

## Prospector Found After Eight Days In Colorado Canyon

MOAB, Utah (AP)—When a boat carrying two uranium prospectors capsized in the raging, muddy Colorado River, one of the men took off "over the rim" to the west.

The other, 42-year-old Charles L. Robinson of Hot Springs, Ark., elected to work along the river and eat berries to stay alive.

Robinson was rescued Tuesday exactly eight days after the mishap.

Instead of berries, he ate raw lizards and cactus, and he lost 42 pounds during his ordeal.

"Lizards taste a lot like sardines or tuna when a guy is good and hungry," he said as he recuperated in a Moab hospital.

Of his adventures, he commented:

"This was a stupid, idiotic thing... I was rescued only by a divine act of God."

"There is nothing heroic about going through there. Those rapids are fantastic... You can't imagine how hot, precipitous the cliffs are."

"You can feel your neck and wrists getting skinny... That

## Oilman Denies Lobby Payoffs

WASHINGTON (AP)—A Texas oil man testified Thursday an organization he heads has spent more than \$1,750,000 to put the "facts" about the natural gas bill before the public. But he denied it lobbied Congress members or gave them any money.

Leonard F. McCollum of Houston, Tex., chairman of the Natural Gas and Oil Resources Committee, told Senate lobby investigators in a sworn statement:

"Not one cent of our funds has been spent for campaign contributions or legislative contact work."

McCollum was the first witness called to testify about the activities of the Natural Gas and Oil Resources Committee in behalf of the bill — later vetoed — to free natural gas producers from direct federal price controls.

## COLONEL SUED

SPOKANE (AP)—A captain's wife sued a colonel Wednesday over a dog bite.

Mrs. John J. Mueller, wife of a captain at Fairchild Air Force Base, asks \$10,000 from Lt. Col. Roy L. Broyles Jr. Mrs. Mueller claims the colonel's dog bit her 3-year-old daughter April 24.

stuff about living a month in the forest with a knife is bunk. Not in this country. The lizards are too small."

Robinson declared he is going straight home to Hot Springs, Ark., "where there are trees and water. I've had enough of the Colorado."

Robinson's companion Bryan Waelder, 52, of Long Beach, Calif., was rescued last Friday after walking overland almost 100 miles through the desert toward Hanksville, Utah.

Deputy Sheriff Bill Wells of Hanksville, known as Utah's "Flying Bishop," spotted Waelder from the air and rescued him.

Several search parties continued the hunt for Robinson.

## Rose City Transit Co. Asks Permit To Operate

PORTLAND (AP)—The Portland City Council was asked by the Rose City Transit Co. Wednesday for a two-year permit to operate the city's mass transportation system.

The franchise as proposed by the firm would allow a "reasonable profit" each month. The amount of the reasonable profit was not stated.

Rose City has been operating the system since the franchise of its predecessor company, the Portland Traction Co., expired earlier this year.

## Officers Elected At Girls State

SALEM (AP)—Linda Thompson, Astoria, was inaugurated as governor of Girls State in ceremonies in the state Capitol Building here Thursday. Miss Thompson defeated Diane Chaney, Portland, in Thursday morning's general election.

Miss Thompson, 16, a student at Astoria High School, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Troyer Thompson, Astoria.

Gov. Elmo Smith was guest speaker at the inauguration.

Other election results included: Lynda Bowen, Baker, secretary of state; Merilyn Hromas, Albany, state treasurer; Tanis Tipley, Portland, attorney general; Myrna Brown, Parkdale, labor commissioner; Ann Wilson, Portland, chief justice of Supreme Court; Sharon Mattila, Portland, Ann Chapman, Cottage Grove, and Phyllis Culbertson, Eugene, justices of the Supreme Court; and Katherine Finnell, Coos Bay, superintendent of public instruction.

The sessions continue through Sunday morning on the Williamette University campus. Legislative sessions are scheduled Saturday in the Capitol.

## Truman Has Audience With Belgium's King

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP)—Harry S. Truman and his wife, Bess, had a 30-minute audience Thursday with King Baudouin, Belgium's 25-year-old monarch.

