

Campathalon Staged by Boys

One of the recent big events staged at Camp Silver Creek where more than 100 younger boys are taking part in an outing, was the "campathalon." This activity consists of such events as swimming, archery, nature, handicraft, fishing and track. Bear Creek unit won the contest with 24 points and Trickle Falls was second with 20.

Boys who were elected into the Ragger Society, a national YMCA organization comprising top campers included: Green—Jerry Coon, Ronny Coon, Garry Hayden, Doug Hadley, Bob Wilson, Clive Miller, Kent Miller, Bill Meier, Dick Reay, Dale Sheridan, Ronald Brown, Howard Hall, Jack Kinney, John Bollman. Brown—Roger Colgan, John Rawlinson, Dick Nelson, Bruce Galloway, Bill Hazel, Kurt Engelstad. Red—Dick Carter, Bob Ruhl, Doug Rains, Blue—Bill Jessup, Jim Armstrong, Bob Margi. Gold—Mary Rask and Mary Zehner, camp cooks, and Jack Forristel.

Bob Hamblin and Dale Sheridan of Salem high school's swimming team are lifeguards at camp. Bob is the state high school backstroke champion and received his aquatic leader examiner rating from the YMCA. Frank Shafer will be the guest instructor in leather work next week. His son, Frank, Jr., is one of the 103 two week campers at Silver Creek now.

Robert Brownell Heads Exchange Club

Robert Brownell was unanimously elected president of the Salem Exchange club Wednesday to serve for a regular six-month term along with other new officers of the service group.

On the same unopposed slate of candidates, Richard Grabenhorst was named vice president while Dr. George Martin was re-elected secretary and Sidney Hoffman was re-elected treasurer.

Charles Slewert, Pat Campbell and William Petre were named for one-year terms to the board of control while Oscar Specht was elected for a six-month term on the board as a replacement for Charles Pilette.

Dr. Horace Miller Off Hospital Staff

Dr. Horace Miller, psychiatrist at the Oregon state hospital, said he was fired today "for insubordination."

Dr. Miller had the longest service of any man on the hospital staff. He was in charge of the men's receiving ward.

He said he was called into the office of Dr. C. E. Bates, hospital superintendent, this morning and told that he was dismissed for insubordination. Dr. Miller denied the charges.

Before the war, Dr. Miller was superintendent of the state Fairview home for feeble-minded persons, and was on the staff of the state hospital. Then he went into the navy, rising to the rank of captain. Upon his release from the navy, Dr. Miller went back to the state hospital.

Lightning Strikes 2 Chicago Street Cars

Chicago, July 6 (AP)—Twenty-five trolley passengers were thrown into panic and three were injured early today when lightning struck two street cars here.

None of the injured were hurt seriously, however. Fire broke out in the conductor's seat but was extinguished quickly.

Panic started when the passengers were unable to open the doors after the first bolt. When the doors were opened, two women were knocked to the pavement by the fleeing passengers. Only one car contained passengers. The other was empty except for the motorman and conductor.

Fire Destroys Store

Orcas, Wash., July 6 (AP)—Fire destroyed one large store and threatened to sweep through this tiny community today as every able-bodied man was mustered to halt the blaze and coast guard cutters raced to the scene. (The coast guard in Seattle said they had received a report from Orcas that "the town is burning up.") No other details were given.

Rev. Shoemaker Dies at Hospital

In ill health since suffering a stroke in March of this year, Rev. Benjamin Franklin Shoemaker, former pastor of the Court Street Christian church, died Wednesday morning at a local hospital, where he had been a patient for a week.

Born near Mankato, Minn., August 3, 1870, Rev. Shoemaker was the son of Leonard and Maria Shoemaker. He was graduated from Northern Christian college at Excelsior, Minn., and ordained in the ministry at Excelsior in 1895. Later he took graduate work at Drake university in Des Moines, Ia.

Rev. Shoemaker who retired from the ministry in 1936 came to Salem from Coeur d'Alene, Ia., in 1929, and served as pastor of the Court Street Christian church through 1933. From Salem he went to Scotts Mills, serving there from 1933 through 1935.

