

PIONEER ADVANCE ON PACIFIC ISLES IS GIVEN SETBACK

Interior Department Dampens Spirit Of Would-Be Colonists—Wrong Idea Held On Island Fertility.

By Julius C. Edelstein (United Press Staff Correspondent) WASHINGTON (UP)—Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes would just as soon have everyone know that Canton and Enderbury, the two Pacific islands over which the American flag recently was raised, are something less than a "South sea paradise."

Secretary Ickes would like to advise his fellow countrymen further that selling the farm in Kansas to buy passage to Canton and Enderbury in hope of settling there permanently is not at this point a wise course of action.

The secretary and other officials of the department of the interior have been deluged with letters from substantial citizens who would like to get "away from it all." Canton and Enderbury, they think, would be an ideal place for escape.

Other letters, coming mostly from the middle west, indicate that the pioneering spirit still lives in the American soil. Hardy midwestern farmers are ready, at a word from Ickes, to pack up the plow, sell the family livestock, and strike west for new and more fertile fields in the middle of the Pacific ocean.

No Pioneers Wanted The office of Dr. Ernest Gruening, director of the division of territories, has been forced regrettably to inform the hordes who would cheerfully migrate to the new American islands that applications for pioneers are not being received for the time being.

Canton and Enderbury, officials explain, are not exactly the South sea garden type hursting with lush vegetation and trilling with song. There are no birds of paradise flitting from tree to tree. There is no immediate possibility of planting waving fields of grain.

The letters come in, some written on sheets of brown wrapping paper, and others flourishingly inscribed on rich stationery. How is the best way to get to Canton and Enderbury? Where is the nearest register of deeds where one can file a claim? The answer is "No." There are no regular boat schedules to either Canton or Enderbury, and none of the larger shipping lines has such a route under consideration.

Harbors for Rowboats Neither of the two islands has a harbor suitable for anything bigger than a medium-sized rowboat. Canton island is a ring of scrub land and coral, inclosing a steaming lagoon suitable for seaplane landings but not very much fun to swim in, according to reports on file here.

There are a few scraggly clumps of palms, kous, and noni trees on one side of the island, but the vegetation scarcely yields sufficient shade to shelter romance or to keep off sunstroke, the official reports indicate.

Enderbury island is even more unpromising from an agricultural point of view. There are a few unhappy herbs and vines, but the only luscious life on the island is to be found in the rats which arrived with the early Polynesians who first landed at Enderbury some centuries ago, and among the more adapted forms of existence. The Polynesians are neglected to stay.

