

SPECIAL COUNTY ELECTION

In The Day's News

Stormy Ride Seen For Hoover Plan

SALEM (AP) — Legislation to create a consolidated state Department of Motor Vehicles appeared headed for a stormy ride in the Oregon Legislature Friday.

The House Highway Committee voted to introduce the bill, which was recommended by the Legislative Interim Committee on Highways. The proposed department, which would take over Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry's Motor Vehicle Division and the public utilities commissioner's Truck Tax Division, would be under the governor.

Gov. Patterson, however, favors the "Little Hoover" plan for a State Revenue Department, which would include the Tax Commission, Newberry's Motor Vehicle Division and other tax collecting agencies. Patterson wants the whole matter put over until 1955, with an interim committee to conduct further studies in the meantime. And many legislative leaders agree with him.

Portland General Electric Company spokesmen agreed to amend their Fallon Dam bill to head off opposition from Eastern Oregon irrigation interests.

The bill would allow court appeals from decisions of the Hydroelectric Commission, which has rejected the PGE application to build Fallon. Fewer Dam on the Deschutes River.

The amendment, which was offered at a meeting Thursday of opposing groups in the dam dispute, would make it so that power companies couldn't condemn in order to get irrigation and water rights that are held for domestic or municipal use.

State Gasses Calm Killer

SALEM (AP) — A confessed slayer, described by the warden as one of the calmest men he had ever seen, paid with his life in the state prison gas chamber early Friday for the slaying of an 81-year-old Salem widow.

Albert William Karnes, 25, wearing an eye mask and clad in blue prison garb, was pronounced dead 13 minutes after the potassium cyanide pellets were dropped in an acid container at 12:17 a.m. He entered the gas chamber at 11:10.

Karnes was convicted of first degree murder for hacking to death Mrs. Susan Litchfield, his former landlady, in the woodshed of her home on June 7, 1952. He robbed her of \$30.

WITNESSES

The execution was witnessed by 23 mostly guards and newspapermen who were permitted by law to attend. The small number was in contrast to the 75 who witnessed a previous double execution. The large number at that time was criticized and brought an order from the State Board of Control to admit only those eligible by law. Invitations were checked by guards at the gate.

Karnes, who whined away the final weeks of his life crocheting dollies for his mother, waived the reading of the death warrant and declined to make a statement to the press. Earlier he said, "I have no excuse for the murder and am ready to pay the penalty."

BAPTIZED

Karnes was baptized into the Roman Catholic religion several hours before his death by the Rev. William McClory, a state prison chaplain, who accompanied him to the walk to the death chamber.

His body was claimed by his parents, residents of Astoria.

Karnes was captured in The Dalles several days after the slaying of Mrs. Litchfield. He was arrested there for an attack with a hammer on another elderly woman. She recovered.

He had roomed at the home of Mrs. Litchfield while working as a Chemawa Indian school driver.

3-County Legislative Split Finds No Kicks

SALEM (AP) — Plans to divide Multnomah, Marion and Lane Counties into state representative districts and to have state representatives and senators run by numbered positions appeared headed for smooth sailing Friday after a public hearing at which there was no opposition.

There were some minor complaints about the Legislative Interim Reapportionment Committee's bill to accomplish this, but nobody objected to the idea at Thursday night's hearing before the Senate Elections Committee.

All senators and representatives now run from their counties at large.

Under the bill, Multnomah County would be divided into four representative districts, including three in Portland and one outside. Marion County would have two districts, one in Salem and one outside. Lane County would have a district in Eugene and one outside.

In all other counties that elect more than one representative or more than one senator, these legislators would run by numbered positions on the ballot.

State Sen. Philip S. Hitchcock, chairman of the interim committee, said the bill would make it much easier for the people to choose their legislators, because they won't have to pick from so many. For instance, in Multnomah County, the voters would elect four in each of the proposed districts, whereas they would have to elect 16 representatives without the bill.

Hitchcock pointed out that for many years, all four Marion County representatives have come from Salem. The bill provides that two would come from Salem, and two from outside Salem.

In Lane County, where there will be five representatives, two would be from Eugene and three from outside the city.

Clay Meyers jr., Portland, representing the Young Republican Federation, objected to the requirement that each candidate have to live inside the district in which he runs. But the other speakers opposed him.

Representatives of the State Grange, State Federation of Labor, Congress of Industrial Organizations, and Oregon Farm Bureau Federation appeared in support of the bill.

Mrs. E. S. Pomeroy, Eugene, and Mrs. Peter De Witt, Oakridge, said they support the bill because it would make it easier for Lane County voters to elect their legislators.

