

Clemency: Gov. Olson Led List

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SACRAMENTO (UPI)—Democrat Culbert L. Olson took office on Jan. 2, 1959, as governor of California and almost immediately took steps toward freeing one of the state's most controversial prison inmates—Thomas Mooney. Mooney and Warren K. Billings were convicted of murder in the July 22, 1916, bombing of a San Francisco parade in which 10 persons were killed and 40 injured.

Both proclaimed their innocence and Mooney was particularly vocal in demanding vindication. He was sentenced to death while Billings got a life sentence.

Gov. William D. Stephens had commuted Mooney's death sentence "because of the earnest request" of President Woodrow Wilson—but Stephens and other governors refused to grant an outright pardon.

Soon after he took office, Olson brought Mooney to Sacramento and in a dramatic ceremony held before spotlights in the Assembly Chamber, handed Mooney his pardon papers.

Olson said he was convinced of Mooney's innocence and that "the prosecution trial testimony was a perjured" against the labor leader.

After that, Olson went on to set the record for executive clemency—the constitutional right of governors to save from death any prisoner he believes was unjustly sentenced.

His total of commutations granted reached 20 — second only to the other governor involved in the Mooney case, Stephens, who saved 13 from execution.

California has decreed death as the penalty for first degree murder since it first became a state in 1850, but until 1893 the executions were carried out by the counties — and records are difficult, and in some cases impossible, to find.

From 1893 to date, there have been 479 executions — 306 by hanging and 173 in the gas chamber. Lethal gas became the method of execution on Aug. 27, 1937.

Although the Constitution does not require the governor to consider clemency for all death cases all of them apparently have done so.

Train Rams Small Truck

MOUNT SHASTA — A freight train demolished a small truck here early Friday morning. Richard Van Arsdell has been charged with drunkenness in and about an automobile, police said.

Van Arsdell denies he was the vehicle's driver, officers add. They said he was seen leaping from the vehicle, a panel delivery-type truck, moments before the crash.

The truck apparently stalled on the tracks at the city's northern limits at 4 a.m.

The vehicle was the property of Home Grocery here, owned by Mayor Matt McNeil of Yreka. McNeil told officers he had not given permission to anyone to drive the truck that day. He has filed no charges.

Van Arsdell was being held in Mount Shasta Jail by California Highway Patrol officers pending further investigation.

Support Charge Jails Yreka

YREKA — Richard David Gillespie, 32, was arrested over the weekend by Modesto police on a warrant issued in 1958 by the Siskiyou County sheriff's office charging felony failure to provide.

Gillespie was returned to Yreka by the Siskiyou County Sheriff's Aero Squadron. Arrested with him was his wife, Myrtle, said officers. She was charged with parole violation.

Sheriff A. B. Cottar said a tip led him to call on Modesto officers to make the arrest. Gillespie is formerly of Yreka.

Booster Club Holds Meeting

FORT JONES — The Scott Valley Booster Club held its first fall meeting at the Community Hall October 5. This was ladies night and a pollack dinner was served to members and their families.

Colored slide photographs of the Centennial Celebration here September 3, taken by Jack C. Young of Yreka and donated by him to the club, were shown during the evening. Members also brought their personal slides and showed them to the group.

The next meeting will be held on Oct. 12.

California Briefs

Fort Jones
Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Veale have returned from a vacation trip to Reno, Sacramento and San Francisco.

Mrs. Frank Branson and Mrs. Kate Avery visited in Medford recently.

Mrs. Wayne Goodale of San Francisco has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Smith, and with her stepfather, William D. Mathews Sr., who is confined at Siskiyou County General Hospital. Mathews is reported to be improving.

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Mr. and Mrs. William M. Smith, Mrs. Helen Burkhardt, Dorice Young and Ormond Smith drove to Happy Camp Sunday.

Atlanta Adams, Mrs. John Campbell, Mrs. Minerva Matson, Mrs. William Smith, Mrs. Howard Towne Sr., Mrs. Lois Berry, Mrs. Ralph Cummins and Mrs. Walter Mathews attended a meeting of the county's women's clubs at Dorris, Saturday. Dorris club members were hostesses.

Mrs. H. Harness of Willows was the speaker.

Mrs. Samuel Wallace and her daughter, Bobbie, Savoyers Bar, have moved to Etna so Miss Wallace may attend Etna Union High School. She is a freshman.

Mrs. Franklin Maplesden drove to Red Bluff Tuesday, October 4, to attend a district meeting of the Women's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church. She was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Self of Fort Jones.

