

Asks Probe of Army Contract

Portland, Ore., Sept. 21 (AP)—A charge that "trumped up changes in specifications" resulted in rebidding for construction of 901 cantonments at Fort Lewis, Wash., was made yesterday by Senator Rufus Holman (R., Ore.).

He asserted the rebidding was a "maneuver" to prevent the Far West Construction company of Seattle and L. H. Hoffman of Portland, original low bidders, from getting the contract. A Seattle and Omaha firm was low on the second bid at \$6,380,000.

The Oregon senator said in a letter to his Washington, D. C., secretary that it was his "intention to request a senatorial investigation." The letter instructed the secretary to inform General George Marshall of Holman's "dissatisfaction with the way the army has handled this whole business."

He wrote that "in my opinion we now have before us a specific incident" of President Roosevelt's use of "national defense appropriations and authorizations of congress primarily to aid his repeated re-election and third term ambitions."

Kick-Off Banquet For Church School

With the kick-off banquet set for 6:30 tonight, the First Presbyterian church will begin the church school's teacher training course which will include classes each night this week from 7:30 until 9:30.

The instruction will be under the personal direction of Rev. James Millar, Th.D., field representative for the Christian Education Synods of Oregon and Washington. Dr. Millar's courses are well known for their effective, direct teaching method, and in the current series the educator will stress Bible training.

"The purpose of the week's instruction is to better equip our teachers for teaching and carrying out the aims and plans of the church school," Rev. Oscar W. Payne, director of religious education stated.

Tonight's banquet and the subsequent study periods are open to all who are interested in the study of the Bible, teaching methods, and church school problems. J. J. Fitzsimons is superintendent of the Presbyterian church school.

Presbyterian Church Circle Entertained

Dallas—Quitting and fancy work was enjoyed by members of Circle C of the Presbyterian church Wednesday afternoon when they met at the apartment of Mrs. E. A. Hamilton. Miss Elvengren Helgeson assisted the hostess in serving tea at a late hour.

Present were Mrs. Frank Johnson, Mrs. E. J. Page, Mrs. R. C. Wilson, Miss Anne Haugeberg, Mrs. W. V. Fuller, Mrs. C. J. Enstad, Mrs. H. H. Beebe, Mrs. Conrad Starlin, Mrs. Ellsworth Wilson, Mrs. Charles Plessinger, and the hostess.

Keiths Leaving Aumsville

Aumsville—Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Keith and children are moving to West Stayton. They will live in the house formerly occupied by Mrs. T. Y. McClellan.



Reported Bomb Victim — The Daily Mail reported that Movita (above), Mexican actress wife of Jack Doyle, Irish boxer, was believed killed in a London air raid. Doyle said that his wife had gone to visit a friend several days ago and had not been seen since. The street where the friend lived was struck by a bomb. — Associated Press Photo.



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Heart Attack Fatal To George E. Waters

George E. Waters, 70, successful Salem business man for nearly half a century, sportsman, lover of children and their benefactor for many years, died at the Salem General hospital at 11:40 Saturday night after suffering a heart attack a few hours earlier at his home, 384 North Summer street.



George Waters

Mr. Waters had always lived quietly, though his influence in years past had been strongly felt in public affairs. A year ago, however, he sprang suddenly into public notice throughout the northwest when he brought a Salem franchise in the Western International Baseball league, and announced that a first class playing field would be built here. The result was the George E. Waters field, and a baseball club that proved a strong contender in the league.

In building up his successful business, which started in 1891 as a retailer and developed into a wholesale tobacco and candy enterprise, and made him a fortune, Mr. Waters, in partnership with D. C. Minto, started from scratch. They began business with a \$1,000 loan, Waters becoming sole owner after four years. For many years he operated on North Commercial, but the business is now located at 229 State. Prior to entering business as a young man he made his living the hard way. One of his boyhood enterprises that he liked to tell about was that of community cow herder, riding a pony to drive the milk cows of Salem people to and from pasture each day. Later he was an express messenger for the Well-Fargo company and for a time was bellboy at the old Willamette hotel.

