

COMMISSION NEW FIRE TRUCK



C. H. Pairan, manager of the fire apparatus division of the Nelson Equipment Co., right center, shakes hands with Mayor Jacob Berchtold, left center, as he hands over new fire truck for Mt. Angel. Others from left are Frank Hale, Nelson Co. representative; Fire Chief Francis Schimide, Joe Berchtold, president of the Mt. Angel Fire Department and Fred J. Schwab, Rural Fire District chairman. In lower photo Rev. Cyril Lebold is shown blessing new pumper.

New Fire Truck For Mt. Angel

Mt. Angel—A new fire truck was initiated into service at Mt. Angel Wednesday night with all the ceremony of a ship launching.

Firemen, directed by Fire Chief Francis Schmidt, immediately put the equipment through its paces for the benefit of a large crowd of residents.

A mock fire on the three story drill tower was "extinguished" and two small buildings were burned on a vacant lot to demonstrate the use of fog nozzles. The demonstration ended in a water fight between the firemen.

The new truck was handed over to Mayor Jacob Berchtold by C. H. Pairan, manager of the fire apparatus division of the Nelson Equipment Co. of Portland. Mayor Berchtold in turn presented the pumper to Fire Chief Schmidt.

The truck was then blessed by Rev. Cyril Lebold, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic church. Others taking part in the ceremonies were Fred J. Schwab, chairman of the Mt. Angel Rural Fire District; Robert Taylor, representing the State Fire Marshall; Albert Wilde, assistant fire chief; Joseph Wagner, drill master; Jim Bourbonnais, equipment captain; Jack Schurr, secretary-treasurer and Joe Berchtold, president.

The Central Railroad of New Jersey put the first diesel switch engine into service in 1925.

Four Killed in Span Collapse

Monessen, Pa. (AP)—Four men are dead and 12 injured in a steel plant railroad span collapse that sent tons of limestone and iron ore from three hopper cars crashing onto a group of lunching workers.

Seventeen hours after the accident at Pittsburgh Steel Co., weary workers early Thursday found the body of the fourth victim buried under tons of debris.

Western States Ed Plan Goes to Ike

Washington (AP)—A bill authorizing Western states to pool resources to promote higher education was passed by the House Wednesday and sent to the President.

Under the bill, any five or more designated states and territories are permitted to organize the Western Interstate Commission to Higher Education.

States affected are Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming, and the territories of Alaska and Hawaii.

Mosquito Spraying Scheduled Friday

Salem sloughs will be sprayed Friday for mosquito control. The job will be done by the A. C. Flying Service and Farm-Air Corporation.

Deputy Sheriff Hurt in Plunge

Klamath Falls (AP)—A dirt-scooping machine plunged into a gravel pit near Merrill Wednesday, and seriously injured Marion Barnes, 63, a sheriff's deputy.

He lost his left ear, suffered many head cuts, a deep gash on his leg and a possible leg fracture. Nevertheless he was able to crawl to the rim of the 12-foot-deep pit and drive two miles into Merrill. From there he was brought to the Klamath Valley hospital.

Senate Votes For Emmons

Washington (AP)—The Senate Wednesday confirmed, without debate, President Eisenhower's nomination of Glenn L. Emmons of New Mexico as commissioner of Indian affairs.

The appointment of Emmons, a Gallup, N. M., banker, had stirred up a brief fight, but the opposition collapsed Tuesday after he testified at an interior committee hearing.

Sen. Langer (R-Ind.) who blocked confirmation 10 days ago, said after the hearing he was "entirely satisfied" with Emmons' denial of charges he was a party to embezzlement or a shortage at the First National Bank of Gallup 20 years ago.

BISHOP FREED Hong Kong (AP)—An American Catholic bishop who spent 20 months in a Red China prison and three other Catholic missionaries arrived Thursday night at this border of Communism and freedom. The bishop is the Most Rev. Phillip Cote, 61, of Lawrence, Mass.

Boys Admit Causing Portland Fire

Portland (AP)—Two little boys admitted here Wednesday that they played with fire and inadvertently touched off a \$165,000 blaze.

The boys, 6 and 7 years old, told firemen they found some short candles under a loading dock last week and tried to light them. That started some trash paper burning. The boys said they could not stamp out the fire, so ran away.

The fire had a 20-minute start before an alarm was sounded. Northwest Candles, Inc., and two other firms suffered the \$165,000 loss.

U. S. Sergeant Last to Die

Seoul (AP)—An American sergeant was the last allied soldier killed in the Korean War, the 8th army said Thursday.

He died in the blast of a Communist mortar shell on the eastern front at 8:04 p.m. Monday. Eighty minutes later the guns stopped firing.

The sergeant's name was withheld but the army said he was in K Co., 3rd Battalion, 5th Regimental Combat Team.

Three Indictments Returned by Jury

Three indictments, one of them secret, were returned by a Marion county grand jury Wednesday. The jury also acquitted two others.

Charles Coe was indicted on a charge of intent to commit rape involving a Silverton girl who is said to have been attacked a number of weeks ago.

Gary Paul Herwick, 17-year-old inmate of the MacLaren School for Boys was indicted for allegedly using an automobile belonging to District Attorney Kenneth Brown without authority.

Acquitted by the jurors were Walter Flitts, accused of larceny by bailee and Jack Oster on a non-support charge.

Lumber by Water Shows Increase

Portland (AP)—Pacific Northwest lumber mills increased their waterborne shipments 15 per cent in the first half of the year, compared with the same period last year.

Pacific Lumber Inspection Bureau, Inc., reported the total from Oregon, Washington and British Columbia was 1,794,184,772 board feet for the first six months this year, compared with 1,558,050,276 feet for the corresponding period of 1952.

Driver's Permit For Youth Suspended

A 15-year-old Salem boy Wednesday had his driver's instruction permit suspended until September 1 for violation of the permit's provisions.

The lad was cited to court after complaints that he and a companion, also 15, were "squirreling" around in an east Salem residential section. Investigation showed they were driving in one's family car without the knowledge of the parents.

Since there was no licensed driver in the car, in violation of the provisions of the permit, the driver was cited to court and both were cited to see the

city juvenile officer. Municipal Court Judge Douglas Hay told the boy to leave his permit with the court and pick it up on September 1.

Shivers to Preside At Governors' Meet

Seattle (AP)—Gov. Allan Shivers of Texas is expected Thursday to lead the vanguard of chief executives of the states and territories arriving in Seattle for the annual Governors' Conference which opens here Sunday.

Shivers, as governor of last year's host state, will be chairman of the 1953 conference which President Eisenhower is expected to address.

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