

DESOLATE WINTER IS FACED BY MEN AT AIRLINE POST

Four Observers on Peak of Barren Mount Sexton Endure Forces of Nature—Vigil Kept Year Around

GRANTS PASS (Sp.)—Dark, rain-drenched night, blustering winds springing out of the east, sub-freezing temperatures—these are the forces of nature which four airlines observers who live the year around on top of Mt. Sexton are watchfully awaiting as a new winter approaches.

The station is situated on the bare crest of the mountain at an altitude of 3,848 feet, 11 miles north of Grants Pass as the crow flies. As early as last week two inches of snow lay on the ground.

Service for Airplanes Four men are employed there by the civil aeronautics authority to keep airplanes and other stations advised as to weather conditions on the main air route 15 miles east of there. They work in pairs on alternating weeks, with someone on duty every hour of the 24.

The observatory is laid out on the scant half-acre of space the peak provides, and consists mainly of a four-room white frame cottage topped by a cupola from which a state forest man keeps a lookout for fires during the summer. There is also a separate one-room building for his sleeping quarters. East of the house is a 52-foot steel tower topped by the 500-watt beacon that is rotated at night by means of an electric motor.

Climb 1,402 Feet To reach the station from Mt. Sexton summit on the Pacific highway, the keepers climb a two-mile trail that rises 1,402 feet. Hikers require from 45 minutes to an hour and a half to make the ascent, depending on their ability.

Visitors are frequent during the summer time but are rare in the winter. First-time comers are surprised by the station's attractiveness, its neat building and lawns.

Model For Comfort The house is considered a model for comfort in such stations. It has an automatic oil furnace, electric range and refrigerator, and other conveniences. Water is pumped from a spring 800 feet below. Food and supplies are brought up twice a month by pack horse.

The station is of course completely equipped with weather recording instruments, but also includes the following machines for communication: Two tape teletype machines, an automatic perforator and transmitter, three radio receivers for as many broadcasting channels, and a radio transmitter that will broadcast either signals or voice.

Coded messages from other stations are pouring into the station by means of the teletyped tape every hour of the day and night. The Mt. Sexton station contributes its share of information on such matters as temperature, wind direction and velocity, barometric pressure, visibility, cloud formation and ceiling, type and amount of precipitation, and even the snow depth, which reached four feet last winter.

On rare occasions the need arises for speaking to passing airplanes by radio telephone.

All Four Married The station is manned by Chief Keeper D. W. Kermode, R. P. Matheson, M. R. Snook and E. M. Brown. All four men are married.

Until coming here in July Mr. Kermode was stationed at the Cascade Locks landing field, originally hauling from San Francisco. Sharing duties with him last week was Mr. Matheson, an Oakland, Cal., man who was with the U. S. coast guard before coming here last December. Mrs. Matheson lives at Sexton summit, less than a mile by airline distance from her husband, yet they often fall to see each other for a week at a time.

The Mt. Sexton station was established in 1933 and is one of 17 on the Seattle-Oakland, air route. Its closest neighbors are at Wolf Creek and Medford, United Air Lines and army planes follow the radio signal band, extending north of Medford, and because the lane is 13 miles east of Mt. Sexton, the station may be moved to a closer point at some time in the future.

Life at the station is quiet and unexciting, the observers say. Twelve hours of work and eight hours of sleep a day leave very little time for leisure during their weekly shifts.

COUNTY GOP. PLAN VICTORY DINNER

A get-together dinner-meeting of Republicans will be held in the Hotel Medford basement dining room at 6:30 Wednesday, it was announced yesterday by Joe E. Wood, secretary of the Jackson county central committee.

Plans for the future will be discussed and all Republicans of the county are invited to be present. Mr. Wood said. Kenneth G. Denman, county chairman will preside. Reservations may be made by telephoning Mr. Denman at 19 or Mr. Wood at 445-X.

It is especially desired that Republican women and all prominent committeemen and women attend. Mr. Wood emphasized.

Truck Takes Wounded Felons Back To Cells



Seven desperate convicts, who escaped from the Tennessee state penitentiary at Nashville after tying up three guards and taking two others along as hostages were wounded about a mile from the prison when about 20 officers discovered the prison truck. The two officials held as hostages also were wounded in the gun battle that preceded the capture. Three of the prisoners were reported in critical condition from their wounds. Above: The wounded prisoners on the truck as officers stand guard for trip back to prison.

FALL DOWNSTAIRS FATAL TO FORMER LOCAL RESIDENT

Word was received in this city yesterday of the death of Mrs. Katherine M. Fairchild in Yreka, Cal.

Mrs. Fairchild, who moved from here to Yreka two weeks ago with her daughter, Mrs. Margaret Burton, started for Medford to spend Armistice day. Upon arriving here, Mrs. Burton received a telegram informing her of her mother's accident and she left immediately to return to Yreka.

