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# **Rescue Staged by 'Hell Diver'** Model Cantonment Type Hospital for Northwest Camp **Mid-Air Feat Declared Heroic**

BAN DIEGO, Calif., May 15-(AP) -Daring, skillful flying by two navy test pilots effected a spectacular mid-air rescue Thursday of Lieut, Walter S. Osipoff, 23. Akron, O, after he had hanged head-first for 30 minutes over the ocean from a parachute caught on s marine transport plane.

The rescue was made by Lieut. W. W. Lowrey, 34, Dallas, Tex., and J. R. McCants, 31, aviation chief machinist's mate, Jordan, Mont., in a "hell diver" type dive bomber at an altitude of 1500 feet. Lowrey's precision flying involved the cutting of the parachute shroud cords with the propeller while operating with leeway of only about 29 feet. So close had the two planes come together that a small piece of metal had been knicked by the propeller of the scout bomber from the underpart of the transports tail surface.

Engaged in practice leaps at the navy's auxiliary landing field, Kearney mesa, Lt. Osipoff was cargo packages also were being ering point. released in an experiment this morning.

He was one of the last due to jump, when in an inexplicable manner, he was forced out of the plane when a cargo canopy was dropped.

An instant after a red 'chute bearing rifles and ammunition was released, Lt. Ostpoff fell at 800 feet. His chute became fouled in the static line cable at the aft end of the transport. It was reported that the automatic 'chute opener inside the plane door had failed to function with hair-trigger exactness.

Two officer passengers and marine hospital corpsman at-

### **McNary** Slayer Suspect Held For Murder

once because of Lieut. Bell's call. **REDWOOD CITY, Calif.**, May The new secretary - treasurer, 15-(AP)- The grand jury today vot-Lieut. George W. Bagnall of the ed an indictment against John M. field artillery, also will be in-Holmes, 35, on a charge of murder for the hotel room slaying of Wil-W. F. Toomey. son D. McNary, jr., Portland ship-

## Commended

SAN DIEGO, Calif., May 15. -(P)-Lieut. W. W. Lowrey, 34, Dallas, Texas, and J. R. Mc-Cants, 31, Jordan, Mont., heroes of a mid-air rescue of a marine parachutist Thursday, have been recommended to Secretary Frank Knox for commendation and possible decoration.

It was reported officers of the naval air station had recommended the fliers be accorded "high commendation," which might take the form of a medal.

while Captain Harold A. Johnson pilot of the transport, circled the landing field. Reportedly without radioman, Capt. Johnson headed toward North island and swung over the naval air station field to attract attention.

Hundreds of persons on the waterfront watched as the 'chutist helplessly spun at the end of two one of a group of 10 'chutists in shroud lines which each moment's the transport, from which dummy stress brought closer to the sev-

Lt. Lowrey and McCants, standing on the field near their Curtiss biplane, made an instantaneous decision to take off to perform what seemed an impossible task.

The small plane was piloted alongside the transport over Pt. Loma, where rough air hindered maneuvering. Then the two ships swung out to sea. The test pilots then began their

flying-trapeze rescue, Lt. Lowrey, operating with a leeway of only 20 feet-the distance by which Osipoff hung on the shroud line-piloted his craft under the huge transport.

serve Officers association, Captain

Frances Wade, will take office at

within a few weeks.

McCants, standing in the rear tempted to pull Lt. Osipoff in cockpit, reached out, grabbed Osi- bay at the air station.

assigned to the Hawaiian islands Sabotage Seen

poff and pulled him head first into the cockpit. The space will not accommodate two men, but McCants held the parachutist's head and one shoulder in the seating compartment.

An even more hazardous phase of the rescue then was under way, as Lowrey nosed the biplane up and, in a split second that meant success or disaster, possibly for both planes, cut the shroud lines with the propeller, and at the same time scraped a piece of metal from the transport's tall surface with the propeller-so close together were the ships. Lowrey's dangerous feat accom-

plished, he piloted the plane earthward for a landing, but Mc-Cant's task became even more difficult. The released parachute, still attached to Osipoff, trailed behind, creating a terrific pull. Navy officers said McCants un-

doubtedly exerted "super-human strength" to hold Osipoff on the way down.

