

Witnesses Testify in Trial of Texas Fertilizer Magnate

Goldwater Scores JFK's Action in Steel Price Hikes

Portland — (UPI) — Sen. Barry Goldwater Saturday termed President Kennedy's attack on proposed steel price hikes "something you would expect in a police state."

Goldwater said he was sorry the industry backed down and rescinded its proposed price increases.

The Arizona Republican arrived here en route to Vandenberg Air Force Base, California, after spending Friday night visiting at Adair Air Force Base in Corvallis.

He said the steel industry "was justified in raising the price because of increasing costs, but the president, who doesn't understand economics, couldn't see that."

Goldwater also said he considered former Gen. Edwin Walker's statements before a Senate investigating committee "unfortunate."

"It's a pity he was so inarticulate — he had a real story to tell," Goldwater said.

Goldwater said Kennedy is "after business all the time. Why doesn't he go after labor, too?" He said Kennedy has had nothing to say about strikes at missile bases.

Businessmen of Downtown Area Form Committee

About 40 Medford businessmen met for an organizational meeting Wednesday noon to form a new group called the Downtown Merchants Association.

Purpose of the organization will be to coordinate efforts to revitalize the downtown shopping area and to clean up and beautify certain areas of the business district.

Mrs. Phil Brainard was elected chairman of the group.

A number of committees were outlined at the meeting: attendance, inter-city coordination, landlording coordination, parking meter, employee, promotion, and finance.

Other meetings are planned for the near future, according to Mrs. Brainard.

Meet With City

Four representatives from the group met later in the afternoon with members of the city administration and the Medford park and recreation commission.

Subjects discussed included the possibility of straightening a section of the channel of Bear creek, and filling in an area under the freeway viaduct in order to provide about 135 parking spaces.

The park and recreation commission scheduled a special meeting for next week at which time it will consider what if any recommendations it wishes to make in connection with the proposed projects.

27 MHS Students Society Pledges

John R. Dellenback, incumbent Republican candidate for state representative, will speak at the 27th annual initiation ceremonies in the Medford High school cafeteria at 8 p.m., April 16. Twenty-seven pledges will be honored.

Several members of the society will give addresses of welcome, and explain goals of the society. These include Joel Gregory, Jill Barnes, Vicky Enders, Marsha Watson, and John Alinsky. The high school string ensemble will provide entertainment.

Medford High School Principal Lester D. Harris will present certificates and pins to new members.

Initiates are James Arthur, Leslie Van Gorden, Pat Thompson, Linda Nelson, Sherry Koblik, Sue House, Sue Jahn, Howard Haugen, Todd Jones, Garner Haugen, Rilla Kay Den Herder, Judy Huener, David Warren, Carl Farmer, Heather Rode, Ron Ingram, Vicki Toenniges, Gary Ruck, Sharon Smei, Coralee Fawcett, Rosanne Legas, Pam Miller, Martha Graham, Janet O'Sullivan, Doris Young, Larry Smith and Mike Whithan.

U.S. National Shows Deposit Increases

The Medford and North Medford branches of the U.S. National Bank recorded total combined deposits of \$10,246,587.49, according to Allan F. Perry, Medford branch manager.

Loans and discounts for the local branches totaled \$23,133,796.74.

Deposits, loans and total resources of U.S. National Bank of Portland all registered substantial gains over the past 12 months, bank officials noted.

Deposits were up more than \$78 million and now total \$876,006,986 compared to \$797,381,185 recorded a year ago.

Loans increased more than \$7 million and now stand at \$418,473,898.

A new building for the North Medford branch is also due for completion this summer.

Donahoe to Attend Portland Meeting

Elmer W. Donahoe, Jackson county veterans' service officer, will attend the semi-annual Oregon county service officers' conference in Portland this week.

Annual Y Auction Scheduled May 5

The 12th annual Medford YMCA auction will be held Saturday, May 5, starting at 1 p.m. at the 4-H auction building at the fairgrounds south of Medford.

Money from the auction will provide recreation equipment for Medford children.

Residents having donations are asked to take them to the YMCA or if it is too large, telephone SPing 2-3322, and YMCA officials will make arrangements to have it picked up.

Persons planning to donate pets are asked to keep them until the day of the auction and deliver them to the auction grounds.

