

Girls Relax While Mother in Summer Class



Keeping cool while mamma goes to school are Mary and Jane Turner, five-year-old twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. William Turner of Portland. Mrs. Turner was among the 32 mothers attending the summer institute for parents of pre-school blind children this week at the State School for the Blind. Parents were taught the best methods of teaching blind youngsters before they attend the school or enter regular schools at their home towns. Mary and Jane, blind since birth, will probably attend school in Portland this fall. (Statesman Photo.)

Ellsworth Smith Takes Over as City Fire Chief

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Ellsworth L. Smith today joins a select group of 11 men stretching back to 1896—as far as fire department records go—as chief of the Salem fire department.

Smith, better known in the department as "Smitty," succeeds William P. Robie, who resigned to enter private employment in California.

The appointment came about 27 years after an 18-year-old Smith was persuaded by ex-Chief Harry F. (Buck) Hutton to join the department in 1924. Hutton, one of Salem's most well-known chiefs, was then in his ninth year as head of the department.

Smith has been associated with the department during the period of its greatest progress. Under Hutton, who became chief in 1915, the department grew from one station to four: Central, North, South, East. West Salem station was added more recently.

Hutton stimulated and completed the motorization of the department which was begun under the reign of Mark Savage, chief from 1905 to 1912.

Under Smith's predecessor, retiring Chief William P. Robie, the department effected a replacement program of fire apparatus, highlighted this last year by the acquisition of the new hook-and-ladder truck. Robie also started a training program for firemen and brought about an all-radio equipped department.

During this tenure, Smith has been assistant chief and fire marshal. Robie said he felt he was leaving the department in good hands, in turning the reins over to Smith.

"The city could have picked no person who is better versed in fire department work and knows more about the Salem Fire Department. I am very pleased that he is the new chief," Robie said.

In some ways, the formal history of the present Salem fire department begins with Buck Hutton's father, Owen D. Hutton who is listed in fire department records as the chief in 1896. Beyond that date, fire records are as much a matter of memory as of fact. Records kept in the chief's office go no farther back than Hutton's tenure.

Following the elder Hutton, there were three men who served for periods ranging from a year or less. These were C. N. Churchill, 1899; J. H. Duncan, 1900; and T. M. Eckhart, 1901.

On Nov. 6, 1901, Walter W. Johnson, forerunner of two others in his family connected with the department, became chief. He was the father of Duleigh Johnson, who recently retired from the department, and grandfather of Robert W. Johnson, now an acting captain at South Station.

Predecessor to Mark Savage was David Pugh, who served from Jan. 5, 1904 to Aug. 1, 1905, when Savage took over.

In 1912, Savage retired and was succeeded by Peter Phillips, who served for a year. An interim period of about a year between Phillips' resignation and the election of Hutton was filled by an assistant chief who was never officially appointed to the job.

Between Hutton and Robie, William Iwan, an oldtimer in the department who had been assistant chief, served temporarily. Robie was named to the post in March of 1947.

Salem's new fire chief, Smith, has been actively connected with the department for a little more than 27 years. A graduate of Salem High School in 1924, he joined 23 other men who comprised the department in 1925. The force has since expanded to a total of 87 men.

Miner Dies Attempting to Cut Electricity

BAKER (AP)—A placer miner was found dead in a power company substation Thursday, slumped over a 6,000-volt line he had attempted to hack in two with a hunting knife.

The miner, Collin Edward Cree, 43, had attempted to cut off power from the California Pacific Utilities Co. substation near Granite, 40 miles west of here, during a severe lightning storm.

Roger Nelson, company employee, speculated that Cree had feared the lightning might strike a power line and set fire to the surrounding wooded area.

Cree ripped off a screen and broke a window to get into the plant. Broken volt meters, gauges and other equipment indicated he had tried to shut off the power before cutting into the line with his knife.

His body was found by E. W. Sauer, a resident of the area who had gone to the substation to find out why the power was off.

Although the substation was in Grant County, Thad Beatty, Baker County Coroner, investigated. He pronounced Cree dead of electric shock.

Korean Lepers Get Relief Boxes From Mt. Angel

MT. ANGEL — Delivery of 15 packages to a Korean leper colony was reported at the Catholic Daughters of America meeting this week by Alois Keber, relief chairman. She has been advised of the delivery by the Rev. Bertrand McLaughlin, OSB, in Korea.

Mrs. Keber also reported she has sent two packages of clothing to Germany.

Grand Regent Dorothy Sprauer appointed the following social committee for the coming year: Mrs. Leonard Obersinner and Mrs. Joseph C. Wagner, co-chairmen; Mrs. Paul Wichter, Mrs. Wilbert Aman, Mrs. Gordon Aman and Mrs. Ernest Walker.

Mrs. Katie Hoffman was named chairman of the Aug. 25 social meeting.

Juhls Family Reunion Held

Statesman News Service
CANBY — The Juhls family held its annual picnic at Island Park near Canby recently.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Juhls, Jack Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Goughnour, Miss Gertie Goughnour, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Bailey and son, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Gotcher, all of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Edwards and Anita, Dayton; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Boersig, Wanda and Philip, and Mrs. Nellie Heimbecker, Tacoma, Wash.; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cary and children, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Bailey, Jean and Dale, Longview, Wash.; Maurice Bailey and son, Vancouver, Wash.; Richard Cary, Fort Lewis, Wash.; Dwane Bailey and children, Longview, Wash.; and Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Warthen, Salem.

