



Whopper—Dale Nielson, Lebanon, waited a long time to land his "big" fish but when he did he came home with this six-foot plus blue shark off the Oregon coast near Taft. The fish is said to be the largest landed along the coast in the last three years. (Courtesy Lebanon Express)

Forest Fire Losses Put at 40,000 Acres

Washington, Aug. 24 (AP)—Fires during the last three weeks have burned 40,000 acres of National forest lands in three western states, causing "tremendous losses" in timber and other values, the forest service reported today.

It made the estimate of burned acreage on the basis of a survey of National forest fire areas in Idaho, Montana and California. No estimate of dollar value of damage is possible at this time, the forest service said.

The burned acreage during the three weeks equaled more than two-thirds of all National forest area burned during the previous seven months. From January through July, 58,142 acres of National forest land were burned.

The forest service said 16 men had lost their lives in the past three weeks fighting to control fires raging in the dry mountain country of the Northern Rockies.

"Forest fire conditions in the National forests of Idaho, Montana and California are now the most critical that have existed in the past ten years," Forest Service Chief Lyle F. Watts reported.

Milburn Deputy to Commander in Europe

Frankfurt, Aug. 24 (AP)—Maj. Gen. Frank W. Milburn was appointed today as Deputy commanding general of the U.S. Army in Europe.

Brig. Gen. Ralph J. Canine succeeded Milburn as commanding general of the First Infantry Division—backbone of the U.S. occupation forces in Germany.

The appointments were announced by Lt. Gen. Clarence B. Huebner, commanding general of the U.S. Army in Europe and acting commander in chief of the European command.

LEBANON AT IT AGAIN Latest Test for a Horse: Prince vs. Half Ton of Sand

Lebanon—Lebanon's old feud of man vs. horse is revived again with the announcement that the newest contest will pit a horse against matter, a horse at one end of a 300-foot rope and a half a ton of sand at the other.

In former contests, Old Baldy, a veteran logging horse, yanked a man from a prone position at the end of a 300-foot rope. More recently, Big Red, five-year-old saddle horse, outwalked Walking Man Paul Smith over a 75-mile course, winning by a 15-mile margin.

Pokes Maragon, Rank Reduced

March Air Base, Calif., Aug. 24 (AP)—Col William L. Lee, new commanding officer of this base, said Tuesday he was reduced in rank and sent home from Italy shortly after he had an altercation with John Maragon, prominent figure in the five per center inquiry in Washington.

The colonel said he had an argument in Rome in February, 1946, and that he pushed Maragon in the face. Lee said he didn't know who the man was at the time but later learned it was Maragon and that he was a special presidential representative to observe the Greek elections.

At that time Lee was a brigadier general and headed the 15th Air Force in Italy. Shortly afterwards he was reduced to colonel and sent home.

"I wasn't sure I was reduced because of this incident," said Lee in an interview. "It happened about that time. It could have been coincidental. A number of general officers were being reduced about this time because the war was over."

Col. Lee said the incident with Maragon occurred in front of the Hassler hotel.

"This individual was standing in my way," said Lee. "It was dark. I said to him 'what are you doing here?' I thought it was one of those noisy Italians. He said: 'I guess a man can walk around where he wants and when he wants,' I said: 'As long as he doesn't put his nose in other peoples' business.' Then he said he could he could put his nose in my business if he wanted. I pushed him in the face. I didn't hit him."

Enough doubters were present to raise several hundreds of dollars which were pooled pending the outcome.

Ward's horse is 199-pound Prince, 10 years old, and is one of a team which he frequently uses to snake logs out of the woods.

Portland Hobo Elected

Britt, Ia., Aug. 24 (AP)—Eddie (Cannonball) Baker, itinerant cook from Portland, Ore., was elected King of the Hoboes today and promptly credited his victory to the merits of the Mulligan stew he prepared for the annual Hobo convention.

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Engineer Dies At Throttle

Chicago, Aug. 24 (AP)—An engineer died at the throttle of the California limited Tuesday, but the "dead man's control" brought the speeding train to a stop.

Engineer Ralph Harley, 51, Ft. Madison, Ia., apparently suffered a heart attack. He released his hand from the throttle, throwing into operation the "dead man's" safety which halted the train.

Harley suffered the attack between the suburbs of Lemont and Willow Springs, Ill. When the train ground to a halt, police found Harley dead in the cab.

Williams are Given Woodburn Farewell

Woodburn — Mr. and Mrs. Williams and children left Monday for their new home at Concoran, Calif., where Williams has accepted a position as maintenance supervisor in the city schools. They were accompanied as far as Crater Lake and the Oregon Caves by Rev. and Mrs. E. Kay Fenton and Miss Martha Black.

The Williams family was also honored at a picnic by the Presbyterian Sunday school, in which they have been active workers, at Settlemier Park. A parting gifts was presented in behalf of the Sunday school and church by Dwaine Rogers.

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