Disaster almost overtook the trio in the seconds involved in

cutting the shroud line. After Oslpoff had been pulled partly into the cockpit, the parachute was blown into Lowrey's face, and the pilot did some blind flying before the chute fell to the back of County Road Allotment A cheer from hardened fel-

low officers and enlisted men burst forth when Lt. Lowrey landed the craft on North Island. It was considered the most phenomenal aviation rescue in

many years. Osipoff, suffering from loss of blood and a possible fractured arm, was conscious when trans-

velt, local offices can plan only ferred to the rescue plane, but for expenditure under the old alwent black" immediately afterward. He was rushed to the sick

lotment. Scheduling work to be done before the beginnig of the new fiscal year, July 1, Bates said he supposed south river road work would be limited to moving back fences and making the right-of-way ready for heavy equipment.

that until congress has made avail-

able expenditure of the funds re-

authorities and President Roose-

cently approved by national WPA First Church

-(IIN.)

The new president of the Re- In Philadelphia Methodist church with Dr. J. Ed-The blanket fund, which with Lumber Blaze the share the county is required gar Purdy, district superintendent, to put up will amount to approxi-PHILADELPHIA, May 15 .- (AP) presiding was held Tuesday night. mately \$1,000,000, has been ap--A huge store of lumber con-The trustees' report by W. C. proved as WPA allotment for the signed to defense industries was Winslow estimated the value of next two-year work period. For destroyed early Thursday in a expenditure of the money the the church and grounds at \$110,million-dollar fire that also enstalled immediately, succeeding dangered a Philadelphia ship- county has divided into five areas, 370 and the parsonage and grounds yard, and the federal bureau of that which includes the south at \$15,000, a total of \$125,370 for investigation announced at once river road, the Hubbard, Jefferson, he down town corner Stayton-Sublimity-Silverton "there is a possibility of sabo-The pastor, Dr. J. C. Harrison, Mehama areas. reported a membership of 1355 The fire, most disastrous in with 209 of these non-residents. **"Booster"** Rating Philadelphia for a dozen years The Woman's Association of Chrisand one of the worst in the city's tian Service reported a member-**Given Two Vets** history, was discovered in the ship of 271. The Sunday school heart of the Wilson H. Lear Lumhas 558 enrolled and the young David F. Furlough and Frank people's organization 220 above L. Prince were designated "su- the junior age. These are 208 older preme VFW boosters" and re- men and women of the church enceived prizes for obtaining memrolled in bible classes. bers at the meeting Wednesday The following is the officialdom night of Carry On Puptent, city pronounced out of danger. of the church for the coming year: Cooties. L. J. Whitlock of Silverton was advanced from the initiation stage of "nit" to cootie. Cooties are giving a hard times dance at the Veterans hall tonight. Colored Bierein Cottanting year: Dr. J. Edgar Purdy, district super-intendent. Ministers-members of the Oregon conference-Dr. R. M. Gatke, Dr. D. H. Schulze. Retired ministers-Dr. E. S. Hammon, Rev, Simpson Ham-rick, Dr. E. C. Richards, Dr. George H. Quigtey, Dr. John Evans. Local preachers-Glenn