

BOY ESCAPES BLAST



Eleven year-old John Forcillo looks over his parents' 1952 sedan which was reduced to a mass of rubble when it and the garage were blasted to bits by an explosion at Philadelphia. Forcillo was asleep in his bedroom directly above the garage to the left. Police, who could not determine immediately any reason for the explosion, believed it came from dynamite planted in the car. (AP Wirephoto)

Eleven Compensation Bills Pass Night Session

Eleven bills relating to the state workmen's compensation commission were passed by the senate at its Monday night session and one bill—the only one which increased any rates—was defeated by an 18 to 12 vote. The defeated bill, passed by the house, increased benefits for workmen suffering from temporary total disability with a total estimated annual cost from the workmen's compensation fund of \$184,000. The bill proposed to grant an increase for single workmen from \$110 to \$117 a month; a man with a wife from \$130 to \$137; and a man and wife with one child from \$150 to \$157 with \$15 additional for each child up to eight children. Senator Phil Hitchcock, a member of the committee declared that even though workmen's compensation benefits had increased 100 per cent in all categories, such benefits have not kept pace with increased cost of living or increased wages. "We have increased the salaries of our high officials and top administrators and yet this is the only increase in benefits to workmen and it amounts in cost to only 2/3 of one per cent of the total contributions to the fund. However, the bill went down to defeat with only 12 senators—Eugene Allen, Jack Bain, Phil Brady, Dean Bryson, Phil Hitchcock, Robert Holmes, John Housell, Fred Lampert, Richard Neuberger, and Douglas Yeater voting in its favor. Another bill which dealt with hazardous occupations on farms brought a long discussion but finally was passed by a vote of 17 to 13. The purpose of the bill was to bring farmers who engage outside help to log off trees on the farm under the act but exempt such a farmer if he uses his own farm help to do the logging. Opponents of the bill contended that it would bring such high rate that farmers, instead of using expert help, would use farm labor, not experienced,

PERSONNEL JOB



Lt. Col. Oliver S. Olson, former Woodburn resident, who has been named personnel officer for the Nurnberg district headquarters, Germany. Olson, overseas this time since May, 1952, has been serving as executive officer, Ludwigsburg detachment, Stuttgart district. The colonel received his initial commission in the Army in 1922 and during World War II served in the Southwest Pacific. He was also a member of the International War Crimes Commission trials in Yokohama and during this period also saw service in Manchuria.

Personnel of Board Named

Members of the State Emergency Board, a legislative committee which makes emergency appropriations when the Legislature isn't in session, were announced Monday by the presiding officers of both houses. Those appointed to the board are Sens. Howard C. Belton, Canby, and Angus Gibson, Junction City; and Reps. Dave Baum, La Grande; Robert W. Root, Medford, and Francis W. Ziegler, Corvallis. Those who automatically are members are Senate President Eugene E. Marsh, McMinnville; House Speaker Rudie Wilhelm, Jr., Portland; Sen. Dean H. Walker, Chairman of the Senate Ways and Means Committee; and Rep. Henry Semon, Klamath Falls, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee.

Postoffice Considers Longer Rural Routes

Washington (AP)—The Post Office Department is studying the possibility of longer routes for rural carriers, many of whom now complete their rounds in half a day. Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield said the department is "going into the question of lengthening rural routes" its campaign to cut costs of delivering the mail.

Reds' 'Sex Offensive' Falls on Deaf Ears

Western Korean Front (AP)—The Communist launched a "sex offensive" on the Western front last night. Propagandists capped the evening's loudspeaker broadcasts with a woman shouting on a Communist hill shouting: "American soldiers, American soldiers, come here. I am waiting... You will have a good time. There are lots of women." But there were no takers.

Willamette River Bank Job Included

Washington, (AP)—The way is clear for the House to vote on a bill to double the authorization for spending on four Pacific Northwest river projects. The bill would increase to 150 million dollars the amount which Congress could appropriate for The Dalles, Lookout Point and Detroit dams and Willamette River bank protection. The House Rules Committee Monday cleared it for action by the House. Rep. Mack (R., Wash.) said he expected the bill to come before the House this week. Current authorizations are virtually expended, Mack said, and must be increased if construction is to continue.

Portland Ice Arena Temporarily Closed

Portland, (AP)—A double shift of firemen and an extra engine company stood by Monday night at the Portland Ice Arena where the Portland Home Show was in progress. The precaution was taken after the building was declared unsafe by Portland Commissioner Stanley Earle because of what he said was defective electric wiring. The building was ordered closed, effective Tuesday, until repairs are made. The Home Show, which opened Saturday, was scheduled to run eight more days. An effort was being made to replace the wiring by Tuesday night.