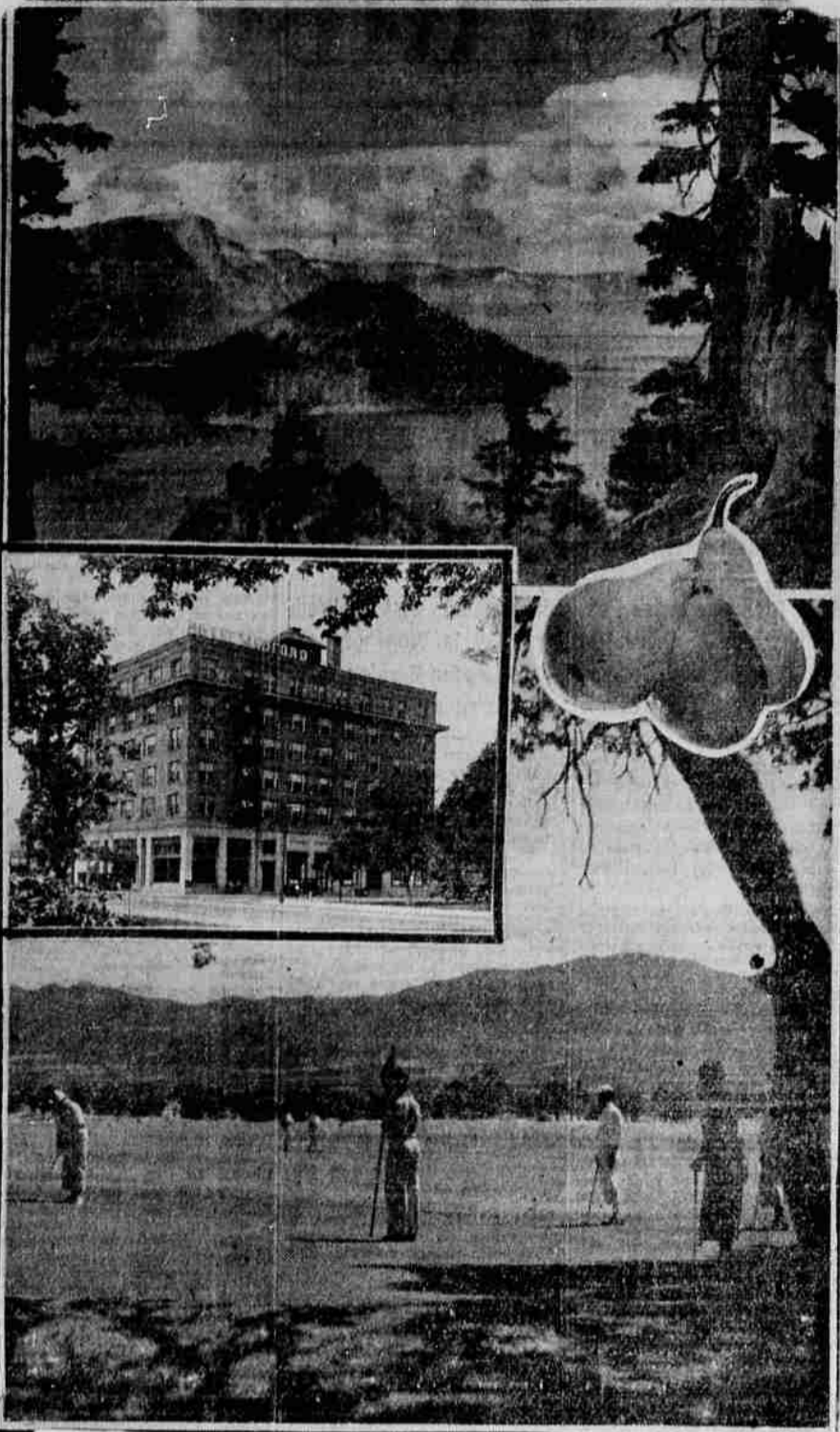
Suitable for Planes Enderbury, too, has a lagoon, but it is a low brackish pond unsuitable for seaplane use. It affords an excellent runway for a land plane, however.

The United States has colonized the islands, officials point out, with the strong, sturdy youths of the Kamehameha school of Honolulu. These stalwart Hawaiians can withstand the blistering sun, the terrific heat of these sub-equatorial islands, but it is doubtful whether the average middle westerner could wield a hoe in anything approximating comfort there.

Canton and Enderbury, it is pointed out, are barren mounds of sand and coral which may make convenient landing depots for trans-Pacific planes on their way to New Zealand. But the islands would never run much competition to Tahiti or the Riviera as a watering spot for lovers of art and beauty.

Secretary Ickes hopes that his correspondents will understand why he isn't very co-operative with their enthusiastic offers to help in the good work of colonization.

Medford Awaits O. N. P. A. Conclave



Top: Crater lake, two and one-half hours drive from Medford, convention city of the Oregon Newspaper Publishers association, June 16-18. Center: Hotel Medford, convention headquarters. Below: Glimpse of Rogue River Valley golf club course where the annual publishers' tournament will be staged.

