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PORTLAND—(P)—An 18-year-old youth was pulled up the slope of Mount Tabor on a stretcher after he collapsed on the wooded hill.

The youth, Harold Winsburg, was taken to emergency hospital. Police said, he, another youth, and a woman had been drinking. When he was unable to climb the hill, city firemen put him on a stretcher and hauled it with ropes up to the roadway.

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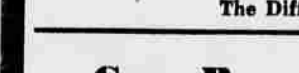
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National Guard Armory Funds Set By State

SALEM—(U.P.)—The Oregon Board of Control is clearing the way for construction of new National Guard armories in eight cities throughout the state.

The three-man board, headed by Gov. Douglas McKay, said the largest expenditure by the state for armory facilities would be \$21,000 for Bend. Each of the cities has a National Guard unit.

Contributions from the state will be about \$2100 for La Grande, \$4275 for Oregon City, \$3812 for Lebanon, \$1204 for Ontario, \$1270 for Corvallis, and \$14,165 for Grants Pass. Tri-City, near Roseburg, also was listed as an armory site.

The board has agreed to check the appraisals as submitted by the State Military Department.

The National Guard facilities will be built in conjunction with federal motor vehicle storage buildings, and guardsmen may use the federal part of the annex for drilling in some cases. The National Guard annexes would include class room, recreational and arsenal space.

French President Ill With Fever

PARIS—(U.P.)—President Vincent Auriol of France is ill with a slight fever at Pyla on the southwestern Atlantic coast where he is vacationing.

A spokesman said Auriol, 65, would attend a ceremony commemorating the liberation of Paris five years ago.

Unseen Armies of Hoboes Again 'Ride the Rods'

SALEM, Ore.—(U.P.)—Unseen armies of 50 to 100 men a day are again riding freight trains between every major Oregon and West Coast city looking for jobs.

The army of homeless unemployed includes women, sometimes children—whole families—who nestle into the hay of cattle cars as they follow the harvest from Sacramento to Medford, Salem, Portland, The Dalles, Yakima, and back again.

"There's just as many going one way as the other," three informants told the press, explaining post-war "Grapes of Wrath" conditions on the West Coast.

For the price of hotcakes and coffee, they gave a non-landowner point of view of the life of "fruit tramps," as they pointedly described themselves.

One, who called himself Herschiel, said he used to work as a reporter on the New York Herald-Tribune—"but liked being on the bum better." Another called himself Hank, and the other asked that he remain nameless; "The cops, you know."

Nameless said, "The truth is, a lot of us don't want to work steady. We carry chuck sacks (grocery bags), and work long enough to get the chuck sacks full. Then we move on."

"There was a hundred of us spilled out of two gondolas at Wishram on the way to The Dalles the other day. There were that many coming from there." Nameless continued.

Herschiel pointed out that there "are a few tough yardbolls on the coast," but "not as tough as before the war."

Herschiel didn't like some of the jails he stayed in when he got caught. He described the Yakima jail as the "worst emporium" on the coast, "except for Salem." He said, "The Salem jail is unsanitary. Is this the capital of Oregon, or isn't it?"

Hank supplied, "Sometimes we take the bus. Only coming up from tomatoes in Sacramento, a terrible thing happened. We were under a bridge arguing whether to take a bus. Along comes another fruit tramp. He has a gun. He got \$20 from us."

"One chuck-sacker robbing another, that's the worst that's ever happened to me," he said.

"Things like that don't usually happen," Herschiel clarified, and Nameless said, "Some of the best guys I ever met are on the road now. They don't even cuss anymore."

As they finished eating they said that farm pay is much better than it used to be; and Herschiel said he made enough to take plenty of time off for reading.

Coast Guard Hunts Hit-Run Vessel

SEATTLE—(U.P.)—Coast Guard and Naval authorities Wednesday were searching for the "hit and run" vessel which damaged a 25-foot cabin cruiser injuring two of its occupants.

The cruiser, the Hell Dee, was regarded as a total loss by its owner, Dave McDougall. He and L. W. McClellan were knocked out of their bunks by the force of the collision which sheared off part of the cabin in which they were sleeping.

Mrs. McDougall said that the unidentified craft, running without lights near Possession Point in Puget Sound, rammed the Hell Dee twice and then disappeared in the dark early Sunday.

The McDougall party had to bail steadily in order to reach the nearest beach, 300 feet away.

