

Irrigation District Assured of Aid By Interior Chief

Secretary of the Interior Oscar Chapman has given assurance of aid to the Medford irrigation district in the possible reconstruction of its irrigation siphon across Bear Creek and the Pacific highway near Phoenix, according to Jack Hoffbuhr, secretary of the district.

The district has sought Chapman's aid in the job, which will be made necessary by the widening work on the highway, to be done by the State Highway Commission this year. The siphon, a big wood-stave pipe, will have to be moved.

Need Bigger Pipe

Yesterday, with the news that Chapman has given the green light for engineering studies of the modified plan for development of the Rogue River basin, Hoffbuhr said that the district would be pointless to rebuild the siphon the same size as it is now, when, if the modified plan is carried out, it will have to carry a much greater volume of water.

The assistance which the district would like from the Department of the Interior is both engineering and financial.

Assures Morse

Hoffbuhr said that Chapman, in a recent communication to Sen. Wayne Morse, said, in regard to the siphon project, that it is being brought to the attention of the Reclamation Bureau, and "I can assure you that we will do everything possible to advise and assist the Medford Irrigation District."

The modified plan, among other things, calls for an increase in the storage facilities of the Emigrant reservoir from 8,000 acre feet to 46,000, and the irrigation districts involved have reached an agreement as to the distribution of the water, Hoffbuhr said.

Chile Offers To Sell Copper Supply to US

Santiago, Chile—(U.P.)—A government spokesman said Tuesday Chile has offered to sell its entire copper production to the U. S. at 33.5 cents a pound. The Chilean ambassador in Washington has been instructed to discuss the offer with American officials.



COLLAPSING while at controls of United Air liner en route to Los Angeles, Captain L. C. Brown dies of heart attack before copilot can bring plane back to Honolulu. (International)

Crater High Students Attend Speech Contest

Crater high school in District 6C and Eugene high school were the only schools entered in the Linfield college speech tournament to place two debate teams in the finals. It was reported here today.

Crater high school Speech Instructor Jerry McDougall, who accompanied 13 students to McMinnville, said the two teams who vied with Eugene representatives in the finals Saturday were Marilyn Bohnert and Marlene Addington and Bart Quackenbush and Jimmy Roberts.

He said Bert Simmons reached the acting finals and Esther Snook the finals in the interview division.

Other students who made the trip with McDougall were Neil Richardson, Shirley Edison, Marion Smith, Lois Vanderpool, Carl Morse, Diane James and Nancy Mallon.

Jo Stafford, Mate

On Europe Honeymoon

Hollywood—(U.P.)—Singer Jo Stafford and her husband, musician Paul Weston, headed Wednesday for a European honeymoon to combine business with pleasure.

The popular radio and recording vocalist and Weston, her musical arranger, were married Tuesday at St. Gregory's Catholic church in Los Angeles.

Foreign Students May Be Invited For Study at SOC

Ashland—Consideration of plans to invite several foreign students to attend Southern Oregon college next year will be discussed tomorrow by the student council during its regular session.

Dr. John A. Schulz, council faculty advisor, will present information obtained at two Portland meetings this past week-end concerning the exchange student program. Representatives of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and the Ford Foundation Grant met with Pacific Northwest college leaders to review the foreign student plan.

Dr. Schulz reported today that it is felt one of the most effective methods of promoting international understanding is through interchange of students between nations. He said the United States welcomes about 30,000 exchange students annually while only 15,000 American scholars study abroad.

The Southern Oregon student council will debate advisability of raising funds sufficient for board and room to care for several foreign students here next September. Request for assignment of such students would be made to the Institute of International Education, Washington, D. C., and organizations such as the Carnegie Endowment and Ford Foundation would provide funds for transportation.

Students who have recently attended SOC under this plan have been Harold Stieler, Gerd Gundersheimer and Annetraut Goeding, all from Germany.

Chemical Firm To Buy Springfield Property

Springfield, Ore.—(U.P.)—Reichhold Chemicals, Inc., and the Springfield city council have signed an option for the big chemical firm to buy 26½ acres of municipal property.

A company representative in Seattle said Tuesday the firm was considering other plant sites nearby and would not necessarily purchase the Springfield one. RCI, a leading manufacturer of resins, has until April 19 to buy the site. Purchase price was set at \$500 an acre.



IT'S ALL IN THE BLOW—This young Korean huffs and puffs but can't match the bubble blown by Cpl. George J. Swokowski of Leavenworth, Kas. Swokowski and other members of a X Corps civil affairs team introduced the bubble gum to Korean children as they distributed gifts of clothing to Kyo-Su, South Korea villagers. The team receives clothing gifts from individuals, schools and churches in the United States and distribute them to needy Koreans. The youngster is wearing donated overalls.

CARE Director Speaks Tomorrow

Foreign policy and international relations will be the theme of Roy McCorkel when he speaks Thursday at 8 p.m. in Medford YMCA. McCorkel was director of CARE in southeastern Europe for the past two years.

During his work in Europe, McCorkel traveled throughout southeastern Europe and in the Near East. He made frequent trips into Germany, Spain, France and the Scandinavian countries, becoming widely and intimately acquainted with the international situation. He returned to this country last summer.

Prior to his work with CARE, McCorkel was graduated from Yale Divinity school. In 1936-37 he traveled in Europe, including a trip into Russia.

