

SOUTH FORK AREA MAY BE CLOSED TO TRAVELERS EARLY

Unless rains reduce the fire hazard, the forest service will be forced to close the South Fork area in the McKenzie district above the east fork, about five miles from the McKenzie highway, before July 1, according to Supervisor P. A. Thompson of the Cascade National Forest.

The hazards are extremely serious in the upper South Fork country, due to the wind storm which devastated the timber in that region. Fire needles there are already browned, the great masses of logs, limbs and twigs are drying out, and a spark could start a serious conflagration there.

Memorial week-end visitors in the McKenzie country can travel as far as Walker creek, about eight miles from the McKenzie highway. "We had hoped to be able to keep the South Fork area open for some time yet in order to allow the public to enjoy the fishing and recreational advantages there," said Thompson. "However, conditions are growing so serious there that, unless there is a rain, it will be necessary to close before July 1."

"I was surprised to discover how terrific was the devastation in that district. There is a great, tangled pile of logs and debris covering a wide area, constituting a fire hazard that makes a forestry man tremble."

FASCISTS EXECUTE AMERICAN CITIZEN

ROME, May 29.—(AP)—Michele Schirru, naturalized citizen of the United States convicted of plotting to assassinate Premier Benito Mussolini, was executed at sunrise today.

The confessed anarchist, 32 years old, died before a firing squad at 4:47 a. m. He was convicted of the plot against Mussolini before the special tribunal for defense of the state yesterday and immediately was sentenced to die.

The execution of Schirru took place in the courtyard of the old "Bastione" fortress, in the vicinity of the Vatican. The firing squad was composed of 12 fascist militiamen.

Schirru, pale and walking between guards, moved to his position in the courtyard as the darkness turned slowly to light. A detachment of 100 militiamen formed a square about the executioners.

It is the custom in execution of military death sentences to shoot the condemned person in the back when the crime has been "infamous" character, such as in the case of spies and traitors plotting against the state, the royal family or the premier.

Reward Decision Expected June 8

LOS ANGELES, May 29.—(AP)—T. B. Gurdene and C. L. Liguallen, Portland, Ore., police officers, will probably not know until June 8 whether they are to receive the \$10,000 reward promised by the city of Los Angeles for the capture of William E. Hickman, a slayer of 12-year old Marian Parker.

Federal Judge William P. James late yesterday set June 8 as the date for the hearing of a motion by the city to set aside his judgment that the two officers be paid the reward.

Portland Printers On Shorter Shifts

PORTLAND, Ore., May 29.—(AP)—To enable the 40 or 50 unemployed newspaper printers in Portland to obtain part time work, the Multnomah Typographical Union, voted in a referendum of its entire membership, to adopt a five and one-half day week during June, July and August.

The present week is on a basis of six and one-half days and each printer will lay off one extra day each week.

Rest Room Permit Taken Out Friday

Work will be started at once on the new rest rooms at the Lane county fair grounds, a permit having been taken out at the office of R. W. Rundlett, city building inspector Friday, calling for the expenditure of \$1250. W. A. Blanton is the contractor.

The building will be fitted up for the convenience of the fair patrons and will be modern in every detail, according to the plans.

Robert Fischer to Be Typo Delegate

Robert M. Fischer, Jr., has been elected Eugene delegate to the international convention of the Typographical Union at Boston Sept. 14. It is the seventy-sixth annual convention.

Mr. Fischer has been delegate to four other international conventions of the union, at Colorado Springs, Indianapolis, Charleston and Seattle.

Willamette Park Presents Vagabonds

The management of Willamette park announced Friday that on Saturday and Sunday Johnny Robinson's Vagabonds will be featured at the ballroom, three miles south of Eugene. The Vagabonds have recently completed a long term engagement at the Olympic hotel in Seattle.

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BATTLES HAWK IN MID-AIR!



Dangling 20 stories in the air, Victor Nave, San Francisco window washer, barely escaped death when an enraged sparrow hawk attacked him. Nave brushed down a nest while at work and the mother hawk flew at him, lacerating his face and hands before he could kill it with his "aquegee" as he is demonstrating here.