Franklin Maplesden and son, James, drove to Redding on business for a day last week.

Mrs. Lucille Baker, her daughter, Edna, and a friend from Yreka attended a meeting of Fawn Theta Rho Girls Club Thursday evening.

California Weather

By United Press International

San Francisco Bay Area: Fair today; cloudy tonight and Wednesday; high today 75-70; low tonight 47-53; southwest winds 8-18 knots today.

Sierra Nevada: Cloudy through Wednesday with showers and snow flurries likely in north Wednesday; slightly warmer today; cooler Wednesday.

Sacramento Valley: Fair today; cloudy tonight and Wednesday with showers possible in extreme north Wednesday; high today 70-75; Wednesday 67-72; low tonight 50-55; southerly winds 8-18 m.p.h. today.

Northwestern California: Fair today except cloudy on coast and in extreme north; cloudy tonight and Wednesday with showers north of Cape Mendocino; little temperature change; high today 74-47 and low tonight 47-45; coastal winds southwest 12-22 knots today.

Redding Man Faces Trial On Drunkenness

DORRIS — Gary W. Karr, Redding, charged late in September with drunk driving and driving without a valid operator's license, will face a trial October 27.

During an arraignment before Judge Les Chase of Dorris Justice Court then, Karr asked for time to consult an attorney.

Judge Chase gave Karr until October 4 to enter a plea. He set bail at \$315 and Karr was committed to Siskiyou County Jail in Yreka in lieu of bail.

During the preliminary hearing October 4, Karr pleaded not guilty and requested a jury trial.

He was arrested near here by a California highway patrolman.

Navy Deserter Held For Theft

SAN LUIS OBISPO (UPI)—Earl Bryant, 19, a Navy deserter, was held today on suspicion of grand theft auto and various traffic violations, sheriff's deputies reported.

Bryant, attached to the U.S.S. Helena at San Francisco, was captured Monday night as he fled from the wreck of an accident in which he wrecked the stolen car he was driving.

Officers said the car was stolen earlier in the day in San Francisco. Highway patrolmen chased Bryant at speeds greater than 100 miles an hour from Paso Robles where he smashed a gasoline pump after refusing to pay the attendant for gas.

The sailor tried to turn off U.S. 101 onto Monterey Street, but lost control of the auto which blew a tire and ran onto a lawn.

Finishes Training

FORT JONES — Carl Lamon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lamon, has finished basic training at Fort Ord and is stationed at Camp Hanford, Washington.

He has been assigned to an engineering battalion.

He and his wife are residing at Richland, Washington.

Endorsement Of Program Holdoff Seen

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — The Water Problems Committee of the Metropolitan Water District today was expected to recommend that they withhold endorsement of the state's proposed 1.75 billion water program.

The directors were to decide today on the endorsement question.

Committee members are expected to be telephoned by state officials in Sacramento, but were unable to agree on a contract to bring water to Southern California from Northern California under the Feather River project.

Gov. Edmund G. Brown had urged the MWD to endorse the water program on the Nov. 8 ballot. The MWD had refused to do so unless a water delivery contract could be agreed upon beforehand.

"Someone in Sacramento has been trying to sabotage these negotiations," said Committee Chairman Ransom W. Chase. He refused to say who he believed was at fault.

The committee voted 6-4 to reject a resolution stating that the MWD could not recommend a yes vote on the water bond issue.

Major stumbling block to endorsement was the language of the proposed contract between the state and the MWD. The water agency wanted changes in three provisions in the contract:

- Effective date of the contract.
- Delivery point of northern water.
- Method of collecting on a surcharge for water delivered to owners of more than 160 acres.

MWD Chairman Joseph Jensen said during the telephone conversation with state officials, including Water Resources Director Harvey O. Banks "the state wants us to sign a contract which makes us pay for a water program that may turn out to be measly, water project that won't get water south of the Tehachapis."

The Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce and the city Water Department have endorsed the state water program.

Final Talks Drone On

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Final arguments in the longest criminal trial in California history drone on today, and it appeared it would be at least a week before the jury will decide the fate of Dr. R. Bernard Finch and Carol Tregoff.

The murder retrial ended its 16th week Monday with defense attorney Grant Cooper in the fourth day of his summation which is expected to end sometime Thursday.

There will be no session Wednesday in observance of Columbus Day.

Co-prosecutor Clifford Crail, last of four attorneys to present final arguments, will begin when Cooper finishes Crail's summation, expected to last two or three days, will be followed by Superior Judge Leroy Dawson's instructions to the jury of 11 women and 1 man.

