

NEW YORK (AP)—The 1955 Harmon Aviation Trophies have been won by a Navy blimp commander and the test pilot for the Navy's vertical takeoff plane.

Named this week for "outstanding international achievements in aeronautics" were test pilot J. F. (Skeets) Coleman and Navy Capt. Marion H. Eppes.

**Murder Of Stranger Admitted By Defendant**

STAFFORD, England (AP)—Frederick Cross pleaded guilty this week of murdering a stranger he met at a bar, and he explained to the court why.

Cross, 33, said his wife had run off with another man so "I made up my mind to do away with myself and bought a tin of rat poison—but hadn't the courage to do it."

"When I saw the man in the pub I got the idea that, if I killed him, I would be hanged," he said. "I'm not a bit sorry for myself, but I am sorry for him and I wish I'd known before this that he was married."

Cross, telling how he pulled out a pair of old scissors and stabbed the stranger, asked to be sentenced to death. The court granted the request, ordering him hanged.

His victim was Donald Lainton, 28, an insurance agent.

Coleman, a Marine Reserve lieutenant colonel, was cited for making more than 60 straight-up takeoffs in the Navy's XVT-1 "Pogo" turboprop fighter built by Convair. He was also cited for ultimately making "history's first transitional flight from vertical takeoff to level flight and back down to a vertical tail-sitting landing."

In his prize-winning blimp flight Eppes kept a Goodyear Navy airship ZPG-2 aloft for more than eight days and cruised more than 3,000 miles in a simulated anti-submarine patrol in May 1954.

This set a new world record for self-sustained, nonrefueling flight by any type of aircraft.

**Child Given To Parents After Stay In Nursery**

PORTLAND (AP)—A Bible student and his wife had their baby back this week after waiting over the holiday for a court order.

The couple, Mr. and Mrs. Gert D. Peterson, lost their 13-month-old son when police towed away their illegally parked car Sunday evening. The baby was in it.

In court Tuesday, Judge Virgil Langtry told the Petersons they had endangered their child by leaving it alone in a locked car. "Suppose," the judge said, "you had faulty wiring and there was a fire in the car."

The Petersons left the child in their car while they were in church. But because it blocked a driveway, police towed it away. On finding the child, police took it to a nursery.

The Petersons needed a court order to get their child back because of the Monday holiday, had to wait until Tuesday.

**NOT GREEN BERRIES**

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Three hundred green-tinted children emerged from a swimming pool at nearby Glenside. They were stained with a harmless—and eventually removable—dye from a Navy dye marker tossed into the pool by a 10-year-old boy. The boy was angry because he had been refused admittance to the pool, open only to residents.

**Back From Coast**

Brian Booth and David Morgan of Roseburg spent the weekend at the coast.

**Visit In Albany** — Mr. and Mrs. Art Mentzer spent the weekend in Albany visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Fingerlos, former residents of this city.

**Back From Vacation** — Miss Kathleen Wolfe and her niece, Miss Delores Jespersen, both nurses at Mercy Hospital, are back to work following a couple of weeks vacationing. They went to Graettinger and Carroll, Iowa, to visit relatives and stopped in Idaho Falls, Idaho, and Denver, Colo., to visit.

**Arrive From Sacramento** — Mr. and Mrs. James Lorigan and daughter, Stephanie, of Sacramento, Calif., have joined their children, Mark and Shannon, in Roseburg to spend the week visiting Mrs. Lorigan's parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. F. Amiot. Mark and Shannon have been here with their grandparents for the last three weeks.

**Accepts Position** — Miss Shirley Hammond of Grand Forks, N.D., who came to Roseburg recently to visit her sister, Miss Darlene Hammond, record librarian at Mercy Hospital, has accepted a position as record librarian at McCauley Hospital in Coos Bay. Miss Darlene Hammond spent a part of her vacation last week in Coos Bay assisting her sister in setting up her record system.

**Attend Funeral** — Mr. and Mrs. Robert Collier of Brookings and the former's mother, Mrs. A. B. Collier, of Roseburg, have returned to their homes, following a trip to Portland to attend the funeral of Mrs. J. E. Collier, a sister-in-law of the A. B. Colliers. While in Portland, Mrs. A. B. Collier visited her daughter, Miss Kathleen Collier, A. B. Collier, who is convalescing from recent surgery, is able to be out a part of every day now.

**Return From Conference** — Leonard Hall, Corvallis; Lee Knight, Sid Moody and Judy Littlehales of Portland; Miss Patricia Riley of Roseburg and the Rev. and Mrs. Byron Gene Clark and three children of Coquille returned to Roseburg over the weekend from Studio City, Calif., where they spent a week attending the provincial committee conference of young people of the House of Young Churchmen. All but Judy went south by automobile. She went from Portland by plane and was met there by Rod and Doug Houser, formerly of this city and Portland. The Littlehales and R. B. Housers were neighbors in Portland, before the Housers moved to North Hollywood.

