

30-Year Search Ends in Portland Family Reunion

Portland, Dec. 21 (AP)—Albert Riggs, 79, Wellington, Kan., was joyfully reunited with his grand children at the Union depot today, climaxing a 30-year search throughout the nation for "lost" members of his family.

"We've never known a grandparent, sobbed Mrs. Herman Kern, Port Land. "That's why we're so thrilled over him."

The grandchildren had no trouble finding their grandfather in the crowd of passengers that came off the train. Riggs was wearing a bright red identification in his coat lapel. They rushed up and hugged him, then sat for a family photograph.

The grandchildren are Mrs. Kern and Mrs. Earl Emme, Mrs. Egan Lewis and Don Adcock, all of Oregon City.

Riggs last contact with his family soon after his wife died in Oregon City and he moved to Kansas in 1919. Down through the years he tried to contact relatives by mail, but letters always returned to him stamped "unknown."

Letter Published

Finally, Riggs wrote a letter to the editor of the Oregon City Banner-Courier. He mentioned the names of some members of his family who had once lived there. The Banner-Courier published the letter. Mrs. Emme read the letter and called it to the attention of her mother, Mrs. Theresa Adcock.

There was a quick exchange of letters and telegrams and the meeting in Portland was arranged. Mrs. Emme said the Oregon relatives lost touch with Riggs because of deaths in the Kansas branch of the family.

"We're going to have a big family reunion in Oregon City. We know he has to go back to Kansas to settle his affairs, but we want him to come and stay with us."

As they walked out of the depot, Mrs. Kern asked her grandfather "Do you think any of us favor Mama?"

Utah Firm Bids Low on Project

Walla Walla, Wash., Dec. 21 (AP)—The Utah Construction company of San Francisco was apparent low bidder for the construction of the Union Pacific railway relocation and Oregon and Washington state highway relocations between Sand station and the Walla Walla river in connection with the McNary dam.

Col. William Whipple, district engineer of the corps of engineers, announced the Utah bid was \$3,070,709. The contracting officers' estimate was \$3,219,672.93, he added.

Completion of this relocation is required to raise the Union Pacific to permit the October closure of the river in the winter, 1950.

The project covers 11.4 miles of roadway grading for the UPR, 7.14 miles of Oregon state highway and 3.18 miles of Washington state highway.

Busy As A Bird Dog

Memphis, Tenn. (AP)—Fred Szore, theater owner and game conservationist, is a busy man in defense of wildlife. He prosecutes between 75 and 100 persons a year for illegal hunting and trespassing.

Soviets Walk Out Of Conference

Tokyo, Japan, Dec. 21 (AP)—The soviet representative on the allied council for Japan walked out of an explosive council meeting today, leaving the four-power body's future in doubt.

Lt. Gen. Kuzma M. Derevyanko left the meeting to avoid answering American charges that 376,329 Japanese prisoners of war and internees were still missing—and perhaps killed—in inside soviet territory.

Later, Derevyanko sent a letter to Gen. Douglas MacArthur, charging that American occupation officials actively helped the Japanese government suppress "democratic" groups, including labor unions.

In the letter, Derevyanko accused occupation officials and the Japanese government of violating the Potsdam declaration by allegedly suppressing these groups. It was viewed as the sharpest break between the Russians and the Americans since the occupation began.

Record Supply Of Pork In Sight

Washington, Dec. 21 (AP)—The agriculture department today promised consumers record peacetime pork supplies next year.

It forecast a 1950 spring pig crop of 62,500,000 head. That would top by six per cent last year's peacetime record crop which is providing the nation with its current pork supply.

Next spring's crop will provide pork for next fall and winter. The anticipated crop would be the largest in history except for the wartime year of 1943, when one-fourth of the pork production was diverted to the armed forces and for export to our allies. The record that year was 74,223,000 head.

The department estimated the 1949 fall crop at 37,262,000 head. That also is a peacetime record high and is 10 per cent larger than last year. This crop will supply pork for next spring and fall.