Scientist Says Balloon Flight Was Successful

BERLIN, May 29.—(AP)—A dispatch to the Wolff agency from Ober Gurgl, Oetz valley, Tyrol, today said that in his first interview, Professor Auguste Piccard declared his trip into the stratosphere was completely successful, as a measurement had been obtained of the conductivity of gases generated by cosmic rays.

The measurement was possible, he said, only at the highest altitude, for the balloon rose very rapidly after its takeoff at Augsburg yesterday morning.

"In 25 minutes," he said, "we had reached an altitude of 9,315 miles, which indicated a much faster speed than we anticipated."

"During the first part of the ascent we were so occupied with the mechanical problem of handling the balloon that only at a height of 9,335 miles were we able to begin taking the principal measurements."

"The altitude of 9,336 miles was the highest we reached. We reached it at 7:45 a. m. We found the outside air pressure at that altitude to be 76 millimeters, about one-tenth normal atmospheric pressure."

While he was speaking Professor Piccard referred to a little notebook in which he had painstakingly recorded the data during the flight.

"They had been able to use, he said, only part of the instruments carried in the airtight aluminum gondola, but those used, he said, functioned splendidly. He expressed great satisfaction that the main experiments were successful."

While the world was wondering whether the balloon drifting through the skies was pilotless or not, Professor Piccard was too busy with his scientific calculations to lead the route the balloon was following. Here and there, he took the direction of the drift and estimated that the horizontal speed was averaging about 15 miles per second.

He showed the greatest interest in following the chart of the balloon's route as it was recorded by observers and in comparing this record with that he had made aloft.

It was impossible, he said, through the little aperture in the gondola to determine the balloon's position, but he noticed, he said, that the moon appeared much brighter than from the earth's surface. The Alpine scenery from above, he said, was "overwhelmingly grand."

Asked why he had not landed over upper Bavaria or in the river valley, Professor Piccard said that it was impossible to open the safety valve. "If it had not been for this," he said, "we would have come down at 11 a. m."

The signal lights fired from the Innsbruck airfield were not seen, he said. It was impossible to see the maphole in the aluminum gondola before 8:25 a. m., he said, because the pressure inside the gondola had to be brought into conformity with the outer atmosphere.

The temperature inside the aluminum ball sometimes rose as high as 100 degrees Fahrenheit, he said, while at the same time outside the temperature was as low as 67 to 70 below zero Fahrenheit.

"The fact we carried a double supply of oxygen saved our lives," he said. "On landing we found there was left only sufficient for one hour more."

"The landing was absolutely smooth. The gondola rose a couple of times but stopped quickly. We had 800 pounds of ballast left."

Descending from the glacier, he said, was the most difficult task of the whole adventure. It was only possible, he said, by the use of several of the ropes from the balloon.

INNSBRUCK, Austria, May 29.—(AP)—Information received here from Professor Auguste Piccard tonight said that he and his companion, Charles Kipfer, suffered greatly from thirst during their balloon flight into the stratosphere.

They were forced to scrape the frozen moisture from their breath off the walls of the aluminum cage, the report said, and to melt and drink it.

They had no difficulty in breathing, they were reported as saying, because of the perfect functioning of the oxygen apparatus.

and Mrs. J. H. Stoffel of Eugene and a senior at the University of Oregon where she is president of the active chapter of Gamma Alpha Chi and a member of Alpha Delta Phi sorority.

SALEM, Ore., May 29.—(AP)—No word was given out today by the state board of control regarding the resignation of Carl Abrams, secretary of the board and state purchasing agent.

Governor Meier and State Treasurer Holman refused to speak about the vacant post, while Secretary of State Hoss was vacationing on the coast.

It was expected that Abrams' position would be filled at the regular board meeting Monday. He and 17 employees in the purchasing department, resigned effective June 1. Their resignations were requested Wednesday by the board.

William Einsig, special investigator for Governor Meier, was mentioned most prominently for Abrams' post.

Einsig at present is investigating bids for butter wrappers and other supplies for state institutions. He just completed an investigation of the state school of the blind.

Johnny Robinson's Vagabonds, dance band organized by a University of Oregon student and made up of Oregon men, will play on the stage of the Fox McDonald theater Friday evening at 8:40 o'clock, after the first showing of "Fide Ranch," with Jack Oakie.

