

Local BLM Employs Graduate Foresters

The Roseburg district of the BLM recently employed a number of graduate foresters to assist in the district program. Most of the men will be assigned to the timber sale and forest inventory program. The men are Larry L. Woodard and Merle Marshall from Oregon State College; Kannon C. Richards and James M. Anderson from the University of Washington; Norman F. Sloan and Bernard J. Mayer from Michigan College of Mining and Technology; and William E. McLaughlin from the state university of New York.

50 Burned When Gas Explodes During Rescue

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP)—Hundreds of curious spectators watched for nearly an hour while rescuers tried to free an injured driver's helper from the battered cab of a trailer-truck last night. Then, at least 50 of them were burned as the truck's exploding gas tank showered them with flaming gasoline.

The injured onlookers fled. So did the rescuers, leaving the truckman dangling helplessly head downward from a cab window. All but his legs had been freed prior to the blast.

From a distance, a fireman played a hose on the trucker, Wilfred Godfrey, 25, of Hartford. Witnesses said this action probably saved his life.

The fire was extinguished in about a minute. Godfrey, who had been given an anesthetic earlier to ease his pain, was pulled from the wreckage three minutes later. He was suffering from extensive body burns and was reported in critical condition at a hospital.

Precipitation scant over Douglas in June. Precipitation was scant over the county in June, according to the precipitation summary released by the Douglas County Water Resources Survey.

Only six stations in the county showed more than an inch of precipitation during the month. The highest was recorded at Sutherland Camp No. 2 where 1.95 inches fell.

Other high recordings were: Steamboat ranger station 1.8, Idlewild Park-Rock Creek 1.34, upper Steamboat 1.42, Little River 1.63.

Ten of the 20 recording days showed no precipitation anywhere in the county.

Man Spends Night Nearly Submerged In Water In Auto

SEAVIEW, Wash. (AP)—A motorist who crouched trapped in his overturned car in a roadside pond for 10 hours, was recovering nicely Thursday in a hospital here. In his grim ordeal he had only a four-inch air space between the overturned floor of his car and the water level.

William Golden, 45, Portland taxi driver, said his experience was all the more harrowing because as he crouched in the water-filled rear seat into which he was thrown when his car left the highway, he had with him the constant memory of the drowning of his son seven years ago. Golden's car was the last one off the Astoria-Megler ferry Tuesday night and he headed toward the coast on a clam-digging trip. He was alone, and apparently dozed at the east end of the Fort Columbia tunnel.

The car plunged down a 10-foot embankment and came to rest in the roadside pond with the wheels up. That was at 10:15 p. m. Golden estimated later because his watch stopped then. All through the night he kept his face pressed into the thin air space.

When the morning's first ferry brought a start to the day's traffic, one of the first vehicles was a truck driven by David Auld of Astoria. From his high seat, he was able to see Golden's overturned car. He stopped, and he and his son Jimmy, 14, investigated and discovered that a man was alive inside.

They called police and a wrecking crew soon had the car and Golden near collapse—out of the water. He was hospitalized here for treatment of shock and exposure.

Vital Statistics

Marriage Licenses
McMURRY-DICKERSON — David N. McMurry of Sutherlin and Jonnie Dickerson of Merrill Hill, Calif.

Divorce Complaints
SINGLETON — Betty M. vs. Charles L. Singleton, Married Aug. 28, 1946. Charges cruelty and asks for custody of four children and \$150 a month as child support.

RESTON — Norma E. vs. Milton B. Reston, Married Aug. 10, 1939. Charges cruelty and asks custody of three children and \$150 a month as child support.

Circuit Court

Complaint
Corvallis Sand and Gravel Co. vs. Viri Burgess. Asks \$350 alleged due on promissory note.

Ben E. Hedrick, Drain Resident, Dies Wednesday

Ben E. Hedrick, lifelong resident of the Drain area, died at his home Wednesday at the age of 83 following a long illness. He was born Oct. 14, 1871, on the homestead of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hedrick, who crossed the plains in 1852. On Dec. 14, he was married at Cottage Grove to Litha Letson of Yoncalla, who survives him. Hedrick was a member of the Methodist Church, a former member of the Odd Fellows Lodge, and had been a farmer most of his life.

Survivors beside his widow include three sons, Hobart of Shelton, Wash., John of Eugene, and Homer of Drain; one daughter, Mrs. Florence Traylor of Eugene; six grandchildren; and other relatives. He was the last survivor of nine children.