Mr. Waters was born in Nebraska, at Nebraska City, November 16, 1869. He was only four years old when his parents brought him to Salem, which ultimately became to him "the best town on earth." He attended old Central school and went into business for himself soon after finishing there as a boy.

He was a son of William Henry Harrison Waters and Elizabeth North Waters. His father was prominent politically in Nebraska, serving as registrar of the general land office in that state by appointment of President Lincoln, and was re-appointed. At one time he was a candidate for the United States senate in that state.

The elder Waters came to Oregon in 1872, and a year later his wife came with the children. The father was a newspaper man and an attorney. W. H. H. Waters and his brother, Captain A. H. Waters, bought the Statesman Printing and Publishing company in 1875, the former serving as editor of the newspaper until it was sold four years later, in 1879, to W. H. O'Dell. The elder Waters was also in the abstract business in Salem, and with the assistance of James Thorne, prepared the first set of abstract books in Marion county. He died in 1891.

Four years after George Waters and D. C. Minto entered into the cigar business Waters bought out Minto's interest, the latter going into the hop business and farming. The cigar establishment soon became known as George E. Waters, Inc., the business becoming a center of quite extensive business interests that included ownership of much real estate property.

Mr. Waters early became interested in baseball, and he and his business partner, Minto, managed a club in Salem over 40 years ago. Pictures of the club were among his favorite possessions. In the purchase of the Western International franchise he realized an ambition of years, and in laying the groundwork for the purchase and launching the enterprise acted in conjunction with A. C. Biddy, Bishop, business manager of the Salem Senators.

In the construction of George E. Waters field Mr. Waters spent \$60,000, demanding that every item in the construction be of first class, and the result was that the baseball field won commendation from baseball men throughout the northwest.

One thing immediately became an expression of his hobby—boys and girls. With the cooperation of Mrs. Waters the Knot Hole club was formed, all boys and girls who could qualify for the club being admitted free to the games where they occupied bleachers especially built for them.

League officials were fearful that

Floods in B.C. Cause 2 Deaths

Vancouver, B. C., Oct. 21 (CP)—Two deaths were charged today to flood waters that have swept five British Columbia areas during the past few days.

Engineer J. C. Carpenter and Fireman S. J. Mayer, both of northern Smithers, B. C., were killed Saturday night when the engine, tender and one freight car of an eastbound Canadian National Railway passenger train went through a bridge over Lorne creek, 125 miles east of Prince Rupert. The remainder of the cars stayed upright on the track.

The wreck was the second on the line Saturday. Earlier in the day a "trouble" train, en route to clear a slide which had previously delayed the passenger train, ran into another slide a few miles northeast along the line. The engine was derailed but no one was injured.

An improvement in the general flood situation, caused by heavy rains, was reported. Water was receding at Zeballos on the west coast of Vancouver island, where it ran three feet deep through the main street, forcing families to flee. Floods in the interior Bridge river area, where bridges were washed out and communications cut, were also dropping.

Several families were reported marooned by flood waters at Kleenakreke, coastal district settlement. Streams at Squamish, about 45 miles north of Vancouver, flooded the town. Some bridges of the Pacific Great Eastern railway, running north from Squamish, were reported out.



British Air Hero, 18—Sgt. John Hannah is shown after receiving the Victoria Cross for "most conspicuous bravery."

He is survived by his widow; two brothers, Frank E. and Harry Wayne Waters of Salem; a sister, Mrs. W. C. Knighton of Portland; a nephew, Frank Northrup Waters of Salem, and a niece, Louemna Waters Roughton of Portland.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 2 p. m. from Clough-Barrick chapel.

Flanigan's Friends Attend Anniversary

Silverton—The weather man's directions Saturday were apropos of the Bill Flanigans observing their first anniversary of their business term in Silverton as proprietors of a manufactory and retail store.

The weather was very warm, but Bill and Mrs. Flannigan had promised all kiddies two-for-the-price-of-one ice cream cone and their business was so rushing that they had to call in all extra help to handle the anniversary sales and gifts.

The Flanigans came here from Eugene a year ago where they had been in the restaurant business. They have been in Oregon four years, coming from Centerville, S. D. They are pleased with the Willamette valley and expressed their intention of remaining as a part of Silverton's business life for years to come.

