

Pennsy Governor Fine Remains Uncommitted

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Pennsylvania Gov. John S. Fine, whom many Republican leaders say may be the single most important delegate to the GOP national convention, is uncommitted, undecided and unimpressed by the excitement his stand has created.

He is uncommitted as to how he will vote at Chicago next month, Fine says so, and not even his most intimate friends or political associates profess to know where the governor stands. But Fine is confident that a big majority of Pennsylvania's 70 convention votes will be lined up with him when the presidential candidate is nominated.

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DONALD R. WILSON

Legion Head Coming Here

The American Legion's national commander — Donald R. Wilson — will be the principal speaker at this year's Oregon Legion convention, slated for Klamath Falls late next month.

Wilson is to appear here on June 27, according to local Legion convention officers.

A 35-year-old attorney from Clarksburg, West Virginia, Wilson was unanimously elected to his top Legion post during last year's 33rd national convention in Miami, Fla. Wilson is a veteran of World War II, and in 1951 was selected one of the 10 outstanding young men in the United States by the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Since taking office, Legionnaires report the American Legion has increased its membership by 100,000 as compared with the previous year.

The commander was born in Detroit, Mich., was elected to Phi Kappa at Princeton University and instructed in public speaking for a short period.

Honors Due Home Nurses

Licensed Practical Nurses of Klamath Falls will be honored in a formal capping ceremony Sunday, June 22, at the First Christian Church.

The ceremony will be the first of its kind ever held here and is to be sponsored by the Klamath Nurses Association.

The public is invited to attend the service.

Licensed practical nurses work in cooperation with registered nurses under the orders of physicians or under supervision of registered nurses. They are trained to care for persons convalescing, subacute or chronically ill or to assist a registered nurse in a team relationship, especially in the care of those more acutely ill.

Thirteen licensed practical nurses are to receive traditional caps, pins and badges during the Sunday ceremony.

Power Use Up

NEW YORK (AP) — Electric power production climbed to 7,005,000,000 kilowatt hours in the week ended June 7 from 6,810,727,000 in the previous week which included the Memorial Day holiday, Edison Electric Institute reported Wednesday.

Pacific Northwest power production was up four per cent over the comparable week a year ago.

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Grange Asks Loyalty Oath

LA GRANDE (AP) — Some 95 resolutions, including one advocating a loyalty oath for teachers and state officers, were submitted Tuesday by delegates attending the 70th annual convention of the Oregon Grange.

The loyalty oath resolution calls for a law to deny teachers in public schools their salaries unless they sign an oath that they "are not Communists, do not believe in Communist principles and will teach only highest principles of patriotism, love of country and the principles of our form of government."

Observers said opinion was divided on the resolution which is expected to come up for vote later in the session.

Resolutions advocating and opposing the proposed construction of the controversial Pelton Dam on the Deschutes River were introduced. The Grange already is on record as opposing construction of the dam by the Portland General Electric Co. One of the resolutions asks the Grange to reverse its stand.

The report of the Grange Tax Committee was accepted. It called for increasing state income taxes by not permitting federal income tax deductions in the computation of the state tax. Replacing the present \$750 allowance for dependents by a \$30 allowance deducted after the tax was computed also was recommended. The committee said that public utilities should be taxed the same as other corporations.

U.S. Soldier Found Guilty

NUERNBERG, Germany (AP) — A U. S. Army Courtmartial Wednesday found Pvt. Richard A. Hazelberger, 19, of Chula Vista, Calif., guilty of murder in the carbine slaying of two German civilians last April.

Hazelberger, a tall, slim, soldier, heard the verdict without expression.

The court recessed and will pass sentence Thursday morning.

Hazelberger is the second soldier to be convicted of the slaying of the two Germans on a lonely road near Neustadt.

His companion Pvt. John F. Vigneault of Goffs Falls, N. H., who fired the actual shots, was convicted and sentenced to death on May 22. The case had aroused widespread anger among Germans.

Vigneault admitted the shooting but said Hazelberger had urged him to do it. Hazelberger had pleaded innocent.

Flowers Bloom

GOVERNMENT CAMP (AP) — Rhododendrons are in full bloom along the Mount Hood Highway, residents here reported Wednesday.

