

N. Y. STATE CAPITOL NEXT?

'Hot Foot' for Pigeons Keeps 'Em Off Building

Albany, N. Y. (AP)—New York state has pronounced its \$43,500 pigeon-proofing experiment a thumping success. It cost that much to bird-proof the massive state education building by a new electronics method but officials say the investment was well worth while. Pigeons and starlings have found new roosting places because of the recurring "hot foot" they get from the building. The success of the experiment may lead to a similar one on the \$25,000,000 state capitol and other public buildings which have had a pigeon problem for decades. The bird-discouraging apparatus consists of heavy parallel copper wires, spaced a few inches apart and strung along projecting ledges and other likely roosting areas. The wires set up an electric field which gives approaching birds a dismaying jolt of static electricity. The pulsating current comes from a small device about the size of a table radio. Six of them send the electricity through 35,000 feet of wire. The birds are not harmed by the shock. After repeated jolts, however, they seek other roosting places. Pigeons are individualists, according to Albert L. Gunn of Syracuse, inventor of the device. They leave singly when they get a shock. But, he says, starlings are more wary and when one gets a shock he takes as many as 50 other birds away with him. Before the bird-proofing experiment began, Gunn estimates the starling population on the education building at 30,000 birds. They were so aggressive that they forced many pigeons to leave the building before the bird-proofing was completed. The electronic system of driving birds away was the latest experiment in a series dating back a half century. Early efforts including shooting roman candles and skyrocketing at the unwelcome birds. Use of poisoned grain brought down the wrath of the humane society and stirred such a bitter debate in the legislature that the project was dropped. A few years ago the state placed a system of wire spindles around all possible roosting places on the capitol but after a few confused days, the pigeons hopped over the spikes to a flat area and built their nests there. Capitol superintendents once placed a pair of stuffed owls in the capitol courtyard. Within three days there were pigeons roosting on the owls' heads.

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Confesses Double Murder — Henry Brun Gulbrandsen (right), 34-year-old ex-convict, confesses to Humboldt Times Reporter Ed Neumeir (left) that he bludgeoned two men to death in Sonoma, Calif., but denied raping a young mother. Gulbrandsen surrendered at the Times office in Eureka, Calif., appearing particularly pleased that he had given himself up to a reporter, instead of to a police officer. (Acme Telephoto.)

TWO OVERCOME OBSTACLES Handicapped Girls Show World How to Win Out

Pittsburgh (AP)—High school students who find the going a little tough can get inspiration from two Pittsburgh girls who've been doing well without even going to class. One of the girls, Catherine Weinbrenner, never even had met her fellow students at Oliver high until she attended the senior class play and luncheon. Stricken with cerebral palsy at birth, the attractive 19-year-old never has been able to walk. Yet she finished her studies in the same length of time taken by other students—12 years. Twice a week, teachers from Oliver high would stop at Catherine's house and spend an hour or two. Between visits, the plucky student studied hard, often until 2 a.m. She never received a grade lower than B, and most of them were A's, but she wasn't satisfied. She wanted to do better. Sometimes her arms would become tired from writing and she would dictate to her mother from her wheel chair. Now, at last, she will be graduated with honors. And she donned a cap and gown for commencement exercises with the rest of her school. Just recently, Catherine attended her first prom, in a pretty yellow organdy dress that she picked out herself. But her greatest thrill is yet to come. "I'm learning to walk," she rejoiced. "With braces, but some day I'll be able to walk without them." Catherine wants to attend Carnegie Tech now, and study to be a radio announcer or singer. No one will be much surprised if she makes it. Catherine's only classmate under the home school program set up by the board of education for handicapped children is Mary Latimer. Bed-ridden with rheumatic fever since last fall, Mary has kept up with her school work and found time for handicraft, too. She's made some of her own clothes and done crocheting. As a result of her determination not to let her handicap get the better of her, Mary will be graduated from Schenley high school, although she couldn't attend commencement services with her classmates. But whether she receives her degree in bed or on a stage doesn't make much difference. The big thing to her is that she refused to "take the count" when fate dealt her a cruel blow.

