

# Jury Selection Change Suggested To Board

YREKA—Recommendations for changes in procedure of jury selection were presented last week to the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors by a delegation of members of the county grand jury and Siskiyou County Bar Association.

Heading the delegation was Alan J. McMurry, grand jury chairman. Appearing with him were Oliver Wayne, grand jury Good Government Committee chairman; M. H. Messner, bar association, and J. Everett Barr, superior court judge.

The delegation proposed that a jury commissioner system be set up with a member of the county

clerk's staff named jury commissioner. McMurry said the title need not mean an increase in salary.

McMurry explained the commissioner would determine for the judge how many jurors are required for a jury panel, and names would be selected from the voter's register. McMurry said about twice as many jurors as needed would be chosen. He estimated that about half would be exempted by the judge.

McMurry estimates an individual would be called about once every 10 years for jury duty.

McMurry explained the proposal that supervisors no longer select the jury was instituted because several complaints of the present arrangements have been registered by citizens, lawyers and judges.

He pointed out that jury panels are currently not representative of the county as a whole, stating that practically no workers are represented.

Board members pointed out the system may produce complications. They said the matter requires more study.

In other action the board set Dec. 27 for dedication ceremonies of Graves Hall, following a report from County Administrator Jess O'Roke that a plaque for the new juvenile detention home had arrived.

The board also approved a resolution honoring the late George Dillman, Etina, and gave authorization to the clerk of the board to draft a resolution in memory of Alex Rosborough, Yreka.

The board authorized O'Roke to determine the most suitable means of destroying confidential reports and files from county departments. Jess Brewer, county probation officer, told the board of supervisors that he does not think confidential papers should be thrown into county dumps for burning.

Recommendations by the county planning commission pertaining to Siskiyou County airports' master plan and the Happy Camp airport master plan were approved by the board.

The board rejected a planning commission proposal to abandon Louie Lane near Tennant. Supervisor Don Avery said the board believes it can carry out intent of the planning commission without abandoning the road.

Judge J. Everett Barr's request that the old courtroom be restored was set aside until the next budget session. According to O'Roke cost would be about \$900.

Supervisors referred a request for tax cancellations for the city of Yreka to County Assessor L. D. (Babe) Taylor for further study.

And supervisors accepted resignation of George Van Buskirk as assistant county civil defense director. Van Buskirk said he resigned because of conflicting work schedules. He is manager of the Yreka office of the State Department of Employment.

# \$2 Million Is Paid In

YREKA—According to Siskiyou County tax collector, residents of the county and interests have paid taxes in the amount of \$2,189,987.99 to date for this year's tax bill. The total tax bill amounts to \$3,527,581.91.

The collector said many tax payments have not been counted yet, and payments mailed Monday will be applied to the paid tax ledger.

A total of \$800,261.69 has been paid by public utilities, with the California Oregon Power Company paying more than half of the amount.

International Paper Company's payment of \$68,612.41 was the largest payment made other than utilities.

# Pair Arrested, Put Into Jail

DUNSMUIR — Shelby C. Holcomb, 40, Kentucky, and Roland H. Dean, 40, Arvin, found some ways of doing Christmas shopping early does not pay.

They were arrested by Dunsmuir and Southern Pacific Company police Wednesday with a white rabbit, a radio, a flashlight, two blankets, gloves and a camera in their possession.

These articles had been stolen from parked cars and other places in the community. The two men will not get rabbit stew for Christmas dinner. They will dine on whatever is on the menu at the Siskiyou County Jail where they were sent for 30 days.

# Vacation Begins Today In Weed

WEED—Christmas vacation for Weed Union Elementary School students will begin Dec. 21 after a half-day session, Leno Lenzi, principal announced this week.

All classes will be recessed at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21, and will resume Tuesday, Jan. 8, at the usual time.

A Christmas program was presented Tuesday night, Dec. 20, at 7:30 in the elementary school auditorium to which the public was invited.

The annual Yuletide program is an all-student presentation and was staged in conjunction with the regular Weed Elementary School Parent Teacher Association meeting.

# Jersey Okays Voting In D.C.

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — New Jersey has become the third state in the country to ratify a proposed amendment to the U. S. Constitution giving residents of Washington, D. C., the right to vote in presidential elections.

The State Senate passed the amendment this Monday. The State Assembly had passed the measure last month. It does not require the governor's signature.

The amendment would give the District of Columbia three votes in the Electoral College. Hawaii and Massachusetts approved the amendment before New Jersey. Ratification by 38 more states is required.

# U.S. Orders Aid Resumed

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States has ordered resumption of full military and economic assistance to Laos.

Announcing the resumption Monday night, State Department press officer Lincoln White said the triumph of the new non-Communist government of Laos over Soviet-backed forces provided grounds for considerable satisfaction.

U. S. aid funds to Laos had been held up since Dec. 1.

White said all Americans in Laos have been accounted for and are safe. Four Americans suffered minor wounds during the recent battling for the capital city of Vientiane.

