

American Fliers Nearing Fairbanks

30 Men Fight Smith River Forest Blaze

Humidity Causes Flames To Jump Fire Tuesday Night

Three hundred more firefighters were being rushed in to the Smith River area Wednesday as a week-old blaze continued to burn into new stands of timber.

Leaping into tinder-like cedar on the south edge of the inferno, flames spread fast Tuesday night and Wednesday morning, enlarging the burn from 100 acres to an estimated 700 acres Wednesday, it was reported by O. S. Heide, dispatcher at Western Lane fire patrol office in Veneta.

Humidity Low

Lower humidity, Mr. Heide said, was probably in a large part responsible for the extensive spread of the blaze. The burn spread in all directions, it was noted, but nowhere so dangerously as in the south, where it edged the trail into stands of the trees.

Part of the 300 men being sent to the fire front will be replaced by L. Burl Smith, district chief of the Western Lane Fire Protection association, reported yesterday noon just before take-off from the Eugene airport for a supply plane bound for Smith River.

Two aviators are now in service bringing food and supplies to the weary fighters, Mr. Smith said Tuesday. A new set of planes was being brought in Wednesday to carry supplies into the fire front by land. Total number of horses in use will then be about 25, Dispatcher Heide said.

Reports from Veneta on Tuesday predicted the fire would be under control by Tuesday night and that some of the men would be withdrawn from the field. Indications Wednesday were that the roll of active fighters would be increased by 500 men of the 300 on their way to the front.

530 on Lines

Including thirty men now on way out, a total of 580 firefighters will be in the area, 280 on the firelines Tuesday, L. E. Garwood, Siuslaw forest ranger, said his office was spreading as much as possible containing the flames but is not being and will not be actively engaged unless the fire crosses the Siuslaw boundary. Tuesday's and Wednesday's reports gave the closest point of the fire to the Siuslaw boundary as approximately one mile.

Accurate estimates of the fire's spread were to be made later Wednesday after aviators have had a chance to survey the territory from the air. Estimates of the ground are very often wrong, it was said.

Veteran Engineer Makes Last Run as Cascade Chief

PORTLAND, July 13.—(AP)—The Cascade Limited, premier of the Southern Pacific's fastest fleet, rolled into the station today with John L. Dyer, 58, at the throttle for the last time.

The veteran of 58 years of railroad retirement with today's "Tomorrow" he is 70 years old. He began work for the Southern Pacific when he was 12 and for 47 years he has been an engineer. He retires with the 1st seniority rank.

"I'm just going to water the trees and cut the lawn," said Dyer when asked how he would celebrate his retirement.

I'll Tell One

By BOB BURNS

Don't believe that authors and editors are any more temperamental than anybody else. I believe that perfectly natural for anybody to be sensitive about something they create themselves.

was talking to a sales manager from out here the other day he said, "I don't mind my newspaper chews gum, powder, painting or loafing, but it gets me when she yawns while I'm dictating one of my copy letters."

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A MOTION picture sound recorder and a makeup artist were failed in Los Angeles on charges of forging the name of Louis B. Mayer, head of M. G. M. studio, to a series of notes for \$50,000. Authorities said that George Donald Smart, left, confessed, at the same time absolving Layne Britten, center, who was also held. John Klein, deputy district attorney is at right.

Educators Conclude Curriculum Survey

The public school curriculum in Oregon, and elsewhere as well, can be improved by carefully choosing the best of new ideas and adapting them to the individual schools, by improving methods of teaching oral expression, improving reading technique, adopting a corrective health education program that would include health examinations, and by offering pupils work relating more closely to life experiences, it was declared here today by a corps of experts at the final meeting of the state conference on curriculum, held for the past three days under the auspices of the University of Oregon summer session.

"The classroom should no longer be regarded as a place for recitation, but as a laboratory of life," it was declared by C. C. Trillingham, of the Los Angeles public schools. "The single textbook is fast giving way to a program that not only involves several texts, but newspapers, motion pictures and other factors."

Memorization is being replaced by problem solving, and evaluation of pupils' work is now based on attitudes and appreciations, he pointed out.

