

Utah GOP Names Educator To Replace Stringfellow

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—Utah Republican leaders last night named a prominent Utah educator to replace a self-confessed phony war hero on the 1st District congressional ballot.

Then they withheld announcement of their choice for 25 minutes while top party officials pleaded with him to accept the nomination.

Their action followed unanimous acceptance of the withdrawal of Rep. Douglas R. Stringfellow (R-Utah) from the race.

Selected to run was 62-year-old Dr. Henry Aidous Dixon, president of Utah State Agricultural College in Logan, and considered to be the only strong GOP possibility in the populous, northern Utah areas of the district. The first includes all of Utah except Salt Lake City and its surrounding metropolitan area.

Stringfellow appeared at the committee meeting last night moments after the group voted to accept the withdrawal he had proffered only a few hours before. He received a standing ovation. Then, in a voice sometimes shaken by suppressed sobs, he said:

"You could have made no other decision... God bless you for your courage and forthright action... In your presence I'd like to apologize."

He said he had not confessed the bogus nature of his story of wartime heroism because "I just did not have the courage. I never found the way."

But the evening's climax came when married party officials, after counting a ballot that had given the nomination to Dixon by an unofficial 73 to 19, learned that Dixon had left Salt Lake City some time before with a parting announcement that he would not accept.

Francis telephoning finally located the educator in the home of a son in Ogden. Then, while some 52 members of the 138-man GOP State Central Committee milled about in a room on the floor below, top state officials took turns pleading with Dixon, his wife Lucille, and then Dixon again, to change his mind.

Ironically, the call was taken in the campaign headquarters of the Democratic party—the only telephone immediately available in the hotel where the meeting took place.

Taking turns at the telephones were Sen. Arthur V. Watkins (R-Utah), chairman of the recent committee to investigate charges against Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis); Utah Gov. J. Bracken Lee; and Jack V. McLea, of Roosevelt, a member of the USAC Board of Trustees.

At length, Dixon accepted. His nomination was announced and the committee voted to make it unanimous.

Stringfellow, a first-term representative in the 83rd Congress, precipitated the pre-election crisis Saturday night when he dramatically announced via radio and television that he had been living a life as a war hero for years.

The disabled veteran, 32, married and the father of two, confessed that his story of a behind-the-lines mission into World War II Germany—a story that had helped win him national prominence—was a hoax.

In Dixon, Republican leaders felt they had the strongest possible replacement for Stringfellow to oppose the Democratic candidate, former Congressman Walter K. Granger of Cedar City.

A mild-mannered, amiable man, Dixon took over as head of USAC in Logan last year, after almost 20 years in Ogden as president of Weber College.

Party leaders quoted Dixon as citing his desire to remain at Utah State and family objections as behind his reluctance to make the race.

The only other name placed in nomination against Dixon was that of George Staples, a Richfield educator, insurance man and radio newscaster. A third nomination—that of State Sen. B. H. Stringham, of Vernal—was withdrawn in support of Dixon.



NEW STUDENT BODY OFFICERS at Fremont School recently elected are, seated, from left: Shooky Hungate, president, and Sandra Stone, secretary. Standing, from left: Stina Anderson, secretary-treasurer, and Rudy Hedberg, second vice president. Vice President Gary Kranenburg was not present when the picture was taken.

Oregon Farm Census Slated

Reports made by Oregon farmers in the 1954 census of agriculture to be taken this fall will bring up to date the statistics now covering a century for the state's farms, according to Field Supervisor Jack L. V. Halbrook, Bend.

The 1954 census will yield information on number and size of farms, acreage and harvest of crops, livestock, selected facilities and equipment—television, food freezer, piped running water, tractors, trucks, etc.—selected expenditures, and other detail.

Jet Crash Kills One Airman

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP)—A B47 Stratofortress bomber crashed and burned while making a practice landing at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base last night, burning one crewman fatally and the other two severely.

Identity of the dead man was withheld. The base said the injured were Capt. George C. Berger, aircraft commander, who received first-degree burns, and M. Sgt. W. A. Nye, who had mild lacerations.

