

74 Years of 4-H Service Is Notable Achievement of Local Bigham Family

13 Family Members Honored Recently For Leadership

Seventy-four years of 4-H club leadership by one Jackson county family was given recognition during the past week at the 21st annual Oregon 4-H Leaders conference at Corvallis.

Honored were 13 members of the Bigham family, two of whom, Mrs. Mary Bigham Myers Central Point, and J. W. (Bill) Bigham, Eagle Point, headed the Jackson county delegation to the conference.

Started in 1920

The family's interest in 4-H club work started in 1920, when Mrs. John Bigham became interested in the program. She served as a club leader for three years before giving up the work because of other responsibilities.

Since that time, Mrs. Bigham's children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren have become associated with 4-H clubs. The number of years they have compiled as active 4-H club members is almost equal to their number of years as 4-H leaders.

Leading the list is Mrs. John Bigham's daughter, Mrs. Myers, who has served as a leader of livestock and clothing clubs in the Table Rock community for 20 years.

Now Most Active

Most active member of the family today is Bill Bigham, who has 16 years as a leader. At the present time, he is community leader of the Antelope 4-H club, and, as chairman of the county fair board, devotes much of his time to Jackson county youngsters.

Bill's brother, Elbert, has 11 years of service. He is the beef club leader at Antelope, and his club has taken more top ribbons than that of any other beef club in Jackson county. The champion steer of 1954 was owned by a member of the Antelope club.

Another brother, Earl, has seven years of leadership in general livestock work at Sams Valley.

Seven of Mrs. John Bigham's grandchildren also have service as club leaders. They include:

Mrs. Mary Myers' son, Ivan Myers, 5 years; Bill Bigham's daughters, Mrs. Cora Anderson, 1 year, and Mrs. Clara Mae Schleigh, 2 years; Elbert Bigham's daughter, Bernice Bigham, 1 year; Earl Bigham's son, Kenneth Bigham, 2 years, and Mrs. Lila Bigham Smith's son, Wayne Smith, 2 years, and daughter, Lucille Smith, 4 years.

The family's many years of service to 4-H club work was recognized by county officials recently when the new 4-H club dormitory at the county fairgrounds was named Bigham hall.

PROTECTIVE COLORING

North Sullivan, Me.—(U.P.)—The deer weren't at a complete disadvantage during the hunting season. Von Grant watched two hunters walk down a woods road, their guns ready. He noticed a deer, which had frozen into immobility at their approach, suddenly shake its head and reveal perfect camouflage—after they were 50 feet past.

Longtime Messenger for US Supreme Court Found Dead

Washington—(U.P.)—George Raleigh Robinson, true to Supreme Court tradition, never talked much about his work. The solemn, dignified 70-year-old Negro was messenger for four Chief Justices of the United States.

He never referred to them as anything but "The Chief."

Clad in a black suit and vest, Robinson's stooped figure was a familiar sight in the marble corridor of the justices' chambers.

The only thing he ever told his friends about Chief Justices Charles Evans Hughes, Harlan Fiske Stone, Fred M. Vinson, and Earl Warren was that they were all "fine men."

A new Chief Justice was al-



HAVE LONG 4-H SERVICE—These four members of the Bigham family represent many years of service to the 4-H movement in Jackson county. Left to right they are Earl Bigham, J. W. (Bill) Bigham, Mrs. Mary Bigham Myers and Elbert Bigham. They are shown in front of Bigham hall, the new 4-H dormitory at the Jackson county fairgrounds, which was named in honor of the achievements of the family.

CofC Highway Committee Works for Program of Roads

(Editor's note: The following is the second of a series of articles, prepared by and published at the request of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, describing the chamber's committee organization and personnel. It is hoped that through these articles, residents of Medford can obtain a better idea of what the chamber does and how it does it.)

Recently appointed chairman of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Highway Committee was C. A. (Chet) Hubbard, president of Hubbard Bros. Hardware. Hubbard attended school in Medford and at Oregon State college, and has been associated with the Hubbard store since 1930.

