

# Airplane Becomes Tool of Firefighter

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WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Forest Service is turning the airplane into a workhorse for fire detection and control. C. A. Gustafson, forest service fire control chief, reports planes flew 12,632 hours on 8878 Forest Service flights last year. The conventional type planes and helicopters transported 12,201 men by air, handled 508 tons of freight and roped 436 tons of supplies by parachute.

# Young Enters Innocence Plea

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Herschel Young surrendered Saturday and pleaded innocent to a perjury indictment growing out of an investigation of "favoritism and influence" in the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

Young, accompanied by a professional bondsman but without counsel, entered his plea before Chief Judge Bolitha J. Laws in U. S. District Court. Herschel Young was the third of four persons indicted last month on perjury charges to surrender and post \$1000 bond.

Still to be arraigned is E. Merrill Young, brother of Herschel Merrill, a former RFC examiner and a key figure in the investigation.

The Young brothers and a Washington attorney, Joseph H. Rosenbaum, failed to show up Friday morning when they were to have appeared in court.

Rosenbaum came in two hours later, however, and entered a plea of innocent.

# Large Whiskey Still Is Seized

GRANTS PASS, Oregon—(AP)—State police seized a 50-gallon still and three gallons of moonshine whiskey Friday night and arrested Jack Wilson, 50.

The still—including a copper boiler and coil, a 50-gallon mash container and a gas operated 50-gallon condenser—was located near the Wilson home a mile west of here, State Policeman William Allen said. One bottle found was labeled "Kentucky straight corn whiskey," he said.

The federal revenue agent at Clamath Falls was notified.

# Watch Blood Pressure, Gov. Warren Advised

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Rep. Clare E. Hoffman (R-Mich) advised Gov. Earl Warren of California Saturday to watch his blood pressure if he hopes to be re-elected when the GOP picks its residential nominee.

In a statement entitled "super-sensitive presidential candidate," Hoffman wondered if Warren is a cry baby . . . or just inexperienced in political campaigns.

It may be, he said, that California's "delightful climate and abundance of everything good, useful and desirable" has mellowed Warren so much that he is totally unaware that a campaign . . . is not honey and kisses.

Items carried by air include fire fighting supplies, food, tractors, bridges and short wave walkie talkie radio sets.

Aside from fire control work, planes are used to spray insect-ridden forests, to reseed burned-over timberland, and for other purposes.

When the fire hazard rises and lightning threatens dry forests, planes fly regular patrols, helping lookouts posted on mountain peaks to watch for telltale smoke spirals.

Fire fighting crews are flown in large planes from city airports to landing strips nearest the fire.

When a fire is spotted in a remote area which couldn't be reached in a hurry to groundmen, the Forest Service's spectacular parachuting smokejumpers are rushed to the scene to put out the blaze or slow its progress until help arrives.

Foresters say the use of airplanes has saved many millions of dollars worth of timber by making it possible to control fires rapidly—and every minute counts when you're fighting a forest fire.

Comparative figures are cited for the region comprising Montana, Northern Idaho and parts of Washington and South Dakota. The average annual fire loss there between 1905 and 1930 was 252,000 acres, against 8888 acres from 1940 to 1950.

Most of the Forest Service's 257 smokejumpers work in the region, about 150 headquarters at Missoula, Mont. The rest are at Idaho City and McCall, Idaho; Illinois Valley, Ore., and Intercity Airport, Lake Chelan, Wash.

# Coulee Slides Claimed Costly

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Reclamation Commissioner Michael W. Straus estimated Saturday it might cost "tens of millions of dollars" to completely eliminate slides caused by changes in the Columbia River water level below Grand Coulee Dam.

He added, however, that the bureau is continuing its studies to "assure maximum stability compatible with economic feasibility."

Straus' views were contained in a bureau statement enlarging on the commissioner's recent rejection of a proposal to increase peak power production at the Washington State damsite.