Funeral services will be at the Methodist Church in Drain Saturday at 10 a. m. A vault interment will be in the Hedrick family plot in the Yoncalla cemetery. Mills Funeral Service of Drain is in charge of arrangements.

Idaho Blaze Under Control

BOISE, Idaho (AP)—Fresh crews claimed success Thursday in controlling a range fire that burned in foothills north of Boise and for a time threatened to spread into residential areas. Robert Baker, Boise National Forest fire dispatcher, said control lines were completed around the flames and the blaze was in the "mop-up" stage.

Estimates of the area burned ranged from 2,400 to 3,000 acres. At one time during the night the fire reversed itself suddenly, racing down a canyon toward this capital city, but another shift took the blaze back up the hill and it lacked a mile or so of reaching residential areas.

The Bureau of Land Management said no homes or other buildings had been damaged and no injuries had been reported. At dawn, the fire was moving upward in the hills, still listed as out of control, but with a fire dispatcher describing the situation as "a little brighter."

Veteran Crop-Duster Pilot Killed At Dallas

DALLAS, Ore. (AP)—A veteran crop-duster pilot, Ivan J. Esau, about 36, of Dallas, was killed early Thursday when his plane hit a power line and crashed south of Independence. He was spraying a clover field when his plane hit the wires at 5:40 a. m. Esau, a lieutenant commander in the naval air reserve, has been flying crop dusting planes here for the past dozen years. Mrs. Esau is visiting her parents in the East. Two school-age children remained here.

Gen. Wedemeyer Discusses Lindbergh's Exploits During World War II With Japanese

WESTBURY, N.Y. (AP)—A World War II general says a "plush curtain of bureaucracy" hid Charles A. Lindbergh's role as a fighter pilot against the Japanese. Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer (ret.), former commander of U.S. Army forces in China, said that Lindbergh, as a civilian, shot down at least one Japanese fighter plane while piling up 178 hours in 50 missions against the enemy. All this occurred, Wedemeyer said, when Lindbergh was in the Pacific theater of operations for a six-month period in 1944 while functioning as a technical adviser for the American aircraft industry.

Wedemeyer outlined Lindbergh's role in greater detail than he made public before as he spoke Wednesday at plaque dedication ceremonies marking the take-off spot of the famed aviator's historic solo hop across the Atlantic in 1927. "I think the public is entitled at least to some of the unpublished contributions in the Lindbergh odyssey," the general said. The general said Lindbergh, a reserve colonel in the Air Force at the time of the Pearl Harbor attack, "found it impossible because of the political climate to participate in the war as a member of the armed forces."

The late President Franklin D. Roosevelt turned thumbs down on Lindbergh's request for active duty at the time because of Lindbergh's status as a civilian.

Glendale Church Names A Pastor

Rev. T. H. Harmonson of Toledo, Ore., has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Glendale Southern Baptist Church to begin Aug. 1. He spoke at the church July 14. Harmonson has served the First Baptist Church of Toledo for the past 14 months. He and his wife hold degrees from Howard Payne College in Brownwood, Texas. The Rev. Mr. Harmonson has also completed one year's work at the Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. Before coming to Oregon he was a pastor in Texas from 1923 to 1936.

Tunisia Deposes Bey, Proclaims Republic

TUNIS, Tunisia (AP)—The Constituent Assembly deposed the ruling Bey, Sidi Mohamed Al-Amin, Thursday and proclaimed Tunisia a republic with Premier Habib Bourguiba as president. Bourguiba had just told the Assembly the Bey would have to go. He delivered his speech in the glittering throne room of the former El Bardo Palace of the Bey, who remained in another palace nearby, with armed police surrounding the walls and no one allowed closer than 300 yards.

Grants Pass Girl's Body Recovered From Rogue

GRANTS PASS (AP)—Searchers late Wednesday recovered the body of Lois Lorraine Wilson, 16, about four hours after she drowned in the swift Rogue River. State Police said the girl apparently became exhausted while swimming and drowned about 1 1/2 miles upstream from Caveman Bridge here.

SUNDAY PICNIC SET

Members and all past members of the Boots and Calico square dance club are invited to attend the club's annual potluck picnic dinner at 3 p. m. Sunday, July 28 at Winston Community Park. Those attending are to bring fried chicken for their own families, plus a salad and dessert.

ADMITS BOMB SCARE

NEW YORK (AP)—FBI agents seized a 21-year-old unemployed laborer yesterday and said he telephoned a bomb scare to an airline to delay departure of a friend to a Georgia Army camp.

