



SNOW KIDS—Randy, 8, and Roddy Rogerson, 4, were among the hundreds of Central Oregon children enjoying the first snow fall of the winter season. The boys are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rogerson of 1334 East Fifth Street in Bend. The Bend Recreation Department yesterday marked eight hills in Bend with green markers for young people to use for sledding.

Midstate Soil District issues annual report

Special to The Bulletin
REDMOND — More requests for assistance on water application were received this year by the Midstate Soil Conservation District than in any year since the district was organized in 1948, according to Theodore Thorson, SCS technician, in his annual report.

Because water conservation and irrigation water management is the most important practice in the district, say the supervisors, the 1964 plan of work will emphasize this phase, along with pasture management and conservation farm planning.

A total of 250 farmers took part in the 1963 work program — half of the members listed on the district roster. Over-all conservation plans were drawn for 35 farmers in Deschutes County.

Soil Conservation Service technicians assisted more than 200 cooperators in better use of irrigation waters during the year. Three irrigation districts have requested assistance on large irrigation ponds, earthen canals, flumes and pipe lines for their main transportation water systems.

Over 400 irrigation structures were installed for improved water application. Many farmers are using augers and shovels to check depth of water penetration after irrigation as a result of technical assistance.

Thirty-two hundred acres were seeded to grasses and legumes. Ten thousand acres were included in the fertilizer program and 175 acres were leveled. At Squaw Creek, 4600 feet of channel were aligned to protect cropland from flooding. Thorson reports that 96,000 acres were increased in value by adoption of rotation deferred grazing on range land.

Other figures show 5000 acres now growing crested wheat grass where there was no useful growth beforehand; 8000 acres placed under modern brush control; 600 acres cleared of sage and rabbit brush for range seeding; 10,000 acres covered by soils mapping, and six stock ponds constructed on the desert for better grazing distribution.

Twenty-eight sprinkler systems have been installed on Deschutes County farms. Water management has been put into practice on 25 miles of field ditches; 40,000 feet of irrigation pipelines installed; one overnight reservoir and four irrigation ponds have brought about improved water application on 800 acres.

"EXCESSIVE TAXES"
ASUNCION, Paraguay (UPI) — Seventy-two former residents of Brownsville, Tex., who left the United States to escape what they regard as "excessive taxes" are setting up housekeeping as settlers in Paraguay.

The immigrants traveled by light plane to northern Paraguay, where a large area of farmland had been set aside for them. The last members of the party arrived Tuesday.

56 bids offered in timber sale

Fifty-six bids were submitted for some 2,800,000 board feet of timber in the Lava Flow Mistletoe area of the Crescent District, Deschutes National Forest, at an auction held here Tuesday afternoon.

Successful bidder for the stumpage, mostly pine, was the C & K firm, composed of Virgil Carpenter and Bob Keyes, Bend, who obtained the timber for an overall sum of \$70,455 after bidding \$26.10 per thousand for the 2,700,000 board feet of pine.

Bidding against the C & K company was Sam Oldaker, who dropped out after bidding \$26.01 per thousand for the pine. The auction was held in the Deschutes National Forest headquarters office, in Bend.

The timber purchased by Carpenter and Keyes is in the Crescent district about two miles south of Maner Butte, and six miles northwest of Gilchrist. Timber in the area was offered for sale in a move to eradicate a very heavy mistletoe infection. Through removal of the overstory trees, the way will be cleared for thinning and pruning understorey timber and the eradication of the infection.

The sale area gets its name from the fact that it is adjacent to an extensive lava flow.

Voters defeat bond issue

PORTLAND (UPI) — Voters in the Columbia School District turned down an \$847,000 bond issue for a new high school in a special election Monday.

The vote was 258 to 168. The 125 high school students in the district attend schools in Portland and Parkrose.

A bill which died in the recent special legislative session would have prohibited construction of a school in the Columbia district.

Sisters youngsters enjoy hobo party on Friday night

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SISTERS — Seventeen members of the fifth through the eighth grade, youth group of the Sisters Church of Christ enjoyed a hobo party at the fire-side room of the church on Friday evening. They were served chili beans and punch for a tin can buffet. Hostesses for the affair were their leader, Mrs. Vern Miller, assisted by Mrs. Dan Barclay and Mrs. Bill Bacon.

Visitors Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gates were their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Art Gates and children of Albany, and their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jones and daughters of Bend.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Thornton and daughters, Carol and Mrs. Bob Owens and her children, Roberta and Richard of Quincy, Wash., arrived Wednesday to visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Creighton Shaw and with her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lowery. The Thorntons were returning from a months trip to Kansas and left for home on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Orphy Reese have received word from their daughter, Judy, that she has accepted a position in Munich, Germany, where she will teach in the elementary armed forces school, teaching the first grade.

Two senior girls from Sisters

High School spent the day Saturday in Bend where they took the college entrance examination tests at the high school. They are Kathy Roberts and Margaret Thompson.

Cheryl Wilson spent the week-end visiting her sister, Linda, in Salem.

