

Draft Thompson Move; City Manager Drive On

Local and News

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Campaign Started By Merchants

By HALE SCARBROUGH
A growing "Draft Thompson" movement was evident in town today.
A poll of prominent Klamath Falls businessmen indicated that there is considerable strong backing for a proposal to ask Mayor Bob Thompson to reconsider his decision not to run for the office again, and to get him to campaign on a platform of immediate action toward institution of the city manager form of government here.
When Thompson announced his decision not to run a week ago he said that he would certainly be a candidate for mayor again if Klamath Falls would go for city manager government.
Under that form of government, a trained administrator is hired to take over the day-to-day supervision of the operation of all city departments and functions, responsible to the City Council, which is the policy-making body, and leaving the mayor to be the city's official greeter and front man.

LOW PAY
Since the job of being mayor of Klamath Falls pays only \$175 a month, it is extremely difficult to get good men to run for the office. The amount of work the mayor is expected to do and the time he is expected to put in at the job for \$175 a month is terrific.

Mayor Thompson said when he announced he wouldn't run again that his decision was based only on the fact that he had neglected his business—he operates the Pioneer Tobacco Company—for four years while serving in public office, and just couldn't see his way clear to letting his business go for another four years.
He is now on vacation, somewhere enroute to Seattle and British Columbia, and couldn't be reached for comment on the "Draft Thompson" movement today.
But just before he left on vacation he was approached with the proposal and said he would give it very serious consideration if it appeared a majority of people want a city manager at an early date.

COLD RECEPTION

In past years the city manager plan of government has been rather coldly received here, but in recent months—the past year—enthusiasm for the plan has been snowballing as a public realization has grown that the city has come of age and that its operation is big business.
Several organizations have already gone on record as favoring immediate institution of a city manager, among them the Rotary Club, which voted overwhelmingly a few weeks ago to back that form of government.

Mayor Thompson's term ends this year and a successor is to be elected Nov. 4. The deadline for filing is Aug. 20—just 11 days away—and as of noon today there was not a single avowed candidate for the job.
Persons who have the qualifications for the job apparently are shying away because of the tremendous amount of work and responsibility involved.
Institution of the city manager form of government would necessitate a charter change and that would necessitate an election. It probably could not be done before next spring.

WORK STARTS

SALEM (AP)—Construction of Marion County's new Courthouse was ready to begin Friday as workmen completed the razing of the old building. The new building will be constructed on the site of the old.



In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Good news from Korea: U.S. fliers have rounded out six straight days of stepped-up warfare with Communist jets. Our pilots shot down another red jet this morning, to bring the six-day total to 15.
No American planes were lost in aerial combat during the week.
That's good news because it means that our pilots are better than the commie pilots. Don't let all this talk of mechanical warfare fool you. It's still the MAN BEHIND THE MACHINE that counts.

White-haired old Syngman Rhee, who has just been re-elected president of Korea, gets a flat salary of \$2300 a year—somewhat less than janitors earn in the U.S. But there are perquisites. He gets a rent-free home and a RICE ration.

And a sign that the Koreans are rapidly learning American ways: he gets a TAX-FREE expense account that approximately equals his flat salary.

More big shot personal news: The Duke of Windsor's health became a matter of conjecture early today when a doctor for the British royal family left London by plane to attend the duke in Italy, where he is enjoying the season on his yacht.

What's the matter with him? Apparently it was "something he ate." Anyway, the Italian doctor who has been treating him says this morning the illness was "no more than a minor stomach disorder," and adds that the duke has just eaten a steak with a heavy appetizer.

The royal physician flying down from London will at least get a Mediterranean vacation out of it.

Question: Where does the Duke of Windsor get his income? As I recall it, it comes from property inherited from his ancestors. Where did they get it? Oh, shucks! They got it in the way all kings get it. They took it away from somebody else.

That brings up fat King Farouk again. He wasn't just kidding when he told the reporters (at a session in a big luxury hotel in the Isle of Capri) the other day that he isn't well off as he used to be. It appears that among other trifles he owned A THIRD OF ALL THE FARM LAND IN EGYPT.

