



STUDY IN ANGUISH—A picture of anguish, Mrs. Easter Benson waits with bowed head on shore of a Milwaukee, Wis., lagoon while police and Coast Guardsmen search for body of her stepdaughter, Joan Benson, 5. The girl's body was recovered about a half-hour after a rowboat in which she was riding capsized.

Schooner Ramona Increases Lead in Transpacific Race

Aboard U.S. CGS Gresham at sea — (U.P.) — The 109-foot schooner Ramona, of San Francisco, Saturday night increased her lead to 20 miles over the ketch Morning Star, of Los Angeles, and might set a new record in the transpacific yacht race to Honolulu, it was reported.

It was the time-honored West Coast rivalry all over again, San Francisco versus Los Angeles, as the two sailing yachts continued their battle for the lead. A message received by race information officials in Los Angeles via Mackay radio said: "Ramona is 1,035 miles from Honolulu, leading Morning Star by 20 miles. May break record . . ."

The record is held by the Morning Star. The Ramona, out of the St. Francis Yacht Club, had gained 13 miles over the 96-footer from the Los Angeles Yacht Club since the last official report this morning.

Honolulu's prize entry, the 75-foot schooner Constellation, was reported still in third position, but how far she was trailing the front-runners was not known immediately.

The radio message reported 18-knot winds, which kept alive hopes aboard the leaders for a new record. The current mark is 10 days, 10 hours and 13 minutes set in 1949 over the 2,225-mile course from San Pedro, Calif.

Race information officials in Los Angeles said they were unable to contact the Morning Star by radio Saturday night, apparently due to transmitter trouble. They said they had to reach the Coast Guard Cutter Gresham, escorting the 50 craft in the race, via Mackay radio to relay race information.

Hopper Control Funds Approved by Board

Salem — (U.P.) — The State Emergency Board, in special meeting at the capitol here Friday, appropriated \$34,300 as match money to carry on a grasshopper control program in Morrow, Grant and Wallowa counties.

The special meeting was prompted by the fact that control work must be carried out between July 15 and 25 when the females lay their eggs.

James Dutton, U. S. Agriculture Department employee in charge of grasshopper control in the Western states, told the Emergency Board that the situation in the three Oregon counties was serious.

Overross Trial Hits Snag as Ballistics Expert in Accident

Salem — (U.P.) — The Casper Overross murder trial in Marion county circuit court Friday recessed until Monday when the state was unable to call its final witness.

The prosecution said it would call Ralph Prouty, ballistics expert from the state crime detection laboratory, as its final witness in the attempt to prove Overross fatally shot Ervin Kaser, Silvertown, on Feb. 17.

Prouty failed to appear when called to the stand before the noon recess and state police sent to look for him found him later asleep in his car where it had gone off the highway and into a field near Aurora.

Dr. Homer Harris, head of the laboratory, said Prouty was suffering from acute fatigue and from minor injuries and would not be able to take the stand before Monday. Prouty had left his Portland home at 8:30 a.m. in order to be in court by 9:30.

Three Executed at Sing Sing Prison For Holdup Murder

Ossining, N. Y. — (U.P.) — The three notorious "Reader's Digest killers" drank a final toast to the living with soda pop Saturday night and then went to their deaths in Sing Sing prison's electric chair, the losers in a near-record legal fight.

The killers, Harry Stein, 56, Nathan Wissner, 49, and Calman Cooper, 47, paid with their lives for bungling a holdup job in which they murdered a Reader's Digest messenger more than five years ago.

The death-dealing jolts of electricity closed the case on a note of mystery involving the still unsolved sensational disappearance of Judge Joseph Crater of New York nearly 25 years ago.

Connected With Disappearance Stein, tried and acquitted in the strangulation murder of Vivian Gordon, a prohibition era playgirl and acquaintance of Crater, was reported to have been connected with Crater's disappearance. He denied the connection and the executioner sealed Stein's lips forever.

The three men, numbers 582, 583 and 584 to be electrocuted at Sing Sing, died shortly after 11 p.m. EDT, after a flurry of last minute pleas for their ninth stay of execution.

Three Supreme Court justices and the acting governor turned them down in their final struggle and they were sent on the "last mile" from nearby cells to the prison's big, ugly electric chair.

