

222 Drunken Drivers Lose Oregon Licenses

Two hundred twenty-two Oregon drivers lost their driving licenses last month after court convictions of driving while intoxicated, and another 180 persons had licenses suspended for other traffic misdeeds, Secretary of State Earl T. Newbury said today.

Newbury said the suspensions were handed out in line with state law and department policy requiring the calling-in of licenses of drivers who demonstrate by their actions that they are potential accident makers behind the wheel.

Forty-two suspensions resulted from convictions on reckless driving charges, and 25 persons lost driving privileges for violation of Oregon's basic rule.

The state's driver improvement program, which attempts to make "believers" out of highway cut-ups, suspended the licenses of seven drivers during November after letters and personal interviews failed to make them see the error of their ways behind the wheel.

Newbury said the state intends to continue suspending the licenses of drivers with repeated violations, accidents or serious traffic offenses, pointing out that accident statistics consistently show that mishaps in Oregon involve a violation of traffic law.

Fire Kills 3 Children, Four Others Escape

BARRIE, Ont. — (AP) — Three children perished in their flaming home in Honey Harbor Sunday while firefighters watched helplessly. Four other children escaped.

Burned to death were Peter and Paul Rice, 15-month-old twins, and their sister, Mary, 4 months.

Honey Harbor is about 45 miles north of here in the Muskoka district.

Their father, David Rice, sailing on a freighter heard of the tragedy at Muskegon, Mich.

Police said the fire began when

Woman Burns Her Home, Sanity Hearing Slated

COOS BAY — (AP) — A woman Police Chief Carl Stark of Empire said set fire to her home Sunday was in custody here awaiting a sanity hearing.

She is Mrs. Mabel Schroeder, 32, who lived south of Empire on lower Coos bay.

Stark said she sent her three children, aged 4, 8 and 12, away from home before firing the house. He quoted Howard Wilcox and G. M. Cavell, neighbors of the woman, saying they tried to stop her when they saw her lighting rags around the house.

Cavell told Stark she threatened them with an ax so they called police.

The fire destroyed the house and a nearby trailer belonging to Wilcox, Stark said. The children were picked up by a passing motorist and taken to the police station here.

Three Small German States Vote To Merge

STUTTGART, Germany — (AP) — Three small German states have voted to form one big new state covering the entire southwest corner of Germany.

Voters of the three states approved the merger overwhelmingly in a plebiscite Sunday. The Allied high commission is considered certain to approve the outcome.

United by the voters' verdict are Wuertemberg — Baden, with 3,957,000 inhabitants; Baden, with 1,372,000; and Wuertemberg — Hohenzollern, 1,264,000.

The new state with a total population of 6,593,000 stretches from Heidelberg on the north to Switzlerland on the south and from Ulm west to the French border. It becomes the fourth largest state in all West Germany, which now will have nine states instead of 11.

It will be several months before a new constitution can be drawn and a new parliament elected to put the new state into operation.

Orders Of Probation Issued In 3 Estates

The will of George Hall, who died at Oakland, Ore., Nov. 24, was admitted to probate with George Chenoweth appointed executor of the estate.

Estimated value of the estate is \$38,500. Named in the will are the widow, Gertrude; two daughters, and two grandchildren. Appraisers are L. D. Pinkston, Gary Robertson and Roy Medley.

LaVerne Murphy, Umpqua, has been appointed administrator of the estate of Anna Murphy Good, who died Nov. 18, leaving an estate estimated at \$13,000.

The estate of Rojelio J. Castro, who died Apr. 7, 1951, in Carmel, Calif., leaving an estate in Douglas county, has been filed for probate. The petition names Florence Pitts, a stepdaughter of Roseburg, for administratrix with the will annexed.

Farm Equipment Price Ceilings Now Effective

PORTLAND — (AP) — Price ceilings go into effect today on new and used farm equipment, the district OPS office reminded.

For used equipment the ceiling will be 85 percent of the original price, if the equipment is less than two years old. After that, the ceiling will be 70 percent.