Olds, Mrs. E. Galla-her. Cooties. School Picnic Set SPRING VALLEY—The Spring Valley school annual last-day pic-ic will be at the schoolhouse aturday. A community program t 11 a. m. and a basket dinner t noon will precede an afternoon t noon will precede an afternoon School Picnic Set Valley school annual last-day picthe total loss was at least \$1,000,- nic will be at the schoolhouse Saturday. A community program Fifty persons were left home- at 11 a. m. and a basket dinner ford, U. G. Boyer, R. K. Ohling, H. F. Shanks, G. A. Legge, Mrs. H. Vandevort.
Stewards-P. H. Acton, J. H. Baker, V. D. Bain, Prof. Frank Bennett, Mrs. Don Brazie, Wilbur F. Berry, Dr. D. C. Burton, John Carkin, Henry G. Carl, Miss Adellia Chapler. Arthur Clemens, L. S. Covert, A. J. Crose, F. C. DeLong, Preston Doughton, J. L. Edwards, J. D. Foley, Joseph B. Felton, Leonard Gilkey, Mervin Gilson, Miss Grace Gilliam, Miss Laura Hale, Dr. Lloyd L. Hockett, Miss Beryl Holt, Ronald Hudkins, Clark Irwin, W. C. Keck, A. A. Keene, George Kelley, A. W. Lamka, Miss Lois Latimer, A. A. Lee, Dr. George Lewis, A. L. Lindbeck, Dr. Roy Lockenour, C. L. Marsters, S. W. Marsters, Miss Amy E. Martin, Mrs. Ora McIntyre, H. D. McMillan, Prof. C. R. Monk, Mrs. D. H. Mosher, Prof. K. N. McLeod, W. B. Minier, Roy Ohmart, William O. Porter, O. E. Price, Rex Putnam, Miss Mary Reynolds, M. E. Palleske, Dr. H. E. Simson, Carl Stevens, Oren Stratton, Harry Swafford, Wayne Taylor, John DeSelle, Dr. B. H. White, C. F. Wilson, Dr. Ray Waltz, Joe E. Wood, Mrs. W. C. Zeller and O. H. Yetter. of sports and games. MIDGET MARKET \$4400 351 State St. ORE.S.D.A. Wood, Mrs. W. C. Zeller and O. H. Yetter. Officers-President of official board, Frank Bennett; recording secretary, Miss Beryl Holt; financial secretary, L. S. Covert; treasurer local expenses and benevolances. S. W. Marsters; presi-dent WSCS, Mrs. H. E. Rahe, Christian literature secretary, Miss Adona Coch-ran; community stewards, Mrs. Donald Brazie and Mrs. Waldo Zeller; confer-ence delegate, Hon W. C. Hawley; con-ference alternate, Frank Bennett; pres-ident intermediate league, Bob Ben-nett; president Epworth league, Frank Bennett, Jr.; president University ves-pers, Leo Baldwin; president Business and Professional Young Women, Gor-don Carl. The church board of Christian educa-**Picnic Cuts** C PORK ROASTS Tender G BAAR don Carl. The church board of Christian educa-tion-General superintendent, Dr. R. M. Gatke; children's division superin-tendent, Mrs. J. E. Purdy; youth divi-sion superintendent, Ruth. C r a m e r; adult division superintendent, Dr. Dan-iel Schulze; at large, the president of Willamette university. Frank Bennett, Mrs. Paul Acton, Mrs. Roy Lockenour. Miss Hetta Field; by the board of stew-ards. Rex Putnam; by the Women's society, Mrs. H. E. Rahe; by the young people. Bob Bennett. Frank Bennett, ir. Leo Baldwin, G o r d o n Carl and Winston Taylor. - AL STEAK Choice C RAAS JI. ROASTS

Value \$125,370 Dr. J. C. Harrison Says **Membership Roll** 

Is Over 1300 The annual meeting of First

Snell Asks Motorists' Aid When 35,000 Troops Move **On Highways Next Week** 

Oregon motor vehicle drivers were urged to cooperate with the United States army in the movement of 35,000 troops through the state beginning next Monday in a statement released here Thursday by Secretary of State Earl Snell.

Snell is chairman of the Oregon highway traffic advisory board to the army.