RUBBING IT IN

Knoxville, Tenn. (AP)—Mrs. Shirley Mason Whaley, seeking a divorce, told the domestic relations court that her husband, Robert, not only came home with lipstick on his shirt but also ordered her to wash them.

Community Sing Proves Popular

Redmond, Dec. 21 (AP)—The Redmond church community sing, a monthly singing session which is sponsored by the Redmond Ministerial association, was held Sunday afternoon at the Powell Butte school gymnasium. Attendance at this session was 279, which is the largest number to attend one of the meetings. Powell Butte church won the attendance banner by having 76 members in attendance. Sixty were from the Redmond Baptist church, 56 from the Church of Christ and 13 from the First Square church in Redmond. The remaining numbers were representatives of other churches in the community.

The purpose of the meetings, according to Rev. V. R. Savage, chairman of the group, is simply to enjoy music by participation. The meetings have resulted in a fine degree of understanding and fellowship among the Redmond churches. Mr. Savage pointed out. The main part of each meeting is congregational singing with requests being made from those who attend. This group singing is led by Rev. D. L. Penhollow, pastor of the Powell Butte church, with Mrs. Hulbert Beeley acting as accompanist. At the Sunday meeting the singing was also accompanied by a 10 piece orchestra. A special program was presented Sunday with representatives from several churches participating. The First Baptist church choir sang parts of its Christmas cantata; Mrs. Margaret Hilliard of the Powell Butte church sang, "O Come All Ye Faithful"; Joyce Van Matro and Peggy Felkins of the Redmond Church of Christ sang, "Whispering Hope"; Clell Barker of the Church of God played an accordion solo, "There's a Fountain"; the youth choir of the Seven Day Adventist church sang, "Bethlehem Lullaby"; Mrs. Delora Carlson and Mrs. Mildred Ellsworth sang "Songs in the Night." Rev. D. L. Penhollow, although not scheduled for the program, responded with a vocal solo at the request of the group.

The first community sing was held in September of this year. One hundred five persons attended that meeting, 148 attended the October meeting and 238 were in attendance in November. The next meeting January 15 is scheduled for the Baptist church but Rev. Savage expressed doubt that the building would accommodate the group, and he suggested that a larger meeting place may be sought.

Bethlehem Joins In Price Boost

New York, Dec. 21 (AP)—Bethlehem Steel Co., the nation's second largest producer, made the \$4 price boost virtually industry-wide today by following the lead set last week by U.S. Steel corporation.

Bethlehem said it was increasing prices on its products by about the same amount "as those already announced by other steel companies." U.S. Steel's price boost averaged about \$4 a ton. Republic Steel corporation, third largest producer; Jones & Laughlin, fourth; and a number of smaller companies have announced similar action.

Toastmasters Hold Program

Bend Toastmasters holding their weekly meeting last night at a Trailways Coffee shop dinner joined in a Christmas program and the affair was so successful they agreed to make it an annual event. The table topics portion of the evening was devoted to toasts, following a history of this phase of speechmaking by George Simerville.

Ted Holliday was toastmaster, with Bill Niskanen, Dr. J. M. McCarthy and Harold Aspinwall delivering the principal talks. Ralph W. Crawford was chief evaluator.

Dick Botcher, a former member of the club, was a guest at the meeting. Botcher is moving to Portland shortly after the first of the year.

PEDESTRIAN KILLED

Portland, Dec. 21 (AP)—County said today a 69-year-old pedestrian died last night when he stepped onto the Bertha-Beaverton highway south of here and was hit by a panel truck.

The truck was driven by Leslie George Miller, 51, 7723 S.E. 18th avenue, Portland. Lon Carver, 4009 S.W. Bertha-Beaverton highway was pronounced dead on arrival at the St. Vincent's hospital here.

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Reserve Officers Hold Election

First Lt. Donald T. Grubb, Bend, was elected president of the Central Oregon chapter, Reserve Officers' association, at the annual meeting of the group here last night, at a dinner at the Pine tavern. Lt. Grubb succeeds Lt. Col. Carl Degner, of Redmond, who headed the chapter for the past year. Col. Degner was presented with a past president's key.

