



DAD KILLED IN KOREA—Tragedy born of war left 10 children of Mason City, Ill., fatherless when Pfc. William Simmons, 41, was killed in fighting in Korea. Mrs. Simmons and eight of the youngsters are pictured in their home. Standing (rear, from left) are: Donald, 13; Virgil, 17; and Harriet, 15. Gathered around Mrs. Simmons and sitting in her lap (left to right) are: Dale, 10; John, 4; Joe, 2; Jerry, 8; and Richard, 7. Two other sons are serving in the armed services. (AP Wirephoto.)

Boy Once Burned At Stake Now Iron Lung Patient

PORTLAND—(AP)—Jerry Meyer, 10, burned at the stake in a too-realistic game five years ago, is back in the hospital again. This time he is in an iron lung. After his stake-burning he was in Doernbecher and the Shriners' hospitals for two years. He was 7 years old when he got out, well covered with grafted skin and leery of playmates who carry matches. That caused him trouble this summer while visiting in Topeka, Kas., with relatives of his mother, Mrs. Frances Meyer. The grafted skin doesn't allow him to perspire as he should and Mid-West heat bothered him. So his mother decided some six weeks ago to cut the visit short and bring him and his brothers Larry, 14, and Jay, 6, back to Portland. Fear of polio in Topeka helped speed the return, she said. But back in Portland, Larry was stricken and then Jerry, too came down with the disease they had left Kansas to escape. How long Jerry will be in the iron lung isn't certain, but he is improving. Larry already is on his feet.



IRKED—Judge Rudolph Desort (above), of Chicago Superior court, has suggested that California and Florida withdraw from the union to make way for Alaska and Hawaii. Judge Desort has been irked by court orders in those states in conflict with his own. "There have been a number of occasions when courts of California have refused to recognize decrees and orders of Illinois courts. Some courts in Florida likewise have ignored rulings of this court," he said. (AP Wirephoto.)

JOHN DAY MAN WINS NEW YORK — In five seconds flat, Steve Heacock of Phoenix, Ariz., wrestled down a steer last night to post the fastest time of the current Madison Square Garden Rodeo. There was a tie in calf roping at 18.0 seconds between Barney Willis, John Day, Ore., and Doc Burt, Comanche, Okla.

Man Ordered To Restore Ex-Wife's Bridgework

HOUSTON, Tex. — (AP) — Explained the woman to police dispatcher George Shepler. She and her husband were divorcing and were dividing community property piece by piece. She got down to the last two items—a sheet and the woman's gold bridgework. She took the sheet. Her husband wanted the bridgework. She said, "Then what happened?" asked Shepler. "He pulled a pistol out of his pocket and said 'open your mouth and give, woman!'" "What did you do?" persisted Shepler. "I opened my mouth and gave," she said. Shepler told her to ask the district attorney to get her bridgework back.

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Foreign Students Address Riverside PTA Meeting

A panel of speakers from three foreign countries appeared before the Riverside PTA meeting last Monday evening. Wilfried Moeding, Germany; Maurice Morello, France; and Finn Saglid, Denmark, exchange students from the University of Oregon, came to Roseburg with their counsellor to discuss "Crusade for Freedom." Using the topic as a starting point, the students discussed the social and economic problems besetting their countries and, following their talks, answered questions from the audience. The students and their instructor spent the night in Roseburg at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bjarne Paulson, who served them an "American" breakfast with all the trimmings. The students, who have been in America only a matter of weeks, were somewhat astounded at having eggs for breakfast, and ended by ordering and eating four a piece. Other matters brought before the large crowd of parents and teachers at the meeting were the year's budget and school bill 306, which was endorsed by vote.

Dillard

By ROSA HEINBACH Cub Scout Pack 136 held their committee meeting on Monday night, Oct. 2, at the Dillard school house. At that time Harold Brown, eighth grade teacher of the school was officially elected cub master. Mrs. Allan McLennan, den mother of number two group has divided her large group into two sections. Mrs. Harold Thomas is the new den mother and her group is designated as den number 4. Miss Ellen Brower has consented to assist Mrs. McLennan with den 2. Those figures may be misleading unless you realize that President Truman, Theodore Roosevelt, and Tyler each inherited one whole cabinet of someone else's choosing. To illustrate: when Mr. Truman took office after FDR's death, he found a 16-member cabinet already there, and he has brought in only 20 new men since that time. And FDR, of course, served longer than any other president, so his normal turnover would be higher. Actually Truman has made 22 appointments. He named George C. Marshall twice—as secretary of State in 1947 and as secretary of Defense last month. And he named James Forrestal as secretary of Defense in 1947 after inheriting him as secretary of the Navy. Mr. Truman has removed some cabinet members who weren't in harmony with him. He has shifted a couple to other jobs. Some have resigned because of ill health or other personal reasons. One died in office.