On the Radio Chains

STATIONS Where to Find Them on the Dial: KEX, Portland, 1180; KFI, 640 Los Angeles; KUA, 1470, Spokane; KGO, 790 San Francisco; KUW, 820, Portland; KJR, 970, Seattle; KNX, 1050, Los Angeles; KOA, 830 Denver; KOIN, 940, Portland; KOMO, 920, Seattle; KPO, 890 San Francisco; KSL, 1130, Salt Lake.

Monday 5:00—Radio Theater, KNX, KSL, KOIN; The Planets, KPO, KFI, News, KGO; Hodek's Orch., KGA, KEX. 5:30—Tales of Great Rivers, KPO, KFI, Martin's Music, KGO, 5:45—Orphan Ann, KGA, 6:00—News, KGO; King's Orch., KNX, KSL, KOIN; Weber's Orch., KPO, KFI, KGW. 6:30—Burns & Allen, KPO, KFI, KGW; Eddie Cantor, KNX, KSL, KOIN; Radio Forum, KGA, KGO, 7:00—Amos & Andy, KPO, KFI, KGW; Jack Fulton, KSL; Scattergood Baines, KOIN, KNX; Sons of the Plains, KGO, KEX. 7:15—Lum & Abner, KNX, KSL, KOIN; Uncle Ezra, KPO, KFI, KGW; Dance Orch., KGO, KEX. 7:30—Pick & Pat, KNX, KOIN, KSL; Symphony Orch., KPO, KFI, KGW; Barron's Orch., KGO, KEX. 8:00—Night Show, KNX, KOIN; Passing Parade, KPO, KFI, KGW; King's Jesters, KGO, 8:30—Vox Pop, KPO, KFI, KGW; Thompson's Orch., KGO, KEX; Pryor's Orch., KNX. 9:00—Hawthorne House, KPO, KFI, KGW; Nocturne, KSL; Trumbauer's Orch., KEX; Olukin's Orch., KNX, KOIN; Dance Hour, KGO, 9:15—Stanford Univ. Program, KGO, KEX. 9:30—Ricardo's Rhapsodies, KGO; Martin's Orch., KPO, KGW; Williams' Orch., KNX. 10:00—News, KPO, KFI, KGW; Crosscutts, KGO; News, KNX. 10:15—Sports Graphic, KPO, KFI, White Fins, KNX, KSL, KOIN; Crosscutts, KGO. 10:30—Martin's Music, KPO, KFI, Beau Arts Trio, KGO, KGA, KEX. 10:45—Rogers' Orch., KNX, KSL, KOIN. 11:00—Five Star Final, KGO; Trumbauer's Orch., KPO, KFI, KGW; Organ, KGA.

Tuesday, 5:00—Held's Brigadiers, KPO, KFI, KGW; Vox Pop, KGA; Maurice's Orch., KNX, Organ, KGO, KGA, KEX, Dance Orch., KSL. 5:30—Goodman's Orch., KNX, KSL, KOIN; Fibber McGee, KPO, KFI, KGW; Jamboree, KGO, KGA. 5:45—Orphan Ann, KGA; Jamboree, KEX. 6:00—Ripley, KPO, KFI, KGW; Rhapsody, KNX. 6:30—Hollywood Gossip, KPO, KFI, KGW; Pan-American Concert, KGO, KEX; Ray Heatherston, KSL; Silhouettes, KNX, KOIN; Sports, KGA. 6:45—Rhythm Symphonies, KPO, KFI, KGW; Pan-American Concert, KGO.

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Marriage Licenses Laurence Kaler and Margaret L. Franks. Boyd C. Kline and Lila Lay. Dean E. Warren and Margaret J. Hastings. Orville R. Wilson and Sarah A. Hutchinson. Kelvan A. Parsons and Sheryl L. McDougal. Norris K. Porter and Laura C. Drury. Dean R. Blackburn and Elsie E. Anderson. John E. Schlinsoeg and Beulah Mae Regan. Walter C. John and Violet Mathews. Anton Nachreiner and Evelyn Lake. Milo Kays and Bernice Werth.

