

Blazing Gas Fires Doused in School For Firemen Here

A crash and gasoline fire fighting school, underway at the Medford municipal airport for the past three days, was to conclude this afternoon. The school is being conducted by Battalion Chief Harry Hargis, crash fire instructor at McClellan, Calif., air force base.

Members of the Medford and Central Point fire departments and the local air force detachment this morning used foam and chemicals to demonstrate extinguishing and rescue work in airplane crash fires. Earlier sessions on Wednesday and Thursday were devoted to the use of spray and fog apparatus.

Gas Fires Quenched
Yesterday the fire fighters extinguished several gasoline fires, each in something less than two minutes. A bomber fuselage, made available by the air force for the purpose, was doused with high octane gasoline as were two oil drums, which were placed at about the same position as wing tanks.

After the "wrecked plane" was set afire, various teams of fire fighters using fog nozzles attacked the blaze. The different teams, all directed by Battalion Chief Hargis, appeared to be equally effective in extinguishing the roaring fires.

Despite the terrific heat generated by the gasoline fires, the numerous blazes were extinguished so rapidly that paint and wiring insulation inside the plane was only partly damaged. A crowd of between 50 and 75 persons watched the firefighting demonstrations.

Portland Apartment House Changes Hands

Portland—(U.P.)—The 11-story Park Plaza apartments, one of Portland's postwar "skyscrapers" dwellings, has been sold for a reported \$1,600,000, it was reported Friday.

The transaction was the largest apartment house sale in Portland's history. Purchaser was William Clavier who recently sold a chain of Montana theaters and still owns several movie houses in Oregon.

The building was purchased from a building corporation headed by Sanford J. Langoe.

Pickin' Pears News, Gossip, Comment From Camp White

By L. J. 'TICK' MALARKEY

All is set for the first excursion of Camp White's Fishing club.

A bus load of the men are to shove off at 9 a. m. Saturday and will make a full day of it. Committees to handle the lunch, bait and equipment have been appointed by President Isaacs.

The people of Jackson county have been more than generous with their donations of equipment. More can be used and no doubt more will be coming in.

More than 30 attended the meeting held Monday night. Enthusiasm for this new project is high. And Ted Brown, who originated the idea, is happy over the results.

Look out catfish—here we come.

Monday night's dance in the theater, sponsored by the volunteer organizations, was well attended. Art Kenton and his Camp White orchestra provided the music. Art's music is so fine that it is noted that canes and crutches are often set aside to hop to its tunes. Refreshments were served during the intermission.

Ernie Collier, past commander of Camp White chapter of Disabled American Veterans and chaplain of the station's Veterans of Foreign Wars post, showed off Wednesday for Missouri. Before he left he came to this writer and asked that his thanks be extended through this column to all of the people of this community who have been so good to him since his arrival in Medford a year ago November.

"Words can't express my appreciation," said Collier. "I hope through your paper that people will know I will never forget their many kindnesses. It is with deep regret that I take my departure. I'll never forget Medford."

Collier is colored. And during his stay at Camp White no member ever had more friends. In his new home he will operate a chicken ranch.

A correction: It was the Eagle auxiliary of Medford, assisted by Eagle ladies from Grants Pass, who gave last week's dance. This column had it the Moose auxiliary. My apologies.

Jack Lantzer has taken a dis-

charge and will spend some time at Portland. Lantzer is a World War II veteran and served with the marines in the South Pacific. He was the only survivor of an action on a small island. The Japs thought he was dead, which is the only reason Jack lived. Badly wounded, he partially recovered. He is totally disabled as result of these wounds. On his way to Portland Lantzer will stop off at Roseburg and visit his buddy, Walter Hellum, who is taking some specialized treatment at that hospital.

Disabled American Veterans auxiliary of Grants Pass entertained in the auditorium Wednesday with games for prizes. A good crowd turned out for the event.

Mike Tanzell is again confined to the infirmary. He hasn't been well for some time and the staff concluded that a tour of duty there will do him good. "Mac" McMahon was just released from the infirmary after spending better than a month under the care of the doctors and nurses.

Students from Crater, Eagle Point, Prospect, Rogue River, Phoenix, St. Mary's and Medford junior high furnished the talent to stage a variety show for the men, sponsored by the Junior Red Cross, Wednesday evening in the theater. Vera Humphries brought to the station one of the best shows to ever be staged here. Following the program the men were served refreshments, while sitting in their seats, by the performers.

The Three Notes from Crater were a close harmony trio and display more than usual ability. They were very popular.

Dave Davis and "Rusty" Layne checked out Wednesday and headed for Oroville, Cal. Both men are World War I veterans.

Camp White Post 6412, VFW, will install officers jointly with the Shady Cove post and its auxiliary April 16. The ceremonies will be held at the club rooms at Camp White. Commander Willard Abbott stated that at Wednesday's night meeting paid a tribute to Ernie Collier, who was to leave for the east the following day. Collier has been one of the post's most untiring workers.

Hopes High in Transit Dispute

Portland—(U.P.)—Hope was high Friday that Portland might not have a bus strike next week after both union and management approved a proposed fare increase.

Outcome of the dispute hinged on action of the city council when it meets to consider the Portland Traction company's request for a 16-cent fare and a citizens' committee proposal for a 15-cent adult fare.

PTC President Gordon Steele said the company would accept the lower offer of the citizens' committee and "the other conditions which go with it."

Harvey Thomas, agent for the streetcar's union, which has scheduled a strike for midnight Monday, said the committee's recommendation offered a basis for a fair settlement and "puts the company in shape so that we have an excellent chance of negotiating."

More Indictments in Horsemeat Scandal

Rock Island, Ill.—(U.P.)—Six more indictments have been returned in the Illinois horsemeat scandal.

The Rock Island county grand jury indicted Matt Klaersch, Robert Klotz, Edward F. McCarthy and John C. Malone, Chicago; Charles David Hunter, Alton, Ill., an ousted state food inspector, and F. Edwin Lindskog, Moline, Ill., meat dealer.

All were accused of bribery in connection with the alleged sale of horsemeat as beef and pork.

Educators' Fraternity Slates April Meeting

Ashland—The April meeting of Phi Delta Kappa, professional educators' fraternity, will be held at Southern Oregon college at 6 p. m. Saturday, according to Charles Woodhouse, Klamath Falls, vice president.

Leland Linn, superintendent of Ashland schools, will report on business conducted at the recent regional convention of the American Association of School Administrators held at Los Angeles. Supplementary reports will be presented by Laurence Moffitt, Grants Pass, and Carrol Howe, Klamath Falls.

School leaders recently initiated into membership include Joseph Fader, Ashland and Verne Speirs and Devere Taylor, Medford.

Disregard Ordered On Reynolds Tax

Portland—(U.P.)—Multnomah County District Attorney John B. McCourt has asked the county's assessor and sheriff to disregard orders of the State Tax commission and not reduce the assessed valuation of the Reynolds Metals-Reynolds Aluminum company property in the county.

McCourt said "I have asked the assessor and sheriff not to act on this aluminum company order, at least until it has been ascertained if the tax commis-

sion will give the assessor an opportunity to be heard on this matter."

The commission has ordered the valuation of the aluminum company cut nearly \$1,000,000 for a reduction in taxes amounting to \$43,687.04.

McCourt said that if the order is carried out it will result in an "unfair" shift of the tax burden.

Westport, Conn.—(U.P.)—When Chester Norris ran his car off a road the accident was "report-

ed" instantly. His automobile by the state highway department to keep account of traffic.

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