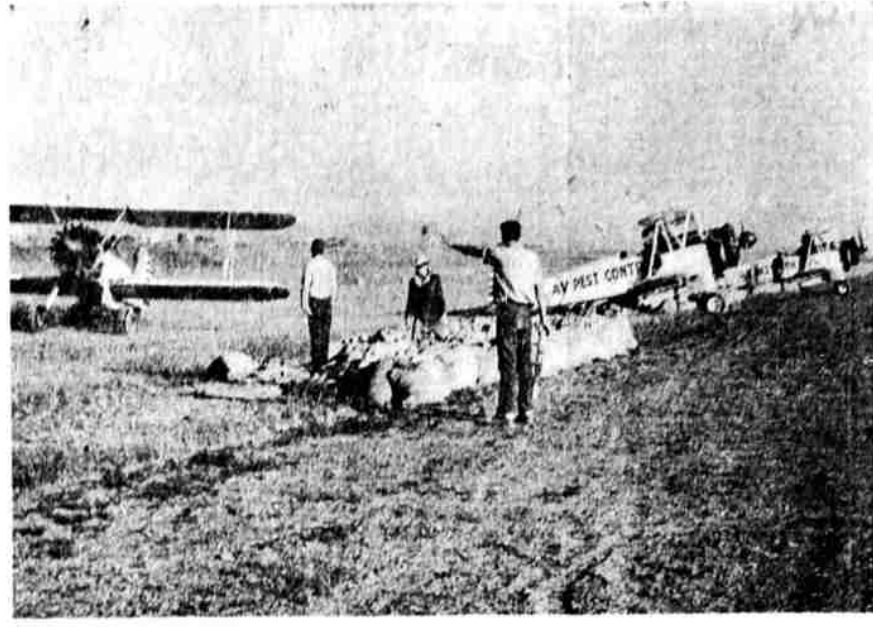
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ON THE LINE—Planes line up to receive bran for dumping on Tule grasshopper infestation. Note sacks of poisoned bait in the foreground. Hoppers were thrown back by the bran application.

Heavy Investments For Most Farms

WASHINGTON (AP) — The farm land boom is slowing down, the Agriculture Department said Tuesday because it takes more money to buy and equip a farm than most young men and tenants can scrape together.

The average U.S. farmer is worth between \$17,000 and \$18,000, and that doesn't include machinery, equipment and livestock, the department said.

In some areas the land market has been restricted largely to the farmer who already owns a farm and equipment and to the city investor.

Land prices started advancing sharply after outbreak of the war in Korea. But the upward spiral has slowed to a snail's pace. The department said prices rose an average of 2 per cent during the four months ending March 1, compared with 8 per cent during the corresponding period a year ago.

Even so, farm land prices on March 1 were 9 per cent higher than a year ago and 23 per cent higher than on July 1, 1950, when war in Korea erupted.

The department said other factors weakening the demand for farms include rising farm production costs and lower farm product prices.

Most states in the Eastern two-thirds of the country showed small increases in prices since last November, but values declined in most of the Mountain and Pacific Coast states.

The department said prices of cattle grazing lands had tended to weaken because of apprehension over possible declines in beef cattle prices. Cattle numbers have been increased to record numbers. Wheat land, on the other hand, was in good demand because of relatively favorable prices for this grain.

Lions Name Officers

SALEM (AP) — A. I. Hawn, Eugene, is the new board chairman of the Lions Club of Oregon.

He was elected Tuesday to succeed Ira E. Snyder, Enterprise.

Everett Curtis, The Dalles, will serve as secretary, succeeding Harry Scott, Salem. District governors are Elmer Bloomquist, Astoria; Hale G. Thompson, Eugene; Gunter Wolgan, Rogue River; and Jess Rosenbaum, La Grande.

Klamath Falls was chosen for the 1953 convention.

The meeting was held in the main dining room of the state penitentiary.

Sabres Get Three Migs

SEOUL, Korea (AP) — U. S. Sabre jet pilots reported they shot down three Russian-built Mig-15 jet fighters Wednesday near Sinuiju on the Yalu River border between Korea and Manchuria.

The U. S. Fifth Air Force said the three were among seven that tangled with 12 Sabres of the Fourth Fighter-Interceptor Wing. Eighteen other Migs were in the flight.

United Nations ground troops, using bayonets and grenades, beat back 200 Chinese Reds striking at a hill on the Korean Western Front.

A battalion of Reds—about 750 men—supported by heavy artillery fire had failed to win the position Tuesday.

An Eighth Army staff officer said 123 of the 200 attacking Chinese were killed in Wednesday's savage 50-minute fight near Chorwon.

The Reds broke and ran when the U. N. defenders hit cover and

called in Allied artillery. About a mile away, another Chinese attack was repulsed by infantrymen defending a hill wrested from the Reds Saturday. The staff officer said the Chinese are stepping up their attacks along the Western and Central Fronts. He said there was increasing evidence that the Communists are moving up more artillery along the 155-mile front.

Poor weather hampered Allied air strikes but during the night B-26 bomber pilots reported they destroyed 52 supply vehicles, a locomotive and a rail car in scattered attacks.

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