

CCC BOYS SPEED WOODS WORK FOR FIRE PROTECTION

Forest Trails and Phone Lines Being Built for System Centering in Medford —Miners Are Also Aided

CAMP WIMMER, April 4.—(Sp.)—Medford will be the nerve center of a 76 mile long system of forest trails and telephone lines connecting Section mountain, King mountain, and Battle mountain lookout stations when the Oregon boys who compose this Medford district CCC company, get through carrying out the plans of Lynn P. Cronmiller, state forester. It is expected that the work will be finished by the fall of 1936. Intensive summer work will proceed full blast as soon as replacements bring Captain Guy W. Saunders' all-Oregon company to full strength about April 10th.

Work on the Evans creek-Medford telephone line which has been pushed through the winter is now within two weeks of completion. Two bulldozers, taking advantage of the better weather of the past week, are working seven ten-hour shifts a week slashing road up the gulches toward the still snowed ridges where the control roads will run. When the work is finished, lookouts will be able to see in first tiny wisps of smoke to set in motion flying squadrons of trucks and men out of Medford, Rogue River or Grants Pass to bring the fire under immediate control. By this project four whole townships of fir and pine covered slopes and gold bearing creeks will be brought under the fire protection of the state forester.

Prospectors are thronging into Evans creek, Pleasant creek and Graves creek this year because of the deep snow on the mountains which promise ample water supply until probably July. For them and others who will follow next year the CCC is building roads which will make the formerly inaccessible creeks easy of entrance with supplies. Thus fire control will make more accessible one of the natural resources of this country. Jackson county's summer population will be increased by many a creek miner who will push the gold frontier farther back into the Cascades. One of the loop trails will go round the head of Graves creek making every point on that stream easily approachable.

CRUISER DENTED BY DUD TORPEDO

SAN PEDRO, Calif., April 4.—(AP)—Struck by a dud torpedo, the U. S. S. Northampton ploughed through fleet maneuvers today as though nothing had happened. The 10,000-ton cruiser carried a sizeable but unimportant dent in her steel plates as a memento of the accident which might have resulted disastrously if the torpedo had carried its warhead load of TNT. The 45-knot torpedo crashed into the Northampton last week during target practice on the navy's drill grounds off San Clemente Island. It was fired from a distance of about 800 yards.

Accidents of this sort, navy men pointed out, are not unknown in torpedo practice. Navy men, pointing out that the head of a torpedo is usually knocked off in an impact of this type and sinks, regarded the loss of the torpedo with more concern than the mishap and attendant inconvenience to the Northampton. The cost of a single torpedo runs into thousands of dollars.

THRILL SLAYER NEARS RECOVERY

JOLIET, Ill., April 4.—(AP)—One of the "thrill" slayers of little Bobby Franks of Chicago—Nathan Leopold—may be back in the library of the state penitentiary in a short time, according to his duties as a clerk after undergoing a major surgical operation. Prison officials said today that reports from the prison hospital were that Leopold was recovering rapidly from the operation, performed several days ago for the removal of an abscess.

COULD NOT DO HER HOUSEWORK

WHEN everything you attempt is a burden when you are nervous and irritable—as your wit's end—try this medicine. It may be just what you need for extra energy. Mrs. Charles L. Cadmus of Trenton, New Jersey, says, "After doing just a little work I had to lie down. My mother-in-law recommended the Vegetable Compound. I can see a wonderful change now."

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Grilled About Bandit



Mrs. Virgie Johnson, painter and wood carver and former wife of a prominent Hattiesburg, Miss., citizen, was questioned by police in connection with the robbery of a Prentiss, Miss., bank in which Raymond Hamilton, notorious fugitive, was believed involved. (Associated Press Photo)

APPLAGATE STOCK RAISERS ORGANIZE

BIG APPLAGATE, April 4.—(Sp.)—An organization which may become county-wide, and which will function for the general betterment of Applegate stockmen, was formed at a cattle owners' meeting at Rich Sunday, and is known as the Applegate Protective Association. The possibility of quicker action in case of cattle stealing was the primary purpose of organizing, although leaders of the group say they will be benefited in pooling the cattle for sale, in purchasing of salt, and other phases of the industry. Officers elected are as follows: Fred Litchen, president; Clarence Buck, vice president; Claus Kleinhammer, secretary-treasurer; and Edward Kubli, Leon Offenbacher and Albert Collins, board of directors. The protective association will cover the entire Applegate district, including all tributaries, and at another meeting scheduled for April 14, leaders hope to concentrate on membership in the Williams creek district.

