



RAILROADER GETS SERVICE PIN — Stewart H. Snell, right, chief dispatcher for the Great Northern Railway, received a 25-year service award from Tom Lamphier, superintendent of the Klamath Division, at a party held in Snell's honor Tuesday. Snell joined the GN in 1938 on the Klamath Division. In 1943 he was transferred to Great Falls, Mont., where he worked as dispatcher. He was returned to Klamath Falls the same year and was subsequently promoted to the position of chief dispatcher, May 27, 1954. Snell resides at 1850 Earle Street.

Old-Time Sunday Band Concert To Be Revived

It seems like only yesterday every town in the country had a band shell in the municipal park and Saturday was concert night.

During the decades of the '20s and '30s, money was no status symbol. Nobody had any. The "big men" in town were the members of the band—farmers, merchants, neighbors—who donated their talents to provide free weekly entertainment.

The grocer who rewarded payment of his bill with a sack of candy for the kids played trombone. The man who drove the ice wagon, with its long tail of barefoot children, was the drummer.

Cuba Holds Grab Order

HAVANA (UPI) — The government has taken no action so far to enforce its order nationalizing the U.S. Embassy building here.

Work at the embassy proceeded normally Wednesday, with people coming and going on routine errands as they would on any other day.

Since the United States broke off diplomatic relations with Cuba in January, 1961, the embassy's offices have been used by Swiss diplomats handling U.S. affairs in Cuba.

Cuban officials asked the Swiss Wednesday to vacate the building. Informed sources said the Swiss Embassy protested both the nationalization and the request that they leave, and for the time being they remained in possession.

When the old-time concert is revived Sunday, July 28, in Veterans Memorial Park, Klamath Falls neighbors will be the music men.

LaMar Jensen's Starlighters, enlarged into the greater Starlighters Concert Dance Band by musicians from Baldy's Band, and Jack Pearson's Dance Masters, will play the danceable tunes from the "only yesterday" era.

Saxophonists are LaMar Jensen, school teacher; Roger Beck, millwright; Norman Beck, estimator; "Bud" Blanchard, car salesman, and Lawney Hallack, student.

Trumpet section is composed of Fred Floetke, appliance store manager; David Johanson, bank loan officer; James Metter, accountant; Ephraim Hackett, teacher.

Trombonists are Dr. R. F. Peters, optometrist; Dr. James L. Lawson, optometrist, and Dwight Schuck, student.

Rhythm section is made up of Normand Poulshock, teacher; Ronald Jones, upholsterer; William J. Cunningham, car salesman; Ted M. Van, automotive parts man, and Richard Douglas, men's apparel salesman.

Funds from the Recording and Transcription Industries make the concert possible, but the men who form the band are rehearsing long hours after their regular workday to assure its success.

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Billy Sol Estes Associate Resigns Self To Serving Out Prison Term

AMARILLO, Tex. (UPI)—Harold E. Orr, whose memoirs sell in 11 volumes for about \$6,000, is going to start a 10-year stretch in the federal penitentiary Sept. 1 and is reasonably resigned to it.

"It does not profit me to stay out," said Orr, a leading associate of bankrupt and convicted farm financier Billy Sol Estes. "I do not want another stay."

"Now I just want to get this behind me, get a nice little job and get bread and beans for my family. No more wild dreams about the future."

Orr's memoirs are mainly about his deals with Estes and are legally known as a deposition. More than 20 lawyers questioned him for four months. It takes 11 volumes, each two inches thick, to hold the transcribed questions and answers.

Copy Costs \$6,000

Postponed

The Neighbors of Woodcraft Thimble Club meeting, originally scheduled Friday, July 26, has been postponed until Tuesday, July 30. It will be held at the home of Neva Hayes, 1111 Alameda, beginning at 8 p.m. with a potluck dinner.

When a lawyer wants a copy reproduced, page by page, on a duplicating machine. Since the cost is about \$6,000 a copy, Orr's memoirs have enjoyed only a modest success.

Orr lives in an \$18,000 home. His wife, Barbara, supports him and their daughter Diana, 12, by keeping books for a cement company. The home, the furniture in it and a 1960 automobile are all that Orr has left.

"I am living off my wife," Orr said in an interview. "That's not good."

Being unmasked as a fraud has not entirely disgraced Orr among his friends and associates. He was especially worried about how Diana would be treated.

"Only one kid made a crack to her," he said. "People have really been pretty nice. I have not lost my friends."

"Estes said jump and I said how high," Orr said.

"We committed a sin and have to pay for it. The days are just clicking off."

President Of Company

Orr was president of Superior (tank) Manufacturing Co. of Amarillo which Estes used as a front to sell mortgages, signed by west Texas farmers, to 12 big finance companies.

Superior made few, if any, tanks for Estes, but with the help of Orr and two other Superior officials, Estes was able to sell about \$24 million worth of mortgages on anhydrous ammonia fertilizer tanks.

Orr, 32, and the other Superior officials—the same charges. A jury found

officials—Coleman D. McSpadden, director and leading stockholder, and Ruel Alexander, secretary-treasurer—were arrested April 29, 1962, about the same time Estes was.

Pleads Guilty

Pleading guilty to fraud and conspiracy charges before U.S. Dist. Judge R. E. Thomason in El Paso on July 13, 1962, Orr and McSpadden were sentenced to 10 years each and Alexander to 6.

Estes chose to stand trial on the same charges. A jury found

him guilty and Judge Thomason sentenced him to 15 years in the federal penitentiary. A state court has sentenced Estes to eight years for swindling a farmer and more than 30 counts of various indictments against him remain untried.

Orr, McSpadden and Alexander all have to report to federal prison in September. Orr is spending his last weeks of freedom cleaning house, mowing the yard and answering questions of lawyers preparing cases for or against Estes.

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