Land is peculiar. It is bulky and permanent. You can't carry it with you in a suitcase when you have

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Oregon Ace Said Missing

EUGENE (AP)—Maj. Felix Asia, one of Oregon's leading jet pilots, is missing in Korea, it was reported today. He is believed to have been shot down during a combat mission on Aug. 1. That same word went to his parents who live at La Grande. Then came the letter which she said gave her hope that he was at worst a prisoner.
She said the colonel's letter reported that Maj. Asia—holder of the silver star for gallantry, the distinguished flying cross with clusters, the air medal and the bronze star—was on a routine sweep when he ran into combat and other pilots saw Maj. Asia's plane take direct hits and start down. They did not see him jump, the colonel said, but the radio message was reassuring. He was over enemy territory at the time.
With Mrs. Asia here and the couple's children, Terry, 8, and Merrill, 4.

Build The Basin No. 4

How to Be Ridiculous With One Quick Guess

By WALLACE MYERS

Want to make a monkey out of yourself?
If you're an average citizen of the Klamath Country it will be simple: just hazard a guess as to how much the tourist trade means to the Basin's business volume.

Now hear this: the state of Oregon last year drew 900,000 out-of-state cars and the visitors made cash registers jangle to the merry, merry tune of \$784 million.
Whereas the Klamath Basin holds several of Oregon's top tourist attractions, it's a safe bet that Basin enjoyed a lion's share of the \$784 million.

Take Crater Lake for instance. From May 1 through Sept. 30 last year, the national park drew 88,425 cars. The U. S. Interior Department's Park Service estimates that each car meant \$7.98 in trade in this area.

CREDIT
Of the park's four entrances, the Klamath Country can easily claim credit for the visitors passing through the South, East and North entrances. Medford, of course, gets credit for the West entrance.

All of which means that Klamath's share of the Crater Lake business total was in the close neighborhood of \$2,415 cars, and \$2,374.376 of the visitors' money.

Now mind you this is only for the summer season at one of Klamath's tourist attractions.

Barnes Files For Council

James M. (Jimmy) Barnes, a Klamath Falls native son, today became the first candidate for a city council post for the Nov. 4 city election.

Barnes is 36, will be making his first step in elective politics, seeking the Ward 3 (Mills Addition) council post now held by Mark Smith.

Smith has not said whether he will also be a candidate. He is serving by appointment, and the



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voting in Ward 3 will be for a half-term, two years. Jim Kaler was elected councilman from that ward in 1950, resigned last winter and Smith was appointed to serve until this general election.
Jimmy Barnes served in the Army Air Force during World War II, and for the past several years has operated the Farmers Sand and Gravel Company. He is married and lives at 111 Sheldon. He is the son of Marion Barnes, who for many years was a popular law enforcement officer here as game warden, sergeant of State Police and deputy sheriff.
Barnes said his aim in filing for the council post was to make a sincere effort for efficient city government.
As of today there were no candidates for councilman of Ward 1 and Ward 4.

Turn to hunting and fishing and chew this one over: the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service estimates that in 1950 anglers and hunters shelled out a whopping \$24 million in the Basin.

Bearing in mind that we have cited only two of several tourist and recreation attractions offered in the Basin, you should begin to see something of the tremendous value of our visitors.

We haven't even mentioned such other attractions as the Lava Beds National Monument, Lake o' the Woods, Upper Klamath and the several other lakes and streams. Neither have we considered the Klamath Basin Roundup and the growing number of showplace ranches.

CLINCHER
By way of putting the clincher on this thing, let us now realize that so far as visitors are concerned, we haven't even scratched the surface of what should be one of our biggest attractions... winter sports.

We have several good ski runs now and the potential for plenty more. Think about that as you also think how a remote Idaho ski slope grew into one of the world's top winter sports attractions... Sun Valley. Think too about the great resort possibilities of Upper Klamath Lake.

The Klamath County Chamber of Commerce is well aware of all this. And the chamber is doing everything within its too-limited power to promote our tourist and recreation business.

In this little piece, we've merely given the subject a very light once over. It will be well worth your while to visit the chamber and look at the overall picture yourself.

We think you'll readily agree that Klamath's play areas aren't mere playthings in a business sense.

They represent a vital part of our business volume. And they could easily mean a great deal more.

Police Mull Rape Charge

Authorities are still mulling over whether to file a rape charge against Patrick Mullen, 54-year-old transient who is held in the City Jail for vagrancy.

Mullen is accused by a 17-year-old girl, an escapee from the Fairview Home near Salem, of raping her Thursday night near a railroad spur off S. 6th.

Fairview Home is an institution for mentally deficient persons. The girl is held in the local Juvenile Home.