Improvement Stressed

Improvement of teachers in service, under a program or development stimulated by leadership, is regarded as one of the most important factors in education, it was stated by Dr. F. G. Macomber, professor of education at the university. "The teachers, as well as pupils, must learn by experiencing and making these experiences of value," he said.

The value of the "core curriculum" was stressed.

Wheeler Completes Round-Trip Voyage Up Columbia River

PORTLAND, July 13.—(AP)—The Charles L. Wheeler, Jr., first vessel of its size ever to penetrate the 90 miles of the Columbia river between Vancouver, Wash., and The Dalles, 200 miles from the sea, ended its epochal voyage when it docked at Vancouver at 7 p. m. yesterday.

The 300-foot boat, negotiating dangerous rapids handily, made fast time on the downstream trip. The Wheeler twice passed through the Bonneville dam seals, highest single lift in the world, and unloaded a cargo at The Dalles' new docks. She returned in ballast.

Breno Pleads Guilty To Check Forgery

Frank Breno entered a plea of guilty to charges of forging a check in the circuit court Wednesday morning, and will be sentenced at the session of the court Thursday at 9:30 a. m.

Breno was arrested last Friday when he attempted to cash a check for \$25 drawn on John Larkin, Catholic priest of Portland. He first took the check to Father Francis P. Leipzig of St. Mary's Catholic church, who sent him to the United States National bank. Father Leipzig then communicated with Father Larkin, and found that the check was spurious. The youth was arrested by police officers as he attempted to cash the check.

Thomas Leads In Oklahoma Primary Vote

OKLAHOMA CITY, July 13.—(AP)—Senator Elmer Thomas, who made the most of the pre-election compliments from President Roosevelt, clinched the Democratic nomination for a third term today over two opponents in the Oklahoma primary election.

Late returns in the Democratic contest for the gubernatorial nomination showed W. H. "Alfalfa Bill" Murray, one of the state's elder statesmen, bowing to Leon C. Phillips of Okemah, pledged to cooperate with the new deal administration.

Unofficial returns from 2789 of the 3,522 precincts in Oklahoma gave Thomas 182,734 votes in the senate race; Representative Gomer Smith, former national vice-president of the Townsend movement organization 152,334; and E. W. Marland, new deal governor 84,991.

New Minister Chosen For Grace Lutheran

Rev. William B. Maier, pastor of the Grace Lutheran church of Pocatello, Idaho, has accepted the invitation to become pastor of the local Grace Lutheran church, according to word received Thursday by Rev. Martin P. Simon.

Rev. Mr. Maier will conduct his first services in Eugene on September 4. Although Rev. Mr. Simon's term expired June 30, he will continue to hold services during the summer as vacancy pastor. Rev. Mr. Maier studied at Concordia college in Portland, Concordia college in Oakland, Cal., and Concordia seminary in St. Louis. He has been in Pocatello since 1929. He was born and lived as a child in Albany, where his parents still live.

Supreme Court To Hear McCarthy's Appeal

SALEM, July 13.—(AP)—The supreme court will hear the appeal next fall of Leroy Hershel McCarthy, who was sentenced to die in the state's lethal gas chamber for the murder of Floyd Fuelle, Portland service station attendant.

McCarthy was to have been executed last January 7, but the supreme court appeal automatically set aside the date.

McCarthy's attorneys filed their briefs today, asking the supreme court to order a new trial on grounds that the state did not prove first degree murder was committed. McCarthy was convicted of killing Fuelle during a hold-up.

Mott Postpones Eugene Address

James W. Mott, Oregon representative in congress, will not be in Eugene July 15 to address the Eugene chamber of commerce, but will arrive here at a later date, he informed the chamber in a letter from Washington, Wednesday. Sen. Charles I. McNary, who was also asked to be here, reported his time well tied up for the next month with official business.