The OPS said it also must be notified six days in advance of any auction sales of farm equipment.

WCTU MEETS
The Roseburg WCTU will meet at 2 p.m. Dec. 11, in the home of Mrs. Ruth Smith, route 4, box 1595, Roseburg. All members are urged to bring gifts of toilet articles or clothing for the children's farm home box. Anyone needing transportation may call Mrs. R. D. Knigge, 3-6108.

THIEF STEALS DRUMS
EUGENE — (AP) — State police said they are keeping an ear open for the thief who looted a parked car Saturday night. Stolen was a \$500 set of drums belonging to Charles Strizuk, of Eugene.

Pendleton Man Rescued From Well Cave-In Trap

PENDLETON, Ore. — (AP) — Rescuers, some of whom worked 18 hours in sub-freezing temperatures, brought a 51-year-old man to the surface today after he had been trapped since 11:30 a.m. Sunday when a 15-foot well caved in.

Searchlights lighted the scene as Norman Vina Ford weak but still conscious, was brought out of the gaping hole on a stretcher.

For the last hour rescuers dug with small shovels and their hands to free the trapped man's feet, one of which was caught under a plank.

Earlier bulldozers and heavy diggers dug a hole 40 feet wide in the back yard of the Ford home where the well had been.

The walls caved in Sunday when Ford and his 18-year-old son were digging the partially completed well. Ford was at the bottom when the wall collapsed.

Deadly Typhoon Rakes Central Philippines

MANILA — (AP) — A raging tropical typhoon ripped through the central Philippines today. It killed 12 persons, left thousands homeless and wrecked millions of dollars worth of crops and buildings.

Some 85 miles south of the typhoon's path, dying winds and quieter seas permitted rescue vessels to resume evacuation of 22,000 rain-soaked, frightened refugees from Camiguin island, where Hibok Hibok volcano continued to spout molten rock and ashes.

CONVICT TAKES WALK

SALEM — (AP) — State police found no trace today of the convict who walked away from the state prison annex Saturday afternoon.

The convict, James Walker, 25, was due for release in March. He was sentenced from Curry county in 1949 on a forgery conviction and was resentenced last year for parole violation.

Liars Preparing To Vie For World Championship

BURLINGTON, Wis. — (AP) — A Hoosier named Hosier who claims that muskrats carried off his post holes to use for living quarters is one of the entries in this year's Burlington Liars' club contest.

Harry Hosier of Lincoln, Ind., hopes to win with this story:

"I have the worst luck. The hired man and I worked all day digging post holes. They I went out to set the posts. No holes. Got to looking around and found them. The muskrats had carried them to the creek, dove down and shoved them back up under the bank for dens."

Mailbags full of other stories just as full of holes as this one are converging on this town as judges strive to meet the year-end deadline for choosing the world champion liar. C. C. Hulet, Liars' club president, released a few samples of the 1951 crop.

Capt. Charles Simpson Smith of Manitowish, Wis., checked in with a Northwoods fish story:

"Casting in a cove on Lake Manitowish last summer, my back-cast wrapped itself around the limb of a tree. Unable to get it loose, I cut the line and moved on up the lake. Later I came back down the lake and what do you suppose? Two kingfishers had unwrapped the line, and there they were — one of them flying along, dangling the line over the water, and the other nailing the fish as they rose to the fly!"

Fire At Chiloquin Deals Damage Of \$100,000

CHILQUIN, Ore. — (AP) — Damage was estimated at \$100,000 in the fire that destroyed two business houses and two vacant stores in this Klamath Indian reservation town Saturday.

The fire, which started in the basement of one of the stores from an exploding oil stove, damaged a drug store, and a barber shop. Firemen fought the blaze for more than eight hours in sub-freezing temperatures.

JAIL BREAKERS SOUGHT

MC MINNVILLE — (AP) — Police continued their search today for two prisoners who sawed their way out of the Yamhill county jail early Sunday.

Sheriff William J. Jones identified the escapees as John William Bloomer, 19, and William Cleon Clark, 26. Both were awaiting trial on charges of bad checks and grand larceny, he said.