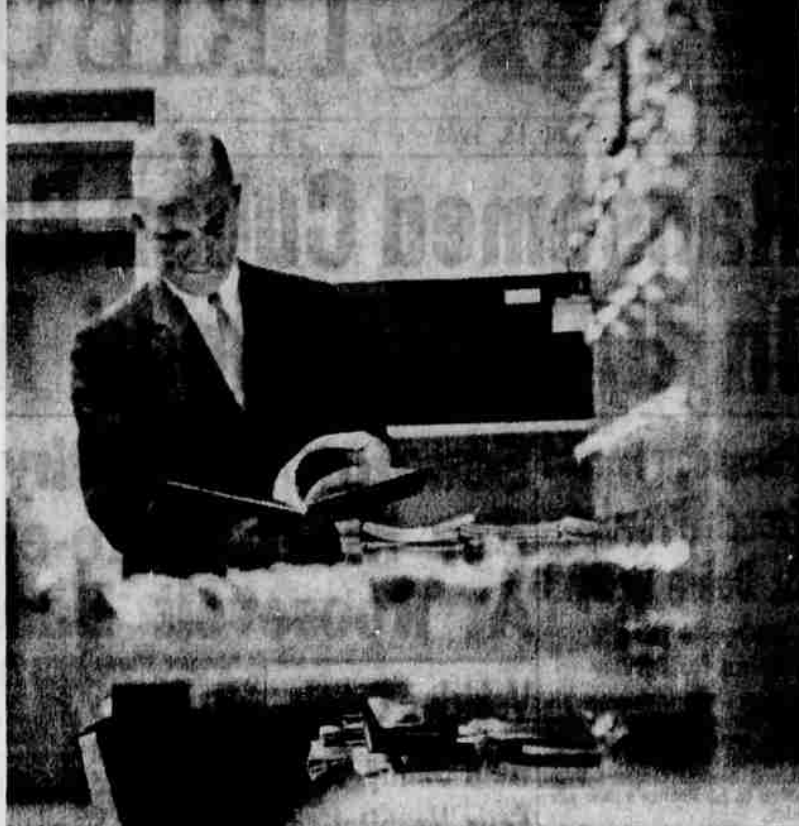
Dr. Ferguson Named To Area Association

Dr. H. M. Ferguson, Shady Cove, was elected president of the Southern Oregon Osteopathic association last week.

Other officers elected are Dr. A. A. Griffin, Jacksonville, vice president; Dr. A. E. Book, Central Point, secretary and treasurer; Dr. Max Flowers, Central Point, trustee.

All new officers will be installed at the May meeting.

Dr. Flowers presented a film entitled "The Role of the Osteopathic Physician in Industrial Medicine."



SURPRISE VISIT — Astronaut and Mrs. John H. Glenn paid a surprise visit to the National Housing Center in Washington, D.C., Friday. Glenn is shown in the library at the center looking over house plans. The Glenns are looking for ideas for a home they plan to build in Houston, Tex. (UPI)

UPI Chairman Says Events In Latin America Will Have Effect on All of Our Lives

Seattle, Wash. — (UPI) — Current events in Latin America may have a profound effect upon the lives of all Americans, Frank H. Bartholomew, chairman of the Board of United Press International, said Saturday.

Addressing editors of newspapers served by UPI in Oregon and Washington on "The View From the Rio Grande," Bartholomew said editors of North America should maintain their alert to dispatches from Latin America.

Bartholomew outlined opposing schools of political thought in the United States. One, he said, was exemplified by President Kennedy's \$10 billion Alliance for Progress program, dedicated to easing tensions and blocking communism in South and Central America by raising the standard of living of the underprivileged, who are in the past majority.

For the opposition view he

quoted a recent speech by U.S. Sen. Margaret Chase Smith, Republican of Maine. She said she had found in Latin America a "deep cynicism and lack of respect" for the United States. She said she also found a view of the President's vast alliance program as an effort by a "flaccid, timid Uncle Sam to buy back what he won't fight for" and a "desperate effort to get them (Latin American nations) to save us from Castroism."

Bartholomew said that the new, surging unrest felt throughout Latin America in the wake of the upset of dictatorships is receiving increased

attention of the United Press International. Concluding with a review of key news events in South and Central America, Bartholomew said: "Americans have a tremendous story on their southern doorstep. We will do our part to report it objectively and in depth. We can and will produce continuously more dispatches from Latin America. I earnestly hope that the United States public will be kept so well informed that future events will find this nation able to arrive at intelligent conclusions in the interests of all Americans, and for that matter of all the Western World."

Northwest YMCA Official Confers With Local Board

Charles Kujawa, associate executive of the Pacific Northwest Council of the YMCA, has been holding consultations in Medford for two days.

He met with the YMCA board in Medford which is making a study in depth as

to the needs of the community as related to the YMCA.

One evening board members and guests met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Petterson where Kujawa explained a plan and method of self study.

