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MISS FRASER STATES HER POSITION IN CONTROVERSY

In last week's Dispatch-Democrat there was published a news story in connection with the appointment of Ray Rollin Wilson to the principalship of the Ukiah grammar school and a certain discussion, which took place at a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce board of directors concerning his appointment.

Miss Joan Fraser, a member of the board directors, reported the meeting for this newspaper, and, in view of fact that her version of the affair has been criticized in certain quarters, makes the following statement:

(By JOAN FRASER)

I wrote that story and I am willing to stand back of every word of it. It is true as steel to the truth.

During the session of the Chamber of Commerce on December 22 Mr. Kirkpatrick presented a resolution, stating that he could not make a motion before the Board but he could suggest a resolution. That matter being disposed of, Mr. Kaseh followed with the statement that he had something he would like to bring before the Board. He said he did not know whether it came within the province of the Board but if not, "you will tell me." He continued along this line, that, like Jack, he would like to suggest a resolution. Then he stated that it had been published in the Republican Press that Ray Rollin Wilson had been appointed to the principalship of Ukiah grammar school. He said in substance that he believed Ukiah grammar school should have a more experienced educator; that he did not believe the appointment of a relative was for the best interests of the school; he suggested the following resolution: That the trustees of Ukiah grammar school secure an experienced educator as principal and that he be unrelated either actually or prospectively to any member of the board of trustees.

Whereupon there broke out among the directors a discussion which for its freedom of expression, its friendliness, its openness and frankness I have not seen surpassed on the Board. There was no ill feeling but there were some mighty strong expressions of opinion against the appointment of Mr. Wilson to the principalship.

J. C. Johnson and Dr. Donald R. Smith were not present. Every member present entered into the discussion except T. W. Maguire, E. L. Albertson and E. W. Dutton and not one word was said in favor of the appointment. I cannot remember that either E. L. Albertson or T. W. Maguire entered into the discussion but I know beyond the shadow of any doubt neither one of these men raised his voice in defense of the appointment.

It was very plainly understood by every one on the Board that the statements made there concerning Mr. Wilson's qualifications were just picked up from general information, mostly from the published article of the Republican Press of November 27, which read: "NAMED PRINCIPAL—Ray Rollin Wilson, former vice-principal of the El Dorado school and at one time instructor in the Linden school, near Stockton, has been chosen as principal of the Ukiah elementary school to succeed P. D. Patton whose resignation goes into effect January 1. Mr. Wilson has visited this city a number of times as a guest in the L. K. Van Allen home. He is a graduate of the College of the Pacific with the class of 1923 and of late has been connected with a landscape gardening firm at Riverside." Every person who spoke made that very clear. No one had authentically looked up the facts about Mr. Wilson's career. But (Continued on page 8)

ALL-STAR CAST SELECTED FOR ANNUAL SENIOR PLAY

The large number of reservations of seats already made at Morty's for "What Happened to Jones," to be given at the State theatre on Monday evening, December 6, by the senior class of the Ukiah high school, indicates that a full house will greet the amateur performers. The play is a clean cut and rapidly moving comedy requiring but one scene for all three acts so that the action will be swift without long waits between acts for moving scenery. While not entirely a new play, the Broadhurst comedy has been rewritten and is sparkling with up to date humor.

The cast includes the most experienced performers in the school. Bill Benjes will take the part of Jones and promises to duplicate the success he made in the "Charm School." Ted DeMotte and Mario Perelli-Minetti also handle important

male parts well. The feminine leads are portrayed by several experienced players—Virginia Barker, Martha Mannon, Mary Bowen, Juanita Iversen, and Margaret Davis, having had experience in both short skits and longer plays. Frances Rea, who is also included in the cast, may be remembered for her performance in the lead of the musical comedy, "El Toroso."

Members of the student body are selling reserved tickets, which may be exchanged through Morty's as well as the general admission tickets which will admit to any seat in the gallery excluding the loges.

Music during the performance will be furnished by the high school orchestra.

