

Merlin Schools' Flying Students Start Trip Here

A "flying schoolhouse" leaves here today for San Francisco just to prove there's something more to learning than old-fashioned reading, writing and arithmetic.

Fifteen students from the eighth grade of a little country school in Merlin, which boasts a population of 300, two general stores and a postoffice, will take what they call a "field trip" aboard a United Air Lines plane. From 11 to 13.

For nine boys and six girls ranging in ages from 11 to 13, it'll be the climax of a special class project on air transportation studied during the winter school term.

School Principal Royal A. Ivory and Mrs. George R. Tassin, mother of one of the students, will accompany the group.

Ivory, who also teaches the eighth grade, developed the aviation course five years ago to cover every phase of the air industry, including research, oral reports, term papers and—finally—the "field trip." But heretofore they merely had toured airports or taken short flights around Oregon.

This year they decided on a three-day flight to San Francisco and raised the money themselves, sponsoring Sunday chicken dinners in the schoolhouse, making candy, showing weekly movies and splitting logs for fenceposts.

They even accumulated an extra \$20 in a classroom "kitty" by collecting a penny for any grammatical errors and a nickel for pupils caught chewing gum.

William Cox Funeral At Ashland Monday

Ashland—Funeral services for William Alvis Cox, 68, of star route, Ashland, will be held at Litwiler funeral home here Monday at 2 p. m. with the Rev. John Mathers officiating. Interment will be in Mountain View cemetery.

The deceased was born in Greenbriar county, West Virginia, on Oct. 8, 1883, and came to Ashland in 1921, where he located in the Greensprings area as a logging contractor.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia; son, Wesley, Talent, and daughter, Mrs. Joseph Rapp, Talent.

650,000 Released Since Start of Korean Fight

Washington—(U.P.)—The Veterans Administration has disclosed that U. S. armed forces have released 650,000 persons from service since the Korean conflict began.

The VA said the figure was an average discharge rate of 35,000 a month.

On January 31, the VA said, it was providing hospitalization for 1862 veterans with service since the Korean war began and that dependents of 8895 veterans who have died since the Korean outbreak were receiving benefits on December 31.

Obituary

JOSEPH DEBARBE

Services for Joseph R. DeBarbe, 61, who died Friday in a local hospital, will be held in Conger-Morris Chapel Tuesday at 1:30 p. m. with the Rev. George Bolster officiating. Committal will be at Medford Mausoleum.

Mr. DeBarbe was born Jan. 25, 1891, in San Jose, Calif. On Dec. 10, 1941, in Carson City, Nev., he was married to Eulalia Cloyd who survives. He has lived on his ranch at Eagle Point for the past year and a half, coming from Santa Rosa, Calif.

Other survivors include six brothers, Roger, Jack, Gus and William, all of San Jose, Calif.; Tony, Crows Landing, Calif.; and Frank, Patterson, Calif.; and three sisters, Mrs. Mary Pierce, San Jose; Mrs. Margaret Reynolds, Sunnyvale, Calif.; and Mrs. Rose Amerol, San Jose.

Funeralbearers will be Harry Houten, Henry Howe, John Harbison, Bob McIntyre, Glen Huber and Myron Andrews.

WILLIAM JONES

William D. Jones, 53, died Friday at his home, 310 North Bartlett street. Funeral arrangements are in care of Conger-Morris funeral home.

RAISSA FRESHWATER
Mrs. Raissa Freshwater, 52, of Fern Valley, died Saturday at a local hospital. Funeral arrangements are in care of Conger-Morris funeral home.

FLORENCE McDANIEL

Services for Florence Valeria McDaniel, 63, who died Wednesday, will be held in Conger-Morris Chapel Monday at 1:30 p. m. with the Rev. D. D. Randall officiating. Committal will be in Siskiyou Memorial park.

Mrs. McDaniel was born April 20, 1889, in Juniata, Neb. She had lived in Oregon since 1928, coming to Medford from La Grande 11½ years ago.

