

Rescue Staged by 'Hell Diver' Mid-Air Feat Declared Heroic

Model Cantonment Type Hospital for Northwest Camp

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



One of the best insurance policies Uncle Sam has provided for the health of his expanding army is the new cantonment type hospitals being erected in all large troop training centers. Above, the new model 750 bed cantonment hospital recently completed at Fort Ord, Calif. Similar types have been constructed at Fort Ord, Calif.; Santa Barbara, Calif.; Vancouver Barracks, Wash.; Camp Roberts, Calif. and San Luis Obispo, Calif. —(H.N.)

Application Made for WPA County Road Allotment

First application for funds under the new blanket road WPA appropriation was presented to Marion county court Thursday for signature. In placing the application before the court, Fred C. Bates, project supervisor for WPA, pointed out that until congress has made available expenditure of the funds recently approved by national WPA authorities and President Roosevelt, local offices can plan only for expenditure under the old allotment.

First Church Value \$125,370 Membership Roll Is Over 1300

The annual meeting of First Methodist church with Dr. J. Edgar Purdy, district superintendent, presiding was held Tuesday night. The trustees' report by W. C. Winslow estimated the value of the church and grounds at \$110,370 and the parsonage and grounds at \$15,000, a total of \$125,370 for the down town corner.

"Booster" Rating Given Two Vets

David F. Furlough and Frank L. Prince were designated "supreme VFW boosters" and received prizes for obtaining members at the meeting Wednesday night of Carry On Puget, Cooties.

School Picnic Set SPRING VALLEY—The Spring Valley school annual last-day picnic will be at the schoolhouse Saturday. A community program at 11 a. m. and a basket dinner at noon will precede an afternoon of sports and games.

Students Elect Prexy

DAYTON—Edwin Jones, of the Dayton Union high school junior class, was elected president of the student body. Other elections were Walter Werks, vice president; Ethel Blanchard, secretary; and Dorothy Zwick, treasurer.

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.

Scouts Camp At Silverton Until Sunday

Thirty patrols are registered and about 250 Boy Scouts are expected to participate in the annual Cascade Area council camporee in the Silverton park beginning this afternoon and ending Sunday. Ronald R. Riddiman, council executive and Camporee director, said the public is invited to see the scouts in action.

The boys will make their own meals, by patrols, and cook their own meals. The program includes "quiz scouts" at the Saturday night campfire, scout chapel early Sunday, after which boys may attend church of their preference, and presentation of awards early Sunday afternoon.

Saturday all will enter the field competition, comprising events in knot-tying, relay, nature and compass, scout pace, fire building and water boiling, fire building and flapjack flipping, judging, tracking, first aid carry relay, fire by flint and steel, fire by friction and signaling. Arrangements are being made by a Silverton committee, headed by S. Parry Rose, judging, in charge of senior scouts under Don Douris, head judge, will be for ratings.

Commended

SAN DIEGO, Calif., May 15. —(AP)—Lieut. W. W. Lowrey, 34, Dallas, Texas, and J. R. McCants, 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 shroud lines which each moment's stress brought closer to the severing point.

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.

McCants, standing in the rear cockpit, reached out, grabbed Osipoff 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 tail surface with the propeller—so close together were the ships.

Lowrey's dangerous feat accomplished, he piloted the plane earthward for a landing, but McCants' task became even more difficult. The released parachute, still attached to Osipoff, trailed behind, creating a terrific pull. Navy officers said McCants undoubtedly 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 Osipoff 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 the plane.

A cheer from hardened fellow 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 transferred to the rescue plane, but "went black" immediately afterward. He was rushed to the sick bay at the air station.

Sabotage Seen In Philadelphia Lumber Blaze

PHILADELPHIA, May 15. —(AP)—A huge store of lumber assigned to defense industries was destroyed early Thursday in a million-dollar fire that also endangered a Philadelphia shipyard, and the federal bureau of investigation announced at once "there is a possibility of sabotage."

The fire, most disastrous in Philadelphia for a dozen years and one of the worst in the city's history, was discovered in the heart of the Wilson H. Lear Lumber company yard.

Not for six hours was it brought under control and other neighboring buildings and homes in the closely-spaced industrial area in the northeast section of the city pronounced out of danger.

The flames left the block-square lumber yard a smoldering mass, destroyed ten homes and damaged 25 others, gutted the five-story Erik Jansson cabinet making factory, and leaped to the roof of the machine shop of the Cramp shipbuilding yard two blocks away.

Fire Marshal Jacob Clinton said the total loss was at least \$1,000,000 and might be much higher.

Fifty persons were left homeless and were cared for by the Red Cross.

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The new president of the Reserve Officers' association, Captain Frances Wade, will take office at once because of Lieut. Bell's call. The new secretary - treasurer, Lieut. George W. Bagnall of the field artillery, also will be installed immediately, succeeding W. F. Toomey.

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KETCHIKAN, Alaska, May 15. —(AP)—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 were saved but its cargo of first class mail went down with the ship. Warfel and his two crewmen were picked up by the Canadian steamer Prince George and taken to Hyder.

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