

Lightning-Struck Youth On Peak 'Wanted to Die'

SEATTLE (AP)—Alan Robert Grant, 19-year-old Seattle junior mountaineer said Wednesday he thought he wanted to die after he was struck by five bolts of lightning Sunday on the summit of Mount Stuart in the Cascades.

He was taken off the mountain by helicopter and flown to Seattle by Coast Guard plane Wednesday, three days after the storm injured him and killed his companion, Paul Brikoff, 20.

"We got to the summit and Paul had just signed the register when the first bolt hit. It knocked both of us over. Then the second one hit," Grant said.

"I crawled to Paul. He was lying on his back. I was trying to move him. I could only move one of my legs. Then the third bolt hit. That one was the worst. It took me up and tossed over a 20-foot cliff and knocked me out. When I woke up, I could hear Paul on the summit screaming."

Terrible Heat

Grant said, "the heat was so great it melted the cans in my sack." The pack was on his back.

After the third bolt I thought I wanted to die. I started hitting my head against a rock. Then I thought I might have an outside chance. Paul, he wanted to die. I think that's what helped him die. He was in much more severe pain than I."

There were two more bolts. Grant thought the fifth bolt scored a direct hit on Brikoff's back. Grant recalled attempting to shake Brikoff after he was able to move.

"It wasn't any use. He was dead," the young climber said.

Student Dazed
Grant said he was so dazed when he recovered he forgot to get anything to eat when he collected some of his companion's personal belongings. He then made his way down a steep slope for about 60 feet seeking shelter from the storm.

Grant said he then remembered leaving his shirt at the summit. He knew he'd never survive the night without it, he said.

"So I crawled back up there. It took me about two hours to get up that 60 feet," he said. Grant retrieved his shirt and descended 200 feet to the spot where he spent the night.

Tuesday morning he started down again and met a search party shortly after. A member of the party, Dr. Otto Troit, administered a pint of plasma to the youth and treated his burns.

After the two futile attempts Tuesday, the Coast Guard helicopter finally got Grant off the mountain Wednesday. A party of 11 was bringing Brikoff's body down from the summit when Grant left.

Attendants at a hospital here said Grant had third degree burns on his back and second degree burns on his right leg and thigh.

LICENSED TO PRACTICE

PORTLAND (AP)—The State Board of Medical Examiners announced Wednesday the names of 6 granted licenses to practice as medical and osteopathic physicians and surgeons. Among the medical physicians and surgeons licensed were Edwin F. Snider and George C. Squire, both Salem.

MORE KOREAN CASUALTIES

WASHINGTON (AP)—The defense department Wednesday identified 97 Korean War casualties in a new list No. 637 that included 24 killed, 63 wounded, seven missing and three injured.

Salem Dealers To Have Video Sets at Fair

A score of television sets, furnished by three Salem dealers, will be operating eight hours daily at the Oregon State fair to entertain thousands of visitors free, it was disclosed Wednesday.

The sets will be placed on the porch of the agricultural building and the programs will comprise "spot" events right on the fairgrounds.

The arrangements for the television, on all eight days of the fair, were made by Westinghouse dealers Douglas Yeater, Earl Helder and Don Woody in cooperation with radio KEX, Westinghouse station.

Ed Ried, Portland Westinghouse representative, said Wednesday the installation would necessitate use of between \$100,000 and \$150,000 worth of equipment. Five technicians will be on duty.

The daily eight hours of television will be split up into four two-hour shows. Telescopic lens cameras will enable showing of events in all parts of the fairgrounds. The television circuit will be "closed" — it will not be broadcast for home TV sets and will be visible only on the fairgrounds.

KEX, sponsoring station, is applying for TV channel 8 VHF.

Medical School Bids Rejected

PORTLAND (AP)—The State Board of Higher Education Wednesday rejected all bids for the University of Oregon medical school teaching hospital.

All bids were far beyond available funds, said Dr. R. E. Kleinsorge, Silvertown, chairman of the building committee.

Four firms bid. The low was \$4,184,169, bid by Donald M. Drake, Portland. The low of five bids on the mechanical contract was \$1,232,263. On the heating plant, the low bid was \$363,793. The best offer on the electric work was \$434,000 and on the elevator, \$359,159.

The board instructed its architects to revise plans downward and report back to the board on September 9.

Priests Given Assignments

PORTLAND (AP)—Archbishop Edward D. Howard Wednesday announced changes in assignments of six Roman Catholic priests in Western Oregon.

Among them were: The Rev. John T. O'Callaghan from assistant parish priest at St. Joseph's, Salem, to parish priest of Blessed Virgin Mary, Rainier.

The Rev. John Walsh, St. Paul's Parish priest, Silvertown, to Holy Family Parish priest, Portland.

The Rev. Thomas Gadbois, assistant parish priest, St. Joseph's, Salem, to parish priest, St. Paul's, Silvertown.

Maclean's Friends Ask Resignation Withdrawn

Friends of State Tax Commissioner Robert MacLean Wednesday were urging that he withdraw his recent resignation, slated to become operative before Sept. 20.