Mattson Case Developments In "Blow Up"

"Confessed Kidnap" Proves To Be Escaped Mental Patient

SPOKANE, Wash., July 13.—(AP)—Dr. M. W. Conway, superintendent of the Eastern Washington hospital for mental cases, said today that Frank Olson, confessed kidnapper of 10-year-old Charles Mattson, was an inmate of the hospital when the kidnapping occurred, Dec. 27, 1936, and had been since 1925.

"Olson's real name is Lester Mead," Dr. Conway said. "I talked to bureau of investigation men in Tacoma this morning and there is no doubt as to the identity."

"Mead ran away from the hospital vegetable farm last week. He is entirely harmless, but is given to fantastic theories that he is a big-time criminal."

"He escaped in March, 1937, and from Marshall, reported to the Spokane county sheriff he had just wrecked an overland passenger train."

NOT MAN WANTED

TACOMA, July 13.—(AP)—Chief William Cole of the Washington state patrol announced today he was convinced a man with various aliases who yesterday confessed the Mattson kidnapping was a "mental case and had no part in the crime."

Cole said the man, who said his name was Clarence White, Clarence Thorp, Clarence Mead and Frank Olson would not be charged with the kidnapping and slaying of 10-year-old Charles Mattson but probably would be subjected to a sanity hearing and possibly confined in a state institution.

Cole reached this decision, he said, after four days of almost continuous questioning during which the man had changed his confession of the crime a dozen times and had involved several persons who were later found to have alibis covering the period of the kidnapping in 1936-37.

G-Men Not Interested

Cole said federal bureau of investigation agents had taken part in the questioning of the prisoner but expressed no further interest in the man.

Olson was brought from the hotel room, where he had been held here for 48 hours, early today to allow newspapermen to make photographs. He later was returned to the room to be kept in custody, Cole said.

Ship Bodies Of Crash Victims To California

COTTAGE GROVE, July 13.—(Special)—The bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Noble J. Pickle, who met death in an auto accident south of Cottage Grove Monday, are being shipped to Bakersfield, Calif., where they resided. Mrs. Catherine Lucy, mother of Mrs. Pickle, came from Goldendale, Wash., Monday night and is in charge of the family. The two children, both recovering and sustained injuries, are recovering and will return to Bakersfield. Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Johnson and small child, who were in the other car, are continuing their journey north. The accident occurred when Mrs. Pickle attempted to pass the Johnson car.

No inquest is to be held, according to announcement of Coroner Poole of Eugene.

"Bomby" Weather Brings Food To Smith River Firefighters

By DARREL ELLIS

Weather conditions in the Smith River area, where 280 men are warring of their week-long battle with a 700-acre forest fire, are a bit "bomby," as described by L. Burl Smith, district warden of the Western Lane Fire Protection association. Almost two tons of food and other supplies are the "bombs."

Due to roughness of the terrain and inaccessibility of the Smith River firefighters' camp, planes have been chartered to fly in the supplies. Two ships are now in service "bombing" the camp with everything in the way of day-to-day needs, it was said.

J. Cal Schlador, member of the CCC overhead service connected with the Triangle Lake CCC



THE scene at the LeBourget airdrome, Paris, France, on July 11, as Howard Hughes, millionaire oil man and speed flier, alighted from his great Lockheed plane, the "New York World's Fair 1938," after he and his daring crew of four had flown non-stop from the Floyd Bennett Field, New York City, in 16 hours, 35 minutes, less than half the time taken by Col. Charles A. Lindbergh on his historic flight 11 years ago. A great crowd of admiring Frenchmen wait on the field to welcome Hughes and his crew. Stopping only long enough for a short rest and repairs to the plane, Hughes hopped off for Moscow on his speed dash around the world. This picture was rushed to London from Paris and radioed from there to New York. (NEA Service Radiophoto).

Hoover in City Wednesday; Quiet on Political Situation

Hulegaard to Seek Treasurer's Post

Petitions were taken out at the city recorder's office Wednesday seeking to place the name of A. E. (Bert) Hulegaard on the ballot for the office of city treasurer. Fred Wentworth now holds the office. It is believed Mr. Wentworth will seek re-election. At present he is on a vacation and could not be reached for a statement, Wednesday.

