

Car Mishap Brings Sight Back to Man

RIVERHEAD, N.Y. (AP) — William Francis thanked God Tuesday for the auto accident he was in — it brought back the precious gift of sight to him after 10 years of darkness.

"I'm so happy I'm almost crazy," Francis said at his news-house in the Suffolk County Courthouse.

"I can see the customers light

State Parks' Upkeep Cost Under Average

Oregon's state park maintenance costs are considerably under the national average, it was reported this week by C. H. Armstrong, state parks superintendent.

Armstrong said the state's cost is 12 cents per person under the national average. The state figures show an attendance of 4,294,914 persons at 50 park developments during 1954, with a total maintenance cost of \$309,774. The 1954 annual average per person was seven cents each as compared with the national average of 19 cents per person.

Much of Oregon's low maintenance cost can be attributed to co-operation with Highway Department maintenance crews, Armstrong said.

"The use of their equipment and experience of their personnel brings down the cost in all our parks," he stated.

The Parks Division expects a new attendance record when final figures for the 1955 season are compiled.

Stayton Man Found Dead

STAYTON — Edward Latourette, 76, was found shot to death Tuesday in a wooded area at the rear of his home here. Chief of Police Everett Norfleet said indications were the man had taken his own life.

A daughter of the man, Mrs. Ralph Harold, discovered the body about 12:10 p.m. Latourette reportedly had been in ill health.

Latourette had resided in Stayton a number of years ago and returned about two months ago to make his home here.

Funeral arrangements are in care of the Weddle Mortuary.

Youth Hurt In Car Crash

A Salem area youth was slightly injured Tuesday night when a car missed a curve on Macleay Road just east of Lancaster Drive, state police reported.

Julius Compton, 15, of 147 S. Lancaster Dr., suffered a bruised shoulder in the 9:45 p.m. mishap, officers said. He reportedly did not require hospitalization. Police listed driver of the 1947 Buick as Earl Oscar Carlile, 19, also of 147 S. Lancaster. The car was moderately damaged.

New Plant in Salem Okehed

A new oleomargarine plant at 3371 Portland Road was formally authorized Tuesday in a permit issued by the city engineer's office to W. B. Sullivan, head of the firm.

Ground already has been broken for the project, which will be one of Salem's newest industries. Estimated cost of construction was set at \$21,000.

H. W. Dunkel was authorized to build a \$9,000 house at 1020 Terrace Dr.; Herb Koonce was given a permit for a \$400 garage at 2340 N. Liberty St.; and the South Salem Friends Church obtained a permit for \$300 in alterations on a house at 1680 S. Commercial St.

Weather Halts Vessel Search

SEATTLE (AP) — Weather which reduced the search to use of radar blanked out efforts by Coastguardmen Tuesday in their attempt to find a drifting derelict sighted Monday off the Oregon coast.

Coast Guard officials said they are attempting through computation of drift and flow to keep track of the approximate location of the derelict sighted by an Air Force reconnaissance plane 500 miles off the mouth of the Columbia River.

The radar search was made from a plane. The cutter Yonca is scheduled to arrive in the vicinity about 9:30 a.m. Wednesday.

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Plucky Oregon Colonel Dies At Enterprise

ENTERPRISE, Ore. (AP) — Col. Graham W. West, 43, who lost both legs in the North African campaign of World War II, but with artificial legs flew again on D-Day in the Normandy invasion, died at a hospital here Tuesday.

Death was unexpected after a short illness.

West flew 87 combat missions prior to the 1943 ground accident in Tunisia which cost him his legs. While flying in the Normandy invasion he was injured by a black. His medals included the distinguished flying cross, silver star, purple heart and air medal with 11 oak leaf clusters.

He was married in Denver, Colo., to Phyllis June Holley of Beverly Hills, Calif., in 1945.

West, an accountant and insurance man in this Northeastern Oregon community, recently had purchased a light airplane and had received his private pilot's license. He had planned to fly to Los Angeles on the Labor Day weekend to bring his wife home. She has been visiting her parents in that city.

He was born in Portland, Nov. 8, 1911, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl West. He was graduated from Grant High School and attended the University of Oregon before joining the Army Air Force in 1938.

Man Suffers Burns in Fire In Trailer

A man suffered severe burns of the hands and face Tuesday night when fire damaged a truck trailer at the Salem Navigation Co., 295 S. Cottage St., city police reported.

Firemen were called to the fire about 9:30 p.m. and said they found James Edward McCann, 34, Salem, near the scene. He was treated by first aidmen and a physician for second degree burns of the hands and first degree burns on his face, and later taken by ambulance to Portland Veteran's Hospital.

Firemen said the fire apparently started in blankets in the trailer. A tarpaulin covering the trailer's rear was destroyed by the flames but there was little other damage.

Cause of the blaze was not immediately determined.

Pool Project Gets Backing

The Salem Junior Chamber of Commerce swimming pool project is meeting encouraging response, Chairman Jay Day reported Tuesday night.