**Local Community News Briefs**

**Leave For Canada** — Mrs. Lawson King and son, Kenny, of Roseburg left Tuesday for Vancouver, B. C., to visit the former's sister and other relatives.

**Leave For Germany** — Mr. and Mrs. Neil Kaser Sr., of Roseburg left by plane Wednesday for Germany to visit their son and enjoy a tour of Europe.

**Visit** — Dave Damon, Kernan Turner and Joe Sand spent the Fourth of July at Cottage Grove visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Turner of Melrose who were there for the archery tournament.

**Enjoy Races** — Mr. and Mrs. Norman Root and son, Dennis, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Newport of Roseburg enjoyed the weekend at Coos Bay, where they attended the hardtop races.

**Back From Coast** — Postmaster and Mrs. Clyde Carstens and daughter, Jackie, are back from the holiday weekend at coastal points. They visited the Carstens' son, Clyde Jr., at Siltcoos Lake.

**Return To Roseburg** — Mr. and Mrs. Julian Helbeck and sons, Stephen and David, have returned to Roseburg after visiting Helbeck's family in West Virginia for several weeks.

**Back From Portland** — Sister Mary Natalie and Sister Mary Maureen, accompanied by Miss Pat Mason, laboratory technician, have returned to their duties at Mercy Hospital, following several days in Portland on business.

**Visit** — Mr. and Mrs. William A. McLaughlin and son, Dick, spent the weekend in Eugene visiting at the home of Mrs. McLaughlin's sister, Mrs. J. B. Selander. Mrs. McLaughlin, who is director of choral music at Douglas High School had just returned from Portland where she attended a concentrated summer course for choral directors at Lewis and Clark College Choral School conducted by Dr. Leonard dePaur, director of the famed DePaur Chorus. The DePaur Chorus sang here several years ago under the auspices of the Roseburg Community Concert Association.

**At Lake**

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mays and Mr. and Mrs. Thel Allen spent the weekend at Siltcoos Lake.

**Stop Overnight** — Mr. and Mrs. Arkle McNutt of Ryderwood, Wash., were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Otho Gosnell this week.

**Returns To Work** — Mrs. John Brooke returned Tuesday to her work in the proof department of the News-Review, after a two-week vacation, part of which was spent at the coast.

**Enjoy Holiday Weekend** — Mr. and Mrs. Lewis D. McAllister and children spent the holiday weekend in Cottage Grove where they visited at the home of the latter's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Maloney, and family.

**Go To Brookings** — Mr. and Mrs. Harry F. Hatfield of Roseburg took their daughter, Mrs. William W. Knight and her twin daughters, Jeanne and Joanne, of Portland to Brookings recently to visit Mrs. Hatfield's brother-in-law and sister.

**Wisconsin Picnic Set** — The Wisconsin picnic will be held July 31 at the main picnic ground in Point Defiance Park in Tacoma, Wash. Free coffee will be furnished. Mrs. C. H. Nichols, 3211 S. 12 Tacoma 6, is secretary of the group.

**Return Here** — Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Grecian and daughter, Judy, of Roseburg took Mrs. Grecian's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Wolfe, and daughter, Mary Jo, of Des Moines, Iowa on a trip to Eureka, Calif., for the holiday weekend to visit the Grecians' son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Grecian, and family. The Richard Grecians became parents of their second son, Kevin Brewster, June 22. The baby weighed 6 pounds 6 ounces. The Grecians formerly resided here. Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe and Mary Jo left Wednesday for their home in Des Moines. While here the Grecians took them on a trip to the Sea Lion Caves and other coastal points of interest.

**New Employees**

New employees at the Ravioli Drive-In, south of town are Doris Benedict and Theresa Flynn.

**Leave For Boston** — Mrs. Mahlon Young and Miss Judy Grecian of Roseburg left yesterday for Boston, Mass., to visit the former's son, Glenn R. Young, who is attending a school of instruction at Fort Devens.

**Attend Show** — Mrs. Earl Belle, Mrs. H. F. Hatfield, Mrs. Otho Gosnell, Mrs. D. H. Lenox and Mrs. R. L. Whipple of Roseburg recently attended the rose show sponsored by the Eugene Rose Society in Eugene. They report the show was especially fine this year.

**Will Go To Conference** — Judy Littlehales of Portland, who was with the Oregon delegation of Young Churchmen going to Studio City in California for the week's Episcopal conference, is the Oregon delegate to the national conference of Young Churchmen to be held Aug. 24 in Northfield, Minn.

**Back From California** — Mrs. Cora Carlson of Roseburg and her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cahill, and children, Alla and Dennis, have returned here from a trip to Sacramento, Calif., where they spent several days visiting the former's daughter, Mrs. Maxine Stock, Mr. and Mrs. Cahill and children returned to their home in Forest Grove, Wednesday. Mrs. Cahill is a daughter of the late J. L. Saunders of this city.