Circuit Court Skinner's Garage vs. F. J. Harvey. Chattel lien. Fichtner's Garage vs. Unknown Owner. Chattel lien. W. T. Parsons, et al. vs. J. T. Davis, et al. Chattel lien. Robert L. Ohlman, et ux. vs. Ray Chapman, et al. To quiet title. James Baker vs. J. P. Groth, et al. Alice M. Carter vs. Chester Carter. Divorce.

Charles H. Stam vs. Frances Le-land, administratrix, et al. To quiet title. State of Oregon vs. Victor A. Teng-wald. Tax warrant. Alice E. Ohm vs. Arthur J. Ohm. Divorce. Welch Investment company vs. Rhoda Welch, et al. To appoint trustee for plaintiff, etc. State of Oregon vs. Wallace Am-berse Dunham. Assault with intent to rob. J. W. McCoy, et al. trustees of Ben E. Evans student loan fund, vs. Frank J. Newman, district attorney for Jackson county, Oregon (appear-ing in behalf of the public). For decree to exercise certain powers of trust.

Probate Court. Estate of Laura D. Stewart, dec. Probate. David A. Hood, R. L. Ray, C. C. Pierce incorporate as "The Central Avenue Church of Christ," Medford, \$5000 capital stock. Estate of Elizabeth Maude Bas-ford, dec. Probate.

Real Estate Transfers. Maurice Butts, et ux. vs. Mearl Kaufman, et ux. W. D. to lot 3, blk. 3, Oak Grove Subdivision, Med-ford, \$1,000. Charles A. Wing Agency, Inc. to Charles A. Wing, et ux. W. D. to lot 7, blk. 11, Medford, \$10. N. A. Clark, et ux. to Home Own-ers' Loan Corporation, W. D. to lot 8 in Ashland. Richard E. Richman, et ux. to S. R. Shaw, et ux. W. D. to land in sec. 5, twp. 35 S., R. 3 West, \$10. R. E. Richman, et ux. to S. R. Shaw, et ux. W. D. to SE of SW, NE of SW, sec. 32, twp. 34 S., R. 3 West, \$10. Jennie F. Hoag to Frank Nether-land, W. D. to land in sec. 33 and 34, twp. 35 S., R. 1 E. W. M., \$10. J. H. Atwell to Elsie Desavado, et vir. W. D. to lot 7 and pt. lot 8, blk. 49, Medford, \$1,000. George A. Woodcock, et ux. to Frank Antonio Lima, et ux. W. D. to land in sec. 30, twp. 36 S., R. 4 W. W. M., \$1,000. William R. Taylor, et ux. to J. H. Phillipot, et ux. W. D. to S 1/2, NE 1/4 and N 1/2, SE 1/4, sec. 15, twp. 38 S., R. 3 E. W. M., \$10. Clarence A. Keizer, Admr. to E. A. Hevey, A. D. to lot 8, Wing Add. to Medford, \$1613.95. Johan August Johanson, et al. to R. A. Hevey, QCD to lot 8 in Wing's subdivision. John H. Fritz to Henry Mayer G. D. to E 1/2 NW 1/4, SW 1/4 NW 1/4 and NE 1/4 SW 1/4, sec. 18, twp. 35 S., R. 2 E. W. M., \$10. Ethel Hoelt, et al. to Mary A Van Dorfy, W. D. to land in DLC 79, twp. 37 S., R. 2 W. W. M., \$10. David Raymond to I. E. McDonald, et ux. W. D. to lots 4 and 5, Har-baugh's Subdivision, \$1,000. Jackson C. Ray, et ux. to Medford Concrete Construction Co., Inc. W. D. to land in DLC 61, twp. 37 S., R. 2 W. W. M., \$10. Henry D. Birdsall, et ux. to Si-meon I. Griffith, W. D. to land in DLC 71, twp. 38 S., R. 1 W. W. M., \$290. Harry Milton McIntosh, et ux. to