STATE WILL CUT MEAT TO INMATES

SALEM, Ore., April 4.—(AP)—Partial boycott on meat because of the advancing prices was implied by the state board of control here today when it recommended that state institutions substitute more vegetables and fish to reduce the consumption of meat. The issue was brought to a head by Governor Martin when Secretary Dan Fry reported that prices of beef had advanced an average of 4 1/2 cents a pound during the past three months on contracts for the various institutions. "Why not discourage the use of such meat and feed our inmates and patients more vegetables?" he asked. "Vegetables and fish are better for them anyway, and, besides, I believe they have been getting too much meat. Let them adjust the diet accordingly." The recommendation was concurred in by Treasurer Holman and Secretary of State Snell, and the order will be issued immediately.

STANFORD U. VICINITY TO BE SLIGHTLY DRIER

SACRAMENTO, April 4.—(AP)—The state board of equalization today cancelled the liquor licenses of 20 establishments operating within a mile and a half of Stanford university campus.

ADVANCED FIRST AID COURSE IS PLANNED

Miss Marjory Kelly, who has recently completed the Standard First Aid training course, will organize an advanced course in first aid. This class will meet next Monday evening in the Red Cross office in the court house. Membership will be limited to those who have completed the standard course.

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Does winter find you "run-down"—a victim of the first cold that comes along? If so, there's an easy way to combat this treacherous ailment. Build up your resistance now—with MCKESSON'S VITAMIN CONCENTRATE TABLETS OF COD LIVER OIL. These tempting chocolate-coated tablets bring you an abundance of vitamins A and D. A helps you resist infection. D furnishes the extra "sunshine" your body craves in winter. Each tablet brings you all the vitamins in one teaspoonful of U. S. P. X. (revised 1934) Cod Liver Oil. In addition it provides the needed minerals, calcium and phosphorus. Take six tablets daily and get the jump on colds this year. At all good drug stores. One dollar per bottle of 100 tablets. Begin fighting colds the vitamin way today with MCKESSON'S VITAMIN CONCENTRATE TABLETS.

MARCH FEATURED BY UNUSUAL COLD IN MEDFORD AREA

Monthly meteorological notes for March as compiled by W. J. Hutchinson, local meteorologist, show unusually cool weather prevailed during the month. Daily mean temperatures averaged exceptionally low, especially day-time temperatures. Unsettled conditions with light rains, showers and snow flurries were of frequent occurrence. Wind velocities averaged somewhat heavier than usual with moderate to heavy gusts at times. In contrast to March, 1934, when a new high mean temperature record of 55.9 degrees was established, the mean for this month, 43.4 degrees, was next to the lowest record. (Absolute low mean for March since 1912 was 39.9 degrees in 1917). Daily maximum temperatures averaged considerably below normal and minimums slightly lower. Monthly extremes of temperatures were 71 degrees for the highest on the 28th and 24 degrees on the 24th the lowest.

Precipitation was quite general during the first 25 days, mostly in the form of light rains and snow flurries. Measurable amounts fell on 10 days and traces were recorded on nine days. A total of 1.25 inches occurred and as compared to the monthly normal is deficient 0.44 inches. Light snows, after mixed with rain, fell on nine days, all of which melted as it fell; however, water content from melted snow was measurable on six days. On the 22nd and 23rd 0.33 inches of precipitation was measured for the greatest 24-hour fall. At the close of March seasonal precipitation totaled 13.76 inches, showing a deficiency of 0.56 of an inch for the period.

Overcast or partly cloudy skies prevailed for the greater portion of the month. Clear skies were recorded on four days. The absence of drying weather and sunshine was particularly unfavorable for farming and orchard field activities, especially delaying fruit tree spraying and soil preparations. Winds averaged 5.1 miles per hour for the month with an unusually high percentage of gustiness. On the 6th during one of the heavier gusty periods a maximum velocity of 26 miles per hour from the southeast was registered. Wind movement totaled 4,352 miles and prevented winds were from the northwest.

On the morning of the 27th clearing skies brought lower minimum temperatures in the valley with 23 degrees as the lowest for the station; other points reported a few degrees lower. Some light frost damage resulted in a few of the more advanced orchards.

Date	Max.	Min.	M'n. cip.	Char.
1	52	38	45	Cloudy
2	58	35	46	T. P. Cdy.
3	50	32	41	Cloudy

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WILLIAM A. AITKEN SUCCEUMBS AFTER SHORT SICKNESS

William Alexander Aitken, a resident of Medford and southern Oregon since 1900, passed away at his home, 308 Dakota street, early Thursday morning, suffering but a very short illness. Mr. Aitken was born at Castle Douglas, Scotland, April 3, 1877. At the age of 23 years he came to the United States, and made his home in Ashland, where in 1902 he was united in marriage to Clara Minnie. To this union, two children were born, Wm. Mingus Aitken, who resides in Berkeley, Calif., and Ruth Agnes Campbell of Los Banos, Calif. Besides the two children he is survived by his wife Clara, of Medford, two sisters and one brother, Mrs. David Kerr Preston, England; Mrs. Lloyd Kever, Phoenix, Ore.; and Jack Aitken of Palo Alto, Calif., also a very wide circle of friends. Mr. Aitken was a member of the Masonic lodge in Scotland. Funeral services by the Christian Science church will be held at the Conger funeral parlors Saturday, April 6, at 2 p. m., and interment will be made in the Ashland cemetery.

