

Budget Cuts To Reduce Extension Agent Staff

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County Extension Agent

Two extension agent positions in Klamath County will be terminated by March 1, according to Gene M. Lear, associate director of the Cooperative Extension Service.

Staff members affected are Wilbur Reil, agent in agriculture and Frances Hall, home economics agent. Reil has been on the Klamath staff since Dec. 1 of 1962. Mrs. Hall has served in Klamath County since July 1 of 1961, and had served prior to this time in Marion and Umatilla counties, and in the state extension office at Corvallis.

Reductions in staff were made necessary by budget cuts, resulting from defeat of the state tax program by referendum last October. Staff reductions are being made also in other counties across the state. Lear notes that "since extension expenditures are about 85 per cent for employment of staff, and the balance for expenses in support of these staff persons, reductions have had to be in elimination of positions and people. All other parts of the State System of Higher Education can make reductions in building repairs, maintenance and construction, before reducing teaching staff."

The date for termination of

the adult home economics position has been announced as March, 1964. Mrs. Hall is eligible for retirement following 20 years of service in extension work, and will retire as of that date.

Reil's position, working with development of new crops, developing improved irrigation practices and moisture measurement, servicing the seed certification program, and service to urban homeowners, will terminate Feb. 1, 1964. His plans for the future are indefinite at this time.

Some adjustment of responsibility of remaining staff members will be needed. The home economics work with adults, and service to homeowners will have to be reduced, he says. Less emphasis can be given to some other phases of agricultural work, with loss of the staff member in this area. "But we will adjust to carry on the best educational program we can, with the remaining staff. Projects of greatest impact on the local economy, such as livestock production and marketing, animal health, seed certification, weed, rodent and insect pest control, and soil fertility, will be carried on as actively as possible," a spokesman of the county extension said.

Check Station Kept Busy By Heavy Holiday Traffic

HORN BROOK — Rose Bowl rosters, families visiting relatives and winter vacationists kept the inspectors at the Hornbrook checking station hopping this weekend.

"We can relax a bit after New Year's Day," Don Douglas, senior inspector, said.

Last Saturday 5,617 incoming cars were checked in a 24-hour period plus 34 buses and 84 trucks. This was typical of the week's traffic which exceeded the heaviest week during the summer months by thousands of cars.

The checking station, officially a quarantine station of the State Department of Agriculture, remains open around the

clock to be sure no vehicle brings undesirable insects or plant diseases into California, particularly those that might menace the citrus crop.

"We have to be particularly careful of Canadian cars because much of the citrus fruit the passengers carry has been imported from Japan," Douglas explained displaying a lime which evidenced infestation of disease.

Douglas said there is a heavy influx of Vancouver visitors this year, many of them heading for Mexico for the winter.

While the primary duty of the inspection station is to check for fruit and insect disease, inspectors are trained to have a sharp eye and are entitled to make as thorough an inspection as they deem necessary.

In handling the holiday traffic, every effort has been made to keep things moving and the atmosphere has been one of courtesy and consideration. The crew even put up a lighted Christmas tree at the checking station entrance.

"It makes people feel welcome," Douglas said, "and looks very nice at night for the first stop in California."

Regular shifts are not adhered to during the heavy Christmas traffic. The inspectors were asked to take days off well in advance of the holidays so no bottlenecks would develop. A crew of nine men man the station for each 24-hour period.

Among those on duty the weekend prior to Christmas were Douglas, who lives in Yreka; George Michels Jr., Hornbrook; Leslie Fitzpatrick, Yreka; Tom Taylor, Yreka, and Art Cribbs, Hills.

Barge Fire Burns Man

A gas explosion aboard a salvage barge in Upper Klamath Lake resulted in face and hair burns to one man Saturday morning, Klamath Falls firemen reported.

Injured was William L. Richards. He was taken to Klamath Valley Hospital, treated and released.

The fire on the barge, docked at 1100 Front Street, damaged the motor area. The craft is owned by Chuck Hightower. Firemen received the call at 11:30 a.m.

Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock Klamath Falls firemen were summoned to 2510 Montelius for a fire. There was no damage in the dwelling owned by William R. Smith.

