

Nips Ready for Christianity, Says Bishop

NEW YORK, Aug. 1 (AP)—The presiding bishop of the Protestant Episcopal church, who spent 25 years as a missionary to Japan, believes that missionaries who go there in the future may have a better chance to win the people to Christianity than did those of his day.

"I think the church has a big opportunity in Japan now—probably greater than ever before," said Bishop Henry St. George Tucker, in an interview.

"The war has smashed the traditional beliefs of the country,"

he explained. "All the things in which the people had put their trust have been pretty well discredited by the results of the war. The bishop said he has decided that the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki was justified because, by helping to end the war, it "probably saved more lives than it destroyed." But "I don't think after seeing what the atomic bomb does we would ever be justified in using it again."

Legion Fetes Beaver Boy State Delegates

PORTLAND, Aug. 1 (AP)—Sixteen-year-old Jack Gumm, Eugene, and Jim Dunn, 17, Corvallis, were feted at lunch today by the American Legion.

The pair was en route to Washington, D. C., to represent Oregon at a boys' forum on national government.

Veterans to Get Opportunity To Homestead Irrigated Land

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1 (AP)—A homesteading program for veterans got underway today.

The first phase is the opening for homesteading of 7,527 acres of public land on the Tule Lake division of the Klamath irrigation project in California.

World war II veterans will be the 86 farm units Secretary of the Interior Krug said in announcing the start of the program.

Honorably discharged veterans with at least 90 days' service may file applications up to 2 p. m., Pacific standard time, September 15.

Forms are available at reclamation bureau offices here, Klamath Falls, Ore., and Sacramento, Calif. After an examining board has eliminated those who fail to qualify for such reasons as lack of experience or capital, the remaining names will be placed in a drawing.

Only the Beginning

Commissioner Michael W. Straus of the reclamation bureau told reporters this is only the beginning of the bureau's settlement program aimed at opening one-third of a million acres of public land to veterans by 1951.

Before the end of this year, it is planned to offer 13,092 acres divided into 158 farm units on projects in Washington, Wyoming and Idaho. The projects and the tentative schedule for opening to homesteading:

Roza division, Yakima project, Yakima, Wash., 1722 acres, 28 farm units, Nov. 1.
 Hart Mountain division, Shoshone project, Powell, Wyo., 7720 acres, 83 farm units, Oct. 15.
 Gooding division, Minidoka project, Burley, Idaho, 3500 acres, 44 farm units, Dec. 1.
 Owyhee project, Boise, Idaho, 150 acres, three farm units, Nov. 15.

The reclamation bureau plans to open approximately 63,000 more acres of public lands to homesteading in 1947, in Arizona, Nevada, Idaho, Oregon, Washington and Wyoming.

Astronomers estimate that the earth, if seen from the moon, would appear about 80 times as luminous as the moon appears when it is seen from the earth.

Ferry-Riders, Fishermen Vie

ASTORIA, Ore., Aug. 1 (AP)—Faced by fishermen who wanted to catch salmon and tourists anxious to catch the ferry, the state game commission today tentatively agreed to eliminate the last two evening ferry trips between Aug. 4-26.

Fishermen had pleaded for elimination of the last three runs each evening between Aug. 1-26 and Sept. 10-17, when they expect salmon runs which they say are best netted on the ferry's route across the Columbia's mouth.

The final ferry crossing, except on Saturday nights, when there is no fishing, will be at 8:30 p. m.

Regional Office For Department Under Discussion

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 1 (AP)—Possible establishment of a northwest regional office of the department of the interior was discussed here today by heads of eight northwest interior agencies.

Dr. Paul J. Raver, Bonneville power administrator, was elected permanent chairman of the group, which will meet here Aug. 20 to draft recommendations to the secretary of the interior.

Representatives of Bonneville, Oregon and California land administration, bureau of reclamation, bureau of mines, geological survey, park service, grazing service, and fish and wild life service attended.

Flooring, Heat Equipment to Rate Subsidy

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1 (AP)—The government launched a new subsidy price increase plan today to try to speed up production of critically short hardwood flooring and heating equipment for the veterans emergency housing program.

The national housing agency led off with two premium plans. One covers the southern and northern hardwood flooring industry, including both lumber suppliers and flooring manufacturers. The other covers manufacturers of convective radiators used for residential heating.