APPLAGATE DITCH SUIT DISMISSED

The irrigation suit of Fred Litchen and others against W. N. (Farmer Bill) Carl and affecting a number of lower Applegate district water users is dismissed in an opinion handed down by Circuit Judge H. D. Norton. The opinion holds in effect, according to reports, that all the share holders of the ditch are "co-tenants," entitled to full rights of the entire ditch, and that the amount of water each is entitled to is fixed by the state water board allotments. It is also held that the "distribution of profits or cost of upkeep is not at issue in the case." The New-Berrymen ditch was involved in the controversy. The opinion also holds that "parties interested must themselves establish some basis on the adjudicated quotas of water as the court can only enforce legal rights as created by law." The suit is dismissed without prejudice or cost to either party. Litchen and others were represented by Attorney W. M. Briggs of Ashland and Carl and others by Attorney M. O. Wilkins. The case was heard February 21 last.

Trainmen Killed In Freight Wreck

OTTAWA, Ill., April 4.—(AP)—The engineer and fireman of a Rock Island freight train were killed and three others injured early today when the truck of a west bound tank broke, hurling the tank into the path of another freight train bound east. The dead were: Richard Wolf, 55, engineer, and William House, 50, fireman, both of Blue Island, Ill.

LIONS' GOVERNOR SPEAKS AT MEET

The Lions Club of Medford held their regular Wednesday noon luncheon yesterday, with District Governor Verne Hahn of Eugene as the main speaker. Date for the state convention at The Dalles was announced as June 2, 3 and 4. A quintet of local Lions rendered several numbers. The members were Lions Knox, Williamson, Foy, Pritchard and Rois. Verne Shangle showed pictures taken at the recent Lions party, and it was announced that Shangle's attendance team was leading that of Geo. Newberry by 5 per cent. A motion was presented and carried unanimously to support Judge You Velle for the position as state highway commissioner.

WHITE, VAN DYKE CASE NEARS END

In the damage suit of Mrs. Minnie White against Verne Van Dyke and Inez Van Dyke for \$10,000 alleged damages as a result of an auto accident on the Crater Lake highway more than a year ago, Van Dyke, originally named as one of the defendants, was yesterday eliminated as such. He was not in the auto at the time of the mishap. It is expected that the case will be in the hands of the jury late today. The complaint alleges that Mrs. White was driving the Van Dyke auto on the return from the Van Dyke cabin on Rogue river, with Mrs. Van Dyke as a passenger. In attempting to pass another vehicle, the auto went into the ditch and was overturned. Both plaintiff and defendant sustained injuries. The plaintiff is represented by Attorney Gus Newberry and the defendant by Attorney Charles W. Reavis.

FISH IS ENGLISHMAN IN OPERA FRA DIAVOLA

Fletcher Fish, for many years with the Andrews Opera company, will play

DECISION ON MARTIN SUIT AGAINST RADIO KMED IS PONDERED

Judge McNary of the federal court at Portland, before whom arguments on the demurrer in the \$35,000 damage suit of Henrietta B. Martin against Blanche E. Virgin, operator of radio station KMED, were heard last Monday, has taken a decision under advisement. Mrs. Martin alleges that the cancellation of radio time by Mrs. Virgin last December caused her "embarrassment and humiliation." It is alleged that after arrangements were made for the talk Mrs. Virgin cancelled it. The suit is filed under the "communications act of 1934," and the defense holds that the local radio station does not, under the clause defining "common carriers," engaged in interstate communications. Though no definite date has been set, it is assumed by Attorney Herbert K. Hanna, defense counsel, that a decision will be handed down next Monday by Judge McNary. Mrs. Martin is represented by Attorney Mrs. V. A. C. Aitken of Grants Pass. The radio station is represented by Attorneys A. E. Reames and Herbert K. Hanna of this city. Because of legal points involved, the case has attracted considerable attention in Portland and coast radio stations. Archaeological excavations indicate prehistoric Louisiana was populated densely by Indians who lived in walled towns.

Building Permits

A permit granted Wednesday to E. R. Fuller, 1803 West Main street, to make an addition to the store at that address, at an approximate cost of \$400. Permit granted today to Earl Shirley, 1108 East Main street, to build a rear porch on his residence, at an approximate cost of \$100. Burns Sheets is a member of the fire department in Nashville, Tenn.

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