Before serving his pastorate at Coeur d'Alene Rev. Shoemaker served pastorates in Wisconsin, northern Minnesota, southern and northern Idaho and at Colfax, Wash.

Surviving are his wife, the former Alice Louise Wray to whom he was married in 1897 at Concord, Minn.; three daughters, Miss Gertrude M. Shoemaker of Mondobme, Belgium Congo, Africa; Mrs. Merle H. Price of Seattle and Mrs. D. W. Daniels of Lodi, Calif.; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services are to be held at the Howell-Edwards chapel Friday, July 8, at 3:30 p.m., with Rev. Harold Lyman, Rev. Dudley Strain and Rev. C. F. Swander officiating.

Funeral services will be held at the Clough-Barrick chapel Thursday, July 7, at 1:30 p.m. with Rev. Dudley Strain officiating. Interment will be in the IOOF cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, the former Blanche Penney to whom he was married in 1903 at Denver, Colo.; a daughter, Mrs. Helen Stevenson of Salem; a son, Perry Walcher of Eugene; two grandchildren and a brother and a sister, both in Illinois.

Other subs are: Painting, F. O. Repine, Salem; concrete, Don Keebler, Albany; wiring, Lebanon Electric company; sheet metal, Salem Heating & Sheet Metal company; and glass, Capitol City Glass company, Salem.

Firecracker Caused Blaze
Oswego, July 6 (AP)—Fire Chief William Asplund reported today that a firecracker apparently set off the blaze that destroyed a quarter block of the business district last Friday. He said the explosive was believed thrown into the open doorway of a lumber yard.

Troutdale Population
The population of Troutdale is 538, compared with 211 in 1940, the state department said today.

Amity grew from 545 to 709 in the same period.

Paris, July 6 (AP)—Henri Philippe Petain's mind is slipping and he should not be left to die in prison, his lawyers told French President Vincent Auriol today.

In a letter to the president appealing for the old soldier's release or transfer, the lawyers said Petain's mind has entered "little by little into the darkness of the night."

One of the lawyers said the 94-year-old Petain no longer remembers why he is imprisoned on the bleak Ile D'Yeu off the southwest coast of France.

Petaim, a former marshal of France, was one of the nation's great heroes of World War I. In World War II he served as chief of state of the Vichy regime. After France's liberation from the Germans he was sentenced to life imprisonment on treason charges.

Texas Legislature Quits After 177 Days
Austin, Tex., July 6 (AP)—The free-spending no-tax-in-g 51st Texas legislature came to the end of its record-breaking session today.

The 177-day session was the longest in history. Legislative expense reach a new high nearly a million and a half dollars.

It probably will be remembered as the session that did more to extend state services and less to pay the bill than any legislature in history. When the session began the general fund balance of about \$100,000,000 was the biggest in history. Today all this and millions more are spent.

But the state's public school system has been revamped, the long run-down prison system started toward modernization, rural roads and rural schools given a shot in the arm, salaries of state and county workers raised, and a new management system set up for state hospitals.

Medford, Ore., July 6 (AP)—Eight persons miraculously escaped serious injury early this morning when an auto in which

they were riding overturned several times on Blackwell Hill, about 10 miles north of here.

Raymond E. Pemberton, 18, Stayton, driver of the car, suffered abrasions and a possible fractured nose, state police said. His cousins, Mrs. Dorothy M. Jackson, Tulsa, Okla., and Mrs. Joyce M. Moore, Los Angeles, were slightly hurt. The five youngsters of Mrs. Jackson were bruised.

That question today brought divided opinion. But most occupying and Japanese authorities felt Shimoyama was slain.

Shimoyama disappeared after order the first 30,000 of 90,000 railway workers to be fired. He was following an order issued by Gen. Douglas MacArthur, to east the cost of the occupation on Americans.

Shimoyama's dismembered body was found scattered along a railroad track. Its condition was such that it was difficult to ascertain whether he had been slain and placed on the track, left there unconscious or had ended his life beneath the wheels of the train.

His widow said he had not given any indication he was contemplating suicide.

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