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FORCE IS PURGING ROSTER OF VOTERS

Register Is Being Checked For
Those Who Failed to Vote at
1936 Elections

MUST RE-REGISTER

Removal of Name Calls for New
Declaration Before "Delin-
quent" Can Vote

Extra employees in the office of County Clerk Harry M. Burke are engaged in the work of purging the register of all residents of the county who failed to vote at the August and November elections.

This is a requirement of the state's election laws, that every two years, on completion of the canvass of the returns of the November election the roster of voters as was kept by the election boards of the several precincts at the primary and general elections shall be examined and the names of all who failed to vote at both the August and November elections shall be removed from the register, together with the affidavit of registration.

Such electors will not be permitted to vote until they have again registered according to law.

When the task of purging the register is completed, all whose names have been removed will be notified by the clerk, by notice mailed to the last address given by such electors, advising them of the requirements.

There should be no confusion as to who is disqualified by this provision. Electors who voted at either the August or November elections are qualified to vote at the next election. Only those who failed to vote at both elections are required to register, except of course, such as acquire residence in another precinct than the one in which they are now listed.

Lions Have Large Christmas Plans For Local Kids

Ukiah Lions have undertaken two worthy Christmas activities as their contribution to the season of good will. Enlarging somewhat on their effort of last year, the Lions will prepare for distribution to needy children packages of candy, nuts and fruits.

By special arrangement, Santa Claus will be in Ukiah for the distribution, bringing his sleigh and reindeer if weather conditions permit; if not, distribution will be made by truck.

Ed Eversole is chairman of a committee of 12 who are in charge of arrangements. District Attorney James E. Busch is president of Ukiah Lions.

On December 19, a Christmas theatre party will be given for children who are eligible and who apply for tickets. All tickets will be distributed by Mrs. Martha Toles, county welfare agent, Mrs. Catherine Brown, county nurse, and Mrs. Busch, city school nurse.

Last Christmas Ukiah Lions brought gladness to over 700 local children by distributing bags of candy.

LEAVES HOSPITAL

Mrs. Taylor Mitchell, who underwent an operation at the Ukiah General Hospital, returned to her home south of Ukiah the first of this week. Dr. Bennett performed the surgery and is attending her.

CLIFFORD IS HELD

James Calvin Clifford had his preliminary hearing before Justice Will Van Dyke Wednesday morning and is held to answer to the charge of petty theft with prior convictions.

Earl Dean is now a big cigar and tobacco man, having taken possession Saturday as proprietor of the Ed Porter Palace Cigar Store.

FORMER RECORDER IS ILL

Mack Howard, an early-day county recorder, and a brother of James Howard of Bridgeport, suffered a heart attack this week and is at present at the county hospital in a serious condition. Mr. Howard has spent much of his time of late years with his brother at Bridgeport.

Child's Cremation In Irmulco Home Bringing Inquiry

Mendocino county juvenile authorities have begun investigation of conditions at the home of Mrs. Lucy Mahan at Irmulco, the abandoned mill town of the Irvin Muir Lumber Company, where the 2-month-old infant of Mrs. Mahan was burned to death early Tuesday morning, when fire destroyed the 3-room shack in which the family lived.

Deputy Coroner B. G. Broadus and Deputy Sheriff Earl Bishop went to the old mill town, 11 miles west of Willits, and made a thorough investigation of the tragic circumstance.

Mrs. Mahan had returned to her cabin at 2:30 Tuesday morning after being at Willits since the Saturday before, during which time her other three children, Jimmy, 12 years old, Billy, 6, and Lawrence 16 months, had been alone in the house.

Fire was lighted in an old heating stove, which had been unused for a long time and which was crammed full of papers and rubbish.

After warming milk to feed the baby, Mrs. Mahan retired and when she awoke the house was in flames. She was able to rescue three older children through a window, but the sleeping basket of the infant was wrapt in flames, which prevented her from saving the child.

Jose Ahuayo, a Mexican section worker of Willits, who had accompanied Mrs. Mahan home, was severely burned in his efforts, it is supposed, to save his belongings. He was taken to Fort Bragg for medical attention.

Mrs. Mahan is the estranged wife of Frank Mahan of Willits and juvenile authorities once before had to take matters in hand to correct conditions of her home, for the sake of the children, it is said.