Helicopter Falls in Canyon, 2 Marines Die

Portia, Ariz., (AP)—Two Marines were killed, one was slightly injured and another escaped unharmed when a helicopter crashed in a canyon in the Chiricahua mountains near the Arizona-New Mexico line last night. Officers at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, which dispatched a search plane to the scene, reported that four men had been in the helicopter when it crashed about 10 miles from here, near the scene of one of the state's worst forest fires of the year.

BPA Lets Contract to Clear Right-of-Way

A contract for clearing the right-of-way and construction of access roads on the Lookout Point-Alvey 115 kv lines 1 and 2 for the Bonneville Power Administration, approved by Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay, has been awarded to Christofferson, Stakkeland & Zachary, Everett, Washington, on a low bid of \$38,700. Project Engineer Ed Moore will be in charge of this work with headquarters at Jasper, Oregon. These transmission lines when completed will make it possible to connect the generating facilities of Lookout Point project to the Columbia river grid system.

1st Surgical Patient At Santiam Hospital

Stayton—The first surgery was performed in the Santiam Memorial hospital Sunday afternoon. It was an emergency appendectomy performed on Glenn Cochran of Jefferson. Dr. J. F. Hosh of Scio did the operating with Dr. Betzer assisting, and Dr. Stewart administering the anesthetic.

72 FARMS OPENED

Washington (AP)—The Reclamation Bureau announced today that 72 farm units on the Minidoka federal reclamation project in Southern Idaho have been opened to homestead settlement.

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Essay Awards At Silverton

Silverton—Mrs. William Smead, Americanism chairman of Delbert Reeves unit, No. 7, American Legion auxiliary, has submitted the essay award winners in senior and junior divisions. The essays of the first prize winners are to be sent to auxiliary department headquarters for entries in national competition. In the senior division of 10th, 11th, and 12th grades, first prize winner of \$5 cash, was Sharon Wells, Silverton high school, 10th grade, her address is RFD No. 2, Box 187, Silverton, Ore. Subject: Americanism in the Community.

Seattle Rabbi, Niece Slain in Jerusalem

Jerusalem, (AP)—Dogs followed footprints today from a ransacked suburban house where a Seattle rabbi and his New York niece were slain on the Jordan-Israel armistice line. Police said the route of the tracks had been reported to the United Nations and the Israel-Jordan Armistice Commission. Authorities disclosed that a nine-year-old playmate of one of Rabbi Harry Genauer's five children found his body and that of Deborah Genauer, his niece, yesterday about 12 hours after they had been shot to death.

Prisoner's Parents Died in Nazi Camp

Los Angeles, (AP)—The brother and sister of an American prisoner of war released by the communists said today they were prisoners in a Nazi concentration camp during World War II. Mrs. Irene Goldberg, 27, and Irwin Rubin, 30, revealed their own imprisonment when informed of the release of their brother, Army Pfc. Tibor Rubin, 23. Mrs. Goldberg and Rubin said their parents died in the German concentration camp. They said Tibor was too young at the time to be interned by the Nazis. "In his last letter he was praying to God to get home," Mrs. Goldberg said. "This shows his prayers were answered."

Cub Scouts Prepare Silverton Charter

Silverton—At the week's meeting of the Cub Scout masters committee members, and den Mothers at the Eugene Field building, present were M. C. Nickols, district executive of Salem, and M. McLaughlin, organization and extension chairman of Silver Falls district of scouting. The purpose of the meeting was to help complete the charter application of the Cub Scouts, and to assist the den Mothers and committee personnel in a better understanding of the organization. Present were Cubmaster Jim Jones; committee members, Everet Olson, Vern Plummer and Dr. Ralph Schmidt; and den Mothers, Mrs. M. Brenden, Mrs. L. Taylor, Mrs. E. Anderson, Mrs. L. Hattberg, Mrs. V. Plummer and Mrs. B. Morgan. Announced is a pack meeting on Friday, April 24, at 7 p.m. at the Eugene Field building. On Tuesday, April 21, dens No. 3 and 6 were taken to Salem by their den mothers, Mrs. Bessie Morgan and Mrs. Vern Plummer on a visitation to radio station KSLM. Den No. 4 is extending an invitation to the Scouts of the other dens to be their guests featuring a comedy skit. The U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs has contracts with 30 county health departments to provide public health service to Indians.

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