

Pregnant Mother, Two Others Held As Bank Robbers

Madison, Wis. —(U.P.)— The pregnant mother of four children and her fishmonger husband and brother-in-law Thursday faced charges of robbing banks in Illinois and Wisconsin.

The three were seized at their home in Chilton, Wis., Wednesday and brought here for arraignment.

Woman Drove Car
The FBI identified them as Mrs. Virginia Hephner, a "flaming" red haired woman described as driver of the getaway car, her husband Raymond P. Hephner, 26, and his brother Phillip, 23.

According to the FBI they have admitted holding up an Edmund, Wis., bank and taking \$9,769 last Jan. 21 and robbing two Illinois banks within a period of 30 minutes a week ago.

Agents said Mrs. Hephner admitted driving the getaway car in the holdup of the Farmers City Bank in Edmund, Wis., but that evidence tended to support her claim that she did not participate in the Illinois robberies.

Disgusted Over Loot
Hephner and brother confessed robbing the Pearl City, Ill., bank of \$1,800 last Friday but were so disgusted with the size of the loot that they drove five miles to Kent, Ill., where they held up the state bank and got \$11,000.

Lawrence James, police chief at Argyle, Wis., spotted the getaway car and jotted down the first three numbers on the license plate. FBI men traced the car to Chilton.

The Army and Navy versions of the Star-Spangled Banner are not identical.

Anniversary Sales Event Scheduled By Johnston Store

An elaborate anniversary sales celebration is planned Friday and Saturday to note the first year in Medford of Johnston Stores, 112 South Riverside avenue. Favors, prizes and refreshments will be given.

Reviewing his first year of operation in Medford, Owner R. T. Johnston expressed pleasure establishment of the store in the community and with its sales.

The auto supply shop was planned specifically to provide parking right in front of the store, eliminating the necessity of searching for a parking space. Johnston takes particular pride in his Teletype communication system by which his store is connected to merchandise supply points throughout the country.

Johnston and his family are now permanent residents of Medford. The firm's expansion plans include opening of new stores in other southern Oregon cities, but Johnston announces he plans to remain here.

Helicopters Evacuate Marooned Soldiers

Somewhere in Korea —(U.P.)— Twenty helicopters evacuated 800 United Nations troops Thursday after the rain-swollen Pukhan river marooned them at a quartermaster service center.

The airlift began at noon and lasted four hours. It was ordered because the center's officers believed the water too deep to risk having the men wade to safety.

The troops had one day's "A" rations and one day's "C" rations and 1½ days supply of water left.



STORE'S ANNIVERSARY—The Johnston store, B. F. Goodrich distributor here, will observe its first anniversary in Medford tomorrow and Saturday. A general view of the store is shown above. The establishment, located at 112 South Riverside avenue, was planned specifically to provide on-premises parking for patrons.



INTERIOR VIEW—Above is an interior view of the Johnston store in Medford, which is observing its first anniversary here this week end. The firm, dealers in B. F. Goodrich products, handles a wide range of automotive and household items.

Rainfall in Oregon Declared Not Figment of the Imagination

BY WILLIAM WARREN
Salem —(U.P.)— There are two rumors current in Oregon. One is that flying saucers are not a figment of the imagination. The other is that rain in Oregon is not a figment of the imagination.

Old timers will assure you that, honest, it has rained in Oregon. Rain, in case you are too young to remember, is wet precipitation that falls from the sky from what scientists have classified as clouds.

Summer Proven Dry
If you think it has been dry this summer, you are right. Cold statistics will bear you out. In the 52 years since the turn of the century, rain has failed to fall on Oregon only 10 times in July—in 1900, 1910, 1914, 1922, 1925, 1926, 1929, year of the drought and the depression, 1931, 1933 and 1952. Note that it has been 19 years since we had a rainless July.

August has been rainless in Oregon only seven times in the 52 years since we began saying the 19 hundreds instead of the 18 hundreds. You have reasonable assurance of precipitation by October. In only one October since the turn of the century—that in 1917—did it fail to rain.

1950 Rainfall Heaviest
Are you getting so dry you'd like to step outside your home or office into a nice cloud crop?

Then contemplate these nice, wet statistics. The heaviest average rainfall in Oregon was in 1950—56.55 inches. The lowest average rainfall in Oregon was in 1903—24.56. In only one year since this century came into being has there been no rain in both July and August. That was in 1914. These figures are all courtesy of Jim McGilchrist, the Scot who is your guide at the state capitol.