Other officers named by the chapter were Lt. Col. George E. Sweeney, vice-president; Capt. Robert Korovicko, secretary-treasurer, and Col. Degner, Major Albert T. Larsen and Capt. Hod G. Richards, members of the executive committee.

Capt. Richards was named chapter member of the department council and Col. Sweeney was elected membership chairman.

FIRE DAMAGE HEAVY

Wiley City, Wash., Dec. 21 (AP)—A pre-dawn fire roared down the main street of this tiny farming community today destroying half of the business district including a grocery store, barber shop, service station and combination tavern and restaurant.

There were no reports of injuries. Fire officials estimated damage would run into "several thousands of dollars."

Firemen said the blaze was believed to have started from a hot water heater in the barber shop.

Josef Stalin Gets Congratulations

Moscow, Dec. 21 (AP)—The United States government offered its best wishes to Premier Josef Stalin on his 70th birthday anniversary today.

Ambassador Alan Kirk sent a note to Foreign minister Andrei Vishinsky on the occasion. It said: "I have the honor on behalf of the government of the United States to request you to transmit to Generalissimo Stalin, chairman of the council of ministers of the U.S.S.R., best wishes on the occasion of his 70th birthday."

The soviet premier honored Stalin by creating a series of 20,000 Stalin international peace prizes.

The prizes will be awarded to individuals of any country for important contributions to peace.

Search Resumed For Lost Hunter

Walla Walla, Wash., Dec. 21 (AP)—The search for Donald McDonald, 18-year-old elk hunter missing for six days in the Blue mountain area near here, resumed today after being bogged down by swirling snow storms.

District ranger Homer Ott said "treacherous" weather conditions blotted out communications with the 125 searchers who plowed through waist-deep snow in sub-freezing temperatures looking for the youth.

Three men with "electronic birdlegs" joined the search today. They claimed the machines operate by identification of the personal frequency created by static electricity in a person's body.

Sheriff's officers said they had nothing to do with bringing the equipment into use, although the owners claim the machines have been very successful in previous searches.

Catacombs Fire Presents Problem

London, Dec. 21 (AP)—Four hundred masked firemen roped together like mountain climbers probed through intense heat and smoke today to find the source of a blaze raging uncontrolled for more than 24 hours in the catacombs below the convent garden flower market.

One fireman was killed, 21 hospitalized and 35 more given first aid in attempts to put out the blaze raging through thousands of Christmas trees, boxes and decorations and orange crates.

Firemen said temperatures in the concrete catacombs reached 392 degrees Fahrenheit during the night. Boots melted and hoses burst.

Despite the blaze, some 400 curbside florists tried to continue business in nearby stands.

LITERATE BURGLAR

Portland, Dec. 21 (AP)—William Bruck Anderson, 23, was held on burglary charges today after detectives said he leaped through a Central library window with four books.

They were: "Robber," "Bubbling Spring," "A Wall to Pain On," "There Is No Armour" and "Mrs. Glencannon Ignores the War."

AGREEMENT APPROVED

The Hague, The Netherlands, Dec. 21 (AP)—The senate today approved by a one-vote margin a Dutch-Indonesian agreement establishing an independent United States of Indonesia next Tuesday.

The vote to make Indonesia a sovereign state after 360 years of Dutch rule was 34 to 15, one more than the required two-thirds majority.

The lower chamber of parliament will take place in simultaneous ceremonies in Amsterdam and Batavia on Dec. 27.

Under the agreement Indonesia will become a federal republic, sovereign and independent.

French Statesman In Suicide Leap

New York, Dec. 21 (AP)—Jacques Stern, 67, a French statesman, writer and banker, leaped to death today from the ninth floor of his Park avenue duplex apartment.

Stern, who had been under a doctor's care, left four notes. One was pinned to the lapel of his jacket and was addressed to the police. It gave his address, name and next of kin.

Three other notes were found in the apartment. All were sealed. They were addressed to his cook, maid and attorney.

Police said Stern arose this morning, dressed and had breakfast as usual. He leaped from the apartment while the cook and maid were in the kitchen washing the breakfast dishes, they said.

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