

Friday Fires Raze Home, Damage Plant

Fires in the Klamath Basin Friday destroyed one home and temporarily shut down one food processing plant.

Regarded as a total loss was the home of W. R. Fenton in Merrill, directly across from the fire station. Damaged, but not seriously, was the Western Starch Company plant at Hatfield, near Tulelake.

Firemen said the two-story Fenton home caught fire about 7 p.m. Friday, apparently in the attic. No cause was known for the blaze. Fenton and two other persons in the home, with the help of firemen and volunteers, managed to remove some large pieces of furniture from the home, but much was lost.

An estimate of damage was not immediately available.

An overheated box in the drying shed was believed responsible for the starch factory fire which started about 3 p.m. Friday.

Plant manager J. L. Aslett said the blaze, second in the drying shed recently, occupied the Tulelake Fire Department for approximately two hours.

Operations at the potato starch plant were suspended for the day, but the plant was expected to be back in operation at least by Monday. It has been working one eight-hour shift daily.

Cow Belles Unit Plans Box Social

An old fashioned box social will be held next Saturday night in the Pine Grove Room of the Willard Hotel. It is announced by Mrs. Homer DeLamater, president of Klamath County Cow Belles, sponsor of the party.

All cattlemen, ranchers, farmers and their friends are invited. There will be cards and dancing and there is no charge, but those attending must bring a box supper for late evening refreshments. These boxes will be auctioned and all proceeds will go to pay for the services of the orchestra, rent of the party room, coffee, etc.

"We hope there'll be some money left over to use for beef promotion this year," Mrs. DeLamater said.

The party is arranged primarily as a Cattlemen and Cow Belle get together for an evening of entertainment. Letters to all Cow Belles and Klamath County Cattlemen's Association members went into the mail this weekend and all members are invited to bring guests. "In this centennial year we think there are a lot of couples who would enjoy a box social," Mrs. DeLamater said. "A shoe box is easy to decorate and pack and any surplus proceeds go entirely to promote the beef industry in the Klamath area."

Dancing will start at 9 p.m.

State Okays Castro Offer

NEW YORK (AP) — The State Department has told the American Society of Newspaper Editors that it "had every right to invite" Dr. Fidel Castro, Cuban prime minister, to the United States.

George W. Healy Jr., president of the ASNE and editor of the New Orleans Times-Picayune, released Friday the text of a wire approving the invitation from R. R. Rubottom Jr., assistant secretary of state for inter-American affairs. Healy said he received the wire from Rubottom March 7.

Healy released the telegram after Charles J. Lewis, editor of the New Bedford (Mass.) Standard-Times, had protested that the invitation to Castro — to attend the ASNE April 17 convention in Washington — "is an insult to many member editors."

Contrary to some reports, Rubottom said in his wire, the State Department "has never objected to ASNE inviting Dr. Castro. ASNE had every right to invite Dr. Castro as he had every right to accept."

Store Robber Short-Changed

BALTIMORE (AP) — A young gunman came out 30 cents short in a grocery store robbery. David Silbermann, 29, the grocer, said the teen-age bandit spent about 30 minutes waiting for customers to leave. While biding his time, he bought two soft drinks, a pretzel and a pack of cigarettes. When the place was clear, he pulled a gun. Mrs. Silbermann screamed. The bewildered youth fled without taking anything.

Obituaries

SWEEK

Homer James Sweek, 41, died at Duarte, California, March 13. He was a native of Oklahoma and a resident of Klamath Falls for the past 24 years. Survivors include sons, James W. Sweek, Klamath Falls and Walter H. of Eugene, Oregon; daughter, Joan Rogers, Klamath, California; brothers, William Sweek, Klamath, California, and Henry of Ingewood, California; niece, Belva Harper, Klamath Falls; also 10 grandchildren. Funeral services to be announced by Ward's Klamath Funeral Home.



