

USAF Makes History's First Plane Landing at North Pole

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)—An Air Force plane has made the first landing in history at the geographic North Pole.

The Alaska Air Command announced Sunday a big ski-wheeled C-47 landed Saturday on pack ice at the top of the world.

The party of Air Force officials and scientists spent three hours and 10 minutes on the ice pack.

The plane was piloted on the historic flight by Lt. Col. Wil-

liam P. Benedict of Pasadena, Calif.

At the successful completion of the hazardous mission, Benedict messaged briefly:

"Operation instructions carried out. No sweat."

Maj. Gen. William D. Old, head of the Alaska Air Command, announced the landing.

He said the plane took off from Fletcher's Ice Island, where an Air Force weather station was established the past March.

The plane made the 135 mile

flight and landed on pack ice. There the party took various measurements, including ocean depth and gravity field strength. It then returned to the island.

Lt. Col. Joseph Fletcher of Shawnee, Okla., who established the post on the frigid floating island, made Saturday's polar flight as co-pilot.

Alaska Air Command officials said details of the North Pole landing were lacking because of uncertain radio communications with the ice island station.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

Lucius Beebe, columnist, satirical Beau Brummell and fancier of narrow gauge railroads, and his associate Charles Clegg who now live in Virginia City, Nev., have revived the old Virginia City Territorial Enterprise, buried these 36 years. This was the newspaper which carried the first article by Samuel L. Clemens in which he used the sobriquet "Mark Twain."

Later William Wright joined the staff of the paper and writing under the pen name of Dan DeQuille became famous himself. Mark Twain of course returned east to gain international fame as author and lecturer. The Territorial Enterprise dated from 1858 and moved from Mormon Station to Carson City and then to Virginia City when that mining camp flourished with the opening of the rich ores of Comstock Lode. It succumbed in 1893 but was revived and printed until rigor mortis again set in in 1916. Now Beebe and Clegg are reviving it as the town renews its life under the impulse of a tourist boom.

This item in the news reminds me of a short story written by Sam F. Davis in 1885, about Mark Twain and Dan DeQuille, entitled "The Typographical Howitzer." It is good enough to have been written by Mark himself. The narrative starts with the account of the venture of these two prize editors in trying to start a paper in Mendocino County. They loaded up the type and press from their lately defunct paper in San Francisco and started up country. On the way Mark Twain spent \$50 of their small reserve for a howitzer (Continued on editorial page 4.)

Camp Fire Girls Win Honors



Three girls who Saturday night won torch bearer honors, highest rank given by the Camp Fire Girls, are pictured here in the official robes (left to right): Pat Irwin, 1515 North 16th St., who won hers in dancing; Nancy Snider, 358 Superior, in gardening; and Janice Button, 2385 Duncan Ave., in music. Awards were made at Grand Council Fire at Leslie Junior High School auditorium. Several hundred members of Blue Birds, Camp Fire Girls and Prizer Girls won honors during the ceremonies.

Medford Stores Abandon DST Temporarily

MEDFORD, (AP)—Medford merchants Sunday said they were abandoning, at least temporarily, voluntary daylight time work hours.

Medford now is on standard time but last week merchants opened and closed their shops one hour early to conform with daylight saving time.

The Medford city council is scheduled to discuss the fast time situation at its regular meeting Tuesday.

Korean Truce Hopes Fading

MUNSAN (AP)—Allied and Communist top delegations met for only 11 minutes Monday on the crisis in Korean truce negotiations.

Details of this fifth plenary off-the-record meeting at Panmunjon were withheld. An Allied Spokesman said the chief Red delegate, North Korean Gen. Nam Il, did most of the talking.

The brevity of the last several meetings hinted strongly the two sides were close to stalemate in their efforts to agree on conditions for an armistice.

The delegations agreed to meet again Tuesday.

Fight Frost or Forget Fruit Crops, Valley Advised

By LILLIE L. MADSEN
Farm Editor, The Statesman

Frosts in recent years have made a lot of growers wonder if there isn't a more sure way of paying the farm taxes and family bills than by raising fruit. Certain it is that frosts have taken heavy tolls in many sections in the Willamette Valley fruit growing area.

"Either," said one berry grower Saturday, "we are going to have to quit growing strawberries in our section or we are going to have to learn some efficient way to combat frost damage."

The question which has been raised in recent weeks by those opposing frost prevention methods is: "What did they use to do about it?"