RESIGNS U.N. POST  
WASHINGTON (UPI) — The White House announced Monday the resignation of James Barco, deputy U.S. representative to the United Nations, effective when the Kennedy administration takes over.

# Trial Is Slated For January

MOUNT SHASTA — Oscar Udrik Knivila, Willis, Calif., was arrested recently by the California Highway Patrol and charged with drunk driving.

He asked for a jury trial when he appeared before Judge John Kinstrey in Mount Shasta Justice Court Monday, Dec. 12. The trial was set for Tuesday, Jan. 24.

Knivila said he had taken one drink—at Dorris, 60 miles away—and was traveling slowly south on Highway 99 near here when he was involved in an accident.

Patrolmen said, however, that evidence indicates Knivila was driving at a high speed and under influence of liquor.

The car skidded along a shoulder for 120 feet, along a bank for 75 feet and 100 feet through a brush field before stopping, officers said.

# Funeral Held On Saturday

YREKA—Funeral services were held for Mrs. Tersilia Bacciarini, 65, Montague, Saturday, Dec. 17, in St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Interment was in St. Joseph's Cemetery. Rosary was recited Friday evening in Girdner's Funeral Chapel.

Mrs. Bacciarini died in her sleep Tuesday night at her home in Delphic School District on Oberlin Road near Montague, where she lived alone. She was found by members of her family Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Bacciarini was born Feb. 7, 1885, in Switzerland, where she was married to Louis Bacciarini in 1913. They came to Siskiyou County and moved onto a ranch in the Delphic District in 1915. Her husband died in 1952.

She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. John Fasoletti, Yreka; Mrs. Pete Robustellini, Montague; and Mrs. Julius Pereira, Fort Jones, and two sons, Louis and William, both of Montague.

She also leaves 10 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and two brothers and a sister in Switzerland. Her mother died in Switzerland last August.

# Miller Heads Union's Local

McCLOUD—Lee Miller was re-elected president of International Woodworkers of America Local 3-84 AFL-CIO. Other officers elected, according to a report issued by the balloting committee, were Morten Sanders, vice president; Larry Gardner, secretary-treasurer and business agent; Russell Brickell, recording secretary; Edgar Dodwell, conductor; Frank Nait, warden; and Wayne G111, three-year trustee.

In the plant sub local the following officers won election: Troy Price, chairman; Allen Gist, vice chairman; James Thompson, Gino Prosperi and Troy Price, plant negotiating committee. Thompson, Price, Edwin Williams and James Mason were elected to serve on the executive board.

# Freeman Named Poundmaster

YREKA — At Thursday night's meeting of the city council, Rue Freeman was appointed the new city poundmaster. Henry T. Watson, Yreka police chief, will deputize him as soon as possible.

Freeman was chosen to fill the vacancy left with the resignation of W. E. Stewart.

The council created the part-time position to enforce the city dog ordinance amended Aug. 4. The salary to be paid to Freeman is \$75 per month.

# Holiday Drivers Warned

YREKA—Holidays may be happy days, but not necessarily on highways, warned Capt. J. B. Booth, commander of the California Highway Patrol's Yreka Area, today.

"Despite the traditional joy of the Christmas season, an estimated 82 persons will die in California traffic accidents during the holidays," said Booth.

"The patrol will attempt to disprove that estimate. Our strength in the field will be maintained at maximum level during both holiday periods.

"We will be especially alert for the drinking driver, and strong emphasis also will be placed on preventing violations which cause most accidents.

"Despite this, the main duty lies with the public. Each driver must realize that when drinking he becomes a danger to himself and to every motorist on the road if he gets behind the wheel of a car.

"Don't start the new year with tragedy," said Booth. "During the season when courtesy and good neighborliness are the bywords of the season."

# Give Her Cosmetics from Wood's Drug

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# Expansion Is Planned

YREKA—According to the district superintendent of Yreka elementary schools, Robert Reynolds, Jackson Street School should have six additional rooms ready for occupancy by next fall.

He stated that \$72,000 was allocated to the district by the Siskiyou County Schools Board of Trustees from the forest reserve fund and will be used in the project.

The school is operating with an attendance of about 120 students over the maximum number for the present building, Roberts stated. He added the new addition will alleviate overcrowded conditions.

Because of classroom shortage, students have been meeting in the multipurpose room of Gold Street Elementary School, he said.

Instructions were given to the architect to draw plans immediately for the addition, which will include a science room. Construction will start next spring.

# Jury Finds Man Is 'Not Guilty'

WEED—A three-man, nine-woman jury Monday returned not guilty verdicts for Joseph Fred Kelleck, Yreka, on charges of driving while intoxicated and for having a concealed weapon in his vehicle.

The trial was conducted in Weed Justice Court by Kenneth T. Stone, judge.

The jury was in session until 11 p.m. Monday.

Kelleck was represented by Joe Correia, Yreka attorney. Albert H. Newton Jr., district attorney, represented the people.

Kelleck was arrested Sept. 30 by the California Highway Patrol.

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