State Demos Buck Gilbert

Confidence Vote Given Sweetland

BY MERVIN SHOEMAKER
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Oregon Democrats began their 1952 campaign finance planning Saturday by giving a kick in the teeth to methods proposed by a Portland business man who quit the Republican party in 1948 and raised more than $70,000 to help re-elect President Harry S. Truman.

Abe G. Gilbert, Democratic state finance chairman, coupled a dissertation on campaign fund-raising methods with an attack on National Committeeman Monroe Sweetland at a Multnomah hotel meeting of state central committee members and others representing 19 of Oregon's 36 counties.

The rebuff to Gilbert, who sparked the Truman-Barkley club drive in 1948, came in the form of an unopposed vote of confidence for Sweetland, which was proposed by Harold Johnston, Hillsboro, a member of the Washington county Democrat central committee.

Business Men Come Through

Talking in a political-facts-of-life vein, Gilbert told his audience that large political party contributions come principally from business men who hope thus to improve facilities for getting their particular problems quickly before the proper government officials. He emphasized that he meant only those cases in which the business man had a legitimate case of merit.

Sweetland, Gilbert charged, has let national headquarters come between him and the state organization, with the result that much money has gone to Washington which could well have been used by the party in Oregon.

Gilbert said Democratic fund-raising in Oregon also has been made more difficult by a series of four letters questioning Sweetland's patriotism, which were distributed last year by ex-Governor Oswald West.

Finally, said the finance chairman, a Portland furniture dealer, there has been no "discipline" exercised over federal job holders, with the result that the charges were not direct, but paign expenses

Sweetland Explains Trip

Sweetland was not present during the Gilbert attack at the morning session. His answers to the charges were no direct, but they were adequate to bring the vote of confidence he received.

The Democrats, painfully conscious of corruption-in-government charges directed recently at the national administration, fairly gasped at Gilbert's direct approach to the subject of campaign finances. "Selling justice" was one of the phrases used in expression of horrified political righteousness.

The national committeeman said after the meeting that some of his trips to Washington have been in connection with his position on the nine-man industrial development committee, which was named by Governor Douglas McKay. He said he has never received any fee personally for aiding Oregon interests through party contacts in Washington. Also, he said, he has not asked party contributions as a condition for giving aid sought by business interests.

Pearson Talks Finances

State Treasurer Walter J. Pearson told the group he does not believe it will be possible for Democrats to secure campaign contributions in large amounts until Democrats have control of state government, which he said has been in the hands of Republicans most of the time the last 50 years. The Democratic national committee, he said, should contribute, say, $100,000 to help Democrats achieve this control. Then, he indicated, the Democrats would be in position to maintain themselves.

Democratic finance ambitions covered a wide range. Gilbert thought there should be a war chest of $250,000. State Chairman William L. Josslin thought the state central committee should have a minimum of $25,000.

The treasury at present, said Josslin, contains about $40.

The group voted to maintain state headquarters, and agreed that county organizations should help support it, but deferred decision on collection methods until a later meeting.

Press Draws Fire

The state committee had the services of an executive secretary paid by the national committee until last spring, and Sweetland said at the meeting that this help might again be forthcoming in the near future.

Mrs. India Edwards spoke briefly in protest to what she said was inaccurate reporting of government scandal by newspapers.

"We have 87 per cent of the press against us," said Mrs. Edwards, who also spoke at a luncheon meeting. "But that just means the publishers. Of the working press people, 87 per cent are for us."

Mrs. Edwards, an ex-employe of the Chicago Tribune, said "failure of the press to give the facts" made it necessary for Democrats to get their story around "by word of mouth."

Other speakers during the day included ex-State Representative Phil Dreyer, Portland; Mrs. Victor Micelli, Roseburg, chairman of the Douglas county central committee; Nicholas Granet, Portland, president of the Jackson Club of Oregon and ex-Multnomah county central committee chairman; Bill Way, Portland, Multnomah county central committee chairman, and Volney Martin, Portland, secretary of the state committee.