And the answer to this, berry growers will tell you, is: "The same as the day-laborer used to do about his wages: took what was offered him."

New Big Industry

Things have changed. Something was done about the former; something will have to be done about the latter if modern-day competition from other states is to be met. Berry growing in the Willamette Valley has changed from a small part of a general farm program to entire farms devoted to berry growing only. To save this industry, which means a livelihood to many more than the growers, frost damage prevention must be studied.

"And don't think we haven't," Don Rasmussen, Marion County horticultural agent, said this week

2 Cons Escape, One Captured After Shooting

One of two Oregon State Penitentiary convicts who escaped Sunday afternoon from the prison annex was recaptured shortly before midnight in Vancouver, Wash., after several shots were fired at a pursuing policeman.

Warden Virgil O'Malley identified the man as William H. Brooks, but Vancouver police said the shots were fired by another man, believed to be the second escapee, John Calvin Goddard.

Associated Press reported that the two men were fleeing from a radio prowl car. It was not known just how Brooks was apprehended. Goddard eluded Vancouver police and was believed headed north.

Brooks and Goddard escaped together from the annex and were last seen shortly after noon, O'Malley said. The two men were employed at the chicken farm at the annex. O'Malley said officials did not know how the two men managed their escape, which was not discovered until later in the day.

Brooks, who was to be returned to the prison by Lee Herder, Captain of the Guard, was received in June, 1949 from Tillamook County to serve a five-year sentence for forgery. Goddard was received in January of 1951 from Lane County to serve a three-year sentence for burglary.

end in reviewing experiments carried on.

Earliest of these experiments, and a method still used by a number of berry growers, is that of burning straw bales on nights when frosts threaten. This gives some relief, Rasmussen pointed out, but added, that it was found "not too effective." Not enough bales could be used in a field to prevent damage uniformly, and heat from the bales was not sufficiently continuous to give good protection.

Two methods, however, are, to quote Rasmussen, "proving quite encouraging." One of these is the sprinkler method and the other is the older smudge-pot method.

Sprinkler Method Tried

John Wood, Marion County berry grower, reports considerable success with the sprinkler system, although he has not carried on the experiment over any long period. In this, a fine mist or spray is essential. The sprinklers are set for from five to six gallons a minute and permitted to run for approximately 15 minutes just as the frost period begins.

While numerous smaller experiments in smudging have been made in the valley, the most

Pepper Backs Kefauver

By DON WHITEHEAD
MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—Former Sen. Claude Pepper of Florida Sunday threw his political influence behind Sen. Estes Kefauver in the lanky Tennesseean's bid for Southern support in Tuesday's Democratic presidential preference primary.

Pepper's announcement came just as Kefauver and Sen. Richard B. Russell of Georgia, Kefauver's opponent in the state's popularity contest—were preparing to make their final campaign pleas in populous Dade (Miami) County after swings through northern and central Florida.

Kefauver supporters were hopeful Pepper's still-potent political influence might shift the balance of voting power and give their man an important victory in the South.

Pepper was defeated for re-nomination to the Senate in 1950 by Sen. George Smathers, who is supporting Russell, but despite the defeat he is conceded to have a strong following in Florida.

Pepper's statement said Russell was a distinguished Senator but that Kefauver was a Presidential candidate with greater national appeal.

"In Senator Kefauver," Pepper said, "our South has its first opportunity in a hundred years to elect a President and to reconcile our differences in a united republic. In Senator Kefauver the Democratic Party has a candidate who rides with victory."

"I shall vote for Senator Estes Kefauver."

Pepper said if Kefauver could win in Florida, he then could go on to win the Democratic nomination. (Story on primaries also on page 3.)

Nap at Wheel Starts Chain Of Destruction

NEWARK, O. (AP)—Lloyd C. Kenens' nap at the wheel of his truck early Sunday proved costly.

The 27-year-old Indianapolis man's truck loaded with two tons of steel castings careened off route 40 in the heart of nearby Kirkersville (population 299). Here's what followed:

His truck hit a tree, tearing the trailer loose. It dove the highway some 350 feet before it overturned.

The truck cab struck a parked auto, tossing it about 75 feet.

Struck the Odd Fellows Lodge Hall, ripping off an outside stairway entrance and ramming a conference room.

Ramming another parked car, knocking it 30 feet, and leveling a 25-foot tree.

Smashed a third parked car, knocking it into a house.

