

EX-DAKOTANS TO PICNIC SUNDAY IN ASHLAND'S PARK

The annual picnic for former residents of North and South Dakota living or visiting in the valley will be held in Ashland's Lithia park, Sunday, July 29, it was announced today by Glen O. Taylor, president. Dinner is planned for 1 p. m., and all former North or South Dakota residents and their families are invited to attend, bringing a picnic lunch and table service. Ice cream, coffee and cream will be furnished.

A business meeting with election of officers for the coming year will be followed by music by Alexander's string orchestra. John A. Carter is in charge of the program.

Awards will be made to the oldest man, oldest woman, largest family, youngest baby and largest group present. A tug of war between the North and South Dakota residents, foot races and games will also be held.

Anyone desiring further information is asked to telephone Mrs. R. E. Schulz, secretary and treasurer of the group, Medford, number 5993.

Village on Boeing Built of Feathers, Canvas and Burlap

Seattle, July 24—(U.P.)—The existence of a 26-acre camouflage "wonderland" atop the Boeing Aircraft company's big Seattle plant was disclosed with army permission today.

It was erected nearly three years ago by U. S. engineers to protect the B-17 and B-29 factory from possible Japanese air raids.

The plant's vast rooftop was turned into a village and countryside built of chicken-feather trees, canvas buildings, canvas roads and burlap dirt. There were 53 houses, three greenhouses, three main streets, 24 garages and numerous parked trucks and automobiles made of painted canvas.

But the buildings average only four feet in height and the only furnishings were sprinklers for fire protection.

LOVERS' LEAP TRAGEDY
Placerville, Cal., July 24—(U.P.) Beverly Brown, 18, a University of California student, was killed last night when she accidentally fell from a crag called Lovers' Leap near Strawberry resort, the coroner's office reported today. The girl, whose home is in Alameda county, was on a moonlight hike to the top of the 150-foot crag, companions said, when she was struck by a stone which dislodged from a point farther up the peak.

Daily Weather Report

FORECASTS
Medford and vicinity: Clear and warmer tonight and Wednesday.
Oregon: Clear tonight. Warmer in lower elevations. Wednesday, partly cloudy probably few light showers and slightly cooler in northwest portion. Gentle southerly wind off coast.
LOCAL DATA
Temperature a year ago today:
Highest 91; Lowest 55
Total monthly precipitation: Trace
Deficiency for the month: 26 inches
Total precipitation since September 1, 1944: 19.28 inches
Excess for the season: 2.72 inches
Relative humidity at 8:30 p. m. yesterday: 32%; 5:30 a. m. today: 76%
Tomorrow
Sunrise 5:57 a. m. Sunset 8:37 p. m.
High Low Prec.
Boise 72 64 T
Boston 72 64 T
Chicago 94 70
Denver 92 63 .08
Eureka 84 55
Havre 91 58
Los Angeles 91 64
Medford 77 57
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Phoenix 98
Portland 79 56
Reno 92 46
Roseburg 83 54
Salt Lake City 98 63 .01
San Francisco 69 56
Seattle 76 54
Spokane 83 53
Washington, D. C. 84 73 .03
Yakima 86 52
Closing time for Sunday Too Late to Classify 4:00 Saturday afternoon. Please remember

Fire Razes Section of Universal Studio



Movie crews and studio workers fight fire which started on a back lot of Universal Studio, Hollywood, Calif., which burned over one and a half acres destroying sets and irreplaceable stage properties. Studio officials estimate damage at \$250,000.

Mission Delayed



Broken and burning, this P-47 of an AAF fighter group in the Ryukyus crashed during takeoff for a strike against the Japanese homeland. The engine, foreground, was thrown ahead of the remainder of the wreckage, shown burning in background. Pilot escaped with minor injuries.

Tomato Crop Is Light and Late, Koozer Reports

Ashland, July 24—This year's crop of tomatoes will be lighter than that of last year, Ralph Koozer, manager of Bagley Canning company, said today. The lighter crop, brought on mainly by lesser acreage, will be about two weeks late, Koozer said.

The cannery is now shipping out all of the government tomato juice pack which constitutes 13 cars or about a million pounds of juice. This completes the contract for last year's pack.

Canning and freezing of Free-stone peaches will be carried out this year to make up for the shortage of tomatoes. Some apples, if obtainable, will also be frozen for pie stock.

