



This landmark was constructed at the headwaters of Plover lake which will hereafter be known as the Oregon Duck Factory. In the background is seen part of the thousand acres of marshland and water area which is one of the finest breeding grounds for North American wild fowl.

Oregon Duck Factory Wins Governor's Praise

Designation of 10,000 acres of land in Alberta, Canada, as the Oregon Duck Factory drew from Governor Douglas McKay a statement in which he lauded the cooperation of Oregon Ducks Unlimited and the Canadian government.

Governor McKay told representatives of the press and radio:

"Because of another instance of voluntary effort and foresight, the United States and Canada there has been created a 10,000-acre breeding area with thousands of acres of shore line.

"To make possible this reservation and breeding place of migratory fowl, the Canadian government provided the area, and Oregon Ducks Unlimited furnished the financing for necessary irrigation facilities."

"This forward looking project represents a sound conservation move. It means much to our State where outdoor recreation is the basis for Oregon's third largest industry.

"And, it is important too in that it demonstrates again that friendliness among neighbor nations affords the most sound foundation for international accomplishment."

The sportsmen of Oregon have been fostering this project in the duck breeding area of Alberta for the past five years. The exact region is known as Plover Lake.

Announcement of the completion of the project was made known in Portland after a personal inspection trip to the Oregon Duck Factory by Alfred H. Schmidt, chairman of Oregon Ducks Unlimited, and Frank Clarke, National Field Secretary of Ducks Unlimited.

The Oregon Duck Factory is situated in the vast open marshland of Alberta. The main body of the factory consists of a lake approximately twelve miles long bounded by thousands of acres of prime duck marsh breeding land. There, numerous bays, islands and marshes provide some of the finest breeding areas for wild fowl on the North American continent.

Before construction work was begun on the project, the entire area was in danger of becoming an arid wasteland and thus depriving North American water fowl of one of its prime breeding areas.

Ducks Unlimited is an international organization whose sole interest is to propagate wild fowl in both America and Canada. The organization believes that the way to improve shooting is to secure and develop breeding grounds such as the marsh and prairie areas of Saskatchewan, Alberta and Manitoba. It is supported wholly by voluntary contributions of sportsmen.

Now that the Oregon Duck Factory project is a realization, it is necessary for the local chapter of Ducks Unlimited to maintain the Duck Factory as their contribution to the international organization of Ducks Unlimited.

At the present time the state organization under the chairmanship of Alfred H. Schmidt is engaged in filling its quota for the year 1949-50.

Although rebuilt shortly before World War II, the blaze was believed caused by a faulty heating plant.

Hamilton Field, Calif., Dec. 19 (AP)—Bodies of three airmen killed in the crash of an air force training plane were brought out of the rugged Sierra Nevada today.

The AT-11, missing since Saturday afternoon on a training flight from Hamilton field, apparently got lost in the heavily overcast mountains 130 miles northeast of San Francisco. It crashed on a ridge.

Residents said visibility was "zero."

An air force party was directed to the wreckage by Christmas tree cutters who found it yesterday on a timbered mountain-side.

One of the fliers appeared to have tried to use his parachute but it failed because of low altitude.

The plane did not catch fire. Aboard were the pilot, Lt. John F. Raab, 27, El Cerrito, Calif., the co-pilot, Lt. Richard W. Armstrong, 27, Berkeley, Calif., and Lt. Thomas Valentino, San Jose, Calif.

Raab and Armstrong were reserve air force officers attached to the 2346th air force reserve training center at Hamilton field, Valentino, just back from overseas duty, was reported to have "gone along for the ride."

Fire Destroys Church
Matlakatla, Alaska, Dec. 19 (AP)—Fire destroyed the Duncan Memorial church here yesterday. It had been a landmark in this southeastern Alaska Indian community for nearly 60 years.

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Nazi Criminals To Be Paroled

Frankfurt, Germany, Dec. 19 (AP)—The U.S. army announced today that 60 convicted German war criminals will be released on parole this week. Twenty-seven will go free tomorrow, 33 the next day.

A Landsberg prison official said the sentences of the men to be paroled normally would have expired between now and next June 30.

They are being released under a plan whereby prisoners are credited with five days off for good behavior for every month they have served, he said.

The official, who asked that his name not be used, said five of those being released were sentenced in war crime trials held at Nurnberg.

The others were sentenced at Dachau and other places, he said. One of those slated for release was understood to be Wilhelm Bohle, described as one-time chief of the Nazi party foreign organization.

Names of the others were not available immediately.

Although the paroles are due this week, the official said they were not Christmas amnesties as such. He said the paroles were based solely on time credited for good behavior.

The parole plan does not apply, he said, to persons sentenced to death or life imprisonment.

Col. W. T. Babcock, U.S. deputy commandant in Berlin, said Rudolf Hess and other convicts in Spandau prison were unaffected by the parole plan.