ARNIE MIGLIACCIO

Paper Names Ad Executive

Arnold Migliaccio, 2639 Turnage Street, has accepted appointment as an account executive in local retail advertising for the Herald and News effective at once, it is announced by J. A. (Mac) McDonald, display advertising manager.

Migliaccio, who replaces Byron Smith, is a KUHS graduate. "Arnie" and his wife, Sara, have a 23-year-old daughter, Ramonda Antonia.

The new Herald and News man is experienced in newspaper advertising and in retail and wholesale selling. He was with the Herald and News ad department in 1952 and served in the same capacity with the Roseburg News-Review in 1955 through 1957.

Most recently he has been with the Fuller Brush Company, since returning to Klamath Falls from Roseburg.

Old Mystery Of Anastasia Roused Again

CASSVILLE, N.J. (AP) — The mystery of Anastasia, youngest daughter of the last czar, has reached into this little community in the South Jersey pine barrens.

A German lawyer for a woman claiming to be Anastasia came here Friday to take testimony for a German court from the son of the personal physician to the late czar, Nicholas II of Russia.

The physician's son is Greta Botkin, 30, a free lance writer and onetime art editor who now lives in a one room cottage in a Russian colony here.

The lawyer is Dr. Kurt Vermeiren of Hamburg who represents Mrs. Anna Anderson of Bad Liebenzell, West Germany. She claims she is Princess Anastasia and seeks a fortune in money and properties left to the daughters of the czar.

Vermeiren and Joseph Hoffman, West German consul in New York, drove the 60 miles to Botkin's home, accompanied by a chauffeur and a West German court stenographer. The testimony they took was not revealed.

The court of the West German state of Hesse contends Communists killed Anastasia along with other members of the czar's family in 1918. It believes Mrs. Anderson is a former Polish farm laborer.

Botkin last saw the Princess in Russia in 1918. She was smuggled into Japan in 1919 and came to the United States in 1921.

In the 1920s, he confronted the Anderson woman in Germany and said at the time there was no question in his mind that she was the Anastasia. He later wrote a book called "The Woman Who Reseeks."

The group of 37 planned to celebrate completion of the first half of their 4,300-mile journey to Homer, near Anchorage. They intend to homestead 160-acre tracts of farmland on the Kenai Peninsula.

They left the Detroit area 10 days ago and were delayed by mechanical trouble, snow storms and the greetings of towns along the way. The group left Shelby, Mont., Friday and halted briefly at this Canadian border point to clear customs and immigration.

ATTEND CELEBRATION

ETNA — Mrs. Nellie Williams, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Aaron Burl, Mrs. Edna Stuckel, all of Marysville, and Mrs. Margaret Hayden Spencer from Chico, attended the celebration at the Etna High School, March 8. While here Mrs. Williams and daughter were the guests of Mrs. Charles Havenden, a former classmate of Mrs. Burl. Mrs. Spencer stayed at the home of her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hayden of Quartz Valley. On Monday, before returning south, Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Burl were calling on friends and relatives in Etna and Callahan. Mrs. Edna Stuckel stayed for a longer visit with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Green in Etna.

Funerals

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House Will Consider Income Tax Increase

SALEM — The House Taxation Committee will begin this week to study measures to increase income taxes—even though the Legislature's Democratic Majority is determined to avoid any such increase.

The committee, with six Democrats and three Republicans, will hold a hearing Thursday night on the three income tax increase bills.

One of them was requested by Gov. Mark Hatfield to support construction of new institutions and college buildings. The other two were drafted by the Tax Commission at the request of ex-Gov. Robert D. Holmes.

The Hatfield measure would boost income taxes in the lower income groups and make many other changes. The other two bills would make changes all along the line, including elimination of deductions.

Senate President Walter J. Pearson, chief Democratic spokesman in the Legislature, says that no income tax increase will be passed. But, he added, the Legislature might make some adjustments to make the income tax more equitable.