Authorities have stated that in all probability the three children will be taken from the mother.

Mrs. Hyman Given \$3,503 For Accident

Awarded \$2,500 as general damages, Mrs. Anna Hyman of Fort Bragg was given judgment in the total sum of \$3,503 against the Fort Bragg Co-operative Mercantile Corporation, last week, for injuries which she charged were received in the store of the defendant concern.

Last May, while visiting the store as a customer Mrs. Hyman caught her foot on a projection of a cookie rack and fell, injuring her neck in such a manner that she was confined for five months in the coast city hospital, a great deal of that time in a cast, from her waist to her neck.

Dr. P. J. Bowman of the Redwood Coast Hospital testified that there was a "possibility of a recurrence of displacement."

The matter will come up in Superior court today for settlement of findings.

Camp Cook Assault Charge Up Monday

Trial of John McDonald, charged with assault with a deadly weapon—an 11-inch butcher knife—will begin in Superior court next Monday morning. Forrest Lukins is the complaining witness.

McDonald was cook at the Hemstreet & Bell road construction camp when the attack is alleged to have taken place and Lukins, an employee of the road crew, was threatened with the knife.

The law firm of Preston and Gibson will defend McDonald, with District Attorney James E. Busch prosecuting for the state.

JAMES YORK ESTATE

J. W. Kingren's report of the appraisal of the James J. York estate gives the value of the combined properties as \$59,966.97. The state inheritance tax will be \$1,643.18. Mr. York died April 22, of this year.

Deputy Sheriff Wayne Crawford, Chief of Police Bill Briggs and Charles Crawford returned Monday night from Mountain Home, Idaho, where they went to get Willard Cox, worthless check writer.

District Attorney and Mrs. James E. Busch were visitors to Caspar last Friday.

Another Fort Bragg Will Contest Pends Venire of 30 Drawn

A venire of 30 names has been drawn from which the jury will be selected to try a contest suit brought in the matter of the estate of Oscar Andersen, which is set for hearing in Superior court here next Wednesday.

Anderson, a resident of San Francisco, died at the home of Frank Winkler of Fort Bragg, May 15, 1935, while on a visit there.

The will which is offered by Winkler for probate, was dated two days before Anderson's death and named Elizabeth Winkler as beneficiary. This will superseded one made in 1926, which bequeathed to Anderson's sister, Clara Hedendahl of New York, all of his estate, here and in Denmark. Mrs. Hedendahl is contesting the purported will of which Winkler is named executor.

Anderson was a bachelor, 70 years old, and his sister claims to be his next of kin.

The question of the Mendocino county court's jurisdiction in the matter of the contest will be disposed of before trial of the contest will be undertaken.

Norman Johnson and Thomas & Thomas are attorneys for Winkler. The contest was filed by Sven Svensen, New York attorney.

Indians Want Part In Pinole Benefit

Suit has been instigated against Frank Miller, Henry Campbell and Andrew Jackson, trustees of the Pinoleville Indian village, to compel recognition of the plaintiffs, Frank Williams, Mack Williams, Mary Elliott, Ernest McGee and Mary Anderson, as Pinole Indians and to establish their right to share in the benefits of the Pinoleville trusteeship.

By a decree of the Superior court, the defendants were appointed on November 9, 1934, to hold and supervise the real property belonging to the Pinoleville village and disburse the benefits derived.

The complainants are represented by Attorney Hale McCowan.

EMPLOYEES DECORATE

Members of the sales force of the White House have entered the Christmas spirit and are dressing the store with decorations of the Yuletide theme. Fir bows, red and green crepe paper and huge candles will add to the holiday spirit.

TALMAGE LADY ILL

Mrs. Howard Enck, who has been seriously ill at the home of her mother, Mrs. G. H. Roberts, for the past 10 days and in a stupor a considerable portion of the time, is slowly improving under the care of Dr. Bennett.

Bob Reynolds, Cleland Furniture Store manager, and Horace Ivey, Jr., were in San Francisco last Friday to visit the furniture exchange in progress there.

Friend of Baby Face Nelson, an Inmate Of Mendocino State Hospital, Secured Release Friday on Habeas Corpus Writ

Another criminally insane inmate of the Mendocino State Hospital secured his release through a writ of habeas corpus, Friday, after his sanity had been proven beyond a doubt.

