

Orris C. Page Tells of Work In Jidda, Arabia

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Impressions of Arabia gained in three years there with the U. S. state department's foreign buildings operations were described in Salem yesterday by Orris C. Page, one of two "foreign service" sons of Roy Page, 3130 Lansing ave.

The younger Page and his wife are here on a 60-day leave. They left Jidda, Arabia, by plane July 1, when the thermometer read 132 degrees at 9:30 p.m. He said it had rained there once in the past three years.

The other son, Denzil L. Page who was here in January, is also with state department, as administrative attache to the embassy in Brussels, Belgium. He was transferred from Bucharest, Rumania, last winter.

Powerful King
The little-known desert land is the only absolute kingdom remaining in the world today, Orris Page reminded. Of his meeting with King Ibn Saud, he says the ruler is a large man and powerful. He noted that the royal court is highly "flowery" and Oriental.

Although Arabia's capital is Riyadh, diplomatic business is conducted at Jidda, because only Moslem believers can reside in Riyadh. Mecca is even more forbidden — only believers can even visit it.

Page is in charge of construction and maintenance of U. S. government property in the Arabian peninsula, including the consulate general at Dhahran and the embassy at Jidda. In catching up after the war years, the department is starting a new residential compound on the Red sea near Jidda and a full-block office building in the city. At Dhahran it is just completing a new compound with offices, residences and all its own utilities on a 68-acre "piece of desert."

The country has nothing but stone to build with, but the structures are American in all respects, said Page, including air-conditioning.

America's interest in the country lies in the vast oil reserves, largely under concession to American firms, and the some 4,000 Americans in Arabia. Dhahran is headquarters for the trans-Arabian pipeline.

Helping Arabia
The U. S. also is helping Arabia's progress through an agricultural mission, specializing in irrigation aid, co-sponsored by the department of agriculture and oil companies.

Page attended Eugene schools at University of Oregon until 1929. He graduated from George Washington university, where he was a member of Theta Delta Chi and Gate and Key honorary. After being connected with a large construction firm in Washington,

Orris Page Home from Arabia



Orris C. Page (right) is in Salem visiting his father Roy Page (left) after a three-year tour of duty in Arabia with the U.S. state department. The younger Page is on leave from his post in charge of U.S. government construction in Arabia. (Statesman photo.)

Public Records

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Michael Wiege, 24, sawmill worker, 710 N. High st., Salem, and Alice C. Sandberg, 20, woolen mill employe, Stayton.

Kenard Wayne Adams, 20, student, Salem route 8, box 400, and Germond Hellena Lamkin, 20, student, 1720 N. 23rd st., Salem.

Robley M. Holman, 40, cook, 2145 N. 4th st., and Ruth Curtis, 38, nurse, 1280 Highland ave., both of Salem.

Robert B. Overfield, 31, U. S. navy, Silverton, and Jane W. Overfield, 24, attendant, Station A, Salem.

William B. McElroy, 24, student, Everett, Wash., and Virginia Lewis, 20, clerk-typist, 678 N. Cottage st., Salem.

Hiram E. Martin, 36, farmer, Pendleton, and Ketchel C. Steward, 36, sales clerk LaGrande.

Kenneth R. Crawford, 22, state highway employe, 1759 Court st., and Loreene White, 18, waitress, 775 Thompson ave., both of Salem.

CIRCUIT COURT

New England Mutual Life Insurance Co. vs Raymond F. Rupert and others: Plaintiff awarded default judgment for \$7,319

D. C., for 17 years, he had his own business there for 3 1/2 years prior to World War II. He served with the army in Europe and then went with the state department. Until settling in Arabia, that work took him to 22 countries within several months.

SP Cascade Streamliners Start Today

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 12 (AP)—A 16 1/2-hour schedule between San Francisco and Portland by the Southern Pacific's new Cascade streamliners starts tomorrow.

The two 13-car trains, each hauled by a 6,000-horsepower diesel locomotive, will cut two hours from the present schedule over the 718-mile Shasta route.

Travelers to Seattle will be accommodated by through cars.

The train will leave here northbound at 5 p.m. (Pacific Standard Time) and arrive in Portland at 9:10 a.m. southbound trains will leave Portland at 4:45 p.m. (PST), arriving at Oakland at 8:37 a.m. and San Francisco at 9:15 a.m.

Jr. Red Cross Summer Camp To Start Soon

Second annual regional summer camp for Junior Red Cross members will open Wednesday for a 10-day session in the Smith Creek recreation camp at Silver Falls state park.

