

History Society Outlines Views On Trail Naming To State Highway Board

Opponents of the name "Applegate Trail" for markers to appear along the old south emigrant route through southern Oregon will have an opportunity to express their views at a meeting of the state highway commission in Portland May 15.

The executive board of the Klamath Historical society has authorized Lancaster Pollard, superintendent of the Oregon Historical society, to represent the group, and others may go from here.

The issue arose recently when it was learned that Walter Meacham, secretary of the Oregon council, American Pioneer Trails association, had arranged to have the route marked "Applegate Trail" in honor of Jesse and Lindsay Applegate, who were among 15 men who explored the southern route of the Oregon trail from western Oregon to Fort Hall, Idaho, in 1846. Klamath historians objected to using "Applegate trail" and urged rather "Southern Route" on the basis of an act of the

provisional legislature of 1847 which provided for improvement of the "southern route."

The position of the Klamath Historical society has been stated for the highway commission in a letter from Mrs. Edith McLeod, secretary. The highway commission has been asked to make the markers, and therefore the Klamath group has placed its arguments before it.

Here is Mrs. McLeod's letter, in part:

"Since there has been a considerable amount of discussion on this subject by people who appear to be more interested in creating a confusing controversy rather than sticking to the basic argument, I wish to re-state the attitude of the Klamath Historical society. The society objects to the 'Applegate' appellation on two grounds. First, in the matter of priority of usage this road was historically established as the 'southern route' before the 'Applegate' version came into the picture. Second, the society feels that it is improper to use the name of any individual as the basis for naming this road since the route was the product of the work of a number of pioneers and not the work of a single individual.

"At no time do we imply any personal objection to the Applegates who did much for the advancement of Oregon in the turbulent 40's. We wish only to keep the state from doing a grave injustice to the memory of a group of pioneers who shared equally the burden and danger of establishing the road.

"We think that the pioneers involved, if alive today, would all agree with us that the name 'Southern Route' is proper and fitting. We can quote no better authority on this subject than Lindsay Applegate, who, in his memoirs on the south road expedition says as follows: 'Certain members of the party were singled out to bear the burden of persecution, whereas, if any member of the party was animated by improper motives in seeking to open the road, all were equally guilty, as the party was governed in all its proceedings by a majority vote of its members.'

"Thus if all were equally guilty it only follows that all should be equally recognized for the work that they accomplished. And how did these men actually feel amongst themselves towards each other? Lindsay states: 'Perhaps few companies of men ever performed such a campaign without repeated quarrels and serious altercations, but the members of the Old South Road company bore together the trials and privations of the expedition with a 'forgiving and forbearing' spirit, and their mutual burdens and dangers to which they were

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"I don't know, but here it is," replied the driver as she handed him the steering wheel.

Simonsen suggested a mechanic.

CONTEMPT ENOUGH

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 8 (AP)—Attorney Booth McAbee began arguing with the judge.

"Ten dollars for contempt of court," said Justice of the Peace Paul Elwell.

"Ten dollars would not begin to express my contempt of this court," snapped McAbee.

"Fifty dollars," said the justice.

The attorney was silent.

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Lloyd De Mers, now with Moty Van Dyke, and Kalman L. Pell have purchased homes as well as the Modoc Point store, which they are now operating, with the assistance of their wives. The two men have also bought the hotel and rooming house, but have made no decision as to the disposal of these two buildings. Pell is a discharged naval lieutenant and De Mers was engaged in war work in Ashland.

Probers Find Little Waste

ASTORIA, Ore., May 8 (AP)—Value of navy stores recovered from the Astoria city dump in April was \$210, two rear admirals, investigating Rep. Norblad's (R-Ore) charges of wanton waste, said today.

The \$210 was only two tenths of one per cent of the \$104,562 of commodities shipped to Seattle from 65 ships unloaded here that month for decommissioning, the officers said.

Rear Admirals C. E. Van Hook and D. W. Mitchell opened the investigation for the chief of naval operations Saturday.

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Lumber Tie-Up Pends In British Columbia

VANCOUVER, B. C., May 8 (AP)—If a settlement is not reached in their dispute with employers, some 37,000 British Columbia lumber industry workers will go on strike May 15. It was announced last night by Harold Pritchett, district president of the International Woodworkers of America (CIO-CCL).

The IWA demands 25 cents an hour general wage increase, a 40-hour week and union security provisions in the 1946 agreement.

Rejected at a meeting yesterday afternoon were the employers' latest proposals offering a 12 1/2 cents an hour wage increase, a 44-hour week and up to three years extension of the master agreement.

Seamen Held On Dope Rap

EVERETT, Wash., May 8 (AP)—Charles Knott, 18, of Marysville, Wash., and Walter L. Olson, 19, of Snohomish, Wash., civilian employees on the army transport Hunter G. Liggett at Mukilteo, were held in county jail yesterday on open charges pending further investigation of the theft of narcotics, silverware and other items from the ship.

Deputy Prosecutor Phil G. Sheridan said the drugs came from life raft medical kits, and 17 syrettes of the drug—each containing 3 grain had been recovered.

He said the syrettes could be

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sold for \$10 each in the Seattle underworld.

Sheridan added that three teen-age girls living in a nearby town were involved. Some of the loot was recovered in the girls' apartment. Items missing from the ship included army flight jackets and a rifle, and a further check has been ordered.

PORTLAND, May 8 (AP)—Six hundred delegates of the annual Oregon Baptist convention were in session here today. The meeting will end tomorrow.

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TO THE KLAMATH COUNTY VOTERS:

At the regular meeting held Friday night, April 26, the Central Labor Council went on record as unanimously endorsing David R. Vandenberg on his past record as Circuit Judge and also heartily endorsed his Juvenile Policy.

The Central Labor Council is composed of all A. F. of L. Unions in the Klamath Basin area.

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By *Alvin Sweetman* Secretary
Central Labor Council.

VOTE 13 - DAVID VANDENBERG

Paid Adv. by Vandenberg for Judge Club
L. D. Rumer, Sec., 411 Pacific Terrace.