read about Seattle and Alaska. Then an item about world peace was read.

Frankie Burton stopped. Everybody was asked to tell how old he was. Many proudly stated their number of years on earth. This was interesting, especially, when Frankie Burton told her own age.

Frankie also stated she had no children and until recently had never ridden a bicycle. But she is learning. And she had bruised knees and was bruised all over, she said.

The members were getting interested in her accident when Mrs. Burton suddenly began to read again. She read an article on uranium. And how a man made nine million dollars just looking around, recently. The man was out in the hills and prospecting as a mere amateur when he found the fabulous fortune.

The men enjoyed this wonderful experience. They became utterly silent and strained to hear every word.

The article read from a current magazine dealt with great wealth – nine million dollars. It told of American opportunity which lies outside the window, just by prospecting and looking around on hills and dales. It was all very true, the long and interesting article claimed.

Twelve men were attentive to the absorbing piece and nearing the end of the hour, a melee of excited conversation arose.

The group was beginning to have a good time. Frankie switched again. She read about a well-known recent prize fight. Time flew. She even read the baseball news and apologised vigorously for not knowing too much about it.

She picked up a national magazine and read humorous little items. Then again, she turned to serious matters of hope and opportunity.

This subject had already been exhausted, Frankie suddenly remembered. She read of rockets in Russia; Roseburg explosion, etc. brought no comment. Then Fargo, N. Dak.'s heavy vote was flashed out by the charming and energetic voice of Frankie Burton. Still no comment.

Back to Russia, and yet all was silently received. Russia's minister of trade was read about. A solitary member of the group became slightly aroused and spoke his piece on prices.

Mrs. Burton is a rapid reader and loses no time on inconsequential matters. The men wait for her patiently on Wednesday morning of each week, for nearly always she holds them spellbound.

Mrs. Burton, petite and bubbling with energy, is a wonderful visitor to the veterans who cannot read at the domiciliary.

Somehow, she was not quite satisfied with the results she had obtained on this particular morning. After the uranium story, their interest had diminished. The end of the hour was up.

Suddenly, Frankie picked up a national magazine and said, "This is short; do you want to hear it?" Everybody said they wanted to hear it.

It turned out to be a vivid article on a journey into the Amazon. It seemed, all at once, to all the men, that all of them had left the room and were traveling with Theodore Roosevelt in Brazil.

So, once again, the reading hour of Frankie Burton of the Red Cross turned out to be a success after all.

Scout Jamboree Draws to Close

Colorado Springs, Colo.–As the fifth national jamboree drew to a close this week end, about 75 Boy Scouts and their leaders from northern California and southern Oregon are preparing for their trek home.

Friday the group was scheduled to tour Pueblo and the Air Force academy grounds across from the jamboree site. The following day they were to eat breakfast at the jamboree, lunch in Salida, and in the evening at the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National monument at Grand Junction.

Today the troops were to participate in church services at Grand Junction, then travel to Price for lunch, and arrive at Salt Lake City for dinner and night lodging. Tonight's housing has been tentatively set for Fairmont park.

Tomorrow they will tour Salt Lake City, the Bingham Copper mine, and have an overnight trip to Reno. They are to sleep on the bus. Tuesday, they will have breakfast at Stead Air Force base, Reno, and lunch in Carson City, visit Virginia City, and return to the base at night.

Wednesday, they will be at Lassen Volcanic National park for lunch, and arrive at Mt. Shasta about 4 p.m. (PDT); Yreka at 4:45 p.m. (PDT); and Medford at 5:30 p.m. (PST). A revised schedule may put the group 30 minutes ahead of time, according to local Scout officials.

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