OPA followed this with price increases for certain types of hardwood lumber and hardwood flooring. A ten per cent increase over March, 1942 prices on convective radiators was granted by OPA last week.

Previous Premiums

Four premiums plans previously have been started by NHA to bolster housing construction. These plans cover softwood plywood, gypsum paper liner, structural clay products and production of timber on government owned lands.

Under the first flooring subsidy plan, participating manufacturers are authorized to pay government financed bonuses to their suppliers for certain grades and species of hardwood lumber.

The bonuses under this plan: for southern flooring lumber \$8.50 per 1000 board feet for seasoned lumber and \$6 per 1000 feet for green lumber; for northern flooring lumber, \$3.50 for seasoned and \$1 for green.

Manufacturers would be reimbursed by the government for what they pay suppliers in bonuses if manufacturers' quarterly production is 10 per cent or more above their quotas. Quotas are based on actual production during the first quarter of 1946, or productive capacity of all hardwood flooring machines in place on March 31.

Warm Spell Hastens Grain, Fruit Ripening

PORTLAND, Aug. 1 (AP)—Ripening of grains and maturing of apricots and cane fruits were hastened by the recent warm spell, the weather bureau's weekly crop and weather report said today.

Fruit and nut crops were damaged by sun and some insufficiently shaded range poultry died. Although ranges remain dry, sufficient feed is available.

Bowden Held To Grand Jury

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 1 (AP)—James D. Bowden, 47, was held to grand jury on a charge of murdering his estranged wife after waiving preliminary examination today in municipal court.

Bowden's wife was blown to bits Saturday when dynamite in a footlocker exploded in the basement of her home.

Detectives Myron Warren and Bard Purcell said they were told today by George Frank Hockeney that 45 minutes before the blast Mrs. Bowden told him over the telephone she was going to open the footlocker to find out what was inside.

Cookston Rites Set Saturday

WOODBURN, Aug. 1—Funeral services for James F. Cookston, 63, of Portland, who died Tuesday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Charles Yusanek, here, will be conducted at 2 p. m. Saturday in the Ringo chapel interment at Belle Passi cemetery will follow.

Surviving are his widow, Esther, Los Angeles; two sons, Ernest Cookston of San Francisco and Harry Cookston of Los Angeles; eight daughters, Mrs. Yusanek of Woodburn, Mrs. Mildred Rice in Nebraska, and Mrs. Mary William, Mrs. Madge Dole, Mrs. Phyllis Saunders, Mrs. Maxine Reisbeig, Mrs. Helen Radutz and Edra Cookston, all of Los Angeles; 19 grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Linnie Love, in Missouri, and a brother, John Cookston, in Wyoming.

Balloon Bursts Cause Injuries

PORTLAND, Aug. 1 (AP)—Four persons were burned, two of them seriously, when a prankster tossed a lighted cigaret and exploded three gas-filled toy balloons at an amusement park last night.

Victims of the flash flame were Joseph M. McBurney, 22, and Ruth Berr, 35, both in the Vancouver hospital, and Maybelle Angelline Nelson, 35, and Wilfred Leroy Nelson, 37, all of Gaston.

Catches Thief In Underwear

LA GRANDE, Aug. 1 (AP)—John Burlee marched through the streets of La Grande without waiting for his clothes when he caught a thief making off with his truck.

Awakening early in the morning and hearing his truck engine running, he jumped out of bed, grabbed a shotgun and halted the would-be thief. Then, clad only in shorts, he marched him to the police station.

VETS AT SUMMER SCHOOL

EUGENE, Aug. 1 (AP)—Seventy-four per cent of the record attendance at the last half of summer school at the University of Oregon are veterans, Assistant Registrar C. L. Constance said today in setting the total at 1010.

AIR BASE GETS COMMANDER

PORTLAND, Aug. 1 (AP)—Effective tomorrow, the Portland army air base will be under the command of Lt. Col. Justin C. Gunnison. He succeeds Lt. Col. R. E. Shafer, assigned to Hamilton Field, Calif.

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Demand, KW	2	5	10	25	50	100
Energy use, KWH's	200	500	1500	5000	10,000	20,000
Portland (Sched. 33)...	\$6.05	\$12.65	\$23.65	\$70.05	\$140.05	\$269.05
Seattle.....	5.76	14.40	35.55	92.53	185.06	317.25
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