

Charles Summerall, Former Army Chief, Dies in Washington

Washington — (U.P.) — Gen. Charles P. Summerall, 88, former Army Chief of Staff, died Saturday at Walter Reed Army hospital.

He had been under treatment at Walter Reed since last August. It was reported at the time of his admission to the hospital that he was suffering from leukemia.

He is survived by his son, Charles P. Summerall, Jr., a retired Army colonel.

Headed College
Charles Pelot Summerall was a soldier of the old school who believed in ramrod discipline and strict military courtesy. His military career spanned 66 years, including service in three campaigns, four years as Army Chief of Staff, and 22 years as president of The Citadel in Charleston, S. C., one of the nation's oldest military colleges.

On his 88th birthday, which he celebrated March 4 with a small party at the hospital, he was still erect and soldierly in his bearing, precise in all his habits, and unbendingly formal in his manner. As one of his hospital visitors remarked: "Even in pajamas, he looks like a four-star general."

Gribble Delegate To State Conclave

John Gribble, 139 Kenwood ave., Medford, has been elected delegate to attend the Oregon State Federation of the National Association of Retired Civil Employees meeting in Eugene Thursday. He was elected at a meeting of the Southern Oregon chapter Friday.

At the Friday meeting, Clarence L. Williams, of Ashland, who is national secretary of the association, discussed objectives and working phases of the organization. Williams is a member of the Southern Oregon chapter.

Box Canyon Generator Receives First Test

Newport, Wash. — (U.P.) — Box Canyon dam's first generator began a "dry out run" test Saturday Project Engineer A. H. Sewell said.

Sewell said the test would take three to 14 days and would mean raising the level of the water behind the dam almost to its final height. As soon as the unit has been dried out and tested, he said, it will begin producing power for the Northwest power pool.

Do You Have A Grievance Against Your Doctor?

Patients who complain to their friends about the way their doctors treat them have a better place to take their complaints.

This is a special grievance committee, which is part of the Jackson County Medical Society. The committee was organized some years ago by the Medical Society to hear patients' complaints regarding physicians' services or fees. It provides for fair hearings for BOTH patients and physicians whenever the patient and doctor are unable mutually to resolve their disagreement. Many complaints brought before the committee stem from misunderstandings which arise when a physician neglects to explain fully, in advance, the type of treatment required or the cost of the medical services rendered.

The medical profession has for its prime objective service to humanity. Reward or financial gain should be a subordinate consideration. That is the first provision in our code of medical ethics.

We mean what we say in that provision. We want you to have the finest medical care in the world, regardless of your ability to pay.

Our mediation or grievance committee helps the medical profession to give you the best possible care by:

1. Offering an efficient way of handling patient complaints.
2. Protecting physicians from unjustified criticism.

3. Demonstrating to the community that doctors have their patients' welfare at heart.

This committee suggest that you tell your doctor when a fee, which may be reasonable for others, is more than you can pay without depriving yourself or your family of the other necessities of life. Frankly and honestly discuss your situation with your doctor in advance. Don't put off explaining your circumstances until after you receive the doctor's bill. It isn't fair to either of you. Doctors are anxious that no real grievances go unadjusted.

Some of the complaints made to the committee have been entirely justified. The committee, in these cases, has recommended to the doctor involved that proper adjustments be made. The majority of the complaints have been settled amicably between the doctor and patient, and did not require the further services of the committee.

The committee has had very little business, and, frankly, we hope it continues that way. Nevertheless, we want the public to know that we, as a profession, are anxious to cooperate in rendering the finest medical care, and in preventing dissatisfaction.

If you feel you have a legitimate complaint, you may write to the Jackson County Medical Society, Dr. Earl Lawson, Secretary, 406 Medical Center Building, Medford, Oregon.

JACKSON COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

Is That So?

Over Norway, with S.A.S.—(Delayed)—"Of Arctic mammals—seals, walrus, polar bears, musk oxen, caribou, varied hare, foxes—which," asks a fellow north Polar route passenger, "which is most plentiful?"