He told Jaycees at a meeting in the Lion's Den that he had received some offers of volunteered labor and supplies and was working on others.

Meanwhile, his committee is continuing a study of what steps can be taken to bring about a third public swim pool for the city.

As projected in long range city park plans, a large swimming pool with wading pool, bath houses and landscaping would represent a \$150,000 project, Day said.

Under study by the organization will be the feasibility of fund raising projects, city initiative for a special tax for the purpose or other approaches to the establishment of a pool.

STINGING ASSIGNMENT
GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) — Newspaper photographer Mike Dabakey got his picture at a stinging cost, literally. Dabakey was on hand for a bee keeper's roundup of a straw swarm in a downtown building. Dabakey got stung on each arm and cheek.

Officials Back Plan for Field Control Tower

Officials of city and state Tuesday launched efforts to re-establish a control tower at McNary Field. The move came in the wake of Saturday's plane collision which killed Gordon King, Salem.

Rep. Walter Norblad announced that he had sent a letter to the Civil Aeronautics Administration urging the reopening of the tower at the Salem airport. The Chamber of Commerce civic division committee also authorized a letter to the CAA requesting that the airport tower be re-commissioned for use from sun-up to sun-down.

Personal Plea
A personal plea to CAA officials will be made by Airport Manager Charles Barclay and State Director of Aeronautics Earl Snyder. The two will plead for resumption of tower operations at the Northwest Aviation Council at Yakima, Wash., Sept. 25-27.

Barclay said that prior to the Yakima trip the city will brief the CAA by letter on details of the fatal accident and need for a tower.

The tower was removed from operation by the CAA about two years ago in a program of budget-cutting.

Attention Called
Norblad in his letter called attention to the fatal accident in expressing his hope for re-opening of the tower.

"From all I have been able to determine," he wrote, "it is evident that this accident would not have happened had the tower been in operation."

That same viewpoint was held by most pilots and officials in Salem flying circles.

Washington Hospital Boss In Hot Water

SPOKANE (AP) — Dr. M. M. Campbell, acting superintendent of Eastern State Hospital at Medical Lake, will be asked to resign as soon as a qualified replacement can be found, the state supervisor of institutions told the Spokesman-Tuesday.

Dr. Thomas A. Harris made the disclosure in a telephone interview.

The announcement came just two days after the escape from the mental hospital of two convicts, who had been transferred from the state penitentiary at Walla Walla.

Still at Large
The escapees, who were sent to the hospital for psychiatric examination, are Herman Salter and James Eiland. Both are still at large.

The convicts walked out of the hospital Sunday night after securing keys from an attendant, whom they left bound.

A hospital report showed that Salter was transferred from the criminal ward, where he was kept manacled, to an admittance ward, where only normal mental hospital security is maintained, the paper said.

The transfer was made Aug. 25, three days before the escape, the Review said.

Very Sick Men
On the day of his escape, Salter was informed by hospital authorities that he had been charged with kidnapping in connection with a riot at the penitentiary July 5, the paper said.

Dr. Harris described both escapees as being mentally "very sick men."

Boise Sees Heat Record of 105 Degrees

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Hot and steady desert winds sent the temperature up to 105 degrees here Tuesday—a record for the year and the highest ever recorded this late in the summer.

The temperature was 21 degrees above normal. The Weather Bureau said no relief was in sight. Other sections of Idaho were all were predicted for southwestern Idaho Wednesday and Thursday, most as hot. It was 103 in Mountain Home, 100 in Gooding, 98 in Lewiston and Grangeville, 97 in winds from the desert of Nevada and southern Idaho.

Temperatures of 100 or higher Salmon and 95 in Burley.

The Weather Bureau said the heat came from a trough of warm air over the western states and

Foster Folks Given Time to Prepare Case

HILLSBORO (AP) — Mr. and Mrs. Charles Remington requested, and have been granted, more time to prepare their case in adoption proceedings for 9-month-old David Castiel, County Judge Harry M. Seabold reported Tuesday.

The case was to have been heard Wednesday.

The child, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Castiel, recently was placed in the custody of the Washington County Public Welfare Department and was placed by that agency in the Remington home.

The child's real parents signed the baby over to the Remingtons shortly after its birth. They have changed their minds and now want the child back.

Remington faces trial Sept. 12 on a charge of committing a riot for forcibly taking the child from the Castiel home at the time of the dispute.



Janet Leigh and Jack Webb in a dramatic moment in Warner Bros. film "Pete Kelly's Blues," now at the Elsinore Theater. The movie is in CinemaScope and color.

Former State Liquor Agent Faces Charge

EUGENE (AP) — Ellsworth Morten, 49, former agent for the Oregon Liquor Control Commission store at Florence, was arrested Tuesday on a complaint charging diversion of \$4,188 in public funds.

Dist. Atty. Eugene Venn filed the complaint in district court here and Morten was arrested later by state police at Florence.

