

PROSPECT BEARS PREY ON SHEEP; TWO ARE KILLED

Frank Ditsworth, resident of Rogue river near Prospect, brought to town a real "bear story" today. It involved a man from Missouri, Crit W. Carroll, and the first bear he had ever seen.

Mr. Ditsworth related that bears had been bothering his sheep in the corral near his home. The government trapper arranged to come to Prospect to track down the bears.

Carroll was stationed to watch the sheep last Thursday night until the trapper arrived, and keep the bears from killing any more of the flock which was in a corral in front of the Ditsworth barn. During the night one of the bears entered the corral and Carroll shot and wounded the animal with a .30-30 rifle as it killed one of the sheep. The bear headed for the brush and Carroll, called his brother Hatler Carroll, and set the cattle dogs on the wounded animal's trail. Later, he shot and killed the animal which weighed over 500 pounds.

Friday morning the trapper arrived and trailed down another bear with the aid of the dogs. The second animal weighed almost as much as the first bear, Mr. Ditsworth said. He added that these were the fattest bears he had ever seen at this time of year.

AIRCRAFT ORDERS IN SLIGHT LULL

New York, May 29.—(AP)—New orders for military aircraft are running behind deliveries for the first time since the defense program began, Aviation Magazine reported today, estimating current unfilled orders at \$3,986,000,000.

The present backlog was slightly under last month's record, \$4,000,000,000, but the magazine said orders yet to be placed probably would raise the figure to new high levels, since planes scheduled for production on into 1943 would have an estimated value of \$9,000,000,000.

The magazine estimated present United States plane production at a 17,000-a-year rate and predicted a 30,000 plane annual rate by early fall.

DRAFTEES' NERVES TO BE TOUGHENED

Washington, May 29.—(AP)—The army went in today for "assorted sounds and smells" of the battlefield to give its draft army "realistic" preparation for "the first shock of battle."

Orders went out to army commanders recommending the use of "klaxons to simulate battle noises, rattles to represent small arms fire, a suspended metal bar struck with a hammer to simulate artillery, blank ammunition, smoke puff charges, TNT blocks of appropriate substitutes, and tear gas."

Borrowing of the sound effect technique was directed in the notice reminding officers that "the first engagement in combat will be a critical occasion" for citizen soldiers.

"Personnel will be subjected for the first time to the shock of hostile fire and to the nerve-racking sights and sounds of combat."

MOTORLOGGERS FOLLOW CAVALRY OFFICERS ON BUYING TOUR THROUGH EASTERN OREGON

BY D. J. CONWAY
This is one of a series of articles condensed from The Oregonian, reporting motorloggers to interesting areas of the Pacific Northwest made in cooperation with the Oregon State Motor association. The complete article will appear in The Sunday Oregonian.

Does the army still use horses? To obtain the answer to that question an Oregonian-AAA motorlog party traveled across green Eastern Oregon nearly to the Snake river to observe army horse buyers in action. They found the answer in Pine Valley in the foothills of the Walla Walla mountains. A tiny, blonde, 13-year-old school girl, Kathleen Curtis, dramatically supplied the answer. It was an emphatic but a heartbreaking yes.

Armies do use horses, for three army officers came to the quiet, picturesque Pine valley and bought many horses. But what made Kathleen an authority was that they bought a horse she had helped raise. They bought her Percy's Pride, a half-thoroughbred, four-year-old, sorrel gelding, with two white stockings and whose sire was Brown Sugar, an army remount stallion.

Like Member of Family
To Kathleen it was almost like buying a member of the Curtis family. When she found that Percy's Pride had joined the army brave tears coursed her sun-tanned cheeks as she bade him goodbye.

What do military authorities say about horses in modern warfare?

Colonel E. N. Hardy, chief of the army remount service, in a recent speech said: "Why do they still use horses? Horses are still used because they can perform some functions nothing else can perform, and can still do some other things better than anything else can do them."



"If I ever get into the army, I want this horse," said Wayne Curtis, holding bride, when he turned "Percy's Pride" over to Lieutenant-Colonel F. W. Koester, right, of the cavalry.

Behind Percy's Pride, and thousands of other horses the army is now buying, is a story of long-range planning on the part of the United States army in cooperation with hundreds of ranchers. During world war No. 1 it was not easy to obtain horses ideally suitable for military use.

In 1921 congress authorized a horse breeding plan having as its primary object the production of large numbers of good horses suitable for riding, which would be available for purchase in the event of a national emergency.

Army Lends Stallions
Under this plan the army has acquired pure-bred stallions of proper type to produce good riding horses. These stallions were placed in the hands of ranchers and other civilian



The Oregon State Motor association's familiar white car stops beneath the gateway of the famous Diamond-and-a-half ranch in the Burnt river valley. The ranch is noted for horses.

ROTARIANS GIVEN CONCLAVE REPORT

A description of the district conference sessions of Rotary International, held recently at Victoria, B. C., was given the local Rotary club Tuesday by D. Ford McCormick, president-elect, the official report being one of the features of the regular luncheon meeting at Hotel Medford. At this district conference, the Dominion of Canada was termed the "hinge" between Great Britain and the United States, according to the speaker.

Dr. W. E. Lantis, recently appointed by the Rotary board of directors to succeed Joe Marshall as secretary, also attended the conference and his report will be given at a later meeting.