Effort Made to Settle Wages

The Salem Trades and Labor council, at a meeting Tuesday night, will decide what action to take in the current wage dispute between teamsters and several Salem sand and gravel concerns. The teamsters, according to Ward E. Graham, secretary-treasurer of the union, are asking 12 1/2 cents an hour increase in wages, effective as of July 1, plus 10 cents an hour to July 1 retroactive to January 1. E. Lee Crawford, attorney representing the employers, said the union had been offered 10 cents plus certain retroactive payments, accepted recently by the teamsters at Eugene. About 40 workers employed by four concerns are involved. The companies are Walling, Commercial, River Bend, and Salem Sand & Gravel companies. Graham reported that contracts were signed Thursday at 12 1/2 cents with Eola Tile & Products, Valley Sand & Gravel, and Lund Rock & Construction company, none of whom had been involved in the dispute. Thursday night the arbitration committee of the trades and labor council met with two representatives of the employers in an effort to settle the argument. Representing the employers were Crawford and Pat Blair, the latter of Eugene. On the labor committee were Herbert E. Barker, Alfred F. Chivers and Howard Wooley.

Oregon Postmasters To Meet at Coos Bay

The annual convention of the Oregon chapter of the National Association of Postmasters will be held at Coos Bay July 12, 13 and 14 when the third and fourth assistant postmaster generals will be present. Postmaster and Mrs. Albert C. Gragg of Salem will attend and Gragg is scheduled to make the response to the address of welcome. Joseph J. Lawler is the third assistant postmaster general and Walter Meyer is the fourth. Other notables who will attend include Frank Horak, secretary of the national association; Frank Harwood of California, a national director; Dr. E. T. Hedlund, Portland postmaster and a national director; James Cooley, regional director of civil service for the northwest division; A. D. Lawrence, superintendent of railway mail service; Melvin Northrup, inspector in charge of the northwest division. Ivan Swift of Gresham is president of the Oregon chapter.

Change in Mail Time for Railroad

Because of a change in the time of departure of Southern Pacific north bound train No. 20, the deadline for mail destined for Portland and eastern points will be 4 p.m., beginning July 10. Announcement to this effect has been made by Postmaster Albert C. Gragg. Train No. 20 now leaves for Portland at 7:57 but it will depart at 6 o'clock beginning July 10. The new streamlined train the company will put into operation will carry first class mail to Portland, leaving here at 9:56 p.m. The bus that has been carrying mail to Portland will be discontinued.

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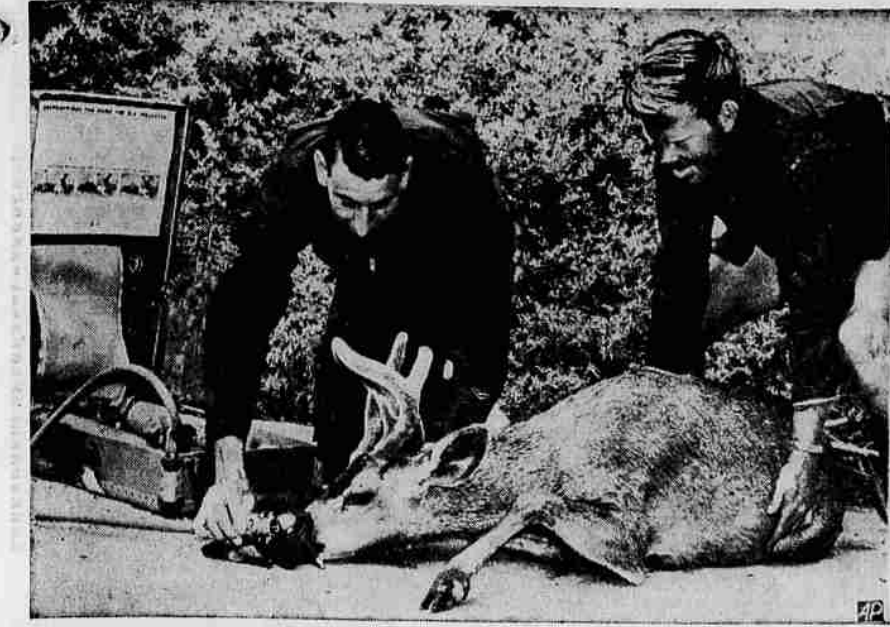
Washington, July 8 (AP)—Enraged President Clark Griffith of the Washington Senators today asked waivers on Mickey Haefner, left-handed pitcher he ordered out of uniform for an "indifferent performance" last night. Griffith instructed Manager Joe Kuhel to leave Haefner behind as the team left here for New York for a series against the Yankees beginning tonight. "Haefner will never wear a Washington uniform again," Griffith said. "He will be either sold, traded or released outright. I am asking waivers on him." The incident which drew the 79-year-old club president's ire came in the first inning of the game against the Boston Red Sox. Boston Pitcher Chuck Stobbs hit a slow roller with the bases loaded and two out. Haefner went over to the first base line to field it, fumbled the ball and Bobby Doerr scored from third. Haefner then threw wild to third in a vain attempt to get Bill Goodman, who had overrun the bag from second. Boston won the game 8 to 3, after scoring five runs on two hits in that first inning. Haefner, who was the losing pitcher in the game and now has a record of five wins and five defeats for the season, protested, "I was handling a slippery ball."