Meteorological Report

June 13 Forecasts Medford and vicinity: Partly cloudy tonight, Tuesday fair, with rising temperature. Oregon: Partly cloudy tonight; cooler in extreme east portion Tues-day; fair with rising temperature in-terior of west portion; moderate northwest wind off coast. Local Data. Temperature a year ago today: Highest, 77; lowest, 66. Total monthly precipitation, trace. Deficiency for the month, 0.36 inch. Total precipitation since Septem-ber 1, 1937, 24.96 inches. Excess for the season, 7.85 inches. Relative humidity at 5 p. m. yester-day, 44 per cent; 5 a. m. today, 83 per cent. Tomorrow: Sunrise, 4:35 a. m. Sun-set 7:47 p. m.

Observations Taken at 5 a. m., 120 Meridian Time.

CITY	High Temp	Low Temp	Last Night	Wind	Weather
Boise	78	54	01		Rain
Boston	88	56	99		Rain
Chicago	74	54	T		P. Cdy.
Denver	80	60	T		Clear
Eureka	80	52			Cloudy
Helena	78	50			Cloudy
Los Angeles	70	46			Clear
MEDFORD	76	52			Cloudy
New York	90	64			Cloudy
Omaha	80	66			Cloudy
Phoenix	97	56			Clear
Portland	74	52			Cloudy
Reno	62	50			Cloudy
Roseburg	70	52			Cloudy
San Francisco	62	54			Cloudy
Seattle	74	54			Cloudy
Spokane	88	58			Cloudy
Washington, D.C.	96	60	31		Clear
Yakima	86	60			Clear

Northern California: Fair tonight and Tuesday but morning fog on cen-tral and south coasts; warmer in in-terior Tuesday; moderate northwest wind off coast. Oregon: Partly cloudy tonight; cool-er in extreme east portion; Tues-day fair with rising temperature in-terior of west portion; moderate northwest wind off coast. The largest deerpark in England is at Savernake. It covers 4,000 acres. China ranks first in the world in the production of antimony and tungsten.

MRS. BENDER DIES IN WOODLAND, CAL.

Mrs. Samuel H. Bender of Route 1 died in a sanitarium at Woodland Calif., last Wednesday afternoon. She had been a resident of Medford and vicinity since 1927.

She suffered a stroke at her home here a few weeks ago and was removed for treatment to the sanitarium in Woodland where most of her chil-dren reside. Funeral services and in-terment were held in Woodlands last Friday.

Mrs. Bender was born in Bates county, Missouri, May 25, 1863. She was united in marriage to Samuel H. Bender near Clay Center, Kan., De-cember 23, 1887 and the couple cele-brated their golden wedding anniver-sary at their home here last Christ-mas.

Mr. and Mrs. Bender came to Ore-gon and settled in the Willamette valley in 1906. They moved to Jack-son county in 1927.

Survivors are her husband and sev-en children: George, Harvey, Robert and Mrs. Rose Dunlap, all of Wood-land, Clifford W. of Pendleton, Bruce P., of Portland, and Fred, of Astoria.

Blast Kills Three. BOOTHTON, Ala., June 13.—(AP)—Three men were killed and another seriously burned in an explosion last night at the Boothton mine of the Southern Coal & Coke company, 34 miles southwest of Birmingham.

ALLEGED FORGER HELD FOR MEDFORD TRIAL

Deputy Sheriff William Grenbemer left yesterday for Pomeroy, Wash., where he was to take into custody Carl Martin, 45, on a warrant alleg-ing check forging here. Extradition papers had been issued in the case. Sheriff Syd I. Brown said. Martin is charged with forging the name of the Medford Iron Works and its manager to a \$31.50 check here last November, the sheriff stated. Martin was arrested on a check-for-ging charge here in 1936 but nothing came of the case, Sheriff Brown re-lated. He has worked in Medford off and on over a period of years, the sheriff added.

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