Jim is a weather, as well as a botanical, expert, who will assure you with all the scientific acumen of an Indian observing the squirrels for weather forecasting, that the climate is so good here that people in Oregon live an average of two years longer than anywhere else in

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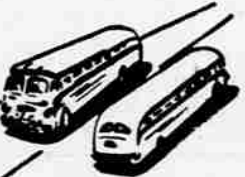
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Eugene Man Chosen Commander of Legion

Klamath Falls —(U.P.)— Karl L. Wagner, Eugene, was the new State of Oregon Department commander of the American Legion Thursday.

He was elected Wednesday at closing session of the Legion's six-day state convention here.

Mrs. Robert Kreason, Dallas, was installed as president of the Oregon Department auxiliary. Wagner succeeds Hollis C. Hull of Albany.

The 46-year-old veteran of World War II formerly was vice commander of the department.

these United States.

Madras Average Light
If you live in Madras, your average annual rainfall is only 8.40 inches a year.

If you live in Tillamook, you get drenched with an average of 95.93 inches a year which is enough to take care of all the residents and have plenty left over to bathe any visiting elephant who may drop in on the town.

Johnny Ray is a product of Oregon. He was born up Dallas way. But considering the lack of rainfall in this state during July and the prospects for August, Johnny would have to sing here of the little cloud which did not cry. Because there is not enough moisture in Oregon to allow for tears.

Dead line Sunday Classifieds is at noon Saturdays.

Mystery Box Said Weather Balloon

Portland —(U.P.)— The mysterious box-shaped object which dropped from the sky near Kalamazoo, Wash., was identified Thursday by Air Force officials as part of a weather balloon.

The balloon, with the four-foot-square box, was sent up from Tillamook, Ore., by General Mills Corporation who is making weather studies under contract to the air force.

The box with apparatus, which was one of many sent up by the aeronautical research laboratories of General Mills, is known to technicians as a "Moby Dick." It failed to function properly Wednesday afternoon and fell with a thud, minus the parachute that was supposed to carry it safely back to earth.

An ostrich has four toes, two on each foot.

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PROGRAM SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

A. M.
9:15—Mass at historical St. Joseph's Catholic Church
10:00—Welcome Address, Mayor Albert Hackert (Calif. Street)
10:15—Kiddies Parade (Calif. Street)
10:45—Parade of Old Costumes (Calif. Street)
11:00—Queen's Coronation (Calif. Street)
11:15—Log Bucking Contest on Lower Third Street
11:30—Eve Prentice Accordion Band (Calif. Street)
12:00—Drawing for Grand Prizes (Calif. Street)

P. M.
12:30—Greased Pole Climbing (Community Hall Grounds)
12:30—Bliss Heine's Baton Corps (Calif. Street)
1:00—Special Entertainment (Ralph Etel and his banjo)
1:30—Juvenile Gold Rush
2:00—Address at Jacksonville Museum Grounds, speaker Dr. Eimo Stevenson
3:00—Miss Pat's Dancers (Calif. Street)
3:30—Camp White Musical Boys (Calif. Street)
4:00—Watermelon Eating Contest
4:00—Dick Spain's Mountain Music (Calif. Street)
4:00—Donkey Derby Races (Athletic Field)
4:30—Dolly Greene (Spanish Dancing)
5:00—Martin's Hay Loft Boys (Calif. Street)
5:00—Donkey Baseball Game (Athletic Field)
6:00—Indian Parade (Calif. Street)
6:30—Forre: Chapman Studio (Guitar Players)
7:00—Barber Shop Quartet (Calif. Street)
8:30—Jacksonville Pageant Program (School Athletic Field)
9:00—Dancing at U. S. Hall and Community Hall

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

A. M.
11:00—Church Services, Old Protestant Pioneer Churches
12:00—Street Entertainment (Calif. Street)

P. . . .
1:00—Grand Parade
2:00—Jacksonville Jubilee Gigantic Gold Rush
2:30—Bliss Heine's Baton Corp (Calif. Street)
2:45—Eve Prentice Accordion Band
3:00—Kandy Kids
3:00—Old Fiddlers Contest (Community Hall)
3:15—Ashland Kilty Band (Calif. Street)
3:45—Dolly Greene (Spanish Dancing)
4:00—Donkey Derby Races (Athletic Field)
4:30—The Three Notes and Dad (Calif. Street)
4:45—Singing (Barber Shop Quartets)
5:00—Donkey Derby (Athletic Field)
5:15—Farrest Chapman Studio (Guitar Players)
6:00—Mrs. Alexander's Hawaiian Band (Calif. Street)
7:00—Special Entertainment by Ralph Etel and his banjo
9:00—Dancing

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