He pointed out that they were tried by the international court at Nurnberg and that any question of parole for them would require a four-power decision.

Two Children Perish in Fire

Summer, Wash., Dec. 19 (AP)—Two small children perished near here last night when a fire gutted their small frame home while their parents sought frantically to save them.

Coroner Paul Mellinger identified the victims as Tony Costella, 5, and Bronchi Costella, 3.

Members of the local fire department said the home, located in a field about 200 yards off the highway, was completely destroyed.

The father, Segundo Costella, who had been visiting at a neighbor's house, ran to the building and tore out a window, but was driven back by the intense heat.

Mrs. Costella told the fire department she had gone to get oil for their stove at their roadside delivery point when she noticed the flames. But the blaze spread too rapidly for her to save her children.

Exact cause of the fire was not determined, but fire department members said the stove may have become overheated and ignited clothes hanging nearby.

Portland-Seattle R. R. Fares Cut \$2

Seattle, Dec. 19 (AP)—A cut of more than \$2 in the round-trip railroad fare from Seattle to Portland will go into effect Jan. 25.

The 28 per cent fare slash was announced Saturday by the three rail lines jointly operating Seattle-Portland service—Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Union Pacific.

The new coach fares between the two cities will be \$3.30 one way and \$5.95 round trip, as compared with the present \$4.58 and \$8.25.

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New Assignment—Capt. John G. Crommelin, outspoken navy critic of the Pentagon "general staff," unpacks his bags after reporting for duty at Treasure Island naval base, San Francisco. Capt. Crommelin, who was suspended for making public confidential navy letters and later restored to duty, will be aviation officer of the Western Sea Frontier. The assignment has been widely interpreted in Washington as a "banishment." (Acme Telephoto)

Old Time Stars of Movies Tell What Follows Fall From Fame

Hollywood, Dec. 19 (AP)—Ever wonder what happens when a movie star falls from fame?

That thought intrigued me this week as I watched a bunch of oldtime stars gather to honor Cecil B. DeMille, who began shooting the first feature picture 36 years ago.

There were many stars who were national idols 20 and 30 years ago, but are just half-remembered names today. I asked some of them how they left the Hollywood scene.

Francis X. Bushman, dashing hero with the classic profile, said he was ruined by the disclosure that he had a family.

"It wasn't so bad that I was married," he remarked, "but the real blow was that I had five kids! Women had been writing me to marry them and naturally they were outraged by the news. I was finished."

"Nowadays movie stars can have large families and it doesn't affect their popularity. I had to be the pioneer!"

Mae Murray, once the epitome of glamour, told a more personal reason for her screen retirement.

"I had risen to the heights," she said, "I could go no higher. So I decided to leave it all behind and listen to my soul for awhile."

William Farnum, perhaps the highest-paid star of all time: "I had saved \$4,000,000, so I decided to quit and enjoy it. I wanted to go back to the stage and do the things I had always yearned to do. Then the crash of '29 wiped me out and I had to go back to pictures. By then, it was too late to take over where I had left."

Herbert Rawlinson, onetime matinee idol: "When you reach a certain age, the face changes, the hair turns color and you are a different person. When I was around 35, I found I couldn't play romantic leads any more. So I went back to the stage. When I returned to pictures my hair was white and I began playing characters."

Ramon Novarro, famed for "Ben Hur": "In Those Days, you

were a romantic hero and you couldn't change your character. In time, you ran out of roles and there was nothing left for you to do but get out."

Perhaps the most characteristic reply came from Theda Bara, the screen's most famous vamp. She said simply, "I never quit pictures."

There's an old Hollywood saying that pictures quit the star.

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IS SANTA STEALING SHOW? Catholic Editor Would Boot Santa Claus Clear Off Stage

Washington, Dec. 19 (AP)—Is the jolly old man with the beard and the little round belly stealing the Christmas show from the babe in the manger?

The Catholic Review says yes. And the Review—official publication of the Catholic archdioceses of Washington and Baltimore—thinks it's about time Santa Claus was booted off the stage.

"Our Santa has become a rival of the holy child, often enough to complete exclusion of the latter from any place in the minds of children who learn about the reindeer but have never heard of the ox and the ass," says an editorial published today in the Review's Christmas issue. The editorial was captioned "unholy fraud."

It adds that "the whole Santa idea is bad psychology and bad pedagogy," and "even worse theology."

The editorial was written by the Review's editor-in-chief, the Rev. John Sinnott Martin. It describes Santa as "a foolish fiction." It urges "those who want to keep Christ in Christmas, or at least are willing to give him back the place he deserves on his birthday" to "leave Santa to those who have nothing better."

"Santa the saint has been lost in Santa the sugar daddy," it says.

Tilden Freed
Los Angeles, Dec. 19 (AP)—William Tilden, 56, former world's champion tennis player, is a free man today after serving 10 months and 17 days of a year's sentence for violation of parole. He had been convicted of a morals offense involving a boy.

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