Mr. Hulegaard has been in the office of the sheriff for nine and one-half years, his work being specifically in the civil and legal department of the office. He has served under both Sheriffs Harry Bown and C. A. Swarts. Mr. Hulegaard has made his home in Eugene nearly 26 years and was selling with oil companies in this section for some 12 years before taking his present work. For many years he has been active in the local post of the American Legion. His home is at 1078 Fifth avenue west.

Route F, Route 4 Display Entries In "Battle Of Insects"

The perennial "biggest and best" contest between Route F and the world at large developed into a battle of insects Wednesday as two gargantuan winged creatures were brought into the Register-Guard office from opposite angles.

In the bottle labeled "Dangerous Route F mosquito. Do not tease or attempt to feed from the hand," came a mosquito, or related insect, measuring almost three inches across and more than an inch from body tip to tip. The bearer identified himself only as a Route F resident.

From Florence Knight, route 4, box 243-A, shortly after, came another bottle in which was incarcerated a bee, or related insect, having grotesque feather-like antennae on the forepart of his head. The bee is almost an inch long. Which of the two insects is more of an oddity remains for some interested entomologist to judge.

Brick, Tile Factory Burns; Loss \$350,000

WILLAMINA, July 13.—(AP)—The Willamina Clay Products company's brick and tile plant was destroyed by fire which started in a kiln last night. Fire fighting equipment was sent from Sheridan, nine miles away, but found an inadequate water supply. Replacement value of the plant was estimated at \$350,000.

Local Labor, Supplies To Be Used On P. O.

Word received here Wednesday assured John Durr, chamber of commerce secretary, that "local labor and supply dealers will be used as far as practical" in construction of the new post office building on north Willamette.

Albany College Move Ratified By Synod

Removal of Albany college from Albany to Portland was ratified here today without objection by the Presbyterian Synod of Oregon, meeting here for its 48th annual session. The synod voted approval of a previous action of the board of trustees of the institution.

All of the work formerly given at Albany, as well as work started and continued in Portland, will be concentrated in one institution, it was stated.

The synod named two new trustees for the college, Dr. J. Hudson Ballard and Hopkin Jenkins, both of Portland. Terms of other trustees were continued.

Resolutions of Praise

A resolution of appreciation and praise for the work done by Dr. Thomas W. Bibb, who is retiring after 10 years as president of Albany college, was passed by the synod.

The four Presbyteries of Oregon—Portland, Willamette, Eastern Oregon and Southwestern Oregon—are holding up well in finances and in membership, the treasurer, Rev. W. B. Mahon, showed. The synod has 131 churches, 164 ministers, 20,400 members, 18,000 in Sunday schools, and had an income last year of \$248,500, and an additional income of \$37,000 for benevolences. Church property in the state is valued at \$3,111,000.

Christian work in the university and state college progressed during the past year, under the direction of the Westminster organizations. Approximately 500 students at the university and 600 at the state college have indicated Presbyterian preferences, and about 350 on each campus make use of the Westminster houses.

Howard Speaker

The importance of the church, and of a continuing program of community betterment work, was stressed by Charles G. Howard, SEE ALBANY MOVE STORY PAGE 2

Tornado Plays Havoc With Freight Train

MATTOON, Ill., July 13.—(AP)—A tornado wind played with a 37 car Illinois Central freight train last night as though it were a toy. It lifted two sections of the train from the rails and left the others untouched. Ten cars in the middle of the train were lifted out of their couplings and hurled along the right of way. The tender and the car immediately behind were left upright beside the rails. The train crew was uninjured.

Callison Forfeits \$100 Bail Wednesday

REDWOOD CITY, Calif., July 13.—(AP)—Prince G. Callison, former University of Oregon football coach, will forfeit his \$100 bail, posted on a charge of driving while intoxicated, his attorney, Edmund Scott, said yesterday.

Justice of the Peace Edward McAuliffe agreed to the forfeiture. The case was scheduled for trial today, but Callison is in the east.

