

Sun Powers Phone Line; 2 Ex-Salem Students Credited

Man harnessed the energy of the sun Tuesday to power a rural telephone line at Americus, Ga., the Associated Press reported. Two former Salem residents and Willamette University graduates were among three scientists credited with making the feat possible.

The AP said a solar battery developed at the Bell Telephone Laboratories supplied power for an eight-party country line. Farmers on the line reported it worked "real good."

Among the three credited with invention of the battery are the two former Salem residents, Daryl M. Chapin, 49, and Gerald L. Pearson, 50. The other is C. S. Fuller, 33. All three are in the employ of the Bell firm and now reside in New Jersey. Initial Experiment

The initial experiment in what may become a revolutionary development in communications and possibly in the power field was conducted jointly by the laboratories and the Southern Bell Telephone Co., according to AP.

Pearson and Fuller made the discovery which led to the battery's development in 1953. They were working on silicon power rectifiers for possible use in telephones when they noted that the materials in the rectifier were affected by changes in the amount of light in their workroom.

Chapin was working independently on a research project to develop new sources of low cost power. The work of the three was brought together eventually, the AP said.

Wen WU Degree Chapin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther J. Chapin of Mission Bottom near Salem, received his A.B. degree from Willamette in 1927 and an M.S. from University of Washington in 1929.

Son of Mrs. Sarah Hoffnell, Salem, Pearson earned an A.B. in 1926 at Willamette and an M.A. in 1929 at Stanford. Chapin became connected with the Bell Co. in 1930 and Pearson joined the firm's physical research department in 1929.

The solar battery, made up of 432 thin silicon cells, is housed in an aluminum casing about a yard square. The electrically linked cells, each about the size of a 25 cent piece, are cushioned in oil and covered by glass.

Specially prepared silicon made from common sand generates current from the sun's rays and the power is drained off into a storage battery.

The sky was overcast and a slight drizzle fell as the experiment started at 10 a.m. Technicians said the energy that trickled through the clouds supplied almost enough power for the line but an auxiliary storage battery was used at the start.

Panuco River Threatening TAMPIO, Mexico (U) — The flooded Panuco River rose another 20 inches overnight, leaving only 16 city blocks above water in the highest part of this oil port Tuesday.

But officials expressed optimism that the worst was over. The crest of the river, swept over its banks by the heavy rains of hurricane Janet and two previous tropical storms last month, passed Tampico late Tuesday without causing major damage.

More than 60,000 of Tampico's northern 110,000 population were driven from their homes to refuge centers and to other towns on higher ground. These refugees were augmented by thousands fleeing from the flooded surrounding coastal plain.

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Young Traffic Officer Sought

MADISON, Wis. (U) — Police were looking for a self-appointed traffic officer (age about 12) Tuesday. He apparently has a book of parking tickets.

John Arens reported he saw a boy put a parking ticket on his car. The ticket is a legitimate one, but the boy still has to learn how to make them out, police said.

Farm Product Exports Said On Upswing

WASHINGTON (U) — The Agriculture Department reported Tuesday that exports of farm products totaled about 250 million dollars in August, an increase of 30 per cent over August, 1954.

This brought foreign sales for the first two months of this fiscal year to about one-half billion dollars, or 25 per cent more than in the corresponding period last year.

August exports of grains, tobacco, vegetable oils and oil seeds were larger in August than in the corresponding month a year ago. But there was a big decline in cotton shipments.

The department said the increase could be attributed largely to government foreign sales programs which authorize acceptance of foreign currencies as payment.

In a monthly analysis of the export market situation, the department said increasing production abroad continues, however, to pose a "tough problem" for expanding sales.

"A few years ago other countries could not produce the food and fiber they needed and which U. S. farm production moved as foreign aid," the department said.

"But those conditions are long since gone. The United States today faces new realities."

Strange Sub Passes Test

AVALON, Santa Catalina Island, Calif. (U) — A 16-foot submarine, "Seahorse I," crossed the rough, 21-mile Catalina channel from the mainland to this island Tuesday in 6½ hours. The strange craft was submerged most of the time.

The 2,500 pound sub, powered by a 25 horsepower gasoline engine, carried two passengers in open cockpits. The passengers wore skin-diving masks and oxygen bottles on their backs. Three auxiliary vessels accompanied the craft.

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Eisenhower Rests, Signs Several Bills

(Story also on page one.)

DENVER (U) — President Eisenhower continued to make satisfactory progress toward recovery throughout the day Tuesday and signed half a dozen more official documents, the most since his heart attack.

One of the papers on which the chief executive put his name in a 10-minute business conference with his top assistant, Sherman Adams, released \$500,000 of disaster relief funds which the Agriculture Department will use for conservation measures in the hurricane-flooded damaged states of Connecticut, Massachusetts and North Carolina.

Three of the signatures were on commissions for federal positions and one was on a letter accepting the resignation of Jack K. McFall as ambassador to Finland.

Like the president himself, McFall has a heart condition and that was the reason for turning in his resignation. He is the first man who has been an ambassador to the little northern nation since the diplomatic post there was raised from the rank of a ministry.

John D. Hickerson, of Washington, D. C., was named to replace McFall as ambassador to Finland. Hickerson is a career diplomat, 57, who formerly was assistant secretary for international organization affairs and later assistant secretary for United Nations affairs.

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Death Claims J. T. Johnson

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Rivers Rise In Southwest; Floods Feared

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Swollen rivers, fed by heavy rains of the last three to four days, poised the threat of flood to parts of Texas and Oklahoma Tuesday night.

Flooding already was reported at Wichita Falls, Texas, and at near these cities in Oklahoma. — Oklahoma City, Watonga, Kingfisher, Hydro and Guthrie in Oklahoma the high water was receding where rains slackened and most major roads were open.

At Wichita Falls rescue workers worked through the night to evacuate people from their homes. Civil Defense Director Steven Marchand estimated 500 persons had already been moved to safety.

Marchand said that the flood on Holliday Creek, which overflowed its banks Tuesday, had reached its peak.

But on the Wichita River, which skirts the eastern edge of the city, a new crest was in the making upstream as the result of rains up to 9 inches. That crest had already isolated a number of communities and closed some roads.

The Wichita River was rising at the rate of an inch an hour at Wichita Falls and expected to crest at 2 to 2½ feet Wednesday. Tuesday night the river stage was 20.72 feet.

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