Four other inmates in the same cell stayed behind.

Billy Graham Will Bring Show To Roseburg Soon

Billed as the "world's first Christian western," evangelist Billy Graham's motion picture, "Mr. Texas," will be shown in Roseburg either Thursday or Friday, Dec. 27 or 28.

The showing will be in the Junior high school auditorium starting at 7:30 p.m. and there will be no admission charge, said Dr. Edgar B. Luther, who is heading the local committee on arrangements.

The film, which runs an hour and 45 minutes, will probably be on Dec. 28, depending upon availability of the auditorium. A double showing will be made if there is sufficient demand, he said.

According to advance reports, the film has been showing to capacity audiences over the nation and has played successfully in the Northwest. During the past week the show was presented twice at Eugene Monday, Salem Tuesday, at Everett, Wash., Wednesday, Seattle Thursday, and over the weekend in Spokane.

The film stars Redd Harper and Cindy Walker and features Graham and Cliff Barrows.

Truckers Escape Fee Hike, Farmers Must Pay More

SALEM — (AP) — License plates will go up 10 percent for farmers at the end of this month, while commercial truckers get a 20 percent reduction.

The legislature didn't plan it that way, but its happening because the commercial truckers referred to the people the bill increasing mileage fees paid by truckers.

The fee bill and the license plate combined, they would leave total taxes on farm trucks about the same, while boosting the heavy long-haul truck taxes around 33 percent.

So, by referring the truck fee bill and letting the truck license plate bill become law, the commercial truckers got the tax reduction and the farmers got the tax boost.

The truck fee bill will be on the November general election ballot next year.

The legislature could have tied the two bills together, so that if one were referred to the people, the other would have been delayed until the people decide. But nobody thought about doing that.

EXAMINER SCHEDULED

A drivers license examiner will be in Roseburg Thursday and Friday, Dec. 13-14, at 343 N. Main St. between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Persons wishing licenses or permits to drive are urged to contact the examiner early to assure completion of their application.

World Situation Topic Of White House Huddle

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ate international situation with a conference with Attorney General McGrath and other officials of the Justice department which will presumably cover a congressional investigation into federal tax scandals.

The White House has maintained resolute silence on published reports Mr. Truman is considering some "dramatic move" in the tax scandals.

These reports have speculated he might assign FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover to a government-wide inquiry, that he might name the Republican and Democratic lawyers to prosecute miscreants and that he might set up a bi-partisan commission to make an inquiry independent of current hearings by a house ways and means subcommittee.

Umpqua Extension Meets Tuesday

The Umpqua Extension unit will meet Tuesday, Dec. 11, at 10:30 a.m. at the Calapooia clubhouse. The demonstration will be "Holiday Decorations from Nature," in charge of Ruth Bunch and Mary Lee. Those attending are requested to bring the following items: wire clippers, old scissors, one wire coat hanger, string or fine wire and the following for construction of a wreath: fir cones, fir boughs, laurel, cedar or other greens. Also bring the following for construction of a centerpiece: one piece of corrugated cardboard, 8" x 4", dry moss, fir boughs, laurel, cedar, other greens or holly and a 15 inch red candle.

Anyone interested is invited to attend and bring a sack luncheon.

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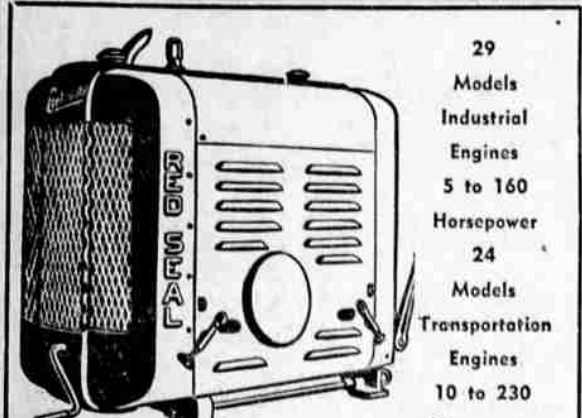
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