Ad Men

JACK CLENAGHEN JOHN HANSELMAN
Join in new agency

New Ad Firm To Serve City

Formation of a new advertising firm under the name of the Jack Clenaghen advertising agency was announced Saturday by Jack Clenaghen, ex-vice president of the Allen & Clenaghen advertising agency.

At the same time he reported that John Hanselman had been appointed as an associate in the new agency which will be located in the Corbett building. General accounts, national, regional and local will be handled, he announced.

In association with Don Allen, Clenaghen formed the Allen & Clenaghen agency in 1945. He remained with that firm until May of this year.

Hanselman has had 15 years experience in the advertising and merchandising fields. He was on the sales staff of KPOJ, sales promotion and advertising director of the Fred Meyer organization, account executive for the Hal Short agency and more recently account executive for the Richard Montgomery advertising agency.

City Millage Seen Lagging

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Dec. 15 (Special)—Oregon cities have not levied property taxes high enough to keep upwith the increasing assessed valuation of property during this fiscal year, according to a recent bulletin released by the bureau of municipal research and service in the University of Oregon.

Property tax levies by 205 incorporated cities totalled more than $16,000,000, an increase of 5.1 per cent over last year's total. The assessed valuation of taxable property within Oregon cities reached $910,000,000 which is 6.1 per cent higher than last year.

County Prectices Factor

However, during the last 8 or 10 years, millage rates and per capita taxes increasingly have been influenced by county assessment practices as well as by the amount of city levies. This limitation should be remembered in making comparisons, according to Herman Kehrli, director of the bureau.

Millage levies computed on a 50 per cent valuation basis are lower in 143 cities, higher in 58, and the same in 2, when compared with last year's levies.

Gates and Wood Village, both newly incorporated cities, made their first levies. Seven of the state's active incorporated cities made no property tax levy for the 1951-52 fiscal year.

These cities are Idanha, which was incorporated last year, Waterloo, which was reactivated last year after having no city government for nearly 40 years, and Antelope, Granite, Juntura, Monument and Shaniko.

Millage rates computed on a 50 per cent assessment ratio basis ranged from 3.7 mills to 113.1 mills, which is probably the highest city levy ever imposed in Oregon. This is the Stanfield levy on a 50 per cent valuation basis, the actual city levy being 104.74 mills with a county assessment ratio of 54 per cent.

Average city tax rate for 1951-52 is 18.5 mills when computed by dividing the combined levies by the total assessed value. This is one-tenth of a mill less than last year.

DP Transport Sea-Battered

Ship Docks After Fight With Gales

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 (AP)—A navy transport loaded with 1222 displaced persons arrived Saturday with a big crack in her boat deck and most of her passengers recovering from seasickness.

"The most sustained menacing weather I ever saw," said Capt. John J. Symchik, master of the Gen. R. M. Blatchford.

The captain said the ship encountered gale after gale in the north Atlantic.

Trouble started even before the DPs were taken on at Bremerhaven. High seas had extinguished harbor lights and displaced buoy markings in the Weser river, at the entrance to Bremerhaven.

Shortly after leaving Bremerhaven, crewmen had to stop off Dover, England, and lower an elderly man into a boat. The passenger, who had a stomach ailment, had suffered a hemorrhage because of seasickness.

Port Closed by Seas

The seas were so rough that the ship could not enter the harbor at Dover.

On the crossing, the Blatchford met headwinds up to 40 miles an hour.

When the ship was about 100 miles east of Nantucket, it ran into an unusually heavy swell raised by cross currents. The 20-foot swell smashed against the ship and the captain in his cabin heard a loud report.

He and his chief officer made an inspection and found a crack in the boat deck, 20 feet long and about two feet deep.

They rushed to move four persons from a cabin into which the crack extended, and reduced the ship's speed to prevent further damage.

As a result, the ship was 24 hours behind schedule.