The band has recently completed a several months' engagement at the Olympic hotel in Seattle. A snappy program has been drawn for the theater performance.

Miss Josephine Stoffel of Eugene, won the first prize of \$15 in a national advertising contest conducted by Gamma Alpha Chi, women's national honorary advertising fraternity.

Miss Stoffel is the daughter of Mr.

HEARING REFUSED BY ALLEGED PAIR OF BUNCO ARTISTS

John Mathes and Jack Lindstrom, alleged swindlers de luxe, refused a hearing when taken before Justice Dan Johnston Friday afternoon and through their attorney, Clyde Johnston, asked for a postponement until Monday. The request was granted.

Charges of attempted larceny of \$1950, belonging to A. V. Carlson, Central Point farmer, have been filed by the district attorney against the pair. They are accused of having induced Carlson to bring the money here in a stock market bunco scheme.

Sheriff's officers Friday located a second car, said to have been used by Mathes, Lindstrom, and a third man during "the alleged operations in Eugene. The car bore a California license plate and is being checked through Sacramento. Another car was taken when the pair was arrested.

Three other alleged victims of swindle games have been shown Mathes and Lindstrom by sheriff's officers in an effort to identify the men with others schemed. The men were here from Medford for that purpose.

Deputy Sheriff Lee Bown declined to state whether the identification had been made.

Mathes and Lindstrom are being held in the county jail pending further action in their case.

EDUCATION BOARD STORY

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nating even the appearance of student recruiting by the committee."

At the time of adjournment, it was understood that the board had agreed on virtually all matters having to do with allocation of functions and various other matters, and the intervening time would be spent in drawing up formal resolutions for publication on June 6.

The meeting June 6 will be on the day after the expiration of the period for filing petitions calling for a referendum on the \$681,000 remaining in the higher education appropriation. It is understood that the reason for waiting until that date is that certain petitions will depend on whether the petitions are filed. The board already has plans for saving some \$600,000 or \$700,000, regardless of what comes out of the referendum. It is expected it will move to save around \$1,200,000.

Oakridge Woman's Club Has Meeting

OAKRIDGE, May 29.—(Special).—The Oakridge Woman's club met at the home of Mrs. Frank Singletary Wednesday afternoon for a business meeting. Luncheon was served at one o'clock. The table held a centerpiece of roses and pink candles and favors marked each place. Following luncheon a business meeting was held. Roll call was answered with current events.

A paper on "European and American Earthquakes" was given by Mrs. Roy Putnam and an article on "Good Taste in the Home" was read by Mrs. Charles Croner. At the next meeting each past president of the club will give a brief summary of the club's work during their tenure of office and the ideal of the year's work.

On June 17 the club will give a picnic and each member will bring a guest. Guests for Wednesday's meeting were: Mrs. Caroline Strong and Mrs. J. C. Wright. Members present were: Miss Jane Strong, Mrs. Roy Putnam, Mrs. Charles Croner, Mrs. E. E. Smith and Mrs. Singletary. The next meeting will be next Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Croner.

Miss Ruth Lyman Honored at Shower

THURSTON, May 29.—(Special).—A pre-bridal shower was given Wednesday evening at Thurston at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Palmer in honor of Miss Ruth Lyman, a bride of the early part of June. Many lovely bouquets were used for decorations and one special one was brought by Mrs. Needham which consisted of beautiful large pink roses. Refreshments of cake and ice cream were served after the shower of miscellaneous gifts. Many lovely and useful presents were received by the bride-elect. Several of the guests who were invited were not able to be present.

Among those present were Mrs. Ray Baugh, Miss Ella Baugh, Mrs. J. B. Endicott, Mrs. John Edmiston, Mrs. Percy Price, Mrs. John Price, Mrs. Arch Slough, Miss Palmer, Mrs. Needham, Hazel Edmiston, Mrs. Hubert Gray, Miss Veda Gray, Miss Maude Russell, Mrs. Fred Russell, Mrs. Lawrence Gossler and daughter, Mrs. John Travis and daughter, Edna June, Mrs. Ira Gray, Mrs. William Jensen and daughter Betty, the hostess, Mrs. Palmer.