He served two years with the U.S. Air Corps during World War II, and has served as president of the Chamber of Commerce, chairman of several chamber committees, and has held chairs in the Masonic lodge. At present he is connected with the Shrine and the Kiwanis club.

Meet With Commission Already the Highway Committee has met with Highway Commission in Portland to discuss future highway programs and plans for southern Oregon.

Among the matters brought before the commission by three members of the committee were improvements on the Florence Rock section of the Crater Lake highway, possibilities of progress toward the development of a new route to Klamath Falls via Lake Creek and Lake O' Woods, and the matter of reinforcing the Diamond Lake highway to permit heavy commercial hauling.

Accompanying Hubbard to Portland were Ernie De Voe and Bob Root.

Dr. Raymond Smith, Medford dentist, is seriously ill in a hospital in Mazatlan, Mexico, it was learned here Friday by friends. Dr. and Mrs. Smith, who live at 1015 Reddy ave., were traveling in Mexico when he suffered a paralytic stroke according to a wire received by Mr. and Mrs. Dolph Phipps.

The Phipps report that a nephew of the stricken man was to fly from Portland today to be with the Smiths.

Found Dead Friday Robinson did not appear at work. As he had always phoned them when he was sick, the Supreme Court police went to his apartment. They found him dead, apparently of a heart attack.

"He was a fine, devoted public servant and had the affection of everyone at the court. He served four Chief Justices, and he will be very much missed by his friends and associates at the court," said Mr. Warren.

Some airmen said shorts ought to be left on the gals in the service but officials said military females will be kept in skirts except when they go to the gym.

T-Sgt. George A. Bishop of Lake Worth, Fla., stationed at Hensley Air Force Base, Dallas, Tex., said he couldn't approve of shorts "for the best interests of the Air Force."

"I wore that kind of dress in the Johnston Islands, but under extenuating circumstances and without the fearful consequences of public opinion."

Airman 3-c Eugene Woods of Newport, Pa., stationed at Hamilton Air Force Base, San Francisco, said, "I think shorts are a good idea for hot weather, but I wouldn't want to wear them around here."

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Paralyzed Sergeant Testifies at Trial Of Major Nugent

Fort Sill, Okla.—(U.P.)—A sergeant who is partially paralyzed told a court martial board hearing charges of collaboration against Maj. Ambrose Nugent that the accused man said Korean's would shoot officer prisoners if enlisted men failed to sign propaganda articles.

The testimony came from M. Sgt. John Porter, 36-year-old Negro career soldier from Fieldsboro, N. J., Friday as the court martial ended its second week.

Trial of Nugent, 45-year-old Merrill, Wis., career officer on 13 counts of collaborating with his Communist captors was recessed for the weekend following Porter's testimony.

Another witness Friday was Maj. Harold L. Kaschko, 36, who is stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash. Kaschko, whose wife lives at Paisley, Ore., said he met Nugent in June, 1951, at Camp 12 when he was on the Central Committee.

Kaschko, who presided at the meeting of the Peace Committee before Nugent was chosen to head it, said the Koreans told the Americans they had to write propaganda speeches.

Hells Canyon Group Says Idaho Power Not Facing Issues

Washington—(U.P.)—The National Hells Canyon Association, which favors a single high dam, charged Friday that Idaho Power's position "does not face the issues or come to grips with the record."

Idaho Power, seeking government approval to build three dams in the Hells Canyon area, told the Federal Power Commission Friday that public power advocates have built a "mythical dam in the sky."

Lengthy hearings have been held by the FPC on Idaho Power's application to construct the dams. Opponents filed briefs after the hearings to the effect that Idaho Power made major departures from its original plea that are inconsistent with the record.

A brief to be presented Monday by association attorneys said the FPC staff agreed the high dam would "provide greater floor control, navigation and recreational benefits than the three dam plan," but "spins off in another direction to endorse the three dam plan."

Professor To Speak For UN Association

Professor DeWayne Johnson of Southern Oregon college will speak for a meeting of Medford chapter, Oregon United Nations association, Thursday, February 10. It will be held at 8 p.m. at the Medford YMCA.