Washington Started It The cabinet is an interesting institution in American history. It grew up by custom, rather than by law. The constitution says nothing about a cabinet, but since Washington started it in 1789 when he began calling in department heads as his advisers. The word "cabinet" began to be applied to these meetings in about 1793. As a group the cabinet is only advisory. But the members, as department heads, must be confirmed by the Senate. The Senate has rarely rejected a nomination. One such case was in 1925 when the Senate twice rejected President Coolidge's nomination of Charles B. Warren as attorney general because of his previous relations with the sugar trust. Last year Congress raised cabinet salaries from \$15,000 to \$22,500 a year.

Scott Served Longest The cabinet member who served longer than anyone else in American history was James Wilson who was born in Scotland. He was secretary of Agriculture for 16 years, from 1897 to 1913, under Presidents McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt and Taft. Harold L. Ickes had the second longest cabinet career, serving as secretary of the Interior for nearly 13 years. He was brought into the job by Franklin D. Roosevelt on March 4, 1933, and was ushered out by President Truman on Feb. 15, 1946.

Olympic Forest Timber Goes To Plywood Firm OLYMPIA—(AP)—Sale of 350,000 board feet of timber in the Olympic national forest for \$19,528—almost three times the amount advertised as a minimum price—was announced by Forest Supervisor Carl B. Neal today. High bidder was the Engineer Plywood Products of Beaver with an offer of \$63 a thousand board feet. The minimum acceptable price was \$21.70 a thousand. There were four bidders at the Port Angeles auction of the timber in the Kugel creek area of the Sleduck working circle.

AWOL CHARGED S E — Herbert Irving Anderson, 24, was arrested Friday by state police on a charge of A.W.O.L. from the U.S.S. Princeton. Anderson is being held in the county jail, pending disposition by the navy. In New Home — Attorney and Mrs. Edward Murphy and children have moved into their new home on Umpqua Ave. East.

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THE 24th RETURNS TO TAEJON—U.S. 24th division troops proudly march into Taejon, Korea (Sept. 28) as they recapture the town from which they were driven last July 21 in their most costly and humiliating defeat along the heartbreak trail that ended in the Pusan defense perimeter. Leading their unit with flags (left to right) are: Cpl. Howard L. Moll, Panamint Springs, Calif.; Capt. Louis Rockwerk, Bronx, N.Y.; and Lt. William Sunchest, Rowesville, S. C. (AP Wirephoto.)

Thirty Persons Have Served In Truman's Cabinet, Record In U.S. Political History

By MAX HALL WASHINGTON—(AP)—Harry Truman has had more cabinet members than any other President. During his five and a half years in the White House, 30 different persons have served in his cabinet at one time or another. U. S. Grant had 24, Franklin D. Roosevelt 24, Theodore Roosevelt 23, and John Tyler 20. Those figures may be misleading unless you realize that President Truman, Theodore Roosevelt, and Tyler each inherited one whole cabinet of someone else's choosing. To illustrate: when Mr. Truman took office after FDR's death, he found a 16-member cabinet already there, and he has brought in only 20 new men since that time. And FDR, of course, served longer than any other president, so his normal turnover would be higher. Actually Truman has made 22 appointments. He named George C. Marshall twice—as secretary of State in 1947 and as secretary of Defense last month. And he named James Forrestal as secretary of Defense in 1947 after inheriting him as secretary of the Navy. Mr. Truman has removed some cabinet members who weren't in harmony with him. He has shifted a couple to other jobs. Some have resigned because of ill health or other personal reasons. One died in office.

Newcomb Visits Fishery Systems On Eastern Trip Ross Newcomb, who with his wife has just returned from a trip east, is very favorably impressed with the fish and game administration in Oregon, compared with that in other states he visited. Newcomb was recently appointed in charge of Oregon's fisheries research, which will function in cooperation of the wildlife research division under the leadership of Arthur Einarsen. The wildlife research has existed for about 15 years. Einarsen is the project leader in coordinating the activities of five cooperating agencies, said Newcomb. Newcomb, who will have his headquarters at Corvallis, expects to work on specific fish projects geared to help the game commission get the most for its money. He said he will probably use graduate students of the college for much of the work.

District Attorneys' Meeting Scheduled The district attorneys of the state will hold their annual association meeting at Portland Oct. 12, 13 and 14. The meeting is usually held in November, but it was planned early in order to discuss possible legislation to be offered to the state lawmakers when they convene in January. Special emphasis will be placed on new criminal legislation material involving sex offenders. This includes more stringent measures for moralis vagrancy; charges relating to children. It is felt that this may be a means of averting commission of greater crimes by the same children later.