New York — Should all of the natural ice on the earth melt, it would result in raising the level of the oceans by about 100 feet, scientists estimate.

Navy Draws Ire Of Clatsop Judge

Astoria, Ore. — (U.P.) — The United States Navy Friday drew the ire of Clatsop County Circuit Judge Howard K. Zimmerman when he imposed a \$1000 fine on a Tongue Point Naval station enlisted man on a negligent homicide.

Frederick William Ford, a 26-year-old electrician attached to the LST 1123 at Tongue Point, had pleaded guilty of the charge filed in connection with the July

1 death of Thomas Earl Philbrook, 17-year-old Gearhart youth. Judge Zimmerman learned that Ford carried no auto liability insurance except for driving on the Naval base. The judge said it was "all wrong" for the Navy to accept no responsibility in requiring its personnel stationed in Oregon to comply with state insurance standards.

Contracts Awarded For Highway Jobs

Salem — (U.P.) — The State Highway Commission has awarded a Linn County paving contract to Warren Northwest, Inc., of Portland on low bid of \$84,187.50.

The job involves 4.54 miles of paving on the Orleans-Tangent Junction section of the Orleans-Lebanon road, from 3 1/2 miles east of Corvallis to one mile north of Tangent.

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Work Started on '56 Timber Sale Program

Work has started on the 1956 calendar year timber sale plan for O and C and public domain land by the Medford district of the Bureau of Land Management, Assistant District Forester John Carnegie has announced.

Representatives of the forest industry who wish to suggest specific tracts of timber be among those offered for sale next year may obtain application forms and submit suggestions at the BLM office in the Medford City hall prior to Aug. 15, Carnegie said.

Factors Considered
The timber sale plan is prepared by BLM personnel on the basis of volume of timber which can be sold under scientific sustained yield management. Also taken into consideration is manpower available to prepare for and supervise sales of timber, necessary for sound silvicultural practices and interest indicated by prospective purchasers in specific tracts.

Priority will be given timber suggested by industry representatives provided certain requirements are fulfilled, Carnegie said.

Other Restrictions
Timber which will be sold must be either old growth or salvage, and tracts approved to be included in the plan will be scattered throughout the district. Carnegie said no sale will be scheduled so large that it precludes the average operator from bidding.

No timber will be offered unless equal access is assured all prospective purchasers and terms and conditions of access are available to any bidder in advance of the sale, Carnegie said.

The BLM requires that manufacturing of timber into lumber, plywood, pulp or other items must be accomplished within the boundaries of the established marketing area in which timber is located. The exception, Carnegie said, is that salvage timber which does not receive a bid may be processed in an O and C marketing area if purchased within 90 days of the date the timber is offered for sale.

The three marketing areas in the Medford district of the Bureau of Land Management are Klamath, Jackson and Josephine counties.

Second Man Dies After Collision

Portland — (U.P.) — Toll of a head-on collision on the Columbia river expressway at Bridal Veil rose to two Saturday with the death of 17-year-old Arden LeRoy Bye, Stayton, in a Portland hospital.

Oakley M. Hinkley, 67, of southeast 176th Avenue, Portland, died in the hospital earlier. Police said both men were alone in their cars and apparently crashed head-on without seeing the other car approach. There were no skid marks and no witnesses to the crash. Both cars were demolished.

The double death raised the Multnomah county death toll outside Portland to 12.

Yreka Man Killed In Highway Accident

Yreka, Calif. — (U.P.) — Clyde Ward, 36, of Yreka, was killed early Saturday when a car in which he was a passenger skidded out of control and overturned on U.S. Highway 99 south of here.

The California Highway Patrol said Ward was thrown from the car and the rear wheel passed over his body, killing him instantly. The driver of the car, Joe Allen Page, 27, said he lost control on a soft shoulder 15 miles south of here. He was treated for minor injuries.

Attorney General Wants OLCC to Let Him See Documents

Salem — (U.P.) — Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton said he wants the Oregon Liquor Control Commission to let him inspect documents and evidence gathered last year on commission employees accused of accepting money and gifts from distilleries and liquor license applicants.