They went to the royal palace after an early breakfast and the morning got so crowded Mrs. Truman dropped her original plan to go shopping.

The touring couple went on Thursday to the Netherlands.

## Local News

Going To Convention — W. M. Campbell and Ted Mark of this city are leaving for San Francisco to attend the Kiwanis convention to be held from June 17 to June 21.

Returns To California — Mrs. Lillian Kidd Purdy has returned to her home in Los Angeles, following the last couple of weeks here as the guest of Miss Gertrude Hildeburn.

Enjoy Trip To Coast — Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Parr, Mr. and Mrs. Donn Radabaugh and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Myers of this city enjoyed a trip to the coast and back Sunday.

## Year-Old Girl Killed When Struck By Truck

SALEM (AP)—Denise Norene Trollinger, year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Trollinger of Seio, was killed instantly Wednesday afternoon under the wheels of an oil truck.

The truck, driven by Virgil Sawin of Tangent, had just left the Trollinger home when the girl's body was discovered. Sawin said he didn't know he had run over her and wasn't notified until he returned to Tangent. He was not held.

## TROOPS STAND GUARD

COLOMBO, Ceylon (AP)—Troops stood guard against fresh outbreaks of rioting in Colombo Thursday as Parliament went into the final two days debate on a bill to make Sinhalese Ceylon's official language.

## Man Kills Wife Then Shoots Self

PORTLAND (AP)—A building contractor who came here last fall from Anchorage, Alaska, shot and killed his wife and then took his own life Wednesday, Capt. Howard Kelly of the Sheriff's Office said Thursday.

The man was Albert McGee, 36. Capt. Kelly said Mildred E. McGee, 46, was shot with a German Luger as she sat in front of a dresser in their bedroom. Then McGee turned the gun on himself.

A son, Albert Don McGee, said his mother and father had come here last November and his father had been in the home remodeling business.

Detective James Matteson of the sheriff's office division said no motive was readily apparent and the investigation is continuing. McGee's son said there had been no domestic trouble in the family.

The couple, married Tuesday in York, S.C., were on their honeymoon to Asheville to meet Mrs. Pruitt's parents.

Mrs. Pruitt, under a doctor's care at her parents home, said her husband got up to go to the men's room. She added:

"I heard... it was a little while after that... a big whoosh. The wind was screaming in. Somebody said the door had blown off."

"I thought Oren was in the men's room still. Nobody got up. I was afraid to look back there."

And then a stewardess came to my seat and sat down beside me. I knew then. Nobody ever told me anything. I don't know what happened. I just know he was gone."

Piedmont Airlines sent an inquiry team to the scene immediately. C. A. Murray, a Civil Aeronautics Administration inspector, came to Asheville to check into the tragedy. Coroner Ollie Harris of Shelby impounded a jury to investigate the mishap.

W. G. McGee, a Piedmont official who rushed to Asheville, said "there is not a way in the world the door could have been forced

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## Bridegroom Plunges 6,000 Feet From Passenger Plane

ASHEVILLE, N.C. (AP)—Three investigations were under way Thursday in the death of a bridegroom of one day who plunged 6,000 feet from the open door of a Piedmont DC3 airliner Wednesday night.

The badly mangled body of Oren Ase Pruitt, 38, of Charlotte, N.C., was found by police in the graveyard of a church six miles north of Shelby, N.C.

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## Cannery Workers Vote Sunday On New Contract

PORTLAND (AP)—Cannery workers represented by the Teamsters Union will vote Sunday on new contract proposals.

Details of the wage offer were not learned. However, C. C. Evanson, union secretary, said the offer falls short of the "California pattern." This, he said, is a three year contract with pay increases of 10, 5 and 5 cents effective March 1 and a pension system effective March 1, 1957.

The negotiations here affect some 4,000 cannery workers in Portland, Hillsboro, Forest Grove, Gresham, Oregon City, Scappoose and Vancouver, Wash.

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