Following is the cast: Jones, Bill Benjes; Richard, Mario-Perelli-Minetti; Ebenezer Gooddy, Ted DeMotte; Toke Bishop, Ted Richey; Holder, Bill Johnson; Bigbee, Clifford Crawford; Fuller, Harold Trout; Mrs. Gooddy, Martha Mannon; Cissy, Virginia Barker; Marjorie, Mary Bowen; Minerva, Frances Rea; Alvina, Margaret Davis; Helma, Juanita Iversen.

BIG CENTER MEETING AT POTTER NEXT TUESDAY

Next Tuesday evening, J. J. Doucill, head of the utilities department of the state farm bureau will speak at a big farm center meeting to be held in Potter valley. The meeting will be held at Grange hall and all interested are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served and a social time enjoyed following the meeting.

Mr. Doucill will be accompanied by Assemblyman C. W. Cleary, of Lindsay.

The two men will address a similar meeting at Covelo of the Round valley farm center on Monday evening.

RECKLESS DRIVER FOUND TO BE OLD BOOTLEGGER

Alfonso Mittonne Comes to Grief When His Car Collides With Road Worker

60 GALLONS OF BOOZE IN CAR

A reckless driver captured and held for the officers at the highway camp near Coolidge flat on the Redwood highway in the northern part of this county Wednesday, proved to be Alfonso Mittonne, an old-time bootlegger of this county, who paid fines in the local courts and in the federal courts on two separate occasions when caught with the goods.

Last Wednesday Mittonne was going through to Eureka. He was driving fast, and on approaching the place where the highway gang was at work, cut around the traffic, which had been held up, and attempted to get by. He struck and knocked down one of the laborers, James Haddrell, aged 58, inflicting on Haddrell several broken ribs and cuts and bruises. The highway gang thereupon seized him and notified Sheriff Byrnes, who went up to get him.

The cause for Mittonne's haste was explained when the highway employees looked into the car and found six ten-gallon barrels of jack-ass brandy.

Forty gallons of the booze were still available for evidence when the sheriff arrived on the scene.

Haddrell is in the hospital at Willits.

The car is a new one and is registered in the name of Frank Ponge of Stockton.

NEW CASES AND NOTES FROM CLERK'S OFFICE

Through Charles Kasch, W. F. Ornbauer has filed a petition for letters of administration on the estate of H. Whited, deceased. The estate consists of a claim to about 1 1/2 acres of land in this county, of the value of about \$1000.

Through Charles Kasch, Everett Cox has filed a petition seeking to have terminated the life estates of M. W. Howard, W. H. Howard and Taylor Howard in certain property in Ukiah valley.

Through A. A. Woods and W. D. L. Held, Effie M. Vierra as executrix has filed a complaint to have set aside a certain deed made by the late Lee Roney in favor of Helen M. Price.

Through Lilburn Gibson, Bertha Badley has filed a complaint against C. J. Beckley and E. J. Furlong, seeking to recover two cows, or \$180, also the sum of \$265 as damages.

Through M. H. Iversen, William M. Phillips has filed a complaint in divorce against Alice M. Phillips, alleging extreme cruelty. The couple was married at Westport November 22, 1913, and separated May 27, 1924. There are two minor children. The plaintiff alleges extreme cruelty.

The sentences of Hjalmar Hagman and Clifford Ragan, convicted of stealing an automobile belonging to Dr. Raymond Babcock, of Willits, and sent to San Quentin about a year ago, have been fixed at four years each.

First and final account and report and petition for distribution in the estate of Emil Seman show \$9,423.73 received and \$1,087.10 paid out, leaving a balance for distribution amounting to \$8,336.63.

FIFER SPEAKS AT ROTARY

Dr. Harry Fifer, pastor of the Presbyterian church, was the speaker at last Tuesday's meeting of Rotary club. His address was one of the best ever heard in Ukiah.

Dr. Fifer is a man of exceptional educational attainments and those who had not previously taken advantage of the opportunity to hear him at the church were very agreeably surprised.

