



Beavers Busy—Sagehen beavers are cutting down this large cottonwood tree, nearly four feet in diameter, near Dallas. Fred Holman of Dallas is admirably examining the work. With his saw, he has cut the tree, Holman discovered the secret project about two weeks ago on the Foster place.

Busy Beavers Cutting Down Tree 4 Feet in Diameter

By WEB BREMER

Dallas—There's a dam construction project under way on LaGrande creek, a mile east of Dallas, that would even bring words of admiration from army engineers.

The project is still in preliminary stages. No signs have been posted and no publicity has been given the work, but it is quite evident what the plan is.

Doing the job is busy beaver. The dam is low, and the creek is in charge of both engineering and construction, and quite sure about the whole thing. For security reasons, all work is done at night and ending as it may seem, the job is being accomplished solely by the teeth of the workmen.

A family of beavers has tackled the job of felling a large cottonwood tree that measures nearly four feet in diameter. It isn't a mere willow or sapling that an ordinary beaver might tackle, but these resourceful little creatures have selected the biggest tree on the Foster place.

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Beaver 'No Reason'—Alonzo Scholten, Edward Corson (above), 28, whose passport was revoked "in the national interest" by the state department as he was about to sail from New York for France, said he knew of "no reason" why he should be prevented from leaving the country. Corson, who once worked with Dr. Klaus Fuchs, convicted in Britain as a Soviet spy, was to lecture at the French academy of science. (Acme-Telephoto)

Weather Hails Play

Woodburn—No play was held at the Woodburn golf course on Thursday on account of weather conditions but the women gathered for luncheon and made plans to entertain the women of the Riverwood golf club of Newberg and McMinnville next Thursday. There will be match play and luncheon with Mrs. Carl Hande as chairman of the luncheon committee.

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Judd Locates Lost Idanha File

A worried look has creased County Clerk Marion Judd's face for almost a week. Judd's face for almost a week. Judd's face for almost a week.

The worried, worried expression had a real cause. "Confidentially," Judd admitted, "I'm worried. I think we've lost the file dealing with the incorporation of Idanha."

Idanha was incorporated last fall after a long battle with the state. And although the Idanha area municipality is small in numbers of inhabitants, it's large in area and large too, so far as the file needed to cover the petition and election as well as other legal forms.

"Off and on now, for almost a week, we've all been looking for it. We missed it when I wanted to check to see if a petition in another case," Judd whispered.

Although the file was described as big and it doesn't seem likely that a big file could be so easily mislaid, the state of crowded cabinets and files of the cramped clerk's office could house untold mislaid papers.

In a last effort before beginning a systematic search of every file and book, Judd pulled open the cabinet drawer where the file should have been.

He went through every paper. Still there was no Idanha file.

A Capital Journal report suggested that it might have slipped down to the drawer below. But that was empty, too.

Acting on impulse, Judd opened the drawer a little further, revealing the floor under the cabinet and a file.

Judd's face relaxed in contentment when he spotted the name on the file he had exposed. Incorporation of Idanha.

Fire Guts Home of Douglas Gibson

Woodburn, May 6—Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Gibson lost all of their possessions except the clothes they were wearing when their home on the Windsor road north of Woodburn was gutted by fire just before noon Friday.

The blaze was caused by the blowing up of an oil heater. The Woodburn fire department responded to the call and were able to save the exterior of the house but the inside is a total loss with no insurance.

Friday night the fire department was called out to a chimney fire at the Tremaine home on Second street and Saturday morning were again called to a chimney fire at the apartment house 744 Front street.

Cold Cure a Fraud

Washington, May 6 (AP)—An armed services medical board reported yesterday that "numerous tests" have produced no evidence that present antihistamine compounds help prevent or cure colds. The tests were made with civilian and military personnel.

When two or more metals are mixed together the resulting product is called an alloy.



DR. CHARLES DEEDEN, speaker for morning and evening services at Calvary Baptist church, Sunday.

'Vicious' Denver Girls in Wars

Denver, May 6 (AP)—Police revealed today a gang war among teen-age groups of girls in Denver "more vicious" than recent mass outbreaks of violence among juvenile boys here.

Policewoman Ruth Murray and Captain Leonard Nevins, head of the juvenile bureau, said the girls, aged 12 to 17, started auxiliaries to the boys' gangs last November.

"They're tough," Mrs. Murray said. "They fight with knives, teeth, finger nails and any other weapon they can lay a hand on, and there is no quibbling when their victim bleeds enough as the boys usually do."

"None of their fights end until someone is severely injured," she said. The girls "bought" usually confined themselves to fighting rival gangs, with a few isolated cases of purse snatching and other minor criminal offenses.

Captain Nevins said he had assigned male detectives to the task of breaking up girl gangs, but he said their efforts brought no results.

"It's a job for a woman," Mrs. Murray said. "We have to win the confidence of each individual member and sometimes offer them protection to get them to leave the gangs."

Pulp-Paper Wage Being Negotiated

Portland, May 6 (AP)—Pulp and Paper Mill union representatives are meeting here to draft contract terms their negotiators will present to Pacific Coast employers next Tuesday.

The two unions represent 15,000 workers at 15 mills. They opened their meeting yesterday. Delegates of the International Brotherhood of Paper Makers (AFL) elected William Anderson, Oregon City, their council president; Marion Tabor, Stockton, Calif., vice president; and Norman Tracy, Port Angeles, Wash., secretary.