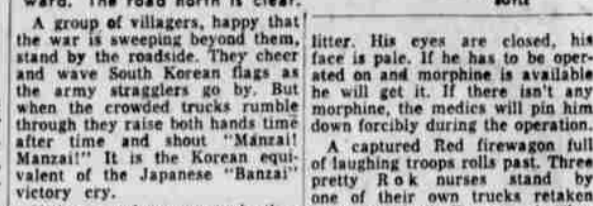
SUIT ASKS DAMAGES Edgbert S. Berg has filed a suit in circuit court against the Allied Van Co. for \$69.30 damages done to his pickup in a collision. The accident occurred Jan. 12, in Sutherlin when a truck owned by the defendant company and driven by George Troyer Swan allegedly came too close to the plaintiff's parked vehicle and collided. The plaintiff also asks \$75 attorneys fees and costs.

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Communist Five-Year Rule Leaves Koreans In Tatters, Hungry, Scourged By Disease

NORTH KOREA—(AP)—The South Korean soldier now in the land of his Red military enemy finds North Koreans a people in shreds and tatters after five years of Communist rule. He also finds the North Korean civilians don't act like people who are losing a war. He walks under several hurriedly raised victory arches of logs and pine boards spanning the road. He comes to a small village. The Red North Koreans had used it as a checkpoint to search vehicles coming from the south. But the crude log road barriers now are lifted and point skyward. The road north is clear. A group of villagers, happy that the war is sweeping beyond them, stand by the roadside. They cheer and wave South Korean flags as the army stragglers go by. But when the crowded trucks rumble through they raise both hands time after time and shout "Manzai! Manzai!" It is the Korean equivalent of the Japanese "Banzai" victory cry. If the stragglers were tanks they would get even louder "manzais" than the trucks do. For in the Orient power is admired even more than in the western world. But on this day no tanks are going up this road. Disease Mark Children The ROK soldier sees that after five years of Communist rule, that boasted it would help the worker, these villagers are even more ragged than the peasants of South Korea. There are more children with open sores on their heads. There are more with dried eyes. And there are few young farmers in the holiday crowd. They are in the fields harvesting each small patch of rice as it matures, for there is hunger here. A young girl runs out and sticks a cluster of white and purple wild flowers in the soldier's helmet. She hands him some brown chestnuts and a ripe persimmon, golden as the Indian summer sun and not much smaller than a tennis ball. He grins at her in wondering surprise. Then he shuffles on, drenching his dry mouth with the pulp of the persimmon. The sun is almost down as he scuffles into Yangyang, the first large enemy town captured by the ROKs. The townspeople are weary of cheering and have given away all their flowers. The edge of elation has been dulled and they do not fear any great harm from this army from the south. They are now selling their persimmons and chestnuts to the troops. The soldier looks at the trenches dug in the streets by the retreating Reds for a last-ditch stand they never made. He looks at roof tops covered with shrubbery to hide enemy command posts from allied airmen. Rice Ration Paramount Two ROK medics walk by carrying a badly wounded man on a litter. His eyes are closed, his face is pale. If he has to be operated on and morphine is available he will get it. If there isn't any morphine, the medics will pin him down forcibly during the operation. A captured Red firewagon full of laughing troops rolls past. Three pretty ROK nurses stand by one of their own trucks retaken from the North Koreans. Another ROK girl in uniform nearby is wearing an American .45-caliber pistol. But the dust-covered Korean doughboy has no eyes for pretty girls. He joins a line waiting to receive the evening rice ration and he waits in stolid silence. A rifle slips from the hands of a ROK private in a crowded truck. It falls beneath the wheels and the barrel is badly bent. before the truck can stop a ROK officer leaps out of the truck and the private does too. Carelessness Punished The officer reaches the rifle first and picks it up. He unlashes a wild torrent of abuse and then turns the rifle around and smashes the butt into the private's left shoulder. He does this five times and puts all his power into every blow. The private is knocked back each time but neither flinches nor shows pain. Nor do the faces of the men in the truck or in the chow line show either anger or surprise. This is an Oriental army. They know a man who carelessly ruins a weapon is lucky to escape a rifle butt blow on his skull. Weapons are precious—life is not. The truck moves on. The doughboy finally gets his rice ball wrapped in seaweed. He wolfs it down hungrily. He has seen no fighting but he has walked all day and he is lonely. But he still hasn't caught up with his own outfit. He sees two other sleeping ROK infantrymen huddled together for warmth on the porch of a hut. He sags to a sitting position on the porch. He slowly begins to lift his leaden feet. And before his bent little body has straightened out he is fast asleep. Tomorrow at dawn he will be up and shuffling again up the long road that leads to stone after dusty stone, to beyond the vanished frontier of the 38th parallel to the Manchurian border. Only when his army is halted at that border will all Korea be united—and he will be free to rest.



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