Representative Ken Martin of Josephine county discussed the long-standing fishing problem on Rogue river. Mr. Martin reviewed the controversy between commercial fishermen and sportsmen, dating back to legislative action in 1909. The present status of fish conservation program was briefly outlined by the Josephine county solon. Earl Newbury, Rotary program chairman and also a state representative, introduced his colleague.

PLANE PRODUCTION NOW 1400 MONTH

Portland, Ore., May 29.—(AP)—America is producing about 1,400 planes a month, including every type, and pilots are being turned out at the rate of about 800 every 10 weeks, Major-General Howard Brett, chief of the army air corps, said here today.

During an inspection of the new Portland air base, General Brett stated that increased production depended largely on what the army wants. "If we go into big bombers we naturally will not get so many in numbers, but the effectiveness will be there. The trend seems to be toward bombers with a radius of 1500 miles or more, but with more speed and performance than the mammoth B-19 which is awaiting a test flight in California."

He said the air corps was studying troop gliders.

OREGON CO-ED SELECTED ASTORIA REGATTA QUEEN

Astoria, Ore., May 29.—(AP)—The Astoria Regatta commission announced today that 19-year-old Anne Halderman of Astoria, sophomore at the University of Oregon, would be queen of the regatta next August. Princesses include Dorothy Pythila, student at the University of Oregon, and Myrtle Anderson, student at Oregon State college, both from Astoria.

Use Mail Tribune want ads.

SEXTON MT. GRADE BIDS ARE SOUGHT

Salem, May 29 (AP)—The state highway commission called for bids today in 17 projects costing \$1,600,000, including a \$327,500 grading job on the Sexton mountain section of the Pacific highway in Josephine county.

The bids will be opened in Portland June 12 and 13, with the Sexton mountain bids to be opened June 12.

The Sexton mountain project, a step toward eliminating one of the worst stretches of the Pacific highway, calls for 4.7 miles of grading of the Grave creek-Jumpoff Joe creek section of the highway. It will require 584,000 cubic yards of excavation, 220 cubic yards of concrete, 44,000 pounds of metal reinforcement, 1,400 feet of guard rail, 3,600 cubic yards of pit-run gravel, and 400 cubic yards of crushed rock or gravel.

WOMAN ADMITS GARROTING LOVER

Boston, May 29.—(AP)—The trial of Mrs. Ruth Steadman, 26, for the strangling of her married lover, Robert Emery, 26, ended abruptly today when she pleaded guilty to manslaughter.

She was immediately sentenced by Judge Vincent Brogna to serve 15 years in the woman's reformatory at Sherborn.

The attractive young matron, mother of a year-old girl, had pleaded innocent at the outset of her trial.

She had taken the stand only late yesterday to tell of her associations with Emery, father of two children, who was found strangled in her apartment last January 21.

The state had contended she killed Emery so "no other woman could have him."

NAZIS CONCENTRATE AIRPLANES IN GREECE

London, May 29.—(AP)—The Germans recently have reduced their air forces in northwestern Europe appreciably, sending large numbers of dive bombers and fighter planes through the Balkans to Greece and the Middle East informed British sources said today.

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WHEAT QUOTA IS URGED BY PIERCE

Washington, May 29.—(AP)—Rep. Pierce (D., Ore.) warned that wheat farmers "can no longer ignore the seriousness of the world situation" as it relates to their crop, and urged Oregon growers to vote May 31 to establish quotas under the agricultural adjustment act.

"Many wheat farmers do not realize, perhaps, how much they have been sheltered by the wheat program from the depressed world wheat situation," he declared in a statement, in which he said more than 6,500 wheat producers of his state were expected to vote May 31 on the question of establishing wheat quotas under the AAA.

U. S. SEA QUEEN TO NAVAL DUTY

Washington, May 29.—(AP)—The liner America, largest passenger vessel ever built in the United States, is being acquired by the maritime commission for delivery to the navy, the commission announced today.

The commission said "a number" of merchant vessels were being acquired for navy auxiliaries, but named only the America.

The America, first vessel contracted for in the commission's long-range construction program, was built by the Newport News, Va., Shipbuilding and Drydock company, for the United Lines. She was delivered for service July 2, 1940.

Of 26,482 gross tonnage, the America has a speed of 22 knots under normal sea conditions.

QUOTAS SET ON WHEAT IMPORTS

Washington, May 29.—(AP)—A presidential proclamation today imposed quotas on imports of wheat and wheat flour from 30 countries, effective tomorrow.

The total quota for wheat imports, for consumption in any period of 12 months, beginning tomorrow, will be 800,000 bushels, of which Canada may send in 795,000.

It was pointed out in agricultural circles that since domestic prices through CROP loans will be far above world prices, conceivably foreign wheat could be shipped at a duty paid and still undersell American wheat, were not restrictions applied.

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

SURPLUS BUTTER TO SUPPLY BRITISHERS

Washington, May 29.—(AP)—Secretary Wickard said today the agriculture department had stopped distributing butter to needy families in order that Great Britain might be supplied with dairy products.

Withdrawal of butter from the surplus food list available under the stamp and direct relief distribution programs was necessary, the secretary said, because severe drought conditions east of the Mississippi river had reduced milk production.



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