FOUR SOLDIERS KILLED
Camp Roberts, Cal., July 24—(U.P.)—Four soldiers were killed and 25 injured, three seriously, yesterday in a truck collision outside gate No. 2 of Camp Roberts, army officials announced today. Those killed were: Eugene N. Mertz, 29, of Portland, Ore.; Jose S. Huerto, 19, of El Paso, Tex.; Tommy C. Holt, 29, Skelton, Wash.; and James M. Meservey, 29, Portland, Ore.

News of 4-H CLUBS

By Charlette Kent
Antelope 4-H club held its monthly meeting at the home of Bill Bigham, July 13. Members judged two classes of cattle, Guernsey heifers belonging to Clara Mae Bigham and a class of beef steers.
The club planned a picnic and swimming party at Twin Plunges pool, Aug. 12. Next 4-H sewing meeting will be some time in August.

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MARTIN BIDELER DIES IN G. PASS

Martin Lewis Bideler, 51, U.S. Department of Labor representative with headquarters in Medford, died in a Grants Pass hospital Sunday after an illness of three days. Bideler, attached to the wages and hours division of the labor department, has lived in Medford and vicinity three years and directed work in Southern Oregon from the local U. S. Employment Service office.

Bideler is survived by his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Bideler, 840 1/2 Whitman street. Born in Coopers Plains, N. Y., Sept. 1, 1894, he was a member of the Klamath Falls Elks' lodge and was listed in Who's Who in the Executive World. The deceased was widely known in eastern Oregon where he took part in politics.

Funeral services will be held in Union, Ore. July 27 at 10 a. m., and burial will follow in the family plot in Union.

Roosevelt Medal To Sell For \$1

Washington July 24—(U.P.)—The mint is preparing a Roosevelt Memorial Medal which will be sold to the public for \$1.

The medal, to be issued "in a few weeks," will bear a likeness of the late president on one side and a representation of a mourning figure on the other, the medals will be struck at the Philadelphia mint.

An inauguration medal of President Truman also will be issued soon.

Million in Kansu Facing Starvation

Chungking, July 24—(U.P.)—More than a million people in Kansu province in northwestern China face virtual starvation as the result of failure of summer crops, the newspaper Ta Kung Pao said today.

Students from Kansu who have appealed to the government for effective relief in the stricken area state that the drought affected a majority of the province's populous areas.

Aurora Burelson And Max Henne Marry in Reno

Friends of Aurora Burelson and Max Henne received word today from Reno, Nevada, that the couple were married in that city Monday afternoon. After a brief honeymoon in Nevada the couple will make their home at 31 South Barneburg Road.

Mrs. Henne is prominent in social and business circles of this city and is owner and manager of Burelson's ladies ready-to-wear store here.

Mr. Henne is a veteran of World War I and served with the air transport command in the Alaskan theatre of operations during this war. He has been associated with United Air Lines since the establishment of that company 25 years ago and is now manager of the company's Medford office. He is a member of the Medford Rotary club.

Ex-Shasta Justice Suffers Gun Wound

Redding, Cal., July 24—(U.P.)—Seventy-four year old James A. Simpson, a former Shasta county justice of the peace, apparently was recovering today from an accidental gunshot wound for which he received no medical attention for 96 hours.

Simpson went on a lone camping trip Wednesday. His .45 caliber pistol fell from a rock where he had placed it and accidentally discharged, he said. The bullet completely passed through his body. He was discovered about noon yesterday by a searching party, 96 hours after the accident.

Vet Would Punish Wives Who Stray

Sydney, Australia, July 24—(U.P.)—An irate Australian veteran sought recruits today for a novel vigilante committee to punish straying wives of soldiers serving overseas.

The veteran, A. J. Servin, president of the Council of ex-Servicemen's associations, said he favored drastic treatment for soldiers' wives caught indulging in clandestine love affairs. "I would like to hang them to the nearest lamp post," he declared.

Roosevelt's Last Picture Unveiled

New York, July 24—(U.P.)—The unfinished portrait for which President Roosevelt was sitting when he died was unveiled at Gimbel Brothers department store today.

Approximately 1,000 persons witnessed the first public showing at the store's art gallery.