Francis Mathews, who investigated the girl's story, said today he believed she was telling the truth, but Mullen has denied it and offered an alibi for his time that night.

District Attorney Frank Alderson said today he had talked with the girl and that she sticks to her story that she was attacked. He said he would have a talk with Mullen before determining whether the criminal charge is to be filed.

Mullen is serving 30 days in the city lockup for vagrancy. He admitted coming into Klamath Falls Thursday. She met Mullen at a freight train after being released from the Merced, Calif., jail earlier this week.

The girl escaped from the state institution and came to Klamath Falls Thursday. She met Mullen at the bus depot and she bought a meal for her when she told him she hadn't eaten for two days. Her home is in Brooks, Ore.

Allied Jets Knock Down More Migs

By WILLIAM C. BARNARD

SEOUL, Korea (AP)—The U.S. Fifth Air Force said American Sabre jet pilots shot down another Communist MIG Saturday—the 19th in six straight days of smashing victories against the Russian-built jets.

The Air Force also triumphantly announced prior to Saturday's furious jet battle over North Korea that not a single Allied plane was lost in aerial combat the past week. However, four were lost to enemy ground fire and four to unreported causes. American Sabres damaged 19 Communist jets.

Swift Allied fighter-bombers Saturday maintained a stepped-up pace against Communist supply and troop targets in North Korea. Pilots reported 28 buildings destroyed and four damaged in a fiery attack on four Haeju Peninsula troop concentrations, near the 38th parallel.

TWICE LOST
The U. S. Eighth Army reported Allied troops twice lost an advance position to artillery-supported Chinese troops east of Panmunjom, site of the truce talks.

An oversized enemy platoon won the hill before dawn.
Plane-supported Allied soldiers retook it in mid-morning but lost it before noon. Chinese artillery fired 4,000 shells in support of the Red force.

Lt. Heber M. Butler, Garland, Utah, was credited with shooting down the Communist jet in a 10-minute battle between four Sabres and four MIGs.

Considering that the win-loss ratio of Sabre jets usually runs about 8-1 over the streaking MIGs, the past six days possibly have been the most successful of the war for U.N. fighter pilots.

The top U.N. air commander in Korea, Lt. Gen. Glenn O. Barcus, attributed the high toll of Red planes to an enemy gesture of defiance.

EXPOSE FIGHTERS
"During the past week," he said, "the enemy chose to expose his fighters more than usual. He also took the liberty of coming far south on a few occasions. This gesture cost him 18 MIGs destroyed and 19 damaged without the consolation of a single victory."

On the ground, the Army disclosed a bold foray which a U.S. Eighth Army tank and infantry team made into enemy territory on the central front—an invasion which was met by a remarkable 3,000 rounds of Communist mortar and artillery fire.

The Eighth Army armored raiders struck a Red position southeast of Pyongyang early Friday and a bloody battle raged for four hours and 15 minutes.

Seventy-nine enemy were killed or wounded, 31 bunkers were blown clear, and 100 Communist trenches were knocked out of operation.

There was no report of Allied casualties and the Army made no report as to whether all tanks returned. Scolden have the Reds lavished so much mortar and mortar in a single operation.

Alderson New Klamath DA

Frank Alderson, 26 years old and out of law school little more than a year, is Klamath County's new district attorney, it was announced today.

He was notified by Gov. Douglas McKay that he is appointed to serve out the remainder of this year.

Alderson came here just about three weeks ago to become deputy under District Attorney D. E. Van Vactor. Then last week Van Vactor resigned to become judge of the District Court, leaving the job of prosecuting attorney vacant.

The County Court recommended to Gov. McKay that Alderson be appointed to fill out the unexpired portion of Van Vactor's term.



HERE FOR THE ANNIVERSARY observance of the establishment of the first tree farm in this section was Sen. Guy Cordon (center), chatting with Ralph Macartney (left) and Hugh Campbell, both Weyerhaeuser local officials.

Death Claims KF Pioneer

Benjamin Casper Stout, 75, a resident of the Klamath country since 1881, died late yesterday morning at the age of 75 at his home at 1025 Addison.

He was born in Carlton, Mo., Oct. 28, 1876, and came westward by train with his parents to Redding, where his mother died in 1881. That year his father, John Stout, brought the family to Klamath Basin where he bought the Crystal Springs ranch from a



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Survivors include the widow, Edith J. (Sally); a daughter, Mrs. W. E. (Ramona) Carter; two grandsons, John Carter, Klamath Falls and Vincent Carter, Roseburg; a sister, Mrs. Mary E. Land, Yreka; one great grandson and several nieces and nephews.

