Pilot Makes Report To Copco on Line Break in Storm

Harvey M. Brandau, one of the pilots conducting cloud-seeding operations for the prevention of hail on valley orchards, was commended last week for his assistance to the California Oregon Power company in spotting and reporting a transmission line break.

Brandau was flying over the Greensprings pass area the afternoon of Friday, July 11, when he saw a large flash near the ground, after a lightning strike. After he landed, he reported it to Copco.

In a letter, F. A. Benesh, Copco district manager, told Brandau that "this information was of material assistance in prompt location of the line fault and dispatching of crews. We wish to commend the alertness of your observation and extend our sincere appreciation of your efforts in our behalf."

Benesh also said that the lightning burned out an insulator, with a resultant "flash-over" to adjacent conductors and destruction of insulators. Crewmen worked well past midnight to make repairs on the line, which crosses the shoulder of Soda mountain, in the southeast portion of the county, where the break took ploce.

Brandau recently returned to Medford after a three-month season conducting cloud-seeding operations for the prevention of hail in the Sacramento area. He said the efforts have been termed successful, with no hail damage reported in the area where seeding took place, although hail fell immediately outside that area.

A California state law governs the operation of cloud seeding and other weather control experiments, Brandau reported. A $50 license is required, and pilots make reports telling the time they are in the air, the area, and the date. The results of these reports are compiled by the state in a continuing study of the effects of cloud seeding, so that definite, long-term results can be accurately determined.

A total of 150 hours were flown in three months, Brandau said, and during that time there were five major "disturbances" of the type frequently carrying hail.

The products which the fliers were retained to protect there are mostly tree fruit crops, similar to those grown in the Rogue valley.

"Help yourself" cafeteria cars dispensing cold meats, sandwiches, pastries and beverages are now run on British railways. Passengers deposit their coins, load their trays and dine on convenient tip-up tables.

Ex-Pendleton Mayor Dies in California

Pendleton — (U.P.) — George A. Hartman, former mayor and postmaster of Pendleton, died Friday at Oakland, Calif., where he had resided in retirement since 1948, friends here learned Saturday He was 75.

Hartman was mayor here in 1921-23 and served as postmaster in 1933-48 before moving to Oakland. He was a veteran of the Spanish-American war and active on the committee for the "Save the Battleship Oregon" fund.

Study of Klamath Basin Water Usage Receives Approval

Klamath Basin, Calif. — (U.P.) The California State Water Resources board Saturday approved a three-year proposed work program for the Klamath River basin investigation in northern California and southern Oregon.

The basin includes 15,715 square miles, of which 4,695 square miles are in Oregon. The drainage basin includes the watersheds of the Klamath, Shasta, Scott, Salmon and Trinity rivers.

Estimated cost of the three-year investigation is $177,000. The California legislature has allocated $50,000 for studies of the basin.

Included in the work program were:

1. Inventory of water resources of the basin, both surface and underground.
2. Classification of lands within the basin as to present and ultimate agricultural use.
3. Study of present water use and estimate of water requirements under ultimate development.
4. A study of the flood flows in the basin and means for their controls.

Four Boys Held In Garage Break-In

Four boys were held here temporarily by the polce for breaking into the garage at a vacant house at 614 West Clark. The illegal entry was reported by Isaac H. Porter, 20 South Orange street, caretaker of the property.

The boys cut limbs from a tree on the property and one of them took a box of shells out of the garage, according to the police report.

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