

Capitol Memo

MOH Gets Excuse To Remain Neutral From Election Law

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Salem—UPI—Oregon's unique primary election laws may give Gov. Mark Hatfield an excuse to remain neutral during the struggle for national leadership of the Republican party.

Hatfield, often mentioned as a vice presidential possibility, and sometimes as a presidential dark horse, expects to head the Oregon delegation to the Republican National Convention in San Francisco next summer.

Neutrality could enhance Hatfield's dark horse position. Under Oregon law, delegates are required to support the winner of Oregon's May 15 presidential primary election.

Primary Victor
The law requires delegates to stick with the primary victor for the first two ballots.



ACTOR DIES - Actor Larry Keating, veteran of stage, screen, radio and television, died at Hollywood, Calif., Good Samaritan hospital of leukemia Monday.

until released, or until their candidate receives less than 35 per cent of the convention vote. The Oregon primary could be one of the most significant in the nation because all the front-running contenders may be candidates.

In Hatfield's Favor
Appling, a Republican, has already started scanning eight major newspapers and five national magazines to determine whom he is being "generally advocated."

Hatfield, 41, has indicated he will not direct his support to any one Republican until the state's voters indicate their choice at the primary.

The law gives Hatfield an opportunity to avoid the risk of backing the wrong man. Also, with all major candidates faced with having to win the Oregon primary if they want to win the national nomination, Hatfield will be required by law to support the man who appears most likely to succeed at San Francisco.

Nobody expects President John F. Kennedy to have opposition on the Democratic side.

This is a reverse of the political situation in 1960 when former Vice President Richard Nixon dominated Republican thinking, and the Democrats had a wide-open power battle.

In 1960 Appling listed Nixon and New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller on the Republican ballot, but Rockefeller withdrew.

lot by petition. Stevenson and Kefauver both filed withdrawal statements.

Nixon and Kennedy won the primary, and later their party nominations.

Hatfield may find his neutrality role a blessing in October when the Republican Western States Conference is held at Eugene.

Hatfield is scheduled to keynote the conference Oct. 11.

The next day Rockefeller and Arizona Sen. Barry Goldwater - now apparent front runners in the Republican party power struggle - are slated to test their strength in Oregon.

Both Scheduled
It's doubtful that Rockefeller and Goldwater will seek each other out, as both are scheduled to speak at different times.

But Hatfield can be expected to spend time with each, and may discover neutrality can be a useful political lifesaver.

With Hatfield expected to play the role of a neutral, and Appling required by law to put leading Republican hopefuls to the test of the ballot, the Oregon political stage will be focused in the national spotlight.



HIDDEN CAMERA—Walking nonchalantly — and unwittingly toward a hidden camera is a youthful, shotgun-toting bandit, pictured moments after he "withdrew" \$19,000 cash from a bank in Decatur Ga., Monday.

Innocent Verdict Sets Baker Free

The Dalles—UPI—A unanimous innocent verdict was returned by a Circuit Court jury Wednesday, setting Dolphus L. Baker, 54, free from a second-degree murder charge in the April 9 shooting death of Edward Richard Bisig, 31.

The eight women and four men of the jury deliberated two hours and 10 minutes.

The case was tried on a change of venue from Sherman county before Circuit Judge E. H. Howell of Canyon City.

Baker testified he was only trying to disarm Bisig when the shooting occurred.