Jeep Turns Over With 9 Youngsters

A ride home from a swimming party this week ended in injuries for five of nine Azalea young people when the open jeep in which they were riding turned over. Still in Forest Glen Hospital in Canyonville is Anthony Monteleone Sr., 14, son of Anthony Monteleone Sr. The boy suffered a compound fracture of his left leg, fractured left arm, concussion, lacerations and shock.

Others treated at the hospital were: Irene Lions, 14, daughter of Jim Lions and driver of the jeep; Diana Oxford, 14, daughter of Dale Oxford; Donna Ponsonby, 15, Maria Ponsonby, 14, and Patricia Ponsonby, 12, all children of the Willard Ponsonby family. The accident occurred Monday on the Applegate Creek Road about 15 miles from Azalea. The driver apparently lost control, according to correspondent Mrs. G. B. Fox, and went over a shoulder. The jeep overturned, pinning some of the members of the party under it. Finally, one of the members of the party managed to lift it enough to free them.

Just before the vehicle went over the embankment, Sharon Ponsonby, 15, pushed her sister, Sheila, 5, out and jumped after her. They were uninjured.

Mayor Fired On After Threats

HUNTINGTON, W. Va. (AP)—Mayor Eugene Willis, who began carrying a gun but didn't do anything else about a score of threatening telephone calls because he didn't want to "dramatize himself" was shot at last night and narrowly missed. A bullet fired gangland style from a passing automobile entered the open window of Willis' car, passed within an inch of his head and smashed into the closed window on the other side of the car. He was approaching the driveway of his home about 10:40 p. m. when the single shot was fired. A double shift of police officers scoured this Ohio River city all night in a concentrated search for the unknown assailant.

Kiwanis Speaker Was Dr. Roderick St. Pierre

The report on Tuesday's Kiwanis Club presentation appearing in Wednesday's News-Review was in error regarding the speaker. The article quoted the speaker, who discussed alcoholism, as being Dr. Robert Sinclair of the Veterans' Administration Hospital of Roseburg. Actually the talk was made by Dr. Roderick St. Pierre, manager and psychiatrist at the hospital.

SISTERS VISIT

Mr. and Mrs. Arne Langseth of Winchester have as guests at their home Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Mapher and their two daughters of Amherst, Massachusetts, and Mrs. Helen Morgan of Loveland, Col. Mrs. Mapher and Mrs. Morgan are sisters of Mrs. Langseth. Dr. Mapher is president of Amherst University.

FILE FOR BANKRUPTCY

Three persons from Douglas County have filed for bankruptcy in U. S. District Court, Portland. Clayton Wilbur Salikie, 1512 NE Vine St., Roseburg truck driver, listed debts of \$2,150.04; Boyd L. Cady, Myrtle Creek truck driver, \$1,982.07; and Donald Dwight Brown, Reedsport truck driver, \$23,301.81.

Explosion Rips Hole In Plane; One Missing

taking "full charge" of the investigation. Investigators were sent to the scene from Washington, and Oakland, Santa Monica and San Bernardino, Calif. An earlier theory that an explosive charge might have been touched off was discounted, Western said, when no signs of powder burns — or any sort of a blast — were found. Western said the FBI theory is that the bullet holes so weakened the side of the plane that air pressure—the cabin was pressurized—blew it out. The FBI itself had no comment.

Binstock was in the washroom so long that one passenger became alarmed and was about to call a stewardess when the plane was shaken by the big rip. The blast posed a mystery for hours. There are no fuel or gas lines near the washroom and the main baggage compartment is in the front of the 40-passenger ship. The FBI was called into the case at once and questioned passengers and crew at the airbase. Western said Binstock was one of a group of five who went on a package deal "Evening in Las Vegas" flight Wednesday night. They had been scheduled to go on another airline, but switched to Western when the other plane proved over-crowded.

It was not established whether Binstock knew the other four. He and the others had ticket books with coupons for dinner, champagne, and so forth. His movements in Las Vegas are unknown, Western said. It added that at midnight Binstock appeared at the Las Vegas airport and tossed his coupon book, unused, at a ticket agent, saying: "Here, maybe you can use these."

He then waited quietly at the terminal until the plane left. Binstock leaves three children. They are: Dr. Sydney A. Binstock of Beverly Hills, Calif.; Muriel, 14, and Joann, 8. Mrs. Eva Binstock, virtually hysterical at hearing the news, said she first learned her husband had gone to Las Vegas when he telephoned her upon his arrival at 8 o'clock Wednesday night. She didn't elaborate.