Mrs. Elizabeth Shoumatoff, the artist, said that the picture "is the property of the people." No decision has been made on final disposition of the portrait.

PINES YIELD OIL

Chungking, July 24—(U.P.)—A refinery for reducing oil from pine roots has been established in Ningtu to ease a shortage of motor fuels in Kiangsi province, the Chinese Central News agency said today.

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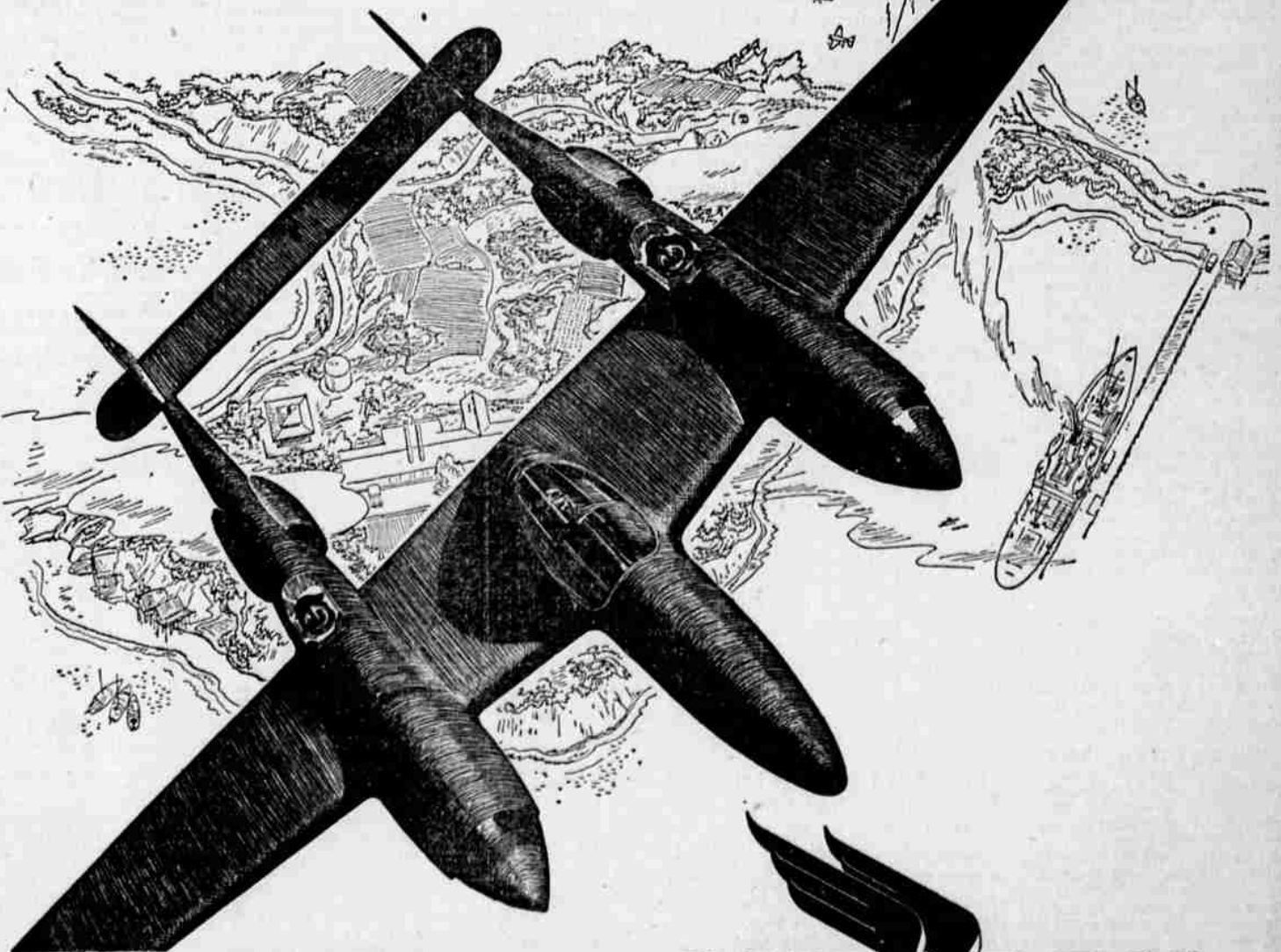
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