One Car Recovered; One Car Missing

City police Wednesday expressed belief that the thief or thieves who stole a car belonging to W. A. Kernutt, Howard Lane, route 1, and abandoned it Tuesday in Junction City, are responsible for a second theft in that city. At the same time Kernutt's car was recovered, Hal Miller, a California resident, reported his car, a 1938 Chevrolet two-door sedan, missing. Police are of the opinion a swap was made.

MEDFORD HOT

MEDFORD, July 13.—(AP)—The mercury went to 99 degrees here yesterday, the same high temperature as recorded on June 4 this year.

Hughes Plane Far Ahead of Post's Time

SEATTLE, July 13.—(AP)—The coast guard reported here this afternoon the Howard Hughes' plane communicated with the Coast Guard Cutter Northland at noon (PST) and gave its position as approximately 200 miles west of Point Hope, Alaska, dead on the "Great Circle" route from Yakutsk to Fairbanks, Alaska.

NEW YORK, July 13.—(AP)—Howard Hughes reported to his flight headquarters at 2:35 p. m., eastern standard time, today, that his plane was 903 miles from Fairbanks, Alaska.

Albert I. Lodwick, Hughes' representative here, said the location given indicated the Hughes' ship would reach Fairbanks at approximately 7 p. m., EST.

Hughes started from Fairbanks, 2,456 miles away, from Yakutsk, Siberia, at 7:01 a. m., EST.

One position report came from the plane an hour and 21 minutes after the takeoff. No other positions were given to the New York headquarters until the 2:35 p. m. message, relayed here by the army radio station at Seattle.

LESS THAN 4 DAYS

NEW YORK, July 13.—(AP)—Experts at Howard Hughes' flight headquarters estimated today that the "round-the-world fliers" would reach Fairbanks, Alaska, at 7 p. m., eastern standard time, and would be ready to take off again for New York at 9 p. m.

If Hughes and his men are able to maintain such a schedule, they will return to their starting place about noon tomorrow, less than four days since they started eastward across the Atlantic.

YAKUTSK, Siberia, July 13.—(AP)—Howard Hughes took off for Fairbanks, Alaska, at 9:01 p. m. tonight (7:01 a. m., EST.) on the fifth leg of his attempt to set a new record for round the world flight.

The American airman and his four companions had remained at Yakutsk only two hours 53 minutes after completing their 2,177-mile hop from Omsk, western Siberia.

Hughes planned to make Yakutsk his last stop in Soviet Russian territory. He plotted a course of 2,456 miles to Fairbanks, across the northeastern tip of Siberia and the Bering sea.

Leaving Yakutsk just 60 hours 41 minutes after their takeoff from New York and with two-thirds of the flight completed, Hughes and his companions were far ahead of the time of the late Wiley B. Post, who girdled the globe alone in seven days 18 hours, 49 minutes in 1931.

Huge Linen Plant Destroyed By Fire

VANCOUVER, Wash., July 13.—(AP)—Fire destroyed the flax warehouse and plant of the Pacific Coast Linen corporation yesterday and threatened other buildings in Vancouver's heavily industrialized district before firemen, aided by equipment from Portland, brought it under control. Loss was estimated at \$200,000.

Weather News

Wednesday was expected to be a season's record-breaker for high temperature, the day's minimum being 53 for the start. The maximum Tuesday climbed to 89, but Wednesday was expected to be several degrees warmer. The forecast follows:

OREGON: Fair tonight and Thursday. Gentle northwest wind off the coast, slightly warmer in the northeast portion tonight.

LOCAL STATISTICS: Minimum temperature Wednesday, 55 degrees; maximum temperature Tuesday, 89 degrees; stage of Willamette river in Eugene at 7 a. m. Wednesday, -2.4 feet; wind, north.

Siuslaw Tides

Thursday
High 12:58 a. m. 2:11 p. m.
Low 7:51 a. m. 7:56 p. m.
Friday
High 1:33 a. m. 2:44 p. m.
Low 8:23 a. m. 8:35 p. m.
Saturday
High 2:13 a. m. 3:17 p. m.
Low 9:02 a. m. 9:16 p. m.