

Land in Alaska Withdrawn For 2 New Colonies

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26—(AP)—The Interior Department is planning a series of "new Matanuska colonies" for Alaska, Assistant Secretary of the Interior William E. Warne said today.

Almost 200,000 acres of land already have been withdrawn for the first two communities, on the Kenai peninsula between Kenai and Kaslof villages, and west of Fairbanks in the Dunbar Area, he said.

Three other tracts are under consideration at sites which the department is not yet ready to disclose. Settlers are planned in groups of 50 or more families each. The plan is not part of the displaced-persons program, Warne said.

Up to 2,000,000 acres—only a small fraction of the land available in Alaska—is contemplated for ultimate withdrawal from the public domain and assignment in settler tracts, Warne told a reporter.

And if congress approves the plan, he said a complete village

will be laid out for each homestead area.

The entire project, primarily for war veterans and their families, is designed to hasten Alaskan development and at the same time "take the curse off pioneering," said Warne, who returned from Alaska this week.

Joint Liquor Deal Close Awaiting Lawyers' Claims

PORTLAND, Aug. 27—(AP)—Dissolution of a trusteeship through which the Oregon and Washington State Liquor Commissions bought two distilleries several years ago, awaits filing of several claims.

The commissions of the two states met yesterday to try to close an affair involved in purchase several years ago of the Waterfill & Frazer and the Shawhan distilleries. The purchase was made when liquor was in short supply. Washington took 33 per cent and Oregon 47.

Among claims not filed are those by attorneys—Harold J. Shefelman, Seattle, and Wilber Henderson, Portland, Henderson, who also was attorney for the Oregon Liquor Commission but said the distillery deal was outside his regular duties and called for added compensation, said he was waiting to file his claim until Shefelman had filed his with the Washington Commission.

The legal work was necessary when the federal internal revenue office sought \$4,000,000 in taxes on the deal.

The two states kept the distilleries' liquor and sold the plants. The claim was settled about a year ago on the basis of 10 per cent of the amount originally asked.

Reedsport-Built Deep-Sea Fishing Boat Goes Down

REEDSPORT—The deep-sea fishing boat "Leta B," operated by Kay A. Curtis of Reedsport, is reported to have sunk Sunday on the off-coast tuna fishing grounds, but with no loss of life.

Jesse Keene, operator of a smaller trolling boat, was fishing with Curtis and took him off the sinking craft before it went down.

The "Leta B," was built at Reedsport on the banks of Schfield Creek several years ago by a man named McCrary. The hull was built entirely of iron plates welded together.

Curtis had loaded his boat with ice and had started fishing for tuna when the accident occurred. Actual cause of the sinking is not known, but it is considered likely that some of the bottom plates were eaten away by rust, giving way when the boat struck some floating object or perhaps because of the force from waves striking the bottom.

New Type Boat

Rex Carlson, local outboard motor enthusiast, has recently purchased a new type of boat for the Reedsport vicinity. The boat is 14 feet long, made of plywood, but with a blown glass exterior that is as tough, hard and smooth finish. The glass is painted over, and is said to be so tough that ordinary blows that would break a wooden plank will not affect it except to knock off the paint.

Catches Get Smaller

Exceptionally smooth water has been the rule along the Reedsport section of the coast recently, except when the tide begins to ebb and starts the waves to increase in size and to break. Scores of small boats powered with outboard motors cross the Umpqua River bar almost every day, especially on weekend fishing trips. Catches have been smaller the past week than previously.

New Building to Rise

The Douglas County bridge crew working in the Reedsport area under the direction of Homer Gallop, will soon start construction of a building back of the present county warehouse and equipment shed on Fir Ave. in Reedsport.

The new building will be of frame construction with corrugated iron exterior, will be used for sleeping quarters for county employees sent from Roseburg, and will only be used on a part-time basis.

During the tourist season, it is found to be almost impossible to find living quarters for work crews sent to Reedsport for seasonal work.

Rain Misses City

Reedsport, usually considered one of the "wet spots" along the coast, was badly neglected over the weekend by Jupiter Pluvius when surrounding localities reported heavy rains. Weather on the Lower Umpqua remained fair over Sunday, with only occasional cloudy spells. Dirt road log haulers and farmers trying to harvest their hay continue to hope for a return of the recent long dry spell.

On Personal Side

Berge Borrevik of Reedsport, deputy district governor for the Lion's Club, drove to Junction City Sunday to attend the district governors meeting at the home of Lee Murphy, district governor of District E. Borrevik, first president of the Gardiner-Reedsport Lions Club, has charge of the district extending from Reedsport to Powers.

Vernon Norman, timekeeper for the E. K. Wood Lumber Company in the Reedsport office and also in charge of the Reedsport Sea Scout Troop, is spending his vacation in California.

Douglas McKay of Salem, Republican candidate for governor of Oregon, was in Reedsport last week for brief visits with friends and supporters.

Only a small portion of the outside of most tree trunks is living sapwood, the center of the trunk being composed of heartwood which is technically "dead."

Rosenberg Bros. Sell Dried Fruit Industry

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 26—(AP)—The multi-million dollar Rosenberg Bros. & Co., largest processors in the dried fruit industry, yesterday was purchased by the Blair Holdings Corp. of New York and a group of associates.

The price was not announced, but reports were that it was around \$23,000,000.

The firm, which ranks as one of Oregon's major handlers of dried prunes, filberts and walnut operations at Portland, Dallas and Riddle.

Couple on World Journey by Sea Picked Up Adrift

NEW YORK, Aug. 26—(AP)—Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin F. Carlin, who started around the world in a converted Army amphibious truck, have been picked up by a tanker after drifting in the Atlantic for ten days.

The couple now is bound for Halifax, Nova Scotia, on the tanker New Jersey headed for the Azores, their first planned stop.

The tanker radioed the Coast Guard last night that it had picked up the seafarers 270 miles from New York.

The last previous word of the Carlins was on Aug. 11, shortly after they sailed from here. At that time a Navy destroyer sighted their craft about 150 miles at sea.

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Motorist, Hitchhiker Injured in Crash

LA GRANDE, Ore., Aug. 26—(AP)—A California motorist was in serious condition in a hospital here today, but his hitchhiking companion, from Bremerton, Wash., had only minor hurts.

R. W. Jickling, 71, Elmira, Calif., suffered fracture of eight ribs and a lung puncture when his car left the highway and struck a power pole southeast of here near Union yesterday.

With him was James Scafe, 16, who was hitchhiking to his Bremerton home from a job in Wyoming.

Scafe suffered minor head bruises and the hospital today said his condition was good.

Jap Police Parade Wrong Man, Draw Censure of Press

TOKYO, Aug. 27—(AP)—Japanese newspapers yesterday criticized police for the first time in history for their handling of a prisoner.

Sadamichi Hirasawa, 56, a Hokkaido artist, was arrested as a suspect in the Jan. 26 robbery of a Teikoku bank. The robber posed

as a public health official and killed 12 persons by giving them a poison potion before he robbed the bank.

The newspapers said Hirasawa was handcuffed to two policemen who brought him down from Hokkaido. The policemen, the newspapers said, told everyone the artist was the robber.

But when survivors of the poison plot looked at Hirasawa they were unable to identify him. Then police admitted they might be wrong.

His family indicated the police might be sued for damages.

To further complicate things, Yamashita prefectural police announced later Norisada Fushimi, 44, had surrendered and confessed the mass murders.

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