Two vocal selections by Mrs. Hazel Waldeufel were also greatly enjoyed.

BODIES OF MEN DROWNED AT ROCKPORT ARE FOUND

The bodies of Ansel Bowman and Carl Nelson, the two sailors drowned from the Birdie Hanlon two weeks ago, when the boat in which they went to untie the Hanlon's lines was capsized by a huge wave, washed ashore at Rockport Wednesday. Both were identified.

TAKES STUDEBAKER AGENCY

J. I. Scott, of Upper Lake, has leased the former Ford garage on Stanley street, and has opened therein an agency for the Studebaker line of automobiles. He has the territory of Mendocino and Lake counties.

AGED MAN LOST IN HILLS ABOVE POTTER VALLEY

Wm. Harvard, Newcomer to Section, Fails to Return to Camp After Trip to Town

SHERIFF HOLDS DEATH LIKELY

Sheriff Byrnes came in from Potter valley yesterday, following an unavailing search of several hours' duration for traces of Wm. Harvard, aged 75 years, a newcomer to the section between Potter valley and Willits.

Harvard disappeared several days ago, and on account of his extreme age and the heavy storms which have been raging in the hills all through the week, Sheriff Byrnes believes that he must have succumbed to exposure before this.

Little is known of Harvard or his antecedents. He appeared to have sufficient means to fill his wants, and a letter to him held in the Potter postoffice indicated that the writer owed him money which he wanted to pay.

Harvard first came to the section several weeks ago. He took possession without asking anyone's permission, we understand, of an old house on the Potter-Willits road, about eight miles from Potter valley. He had a number of horses.

Several days ago he went to Potter valley and purchased some supplies. On his way home he was last seen at the Carner place. Mr. Carner told him he was off his route. The old man appeared to be offended and said he knew where he was going, or words to that effect.

At that time he was headed into extremely rough and brushy country and it is the opinion of the searchers that he became entangled and lost in the brushy hills and was unable to find his way out.

If still alive, he must be in an extremely precarious condition.

RESOLUTION PASSED BY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LAST TUESDAY EVENING

In connection with the discussion of the action taken in the Chamber of Commerce with regard to the principalship of the Ukiah grammar school, the following minute order was made last Tuesday evening. We publish it without further comment.

"Let the minutes of tonight show the following:

"On November 22, the matter of the appointment of Ray Rollin Wilson as principal of the Ukiah grammar school was discussed and upon Dr. Van Allen appearing before the board, no action was taken and that this fact be communicated to the trustees of the Ukiah grammar school, and that this notice be offered the same publication publishing the article relating to the above matter."

BEAUTIFUL HOLIDAY DISPLAY AT C. HOFMAN CO. STORE

The C. Hofman Co. store presents a very pleasing appearance in its interior decorations, and merchandise display, as also in its unique window displays, which have been favorably commented upon this week. The whole reflects credit on the artistic ability of those responsible.

The Christmas spirit pervades the whole store. From the grocery department, (where they have been busy shipping gifts of assorted fruits to the East) one strolls into the men's department, where is found anything for a boy, or a man friend, from cuff buttons to suits. In the dry goods department one is confronted with silent salesman booths, a kind of self help arrangement showing hundreds of beautiful, practical gift suggestions.

Visit the big store and get the Christmas spirit. You can spend an hour to good advantage, and don't forget to SHOP EARLY.

MORE RAILROAD RUMORS

ACCEPTS SUPERVISORSHIP

Burnham Heryford was here from San Rafael the latter part of last week looking for a house for himself and family. They will move to Ukiah the latter part of December. Mr. Heryford having accepted a prospective position under School Superintendent Elect Patton as supervisor of rural schools, the position held for several years under Roy Good by Frank L. Caughey.

Mr. Heryford is a Mendocino county man and considered a very able educator. He has been holding a position at San Rafael as supervising principal of the intermediate school.