Bisig's estranged wife testified earlier she had fled to

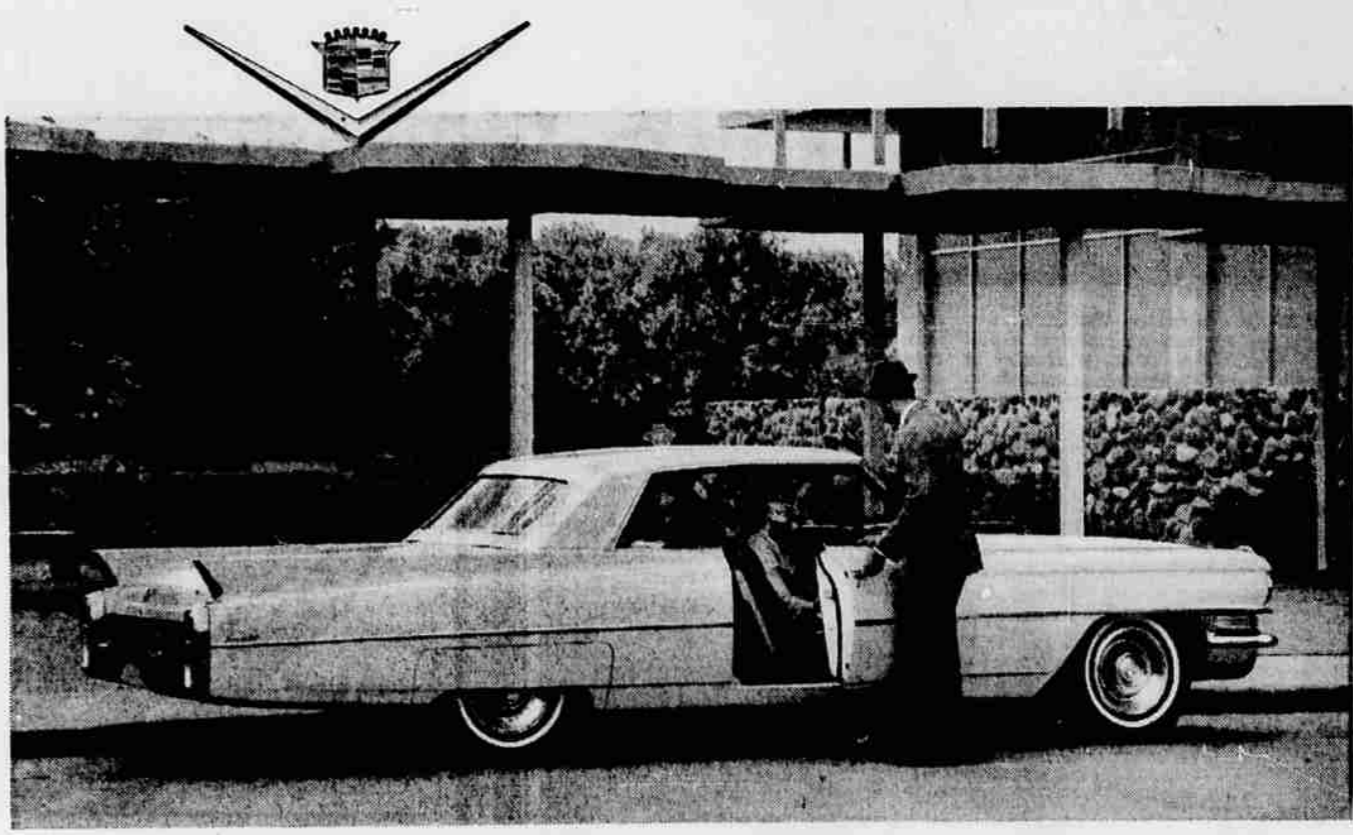
New York City Has Atomic Energy Show

New York—UPI—New York has a new tourist attraction, its opening made timely by current discussions over the nuclear test ban agreement initiated by the United States, Britain and Russia.

It is the Atomic Energy exhibit housed in the second-floor lobby of the Union Carbide building at Park avenue and Forty-seventh street.

An unusual blending of art and science, the exhibit, called "Atomic Energy in Action," is designed to give the public a better understanding of the peaceful uses of atomic energy. A feature is the world's largest operating model of a nuclear reactor.