Survivors include six sisters, Mrs. John Miller, La Grande; Mrs. Ray Searles, La Grande; Mrs. George Hutchins, Gold Hill; Mrs. Lora Thompson, Medford; Mrs. E. H. Short, Portland; and Mrs. J. D. Hickman, Hastings, Neb.

EDWARD SMITH

Services for Edward Alexander Smith, 78, who died at his home in Ruch Friday, will be read by a Christian Scientist in Conger-Morris chapel Monday at 3 p. m. The chapel services are private, but friends are invited to committal services in Logtown cemetery. The family requests that flowers be omitted, and instead that a memorial contribution be made to the Salvation Army building fund.

Mr. Smith was born June 9, 1873, in Ruch where he lived all his life. His parents, the late Eligh and Margaret Smith, were pioneers of the Applegate valley, arriving there in the 1850's. On Dec. 28, 1898, in Jacksonville, he was married to Elva Law, who survives.

Other survivors include three sons, Lester E., Medford; A. Everett, Redlands, Calif.; and Glenn W., Ruch; a daughter, Mrs. Jessie Hopkins, Napa, Calif.; a brother, Joe, San Francisco; and six grandchildren.

Local and Personal

Lacerated Finger—Don Burill, 18, of Prospect, was treated at Community hospital Saturday for a lacerated finger, hospital attendants reported.

Trash Fire—City firemen Saturday extinguished a trash fire at 329 Apple street, is was reported by the office of the fire chief.

To Join Husband—Mrs. Jerry Sherman, Medford, left Saturday for Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, to join her husband who is a private first class at the Marine Corps heavy equipment school there.

Returns—Alf B. Mekvold, Jackson county superintendent of schools has returned from Los Angeles where he attended the American Association of School Administrators sessions last week.

Tool Box Taken—Leslie E. Timm, 716 West Jackson street, reported to city police that someone took a green tool box from his car sometime last week. He said the box contained an assortment of wrenches, a tubing cutter and reamer and rubber gloves.

On Retailers Panel—Fred E. Robinson, Medford clothing store owner, has been invited to talk on "how to write advertisements that pull trade," at the spring conference of the Oregon Retail Distributors Institute to be held May 4 and 5 in Eugene.

Infant Born—Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Michales, Rogue River, are parents of an infant daughter born at the Josephine County General hospital at Grants Pass on March 13. The mother is the former Miss Barbara Boyden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Boyden, 807 East Jackson street.

Visit in Reno—Miss Roma Lee Liddell and Gilbert F. Liddell left Saturday morning via the S. P. to spend the week's spring vacation visiting their mother in Reno, Nev.

Domiciliary Dance—The Veterans of Foreign Wars auxiliary will sponsor a dance at the veterans domiciliary at 8 p. m., Monday, March 17. Transportation to the dance will be furnished from the Trailways bus depot at 7:30 p. m.

Daughter Born—News of the birth of a daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Engels, Glide, Ore., has been received by the maternal grandmother, Mrs. R. A. Winters, 235 South Ivy street. The infant weighed 7 pounds 6 ounces and has been named Carol Lynn. The mother is the former Miss Beverly Smith of Medford.

Accountants Meet—The Rogue Valley chapter, Oregon Association of Public Accountants, will hear representatives of the Jackson county assessor's office speak on county tax problems when they meet Monday evening, March 17. The meeting is open to non-members, and wives and husbands of members. Reservations for the dinner, to be served at 7 p. m., will not be necessary, officers said. The event will be held in the Ashland Elks temple.

Injured—John M. Baker, Central Point, was injured about 4:15 p. m. Friday when a board platform he was working on in the new Assembly of God church on West Main street broke. He fell about 16 feet to a concrete floor. He was taken to Sacred Heart hospital by Conger-Morris ambulance.