Columnist Mark Sullivan Dies of Heart Ailment
WEST CHESTER, Pa. (AP)—Mark Sullivan, dean of America's newspaper columnists, died of a heart attack Wednesday night. He would have been 78 on Sept. 10.

A working newspaperman, author and political analyst for 64 years, Sullivan was stricken at his farm home.

Stevenson Slated To Talk in Oregon
PORTLAND (AP)—Monroe Sweetland, Oregon Democratic national committeeman, said Wednesday he had reasonable assurance that Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson of Illinois would be in the state "early in September."

Party leaders decided to change the date of their annual picnic from Aug. 24 to a date when the Democratic presidential candidate is in Oregon. They wired Stevenson's headquarters asking that the governor be in Portland Sept. 7, and set that as a tentative picnic date.

Fire Breaks Out at Firemen's Meeting
CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (AP)—Fire broke out Wednesday at the convention of the Virginia State Firemen's Association here.

The blaze started in the rear of Lane High School while the firemen, in the school auditorium, were listening to a speech on fire prevention.

It was a small fire, though, and was quickly doused by a fire truck parked just around the corner from the school.

Power Firm Stock Sale Approved
WASHINGTON (AP)—The Federal Power Commission Wednesday authorized Mountain States Power Co., Albany, Ore., to issue and sell 200,000 shares of \$7.25 par value common stock.

The FPC said it had approved as reasonable the company's proposal to accept a bid by Carl M. Loebe, Rhoades and Co., to purchase the stock at a price of \$12.6978 per share.

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Alcoholics Anonymous Schedule Public Forum Alcoholics Anonymous will conduct a public forum during a meeting at 8 a.m. Saturday in Beaver Hall, 248 N. Commercial St.

Invitations have been sent to ministers, psychologists and others to help AA members in the discussion meeting designed to familiarize non-members with the organization's work with drinkers. Anyone with an alcoholic problem is welcome to attend, leaders said.

Science Unit Approved for State College The State Board of Higher Education has approved a new Science Research Institute as part of the Oregon State College school of science.

Director of the institute will be Dr. Vernon H. Cheldelin. He has been 10 years with the OSC staff and has headed many special research studies.

The institute will not take over all research of the various departments in the school of science but will cooperate with these departments in pooling scientific talents and facilities on specific projects.

Designed to encourage individual initiative in productive research in the science faculty, the institute is also expected to intensify research activities, encourage research grants and promote teamwork in research among staff members in the different fields of science. It is empowered to solicit funds from outside granting agencies.

YMCAs Staffers To Teach at Willamette U A recommendation for three YMCAs staff members to teach at Willamette University was passed Thursday at the noon monthly meeting of the Y's Board of Directors.

The three, Frank Washburn, Gus Moore and Fred Cordis will teach classes in the sociology department. This will be the first teaching year for Washburn, a graduate of Willamette.

Ryegrass, Hairy Vetch Seed Inquiries Reported on Rise

By LILLIE L. MADSEN
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Seed dealers are reporting a little more inquiry for common ryegrass and hairy vetch seed during the past week, although in most of the Willamette Valley areas, requests for vetch remain "weak". The increase in inquiries from consuming areas was laid to the release of carry-over figures as well as to some rains in the south and east.

The volume of sales of seed crops in the main producing areas of Oregon is being reported below normal for this time of the year. Prices paid to growers were remaining mostly unchanged from the past week or so, but "feelings" were being put out at lower prices. On a few products offers were higher.

Common ryegrass seed moved in below normal volume during the past week for 6½ cents to the grower. A few lots of perennial ryegrass seed sales by growers were reported at 8½ cents during the early part of the week. Later offers of 9 cents were made but no sales were reported.

A little common vetch seed was sold by growers at 5½ cents and a few lots of hairy vetch seed were moved by growers at 13½ cents. But dealers continued to report there wasn't much buying of any kind of vetch seed.

Blue tag alta fescue seed was sold last week in Umatilla County mostly for 28 and 27 cents a pound to the grower. A few lots brought 28 cents. The bulk of the crop in that area has moved out of growers' hands. No sales were reported in Union County but offers of 27 cents were made. These offers are a bit higher than a week ago. Little activity in alta fescue seed was reported in the Willamette Valley, but some offers were known to be made of 25 cents a pound.

Early in the week a few lots of chewings fescue went out from growers at 50 cents pound. Toward the close of the week offers being made—and these were very few—had declined to 45 or 48 cents a pound, but no sales were reported by growers at lower prices. Dealers, too, who were queried, said they were "not buying" at the present. The trade, it appeared Thursday, was waiting for the Canadian crop of Red Creeping to be harvested. Reports are that there is a pretty fair crop in Canada and that the Canadians might be offering it for some 10 cents lower a pound. However, only about one-third of the 1952 chewings fescue is still in the hands of growers. A two-third movement, with the harvest not more than a month past, is considered "pretty brisk," Howard Jenks of Jenks-White Seed Company, said Thursday.

Holdovers of both Red and Chewings are not too large. The

Canby Woman Hurt in Coast Bus Accident

COOS BAY (AP)—Twenty-five persons escaped without serious injury when a Greyhound bus overturned on U. S. Highway 101, three miles south of Bandon early Thursday.

The bus was an auxiliary, north-bound out of Eureka, Calif. The driver of the bus preceding the auxiliary said he saw the other car weave, then leave the road. An explanation was not immediately available.

A child and two women suffered cuts and bruises. One woman, Mrs. Margaret Kotzman of Canby, was brought to a hospital here for observation.

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