House Republicans say they will still try to get a cigarette tax passed, even though the Democrats oppose that, too. The Republicans succeeded Friday in sending Hatfield's tobacco tax bill back to the Taxation Committee, although most of the Democrats wanted to kill it right then.

This bill to tax cigarettes two cents a package and other tobacco 10 per cent—would have been tied to a reduction in the tax on capital gains. But now the capital gains reduction is dead.

The Republican strategy will be to tie the tobacco tax either to new buildings or to increased basic school aid to local districts.

The Democratic majority, however, is virtually committed to submit a bond issue to the people to take care of the building needs. School census child per year.

Democratic leaders are gleefully reading about how the Washington and California legislatures are having to boost their taxes.

"That means that Oregon, by avoiding any tax increase this year, will have a much more favorable business climate than her neighbor states for the next two years, anyway," Pearson said.

The Democratic vow against tax increases applies only to taxes to support general fund agencies. It does not apply to measures to boost the 6-cent a gallon gas tax to 7 cents, nor to proposals to increase the unemployment compensation taxes against employers.

The House Highway Committee is expected to act in a few days on the gasoline tax increase, as well as on the bill to issue 50 million dollars worth of bonds to construct the bridge over the Columbia River at Astoria, reconstruct the Roseburg - Coquille Highway, and other special projects.

The Senate Labor and Industries Committee is holding hearings on the proposed higher payroll tax on employers.

The House State and Federal Affairs Committee will hold another hearing Monday on the bill to permit the governor to reorganize state administrative agencies, subject to a legislative veto of any plans he might submit.

This is the bill that the committee tabled, then restored to life after a protest by Gov. Hatfield.

According to calculations by the Democratic leaders, the session will last just another month. The Joint Ways and Means Committee says it will be finished with its work on the state budget around April 1. If it does, the session will begin winding up fast soon after that.

A police museum is maintained at Regina, Saskatchewan, by the Royal Canadian Mounted.

Montague—Approximately 600 farm bureau members, their families and guests attended the 13th annual potluck dinner party of the Siskiyou County Farm Bureau recently in the Montague Auditorium.

Clare McGhan, a former Diamond Star 4-H'er of Michigan who is now the field services director for the California Farm Bureau Federation at Berkeley, was guest speaker. An oldtime melodrama was presented by the Shasta Valley Players.

Glen Barnes of Crex Ranches, Etna, president of the farm bureau, opened the evening's program and introduced Harold Campbell, manager of the Weed Branch of the First Western Bank and Trust Company, as master of ceremonies.

McGhan spoke on the many freedoms enjoyed by Americans today, but also spoke on the dangers of losing those freedoms.

A community sing was led by John Berry, principal of the Etna High School.

The play was presented by the Shasta Valley Players, under the direction of Mrs. Juliana Townley, who was also general chairman for the annual event. The cast included:

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VICTOR BORGE DAY started this morning. Here Mayor Lawrence E. Slater signs the royal proclamation under the watchful eye of Marion Grant, Kiwanis Club Ways and Means Committee director. The Kiwanis are sponsoring Borge's visit to Klamath Falls tonight. The mayor urged all citizens to secure tickets and take advantage of this opportunity to attend this wonderful program.

Gilchrist High News

By RUTH FORSTER

GILCHRIST — Presiding at a student body meeting Friday, March 6, Chet Emery introduced winners and alternates in the poetry, humorous, after-dinner, persuasive, and serious interpretation divisions of the Gilchrist High School speech contest held earlier in the week.

John Priest, alternate in serious

interpretation, read from the play "Inherit the Wind." Winner in the poetry division, Mary Helen Edgar, gave her poems on the topic "The Sea." Segregation was the issue discussed in the winning persuasive speech given by Wanda Hight; Nancy Brewer, alternate in that division spoke on dope addiction.