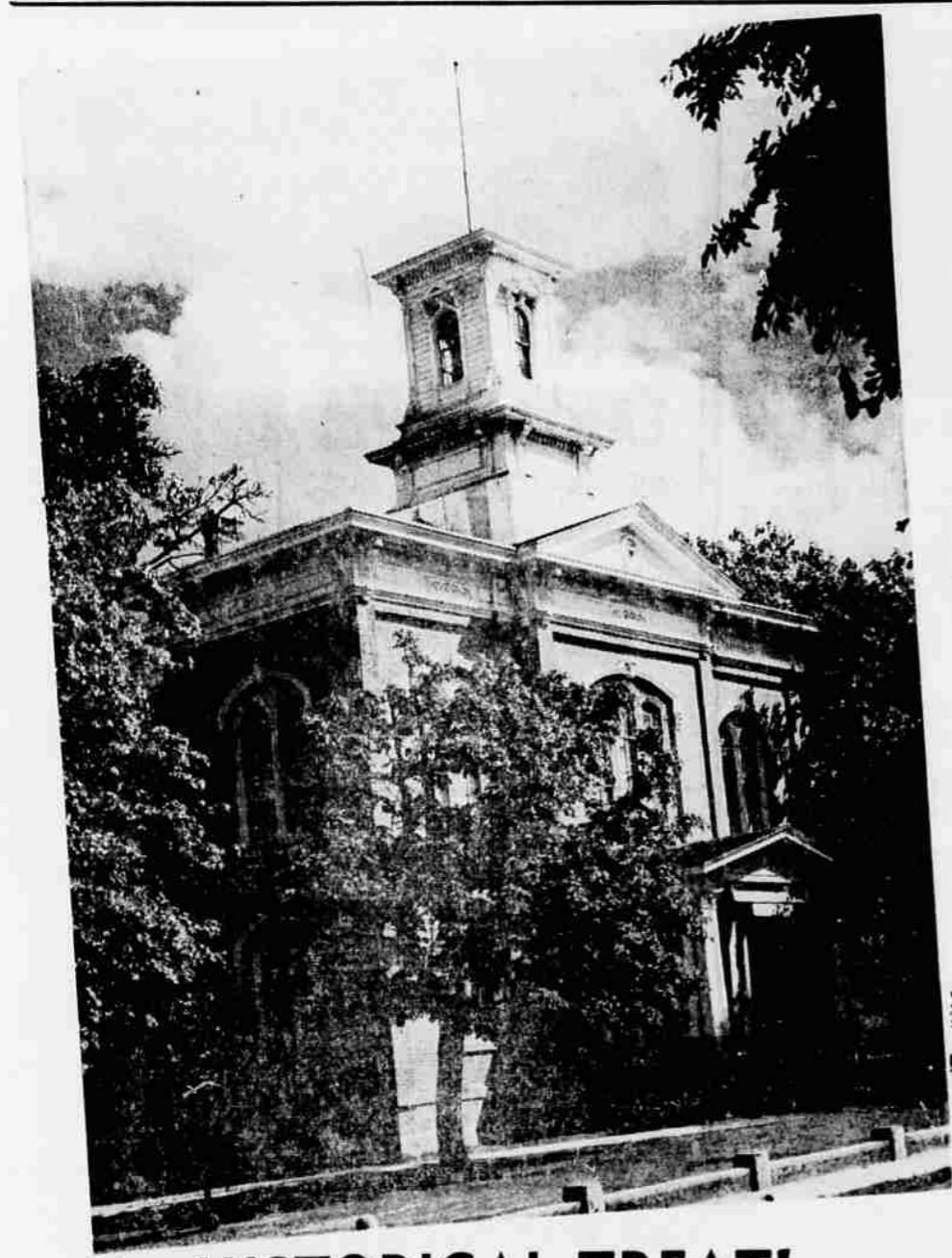
Baker's garage after her husband had beaten her.



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The entire Rogue River Valley is rich in the romance of the old West, and there's no finer, more enjoyable way to relive those days than to visit YOUR Jacksonville Museum. You, your family and especially out-of-town guests will delight in the more than 6,000 individual collections. Among its most popular exhibits are the Britt Gallery, a replica of Peter Britt's Photographic Studio, one of the earliest in the Pacific Northwest, the Indian Room, containing artifacts and relics made and used by the valley's first inhabitants, the Gun Room, mineral displays and fluorescent room, a children's room, parlor, collection of wedding dresses and a Civil War exhibit.

Urge Your Friends and Guests to STAY and PLAY ANOTHER DAY! ... and don't miss a visit to the— Jacksonville Museum



One of the popular exhibits at the Jacksonville Museum is the large doll collection. Shown above is Curator Mary Manley with a small doll stove which has been in her family in the Rogue River Valley for three generations.

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