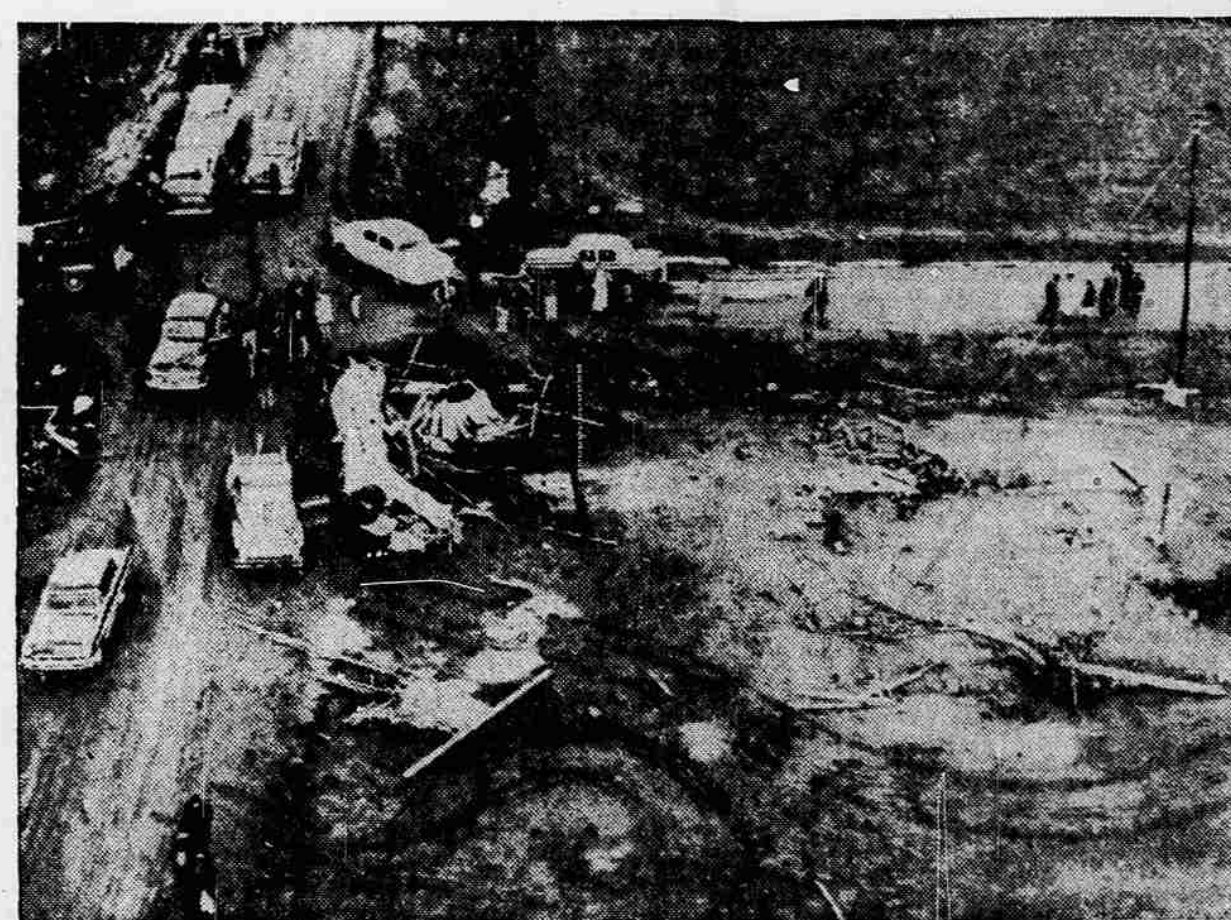
Johnson's topic will be "UNESCO—Defense of Peace." Anyone interested in United Nations is invited to attend the meeting.

Little Girl Receives Wish 'To Belong to Somebody'

Chicago—(U.P.)—Grace Marie Schiavone, who has lived in five different homes in the last eight of her 11 years, Saturday had her fondest wish, "to belong to somebody."