Boy Scouts Set Reunion

A special reunion is being held for present and former members of Boy Scout Troop 9, Pelican City troop, to be held at the Eagles Lodge at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 29.

All attending are urged to bring their scouting pictures. All ex-scouts and scouters of Troop 9 are welcome. Refreshments and fun are scheduled.

Roosevelt Eyes Post

MIAMI (UPI)—Elliot Roosevelt, who started going to political party conventions when he was 13 and politicking for his father — Franklin D. Roosevelt — when he was 18, will run for Democratic national committee man from Florida in 1964.

It will be the first try at elective office for Roosevelt, 63, a Miami business consultant specializing in Latin American affairs. He has been a Miami resident for 13 months.

Roosevelt said his main reason for seeking the post is his conviction that "it's time for Florida to have an important position on the Democratic national level."



REGAL CEREMONY — Hilles M. Bedell, president of the 75th annual Tournament of Roses, places the crown on Rose Queen Nancy Kneeland Friday night at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium in a regalia ceremony marked with pomp and pageantry. —UPI Telephoto

Best Yule Displays Announced

BONANZA — The Christmas lighting contest sponsored jointly by the Bonanza Garden Club and Pacific Power and Light Company, resulted in unusually beautiful displays this year.

Judges were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Osborne and Mrs. Clara Bold of all Bonanza. Displays were judged Dec. 23 as follows: window or entrance, first, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wooten; two second prizes, Bob Hartley, and John Tofell; honorable mention to Don Rice, Dairy, and Mike Clark, Bonanza.

Lawn display: First, Glenn Huffman; second, Vernon Hubble.

Junior division: Billy Hartley, 11, who entered a decorated play house.

Clouds May Block View Of Eclipse

PORTLAND (UPI) — The Weather Bureau here held out little hope today that wakened Oregonians will be able to see an eclipse of the moon early Monday.

The full eclipse will begin at 1:25 a.m. PST and the moon will be completely in the earth's shadow from 2:28 to 3:47. It will emerge entirely from the shadow at 4:30 a.m.

The eclipse, caused by the earth passing between the moon and the sun, will be visible throughout North America and from the west coast of South America, weather permitting.

"It doesn't look very hopeful," a weather Bureau spokesman said.

Cloudy skies and periods of rain are forecast for all sections of the state.

Kennedy Left Impression On Minds Of West Berlin

BERLIN (UPI) — The late President John F. Kennedy left an indelible impression on the minds of West Berliners with his visit to the divided city and his tour of the anti-refugee wall, according to a public opinion survey released Saturday.

"Indeed, perhaps never before has a single individual had so galvanic an impact on the morale of a dispirited people as did John F. Kennedy in his few hours visit June 25, 1963," a report by the Bad Godesberg Institute of Applied Social Science said.

The institute has been making surveys of Berlin morale and opinion for several years. Its latest report said Kennedy raised Berlin morale to unprecedented heights.

The President's death shocked and deeply grieved Berliners but the soaring morale worked by his visit survived, the institute's survey indicated.

When the Communist wall was erected on Aug. 13, 1961, Berlin morale underwent its greatest crisis since the 1949-49 blockade. Fifty per cent of West Berliners said the situation was "very serious," the survey said.

But a few weeks after the Kennedy visit only three per cent considered the situation "very serious."

As to the visit itself, the institute said, "It is difficult to imagine an event that would have the same urgent impact"

Accident Takes Lives Of Four

RITZVILLE, Wash. (UPI) — Four persons were killed Friday when a car apparently traveled through a stop sign and crashed into a pickup truck south of here, according to the Washington State Patrol.

Killed were Dale E. Wright, 44, Connel, Wash., who was alone in the pickup truck; James E. Wrenchy, 64, Hermiston, Ore., his wife, Mariella, 47, and Jerry W. Moreland, 31, a sailor assigned to the U.S.S. Frontier at San Francisco.

The Wrenchys and Moreland were riding in the Wrenchy vehicle. There were no survivors.