None of these. It's a much smaller, chunky creature—only six inches long, including the inch-long tail. It's kind is circumpolar. It's among the most wonderful of animals, during "wave years" it numbers in the billions. In "tough" years, not one can be found in a hundred miles.

It's the lemming, close cousin of the mouse, and the only one which in Greenland and North America turns from a tan to a pure white in winter. Their fluffy fur is long, completely hiding the ears. To protect their feet from snow and ice, they



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are padded with fur and our colored lemming of the Hudson Bay develops horny shields on the lower surface of the two middle claws of each front foot—sloughing them off toward April.

Why is this animal exceptional, and second, because of this, it commits mass extinction—hurrying westward toward the setting sun until not one of the onrushing millions, and billions is left.

This Arctic lemming lives chiefly on the barrens, on tundra, although the collared lemming of North America extends its range into the tree zone along the Rocky Mountains, to Eastern Alberta. Its food is vegetable.

Litters May Increase

In their "townsites," lemmings are subject to great waves of population increases of enormous proportions, usually every fourth year. In these times of upsurge, the normal two litters of five each may be increased to five litters of ten or more. Meanwhile the young, in their globe-shaped, grass-lined nests show a marked increase in vitality and are enabled to ward off diseases to which their kind is normally subject. This combination results in a lemming population so great that the home food supply of bark, grass, lichens, sprouting woody plants proves inadequate and great numbers

are forced to migrate.

Sometimes the population of an entire "city" literally hundreds of millions—starts out simultaneously in the late winter or early spring, as though by a word of command, with countless other millions joining from nearby lemming cities.

Press Toward West
Moving almost entirely by night, they press on remorselessly, inexorably, onward to the west, in a straight course down the valleys over the tundra, through the low-growing sedge and past stunted spruce trees. Rocks and ridges are surmounted. Bogs are traversed. When wide rivers are not frozen, they rush up and down the banks madly searching for calm water crossings; if not found, they finally jump in.

Hundreds of thousands are swept into the rapids and drowned. Millions die through cannibalism, millions through starvation, millions through parasites and diseases. Huge numbers melt away, but those that survive for the time hurry on, ever on, jumping into ice-cold lakes, if need be, in their frantic desperation to reach the west, on to the west, and new feeding grounds.

As they rush on, a canopy of preying birds—owls, ravens, gulls, jaegers, skuas, and hawks—accompanies them. Among them, too, are beasts of prey—wolves, lynx, wolverine, fox, bear, wildcat. Even the herb-eating caribou crush the little rodents between their flat-crowned molars, swallowing them whole. But this has no seeming effect upon the survivors. On they come.

Little Order To Migrations
There seems little order to these mass migrations. Some members may pause, as luxuriant foliage, long denied, tempts them, individually. Females may linger to produce considerably reduced litters, rear them, and push on, heading west, into the setting sun, and inevitable death.

Only snow stops them for a time—then they burrow into it and mate and have more young—that is, the American lemming. The European does not produce young in winter. But when spring comes, the restraining brake is again released, and they press on, always westward.

Gradually litters become smaller; the number of mature adults dwindles as enemies take their toll. Disease strikes down the remainder, and in North America, the exodus grinds to a halt simply because there are no more left to travel.

These westward migrations may last as much as a year or two in Scandinavia but the climax there is more dramatic. Not having far to travel to the ocean as do these in North America, those that reach the cruel sea dash in boldly, and if they survive the surf, swim on. Determinedly they swim on to the west, but within a few miles their strength ebbs, and the last enfeebled lemming finally sinks below the surface of the cold water where fish devour it.

With the departure of these vast hordes, food enough remains for the few stay-at-homes, and from this tiny seed stock, the pendulum starts to swing back again, slowly but surely. Locked within the lemming, as in every other mammal is the urge to keep the earth filled with its kind.

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Willamette Students Named to Aid Judges

Salem — (U.P.) — Eldon F. Caley, of Salem, third year law student at Willamette university, has been named clerk to Judge James Alger Fee, U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the ninth judicial district in San Francisco. He will leave Salem May 19 to assume his new duties.