A spokesman from the district attorney's office said a recent murder trial in nearby Santa Ana listed 16 weeks but the Finch-Tregoff trial "will be into its 17th week before it even goes to the jury."

Cooper Monday laid the contents of a brown attaché case—dubbed a murder kit by the prosecution—on a railing before the jury.

The case, which Miss Tregoff admitted she carried up the hill to Mrs. Barbara Jean Finch's home the night she was slain, contained a gun, ballistics, hammer, knife, rope, hypodermic syringes in addition to various drugs.

"The prosecution contends," Cooper said, pointing to the items, "that Dr. Finch intended to kill his wife with one of these items. He could have shot her, stabbed her, strangled her, or a number of other things."

Cooper said that Finch's explanation of the kit—that he had assembled it for emergency cases and had Miss Tregoff carry it up the hill on July 18, 1959, only because it contained a flashlight was "much more reasonable than what the prosecution holds."

Although the prosecution holds the gun was in the case, Finch said his wife had it in her auto and pulled it on him and Carol that night.

The veteran attorney also attacked the testimony of Minnesota convict John Patrick Cody as "wholly untruthful" and accused him of embellishing his testimony at the second trial to become a "big man in his circle."

Cody testified he was hired by the lovers to kill Mrs. Finch. He said he was paid \$1,000 for the kill-her-for-hire plot which he never intended to carry out.

Carole and the doctor claimed they hired Cody only to gather evidence on Mrs. Finch.

"If you believe the testimony of John Patrick Cody," Cooper told the jury, "I would say that's the end of the case."

The couple's first trial lasted a few days over three months and ended in a hung jury.

COFFINS HOLD SPIRITS

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (UPI) — Revenue agents Monday charged Olyn Thomas with transporting 300 gallons of moonshine whiskey concealed in a trunkload of his kets.

Virus Linked To Cancer

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—The clinical Congress of the American College of Surgeons received reports today giving support to a belief among many scientists that some cancers may be caused by viruses.

Nobel Prize winner Dr. Wendell M. Stanley, of the University of California at Berkeley, asserted flatly Monday night that viruses can cause tumors, and that is "directly pertinent to the human cancer problem."

Not all physicians are so sure, but Dr. James T. Grace and a team from Roswell Park Memorial Institute, Buffalo, N.Y., reported on experiments that appeared to strengthen Stanley's position.

Grace had injected materials of human cancers into mice and caused malignant tumors. The materials are thought to be viruses because they do not contain known cancer cells.

With the help of an electron microscope, the team now has found in mouse tumors what appear to be viruses, Grace said.

He suggested that either a virus, so far invisible, from the humans had caused the mouse tumors or that the human material activated a latent virus already present in the mice.

Another report to the Congress gave hope for developing a vaccine against cancer. It was presented by a team of researchers from the Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, composed of Drs. Jerome H. Sacks, Richard F. Clark, and Richard H. Egdahl.

Sacks said that rats infected with acute hemolytic anemia, if they survived, showed resistance to transplantations of rat tumors. Serum from the animals appears to give immunity to tumors in other rats, he said.

Approximately 10,000 persons, including 6,000 physicians from all parts of the world, are attending the five-day meeting. The convention closes Friday.

Spotlighting: Three Fined \$50

MCCLOUD — Harold Meador, Carl McCLOUD and Norman Pezdar each were fined \$50 in McCLOUD Justice Court October 8 for spotlighting deer. They pleaded guilty. Their rifles were confiscated and later returned to them.

Those sentenced to pay \$25 in the McCLOUD court for similar violations were Sam Sarti, Joe Bonneville, Reno DeBon, Curtis Johnston and Melvin Johnston.

Judge Alfred A. Smith, Dunsmuir, presided in the absence of Judge Merl Hanson.

Etna Council Mans Repair Of Streets

ETNA — The city council met recently to plan street repairs and study the possibility of making a one-way street of Wagner Way.

Traffic on that avenue would flow north and motorists would park on the east side of the street if the plan were put into motion. Councilmen also discussed various city streets.

Councilman Minor Cross and Clay Fleck announced they reserved Etna's joining the League of Siskiyou County Cities for the present, during a recent meeting of mayors and officials of the city's incorporated communities, conducted recently in Dunsmuir.

Donald Avery, county supervisor of District 5, said the city may legally adopt a "standby" city sales tax ordinance. The ordinance, if passed, would become effective at the council's discretion.

Mayor Harrison Howell presided. Three other councilmen were present.

Accident Victim

MADERA (UPI) — James T. Hightower, 49, Kerman, was killed Monday and six other persons injured in a car-truck collision.