The base identified Berger's mother as Mrs. Mary P. Berger, Thomasville, Ga. Nye's mother is Mrs. Emma Smith Nye, Hedges, Pa.

Forest Products Group To Meet

The Pacific Northwest section of the Forest Products Research Society will hold its fall meeting in Corvallis, October 25 and 26.

Topics to be argued by a six-man panel include: production problems of large fir mills; pine production problems; plant engineering problems; marketing problems and sawmill equipment problems.

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Japan Given U.S. Ships

CHARLESTON, S. C. (AP)—Two American destroyers which once helped to destroy Japan's sea power were to join her budding new Navy Tuesday.

Officials of the two governments, once bitter enemies become allies in the strange post-war years, assembled at the big U.S. Navy base here for ceremonies turning the ships over to Japan on a loan basis.

They will become the biggest combat vessels of Japan's still tiny new Navy.

The USS Ellyson and Macomb, with fresh paint blotting out the symbols of battle victories in engagements with Japan almost a decade ago, were sleek and ready for delivery to Japanese crews.

The Ellyson will bear the new name of Asakaze (Morning Breeze) and the Macomb will be called the Hatakeze (Flag-Fluttering Breeze).

The loan of the two ships to Japan is in accord with the 1951 security treaty between the two nations, which expressed expectation that Japan would "increasingly assume responsibility for its own defense."

SACRED HEART NOTEBOOK

By BEATRICE WALSH
Henley's Hornets stung the Trojans 36 to 6 Saturday afternoon. The SH team will play Malin next Saturday at 1:30 p.m., in Malin.

The mission which was conducted by the Rev. Father Gabriel was concluded Sunday evening.

Several varieties of Christmas cards are now on sale by the juniors. Also, they have announced there are still plenty of pom-poms for sale.

Word has been received that Sacred Heart will participate in the Weyerhaeuser Timber Co. "Youth Views the News" program next spring.

Sophomores held a cake sale Saturday at the Piggly Wiggly Market. The profits went into the Sophomore hop fund.

PTA

Mrs. Helmer Lindstrom, president, and Mrs. J. W. Stagen, vice president of the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers, will be in Klamath Falls, Thursday, October 21, to conduct a school of instruction for persons interested in PTA work.

The school will be held at the YMCA from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. It is expected that the morning session will be devoted to explanation of PTA policies, principles and parliamentary procedure. Discussions on legislation and scholarship will be conducted at the afternoon session.

The objects of PTA are to improve conditions and welfare of children in home, school, church and community by projects, programs and laws on the local, state and national levels. Anyone interested in these objects is cordially invited to attend the school of instruction.

Thornton Gives Radio Ruling

SALEM (AP)—School boards have the right to ban radio broadcasts of school athletic and other events, Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton ruled Monday.

The opinion was for State Sen. Robert D. Holmes, manager of an Astoria radio station.

Holmes said he knew of two cases in which school boards had refused to permit broadcasting of athletic contests.

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Bly Grange Holds Meeting

BLY—About 50 members of surrounding granges paid a surprise visit to the Bly Grange last Friday night. The visitors were from Langell Valley, Lost River, Midland, Fort Klamath and Shasta View Granges. The meeting was held at the High School science room in conjunction with the Soil Conservation speaking contest featuring finalists Georgia Thomson, Bly and Kathy Moore, Merrill. The girls expected to speak before a few judges and close friends but just before they took the stand the science room filled to overflowing with visiting grange members.

Added entertainment was furnished by Connie Hall who played two accordion numbers, a reading by Sheri Rente, a talk by Mrs. Fred Lewis of Klamath Falls on the history of granges, and a humorous reading by Mrs. Cecil Brown of Fort Klamath.

The visitors brought a potluck lunch with them and enjoyed a pleasant social hour. Mrs. Ruth Hall, president of the local grange, announced the next meeting for November 6 in the grange hall at 6 o'clock.

Georgia Thomson won the large cup and Kathy Moore won the small cup in the speaking contest. Georgia will give her talk at a District Soil Conservation meeting at Medford October 22. Judges were Dr. R. J. Harrahill, president of the Klamath Falls Toastmas-

James Chance, principal of Bly School presented the speakers.

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