Jim Sample satirized after-dinner speakers in his alternate after-dinner speech. The winner of that division, Donovan Hitt, talked on outdoor sports. Sharon Hitt gave her winning humorous selection, "Crunchies On The Air."

Other winners in the Gilchrist High School speech contest were Mary Helen Edgar, serious interpretation; Elizabeth Howey, panel discussion; Leann Curtis, extemporaneous speaking; Chris Anderson, radio speaking; and Ruth Forster, impromptu speaking.

In competition with other county high schools at Bonanza Tuesday, March 10, Gilchrist became the third place winner in the county speech festival.

First place blue ribbons went to Leann Curtis, extemporaneous speaking and to Elizabeth Howey in panel discussion. Second place red ribbons went to Sharon Hitt, humorous; Donovan Hitt, after-dinner; and Ruth Forster, impromptu speaking. Third place white ribbons went to Chris Anderson, radio speaking, and to Mary Helen Edgar, serious interpretation and poetry. A fourth place green ribbon went to Wanda Hight in persuasive speaking.

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Political parties are a wholesome and necessary part of our society and there is need for right-to-work laws that discriminate against the workers," Ziegler said.

Card tables in their establishment as well as those in the Pastime and The Fort were closed down by Clute's order.

For the past week, Taylor's wife has been appearing before various city and county officials here, contending that her husband lost at least \$8,000 since 1956 while gambling in Vancouver.

City officials said they were reluctant to take any action until a formal complaint had been filed. As soon as Taylor signed the complaint, Clute ordered licensed card playing halted.

Card tables at the three establishments are licensed by the city at \$30 per month. The tables were licensed for non-gambling card games only.

Forest Roads Funds Asked

SALEM (AP) — The House completed action Friday on a memorial asking Congress to appropriate 30 million dollars for access roads in national forests.

Congress approved 26 million dollars last year and President Eisenhower recommended 24 million this year.

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Siskiyou Supervisors Stop Employees' Wage Increases

YREKA — According to a resolution adopted by the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors, all automatic increases of salaries for county employees will be suspended for one year, with employees losing a year of seniority credit, and will start off on July 1, 1959, where they left off before.

Deputy District Attorney Michael T. Hennessy drew up the resolution at the request of the board, following a disagreement between Supervisor W. A. Barr and the remainder of the board over Barr's contention that all employees should be given an increase in salary on July 1. Supervisors W. C. Ealy, S. C. Jackson and Don Avery disagreed, and the resolution adopted Tuesday included their interpretation.

According to a communication addressed to the board from Barr, who was not present for Tuesday's session, some employees would not receive a raise under the proposal made by Ealy, Jackson and Avery.

Ealy denied that "the board had changed its mind" relative to the wage increase suspension, which was approved by order in March, 1958, blaming "the interpretation placed on it by some members of the board," for the obvious inconsistency.

The board also turned aside three budget requests for the present. One of the requests, from Harry Crebbin, secretary of the Siskiyou County Coordinated Chambers of Commerce, requested that the \$8,900 contribution from the county to the organization last year be continued or increased in the new budget.

Crebbin explained that plans were to use the advertising and promotional funds for the preparation of 20,000 brochures for distribution at the California State and Los Angeles County fairs. According to complaints made by Supervisor Earl F. Ager, who accompanied the exhibits from Siskiyou County to the fairs last year, Siskiyou County was one of the few counties without a brochure or pamphlet of any kind.

They said they would remain chained in the building until ejected forcibly. A group of them left during the night, however. The reason for the departure was not explained.

Those who stayed in the plant played cards and took turns sleeping on a pile of felt pads in a corner.

The thin chain was wrapped around their wrists or bodies. It had no locks.

The demonstrators used the chain also to hoist food up from the street. They would lower a carton and have it filled with sandwiches and coffee by their wives and fellow members of Local 442, International Union of Electrical Workers.

Charles Ziegler, president of the local and leader of the demonstrators, said the action was taken to show that "the average American takes seriously his right to work."

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