Dead time Sunday Classified to noon Saturdays

Sergeant Killed By Irate Husband

Inglewood, Calif.—(U.P.)—An army sergeant, just back from Korea, was shot to death here early Saturday by a man he suspected of having an affair with his wife.

Staff Sgt. Clifton B. Medart, 41, was killed in a fusillade of bullets as he approached the car in which radar technician Earl Lewis was bringing Mrs. Medart home from the defense plant at which they both work.

"I always thought that if you pointed a gun at a man he would stop. . . But he kept right on coming at me," Lewis told Van Nuys police after he admitted the shooting. He was arrested at his home in Van Nuys after police traced a license number given them by a war buddy of Medart, Sgt. Robert L. Hopkins, 22.

Lewis, 28, was booked on suspicion of murder and turned over to police here.

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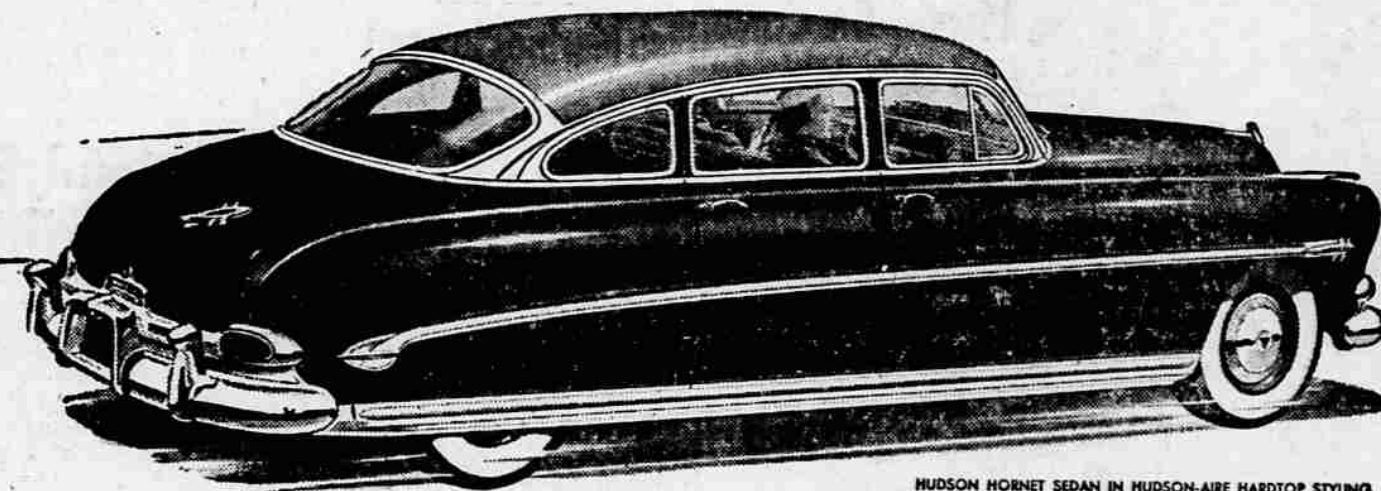
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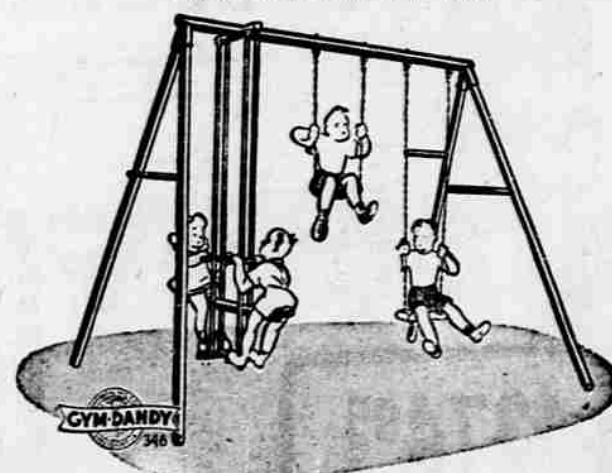
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