

Danielson Wins Commendation For Army Work in Video, Radio

Television, radio and public relations work for the U.S. air force has won commendations for A. E. Danielson, Salem corporal who was discharged from the air force this week at Washington, D.C., according to word here from Bolling air force base.

Danielson, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Danielson, 168 N. 12th st., spent 17 months with the air force as a radio and television announcer for service programs originating both in the nation's capital and in New York, and as a feature writer for military and civilian publications in the area.

Danielson received letters of commendation for his meritorious reporting in connection with Washington air disaster, for writing an air force officers' handbook, for public relations projects in Washington and for achieving record high scores on Air Force IQ, college level, and aptitude tests.

The official enlisted announcer for the 1949 football season, Danielson was heard on the "Football

Walter Pearson Repeats Request For PUC Change

State Treasurer Walter J. Pearson, candidate for the democratic nomination for governor at the primary election, Thursday sent a letter to Gov. Douglas McKay renewing his previous request that George H. Flagg, public utilities commissioner, be removed from office.

Pearson told the governor Flagg should be replaced by a man "who would function in compliance with the mandate of the public utilities law and in the interest of the public welfare."

Contracts for State Building In Portland Let

Low bidders were awarded contracts Thursday by the state board of control for construction of a new 10-story state office building in Portland and bids were asked for adding one or two stories to the structure.

Ralph and Horwitz, Portland contractors, won the general contract on a bid of \$1,335,447. Work is expected to start within 10 days and construction be completed in

350 working days. Secondary contract for electrical installations went to Watco Co., Portland, on low bid of \$174,690. Kendall Heating Co., Portland, won the contract for plumbing and heating on bid of \$165,000. Elevator bid went to Westinghouse for \$30,680.

The decision to ask for bids on additional stories to the building was reached after Architect Merton Caine, told the board the proposed basement automobile storage construction would delay the start of the building and would cost about \$100,000 more than an added story.

The board went on record favoring use of terra cotta instead of marble for exterior finish above the first floor despite contention that marble would be stronger and reduce maintenance costs. Use of

Salem Students On Honor Rolls At U. of O., OSC

Twenty-three students from Salem were on the winter term honor rolls at University of Oregon and Oregon State college and one at each school had perfect grades.

Heading the list at the university was Jo Anne Gilmore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Gilmore, marble would have added \$21,500 to the cost of the building.

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498 Wayne dr. Kenneth Anderson, son of Everett P. Anderson, 2110 Maple ave., won like honors at Oregon State college.

The 16 others making 3.50 grades or better at Oregon State were Ann Lorraine Welling, home economics freshman; Jack K. Jones, business freshman; Janet Ruth Miller, education senior; Emory V. Hildebrandt, education senior; Donald A. Davis, engineering sophomore; James R. Fourtner, forestry senior; Barbara Zumwalt, home economics freshman; Alvin L. Miller, pharmacy freshman; Robert Beecroft, science freshman; Nancy L. Buren, science senior; William A. Erwin, Jr., science sophomore; Dorothy Diane Perry, science freshman; Roger D. Smith, science freshman; Marilyn Mae Hill, education junior and Gordon W. Beecroft, engineering sophomore.

Seven at University of Oregon including Miss Gilmore were Frances Baum, music sophomore; Orla Deedon, liberal arts sophomore; Pat McCarger, biology senior; Mary Swigart, music freshman; Ralph Thompson, psychology junior and Roberta Tussing, English junior.

WOOL SALE SCHEDULED
PORTLAND, April 20-(AP)—Some 5,000,000 pounds of northwest wool will be offered here May 22-23, when the Western Wool Handlers association holds its first sale of the year.

French Police Hunt Million Dollar Gold Smuggling Ring

PARIS—(INS)—The arrest of three leaders of an international gold-running gang have put French police on the trail of a million-dollar smuggling ring.

The smugglers are no amateurs, French agents pointed out. Instead, they are highly-trained professionals skilled in the use of airplane, small boats and trucks.

French National Security police, working in conjunction with Britain's Scotland Yard, said the ring may have had a hand in the sensational Aga Kahn and Arpels jewel robberies last summer. Their specialty, however, seems to be traffic in gold and gold pieces.

Arrest Three More

The tip-off came when French police arrested Frederic Ebel, a Swiss, director of an international "transport agency" in Geneva. He was charged with slipping millions of francs worth of gold into France from Switzerland.