Florence to Have Memorial Program

FLORENCE, May 29.—(Special).—Decorations day Saturday will be observed here with a fitting program, which has been prepared by the American Legion, Post No. 59. The exercises will take place at about 11 o'clock in the morning at the Masonic cemetery. Preceding the exercises there is to be a parade from the downtown section, which will leave at 10.

The address of the morning is to be given by the Rev. F. H. Neff, who for ten years was pastor of the Evangelical church here but for the last two at Taft, Tillamook county. The program for the occasion as announced by B. A. Murray, chairman of the committee, is as follows: "Star Spangled Banner" with patriotic invocation; Rev. Carl Wackerbarth; song; address, Rev. F. H. Neff; decoration of graves, flower raising, rifle salute, firing squad, taps.

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SWIMMER!



F. A. McDonald, noted swimming instructor, recently from Honolulu, who will give swimming lessons and exhibitions at the Anchorage this summer. He opens Saturday, May 30.

RATE REDUCTIONS ORDERED IN BEND

SALEM, May 29.—(AP)—A 10 per cent reduction in the rates of the Pacific Power and Light company, resulting in an estimated saving during 1931 of \$105,000 to rate payers, was ordered today by Charles M. Thomas, public utilities commissioner.

Details of this amalgamation, which would unite the Clearwater Timber company, Lewiston, Idaho, the Idaho, Edward Rutledge Timber Co., Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and the Potlatch Lumber company, at Potlatch and Elk River, Idaho, were reported to have been worked out this week.

The holdings of the three companies, estimated to be large enough to keep the mills running at least 25 years, comprise billions of feet of standing timber in the heart of the Clearwater white pine belt in northern Idaho.

Officials of the companies involved could not be reached for statements, it was said.

Creswell Men Not Guilty Is Verdict

C. Swanson and Harry Parks were acquitted of charges of disorderliness on a public highway when tried Friday morning before a jury in Justice Dan Johnston's court.

The pair were accused of attacking Deputy Sheriff John Carlie and molesting a state prohibition officer when the officers sought to make an arrest near a dance hall in Creswell several weeks ago.

Theadeaus Sentence Is Set For Monday

Ted Theadeaus, charged with possession and transportation of liquor, has pleaded guilty in circuit court and the court Friday continued the case until Monday for sentence.

Theadeaus appealed from a con-

MERGERS TO PUT LUMBER CONCERNS IN CLOSE CONTROL

SEATTLE, May 29.—(AP)—Closer control and management of one group of holdings of the Weyerhaeuser Timber company, lumber "kings" of the Pacific northwest, was completed today and another major merger was reported to be under way.

In two deals, one uniting the concerns of Pacific county holdings in western Washington, and the other a \$10,000,000 amalgamation said by the Spokesman-Review, Spokane, to be planned in Idaho, changes in the operation of certain of the company's far-flung lumber holdings were indicated.

The western Washington merger, an estimated \$1,000,000 transaction, united the company's timber holdings tributary to Willapa harbor with the holdings of the Raymond Lumber company. The merger was ratified yesterday by stockholders at the annual meeting in Tacoma.

In Idaho, the Spokesman-Review said three sawmill properties with a plant valuation of \$10,000,000 are to be merged into one company, the Potlatch Forest Products, Inc.

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Deerhorn School Closes Wednesday

DEERHORN, May 29.—(Special).—Deerhorn school closed Wednesday with an interesting day. Sports were enjoyed by the kiddies until tea for the basket dinner at noon down by the new bridge by Emmerick's.

After dinner the parents and children with the teachers went to see the ball game between the married men and boys of Waterville high school and also between the married women and girls. The Deerhorn board members treated all to ice cream.

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STANDBY PLANT IS BEING STEAMED UP

The city's new standby steam electric plant was steamed up several days this week and it has been operating smoothly, according to C. A. McClain, superintendent of the city's utilities.

The plant is run but a short time each day and is being operated to dry out the insulation on the transformers, a process that is always run through before starting a new plant. Superintendent McClain expressed satisfaction with the way the plant is operating and predicted that it would be running to its full capacity in a short time.

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