The suggestion, made by the Defense Electric Power Administration, involved storage of water behind the dam for release at periods of peak power need. Straus said the proposal would involve a serious risk to downriver installations.

The present operating procedure limits river level fluctuations to not more than four feet in 24 hours.

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# 6 Men Sought For Sabotage

**Pasadena Rose Floats Damaged**

ALHAMBRA, Calif.—(AP)—Six men were sought Saturday for questioning in the sabotage of 12 floats entered in the Pasadena, Calif., Tournament of Roses Parade New Year's Day.

M. D. Offen, manager of the Valley Decorating Co., manufacturer of the floats, told police he suspected a painter and five youths of the sabotage.

He said the men were fired because of "tough attitudes."

One of the floats was so badly damaged, he said, it did not appear in the parade.

Officers said the exhaust pipe of the rose queen's float was cut, allowing deadly carbon monoxide fumes to collect and overcome the driver.

# Taft and Ike Supporters Hail Demands for 'Free' Candidate

WASHINGTON—(AP)—A strong western demand for a Republican presidential nominee "who has no strings attached" was hailed Saturday by backers of Senator Taft (R-Ohio) and General Dwight D. Eisenhower as a boost for their candidates.

State chairmen from 18 Midwestern and Rocky Mountain states, meeting in Chicago approved a resolution which said:

"We advocate a situation which will make it possible for the voters to support a candidate whose hands are not tied and who has no strings attached, who will wage war without wavering against the gigantic pyramid of unholy power which has been erected on the banks of the Potomac."

Taft backers immediately interpreted this as a plug for their candidate. Taft has been vigorous in his denunciation of the Truman administration's handling of domestic and foreign affairs and has attacked the centralization of powers in Washington.

The supporters of Taft, actively seeking the GOP nomination, said they regarded the resolution of the state chairmen as striking at efforts of some Republicans to get their party's nomination for Gen. Eisenhower.

Political critics have contended Eisenhower would be bound to support most of the Truman administration foreign policies and thus in that field might be regarded as having some strings attached.

# Anthony's Bail Set at \$2000

**Formal Hearing Stated Tuesday**

PORTLAND—(AP)—Bail of \$2000 held Milton S. Anthony, 56, in jail Saturday on a charge of counterfeiting at the State Prison. Bail of \$500 likewise held Mrs. Lucy McGinnis Jackson in the same case.

They appeared before U. S. District Judge Gus Solomon Friday. He set the amount of bail and ordered the two to appear Tuesday afternoon for formal hearing.

It was a custody of 50 dimes that put them in custody, Mrs. Jackson—whose common law husband is in prison—was accused of passing them. Frank J. Kenney, secret service agent, said she admitted she had. She said she got them in a tobacco sack from her husband. Her husband said he found them while working on the prison farm.

# Oregon to Ask Federal Power Group to Stop Deschutes Dam

PORTLAND—(AP)—The state of Oregon will ask the Federal Power Commission to reconsider licensing construction of a power dam on the Deschutes River.

Should the Power Commission deny this request for a rehearing, the state will file a petition for review with the U.S. Court of Appeals. Arthur Higgs, assistant state attorney general, told that to dam opponents here Friday.

The commission recently authorized Portland General Electric Co. to build Pelton Dam on the Deschutes in Central Oregon.

Sportsmen, fish interests and other groups have opposed the dam on the ground that it would reduce or eliminate salmon runs. But PGE and the power commission contend that, if anything, fish runs will be increased by the dam's related hatchery projects.

Higgs said Oregon would enter, if invited, the case of the State of Washington against the EPC license for dams on the Cowlitz River.

A similar condition exists there. Some interests have opposed hydro-electric development authorized by the EPC.

Delegates at Friday's meeting included representatives from the Oregon State Grange, the State CIO, the State Fish Commission, the State Game Commission, the Izaak Walton League, the Columbia River Salmon and Tuna Fisheries Assn. and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Delegates were told they should demand that the governors of the seven western states abide by the 1949 compact of the Columbia Valley Interagency Committee.

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