**Enjoying Trip** — Miss Gertrude Hildeburn of this city and her nephew, Kenneth Reed of Hoquiam, Wash., are now in Omaha, Neb., as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hildeburn Jr. Wednesday Mr. Hildeburn took Kenneth on a plane trip. Miss Hildeburn and Kenneth have been on a trip to New York City, Washington D. C., and Atlantic City. They expect to arrive in Portland this weekend and will be met there by Kenneth's mother, Mrs. W. John Reed, of Hoquiam, the former Sue Hildeburn of this city, who will bring them to Roseburg. Mrs. Reed is the daughter of Mrs. Harry Hildeburn of this city.

**Attends Funeral**

Mrs. Maxine Melhoff and children visited during the weekend at Oswego at the home of her sister. She drove to Seaside to attend funeral services for her nephew, Thomas Philbrook, who was killed last week in an automobile accident.

**Leaves For California** — Miss Bonnie Butler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Butler, has left for Guerneville, Calif., where she will continue her studies in pottery. She will work under the direction of Marguerite Wildenhain, one of the most outstanding potters in the United States.

**On Trip** — Mr. and Mrs. Keith Carter and sons, Tim, David and Tommy, left Tuesday for Britton, S. D., to visit his mother and brother. They will also visit Mrs. Carter's relatives in Wilmot, S.D. The former's father, Walter Carter, is residing at his son's home during the family's absence. They will be gone about three weeks.

**Visitors Leave** — Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Boone and daughter, Norma Lee, of Porterville, Calif., have left for their home following a trip to Roseburg to visit the former's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Otho Gosnell. The Gosnells took the California visitors on a successful deep-sea fishing trip at Winchester Bay over the holiday weekend.

**Moving To Utah** — Word has been received here that Roy B. Houser, who was transferred a year ago by Western Auto from Portland to serve as wholesale manager for the Pacific Coast with headquarters in North Hollywood, has been promoted to divisional manager with headquarters in Ogden, Utah. The company has 13 divisional managers. Houser and his younger son, Douglas, who is a student at Willamette University in Salem, left Wednesday for Ogden. Mrs. Houser and their older son, Rod, will move to Ogden in a couple of weeks. The family formerly resided here. Houser is a son of Mrs. A. B. Houser of El Cajon, Calif., and the late A. B. Houser of this city. Mrs. Houser (Shirley Knight) is a daughter of Mrs. Fred A. Knight and the late F. A. Knight of this city.

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The train "Rogue River" will be Discontinued August 7

A statement to the residents of Southern Oregon by Southern Pacific

Effective August 7 we're discontinuing the "Rogue River," overnight passenger train, which has operated for many years between Portland and Ashland.

We don't like to do it—but we have no other choice. Only a handful of passengers use the service which fails by a wide margin to pay its way.

Operating loss for 1954 was \$453,425. Loss in 1955 would probably be even greater.

During the first four months of this year an average of only 18 passengers traveled southbound daily on the train and 20 northbound. (These were not all through passengers—they represented the average total number of people who traveled between any two of the many stations on the 342 miles between Portland and Ashland.)

Obviously there is not sufficient traffic to justify the train's operation. It's uneconomic, to say the least, to keep on offering something the public doesn't want and doesn't use.

Actually from a financial standpoint we should have discontinued the train many years ago, but we continued to operate it with the hope that by improving the service we could make it come somewhere near paying for its cost.

Early in 1952 we put in service a modern chair car with sponge rubber seats, a fine lounge car with snack meal service; in 1953 diesel power replaced steam, providing a much smoother ride; in 1954 the schedule was cut and cost of Pullman rooms was reduced.

But these improvements were of no avail. The "Rogue River" just couldn't compete successfully with modern highways, the speedy new family car, the 8 bus schedules and 6 air flights each way daily between Portland and southern Oregon.

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**Statement of Condition**  
JUNE 30, 1955

**The United States National Bank OF PORTLAND**

RESOURCES	
Cash on Hand and Due from Banks	\$142,879,889.99
United States Government Bonds	285,633,388.35
Municipal and Other Bonds	73,029,706.62
Loans and Discounts—Net	287,301,100.67
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	1,080,000.00
Bank Premises (Including Branches)	8,780,637.55
Customers' Liability on Acceptances	79,388.78
Interest Earned	2,864,497.87
Other Resources	1,096,700.28
	\$802,745,310.11
LIABILITIES	
Capital	\$ 18,000,000.00
Surplus	18,000,000.00
Undivided Profits	19,167,601.83
Reserves for Interest, Taxes, etc.	2,760,154.19
Acceptances	79,388.78
Dividends Declared	585,000.00
Deposits	789,959,356.03
Interest Collected Not Earned	4,051,019.46
Other Liabilities	142,789.82
	\$802,745,310.11

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