The Assuan Dam in Egypt permits two and three crops a year. Only one was possible before the dam was built in 1900.

West Salem People Entertain Visitors

West Salem—Robert J. Williams, who enlisten in the U. S. marines about a year ago, has been made a private 1st class and is stationed on the U.S.S. Enterprise with the Pacific fleet. Robert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Seth Williams of this city.

West Salem—Building permits issued by City Engineer LaDue: Wayne Johnson, 1012 Seventh street, garage, cost, \$130; Della Burns, 1100 block, Seventh street, garage, cost, \$48.

West Salem—Mr. and Mrs. Al Stendal, Vancouver, Wash., spent the week-end with the J. S. Bowne family. Mrs. Stendal and Mrs. Bowne are sisters, Joan Stendal was also in the party.

West Salem—Mrs. Rex Swiger and son Billy, 1012 Ruge street, left Sunday for a trip to Indiana and eastern states.

Grover Wray's Skeleton Found

Grangeville, Idaho, Oct. 21 (AP)—Coroner Glen Allor said today a skeleton believed that of Grover Wray of Weiser, had been found 35 miles northeast of Kootenai under circumstances which indicated Wray "could not have become lost."

Wray, then 26, disappeared November 2, 1938, in Idaho's primitive area while on a hunting trip.

Allor returned late last night from the Meeker creek area where the remains were found and said the skeleton showed no evidence of gunshot wounds.

Allor said Sam Seiber of Weiser reported he found the skeleton as the result of a dream. Seiber went into the area October 11 with the dead youth's father, Grover Wray, Sr., and two other men to continue a search which has continued periodically for two years.

The coroner said Seiber told him he dreamed Thursday night that he "could locate the body lying in Meeker creek."

"To satisfy his curiosity he went to the creek," Allor added. "Pursuing his hunch he traveled three miles before he found the skeleton. It was practically at the head of the creek."

Explaining his contention that Wray could not have been lost, Allor said the remains were found in the stream beside which his hunting party had camped just two and a quarter miles downstream, and that it was less than a mile from the spot where the party's horse had been tied the day Wray disappeared.

Arlene Rasmussen Birthday Hostess

Waconda—The home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rasmussen was the scene of a young folk's party when a group of Miss Arlene Rasmussen's friends gathered there to surprise and honor her on her 17th birthday anniversary. Games and music were enjoyed until a late hour when refreshments were served.

Guests were Misses Arlene Rasmussen, Doris Loure, Muriel Boehn, Dorothy Miller, Emma Bell, Beverly Boehn, Max Bibby, Bill McClaughery, Bud Bennett, Noel Goins and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rasmussen.

Salem Heights—A number of residents who have been voting in Salem Heights District have received notice that all east of Halsey avenue were to vote in Pringle district.

County Budget Meet, Monday

Discussions among county court members have tentatively set the date for the county budget meeting as next Monday, October 28, but definite decision had not been reached this morning by the members of the court. Nor had the budget committee been selected. Last year's budget committee members were E. L. Wieder, Salem; Ray Glatt, Woodburn, and A. A. Ulvin, Silverton. It is considered likely they will be preferred the places again this year, although the court has given no indication as to the names it is likely to select but court members have often expressed themselves as preferring committee members who are familiar with the county set up.

It is understood that the various county activities have put in their tentative budgets for the year and these are generally gone over by the court with a fine tooth comb before the budget committee meets so that court members themselves will be familiar with all the requests and make such alterations as they themselves deem necessary.

Flier Says U.S. Should Stay Out

San Francisco, Oct. 21 (AP)—An American pilot who flew with the royal air force at Narvik, Dunkerque and other notable scenes of war thinks "it would be far better for England" if the United States does not become directly involved.

"If this nation stays out, England should win in six or seven years, 35-year-old Samuel G. Thurston, of Linn county, Oregon, said today. "If it doesn't, there's no telling what will happen because Japan would come in and England then couldn't get the materials and supplies she needs from America."

Hunting Accidents Fatal to Three

Spokane, Wash., Oct. 21 (AP)—The Inland Empire hunting season, half a month old, had three more human victims to its discredit today, boosting the total number of fatalities in the western Montana, northern Idaho and eastern Washington area to an even dozen.