Mrs. Fairchild was the wife of the late James D. Fairchild, prominent lawyer of Yreka. He died several years ago and a year ago Mrs. Fairchild moved to Medford to live with her daughter. They formerly resided at 701 South Oakdale avenue. Mrs. Fairchild had many friends here.

The funeral will be held Monday in Yreka, friends in Medford were notified.

HULL SILENT ON BRIEF TALK WITH GERMAN ENVOY

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trict-Attorney Thomas E. Dewey spoke against the German anti-semitic measures last night—declared the mass fine showed the "real motive" behind the disorders of the last few days.

"At last Hitler has disclosed exactly what he is after in persecuting the Jews," he said. "In order to bolster up the crumbling economic position of Nazi Germany he has decided to pauperize the victims of his terror."

"The assassination of a German official by a crazed individual is only an excuse. If that incident had not occurred, Hitler and Goebbels would have found another excuse in some other incident at this time. If there were no such incident they would have created one."

"This fine will complete the destruction of the entire Jewish race in Germany and will leave a half million starving people who can neither find work nor relief."

Several senators besides King expressed indignation privately at the new anti-Jewish measures, but declined to be quoted in view of international complications. Rep. Dies (D-Texas), chairman of the house committee on un-American activities, called the German edicts "just an example of the fruits of hate" and said it should be a lesson for this country.

Amid the storm of protests was a request that American Jews refrain from criticizing the Nazi regime, former state Senator Max L. Pinesky of Maine saying he and others were making the request in hopes of averting reprisals against Jews in Germany.

Police continued to keep a close watch on the German consulate in New York and the home of Consul General Hans Broderick as the result of anonymous telephone threats that the consulate office would be bombed.

Similar threats were received at the German consulate in Boston Friday, but the 24-hour time limit given there expired without incident.

LOCAL and PERSONAL

From Williams—Leonard S. Hilton of Williams transacted business in this city yesterday.

Go Duck Hunting—M. N. Hogan of Siskiyou Heights and Fred B. Leonard of 316 Park street left yesterday morning for the Klamath country where they planned to spend the week-end hunting ducks.

Expected Today—Mayor C. C. Furnas was expected to return to his Medford home today from Portland where he attended a meeting of the executive committee of the League of Oregon Cities. Mayor Furnas left for Portland by train Thursday night.

Licensed to Wed—A marriage license was issued at the Josephine county clerk's office in Grants Pass Thursday to Lincoln McGraw, several times chief of police in Grants Pass and Crescent City, Cal., and Orrie Peain of Medford, the Associated Press reported yesterday.

On Vacation—Billy Hulien, sports editor of the Mail Tribune and Mrs. Hulien left Friday night for San Francisco where they will spend a fortnight's vacation. They had planned to attend the California-Oregon football game if they reached Berkeley in time yesterday afternoon.

Driver Fined—John W. LaTourrette, 18, of Route 1 was fined \$5 and costs by Judge W. H. Ferguson in the justice of the peace court in Gold Hill yesterday. He was charged with operating a car with void foreign (California) license plates. He was arrested in Medford Friday by state police. He was committed to the county jail in lieu of the fine.

Closing Coffee Pot—The Coffee Pot on North Riverside avenue will be closed for the winter tomorrow. It was announced yesterday by Carl Wiltmood, owner and operator. It will be re-opened in the spring, Mr. Wiltmood said. The establishment has been operated successfully for the past two summer seasons by Mr. Wiltmood. It was closed for the winter last year also.

To Claim Exhibits—Persons having gem and mineral exhibits at the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce are reminded that they are to meet at the chamber office at 11 this morning to claim their displays. The exhibits are to be removed from the front show window to make room for displays of Christmas boxes of Medford fruit. It is essential that all gem and mineral exhibitors report this morning, said officers of the Southern Oregon Gem and Mineral society, sponsor of the display.

Joins Perl Staff—Arthur W. Larsen, whose parental home is in Eugene, arrived here Friday to become associated with the Perl Funeral Home as mortician. He had been affiliated with the Klamath Funeral Home in Klamath Falls for the past five years. Mr. Larsen is a graduate of the University of Oregon where he became a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. He also studied at the Los Angeles School of Embalming. He is a past president of the junior chamber of commerce in Klamath Falls and is a member of the Klamath Falls Kiwanis club. He is to be appointed a deputy coroner of Jackson county by Coroner Frank Perl. With his wife and young son, Teddy, Mr. Larsen has taken up residence at 136 North Oakdale avenue.