Forger, Thief Gets 10 Years

Prison sentences of 10, 10 and three years were imposed just before noon today in Circuit Court on Arvin Glenn Gilman, 23, on charges of forgery by endorsement, larceny of an auto and burglary.

Gilman was one of three young men implicated in the Dec. 13, 1952, burglary of the Klamath Potomac Distributors office and subsequent forgery of a number of company checks and theft of an automobile.

The three were apprehended later in December in East St. Louis, Ill., and returned here for prosecution.

Gilman used the name Jimmie McLane here. He waived indictment and pleaded guilty to the three charges against him.

Judge David R. Vandenberg stipulated that the 10-year sentence for car theft and three-year sentence for burglary run concurrently with the 10-year sentence for forgery by endorsement.

The first member of the trio to be sentenced was Donald F. Laws, 26, who used the name Steven Randall here. He also pleaded guilty to the three charges against him.

Laws already has been taken to prison at Salem.

The third member of the group, Charles William Miles, 23, also was sentenced today, receiving five years for forgery by endorsement and five years for car theft, the sentences to run concurrently.

Liles wasn't charged with the burglary.

Gilman and Laws were escapees from the California Institution for Men, Chino, breaking out of that camp Oct. 13, 1952. They met Liles here.

Gilman's prior criminal record shows a felony conviction for grand theft from Los Angeles County, for which he was sent to the Chino institution, and also two general court martial sentences in Japan while he was in the Army. He was sent to the Camp Cooke, Calif., military disciplinary barracks after the last court martial, and later dishonorably discharged from the service.

Liles' prior record also includes one-year sentence at Camp Cooke, for leaving his post in Korea, and a dishonorable discharge from the service.

Operation Smack' Defended

PRO "SMACK" ADVOCATES MOVED TO DEFEND

Ike's Aides Depart On Europe Tour

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Dulles and Foreign Aid Chief Harold Stassen left on a special mission to Europe Friday, carrying with them some 14-minute "suggestions and guidance" from President Eisenhower.

Traveling aboard Eisenhower's official plane, a four-engine Constellation, the two took off from Washington airport at 9:30 a. m. (EST).

Before their return Feb. 9, Dulles and Stassen are due to visit the capitals of seven West European nations.

The two chief architects of this nation's foreign affairs program breakfasted with the President before driving to the airport.

FINAL WORDS

Afterwards, Dulles told reporters: "We got some final words about our prospective trip—final advice and instructions from the President."

Eisenhower wished them: "Good luck to you both."

Before leaving, Dulles handed newsmen a statement which seemed to soften somewhat the criticism he voiced earlier this week of the slowness of West European in bringing about a unified defense program.

He said the European Defense Community (EDC) had been "developed by the Europeans themselves with great courage and imagination as a step toward unity which all recognize as necessary."

In a radio-television address Tuesday night, Dulles had said it might be necessary for this nation to "re-think" its foreign aid policies unless Western Europe got together and agreed on a program of unification—military as well as economic.

Stassen said he was confident that the mission which he and Dulles are undertaking "will be a constructive opening move" in the work of the Eisenhower administration in foreign affairs.



THESE BRIGHTER YOUNGSTERS have lower rates of juvenile delinquency but they should if times and efforts do not pour into the national and local fight for prevention and cure of this crippling disease. Linda Drew, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd A. Drew, 928 Pacific Terrace, and Gary Harvird, 2403 Wantland Street, take a good look at this handsome cake, baked and donated by the Polly Ann Bakery that will go to some lucky listener on tonight's March of Dimes Marathon to be conducted over station KFLW starting at 10:15 p.m. The cake will be presented at the March of Dimes Dance Saturday night at the Armory by Mayor Paul Landry.

Merrill Man Says Robbed

A Merrill man, Charles R. Stewart, reported to City Police early last night he was the victim of an armed robbery on Washburn just off S. 6th.

Two men he had picked up in his car on the Merrill highway beyond the Merrill-Lakeview junction held him at gunpoint and took \$2. All the money he had, Stewart said.

He described the holdup men as about 26 or 27 years old, one about 5-10, slender, wearing a dark leather jacket, and the other about 5-8, husky build, wearing a cloth jacket and levis. The taller man had the gun. Mason told police, apparently a .45 automatic.

He said when he picked the men up they wanted a lift to a service station. He brought them in to S. 6th and Washburn where one of them told him to pull down Washburn, Mason said he drove a short distance along that street, passing a parked Nash sedan, about 1946 model.