Scientist Due At Linfield

LINFIELD COLLEGE, McMinnville, Dec. 15 (Special)—Dr. E. W. Mueller, eminent German scientist visiting in the United States, will participate in a seminar sponsored by the physics research staff of Linfield college and the microwave laboratory of the University of California on the Linfield campus January 2-4.

Approximately 30 scientists, chiefly physicists, will gather on the campus for the three-day meeting at which Mueller and several other men noted in physics research will speak and preside over discussion sessions. Mueller is affiliated with the Kaiser Wilhelm institute at Berlin.

Eight Papers to Be Read

Some eight papers will be read on the general subject of field emission, which is the object of experiments under way at the Linfield college physics research laboratory for the past several years under the codirection of Dr. Walter Dyke, head of the physics department, and Dr. Kenneth Trolan, who devotes full time to research.

Feature of the program will be a banquet meeting Wednesday night, January 2, to be followed by a public lecture by Mueller. Those attending the seminar are expected to visit Oregon's coast on Thursday afternoon.

Elks Sponsor Blood Collection

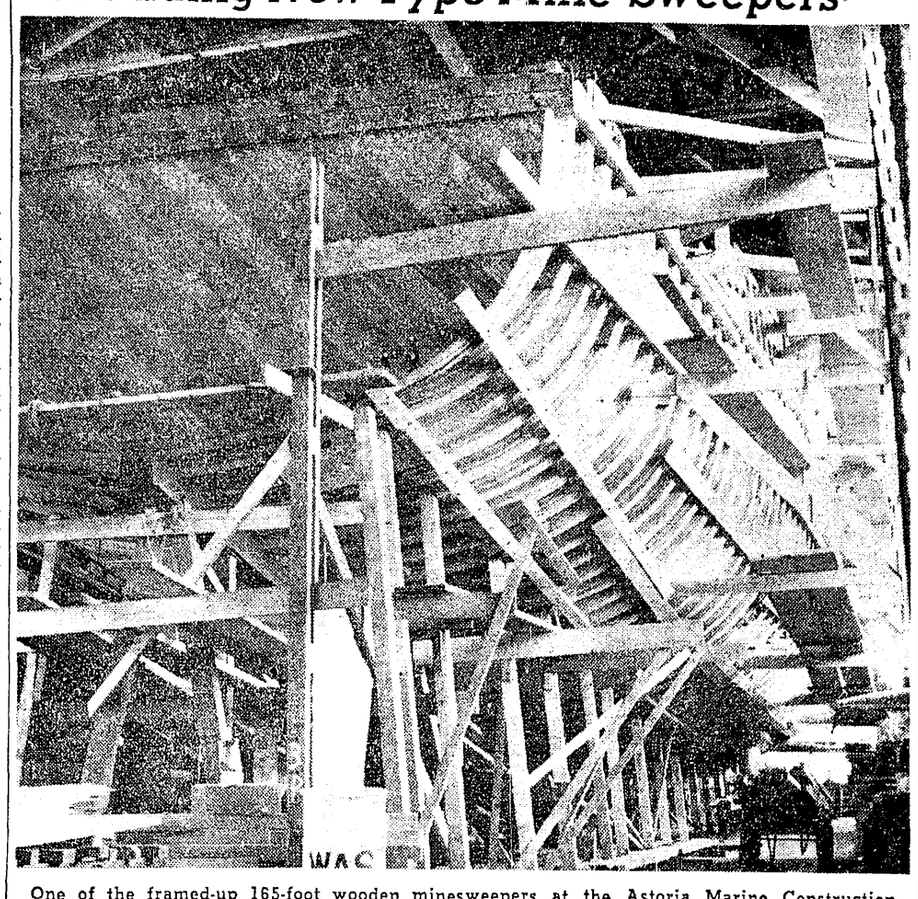
ALBANY, Dec. 15 (Special) Members of the Albany Elks lodge No. 359 will sponsor the next local Red Cross blood donor drive, scheduled for January 18, according to Exalted Ruler Sidney Burt. Oscar Swenson will serve as Elks' blood drive committee chairman and Emil Killen will direct the blood center.

