

Advance Work Toward Career Done by Student

Donald M. Crothers, 17, Salem high school senior, one of 40 selected from throughout the United States to compete for the Westinghouse Science scholarships, plans a career in medicine, says a biographical sketch prepared by the contest sponsors.

Already he has been doing advance work in that direction. He has spent much time on a study of blood with special emphasis on anemia and leukemia. With equipment of his own design he has made photomicrographs of samples of healthy and diseased blood, to learn important steps in diagnosis.

Crothers Wins Talent Search

WASHINGTON (AP)—Forty high school students from various parts of the nation were named finalists Thursday in the 13th annual "Science Talent Search."

They will now prepare to compete further for \$11,000 in Westinghouse science scholarships. The finalists—eight girls and 32 boys—were picked from 2,409 entrants from all parts of the country. Selections were made on the basis of a stiff aptitude test, scholastic records, teachers' evaluations, and students' own descriptions of "science projects" they had undertaken on their own.

The down-the-stretch finalists will be treated to an all-expenses-paid, five-day trip to Washington, beginning Feb. 25. They'll visit scientific institutions, hear talks by top scientists, and meanwhile will be interviewed and quizzed further before the judging committee will select the top scholarship winners from among them.

The "Science Talent Search" is financed by the Westinghouse Electric Corp. and administered by the Science Clubs of America (SCA).

The names of the finalists, together with their addresses and schools, include: Oregon—Donald M. Crothers, 17, 210 N. 15th St., Salem; David R. Simons, 17, 749 West M St., Springfield.

Washington—Richard W. Fiddler, 17, Rt. 2, Box 627-B, Kirkland.

BLM to Offer Timber for Sale

PORTLAND (AP)—The Bureau of Land Management will offer 44 million board feet of timber for sale in Western Oregon next month.

The timber is in 20 tracts of O & C land in Yamhill, Linn, Benton, Lane, Jackson, Josephine and Coos counties.

The first sale will put up 9,250,000 feet for sale at Salem, Feb. 9. There will be six tracts, four to be sold by oral bids, two by sealed bids.

At Eugene, Feb. 11, eight tracts containing 23,732,000 feet will be sold by oral bid. Three tracts with 5,736,000 feet will be offered at Medford, Feb. 12.

Mother of Eighteen Children Passes

BELLINGHAM (AP)—Mrs. Nina M. Brown, 68, mother of Whatcom County's largest family, died here Thursday. She and her husband, Clint U. Brown, were the parents of eight sons and 10 daughters, all living.

Thomas Blundell III At Fairbanks Alaska

Silverton—Thomas Blundell is very ill in a hospital in Fairbanks, Alaska.

Mediterranean Tour for OCE

According to OCS Professor Charles Noxon, the 1954 study tour, "Geography and Related Cultures of the Mediterranean," sponsored by Oregon College of Education, is off to an early start with almost half its membership quota already filled.

The all-expense tour, which carries five hours of undergraduate credit, leaves Portland in mid-June and returns in mid-August. The group travels to New York City by streamliner, spends one night in the metropolis, and embarks for LeHavre, France, on trans-Atlantic steamer. Travel in the Mediterranean will be by train, bus, and plane. Private cars will be used for seeing the Holy Land.

The tour actually includes 11 countries: France, Spain, Morocco, Italy, Vatican State, Greece, Turkey, Syria, Lebanon, Holy Land and Egypt; therefore it takes in three continents.

Special sightseeing will be done in Paris, Versailles, Madrid, Toledo, Barcelona, Nice, Genoa, Athens, Istanbul (Constantinople), Jeric, Bethlehem, Beirut, Damascus, Jerusalem and Cairo. A few of the famous points of interest the group will visit are St. Peter's cathedral, Vatican, Sistine Chapel, painted by Michelangelo, the ruins of the Roman forum, the Acropolis at Athens, the Golden Horn, bazaars of Damascus, the site of Jesus' baptism, the Dead Sea, Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the birthplace of Jesus, Mount of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane, the Pyramids, the Sphinx by camel, the collections from King Tut's tomb, Eiffel Tower, Napoleon's Tomb, Arc de Triomphe, Notre Dame Cathedral, Sorbonne, Hall of Mirrors, and many others.

The tour cost is \$1649 from Portland to Portland or \$1495 from New York to New York. Membership is available for students, teachers, or other persons interested in a study tour. The tour director this year is Charles J. Noxon, assistant professor of geography.

New England Coldest Region

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Southerly winds brought a touch of milder weather to the mid-continent Friday while cold northerly winds dropped temperatures over most areas east of the Appalachians.

Coldest region was New England with a reading of 12 degrees below zero in Burlington, Vt. Cold weather also continued in Northeastern Montana and the Red River Valley of the north in Minnesota and North Dakota.

But mild winter weather prevailed over the Mississippi Valley, most of the Great Plains, the Rockies and the Far West.

Snow and rain occurred along the western slopes of the northern Rockies with rain westward to the Pacific Coast, mostly in Oregon. Heaviest rainfall was more than 2 inches in North Bend, Ore.