The AFL pulp, sulphite and paper mill workers' delegates elected John Dawson, Hoquiam, Wash., their council president; John Eyer, Portland, vice president; and John Porter, Los Angeles, secretary.

Lions Club in Joint Meeting

The first annual dinner meeting of the four Lions clubs located in the Salem metropolitan district attracted approximately 225 men Friday night. The Hollywood club won the attendance trophy by virtue of having the largest number of members present on a per capita basis. Other clubs involved were the Salem, West Salem and East Salem groups.

Following a dinner in the Salem Junior high school cafeteria, members adjourned to the auditorium where a varied program was staged with Carl Anderson, Portland principal and a member of the downtown club presiding as master of ceremonies.

The Salem school district's program of building construction and financing was explained by Frank B. Bennett, superintendent of schools and that students from the three junior highs and senior high took over the job of entertaining those present.

Doug Rogers, Earle Edelman and Bob Meany presented a black face skit around the piano while Peter Vanhook of Portland gave forth with a rich tenor voice in spite of his 14 years.

Other program numbers included a string trio consisting of Laurel Kerr, Sydney Krummer and Carl Lee Louise Owens monologue; Martin Cook and Kathleen Bishop, pajama song; Karen Johnson, piano solo; Thad Stevens, Dean Quamane; Larry Dittman and John Burroughs, accordion quartet; double trio of Parrish and Melvins of Salem high.

Dense Fog Envelopes N. Y.

New York, May 6 (AP)—A heavy fog settled over most of the metropolitan area early today, cutting visibility in the heart of Manhattan to as little as two blocks.

Top of the city's tallest skyscrapers were not visible from the ground. The fog, combined with a slight drizzle and mist, crippled air and harbor traffic, but the weather bureau said the gray blanket probably would lift by noon.

At La Guardia field, visibility was one-sixteenth of a mile, and the ceiling described as "zero." Ninety flights had been cancelled at the field, and 70 more were expected to be dropped by noon.

Flying operations also were suspended at New York International airport, where similar conditions were reported.

The fog slowed traffic on principal thoroughfares. In the harbor, ferriesboats, plying between Manhattan, Staten Island and New Jersey points, were running behind schedule.

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Almost on the horizon and about due west, red Betelgeuse is the last conspicuous star of the Orion in sight. The others



Fancy Tablecloth—Mrs. Ralph Scraggin, right, president of the University of Oregon Mothers' club at Lebanon, smiles happily at the successful sale of an exquisite tablecloth, crocheted by Mrs. Halene Dunkley, left, for the various mothers' scholarship fund. The local club, organized two years ago, has doubled its donation each year. Total contribution for 1934 was \$186. Purchaser of the household treasure was Mrs. C. Allen, Lebanon.

Clearing Spring Skies Permit Better View of the Stars

By J. HUGH PRUETT

Amateur astronomer Charles Eason knows Salem. With spring now well advanced, clearer skies should permit more frequent views of the starry skies. Let us first locate the planets, those other worlds which straddle the sun as does our earth.

Mercury, the little messenger of the gods, is still above the horizon for a little while after sunset but is now too near the sun for easy observation. It was a prominent object in the western twilight during the last half of April, setting north of west.

For early risers, the finest of the planets, Venus and Jupiter, are gorgeous an hour before sunrise. Venus has just about cleared the horizon almost due east, while the less brilliant Jupiter is somewhat higher, nearly in the northeast.

For evening star gazing, let us observe at 5 p.m. standard time (10 p.m. DST). At this hour ruddy Mars will very brightly, but having lost some of its luster of six weeks ago when nearest the earth, is high in the sky and almost due south. It is the brightest of four brilliant planets which trace an almost straight line on the heavens.

Immediately west of Mars, yellow Saturn glows without twinkling. West of Saturn, the bright star Regulus sparkles at the end of the handle of the Big Dipper. A configuration mostly of dim stars with the open side of the blade toward the west.

The fourth object in the celestial line is Spica, at a considerable distance east of Mars. Also in the line are Neptune, between Mars and Spica, and Uranus near the horizon in the west northwest, but they are telescopic objects. This line traces the ecliptic, the apparent path-way of the sun among the stars.

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Boy Teasing Dog Badly Bitten

Los Angeles, May 6 (AP)—A 7-year-old boy who "used to tease animals" is recovering today from what emergency hospital doctors called the worst case of dog bite ever brought before them.

Colonel, a highly trained pet Doberman Pinscher, literally ripped the scalp off Louis Sandover, Jr., yesterday. Five of the nine gashes wrapped the boy's skull.

"We've had Colonel for about a year," said the youngster's mother, Mrs. Bess Sandover. "They play with each other constantly. At night, Colonel sleeps by Louis' bed."

"But sometimes he hits Colonel with sticks and rocks," she added. "I've seen him."

From the operating table, young Louis told officers he had hit his dog with a stick and kicked him just before the animal attacked. The dog was called off by a word from the boy's father.

Louis was taken to Children's hospital where his condition was described as serious.

Marshall Wavell in Hospital

London, May 6 (AP)—Field Marshall Lord Wavell went to the hospital yesterday—his 67th birthday—for a serious abdominal operation. His family said his condition "will give rise to some anxiety for the next few days."

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