Return Home—Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur R. Childreth and John Grim returned Friday from a sojourn in southern California. While Mr. Grim remained in Indio, Cal., as guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Aldrich, former Medford residents, the Childreths continued to San Diego where they were guests for five days of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Irish, San Diego, a sister of Mr. Childreth. Trips were made from San Diego to Coronado, Agua Caliente and Tia Juana in Mexico and Yuma, Ariz. The All-American came now nearing completion, also was viewed. Several visits were made to Hollywood, Los Angeles and the famous missions along the coast. Returning north along the coast route the Childreths and Mr. Grim stopped overnight at San Luis Obispo. They continued the next day to San Francisco, Oakland and Medford. The travelers here upon their return, they declaring the snow was a welcome sight after the glaring harseness of southern California. Mr. Childreth and Mr. Grim are associated with the federal experiment station here.

Dis At Curve PORTLAND, Nov. 12—(AP)—James H. McGuire, 41, was killed when an automobile in which he was riding failed to negotiate a curve at 79th avenue and Southeast Division street. His death was Portland's 43d traffic fatality of the year.

Tillamook Crowd Cool TILLAMOOK, Nov. 12—(AP)—A large Armistice Day theater audience emptied an auditorium without disorder when a fire seriously damaged a projection room and threatened to spread to other sections of the building.

Aged Mayors SHERWOOD, Nov. 12—(AP)—Sherwood and Tualatin, Washington county towns, claimed the oldest mayors in point of service today. J. E. Morwick has headed the Sherwood city government for a quarter of a century, and Mayor John Nyberg, at Tualatin, four miles away, was only a year behind.

The letter M has varied only slightly in design from early Phoenician times to the present day.

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LOCAL and PERSONAL

From Prospect—Ernie H. Hertziger of Prospect was a Medford business caller yesterday.

Here On Business—Erroy E. McGrew of Talent was a business caller in this city Saturday.

On Business—Warren Siebert of Ashland called in Medford yesterday to look after business matters.

Pierce Here—Ervin L. Pierce transacted business in Medford Saturday. He recently moved from Vernonia to Kerby.

Office Changed—Dr. Richard C. Mulholland has moved his dental office from 430 to 426 in the Medford Center building.

Win Prizes—Gail Coddling and Carmen Wright were awarded prizes in the pet parade in the Armistice Day celebration. The pet feature was sponsored by the American Legion auxiliary. Miss Wright won first prize and Miss Coddling second.

Have Baby—Word was received in Medford yesterday of the birth of a boy to Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Probstfield in Maddox on November 8. The baby weighed seven pounds, 11 ounces and has been named Michael Gilbert Probstfield. Mr. and Mrs. Probstfield formerly lived in this city and Mrs. Probstfield was Lefa Bedford prior to her marriage.

In Hospital—Mrs. Alice Pell, prominent Ashland resident was confined yesterday to the Ashland Community hospital with a broken ankle suffered in a fall before her home on Granite street Thursday afternoon. After stepping from her automobile, Mrs. Pell slipped on wet grass and fell. Accompanied by Miss Lydia McNeil, she had just returned to her Ashland home from Medford.

Job Awards—Several awards were made at the 13th achievement council of Cub Park 1 last Monday night in the Jackson county gymnasium. Jerry Clark was received as a bobcat. Jimmy Miller and Gene Neff received bear rank badges. Billy Sims and Jimmy Clevenberg were awarded gold arrow badges in bear rank. Two cub, Lowell Cooley and Marvin Doty, received lion awards and were welcomed into scouting by Jack Thompson, assistant scoutmaster of troop 8. They were given the scout oath by Louis Powell, senior patrol leader.

BROWNSBORO MAN ACCIDENT VICTIM

Ralph Glass, 30, of Brownsboro was taken last night to Community hospital after his Durant coupe crashed into the rear of a parked General Petroleum fuel truck on North Central avenue near Clark street.

Although it was thought Glass was thrown through the windshield of his car, the attending physician said a preliminary examination revealed only face lacerations. X-rays were to be taken to determine definitely whether any fractures occurred. Glass was unconscious when taken to the hospital.

The accident happened about 7:30. City police said Glass was traveling north on North Central. The truck, also facing north, had been parked just a few minutes before the accident, police stated. The investigating officer said he could not verify a report that Glass averted suddenly to the right to avoid hitting a child. His car, however, was pointed at an angle to the right, police said. The automobile was badly damaged.

Jerusalem derives part of its present water supply from an aqueduct dating back to biblical days.

TEACHER CLUB TO HEAR DR. JENSEN

"Political Experiences in Europe" will be the interesting address of Dr. LeRoy C. Jensen when he speaks before the Jackson County school Master's club Monday evening at 6:30 in the banquet room of the Hotel Jackson.

All progressive men teachers in southern Oregon are urged to attend the meeting.

Closing time for Too Late to Classify Ads is 1:30 p. m.

The COFFEE POT will close for the Winter Mon., Nov. 14th The Management—wishes to thank the people of Medford and vicinity for their patronage during this season. Will reopen in the Spring. A Prosperous New Year is our wish for everyone.

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