Albany's quota has been placed at 300 pints.

White Son in Dark Family

LEBANON, Dec. 15 (Special)—This is a likeness of Burro Bacon, photographed at age six hours on the farm of his owners, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wiley, near here. Bacon, who came into the world in white dress, is the son of Barney and Benney and a sister of Beans, age 18 months. Bacon's parents and sister are dark in color. The next Barney-Benney offspring, no matter of what color, is to be named Biscuits.

Astoria Yard Pushing National Record In Building New Type Mine Sweepers



One of the framed-up 165-foot wooden minesweepers at the Astoria Marine Construction company plant, which is leading all of the West coast yards in progress. These vessels are 30 feet longer than the World War II minesweepers built in the same plant. All work is done under cover, in buildings which shelter the ways. All laminating is done in the plant.

BY LAWRENCE BARBER
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For the second time in a decade, Joe Dyer's smallish but hustling Astoria Marine Construction company is showing its heels to the other smaller shipyards of the nation by rapid and excellent construction of vessels for the navy.

Holding contracts amounting to more than $10,000,000 for the construction of five 165-foot wooden mine sweepers of new and advanced design, AMCCO is farther along than any other Pacific coast yard holding a similar contract and is pushing the official pilot yard, Luders Marine Construction company, Stamford, Conn., for first place in the country.

First of AMCCO's vessels is fully framed and the second is nearly framed. The start of planking and interior bulkheads and fittings awaits the go-ahead signal of the navy, which is having difficulty getting its plans perfected ahead of the yards' building progress.

Crack Talent Recruited

The Astoria yard is headed by Joseph M. Dyer, president, who started it more than a score of years ago to build small boats. When World War II came along, he recruited the finest boat-building talent in the Astoria area, and some from elsewhere, and turned out 39 vessels ranging in length up to the 136-foot subchasers and patrol craft, as well as outfitting more than 100 big steel ships and aircraft carriers built in the Portland-area Kaiser yards.

It was quite natural, then, for Dyer to gather around him many of the same men for the present job of building for World War III, or whatever shows up.

Among them were Claire Mansker, his superintendent for 20 years; John Omundson, hull superintendent for 15 years; Charley Utterback, pipe superintendent; Bob Taylor, laminating plant superintendent, who started with Joe when Bob was a boy; Harold Dahlgren, electrical superintendent; W. H. (Heinie) Dole, naval architect and vice president, and Truman Cook, chief engineer.

George Sheahan, Portland, went back to the yard as treasurer and Harry Clow came out of retirement on Orcas island to take the purchasing manager's post.

Plant Now Employs 200

The plant is best known in the Astoria area as "Joe Dyer's shipyard." In fact, the office gang says that mail comes addressed to "Joe Dyer's Shipyard, Oregon."

About 200 men are now employed directly on the mine sweeper job and one half of them were there during the last war. Two hundred fifty others are repairing ships at Tongue Point. They work as a team and love it, because the place has the familiarity of a big family.

The present program is distinctive, because it involves a great amount of laminating of frames, beams, keels, knees and other strength members of the vessels.

To make the large and heavy laminations Dole designed three curing chambers equipped with laminating jigs and large hinged covers, each about 30 feet in diameter. The scarfed oak planks, cut to size, are laid in the jigs and clamped into place, with layers of glue between each plank.

Pieces Cured in Steam

The big lids are lowered and steam is turned on to cure the pieces for eight to ten hours, or even longer in some cases. When the covers are again tilted back and the clamps removed, the laminated members are fixed to stay put. The rest of the job involves some sawing, planing and sanding before the pieces go into the ships.

At present the laminating crew is building frames for the next three vessels.