Lee Explains Incident With John Maragon

MARCH AIR BASE, Cal.—(U.P.)—Col. William L. Lee, new commanding officer of this base, said he was reduced in rank and sent home from Italy shortly after he had an altercation with John Maragon, prominent figure in the five per center inquiry in Washington.

The colonel said he had an argument in Rome in February, 1946, and that he pushed Maragon in the face. Lee said he didn't know who the man was at the time but later learned it was Maragon and that he was a special presidential representative to observe the Greek elections.

At that time Lee was a brigadier general and headed the 15th Air Force in Italy. Shortly afterward he was reduced to colonel and sent home.

"I wasn't sure I was reduced because of this incident," said Lee in an interview. "It happened about that time. It could have been coincidental. A number of general officers were being reduced about this time because the war was over."

Col. Lee said the incident with Maragon occurred in front of the Hassler hotel.

"This individual was standing near me," said Lee. "It was dark. I said to him 'What are you doing here?' I thought it was one of those noisy Italians. He said: 'I guess a man can walk around where he wants and when he wants.' I said: 'As long as he doesn't put his nose in other people's business.' Then he said he could put his nose in my business if he wanted. I pushed him in the face. I didn't hit him."

Engineer Dies At Throttle

CHICAGO—(U.P.)—An engineer died at the throttle of the California Limited, but the "dead man's control" brought the speeding train to a stop.

Engineer Ralph Harley, 51, Ft. Madison, Ia., apparently suffered a heart attack. He released his hand from the throttle, throwing into operation the "dead man's" safety device, which halted the train.

Harley suffered the attack between the suburbs of Lemont and Willow Springs, Ill. When the train ground to a halt, police found Harley dead in the cab.

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Scout Plans To Be Formed

Plans affecting all Scout units in the Oregon Trail Area Council will be made during Unit Program Planning Week, Sept. 1 to 10, it was announced this week by Dr. Charles H. Michel, council commissioner.

Dr. Michel said that adult personnel of each unit is expected to meet during that week to make plans for the coming Scout year. The commissioner staff met recently to formulate plans for aiding the units in making up their annual programs.

The commissioner staff will use the seven new training films obtained by the area council as well as program planning charts, leaders' notebooks, and other materials. The new films are titled: Patrol Method, Patrol and Troop Planning, Patrol and Troop Meetings, Patrol and Troop Hikes, Patrol and Troop Camps, The Three Assistants, and Cubbing.

Each district commissioner has been asked to see that each unit is ready to proceed with planning sessions. District commissioners of the area council districts are Edwin Van Tassel, Central Lane; Richard McDuffie, East Lane; Jerry W. Willis, Douglas; Arthur D. Hughes, Benton; P. H. Ludwig, Lincoln; Albert E. Coe, West Lane; Ralph Harris, Bay; and Al Branham, Coquille Valley.

Couple Wed in Diving Bell

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—(U.P.)—A 21-year-old machinist and his pretty blonde bride say that they had a guarantee against divorce by having a marriage to remember—one performed at the bottom of the ocean.

Louis Villani and Ruth Ellers, a 17-year-old North Bergen, N. J., sparkplug assembler, were married in a 4½-ton commercial diving bell off Atlantic City's steel pier.

"A fortune teller told us to have an unusual wedding so we would not forget the occasion so soon," Mrs. Villani said. "We met in the diving bell a year ago and Louis proposed to me in it last June, so it was the natural place for the wedding."

St. Moritz Guests Routed by Blaze

NEW YORK—(U.P.)—Hundreds of guests were routed from the lower floors of the swank St. Moritz Hotel when a fire broke out in a basement beauty parlor.

Heavy smoke swirled through the main lobby and into the cafes, chasing luncheon crowds into the street. Several firemen were overcome by smoke fighting the blaze, but no one was injured.

Police said the fire started when a manicurist dropped a bottle of cleaning fluid and it ignited.

Such Enthusiasm

SALEM—(U.P.)—Dime-store employees are not clock-watchers. A woman worker at F. W. Woolworth's here failed to notice that it was 5:30 quitting time and kept right on working in a back room. She was released from the locked store by police.

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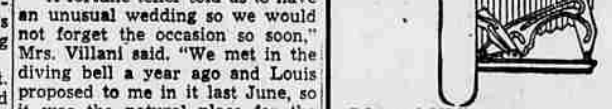
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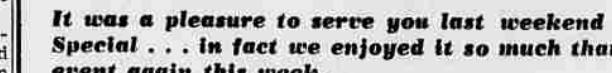
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