Arthur A. Franke of Portland, also a third year student at Willamette law school, has been named clerk to Oregon Supreme Court Justice Walter L. Tooez. He will begin his assignment July 1.

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SON OF a widowed working woman, Frank Brennan, 10, Oakland, Cal., learns he will inherit nearly \$1,000,000 from estate of Lucille Tyler, an aunt, Los Angeles. (International)

Youngster Inherits Million Dollars; No Change Planned

Oakland, Calif. — (U.P.) — Mrs. Frances C. Brennan, a widowed office worker, declared Saturday that a million dollar inheritance will make no difference in her 10-year old son's way of life.

The son, Frank Brennan, Friday was named an heir to the \$5,500,000 estate of his aunt, the late Lucille M. Taylor of Los Angeles, who died last month.

To Share Estate
Young Frank and five other cousins will share equally in the estate, coming into more than \$900,000 each.

But the whopping bank account will mean little to Frank right away, his mother said Saturday.

"Money does not necessarily make for happiness or good people," she said. "I don't want him spoiled by this. He'll continue to go to school and play with the other boys just like this didn't happen."

Widow of Founder
The boy's father, who died several years ago, was a brother of Mrs. Tyler. The wealthy aunt was the widow of John C. Tyler, a founder of Farmers Insurance Corp.

Other principal beneficiaries include Curtis Brennan, 8, of Inglewood, Calif., and Joseph, 19, Patricia, 22, Elizabeth, 21, and Joan Brennan, 18, all of Seattle.

Linfield to Receive Funds from Neuberger

Washington — (U.P.) — Linfield college in McMinnville, Ore., will be the beneficiary of a \$500 award to be given Tuesday to Sen. Richard Neuberger (D-Ore.) by a New York Democrat club.

The Five Towns Democratic club at Cedarhurst, L. I., will make the award to Neuberger for "outstanding achievement" in politics.

Neuberger said he would turn the award over to Linfield "to encourage talented young men and women of high ideals to become concerned about government and to take part actively in American politics."

SLIGHT DIFFERENCE
Hartford, Conn. — (U.P.) — Mayor Dominic De Luco, speaking at a retail merchants' dinner, said, "We are behind you merchants of the city one hundred per cent." He stopped in embarrassment, then added: "I change that to 1000 per cent."

One out of every three pints of blood donated to the American Red Cross in 1954 went for the national defense use.



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Springfield Manager Submits Resignation

Springfield, Ore. — (U.P.) — City Manager Herbert C. Hamilton submitted his resignation Saturday morning to Mayor Edward C. Harms Jr., and asked that the council take prompt action on it.

The action followed the Thursday recall of two councilmen, Ralph Nicholas and Paris Breedlove, by a vote of more than three to one. The two councilmen were accused of undue haste in helping to hire Hamilton.

Friday the Mayor issued a call for a special council meeting Monday night. Items of business were listed as canvassing Thursday's vote, discussion of council vacancies and city manager applications.

Mayor Harms said Saturday Hamilton's resignation would be submitted to the council Monday night.

DON'T DO THIS

Peoria, Ill. — (U.P.) — Maggie, the lioness and Zoo Director Dick Houlihan reached for a bone at the same time. Houlihan came in second, receiving a slash on his hand that required eight stitches. "She had a longer reach than I thought," he said.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—FIVE



STANDING IN COCKPIT of American-made training plane, Adolf Galland, German air force general in World War II, who is believed likely to head new West German air force, smiles at aides after making test flight over Duesseldorf. (International)

Portland Man Cleared Of First Degree Murder

Portland — (U.P.) — William Henry Porter, 23-year-old Portland airman, Friday was cleared of first degree murder charges in connection with the knife slaying of Kenneth Mann, 20, Bremerton, Wash.

A Multnomah county grand jury decided that Porter acted in self defense last April 17 when Mann threatened to beat him for keeping company with Mann's estranged wife.

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