Seven other west coast yards are building the same types of craft and all of them have had their experts visit Astoria to see what makes AMCCO tick. If they overlooked the personnel superiority, they missed a point.

The same shipways, buildings and sheds used during the last war are proving just right for the present job. The only addition contemplated is an outfitting dock along the south side, because AMCCO expects to have subchasers lining up for machinery installation, deck structure and finishing work before too long.

New School City's Biggest

The Robert Gray school, for which contracts totaling $829,714 were awarded by the school board last week, will be the biggest elementary school, in number of classrooms, constructed to date in the city.

Plans have been made by Freeman, Hayslip & Tuft, architects.

To go up on Sunset drive between S. W. Martha and S. W. Kanan streets, it will have 24 regular classrooms, kindergarten, craft and home living rooms, or 27 altogether. There will be a gymnasium, a cafeteria-auditorium combination.

It will be frame construction with brick veneer, using glass blocks for introduction of natural light.

Reed's Chief Names Aide

Dr. Robert A. Rosenbaum, professor of mathematics at Reed college, has been named as interim assistant to the college president and Mrs. Martin Katzki has been appointed as acting head of Reed's alumni office. E. B. MacNaughton, Reed president, announced Saturday. Rosenbaum and Mrs. Katzki will serve on a part-time basis and will divide duties formerly performed by Orlando R. Davidson, who has resigned as MacNaughton's assistant to take an administrative position with the federal government in Washington, D. C.

D. Rosenbaum

The promotion of Mrs. Granville McCormick to be director of public relations, was also announced. All changes will be effective January 1.

Navy Service Done

Dr. Rosenbaum has been working this year under a Ford foundation research and teaching grant but has received permission to complete his work next fall. A graduate of Yale university, Rosenbaum has been a member of the Reed faculty since 1939. He served for three years during the war as a naval officer.

Mrs. Katzki graduated from Reed in 1923 and is at present president of the college alumni association. She will continue in that position.

Drinker Gets Term

Robert Barron Fitzpatrick, 30, 1628 N. E. Wasco street, Friday in municipal court was found guilty of being drunk on the street and was sentenced to 180 days in jail.

The man will face another drunk charge in court next Wednesday. He was arrested again for being drunk Thursday night.

Store Man Upped

George A. Schmidt has been promoted in the Fred Meyer organization from the variety section in the Columbia Park store to manager of variety and auto supply in the Stadium store.

He has been with the firm since 1948 in various sales capacities.

Port Calendar

VESSELS DUE TO ARRIVE

Sunday, December 16

Vessel—	From—	Berth—
Lumberlady, San Pedro		Rainier
Francisville, Seattle		Term. No. 4
Falkanger, Vancouver, B. C.		Ocean term.
Washington Mail, Puget Sound		Term. No. 4
Penmar, San Francisco		Term. No. 1
Martin Bakke, Vancouver, B. C.		Durkees
Creighton Victory, Coos Bay		Union Oil
James Cook, San Pedro		Richfield
Las Vegas Victory, Tacoma		Term. No. 1
Erria, Seattle		Weyerhaeuser

Monday, December 17

Republic, Hoquiam		Texas Oil
Idaho Falls, Richmond		Standard Oil
W. H. Berg, San Francisco		Longview

Tuesday, December 18

Portmar, Newport		Westport
Hawaiian Craftsman, Seattle		Term. No. 4

VESSELS DUE TO DEPART

Sunday, December 16

Vessel—	For—	Berth—
Karen Olson, California		Long Bell
Gratzwyd, Newport		Longview
Kanangoora, Manila		Interstate
Ocean Mail, Yokohama		Longview

Monday, December 17

Falkanger, South America		Ocean term.
Georgios Panoris, Orient		Columbia river
Marine Arrow, Guam		drydock
Penmar, Puget Sound		Term. No. 1