Charles E. Cramer, admittedly an "acquaintance" of Baby Face Nelson, et al., and with a record of crimes, from petty offenses to major felony, was discharged after he had been returned to the institution by Superior Judge Held, following the first hearing, that federal authorities might have their opportunity to file white slave traffic charges, which they declined to do.

Cramer was committed from San Diego county, October 1, 1935. He was under a charge of felony, (theft of an automobile) to which he entered the insanity plea. His record began in 1924 when he was charged with child neglect, and later faced a forgery charge. An insanity plea got him a commitment to the institution for disabled soldiers.

In 1925 Cramer was given a 1-year sentence for fraud, and in 1926 was again arrested for child neglect. A year for issuing fraudulent checks, in 1927,

Boys Find Remains Of Missing Coaster Dead Near Home

The mystery of the disappearance of Abe Johnson, who had been missing from Fort Bragg since November 11, was solved Sunday evening, when his remains were found under a tree near his home.

The discovery was made by Alfred Lawrence, Robert Mahaffey and Rainey DeConi, who were playing in the neighborhood of the Johnson home on the Sherwood road.

The Lawrence boy entered a trail on the side of the road and saw the body lying prone on the ground.

The Mahaffey boy reported to his parents who went to the scene and ascertained that the body was that of Johnson. Mahaffey notified the Fort Bragg police and Deputy Sheriff Ward Reis and Night Officer Grant took the body to town.

The officers found that Johnson had tied a piece of rope to a 9-foot tree, about a foot higher than his head. The rope was then tied around his neck. When found he was lying on the ground, face down. He had died of strangulation.

Abram Johnson was born in Finland and was 65 years of age. He moved to Fort Bragg direct from Finland 45 years ago. He had worked as a woodsman, but of late years was employed in the car repair shops of the Union Lumber Company.

He leaves his widow, Mrs. Ella Johnson of Fort Bragg; four sons and two daughters.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon from the Kalevala hall with Rev. S. Ilmonen of the Finnish Lutheran church officiating.

San Diego Slayer Files Second Writ

Another criminally insane patient from San Diego county has filed a writ of habeas corpus to gain his release from the criminal ward of the Mendocino State Hospital.

Ortho A. Barbour, who escaped the consequences of a murder charge in San Diego county and was admitted to the Talmage institution on August 5, 1934, for a crime committed May 31 of that year, is making his second attempt for freedom.

Barbour's first writ was premature and Judge Held sent him back to Talmage for another year.

Parents underestimate children and children overestimate parents.

THE COUNTY'S MONEY

County Treasurer D. C. Smith had on hands December 7 a balance of \$375,923.57. The November 2 balance was \$238,973.78 and November receipts, \$294,408.49—a total of \$533,382.27. Disbursements for November were \$157,458.74. December 9, inclusive, receipts for this month had totaled over \$100,000.

Perjury Suit May Follow In Wake of Damage Suit

Fair Association Elected Officers Wednesday Night

George Vevoda was elected chairman of the board of directors of the Twelfth District Agricultural Association at the meeting Wednesday evening at the chamber of commerce rooms, attended by Kenneth Gott and A. B. Scott of Upper Lake, C. A. Tarwater of Boonville, Dr. T. B. Ricks of Willits, C. E. Anderson of Potter Valley, William Peters of Hopland, and J. P. Smith and George Vevoda of Ukiah. These gentlemen constitute the entire directorate as commissioned by Governor Merriam early in November.

Edward J. James was chosen secretary-treasurer.

The meeting was unanimous in its action, the gentlemen from Lake county readily concurring in the action of the members.

The committee on by-laws appointed is Charles Anderson, chairman, J. P. Smith and A. B. Scott.

The committee on premium list is Kenneth Gott, chairman, T. B. Ricks, William Peters, Norman Buhn, A. D. Foote, L. C. Barnard and Charles Anderson.

Next Thursday evening, December 17, there will be another meeting of the board and committeemen to make a report of the organization ready for submission to Sacramento officials.

Geo. Vestal's Body Taken to Virginia

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon for George Vestal, 78-year-old Boonville man who died Saturday from injuries received in the accidental discharge of his shotgun.