Attendance Shows 13,683 Drop for Coast Loop Games

Los Angeles, July 8 (AP)—Attendance in the Pacific Coast Baseball league through games of July 4 took a drop of 13,683 paid admissions. Clarence Rowland, league president, in releasing the figures, traced the decline directly to a slump over the July 4 holiday week-end, when some 12,000 less fans witnessed games this year compared to 1948. Attendance through July 4 was 2,113,183 paid. Last year it was 2,126,866. Seattle, with 337,739, tops the league attendance this season. Hollywood is next with 288,135.

Sunkist Netters Find Portland Tennis Is Tough

Portland, July 8 (AP)—Californians, who normally dominate the Oregon tennis tournament, found things tougher here today. In the men's singles only two of the six survivors were Californians. In the women's singles two of the four surviving were from California. Emery Neale, Portland, seeded No. 1, continued to lead the way in men's play, reaching the semi-finals by downing Bill Green, Vancouver, B. C., 6-2, 6-2, yesterday. Glenn Bassett, 22, Los Angeles, also reached the semi-finals with an 8-10, 6-2, 6-1 victory over Jim Kroesen, San Francisco.



Deer Revived Lifeguards Bruce Kidder (left), and Alfred Hart apply an oxygen mask to the nostrils of a 150-pound buck deer in a successful artificial respiration attempt at the beach on Santa Monica, Calif. They brought the animal ashore after he struggled in the ocean for two hours. Lifeguards theorized the deer, one of many inhabiting hills which line the shore, was chased into the water by dogs. (AP Wirephoto)

PCL Trio Bid for Second Place Rung; Bevos Split

It's a close race for second place in the Pacific Coast league today. Nobody appears to be making much headway in overtaking the leading Hollywood Stars, but after last night's doings Seattle, San Diego, Oakland and Sacramento were closer than an old maid's knitting society. They were clustered within a range of nine to 11 games back of the Stars. Oakland's defending champion—the only team to hold a season edge on the Stars—celebrating Manager Charley Dresen's new contract with a 9-4 win over Los Angeles. President Brick Laws announced that Dresen had been signed for 1950 and 1951 at a "substantial salary increase." The fast-improving Oaks then slammed four Angel pitchers for nine well-timed blows, including homers by Mel Duezabou, Frank Kerr and Cookie Lavagetto. Lou Tost rescued the game after homers by Butch Moran and Cliff Abernson kayomed Milo Candini in a four-run fifth inning. The win left the Oaks in fourth place, a half game behind San Diego which split, 0-1 and 6-1, with Portland, and only one game behind runner-up Seattle, which fell 4-1 before Sacramento. The Sacs got to Charley Schanz for five hits, including Walt Dropo's two-run double, and all their runs in the ninth inning. Until then Jackie Albright's home had been the only tally. Manny Salvo who relieved Don Johnson got credit for the victory. It was the Rainiers' fifth straight loss. Red Lynn, ex-Los Angeles chucker, twirled a two-hitter to edge San Diego's Jake Mooty and scored Portland's winning run after doubling in the first game. Then the Padres' lanky Al Jurisich stopped the Beavers in the nightcap for his 11th win. John Ritchey's homer paced the Padre attack. Cully Rikard's two-run double was the big blow that gave San Francisco's Steve Nagy a 3-1 decision over Hollywood's Gordy Maltzberger. It ended two five-game streaks—defeats for Nagy, wins for Maltz.

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