Caved in the front of the old Kirkersville Apostolic Church, and then halted after spinning backward into the building.

Total estimated damage—\$10,000.

Kenens, only scratched, pleaded guilty to a reckless driving charge and was fined \$20 and costs by Kirkersville Mayor Harry Magley.

KOREAN HILL RETAKEN

SEOUL, Korea (AP)—Allied infantrymen Sunday retook an advanced hilltop position on the Western Korean Front which they had yielded Saturday in a bitter, daylong battle.

Chinese Woman Chosen American Mother of 1952

NEW YORK (AP)—A native of China who reared eight children while operating a laundry in Portland, Me., was named Sunday as the "American mother of 1952."

Mrs. Toy Len Goon, a widow, was selected for the honor by the national jury of the American Mothers Committee of the Golden Rule Foundation.

Each year just before Mothers' Day, the jury chooses an "American mother" from nominations submitted by committees throughout the nation.

The 57-year-old Portland mother came to this country from Canton, China, She is now a citizen of the United States. Her children, ranging in age from 15 to 29, all were born in this country.

Mrs. Goon has had no formal education, the committee said, but encouraged her children in their studies and their participation in civic affairs.

Among Mrs. Goon's eight children are a doctor, the owner of a television store, a teacher, an accounting student, a federal government employee, a sailor at the U. S. Naval School in Washington, and two teen-aged children.

Settlement in Bakery Strike Said Distant

PORTLAND, (AP)—A strike against major bakeries in the Northwest's four largest cities continued Sunday with little hope of an early settlement. Officials of the AFL bakery workers union said no meetings are scheduled with bakery operators. And they promised extensive picketing in Seattle, Spokane, Tacoma and Portland on Monday.

Workers in 25 major Portland bakeries left their ovens Saturday a day after the Washington workers struck. Sporadic picketing was reported Sunday at some of the wholesale plants.

Albert Kalla, secretary of the Oregon union local, said picketing of some of the plants would continue Monday.

At Salem, union officials served notice the workers would accept whatever settlement comes from Portland negotiations. They said no strike was planned for Salem. Meanwhile, small neighborhood bakeries fought a losing battle in their efforts to meet some of the demand for bakery goods.

Car Burns After Wreck, Youth Cited

Burning gasoline from a gas tank broken open in an automobile accident Sunday left a 1941 Pontiac sedan a total wreck.

City police charged a 17-year-old Sacramento, Calif. youth with reckless driving, alleging him to be the one driving a Ford convertible which crashed into the rear of the Pontiac, parked in front of 1325 S. Commercial St., and owned by A. L. Mason, who lives at that address.

Police said the youth got out of his car to investigate after the collision and lit a cigarette which ignited the gasoline. The youth was not held, but was cited to appear in Municipal Court this morning.

Firemen quenched the flames, but not before the car was gutted.

Steel Talks Collapse, CIO Plans to Keep Union on Job

Murray Disavows Strike Plan



WASHINGTON — Philip Murray of the CIO Steel Workers Union, shown above emerging from a White House conference, said Sunday after steel wage negotiations at the White House had collapsed, that his union "had no intention of calling a strike against the government." He is shown with Joseph Germano (left), Chicago Chicago district director of the union. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman)

500 Rioting Convicts Set Fire to Montreal Prison

MONTREAL (AP)—More than 500 screaming prisoners rioted for five hours Sunday at Bordeaux Prison, demanding better food and a new prison governor.

At least three persons, two prisoners and a guard, were reported injured—none seriously—in the fray in which neither side resorted to gunfire. The rioters set fire to two cell blocks and the chapel of the wheel-shaped prison.

The rioting subsided about 8 p. m. (EST) as the last of the unruly mob of prisoners straggled from the yard back into the fire damaged prison.

Scores of police, summoned from all over Montreal, had entered the yard more than an hour earlier but made no effort to drive the prisoners forcibly back into the buildings.

Hundreds of spectators jammed the streets outside the big old prison.

The riot exploded at the late afternoon meal. The prisoners didn't like the head cheese, corn and potatoes they were given.

They rushed their guards and began screaming. Nearly all of the prisoners' total population of 600 prisoners took part.

All the prisoners are short-tempered, with sentences of less than two years. They wore civilian clothes and some had bed blankets draped around them as they ran about the yard.

One source said unofficially he believed the riot here could have been inspired by the big prison riots last month in New Jersey and at Jackson, Mich.