All of the injured were passengers in Hightower's car.

Cow Belles Name Chiefs

YREKA — Mrs. Blair Smith of June Callahan was elected to a two-year term as president of the Siskiyou County Cow Belles, during the organization's fall luncheon meeting held at the Cinnamon Inn recently with the current president, Mrs. Louis Haggis of Grenada, conducting the session.

Other officers elected to serve with Mrs. Smith were Mrs. D. J. Kuck of Montague, as vice president; Mrs. Brice Long of Little Shasta, first vice president; and Mrs. Gene Selby of Quartz Valley, secretary-treasurer.

Prior to the business session and election, members and guests enjoyed a social hour, followed by the steak luncheon.

Mrs. Haggis announced that the Cow Belles will hereafter sponsor the giving of the Herdsmith Trophy at the annual 4-H Achievement Day.

A report was given by Mrs. D. J. Kuck, on the county fair booth. Mrs. Kuck recommended that in the future, the group should select their booth theme considerably in advance, thus giving the committee ample time to work out the details of the theme, and perhaps they would have a better chance at capturing a higher prize. This year's theme was "The Story of a Steak," and the group was awarded a cash prize of \$100.

Mrs. George Fiocke, chairman of the parade committee, presented Mrs. Haggis with the blue ribbon which was awarded the Cow Belles for the float they had entered in the county's ninth annual junior rodeo parade last year.

Mrs. Edson Foulke Jr., who is chairman of the committee for the Cow Belles, is planning the Siskiyou County Brand Book for the Siskiyou County Cattlemen's Association, reported the book will be a looseleaf binder type, providing space for additional brands as they are entered. The cattlemen's association had requested that the Cow Belles assist them with this book, both financially and artistically.

Also during the session, Mrs. Betty Dow of Montague was voted into the Siskiyou County Cow Belles as an honorary member, on appreciation of past publicity Mrs. Dow has given them, from time to time.

Mrs. Gladys Hart of Little Shasta, chairman of the nominating committee, reported the committee's recommendation for the new officers who will serve the Cow Belles for the next two years. A unanimous vote was cast by the membership to accept the slate of officers as recommended.

Mrs. Haggis, who completed her two-year term of office this October, presented Mrs. Smith with the ruling badge of the president, a small cow bell. Mrs. Haggis also called all new officers forward and introduced them to the membership.

Mrs. Brice Martin Jr. of Little Shasta, who is retiring as secretary-treasurer, after two years in this post, presented Mrs. Haggis with a beautiful pair of squaw boots in token of appreciation for her service as president of the Cow Belles.

Hoopa Man Killed In Accident

FORT JONES — Alfred Amos Albers, 36, Hoopa, was killed instantly in an auto accident near here Sunday afternoon, said Siskiyou County sheriff's deputies and California highway patrolmen.

A passenger in his car, John William Jerry, 45, Fort Jones, was reported in serious condition in Siskiyou County General Hospital, Yreka.

Three witnesses, two from Fort Jones and one from Yreka, testified and wandering over the road when the accident occurred at a slight curve on the Fort Jones-Yreka Highway a little more than a mile west of Moffett Creek Bridge.

The car tumbled over two or three times, witnesses said. Both men were thrown out. The car pinned Albers beneath it, officers said.

Funeral services for Albers are pending at Girder's Funeral Chapel, Yreka.

The accident occurred at about 4:15 p.m. No other passengers were in the Albers car.

CANTOR RETURNS HOME

HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — Comedian Eddie Cantor was back home today after spending six weeks in Cedars of Lebanon Hospital for treatment of a heart ailment.

How do we tell the world about Oregon?

(and why should we?)

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How do we tell them the true story? How do you tell a New Yorker about our healthful, zestful climate — a man who's known only freezing winters and sticky summers? How do you tell a Bostonian about Western hospitality and all-year recreational "elbow-room"? How do you convince a Detroit industrialist — in one breath — that Oregon has unlimited power, skilled labor, vast and varied raw materials, a top-flight educational system, and modern transportation and communications ideally suited for commerce and industry?

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What can you do? Plenty! Turn State's witness. Be a one-man Chamber of Commerce. Make yourself untransferable with your Eastern friends. Be a "Texan." (You've certainly got more to shout about.) Tell the next Californian you see about our lakes and seashores and art galleries and towering forests and the buoyant, clear air. Stop Chicagoans on the street and point out Mt. Hood. States don't "just grow." It takes doing. Every one of us is responsible for the economic growth of Oregon.

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