VESSELS IN PORT

Vessel—	Berth—
Alaska Cedar	Portland Tug & Barge
Alaska Spruce	Portland Tug & Barge
Albert M. Boe	Term. No. 1
Avondene	Vancouver No. 1
Colina	General Petroleum
Gen. W. M. Black	Wisco
Georgios Panoras	Clark-Wilson
Graiglwyd	Longview
H. H. Raymond	Swan drydock
Hiram Maxim	Swan Island
Ivaran	Portland Lumber
John Murray Forbes	Swan Island
Joseph Squires	Swan Island
Jumper Hitch	Swan Island
Kanangoora	Interstate
Karen Olson	Longview port
Lahaina Victory	Term. No. 4
Macalester Victory	Term. No. 2
Marine Arrow	West Coast
Navajo Victory	Columbia river
Ocean Mail	Longview port
Oleum	Union Oil
Reef Knot	Swan Island
Rose Knot	Swan Island
Sierra	St. Helens
Sword Knot	Swan Island
Timber Hitch	Swan drydock
Union Victory	Swan Island
Wesleyan Victory	Term. No. 1
Wm. Ellery Channing	Wisco

VESSELS ARRIVED SATURDAY

Georgios Panoras, from Auckland, at Clark-Wilson, 7:45 a. m.
Colina, from San Pedro, at General Petroleum, 10:30 a. m.
Marine Arrow, from Orient, at West Coast, p. m.
Ivarian, from Coos Bay, at Portland Lumber, 4:30 a. m.

VESSELS DEPARTED SATURDAY

Alan Seegar, from Shell Oil, for San Francisco, 5:30 a. m.
Pacific Fortune, from Albina docks, for London, 7 a. m.
Sonoma, from L. P. Mill, for Australia, 9 a. m.
Durango, from Columbia basin, for Liverpool, 1:15 a. m.
F. E. Weyerhaeuser, from West Coast, for Puget Sound, 3 a. m.
Elko Maru, from Astoria, for Japan, p. m.
Risanger, from Albina dock, for Hamburg, 2 p. m.
Tidewater, from Associated Oil, for San Francisco, 7 p. m.

SHIP MOVEMENTS

ASTORIA, Dec. 15—Arrived and left up: Colina 2:40 a. m., from San Pedro; Marine Arrow, p. m., from Orient.
Departed: Oleum, 7:30 a. m., for San Francisco; Meredith Victory, 8 a. m., for Orient; Wesleyan Victory, 2:15 a. m., for east coast via San Francisco; Alan Seegar, 2 p. m., for San Francisco; Pacific Fortune, p. m., for London via Los Angeles; Sonoma, p. m., for Australia via San Francisco; Durango, 9:40 a. m., for Liverpool via San Francisco; F. E. Weyerhaeuser, 11:50 a. m., for Puget Sound.
COOS BAY, Dec. 15—Departed: Creighton Victory, 10:45 a. m., for Portland.

Salesmen to Hear Company Officers

Mail-Well Envelope company salesmen from six states will begin arriving here Monday for the concern's annual sales conference starting Tuesday and culminating Friday in a Christmas party, Vice President and General Manager Herbert J. Darby announced Saturday. Salesmen will attend from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and California, with Jerry Hyman, sales manager of Mail-Well company of Texas, and Ed Holly, sales manager of Mail-Well company of California, in attendance as observers. Hyman is from Houston and Holly from Los Angeles.

Darby will be in charge of the sales meetings, assisted by William Lord, city sales manager, and Dick David, county sales manager.

Mutual Savings Achieves Goal

The 20th anniversary goal of Oregon Mutual Savings bank was reached Friday, when resources of Oregon's only mutual savings bank passed the $20,000,000 mark, according to George F. Brice, president. Total resources now amount to $20,070,850.

This increase in resources amounts to more than $350,000 since Oregon Mutual's last statement was published 45 days ago. Deposits make up more than $340,000 of the total gain.

"The sharp rate of increase can be credited largely to our announcement two weeks ago that Oregon Mutual will pay 2½ per cent on savings during 1952," Brice stated.