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Ask A Silly Question...

ANADARKO, Okla. (AP)—When a group of youngsters trooped into his jewelry store to buy a birthday present for mother, Ted Ledbetter suggested earrings.

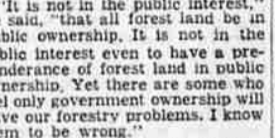
"It would be a fine gift if your mother's ears are pierced," he said.

The youths didn't understand and Ledbetter patiently asked: Do her ears have holes in them?"
"How do you think she hears?" was the reply.

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Klamath Gets Racing Money

Although horse and dog racing is something Klamath County doesn't have, the county is to receive \$8,644.45 from that source in the next few days.

The money is Klamath County's share of a \$685,194.07 fund built up from pari-mutuel betting taxes, and Aug. 7.

Each county in the state is to get \$8,644.45, and in addition \$269,194.07 goes into the state's general fund.

The Klamath Basin Roundup Association, sponsoring the rodeo here each year, is to get \$5,000, and nine other fairs and expositions elsewhere in the state also receive sizable cuts from the state's race-track income.

Cordon Declares Forests Need Private Ownership

KLAMATH FALLS—Keynoted by Sen. Guy Cordon's strong plea for private timberland ownership, the 10th anniversary of tree farming in the western pine forests of the United States was observed near here today at a simple woodland ceremony.

Several hundred persons, including seven eastern congressmen and a score of prominent western lumbermen, heard Cordon declare that private woodland owners must have the opportunity to hold and manage their properties.

"It is not in the public interest," he said, "that all forest land be in public ownership. It is not in the public interest even to have a preponderance of forest land in public ownership. Yet there are some who feel only government ownership will solve our forestry problems. I know them to be wrong."

Speaking from a rustic rostrum on the Weyerhaeuser Timber Company's 500,000-acre tree farm, established a decade ago as the first Tree Farm in the 12-state western pine region, the Oregon senator lauded Oregon leadership in the development of forestry legislation in the U.S. Senate.

That leadership, he said, provided basic legislation like the Clarke-McNary act, the McSweeney-McNary act and others. "These laws laid the groundwork for cooperative forestry effort, making possible forestry for the future on private lands."

America's forest problem is of necessity a cooperative problem because of the complex ownership pattern," Cordon said. "In Oregon roughly half of the timberlands are publicly owned, the rest are owned by companies, partnerships and individuals. Forest management problems are alike, whether the land is owned by the public or by an

individual. None of the forest enemies such as fire, insects and disease recognize any property line. Senator McNary saw these problems in their true light and laid the foundation for the cooperative approach in solving them."

Commending the efforts of private landowners, large and small, who engage in the business of timber growing, Cordon said, "These Tree Farmers are doing something for themselves, something intrinsically good for the country, and it's being done without a dash to the public treasury for help. I hope the idea spreads."

A. J. Glassow of Bend, general manager of the Brooks-Scanlon Lumber Company which operates a 146,000-acre tree farm, traced the history of western pine tree farming. From its humble beginning, he said, the program has spread now to 34 states. As of the first of July, there were 3697 tree farms in America, covering nearly 26 million acres of private land.

The Western Pine region, Glassow reported, has 375 certified tree farms in ten states and they total over 5 million acres.

"Ten years ago, when this first western pine tree farm was certified," the former president of the National Lumber Manufacturers association said, "the idea that we could perpetuate the lumber industry by growing new tree crops as we went along was fairly new. We faced many serious problems and we didn't have many of the answers."

"Now, after a decade of tree farm progress in the Western Pine region, we walk more sure-footedly on the path toward tree permanence. We know more about tree growth. We know more about how to manage the woods for continuous crops."

"We have learned how to salvage individual old trees killed by bugs. We have made much headway at the mills in utilization not only of the stems, but of all the other woods that grow in our forests. Above all, we know that industry and private initiative can do this great job that we call forestry, and do it while keeping the lands on the tax rolls."

9 O'clock Special



DISTRICT JUDGE D. E. Van Vactor hurries up the steps on his way to work this morning—but not fast enough to escape the 9 O'clock photographer.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity and Northern California: Variable clouds with afternoon and evening thunder storms through Sunday; high Sunday 85; low Saturday night 50.
High yesterday 87
Low last night 49
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