Judge Samuel B. Epstein Friday awarded custody of Grace to her father, Armando Schiavone Jr., of Reseda, Calif.

Since her parents were divorced in 1947, Grace had lived with five different persons, none of them her parents.



SCHOOL HOUSE BLOWN APART—This is all that is left of the school house at Commerce Landing, Miss., after unseasonal tornadoes roared across Arkansas, Mississippi and Alabama. The storms cut a 60-mile long swath of death and destruction through the Mississippi River cotton country. The school teacher and two children died here. In the three states, at least 30 persons were killed and more than 133 were injured.

Widow Saves Lives of Six As \$4,500,000 Fire Sweeps Through Pennsylvania Town

Carbondale, Pa.—(U.P.)—A 52-year-old widow won praise Saturday for saving the lives of six persons in a \$4,500,000 fire that nearly wiped out this city's business district.

Four other fires in northeast Pennsylvania communities left more than 400 persons homeless and caused another \$1,150,000 damage.

Aroused Residents Fire Chief Joseph Healey said that Mrs. Sophie W. Farnham, the widow, aroused residents of an apartment by her shouts and then went to the aid of Mrs. Marie Tressler and her two children, Donna, 11 and Thomas, 6.

Healey said when the Tresslers found their escape blocked by flames on the first floor, Mrs. Farnham led them out a second story window, across the roof of two adjacent buildings and then down to safety.

"She undoubtedly saved the lives of the Tresslers and the other residents," Healey said.

In another fire near Reading, 42 children were led to safety by their teacher when fire gutted the one-room Trostle grade school Friday.

The Carbondale fire, worst in the city's 103-year history, destroyed 29 business establishments and at least two others were badly damaged.

More than 225 firemen from Carbondale and surrounding communities battled the blaze which still was burning this morning but was "under control."

Start Inquiry Fire Marshall William Murphy said an investigation would begin Saturday to attempt to determine the cause of the blaze.

Although 40 persons were homeless here, there were no deaths and only seven persons were treated for minor injuries at Carbondale Hospital and released.

Search Starts for Man Charged With Kidnaping of Son

Lillooet, B.C.—(U.P.)—An international search was launched Saturday for an American father charged with kidnaping his 13-year-old son in a seaplane after taking the boy from a schoolyard here.

Police said border authorities had been asked to join in the hunt for Gordon Bryan, 40, Tacoma, Wash., and his son Kenneth. The boy was taken from a schoolyard Wednesday, and police reported that shortly thereafter a man was seen putting him aboard a private plane which took off immediately off nearby Seton lake.

Officers said Bryan had been divorced from his wife for 11 years and that she had been living here since with Kenneth and a daughter Eileen, 15.

Police did not say whether the plane was known to have headed south toward the United States border, some 150 miles away. A Royal Canadian mounted police spokesman said the case was largely "one of custody," and indicated that the charge against Clark might be reduced to abduction.

Mrs. Winnifred Bryan said she hadn't heard from her son, "and I don't know where he is."

Police at international border points were alerted to be on the lookout for the plane, described only as "a small plane with floats."

Search Started Search crews began scouring this desert area Saturday for the instrument-laden nose of a Viking rocket, which Friday blasted to a height of 144 miles from the Earth's surface, only 14 miles less than a record flight by another Viking last May.

The Navy dispatched the complex and expensive rocket in a joint experiment with the Glenn L. Martin Aircraft Co. to collect data on the thermal barrier and its effect on Earth-launched rockets.

The thermal barrier, unlike the sound barrier, becomes more and more of a problem to fast-flying aircraft as velocity increases, and is most threatening when a rocket tries to return to the Earth's atmosphere.

4,100 MPH Speed Friday's rocket, the 12th fired in the single-stage rocket series, accelerated to a maximum velocity of 4,100 miles an hour, exhausting its fuel in 103.5 seconds and coasting to its maximum height in 290 to 300 seconds.

After that, the nose and its load of instruments was blown free and began falling to Earth. It may be days, however, before the instruments are found. The last time a Viking was fired, the nose buried itself 50 feet in the desert sand and was not found for a week.



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