Services in Eversole's Mortuary with Rev. Elbert Holland officiating, preceded shipment of the body to Alvarado, Virginia.

Many Boonville people came to Ukiah to pay last respects to their fellow citizen, who had lived among them for 40 or 50 years and had won a place in the hearts of his many friends.

The accident happened at the Ornbau ranch when Vestal was about to mount his horse. The gun in the saddle scabbard was discharged, the charge entering the abdomen, inflicting wounds from which he died during the afternoon.

Cox Is Brought Back On Bad Check Charge

Willard Cox, alias Fred Harris, is back in the county jail, where he served a 6-month term imposed in November, 1935.

Cox was brought back last week to face worthless check charges preferred by a Willits man and may face prior conviction charges.

Cox, in November of last year robbed his employe, Oscar Babcock of McDowell canyon, of a car, a shotgun and \$28 in money, after Babcock had taken Cox into his home to save him from the discomforts of sleeping in a tent while cutting wood.

The prisoner has a San Quentin term to his credit.

CHILDREN IMMUNIZED

Three children of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Burger of Boonville received immunization from respiratory infection Sunday. Dr. E. C. Bennett administered the treatment.

PROBATE CALENDAR

When the Superior court convenes this morning it will be confronted with a total of 120 probate matters for disposition.

Principal Charles Fulkerson went to Willits Saturday to attend a meeting of high school executives.

Judge Held Orders Copy of Testimony Given At Hearing

Promise of a perjury action is seen in the order of Superior Judge W. D. L. Held to Court Reporter Hale Prather, following conclusion of the damage actions brought by Holmes Bruce and Albert See of Lake county against Captain William Harp of the fish and game commission and A. C. Kallher and S. E. Siebeck, wardens.

Judge Held's order was for the transcript of the testimony given at the trial, which was brought to Mendocino county on a change of venue, the transcript to be turned over to District Attorney James E. Busch for use in preparation of evidence of perjury.

Widely conflicting evidence given in testimony at the trial was one of the outstanding features of the matter which consumed practically three days in the local court, and which in some instances is said to have been flagrant attempts to avoid the truth.

Not only was much of the evidence conflicting, but testimony of certain witnesses was contradictory at different intervals and a preponderance of statements of witnesses for the defense are reported as being outside the realm of credibility.

Outstanding instances may be used to furnish grounds for charges of perjury and the mass of testimony contained in the transcript is held to contain sufficient number of glaring inconsistencies to prove the intent.

Coast Stage Line Lost Damage Suit In Sonoma County

A Sonoma county jury brought in a verdict of \$13,250 for the plaintiffs in the damage action brought against the Coast Line Stages, Joseph Olynsky of Fort Bragg, executive of the stage company, and William Simpson, driver of the truck which figured in a fatal accident near Lytton, in September of last year.

Damages in the aggregate sum of \$60,724 were asked in the complaint filed by Joseph A. Manger and his daughter, Mrs. Florence Kaye, for the death of Mrs. Joseph Wagner of San Francisco.

Of the sum awarded by the jury, Wagner was given personal damages of \$3,250.

A second damage suit for \$50,000 is pending in Sonoma county against the stage company and Olynsky and Simpson, for the death of Pete Beccuti, a passenger in the Wagner car at the time of the accident.

THUMB LACERATED

Horace Wey, Jr., received a badly lacerated right thumb last Monday morning while operating a hair picker at the Cleland Furniture Store, and got the digit caught in the cogs of the machine.

Newt Ornbau of Ornbau valley was in town early last Friday morning. Mr. Ornbau is but recently out of a sick bed and is slowly regaining his health and strength.

PRISONER KNOWS LAW

A. E. Smith has not served six terms in jails along the Pacific coast without learning something about law. Charged with attacking Night Patrolman Ed Reynolds of Willows, with a handkerchief in which a rock was concealed, Smith pleaded guilty to six prior convictions of petty theft charges but denied the assault charge. He told the court: "I did it so when I go on trial for the assault charge they can't bring up the prior convictions against me." He is acting as his own attorney.

"Growing Pains" Tonight

High School Auditorium, Curtain at 8:30.

Reservations at Morty's