



A NEW FLAG will wave at the Yacht Club May 23, scheduled date for Commissioning Day. A gift to the club from Mike and Beulah Regan, Mrs. Regan is shown at the right holding the flag with Lewis Kandra as they present it to Commodore Sproat. Rex Hiatt Jr., in background, was emcee for the occasion. —Photo by Floyd at Underwoods.

Stock Ranchers Defend Proposed Grazing Measure

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ranchers said Thursday a livestock grazing bill they are backing is a conservation measure, not the "big steel" opponents have called it.

They told a House lands subcommittee the bill would give

them more stability and encourage conservation of forage on Western federal lands used for grazing cattle and sheep.

Farrington Carpenter of Hayden, Colo., federal grazing administrator in 1934-38, was lead-off man for proponents of the bill. It is aimed at clarifying grazing regulations on about 300 million acres administered by the Interior and Agriculture Departments.

Carpenter said the bill is a first step in the direction of straightening out complex land ownership problems which have retarded the economy of the West.

Many ranchers, he said, are operating on "checkerboard" land—private and federal lands managed by several government agencies each with different grazing regulations.

Carpenter said the bill would extend the beneficial effects of the Taylor grazing act, which governs land administered by the Interior Department's Bureau of Land Management, to grazing areas in the national forests, which are under the Agriculture Department.

The bill, he continued, would add two principles to administration of grazing in forests: (1) regulation by law instead of by officials, and (2) stockmen would have the right to go to court if dissatisfied with administrative acts.

Chiropractor Is Convicted

PORTLAND (AP) — A circuit court jury convicted Ross H. Elliott, 69, chiropractor, of conducting a public nuisance by maintaining a place where abortions could be bought.

It was the third conviction on a nuisance charge, following a raid on clinics here in 1951. There also have been four manslaughter convictions, one acquittal on a manslaughter charge. Two manslaughter charges still are to come to trial.

Elliott faces a possible penalty of six months in jail or a \$200 fine. Judge James R. Bain said he will impose sentence Monday.

Celilo Indians Protest Dams

WASHINGTON (AP) — Three spokesmen for Indians of the Celilo, Ore., area appealed to a Senate appropriations subcommittee this week to stop work on The Dalles Dam on the Columbia River.

They said flooding of their fishing sites at Celilo Falls would deprive them of their livelihood. The spokesmen were John Whit, Henry Thompson and Willie John.

RED AMNESTY

BERLIN (AP) — A West German anti-Communist organization said Friday Moscow has extended its amnesty for short term prisoners to the Soviet Zone of Germany.

Coronation Chair Still Bears Initials Of School-Boy Who Carried Out Dare

LONDON (AP) — Twenty-eight English monarchs and a naughty schoolboy have sat on the Coronation Chair on which Queen Elizabeth II will be crowned in Westminster Abbey June 2.

All through the centuries, the Coronation Chair has intrigued would-be carvers, most of them pupils at Westminster School adjoining the abbey.

The best craftsmen in the kingdom have just polished and retouched the old oak relic, but neither they nor the woodworkers before them succeeded in erasing the schoolboy's initials.

The lad who sat in the chair, Peter Abbot, also slept in it all night. He did it on a dare. Before he left, he took his knife to the chair and dug out the words:

"P. Abbot slept in this chair July, 1600."

That gave him a certain niche in history and probably a sound whacking as well.

One big carved signature — "N. Curzon" — is believed to be that of George Nathaniel Curzon (1859-1925), British foreign secretary and leader of the House of Lords, who married Mary Victoria Leiter, daughter of a Chicago millionaire, in 1895.

Among scores of initials, three other signatures, those of N. Lister, T. Pelham and R. Assheton, are scrawled into the wood. Very little is known of them except that they were educated at Westminster School more than 300 years ago.

Westminster schoolboys today don't practice on the Coronation Chair. A night and day security guard is posted. A police officer checks everyone in and out of the abbey. As a further precaution, an invisible ray is connected by warning signal to Scotland Yard. Anyone who gets too near the chair unknowingly touches off the alarm.

Back in 1887, some eager beavers of the Ministry of Works wanted to make the chair nice and shiny and ordered the woodwork stained and varnished. The country was appalled at the "mutilation." Shortly after, the chair was devarnished.

All the sovereigns of England since 1307 were crowned on the chair with the exception of Mary, wife of William of Orange. It was designed in 1300 by Master Adams, goldsmith to Edward I.

Only twice has the chair left the abbey. Once was when Oliver Cromwell was inaugurated lord protector in Westminster Hall in 1657. The second time was during World War II, when it was taken for safety to Gloucester Hall.

The chair, made of well-seasoned oak and decorated with gold leaf, is still in pretty good shape for its 650 years. It is handled like a vintage cognac. The crypt where it is housed is kept at an even temperature and insulated against dampness. The chair stands on thick layers of soft, warm felt.

Indian Fund Bill To White House

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate passed and sent to the White House Thursday a bill removing the limitation of tribal funds which the Klamath Indians of Oregon may spend for salaries and expenses of tribal officials or representatives.

Present law limits such expenditures to \$15,000 yearly.

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