About 100 young people from Junior Red Cross units in Oregon, Washington, California, Idaho, British Columbia and possibly Alaska, will attend.

The groups will carry on lecture and class work in Junior Red Cross as well as recreation.

Don Legg, assistant director for Junior Red Cross area office, San Francisco, again will direct the camp. Edith Ackerman, area Junior Red Cross consultant, will be at the camp, and among counselors will be Mrs. Mark Astrup of Salem, chairman for Junior Red Cross work in Marion county.

Marjorie Little and Beverly Young, both sophomores in Salem high school, are to be Marion county unit representatives at the camp.

Salem Police Switch Shifts

Seven personnel transfers were announced Saturday by E. C. Charlton, assistant police chief of the Salem department. The transfers will be effective Monday morning.

Patrolman Kenneth Seipp will move from day patrol to the detective division. Other changes will send Richard Boelinger from swing to day patrol, Leslie Elkins from day to swing patrol, Buck Main from day patrol to parking meters, Charles Creasy from parking meters to day patrol.

Eugene Grunewald from day motorcycle duty to swing patrol and Vernard Schmidt from swing patrol to day motorcycle duty.

declared due on promissory note; foreclosure and sale of real property ordered to satisfy judgment.

PROBATE COURT

Walter M. Persons estate: Hearing on final account set for September 12.

DISTRICT COURT
F. L. Kell, Salem route 7, box 402E, charged with setting fire the property of another; pleaded innocent, trial set August 22; posted \$50 bail.

MUNICIPAL COURT

Harold Owen Wright, 639 N. Liberty st., cited on reckless driving charge.

Calvin Bruce McCown, 642 Edge water st., cited on reckless driving charge.

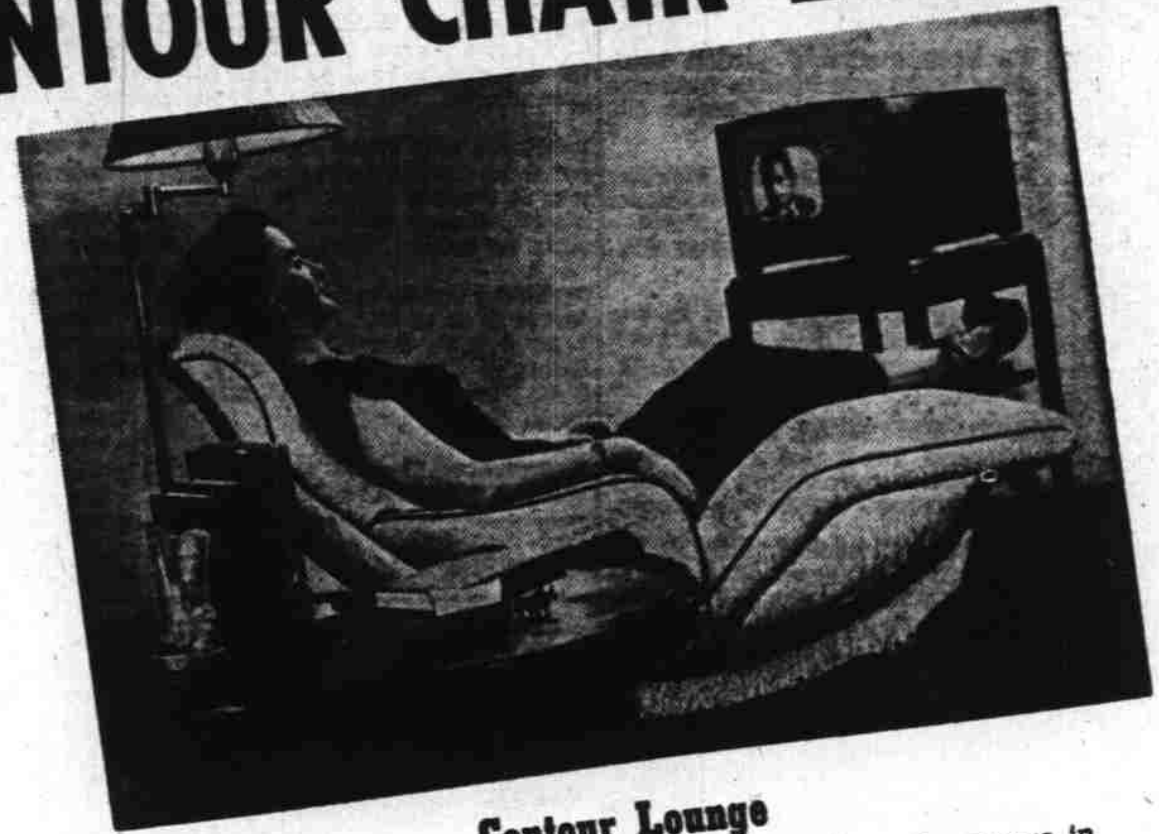
David W. Strauser, Portland, charged with reckless driving, posted \$50 bail.