Guests Sunday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Laura Zumwalt were her daughters and their husbands, Mr. and Mrs. Howell Roberts of Bend and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kindell of Redmond. The occasion was the celebration of Mrs. Zumwalt's birthday anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Dennison and Mrs. Carrie Hewitt of Redmond, accompanied Mrs. Albert Demaris to Powell Butte on Thursday where they visited at the home of Mrs. Sam Moyer.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dowsett of Gresham were weekend guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Wakefield.

Mr. and Mrs. Burl Gilland and daughters, Linda and Colleen visited Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Stowell in Prineville.

The Sisters Rebekah Lodge will hold a meeting on Wednesday evening for their annual Christmas party and gift exchange. The district deputy, Mrs. Eleanor Hein of Bend, will be a guest for the evening.

Mel Crawford of Prineville was a dinner guest Sunday at the home of his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Edgington.

Accident claims Washougal man

AMBOY, Wash. (UPI) — Lee Miller, 54, Washougal, Wash., was killed in a logging accident near here Monday, the Clark County sheriff's office reported today.

Miller, an employee of the Downing Logging Co., was setting a choker on a log when it rolled on him.

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RIFLE EYEFUL—Linda Pool, 18, has fired her way into the top five women shooters in the United States and is rifling toward the Olympic Games in Tokyo next summer. The Florida freshman Annie Oakley, shown on the Gainesville indoor range, outshot 31 male competitors in the Tangerine Smallbore Rifle Championships in Orlando, Fla.

Noted lawyer Melvin Belli agrees to defend Jack Ruby

DALLAS (UPI)—Melvin Belli, flamboyant San Francisco lawyer, today took charge of defending Jack Ruby, self-styled avenger of President Kennedy's assassination.

"Because of justice," Belli said he took the case. He charged into Dallas wearing cowboy boots and a fur-collared overcoat and spent nearly two hours in Ruby's closely guarded cell.

"We will plead him not guilty by reason of insanity," Belli said. "We will be ready by the scheduled trial date of Feb. 3." Belli said Ruby would be tried "thoroughly, detailedly and meticulously" in the court room and he would not discuss intricacies of defense with news media. He said he had no objection to live radio, television or photographic coverage of the trial, which had not been settled.

The famed lawyer said he was impressed with the "sincerity" of the man who fired a shot point blank into Lee Harvey Oswald's body Nov. 24, just two days after President Kennedy was assassinated. Oswald, 24, had been charged with Ken-

edy's death and a national television audience witnessed the dramatic shooting by Ruby.

"My eyes were moist," Belli said, "when he recounted what he went through."

Ruby, the lawyer said, "was not the type of man I expected to see. I was impressed with his sincerity. I've never seen a more sincere fellow than Jack. If there was ever a man entitled to plead not guilty, Jack is the man."

"His story hasn't been told and won't be told until we get into the court room," Belli said. "We will have some of the greatest names in psychiatry in the United States as witnesses."

Belli will head a team of lawyers that includes Tom Howard of Dallas, who entered the case shortly after Ruby was arrested.

PLENTY OF WORK

ILFORD, England (UPI)—Raving Count Archer, a 19-year-old rock 'n roll singer who can't read music, said today he has had plenty of work since he started giving trading stamps to the pubs who book his act.

Britain ends 68 years of rule over Kenya at midnight tonight

NAIROBI, Kenya (UPI)—Tribesmen and city dwellers today staged premature celebrations of Kenya's independence, which becomes official at midnight tonight in a ceremony ending Britain's 68 years of rule over this rich East African nation.

Heavy rainfall hampered the festivities, but Africans in the capital and countryside already were celebrating uhuru or freedom as the last day of British dependence dawned.

Prince Philip, the husband of Queen Elizabeth, and many other foreign dignitaries including Assistant Secretary of State G. Mennen Williams, United Auto Workers' President Walter Reuther, and Negro author James Baldwin were here to witness the lowering of the Union Jack in the stadium ceremony.

But the center of attraction was the tall, bearded premier of the new nation, Jomo Kenyatta, who spent much of the past 10 years in British jails convicted of leading the Mau Mau terrorist organization.

Kenyatta, now 73, won freedom for his country through elections and negotiations after British security forces defeated the Mau Mau.

Kenya, the 34th African nation to achieve independence and the last of Britain's former East African colonies, faces the formidable problem of integrating a large white and Asian population into the African majority of 8.5 million.

Kenya once had 66,000 whites and still has 60,000, along with 70,000 Arabs and Asians. No other African nation has had to

absorb such substantial minorities. Kenyatta's solution is expressed in the African slogan "harambee", which means "we all pull together." It has replaced "uhuru" in the chants and responses by Kenyatta's audiences.

Flame flickers out briefly on Kennedy grave

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The eternal flame on President Kennedy's grave at Arlington National Cemetery flickered out for about one minute Tuesday because of a freakish accident.

A group of children was visiting the grave when the cap came off a bottle of holy water. "A stream of water hit the flame directly, extinguishing it," John Metzler, cemetery superintendent, said. "An attendant relighted the flame immediately. I estimate it was out for only one minute."

Metzler was at a loss to explain how a small amount of water could have extinguished a flame which has continued to burn in heavy rains and high winds.

He said he was not present when the accident happened, but reconstructed the events later.

There were about 20 children from 8 to 11 years old in the group, Metzler said. They were taking turns sprinkling the grave with holy water.

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