Mrs. Harlan P. Bosworth Jr., president of the council, states that anyone interested is invited to attend the lecture.

No Russ-Turkey War Expected by Newsman

Portland—(U.P.)—An Istanbul Turkey, newspaper editor says he doesn't think Russia will risk a "14th war" with his country. Cuneyd Dosdogru, editor of Istanbul's influential Akin, said Tuesday that Turkey has fought 13 wars with Russia, totaling 56 years, in the last 300 years.

"We know the Russians, and what is more important, the Russians know us," he said. "I am sure they will think not twice but three times before they waste the 14th war on us."

SOC Ceramics Class Said To Be Popular

Ashland—A spring quarter evening class at Southern Oregon college which will require early registration will be ceramics for beginners, it was announced today by Mrs. Mabel W. Winston, registrar.

The class will be offered for the third consecutive term by Otto J. Wilda, associate professor of art. Size of the ceramics laboratory limits enrollment to 18 students. Another popular course which must be limited will be that of photography for beginners taught by Lloyd D. Pennington, assistant professor of science.

Valley residents interested in either of the two classes are advised to contact the instructors now or apply at the registrar's office while vacancies exist. The spring term will begin March 24.

Idaho Brief Backs Air Line Support

Boise—(U.P.)—The state of Idaho Wednesday backed up its contention that Empire Air Lines should be allowed to extend its route to Portland with a brief filed with the Civil Aeronautics board.

The brief, filed in support of recent exemptions taken by a CAB examiner's report recommending against extension of the line to Portland, was written by Attorney General Robert E. Smylie.

It said that the board should find that the public convenience and necessity required:

1. The extension of Empire's route from Pendleton or Walla Walla to Portland.
2. The extension of Empire's route from Spokane to Portland through Ephrata-Moses Lake, Wenatchee, Ellensburg, Yakima and The Dalles.
3. The renewal of Empire's certificate of convenience and necessity for route 78 until December 31, 1957, or until five years from the date of the board's final order in this case, whichever date is earlier.

New Livestock Feed Price Rules Slated

Portland—(U.P.)—Portland District OPS Director Carl Donough Wednesday announced new price rules which he said would relieve critical livestock feed situations in Western states.

Starting March 3, feed sellers may include heavy transportation costs in shipping cottonseed meal, hulls, slab and sized cakes to critically short areas.

Donough said this action should enable livestock feed supplies to be moved from surplus to critical areas.

Conciliator Enters Greyhound Dispute

San Francisco—(U.P.)—Federal Conciliator Omar Hoskins stepped into contract negotiations Wednesday between Pacific Greyhound Lines and the AFL Motor Coach Employees' union. Hoskins hoped to avoid a strike threatened for midnight Saturday against Greyhound operations in seven western states. Some 3,500 employees have warned they will walk off their jobs unless agreement is reached on a new contract.

The union wants a five-day, 40-hour week and wage increases.

Local Chinchillas Win Show Ribbons

Chinchillas from the Rogue River Chinchilla ranch in Shady Cove won ribbons at the Eastern Regional Chinchilla show held last week in Boston, Mass. They were raised by Mr. and Mrs. Gerald T. Owen, owners of the ranch, and Mrs. Owen went to Boston to enter the animals and to visit a brother whom she had not seen for 32 years.

Mrs. Owen, who came the longest distance of any exhibitor, entered two chinchillas. One received a second award red ribbon and the other a third award white ribbon. The prize-winning animals competed with 434 chinchillas, most of them from Eastern states.

The Owens were the first to operate a Chinchilla ranch in southern Oregon. Starting in 1946 with three pairs, they have since then built up a thriving business and now have a herd of 150 of these "miracle" fur-bearing animals.

Rogue River ranch chinchillas have won ribbons in every show where they have been entered. From Boston, Mrs. Owen will go to San Francisco, where the Owens will exhibit eight animals in the Western Regional Chinchilla show, to be held February 29 to March 2.

Woman Beaten By Thug Hospitalized

Vancouver, Wash.—(U.P.)—Mrs. Bertha Thomson, who was beaten by a burglar in her home here Sunday night was in Vancouver Memorial hospital Wednesday suffering from shock and possible skull fracture.

Mr. and Mrs. James K. Thomson and their three children were held captive in their home by a man who demanded a large sum of money. Pretending to go to his grocery for cash, Thomson summoned police. When the police arrived, the intruder had fled.

Mrs. Thomson said the intruder struck her with his revolver. She was taken to the hospital Tuesday when she became ill.

Disabled Plane In Safe Landing

Chicago—(U.P.)—An American Airlines WC-4 with one engine dead circled the city for nearly three hours Wednesday to use up its gasoline supply before making an emergency landing.

The plane landed safely at O'Hare International airport with its load of 23 revenue passengers, four crewmen and four other employees of the airline. The plane had been held aloft to use up its fuel supply and to permit an early morning fog to burn away.

Plans to bring the ship in to Chicago Midway airport were abandoned after better visibility developed at O'Hare, about 17 miles to the north.

It was flying between Davenport and Des Moines, Ia., when Capt. Paul Carpenter discovered an oil leak in the number one engine and flew back here on three engines for a landing.

TICONDEROGA TO SAIL

Bremerton—(U.P.)—The aircraft carrier USS Ticonderoga leaves here Wednesday for the Brooklyn Naval shipyard where it will undergo extensive modernization so it can carry heavy bombers.

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