Then, he related to police, he stopped and the slender man brought out the pistol and took his blizzard, extracting the \$2 and returning the wallet. Mason said the two men got out of his car, got into the Nash and drove toward town.

Be Human, Win Cake!

Listeners on tonight's March of Dimes Marathon over station KFLW starting at 10:15 p.m. will have a chance at winning a beautifully decorated, 5-tiered, 12-layer cake, baked and donated by the Polly Ann Bakery that will go to some lucky listener on tonight's March of Dimes Marathon to be conducted over station KFLW starting at 10:15 p.m. The cake will be presented at the March of Dimes Dance Saturday night at the Armory by Mayor Paul Landry.

Farm Bureau Meet Slated

A day-long session Monday of Klamath County Farm Bureau members is slated for Malin's Presbyterian Church basement with a half-dozen top-drawer problems and topics due for discussion and possible action.

The meeting is to be the annual get-together of the County Farm Bureau, is pollock, and starts with committee meetings at 10 a.m., general session after lunch.

Among the topics: Report on the organization of an association of water districts in the Klamath Basin. Proposed method of giving pump lands contracts under irrigation regulations.

The Klamath Basin Watershed and where it stands in relation to the "Take it to California" designs.

Report on the National Farm Bureau convention in Seattle late last year, attended by some dozen persons from this area.

There are 540 farm families holding memberships in the Klamath County Farm Bureau.

Anyone Lose Grey Slacks?

Anybody lost a pretty good pair of grey slacks, size about 33-inch waist, 33-inch length?

The family dog of the R. N. Adkins family, 1216 Lincoln, found them somewhere and brought them home the other day.

The owner can have the trousers Adkins says, at that address, phone 8460.

Adkins is detective on the city police force. But he hasn't learned to whom the pants belong.

Two Killed Near Eureka

EUREKA, Calif. (AP) — Two men were killed when their coupe smashed broadside into a tree off U. S. Highway 101, 65 miles south of here Thursday night.

California highway patrolmen said only tentative identification could be made of the bodies. One man, believed to be the driver, carried a letter addressed to Sonny Creasy, P. O. Box 1206, Coos Bay, Ore.

A draft card made out to James Madison Varnell, 19, Pine Bluff, Ark., was found on the other body.

The car smashed into the tree on the east side of the highway, spun around and landed some 60 feet away on the other side of the road.

Many Ukraine Priests Jailed

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Half of the Soviet Ukraine's 3,470 Roman Catholic priests have been jailed and the others have gone into hiding or have been forced to sever their ties with the Vatican, a White Book put out Friday by the Ukrainian clergy in Rome said.

The publication said all of the Ukraine's 18 bishops have been imprisoned, assassinated or died while in jail and all dioceses of the church have been liquidated.

Road Tax Levy Vote Scheduled

A special election to vote on a road tax levy for the year 1953 is scheduled for April 22, at 10 o'clock a.m. The road tax levy is set at five cents per gallon of gasoline.

Van Fleet Says Drive Sound Plan

SECUL, Saturday (AP) — Gen. James A. Van Fleet's husband, Mrs. Van Fleet, said Friday it was "soundly planned" to describe "Operation Smack" as anything but a soundly conceived and carefully planned combat operation.

Headquarters of the retiring Eighth Army commander stopped into the controversy raging over the "Operation Smack" campaign with a three-page statement in which he declared the campaign was "fair in Allied fighting terms."

The statement said three U. S. soldiers were killed and 25 wounded in the operation. It has been estimated that the men of the U. S. Seventh Division took part in the raid, which hit a western front position known as "Hill 130."

Van Fleet's statement said that the raid was "soundly planned" and that the men of the U. S. Seventh Division took part in the raid, which hit a western front position known as "Hill 130."

Deer Range Trip Slated

A deer range trip is planned for the Klamath County Farm Bureau members. The trip is to be held on the Klamath National Forest, near Malin, and is open to all members of the Klamath County Farm Bureau.

Weather

FORECAST: Klamath Falls and vicinity and Northern California. Partly cloudy through Saturday with scattered showers. Low Friday night 40; high Saturday 45. High yesterday 48. Low last night 31. Precip last 24 hours .80. Snow Oct. 1. Normal for period .65. Same period last year .19.

GORMIE RECOVERS

BRATTLE (AP) — Stricken with a brain blood clot, Jack Gormie, recent chairman of the National Security Resources Board and former Everett and Seattle newspaperman, was reported recovering his satisfactory Thursday at Washington, D. C.



DON KRIDER, assistant secretary-treasurer of the Klamath Production Credit Association, was caught talking to the bookkeeper Vivian Greene when the Special Agent drifted in this morning.