Ramblings Along the River

BY LAWRENCE BARBER
Marine Editor, The Oregonian

Now is the time for the annual suggestion to the boating family wife and mother to call upon her favorite marine dealer for those last minute Christmas gifts. The boating husband, sons and daughters never seem to have enough nautical gear, garments and equipment, and they always appreciate gifts for their boats or to make their pastime more pleasant.

There are clocks, barometers, fans, horns, bells, hardware, radios, fire extinguishers, dishes, cooking utensils, stop watches, compasses, peloruses, life cushions and jackets, and scores of other gadgets on display at the stores. Rough weather clothing, oilskins, nonskid shoes, and related articles are also available.

The "All American Boating Family" contest will close with the mailing of the nominating letters by Monday night. The contest is sponsored by the National Association of Engine and Boat Manufacturers who are offering to take the family selected to the New York Boat show, January 14.

At least two letters nominating Portland families have gone to New York already, and there may be others.

Families may nominate themselves if they desire. Letters must show how the family is outstanding in the community, and how its boating recreation contributes to the lessons in sportsmanship and self-reliance among the younger members.

Nominations must go to the All American Boating Family Contest, Room 1657, 420 Lexington Avenue, New York, and must be postmarked not later than December 17.

Coast Guard auxiliary flotillas 74 and 77 elected officers at last week's meetings. Flotilla 74 elected Edward J. Green, commander; William F. Herald, vice commander; Morris Jones, training officer. Flotilla 77 elected Sam Battaglia, commander; George Donaugh, vice commander; Harold Rosenthal, training officer.

Green immediately announced several committee and staff appointments, principal of which follow: Stuart Ball, secretary; Robert Nelson, treasurer; Don Stout, dispatcher; R. C. Chamberlin, entertainment chairman; George Risley, chief boat inspector; Floyd Bay, publicity; Chet Wheeler, cruising chairman. Each was assigned one or more assistants, and ten boat inspectors were named. Jones announced plans for a training program on board boats.

District CGA headquarters requested auxiliary members to assist in recruiting personnel for the organized reserve training units for port security and vessel augmentation. Men not eligible for the draft are preferred.

Some time ago Chet Benson complained that somebody was indiscriminately hacking away with a dull ax at the corner of his new boathouse at Portland Yacht club. It bothered him that a person would treat the house that way, especially when Chet had only recently purchased it.

The identity of the culprit was partially discovered when Commodore Art Randall and others inspected the hacking job. They reported to the club's trustees in a meeting last week that the marks were tooth prints of a large beaver, apparently sampling Chet's new paint job.

Rose City Yacht club will hold its annual election dinner Wednesday night at Columbia River Yacht club's house, starting dinner at 7 o'clock instead of 8 o'clock as the announcement said. Nominees for office are Harold Spoelstra, for commodore; Tom Green, for vice commodore; John Kenamo, for secretary; Hal Saunders, for treasurer; Dave Young and Elvin Truitt for directors.

The dinner will honor the "first mates." Les Ordeman will show slides of his cruise to Hawaii last summer on the Janie.

Seventy-five members of Columbia River Yacht club trooped down the long steps last Thursday to attend a "special meeting of the board of directors." What they found was the directors in the galley getting dinner for the whole gang. Despite the announcement that the directors had decided to dispense with all business, Vice Commodore Art James and Ted Gevaart made brief "reports." The rest was all in fun.

Astoria Yacht club is planning to erect a sea wall along its waterfront in Youngs bay to hold back the slipping land in front of the clubhouse. They expect to dredge the area to six feet depth at low water and to place the dredged material behind the sea wall. Berthing space will be provided for several additional boats.

The club has scheduled a Christmas party at the clubhouse Tuesday night.

Cold Curtails Building Pace

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (INS) Government controls combined with bad weather in many sections of the nation last month to force another substantial 12 per cent drop in home building.

The bureau of labor statistics estimated builders started only 76,000 new homes and apartments, the smallest November total since 1946 and the lowest monthly figure since March, 1949.