Three additional members have been rounded up. Gerard Goutel and Alwin Kuhn, both pilots, and Pierre Tourais, a jeweler. All were charged with smuggling gold into France from Switzerland, where the market is "free" and gold can be purchased more cheaply than on the French black market.

Goutel, 39-year-old Frenchman who was arrested at Lyon, was reported by police to have owned a villa, half of a large apartment house in Switzerland, two airplanes and a luxurious apartment at Lyon—all the result of smuggling profits.

Kuhn, 25-year-old Swiss, was caught immediately after landing at a small airfield near the French-Swiss border. In the plane were 600 pounds of gold, authorities said.

Mysterious "Mr. B."

That their operations are like something from an E. Phillips Oppenheim novel is illustrated by an incident which took place last February at Dieppe, France, on the Channel coast. Customs officials there arrested three Englishmen and one Frenchman for attempting to smuggle 26,000 pounds sterling into France aboard a small yacht.

Soon, however, a mysterious "Mr. B. . . ." arrived on the scene, paid \$30,000 bail, and then disappeared with his four friends. The "Mr. B. . . ." later was identified by police as Ebel.

Ebel, who already operated two airlines—one in England, another in Switzerland—then decided to open up a trucking firm between France and Switzerland. Police said the gold was hidden in tubes of aluminum which passed as the official cargo of the trucks.

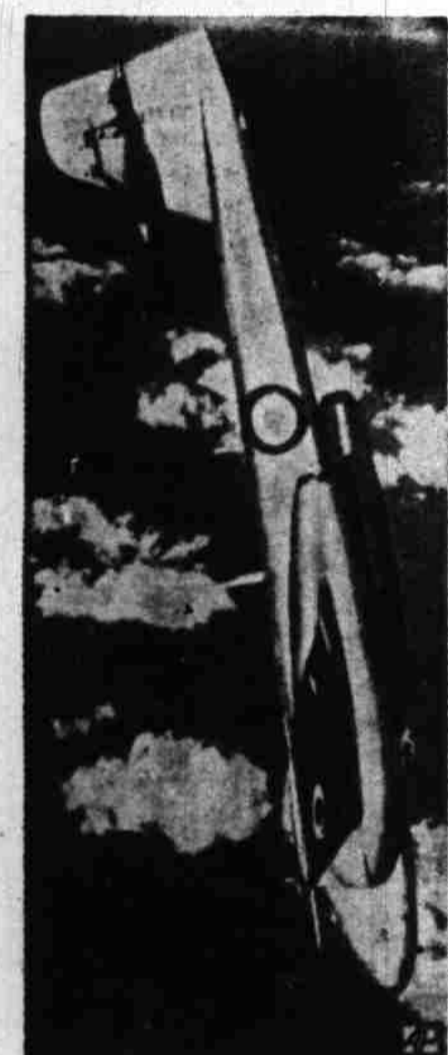
Overseas Druggist

Ebel was so greedy for profits at this point that officials say he refused to pay even \$750 to one of his henchmen who had managed the syndicate's extension trucking operations in the south of France. Ebel told the trucker that his bill was "too high."

Ebel was arrested through information supplied by Richard Steinworth, Geneva druggist who was caught at Orly airfield, Paris, with a suitcase containing 50 pounds of gold.

Steinworth, in keeping with the Oppenheim tradition, insisted at first that he was a delegate to the World Health organization in Geneva, and therefore should be afforded diplomatic immunity. His request was overruled.

Power Dive!



LONDON, April 20—The nose of a new British single-seater jet fighter plane, the Gloster Meteor 5, heads toward the earth in a power dive following a loop.

The new plane, in use by Britain and the Western Union powers' air forces, recently set a new speed record between London and Copenhagen. The Meteor 5 is powered by two Rolls-Royce Derwent engines and has an announced speed of over 500 miles per hour. (AP Wirephoto to the Statesman.)

Seaside Seal Reported as 'Expecting'

SEASIDE, April 20-(AP)—The seaside aquarium whose seal got loose last week and ate his way through a lot of prize fish tanks, was having trouble with the seal's wife today.

The lady seal, Flipper, gives signs of becoming a mamma. She likes such nonregulation things as lettuce and pickles. And she looks out of shape.

The birth—if it happens—would be rare. Seals rarely conceive in captivity.

But Aquarium Manager A. W. Ensor is hopeful enough that he has built a little room above the pool for Flipper's confinement. That is supposed to replace the rocks where seals, in their normal state, give birth.