The troops, entering the state from the north, will be routed over highways 97 and 99E through the state, Snell was advised. The army convoys will start moving at 5 a. m. and will move into daily bivouacs at noon or shortly thereafter each Thirty patrols are registered day. The army trucks are schedand about 250 Boy Scouts are ex- uled to move through Oregon pected to participate in the an- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and

nual Cascade Area council Cam- Thursday. "This heavy vehicle traffic means that the two Oregon highways No.'s 97 and 99 East, will be congested during the hours the army forces are enroute," Snell declared.

to see the scouts in action. The boys will make their own "In order to facilitate this troo camps, by patrols, and cook their movement and to enable private own meals. The program includes traffic to move with the greatest "quiz scouts" at the Saturday possible efficiency and least inconvenience it is advisable that night campfire, scout chapel early Sunday, after which boys may at- all private travel not absolutely tend church of their preference, essential be postponed or follow a and presentation of awards early different route during these hours. 5 a. m. to shortly after noon." Sunday afternoon.

Saturday all will enter the field Snell said suggestions for motorompetition, comprising events in ists encountering military convoys knot-tying relay, nature and com- were being prepared and would

**Scouts Camp** 

**At Silverton** 

**Until Sunday** 

porée in the Silverton park begin-

ning this afternoon and ending Sunday. Ronald R. Ruddiman,

council executive and Camporee

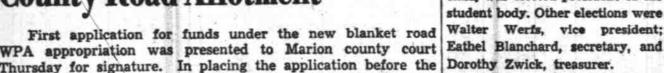
director, said the public is invited

pass, scout pace, fire building and be released later this week. water boiling, fire building and flapjack flipping, judging, track- by a Silverton committee, headed ing, first aid carry relay, fire by by S. Parzy Rose. Judging, in flint and steel, fire by friction and charge of senior scouts under Don

Comml'.

Douris, head judge, will be for Arrangements are being made ratings.

**Application Made for WPA Students Elect Prexy** DAYTON-Edwin Jones, of the Dayton Union high school junior class, was elected president of the



Walter Werfs, vice president; Eathel Blanchard, secretary, and signaling, Dorothy Zwick, treasurer.





ping man. Superior Judge Maxwell set

May 26 at 10 a.m., for the arraignment of Holmes. District Attorney Gilbert D. Ferrell agreed to a continuance should Holmes be unable to appear.

army air reserve officer, was re- hall Wednesday, May 21, by the manded to the custody of the Marion county department of where he is recovering from a bullet wound in the head which schools this fall will be examined in the northeast section of the blinded him.

### **Reserve Chapter Head Is Called**

Lieut. Vinnie J. Bell of the in- a. m. Mrs. Kenneth McGrath, fantry reserve corps, retiring pre- chairman of the Woodburn health Cramp shipbuilding yard two sident of the Marion chapter of the council, will assist at the clinic. Reserve Officers association, will The health department is urgreport for active duty at the Pre- ing all parents whose children idio next Monday, May 19. Lieut. enter school in the fall to have Bell, who has been with the state them physically examined in orunemployment compensation com- der that any defects may be found less and were cared for by the at noon will precede an afternoon mission for several years, will be and corrected.

#### **Clinic Is Slated** tage." For Woodburn A pre-school clinic will be

No bail was set but Holmes, an conducted at the Woodburn city health. All children entering and given immunizations and

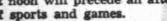
vaccinations. Miss Lucille Ayres, nurse at the health department, is making

Salem's Retail Packing Plant

ber company yard. Not for six hours was it brought under, control and other neighboring buildings and homes in the closely-spaced industrial area

The flames left the blocksquare lumber yard a smoldering mass, destroyed ten homes and damaged 25 others, gutted the arrangements for the clinic. The five-story Erik Jannson cabinet making factory, and leaped to the examinations will begin at 9:15

roof of the machine shop of the blocks away. Fire Marshal Jacob Clinton said 000 and might be much higher. Red Cross.





# **Mailboat Sinks** Near Ketchikan

KETCHIKAN, Alaska, May 15. -(P)-The mailboat Vega, en route from Ketchikan to Hyder, sank without warning in 100 fathoms of water in Portland canal, its owner and skipper, Capt. Fred Warfel reported from Hyder late

today. He said all aboard the vessel

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