MacLean said he had decided to accept employment in private industry.

Burglars Rob 2 Salem Cafes

Two North Salem cafes were burglarized late Tuesday with a total loss reported to city police averaging something over \$100.

The J. B. Drive-in at 2230 Portland Rd., reported \$100 in change taken from wall record machines, and about \$6 from a cash register. The Virginia Cafe at 3006 Portland Rd., said a small amount was taken from a recently-emptied record player and a bowling machine.

The drive-in was entered through a door after a window was broken to reach the lock. Intruders entered the Virginia Cafe by climbing through an unfastened window into a rest room.

Truman Said Willing to Keep Ike Informed

WASHINGTON (AP)—A high Democratic official said Wednesday the Truman administration is willing to keep Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower abreast of international developments by a series of confidential briefings while Eisenhower is running for president on the Republican ticket.

The official, who declined to be quoted by name, added that he would not be surprised to learn that Eisenhower already has been advised of this by the White House.

He said he thought the offer would leave the way open for the head of the GOP ticket to come to Washington in person to get his briefings or to send a trusted emissary.

British Atom Tests Ready

LONDON (AP)—Scientific and military observers from most of Britain's commonwealth partners will attend the explosion of Britain's first atom bomb in Australia soon, informed sources said Wednesday.

British atomic research for years has been carried out in close association with commonwealth nations like Canada, Australia, South Africa and India.

The coming tests in Australia accordingly are being regarded as "a commonwealth show," an informant declared.

The Admiralty last week defined a big area off west Australia's Indian Ocean seaboard as dangerous to shipping and aircraft until further notice because of "tests of atomic weapons."

OPS to Permit Metal Price Rises

WASHINGTON (AP)—Ceiling prices for a wide range of consumer goods containing steel, aluminum and copper are due to be boosted soon under an order being rushed to completion by the Office of Price Stabilization. It may be out in a few days.

Price control officials stressed the higher ceilings will not necessarily mean high selling prices. They said the selling prices will depend on market factors, including what the consumer will be willing to pay.

Sale of Station KOIN Okehed

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Communications Commission Wednesday authorized the Marshall Field interests of Chicago and New York City to sell radio stations KOIN and KOIN-EM, Portland, and KJR Seattle, for \$1,500,000.

The Portland outlets will go to Mount Hood Radio and Television Broadcasting Corp., and KJR will pass to Mount Rainier Radio and Television Broadcasting Corp.

Principal stockholder in both of the purchasing companies is Ted R. Gamble, Portland theater owner and war-time director of the National Savings Bond drives.

C. Howard Lane, Chicago, general manager of the Field radio interests, is resigning that post to become president of both Mount Hood and Mount Rainier.

2 Bean Picking Cons Escape

Oregon Prison guards and police were still searching early today for two convict trustees who escaped Wednesday afternoon while picking beans at the Prison Farm several miles east of Salem.

Warden Virgil O'Malley identified the two escapees as Charles P. Duncan, 39, and Thomas E. McIntee, 31. The men were working in the head-high bean rows when they slipped away from guards at about 2 p.m. They disappeared in the brush and trees along Mill Creek, which borders the bean field.

Duncan was received at the prison February, 1952, from Benton County to serve a two-year term for forgery. McIntee came to the prison from Lane County last January on a three-year sentence for burglary.

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Captive Nations Must Be Freed, Ike Declares

DENVER (AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower declared Wednesday night that any true program for peace must include the restoration of freedom to what he called captive nations of Europe and Asia.

The Republican presidential nominee issued a brief foreign policy statement after a conference with Rep. Charles J. Kersten. The Wisconsin congressman went further, proposing that the United States do everything possible to enable the Iron Curtain nations to free themselves.

In other developments during the day, Eisenhower was told he would receive half the vote of organized labor in November and was advised the voters are looking for an aggressive, hard-hitting campaign.

The labor prediction came from Harold E. Stassen. The former Minnesota governor told newsmen it was made by a major, responsible labor leader who supported the late Franklin D. Roosevelt. Stassen did not name the man.

The campaign advice came from Rep. A. L. Miller (R-Neb.), once an avid supporter of Gen. Douglas MacArthur for the Presidency.

Belgium Cuts Draft Period

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP)—Belgium's conservative government bowed to strong pressure from Socialists and Communists Wednesday and cut the nation's military conscription period from two years to 21 months.

The action means that Belgium by the end of the year will be short 2,000 men to fill present North Atlantic Treaty commitments.

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Rising Expenditures at Prison Draw Control Board's Wrath

(Story also on page one.)
Rising expenditures at the Oregon State Penitentiary drew the ire Wednesday of the State Board of Control.

Gov. Douglas McKay declared that the financial situation at the penitentiary is getting out of hand, particularly in view of the fact that the prison is exceeding the appropriation of the 1951 legislature.