State Agencies Told To Submit Priority Needs

SALEM (UPI) — State departments have been advised to submit priority restoration requests for presentation to an Emergency Board meeting Jan. 24, the Finance and Administration Department revealed Saturday.

When the 100,000-acre Boardman project was turned over to

the Veterans' department by the special session of the legislature, \$900,000 that had been spent by the state to develop the project was refunded to the general fund from surplus veterans' funds.

Gov. Mark Hatfield will review a agency restoration requests, and submit recommendations to the Emergency Board.

The Emergency Board, made up of legislators, must give its approval before any of the \$900,000 can be used to restore

studies resulting from the Oct. 15 tax referendum.

Finance and Administration Director Freeman Holmer advised a agency heads "special consideration will be given to those items where the smallest allocation will accomplish the greatest gain in the preservation of essential public services."

Agency heads were ordered to submit their restoration requests by Jan. 8.

Holmer said "it is planned to present the entire list of requests to the Emergency Board for their consideration together with the governor's recommendations as to which requests should receive allocations at this time."

U.S., Japan Negotiations Deadlocked

TOKYO (UPI) — Negotiations for the reduction of U. S. air strength in Japan appeared deadlocked Saturday with the Japanese unwilling either to forego the protection of America's might or to help pay for it.

Negotiations between U. S. and Japanese military authorities on the subject have been going on here quietly since October. It now appears probable that they will be adjourned without decision until early next year.

The Japanese object specifically to the withdrawal of America's F102 jets from this country, arguing that it would create a gap in Japanese air defenses.

The Americans suggest that the Japanese either buy some F102s of their own or pay part of the cost of keeping U. S. fighter squadrons in this country.

Foreign Office sources said Japan has not given a definite reply to these plans because both entail the disbursement of a large sum of money.

Japan was reported reluctant to buy F102s because they are becoming outdated.

The sources said the fighter planes would prove useless because this country is fully occupied by the training of pilots for the F86 and F104 fighters already included in its plans.

Negro Awaits Decision On Return To Georgia

SPOKANE (UPI) — The first major decision on whether a Georgia Negro will be returned to be executed or will be allowed to go free is expected after a federal court hearing beginning here Monday.

The case is that of Charlie Will Cauthen, 26, who was arrested in Warden, Wash., this summer on a fugitive from justice warrant.

Cauthen was convicted Feb. 23, 1959, of the murder of Elijah Melvin Perkins, a white service station operator from Griffin, Ga. He escaped from the Pike County jail at Zebulon May 25, 1959, and was working on a farm near Warden when the

Helicopter Pilot Slain In Viet Nam

SAIGON (UPI) — A U.S. Army first lieutenant was killed Saturday by Communist guerrilla fire which ripped through the cockpit of the HU1B armed helicopter he was piloting over the Mekong Delta, an American military spokesman said.

The spokesman said the craft was with a flight of armed helicopters escorting a command helicopter carrying a senior American military advisor on an administrative mission.

The incident occurred some 55 miles south southwest of the capital near the village of Mo Cay.

According to the spokesman, no other military personnel aboard the helicopter were injured and the co-pilot took control of the craft bringing it back to its base in Saigon.

Air Force Pilot Dies In Crash

EPHRATA, Wash. (UPI) — The pilot of an Air Force helicopter was killed Friday when his craft crashed and burned six miles south of Ephrata, Wash.

Capt. Robert Gorter, 34, Springfield, Mass., died while flying a local mission from Larson Air Force Base near Moses Lake in central Washington, an Air Force spokesman said. Gorter was alone in the helicopter, which normally carries a crew of two.

A board of inquiry was appointed to investigate the crash.

Train Proposal Protested

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — The California Public Utilities Commission Friday protested by letter to the Interstate Commerce Commission against the proposed discontinuance of Southern Pacific's Shasta Daylight train between Oakland and Portland.

The railroad has proposed to halt its tri-weekly winter service Jan. 29, but still plans to run the train between June 10 and the first day after Labor Day.

The California commission said discontinuance would force passengers to ride the Cascade at night or take other forms of transportation. It asked that the ICC delay discontinuance and hold public hearings in San Francisco.

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