Flagg Postpones Salem-Silverton Bus Firm Hearing

Postponement of a hearing on the application of the Salem-Silverton Bus Co. to operate between several Marion county towns was announced Thursday by George H. Flagg, public utilities commissioner.

New date for the hearing is May 10 at 10 a.m. at the Salem city hall. Victor H. Switzer is proprietor of the bus company which has applied for a permit to operate between Salem and Silverton and between Mt. Angel, Woodburn and Silverton.

Flooded Oil Heater Causes Blaze

A flooded oil heater sent north Salem firemen to 1305 N. Winter st. at 12:55 p.m. Thursday, but the fire had been checked by the owner, Mrs. F. Woodrum before they arrived.

Mrs. Woodrum with the assistance of a neighbor had dragged the stove outside, firemen reported. Dr. . . . was confined to a room.

Stocks Given Sharp Reverse

NEW YORK, April 20-(AP)—A short but violent selling drive knocked down the stock market this afternoon but a quick rally recovered part of the losses.

Sizzling trade in the final hour boosted turnover to 2,590,000 shares. This was well below 2,930,000 shares on Wednesday but the 10th full day in a row in which volume has totaled 2,000,000 or more shares.

The Associated press average of 60 stocks lost .6 of one point at 78.8.

Ferry Crews Cite Demands

PORTLAND, April 20-(AP)—A labor dispute appeared in the making on the state ferry at Astoria today.

The Astoria Navigation company, which will begin operating the ferry June 1, declared it could not afford to permit a 40-hour week. Two unions have asked for a 40-hour week, instead of the present 48 hours.

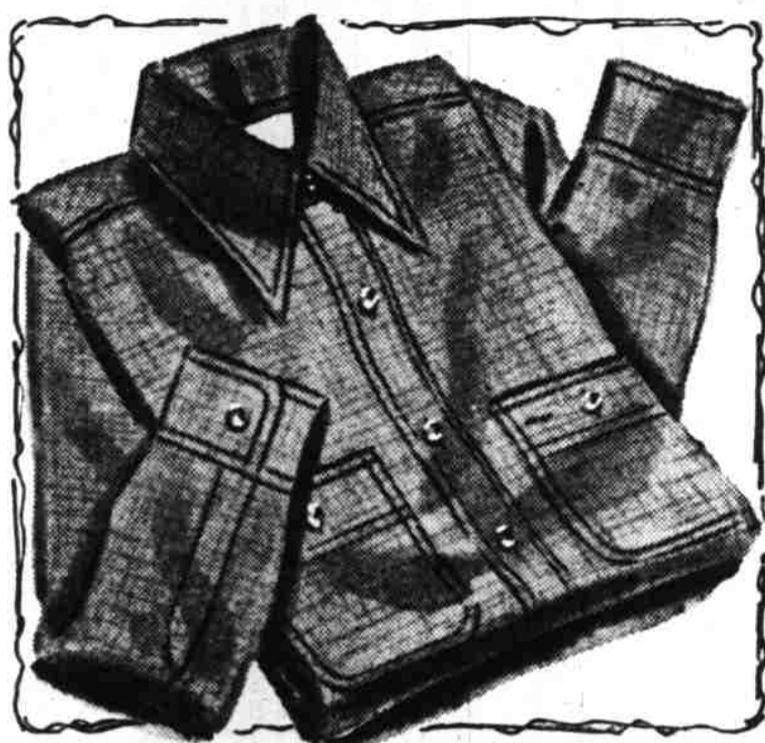
The unions had given advance notice to all companies bidding on ferry operation that they would seek the shorter week. The Astoria Navigation company was the low bidder.

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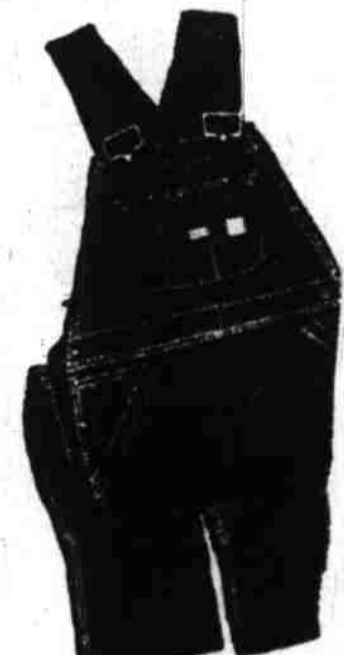
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