The liquor commission filed an oral complaint with him against Morten several weeks ago, Venn said, and an investigation followed. He said the commission terminated Morten's agency contract July 12th after an audit of his books for the three months previous.

Morten had operated the Florence agency store since 1949. He was reported to have been working recently at Newport as a truck driver.

Morten was arraigned late Tuesday before Judge Kenneth Poole. He waived preliminary hearing, was bound over to the grand jury and was freed on \$1,000 bail.

Chaplin Faced By \$516,167 Bill for Taxes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Charlie Chaplin, famous oldtime movie star who made a lot of money and got into considerable trouble in the United States, is now resisting a U. S. tax bill of \$516,167.

The Internal Revenue Service says he owes that much in taxes and interest on his 1953 income. It contends he was a resident alien in this country for three months of 1953 and a nonresident alien doing business here for the rest of the year.

But Chaplin, now 66 and living in Switzerland, says that while in Europe in 1952 he decided never to return to America.

The claim and Chaplin's response were disclosed Tuesday in records of the U. S. Tax Court.

At the time Chaplin left the country in September 1952 he had a permit to return but after his departure the Justice Department announced that his return would be barred pending an inquiry.

The Revenue Service has a rule that when an alien leaves with a permit to come back, he is considered a resident until the permit expires or until he takes some action to terminate it.

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Farm Yields Bodies of 5 Persons Shot to Death

MELVILLE, SASK. (AP) — The bodies of five persons who had been shot to death were found Tuesday on a farm at Fenwood, 22 miles west of this eastern Saskatchewan town, Royal Canadian Mounted Police reported.

The victims were identified, as Mrs. Harry Pellock, 70, a widow; Mr. and Mrs. Mike Pellock, and their two children, Diana, 8, and a year-old baby.

Police said the bodies of the two women were found buried in a pile of potatoes and covered with weeds, earth and sacks.

The man's body was found in the farm kitchen and those of the two children in the bedroom.

Police said a .22 calibre rifle was believed used in the multiple slayings.

The bodies were found at the Pellock farm which was owned by Mrs. Pellock Sr., a widow. Her son Mike, 34, and his wife, Angela, 21, and their two children lived with her.

Lake Monster 'Viewed' by 24 Persons

KELOWNA, B. C. (AP) — More than two dozen persons said Monday they got a close view — from less than 30 feet — of the fabled monster Ogopogo in Okanagan Lake.

The witnesses included 10 visitors and the staff of a tea room situated on the shore of the lake. They said the monster surfaced less than 30 feet from the shore and remained there several minutes.

"He had three coils and at times we could see right through them," declared Mrs. Dave Millings, wife of the tea room proprietor.

"He had a snout and his head was oval shape. The humps were a green silvery color."

Other eye witnesses reported Ogopogo later flattened out in the water and moved along the shore where several more persons saw him. He then submerged and swam to the middle of the lake, leaving a wake.

Some of the awed residents suggested the monster might be lying in wait for distance swimmer Bert Thomas, scheduled to make his third attempt to swim the lake.

Boat Upsets; Friends Fear Man Drowned

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho (AP) — A Spokane man apparently drowned Tuesday evening when a boat, carrying a party of six including four children, capsized on the upper end of Twin Lakes, 22 miles northwest of here.

Missing and presumed dead was Melvin J. Conrad.

Conrad's wife, his daughter, Carol, 15, son, Monte, 12, and Sharon Miller, 15, and Robert Lyle, 11, were all rescued, according to Deputy Sheriff John Bender.

The owner of the resort where the Conrad family and the two other children were staying said Mrs. Conrad told him she last saw her husband clinging to the overturned boat.

The boat, powered by an outboard motor, capsized about 50 feet from shore. Other lake residents were believed to have put out to rescue members of the party.

Man Agrees To Testify to Save His Dog

CHICAGO (AP) — To prevent his dog from being shot, a businessman has agreed to testify at involuntary bankruptcy proceedings.

Tommy Meder, 38, former president of the Wisconsin Packing Co., had been subpoenaed for bankruptcy proceedings brought by three creditors who claim the packing company owes them \$48,489.

But the U. S. marshal's office complained, Meder's big Doberman Pinscher dog charged Deputy Marshal Stanley Pringle each time he tried to enter the grounds of Meder's home to serve the subpoena.

Martin E. Ward, federal referee in bankruptcy, gave the marshal's office permission to shoot the dog.

Bert E. Simmers, attorney for the creditors, said Tuesday that when Meder learned of the court order he telephoned and agreed to testify voluntarily. Simmers said Meder will appear Sept. 13. The dog will not be shot.

Escaped Con Flags Deputy

RALEIGH, N. C. (AP) — No doubt Frank Snow will be more careful the next time he thumbs a ride.

Snow, a short-term prisoner, escaped from a Halifax County prison camp road gang. A short time later he flagged down a car. The motorist happened to be a deputy sheriff, who gave him a ride back to camp.

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