RAINFALL OVER 16 INCHES

The total rainfall for the season to date was 16.02 inches as the Dispatch closed its forms yesterday afternoon. The precipitation for the week ending yesterday was 6.54 inches.

The railroad trains north of here were tied up for about 50 hours Wednesday afternoon, and yesterday were running about two hours off schedule.

Rumors that the railroad bridge near Scotia had gone out were denied yesterday afternoon by the local railroad employees.

BENEFIT DANCE ON 8TH

Vassar's Collegians, the orchestra composed of the Vassar boys, Kenneth Bull and two other young men of Santa Rosa, will give a benefit dance for the Albertinum on the 17th.

The boys proved their ability as musicians at their first dance here and they deserve the most liberal patronage.

The dance will be held at the grammar school auditorium.

BASKETBALL SEASON OPENS

The local basketball season opens Friday night when the Hopland high school team travels to Ukiah to meet the Ukiah high school team. Coach Bradshaw is giving the boys a week of intensive training and promises a warm reception for the visitors. Since Hopland always has a good team, the game scheduled should be interesting. The game will be held at the high school gymnasium tonight.

LOG JAM GOES OUT

The rains the past week raised Big River several feet and the dams on the upper reaches were tripped. The log jam was taken down the river several miles, lodging between Two Log creek and the company's ranch. Another freshet is expected to take them to tidewater.

There are over 6,000,000 feet in the jam.

RODEO DRIVE STILL ON

The drive for the \$16,000 for the Round valley rodeo, has been carried on the past week and about half the money has been pledged. The option on the Hill property has been extended until February 1. Between now and next Tuesday an intensive campaign will be carried on to put the project over.

Klamath Falls to Crescent City Line Contemplated by S. Steward Clark

Visit to Eureka of High S. P. Officials Held of Great Significance

(Santa Rosa Democrat) With dispatches telling of the granting of options for street use and harbor and wharf facilities at Crescent City for the projected Grants Pass-Crescent City railroad, seen by Pacific coast interests as the first link in a transcontinental railroad that will reach the bay through the north of bay counties, utmost significance was attached here yesterday to the visit of William Sproule, president of the Southern Pacific railroad, and A. P. McDonald, chairman of the executive committee.

Traveling in special train, the executives stopped here yesterday en route over the Northwestern Pacific railroad to the north, ostensibly on a tour of inspection.

Their trip, on the heels of reports that the new Oregon-California railroad plan was a scheme of the Hill interests to get access to San Francisco bay, was regarded here, however, as of more than casual importance.

GET WHARFAGE RIGHTS

Announcement that options for use of certain streets in Crescent City for railroad purposes, together with wharfage, had been granted J. Stewart Clark by the board of trustees of the Del Norte seaport, was made at Portland yesterday by Clark, according to an Associated Press dispatch. Previously he had received an option on Grants Pass' 15-mile railroad, leading west from the Oregon city.

While Clark was quoted as saying that he had been advising official organizations in the territory affected by the proposed line as to how they might proceed to procure the building of the railroad, he is generally regarded as a representative of the Hill interests, seeking an outlet for a transcontinental line through to San Francisco bay. Such a line would require but 50 miles of track, once completed to Crescent City, to tie on to the Northwestern Pacific system at Trinidad.

BIG TIMBER HOLDINGS

Further importance is attached to Clark's activities by the fact that the Weyerhaeuser lumber interests, close financially to the Hill railroad interests, have vast timber holdings in the territory through which the railroad would run. The Hill roads only recently won their fight to get into Klamath Falls area from Bend, Oregon.

If the Hill line, or any other railroad system, once gets into Del Norte and northern Humboldt county, an agreement to use the Northwestern Pacific tracks to bring the line to the bay, putting this section on a main transcontinental road, is regarded as almost certain. It has long been accepted that the northern division of the Northwestern Pacific was constructed with some such arrangements in view.

The Northwestern Pacific is owned jointly by the Santa Fe and S. P.

Somewhere

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are at work, surprising people who hitherto hadn't given a moment's thought to these destructive forces.

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