Comic Aspect

At times, the disorder took an comic aspect and the prisoners seemed to be having considerable sport. When fire trucks rushed in, the prisoners leaped aboard and rang the bells. They made no attempt to molest the firemen or to hamper their work.

Late Sunday night three more fires broke out in the prison but the flames were put out quickly and there was no indication the rioting has resumed.

Damage by the rioters was estimated unofficially at \$100,000.

DROWN IN SLOUGH

PORTLAND (AP)—Mrs. Anna Garrett, 46, drowned in the Columbia River slough Saturday night. She lived in a houseboat on the slough. She first was reported missing from a party at one of the houseboats. A short time later her body was found floating face down in the slough.

Politics on Parade . . .

Who's Running for What in the May Primaries!

(Editor's note: Stories in the "Politics on Parade" are written by or for the candidates, on invitation of The Oregon Statesman, and views expressed herein may or may not be in accordance with the opinion of this newspaper. The articles are published in the public interest, and without obligation on the part of anyone.)

WALTER NORBLAD
Candidate for
CONGRESS (1st Dist) (R)

Walter Norblad's voting record for economy in the last session of Congress was the best of the 18 members of the House and Senate from the Northwest States and one of the best in the nation, according to an impartial survey issued by the National Association of State Chambers of Commerce.

His efforts along this line started shortly after being elected to Congress in 1948 when he discovered huge food wastes at Tongue Point Naval Base and caused the Navy to make major changes in regulations to prevent a recurrence in



Walter Norblad long this line

any of its world-wide stations. High department officials privately admitted these changes resulted in enormous savings.

Further economy successes continued in various branches of government, the latest being a few weeks ago when the defense department agreed to consolidate its building program at an Army Air Force base in Alaska.

Norblad, who maintains offices in Salem during Congressional recesses, is 43 years old and is serving his fourth consecutive term in Congress. First elected by a majority of 10,000, his voting strength has increased each election until in 1950 his margin was 46,000.

Norblad, a combat veteran of World War II, is a member of the Committee on Committees, Armed Services Committee, and for the last two terms has been chosen as Western Republican Whip.

He holds Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Jurisprudence degrees from the University of Oregon. His background, Congressional experience and seniority, and his record of accomplishment qualify him to properly represent you in Washington.

Tomorrow: Alex Berry)

BASEBALL

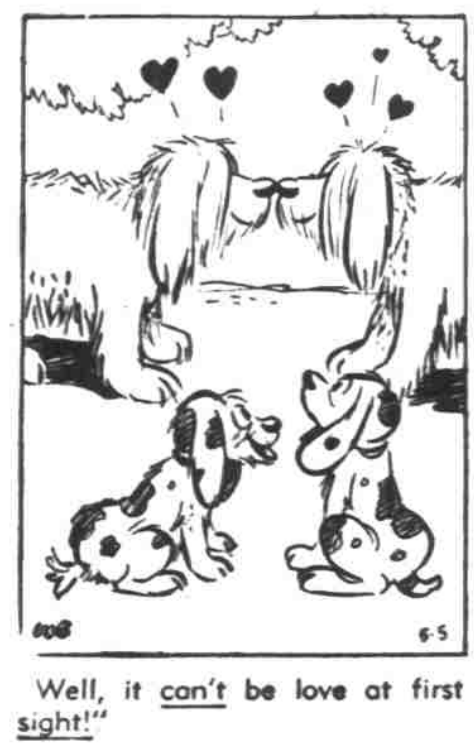
Western International
At San Diego 4-3, San Francisco 2-4
At Yakima 3-2, Wenatchee 11-3
At Tri-City 3-3, Lewiston 15-4
Only games scheduled.

Coast League
At Oakland 5-2, Portland 3-0
At San Diego 4-4, San Francisco 3-7
(1st 16 inn.)
At Los Angeles 8-6, Seattle 7-7 (1st 16 inn.)
At Sacramento 2-6, Hollywood 4-0

National League
At Chicago 3-2, New York 6 (16 inn.)
At Pittsburgh 0, Brooklyn 6
At St. Louis 4-4, Boston 3-3
At Cincinnati 5-8, Philadelphia 4-7

American League
At New York 6-1, Chicago 6-1
At Boston 6, Cleveland 9
At Washington 2-15, St. Louis 1-7
At Philadelphia 10-6, Detroit 6-5

Animal Crackers



Well, it can't be love at first sight!