Two Men Appear in Circuit Court Here

Two men appeared in Jackson county circuit court Thursday afternoon before Judge James M. Main.

Frederick Michael Woolridge, 20, of 15 Stewart ave., waived the right to a grand jury hearing and was arraigned on district attorney's information. Ben Day was appointed as his lawyer.

Woolridge is being held on \$1,500 bail on a charge of obtaining property by false pretenses.

Imposition of sentence was suspended for five years for Harry Richard Bostwick, 24, of Jacksonville, on a charge of obtaining property by false pretenses. He is charged with writing six checks totaling \$120 in Medford and Jacksonville.

Bids Called For Access Road

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Estes Accused of Juggling Serial Numbers on Tanks

Pecos, Tex. — (UPI) — Witnesses testified Saturday that serial numbers on mortgaged anhydrous ammonia tanks were fraudulently juggled when a representative of a big finance company visited Pecos to check up on indicted fertilizer king Billie Sol Estes.

Twelve finance companies hold mortgages totalling at least \$22 million on anhydrous ammonia tanks in west Texas. The tanks are involved in Estes' financial manipulations to build up a fertilizer and grain storage empire.

The witnesses testified about the tanks at a court of inquiry in Pecos. As Texas Atty. Gen. Will Wilson questioned witnesses in Pecos, the FBI in Washington investigated Estes' dealings with federal farm officials.

Jacobs Resigns

Emery E. Jacobs, deputy administrator of the agriculture stabilization and conservation service, handed in his resignation to Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman Friday because of an accusation that Estes bought him \$1,433.20 worth of clothes from a Dallas store.

Glenn Blake, who quit a week ago as an employee of Estes, the Farmers Company

in Pecos, testified Saturday that a man named "Olbin" of CIT Finance Corp. visited Estes in Pecos.

He said that two men changed the serial numbers on anhydrous ammonia tanks on one side of a field while Olbin checked the numbers on the other.

One Step Ahead

"So you would say you were one step ahead of him," Wilson, a Democratic candidate for governor of Texas, asked.

"Yes," Blake said.

Adams Garcia, a middle-aged yard foreman for Estes, also testified that he changed serial numbers.

What Wilson was trying to show was that Estes, 37, tried to make a few tanks look like many by juggling serial numbers. All anhydrous ammonia tanks look alike. The only means of identifying them is by serial number.

C. M. Wesson, head of The Farmers company, said Estes bought so much anhydrous ammonia — 30 to 40 carloads at one time — that he had to drop the price from 6-7 cents a pound to one cent to get rid of it. But he said farmers had to buy \$10 worth of insecticides when they bought fertilizer.

Wants to Appear

Jacobs denied Friday in Washington that Estes bought clothing for him. He said he paid for the clothing himself and wants to appear at a hearing in Texas to clear his name. Wilson extended him an open invitation. No time was set for Jacobs to appear.

"In my opinion, he (Jacobs) is guilty," Wilson said. "We want him to testify to all his relationships with Billie Sol Estes, especially as to how Billie Sol Estes managed to secure the storage of U.S. (Commodity Credit Corp.) grain," Wilson said.

Continue Checking

A USDA spokesman in Washington said it had turned information over to the FBI that was developed in a departmental probe. The spokesman said the FBI will continue checking. A government department does not normally refer information to the FBI unless it is believed there is possible grounds for prosecution.

Wilson called 11 witnesses to testify at Saturday's hearing. He did not call Estes because to force him to testify would mean a promise of immunity from prosecution.

Estes and three associates are already under federal indictment on 37 counts of fraud and conspiracy involving his multi-million dollar fertilizer operation.

Estes' crumbling frame empire, once estimated to be worth a gross of \$150 million, has been put into the hands of a receiver. Estes admits he is \$20 million in debt.

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WE ENDORSE HOME RULE

We, the undersigned citizens of Jackson County, with membership in both political parties, have carefully studied the Home Rule Charter and urge its adoption.

The Home Rule Charter was written by human beings.

Therefore it is not perfect. It is, however, a first essential step toward modernizing an out-dated government so that we may meet the challenges of the future.

We endorse it because it allows us to settle many of our problems at home, rather than through action of the entire State Legislature.

We like it because it allows county departments to be reorganized, and work coordinated, for efficient operation.

We approve it because it allows the business of the county to be conducted on a business-like rather than on a partisan political basis.

Finally, we heartily recommend it because if it fails to function in any of its many parts, we, the people of the county, can easily amend and change it without State or Federal approval.

In other words, we endorse it because under the charter, we can truly run our own affairs, democratically.

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