He filed a petition in Marion County Circuit Court Friday for an alternative writ of mandamus naming Liquor Commissioners Lester Ireland, J. H. Sroufe and Lowell Seaton; and Robert F. Maguire and Howard I. Bobbitt, Portland attorneys who investigated the charges, as defendants.

The commission has until Aug. 1 at 2 p.m. to appear. Says Commission Refused Thornton said the commission had refused to let him see material gathered in the investigation. He said:

"I have asked them three times. I have also appealed to Gov. Paul L. Patterson. Both have refused to allow me to see this evidence for reasons only they can explain."

The liquor commission is under the appointive power of the governor.

Thornton said another reason for going to court is to get a court ruling as to the powers of the Attorney General's office for investigation "and specifically whether a department of the state government can refuse to permit the Attorney General to inspect evidence obtained at public expense."

Hydroelectric Power Supply Said Adequate

Portland — (U.P.) — Adequate supplies of hydroelectric power for the Northwest Power Pool through July were forecast Saturday by the Bonneville Power Administration.

BPA said steam generation would not be necessary to meet anticipated demands.

The administration's branch of power resources said "indications are that the favorable hydro conditions may continue through August as a result of the late runoff this year in the Columbia basin."

Irrigation pumping at Grand Coulee is proceeding at capacity with federal power, BPA said.

SEEK URANIUM

Burns, Ore. — (U.P.) — Uranium prospectors Saturday were reported to be heading into the hills 30 miles southeast of this eastern Oregon town following a report that a man had found some good samples in the Stinking Water Pass area.

Court Records

POLICE COURT
William Edward Davis, violation of basic rule, \$10, no Oregon operator's license, \$5.
Marlowed Keith Stimmus, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Earl Jew Green, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Joseph Albert McCalvy, violation of basic rule, \$10.

CIRCUIT COURT
Mark F. Bernard vs. Yvonne Edwards Bernard, divorce complaint.
Clara Etta Young vs. Omer Young, divorce complaint.
Sally Joyce Marion vs. John Alexander Marion, divorce decree.
Irene C. Hutchinson vs. James E. Hutchinson and Macaleen Faylor, divorce decree.
Genevieve A. Edmonson vs. Clive Wood H. Edmonson, divorce complaint.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATION
Orville Jefferson Camp, 52, Selma, and Eunice Kathryn Sudbury, 51, Cave Junction.

Phoenix

Phoenix — Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bolz and family moved out on Fern Valley road the latter part of June. The Lewis Bertrand family moved into the house on the South Pacific highway formerly occupied by the Bolz family.

The Leo Bohls family sold their place on Fourth st., and bought a place in Medford on Mt. Pitt ave. The Charles Marrs family who lived in Fern valley bought the Bohls' home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Archer and family of Loleta, Calif., visited the various Bolz families over the July 4th holidays. Mrs. Archer is the former Violet Bolz.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wright, Mrs. Wright being the former Elsie Bolz, spent the July 4th holidays with the Bolz families. Their home is in Citrus Heights, Calif.

Mrs. Clarde Smith, who was at a Medford hospital for several days, is now at the Mill-edge convalescent home in Medford. She may have visitors any afternoon.

The Rev. and Mrs. Ernest Volkman went to Portland last week to attend the sessions of synod of Oregon for the church. Mr. and Mrs. John Duncan, parents of Mrs. Volkman, came home with them to spend a few days. Mr. Duncan is a retired Congregational minister.

There will be a public hearing on the city budget at the city hall at 8 p.m. on Thursday, July 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Floyd and family vacationed and visited friends at San Francisco the last of June.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Colbleigh spent July 4th with the Hobert Ditsworth family on Buckshot hill in Medford.

Federal Funds Slated For Two State Parks

Salem — (U.P.) — Gov. Paul L. Patterson was informed this week by the Federal Forestry department under the Department of Agriculture that \$36,000 had been authorized to be spent on Oregon parks at Paulina and East lakes, and at Crane Prairie.

The money will permit immediate expansion of picnic, cooking, sanitary and parking facilities.

The authorization came as a result of efforts started a year ago by Gov. Patterson in conferences with the Department of Agriculture to help provide for the increasing number of campers using this area for recreational purposes.

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