While the cutback was somewhat greater than expected, it was not sufficient to prevent the building industry from passing the 1,000,000 mark on the number of homes put into construction so far this year.

Home builders are now within 3000 units of establishing the second best housing year in history. A total of 1,022,600 new houses and apartments have been started during the first 11 months of 1951.

Officials said the 76,000 units last month compares with the 86,000 started in October and the 87,300 in November last year.

Construction in December is expected to match the November level and it may rise a little if good weather prevails. Thus the experts predict 1,100,000 new units for 1951 as against 1,396,000 in the record-breaking year of 1950 and 1,025,100 in 1949.

Retail Sales In Dollars Up

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 (AP)—Unusually mild weather, which now has disappeared in most of the country, slowed Christmas shopping noticeably in the past week, Dun and Bradstreet reported.

However, the total dollar volume through Wednesday was modestly above both the previous week and the corresponding week of 1950 when buying was at a record level. Reduced-price promotions were much more common than in recent years.

Total retail trade for the week was estimated at 2 to 6 per cent above a year ago. Regional estimates varied from levels of last year by the following percentages:

Southwest, up 1 to 5; East, up 3 to 7; Midwest, unchanged to up 4; Northwest and Pacific coast, up 2 to 6, and South, up 4 to 8.

Apparel Increase Slight

The increase in apparel sales was much smaller than usual for this time of year. Warm weather discouraged buying of winter clothing, although the return of seasonal cooler weather after the week end spurred gift buying once more. More popular items included hosiery, scarfs, lingerie, footwear, loungewear and haberdashery. Men's suits attracted only mild interest.

Housewives bought about as much food as in the previous week and the like week a year ago. Demand centered on pork, poultry and processed meats, with only scant interest being attracted by notable reduction in prices of some lamb and beef cuts.

The lag in buying of household goods continued, with shoppers spending less in this category than a year ago. There was a slight pickup in sales of television sets as many merchants offered price reductions, but volume remained well below that of last year when scare buying was still in progress. But shoppers displayed special interest in toys, glassware, lamps and incidental furniture.

Office Opened By Ken Evans

Ken Evans has opened a real estate office at 5226 S. E. 52d avenue to deal primarily in eastside residential properties, he announced Saturday. Evans has been in the field for 1½ years. Portland resident since 1940, he formerly was with General Electric Supply and Montag Stove & Furnace. He was in the navy seven years, becoming an instructor in navy school at Washington, D. C. He was born at Donald and lived at Aurora for many years.

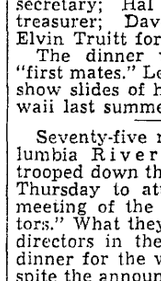
Ken Evans

Bridges Subject

Glenn S. Paxson, bridge engineer of the state highway department, will discuss whether bridges or tunnels are the best means of Willamette river crossing in Portland at a luncheon meeting of the Professional Engineers of Oregon Wednesday in the Heathman hotel.

SEC Counselor Joins Law Firm

George L. Rodgers Jr., formerly counsel in the public utilities division of the securities and exchange commission in Washington, D. C., has joined the Portland law firm of Laing, Gray and Smith, legal counsel for Portland Gas and Coke company and Pacific Power and Light company. Rodgers was legal adviser in the public utilities branch of the office of price stabilization prior to joining the Portland firm. He was admitted to the Oregon state bar September 19.



G. L. Rodgers

He received his law degree from Georgetown university in 1940 and went to the SEC as an attorney in 1941. In 1943, Rodgers entered the navy as a communications specialist and was discharged with the rank of lieutenant after seeing considerable service in the Pacific theater. He rejoined the SEC in 1946 as principal attorney of the public utilities division.

National Post Won

Clarence Miller, of Miller's Truck Parts & Equipment company, has been elected to the board of directors of the National Outo Wreckers association. The group staged its 9th convention in Chicago.