Minor Grass Fires Quelled

Two minor grass fires were extinguished Saturday afternoon by Salem firemen operating a pumper truck from central station.

A blaze along a curb at High and Marion streets at 1:25 p.m. was quelled in two minutes. The truck was out of the station only six minutes. A second fire, at 3 p.m., was extinguished in 15 minutes in the 1100 block on Oxford street. Burning grass had ignited a pile of old boards.

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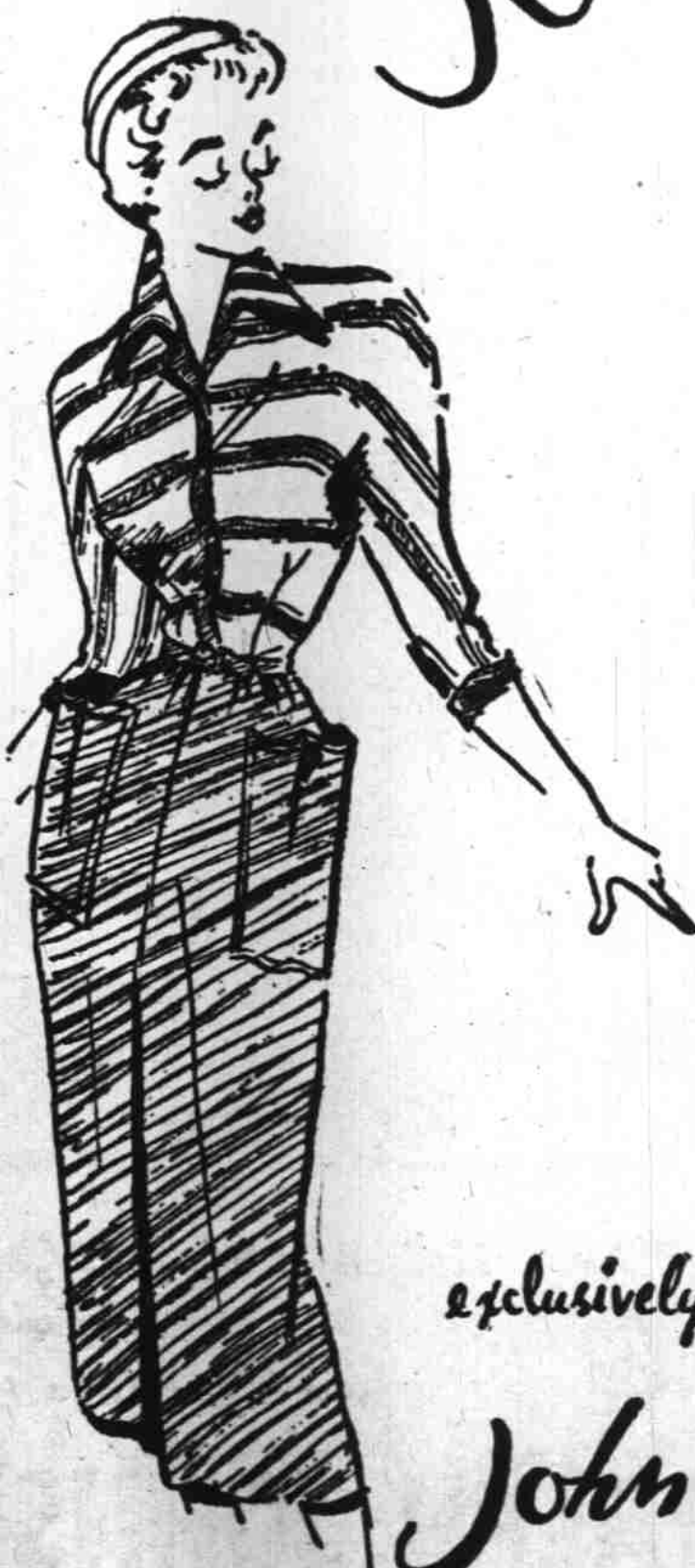
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