



**DISASTER TRUCK**—Maj. Fred P. Stevens, left, and Envoy Bill Munday, right, of the Salvation Army, will keep this truck ready for immediate use wherever in Oregon the need arises. Salvation Army relief services recently were augmented with the gift of the vehicle for disaster work. It will be available through a committee headed by Francis S. Gill, center, St. Helens businessman.

### Illiterate Texas Farmer Loses Life Savings Because of Legal 'Pitfall'

Lockhart, Tex., Mar. 30—(U.P.) The future brightened for an aged and illiterate farmer today as sympathetic Texans showed strong disapproval of a legal "pitfall" which deprived him of his life savings.

William Hagedorn was forced to give up his entire bank account of \$2,632.20 to pay damages for a highway accident caused by a mule he did not own.

**Court Rules**

The Texas supreme court ruled that he had to pay the money to W. C. Alexander, 49-year-old Austin barber shop operator because he failed to appear in court to prove that he didn't own the mule.

Alexander, a world war II veteran, did not consider himself the villain of the piece. He said he would not return the money to Hagedorn, but would use it

to make back payments on a house.

William Yelderman, Alexander's attorney, said the house payments lapsed following the accident when Alexander and his wife used their funds "for doctors and hospital expenses."

The Dallas Morning News last week assigned Staff Writer Allen Duckworth to write a series of dispatches on the Hagedorn case "as a warning to the public of the pitfalls of the law."

**Hearing Postponed**

Duckworth's six articles showed that Hagedorn originally appeared in court, but the hearing was postponed. The farmer asked a court clerk to inform him when to return, but he was never advised.

District Judge J. R. Fuchs awarded the default judgment to the Alexanders when Hagedorn failed to appear. Later he set it aside on sworn testimony of others that the mule did not belong to Hagedorn, but to his son. The state supreme court upheld Huch's original ruling on the technicality that Hagedorn admitted ownership by not denying it in court.

Duckworth's articles did not ask for money, because his newspaper has never favored such enterprises. However, for the past three days, small contributions to the Hagedorns have been mailed to Duckworth's desk.

**\$500 Received**

"The donations range from a check for \$100 down to an envelope filled with small change," Duckworth said.

### Danny Kaye Takes Comic Role Offer Of Metropolitan

New York, Mar. 30—(U.P.)—Film Star Danny Kaye said today that he would accept an offer to play a comic role in the Metropolitan opera's revival of Straus' "Die Fledermaus" next season "if my movie commitments permit it."

Kaye, who sailed aboard the Queen Elizabeth for a four weeks' vacation in Europe, said he would take the role of Frosch, the jailer, in the third act of the opera if he had time to rehearse with the Met company in September.

"I can louse up the Met quicker than anybody," Kaye said.

**Discussed Role**

He said he already had discussed the role with Rudolf Bing, the opera's new general manager, and had found Bing "a very astute character." Bing tentatively has scheduled "Die Fledermaus" as the Met's opening night production with Kaye as an extra fillip to the traditionally glamorous event.

Kaye said his trip would be

his "first vacation in Europe" and was "strictly for pleasure." He denied that he had accepted a contract to play the role of the late Sir Harry Lauder in a British film planned as a memorial to the famous Scottish minstrel. He said he would "love to do it but had made no commitments."

**OLD BROOMS WANTED**

West Chester, Pa.—(U.P.)—The West Chester Fire Department will be glad to take any old brooms off your hands. Fire Chief Winfield Slaughter said his men use the brooms in fighting brush and grass fires. They wear out quickly and replacements are always needed.

**FINDS KEYS TO CITY**

Memphis, Tenn.—(U.P.)—Gerald Holbrook really found the "keys to the city" when he visited Lepanto, Ark., on a business trip. The keys were in the street. Holbrook took them to the city hall, where officials identified them as keys to the jail and city hall.

### Eagle Point

Eagle Point, Mar. 30—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chamberlain of Shady Cove are spending a few days in Eagle Point with their son Paul and family. They were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Clarke of this place, Tuesday evening.

Mrs. George Lascou of San Francisco was week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jack De Benedetto of Eagle Point. She left for her home Monday taking the De Benedetto's young daughter Marian with her for a couple of weeks stay.

Mrs. Ernest Aschoff of Clarksdale, Ore., and daughter, Mrs. Leo Smith and small daughter of Tillamook, left Wednesday for their home after spending a few days in Eagle Point and Medford visiting relatives.

Mrs. Henry Woody of Portland is here visiting her nieces and families, Mrs. Ray Harnish, Mrs. Ethel Coy and Mrs. Glen Hale.

Mrs. Meda Budge of Medford is spending a few days with her daughter Mrs. Glen Hale and family of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Cross of Halsey, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Cross of Roseburg, and Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hoffman of Applegate called on Mr. and Mrs. Roy Swan, owners of Swanee Kennels on the Brownsboro road, last Sunday.

Mrs. R. E. Breeding and Mrs. John Ragsdale were joint hostesses at a bridal shower in the Community church parlor here on Tuesday afternoon, March 21, in honor of Miss Patricia Hackney, with 20 women in attendance. The bride-elect received many useful gifts. After the gifts were opened and acknowledged the hostesses served refreshments.

Mrs. Herb Warren and two young sons of Lakeview, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Britton of Eagle Point all last week. They returned home Monday.

A record crowd attended the meeting of the Eagle Point PTA on March 27 in the high school library, where they heard John Richard, county juvenile officer, talk on the great need of a suitable place to keep juvenile delinquents while looking for proper homes for them.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Peterson of Bend and two young daughters Lois and Margit Jane were last week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Tyler and sons of Eagle Point. Mr. Peterson is a nephew of Rasmus Petersen, creator and owner of Petersen's Rock Gardens of Bend, and Mrs. Peterson is a sister of the late Joe Lynam, well known wrestler who was killed in an airplane crash a year ago while enroute from Boise to Bend.

Mrs. Amy Brown is enjoying a new Studebaker automobile purchased last week.

Harold Chase returned last week-end from several days business trip to Los Angeles.

Lee Shelton and Lyle Van Scoy made a business trip to Prospect Wednesday.

Mrs. William Brown made a business trip to Medford Wednesday.

Mrs. Orville Shelton, Eagle Point, was called to Fresno, Cal., March 25, by the death of an uncle. The funeral service was held there March 28.

Mrs. Eldon Jackson of Eagle Point left Wednesday on a few days' business trip to Idaho.

More than \$600 had been received last night.

Duckworth said he had received numerous letters from lawyers, with only one per cent upholding the legal technicality.

One of the letters, Duckworth said, was marked "confidential" and came from one of the most eminent federal judges in the nation.

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