The governor said the recommendation of the State Emergency Board appropriating \$150,000 for the operation of the prison during the remainder of the current biennium was more than the legislature figured. Most of the \$150,000 was necessary to cover food costs, it was reported.

William Ryan, coordinator of state institutions, explained that the last legislature increased the food standards at the prison, but that the July budget was exceeded by \$2,000.

"We must insist that the penitentiary live within its budget appropriations," Governor McKay said.

The suggestion was made by Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry that a competent man be placed in charge of the entire food service at the prison.

The board deferred a request from Warden Virgil O'Malley that he be permitted to attend the annual Congress of Corrections at Atlantic City, N. J., in October.

Governor McKay said there is too much out-of-state travel by state officials. "Where is the money coming from?" McKay asked. The governor's remarks came during a discussion on a proposal to increase lodging allowances \$1 a night for state officials and state employees traveling both within and outside the state.

Board members said it was apparent that hotel and motel prices had increased since the last lodging schedule was approved. But all agreed that state officials and state workers traveling on state business should receive actual expenses.

McMath was openly endorsed by the President when the latter visited Arkansas earlier this summer to dedicate two dams.

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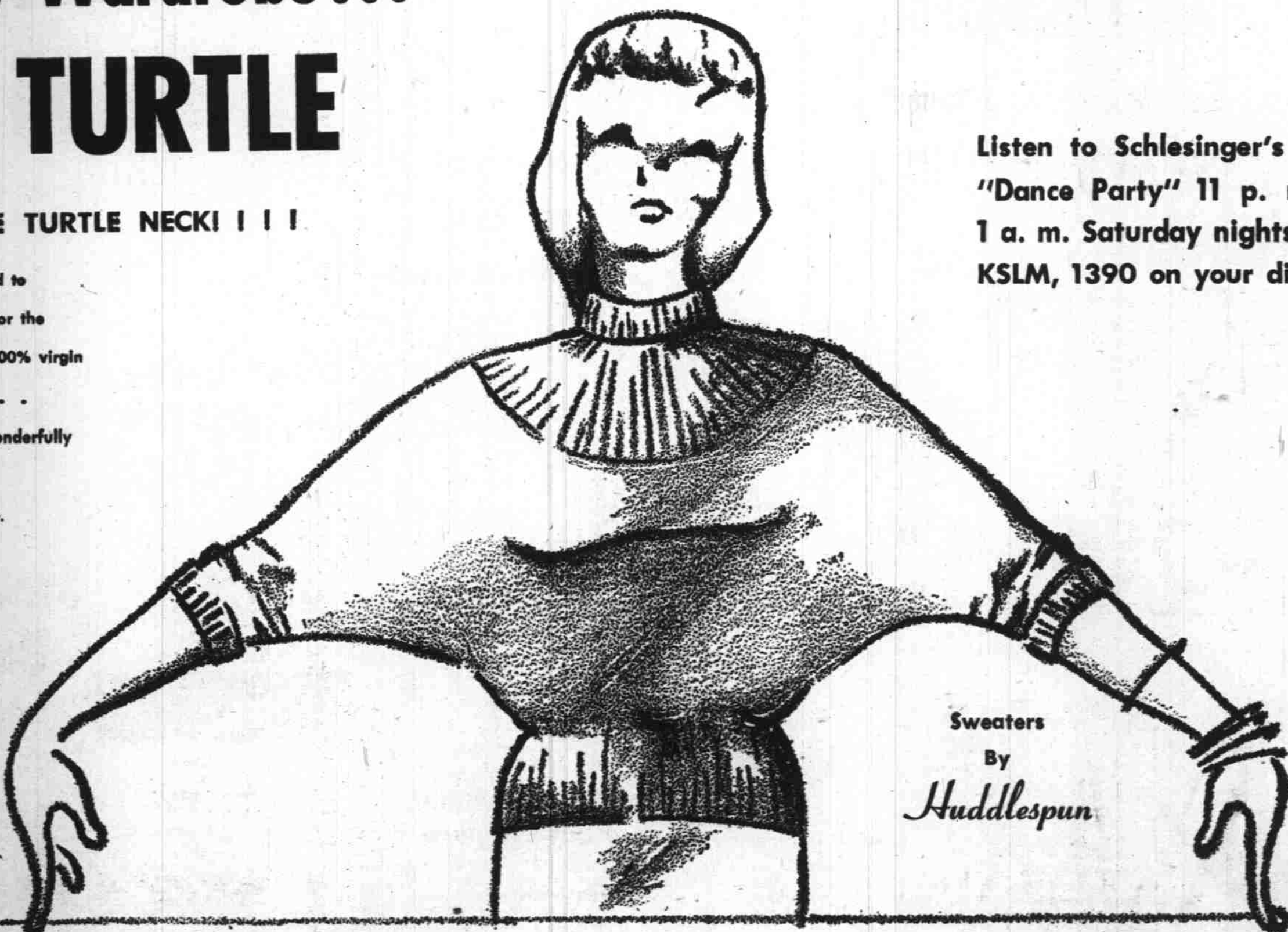
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