Union High School Sentiment Unchanged

Silverton—Very little change was evidenced in the sentiment concerning the pro-union high school in the Silverton and 12 or more rural districts, at the specially called meeting of the members of the district boards and other invited representatives at Wednesday meeting at Eugene Field school.

Aside from the Silverton board members were Joe Bertchold of Mt. Angel, Oscar Lee of Evans Valley, John Seims of Central Howell, Vic Hadley of Silver Crest and Robert Humphreys of Victor Point.

Silverton district is to vote in February for or against being a member of the proposed union. Very soon after this should the voters approve Silverton joining, the individual districts vote their approval or not.

Sentiment favored Howard Balderstone being union high supervisor. Also the use of the Silverton high school was approved.

Newby Suggests Sales Tax; Favors High Dam

Eugene (UP)—Secretary of State Earl T. Newby fired the opening salvo of his campaign for governor here yesterday with a suggestion that Oregon should take another look at the sales tax. He also advocated continued federal construction of dams in the north-west.

Newby told the Eugene Real Estate Board that Oregon voters had turned down the sales tax five times but that the state now has the highest income tax rate in the United States. He suggested that other sources of tax revenue should be studied so that industries would not be driven out of the state.

By implication, he criticized the suggestion for a series of low dams on the Snake river. He said that within the next couple of generations. The most important function of dams in the Columbia Basin would be irrigation and that high dams were better suited for this purpose.

Newby advocated construction in the near future of the proposed John Day dam. Besides producing power and navigation, it also would provide irrigation, he said.

Newby said that the federal government should build the dams but when those dams have been paid for themselves, they should be turned over to the states.

Newby told the real estate men, "this is the first talk I have made that can be called a campaign talk."

Rebel Patrols Make First Stab

HANOI, Indochina, (AP)—Rebel Vietnamese patrols made their first stab Friday into the outer defenses of Dien Bien Phu, the last big French fortress stronghold in northwestern Indochina.

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Second Disastrous Fire Strikes Pusan

PUSAN, Korea (AP)—A second disastrous fire Friday struck this southeast Korean port, still recovering from a blaze that burned out of the heart of the city last November.

Firemen said more than 200 flimsy houses were destroyed and the flames still were spreading two hours after fire broke out at 2 a.m.

Thus far, no major U.S. military installations were threatened.

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Dog Couldn't Leave Man Out, Cold Night

WHITEFISH, Mont. (AP)—The dog decided he couldn't leave a man out on a night like that.

So Peter Pan, a huge St. Bernard, shared his home with the hitchhiking stranger overnight. Ordinarily he won't let anyone outside his master's family come near his king-size kennel.

But when the stranded stranger—who refused to give his name—couldn't raise anyone at the home of George Robertson, he crawled in with Peter Pan. He kept warm by cuddling up to the 100-pound animal.

When Robertson looked out his window, he saw the man emerge from the doghouse.

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'Toughie' Gets Aid From Women

FAIRBANKS, Alaska (AP)—If Frank (Tuffy) Edgington lives up to his nickname and lives, he will have a native woman, a woman doctor, a bush pilot, and a dog sled driver to thank.

Edgington was brought to a Fairbanks hospital early Wednesday in critical condition from injuries received in a plane crash on Yukon River ice three days ago.

With him at the time were his wife, Rosalind, and a friend, Pottie Justin, 55, a native woman. The women, though cut and bruised, pulled Edgington to a log cabin on the River Ank and then Miss Justin walked three miles in 46-below-zero weather to the cabin of John Swenson.

Swenson picked up Dr. Jean Persons at Tanana after a 30-mile run in four hours with his dog team, then took her back to Edgington in six hours.

Bob Byers, the bush pilot, flew in from Fairbanks with blood plasma, landing two hours before Dr. Persons arrived at midnight. He then flew the two women to Tanana for treatment, returning for Edgington and Dr. Persons.

Europe's Cold Wave Eases Up

LONDON (AP)—Europe's cold wave eased a bit Friday but snow and ice snarled road, rail and river transport in parts of England and the continent.

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Lebanon Kiwanians Back Blue Peter Dam

ALLIGATOR "KISSES" ACTRESS MUNCH, Germany (AP)—German film actress Josefina Kipper was "kissed" by an alligator Friday.

She held a 'gator two feet long in her arms here while posing for a publicity still. Suddenly the animal rolled his eyes, squirmed and bit her twice on the lips. Miss Kipper was taken to a hospital for treatment.

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MARTIAL LAW IN DAMASCUS

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP)—The government announced Friday that the martial law clamped down by President Adib Shishki Thursday to stave off attempts to overthrow his regime takes in areas around the capital at Damascus.

37 MEN MISSING IN SMALL CRAFTS WRECK

TOKYO (AP)—Thirty-seven men were reported missing Friday after 70 mile an hour blizzard winds wrecked 142 small craft off the northern Japanese island of Hokkaido, Kyodo News Agency said.

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