Bert Kuesterman, 15, of Spokane was fatally injured on a pheasant hunting expedition 85 miles south of here yesterday when his shotgun discharged its deadly pattern into his back as he dragged it behind him through a barbed wire fence.

Mrs. Ernest Froman, 30, Spokane, died three hours after she was wounded in the neck by a rifle that discharged as she transferred it from one car to another.

Donald Knapp of Missoula, Mont., paused in the hunt to eat his lunch and was killed outright by a stray rifle bullet.

Of the 12 deaths, eight have been recorded in eastern Washington, three in western Montana and one in northern Idaho.

and the worth of their planes. "The British boys have more adaptable minds, however," he commented, "and in unexpected emergencies are the better fliers. Britain's greatest advantage lies in the fact that most air battles are over British territory, and the RAF fliers and planes brought down oft-times can fly again."

Jachetta Heads Republican Club

Tillamook, Oct. 21 (AP)—Ernest Jachetta, Portland attorney, is the new president of the Oregon republican club.

He was elected at the closing session of the club's annual convention Saturday, succeeding Lamar Toose of Portland, who declined to run for a third term.

Other officers elected included: Barbara Benson, Salem, secretary; Robert M. Fischer, Jr., Eugene, treasurer; Melvin Goode, Albany, Young Republican vice-president; Sigfried Unander, Salem, Young Republican national committeeman; Mrs. Paul Kenney, Portland, Young Republican national committeewoman.

District officers named were: First—Dr. C. K. Chapman, Oregon City, vice-chairman; Fred Lamport, Salem; Oscar Effenberger, Tillamook, and Henry Pinniger, Grants Pass, members of the advisory board.

Second—J. H. Pearce, LaGrande, vice-chairman; BenLiffin, The Dalles; Lowell Stockman, Pendleton, and E. L. Knight, LaGrande, members of the advisory board.

Third—J. J. Lynch, Portland, vice-chairman; Helen Norman, Walter Redmond and C. E. Bunn, all of Portland, members of the advisory board.

Forest Fire Loss Small in 1940

Forest fires on state and private lands in Oregon burned over only 19,134 acres during the 1940 fire season, which was one of the most favorable in the history of the state forestry department.

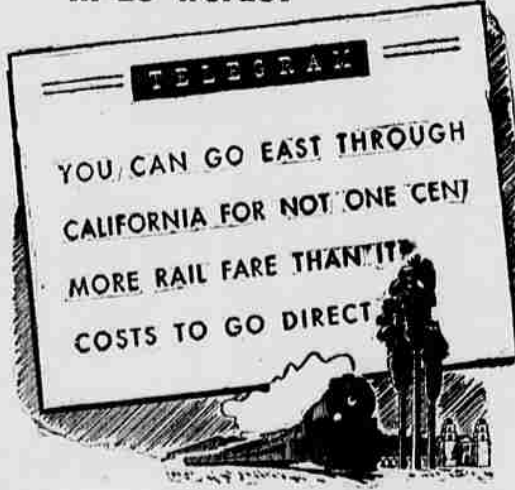
Western Oregon fires burned over 12,258 acres, compared with 6876 acres in eastern Oregon.

The largest fire was in the Sun-set district in northwest Oregon, which destroyed 6000 acres.

Of the 915 fires, 285 were caused by lightning, 176 by careless smokers, 11 by incendiaries, 89 by campers, 74 by debris burning, 48 by logging operators and 12 by railroads.

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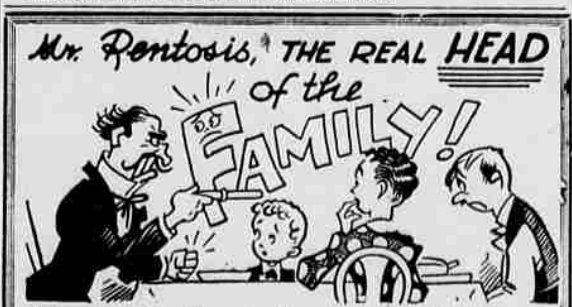
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