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ESTATES IN PROBATE
Delton V. Thiel, route 1, Yoncall, a son of Herman V. Thiel who died July 8, 1951, has been appointed administrator of his father's estate by County Judge Carl Hill.
The estate was listed at a probable value of \$10,000 in real property and \$3,000 in personal property.
James W. Pickett of Sweet Home, has been appointed administrator of the estates of his father, James Riley Pickett, of Azalea who died July 1, 1950, and of Sarah May Pickett who died March 23, 1951. She was the widow of the late James Riley Pickett and also a resident of Azalea.

BIRTHS

MERCY HOSPITAL
JOHANSEN — To Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Dalvin Johansen, 914 Nebo street, Roseburg, July 19, a daughter, Pamela Katherine; weight five pounds six ounces.
WILSON — To Mr. and Mrs. Earl Floyd Wilson, Oakland, July 21, a daughter, Marta Ann; weight seven pounds.
WADSWORTH — To Mr. and Mrs. James M. Wadsworth, Rt. 1, box 500, Roseburg, July 20, a daughter, Connie Dean; weight seven pounds five ounces.
SMITH — To Mr. and Mrs. Burt Alton Smith, Riddle, July 20, a daughter, Ardis Annette; weight nine pounds six ounces.
SUCKS — To Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Joseph Sucks, 1941 Goetz, July 18, a son, Steven Allan; weight eight pounds 13 ounces.
WRIGHT — To Mr. and Mrs. Willis Pershing Wright, Rt. 1, box 80, Roseburg, July 18, a daughter, Ruth Marie; weight eight pounds six ounces.

Mockery Of Oatis' Trial Tyrant's Tactic To Quiet His Restive Subjects

By BRUCE BLOSSAT
In Prague, Czechoslovakia, a familiar drama was recently re-enacted. The Communists "tried" an outsider from the western world on grounds of "espionage." The only difference this time is that the victim is an American newspaper reporter. He was sentenced to 1 year's imprisonment.
Respectable William N. Oatis, Associated Press correspondent in Prague, gave the groveling confession which is standard operating procedure in these Communist courtroom circuses. He said he was a spy and that three other western reporters who formerly worked in Prague also had engaged in espionage.
Somehow, he managed to deny that he took over a "spy network" when he became A. P. bureau chief in Prague. But he testified that he carried on his spying on orders from his superiors in London and New York and "under the influence of some western diplomats."
It is, of course, easy for the Communists in Czechoslovakia or any other Iron Curtain nation to allege espionage. The gathering of any information, however harmless, can be fitted, for example, into the broad Czech definition of spying. Reporters thus would be especially choice prey.
These spy trials having gone on so long with such obviously false foundation, you may wonder why the Reds continue to stage them. They would have to be ridiculously naive at measuring world opinion to believe these affairs make any impression on the West.
If they don't think the West takes the trials seriously, what purpose motivates them? Why single out a lad like Oatis and put a lot of gibberish in his mouth?
There is always the chance, naturally, that the Communists wish to irritate the western countries to the point where they will withdraw diplomats and other observers who can tell the outside world about life behind the curtain. This move was often suspected in the Gogeler case in Hungary.
It is an axiom of dictatorship that the best way to retain stiff control over people at home is to arouse their fears of external aggression. Russia and her compulsory friends have always played it that way. Being caught in the Communist vice, lacking virtually all the ordinary comforts of 1951 industrial civilization, the hapless citizens of the Communist world have little to look forward to. But powerless as they are, they still are a source of worry to their leaders. No people will suffer indefinitely without reason.
Therefore the Kremlin finds it essential to fabricate the notion against the defenseless Reds, who are so earnestly searching for "peace." Stalin's hope is that by convincing them they are ringed by active enemies, he can get his "subjects" to endure placidly their grinding poverty and lack of freedom.
The trials are an integral part of this strategy. They are the dramatic proof that the "plot" is real, that the dangers from the West is immediate. What the West thinks about these little fantasies probably does not cause the Kremlin one moment's concern. They are a regular feature of the dictator's repertoire.



RETIRING GENERAL — Lt. Gen. Elwood R. (Pete) Quesada, one of the Air Force's top tactical commanders, plans to retire soon at the age of 47. He is reported at odds with his superiors over the role of strategic bombing. A native of Washington, D. C., he has been in the Air Force since 1924, his most recent assignment having been as commander of the joint task force that conducted atomic tests at Eniwetok this year.

Fireguards Advocated For Rural Protection

Be prepared for grass or grain fires.
This timely reminder is from Charles R. Ross, Oregon State college extension forestry specialist, who says that about half of the state's families live in rural areas where a few extra fire precautions must be considered.
Grass fires are a threat at this season, he warns, and since they spread rapidly it is almost a "must" to take advance precautions.
Ross suggests removal of dead grass and weeds from a strip at least 10 feet wide around all farm buildings. Disked or plowed fireguards are recommended for grainfields.
At harvest time, fire prevention measures are simple, yet too important to overlook. Spontaneous combustion is a threat with wet or uncured hay. The danger signs are steam and excessive condensation in the mow.
Many barns, the specialist adds, catch fire from running tractors, cars and other machinery. If motors capable of combustion or friction sparks are used in a barn, have a fire-protected room for them.

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