Western listed the other passengers as: Miss Dee Sharon, Miss Geraldine Severin, Samuel Gilbert and Jesse Cowdell, all of Los Angeles; Lorne Wilson, Monterey Park, Calif.; Fred Tomasek, Covina, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Evans, Western Air Lines employees, Casper, Wyo.; James P. Boone, Ada, Okla.; Harry Morrison, Inglewood, Calif.; and Mrs. Joyce Bing and infant son, Alwater, Calif. The crew was Capt. Milton L. Shirk, Palos Verdes Estates, Calif.; co-pilot, Seth Oberg, Los Angeles; and stewardess Joan Hollinger, Los Angeles.

The explosion blasted open the airliner's fuselage on the right side at the washroom at the rear of the passenger compartment. The missing man was in the washroom at the time of the explosion. An airline official said the blast came 47 minutes after the plane — Western's Flight 39 — had lifted from the runway at Las Vegas. The plane left Minneapolis Wednesday night.

Two Men Plead Innocent To Charges Of Assault

Two men charged with assault while armed with a deadly weapon pleaded innocent in circuit court arraignments Wednesday. Donald Lee Reavis, 24, Canyonville, and Thomas Edward Noblin, 20, Myrtle Creek, appeared before Judge Charles S. Woodrich to enter pleas to grand jury indictments. Pending trial in September, they are free on \$2,500 bail. Reavis and Noblin are accused of assaulting a Riddle police officer and threatening him with a 22-caliber rifle when stopped on a traffic count.

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THEFTS REPORTED

Theft of wheel and tire from an automobile was reported to the sheriff's office Wednesday by Henry W. Pate, Dilard. No value was set on his loss which occurred either Monday or Tuesday night, he said.

Kuykendall Wins Committee Okay

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate Commerce Committee approved the nomination of Jerome K. Kuykendall of Olympia, Wash., Thursday to a new five-year term on the Federal Power Commission. The closed door action was announced by Committee chairman Magnuson (D-Wash.), who personally opposed confirmation of the former commission chairman. Magnuson said there was no formal vote because of the absence of some committee members. "I'm not alone, however," he told newsmen, referring to his opposition to Kuykendall.

The Seattle Times correspondent reported Sen. Pastore (D-RI) joined Magnuson in opposing the nomination in the committee. Kuykendall, whose former term on the commission expired at midnight June 22, ran into strong opposition during committee hearings on his new appointment. Democratic Sen. Morse and Neuberger of Oregon and Jackson of Washington each appeared to protest confirmation, asserting that Kuykendall's activities while serving as chairman since May, 1953, were not in the public interest.

Kuykendall denied the charges. The committee also approved the nomination of Frederick W. Ford, former Clarkburg, W. Va., lawyer and now a Justice Department official, to be a member of the Federal Communications Commission.

Sailor Accused Of Plane Theft

UKIAH, Calif. (AP)—A sailor in a hurry to get home to Texas is charged with stealing a plane — his first solo flight. Sheriff Reno Bartolomee said Charles W. Highsmith, 17, Fort Worth, took the plane Tuesday night at Medford, Ore. With a nearly empty gas tank, Highsmith bounced the Cessna 170 down on the Ukiah airport Wednesday, clipping off a few tree branches on his approach. Sheriff Bartolomee said Highsmith was charged in Medford with grand theft, with transporting stolen property across state lines, and is listed by the Navy as absent without leave from the carrier Bennington. Highsmith said he never had flown before without a trained pilot along, but had some flying training while a Civil Air Patrol member in Texas.

Accordian Band Will Vacation At Mercer Lake

Topping off a summer full of activity, the Gene Smith Accordian Band, composed of local students and performers between the ages of six and 16, will spend next week at Mercer Lake near Florence on vacation. The day before departing, Sunday, the band will perform at the Southern Pacific picnic at Umpqua Park, playing specially arranged railroad music. In recent weeks, the band has taken part in the Douglas County Rodeo Parade and the State Moose Parade in Roseburg.

The 25-member organization will leave for the coast in a three-car caravan, appropriately bannered, and will stop en route in several communities to serenade. They plan to spend the vacation week, weeks, the band has taken part in the Douglas County Rodeo Parade and the State Moose Parade in Roseburg.

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