

# 100-Acre Forest Fire in LA Area; Camper Arrested

Los Angeles—(U.P.)—The U. S. Forest Service last night threw "all available men and equipment" into fighting a 100-acre fire started in Angeles National Forest by a camper who was cited for violating a closure order in a high-fire hazard area.

The fire was not large compared to blazes which have blackened thousands of acres of valuable watershed in previous years, but the forest service rated it as a "serious, major fire," fearing it could spread to other tinder-box brush.

The Forest Service said an officer issued a citation to a man who started a gasoline stove in a brush area near Switzer camp, about 75 yards off Angeles Crest highway 14 miles north of here.

The stove exploded, starting the blaze. The forest service said the camper had entered an area that had been closed to everyone because of an extremely high fire hazard, a misdemeanor violation.

The Angeles Crest highway was closed on both sides of the forest as heavy fire-fighting equipment rolled in to fight the blaze.

Stations Vacated  
Two forest service stations were evacuated. A woman lookout left the Josephine lookout and a forest officer's family was evacuated at the Waterman guard station.

There were hundreds of week end campers in the national forest, but officials said no one was endangered, although they said campers in the Charleston and Chilao areas would be "inconvenienced" since they would have to go home by roads other than the Angeles Crest highway, some of them dirt trails.

Some 350 firefighters, including "hot-shot crews" from four southern California National forests in San Bernardino, San Diego and Santa Barbara, were put into the mile-long fire line last night with hopes of bringing the blaze under control early Sunday morning. The weather was favorable with no high winds, although daytime temperatures reached the 100-degree mark.

It is estimated that about one-sixth of all the patents issued yearly in the United States are related to the automobile industry.



**SPEAKER**—Rex Miller, news commentator and former diplomat, will speak at a public assembly at Southern Oregon college, Ashland, Wednesday.

## Obituaries

### W. A. TUCKER

Private funeral services for W. A. Tucker, 86, who died in a local hospital Friday, will be held at Perl funeral home at 1:30 p.m. Monday with the Rev. George R. V. Bolster, rector of St. Mark's Episcopal church, officiating. Interment will be at Siskiyou Memorial Park.

He was born in Wiltshire, England, on Sept. 16, 1869. Coming to the United States in 1890, he was naturalized two years later and was active for a number of years in the real estate and auction business.

The deceased was a member of St. Luke's Episcopal church and Long Beach Masonic Lodge 327 AF and AM. Survivors include his wife, Grace, now in Medford; a daughter, Mrs. Mildred Wilcox; two grandsons, Lyle Tucker Wilcox and Robert Fletcher Wilcox, and a son-in-law, Lyle P. Wilcox, all of Medford.

### DELIA CROTEAU

Funeral services for Mrs. Delia F. Croteau, 84, a Medford resident for 38 years, will be held in the Sacred Heart Catholic church at 9 a.m. Monday. Father N. J. Deis will officiate. Mrs. Croteau died Friday.

Interment will take place in the Medford IOOF cemetery. Recitation of the Holy Rosary will be held at Perl funeral home at 7:30 p.m. Sunday.

Mrs. Croteau was born in Clifton County, Ireland, on Dec. 28, 1870, and was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic church. She leaves two nieces, one in Massachusetts and one in Ireland.

Death Valley in east California and western Nevada comprises a land area about 140 miles in length and from four to 16 miles in width.

# Russian Sailors Request Asylum

Washington—(U.P.)—The United States Saturday was reported considering appeals from nine Russian sailors for permission to enter this country as refugees from Soviet communism.

Chances were believed good that they would be given asylum. But the opening of the Geneva Big Four conference on Monday was likely to delay early action because officials do not want to rile the Russians during the meeting.

The sailors are part of the 49-man crew on the Soviet tanker Tuapse seized by the Nationalist Chinese Navy on June 23, 1954. Moscow has bitterly and repeatedly protested detention of the vessel and its crew. The Russian embassy here also has sought to discourage the United States from granting asylum to any of the sailors.

Dispatches Saturday from Taipei, the Nationalist capital, said 29 of the Red seamen were being repatriated to Russia through the good offices of the French embassy on Formosa. But the Nationalist government was said to have granted political asylum to the other 20 and some of these want to come to the United States.

# Many Korea Ex-Pows Eligible for Benefits

Many Korean ex-prisoners of war, several of them from Oregon, are eligible but have not filed for benefits.

Names of a large number of veterans, or their survivors, who qualify are known but their addresses unknown. The foreign claims commission has sent application forms to them but they were returned for lack of proper address.

Anyone possibly eligible for such benefits is asked to see Charles Holbrook, county veterans service officer, at the county courthouse.

## INSPECTOR HERE

Camp White—D. Glenn Ellison and Bernard C. Sullivan, civil service inspectors from the 11th regional office, Seattle, during the past week have been conducting a personnel management and position classification survey of the Veterans Administration domiciliary station. They will remain during the coming week. This is the first time a thoroughgoing study of classification at this center has been made. Personnel Officer H. J. Heitkemper reported.

# Local and Personal

**Paving to Begin**—City Engineer Ed McKinstry reports paving construction will begin early this week on Hamilton st. from 13th st. to 106 feet south of 11th st. Clearing operations have been continuing this past week.

**Card Party**—The Pythian Sisters are scheduling a public card party Tuesday, July 19, at 8 p.m. to be held in the Pythian building, Fifth and Grape sts. Bridge, canasta and pinochle will be played, and refreshments served.

**Interview**—Frank Hemingway, Bel Air radio commentator, Los Angeles, who is visiting in the valley, will be interviewed Monday, July 18, at 7:00 p.m., over radio station KBES-TV by Ken Schwartz, a brother-in-law, during Schwartz' program, "Modes in Maple and Fashion."

**Accountants Meet**—The Rogue Valley chapter of the Oregon Association of Public Accountants will meet Monday, July 18, at 7 p.m. at the Jackson hotel. Election of chapter officers will be conducted, according to Chapter Chairman Clayton Lewis.

**Permits Issued**—Two building permits of \$1,350 and \$4,733 were issued by the city building department Friday. The first was to Medford Neon Signs, 911 North Riverside ave., to erect a sign, and the second to Richard V. Finch, 223 Bradford way, to erect an addition to a residence.

**Front Street Thefts**—Bernice Oma Hanscom, route 1, box 159, Eagle Point, reported \$50 worth of clothing stolen from her parked auto on South Front st. about 1 p.m. Friday. A hammer, tape measure, T-square and carpenter's apron were reported taken a short time earlier from a car belonging to Loyal W. Bates, Ashland, also parked on Front st.

**Return**—Mr. and Mrs. Gary James Pree, newlyweds who were hurt July 10 in an automobile accident near Seattle, Wash., are expected to return to Medford today, much improved from their injuries, his father, James Pree, reported yesterday. The accident occurred on the pair's wedding trip to Canada after their July 3 marriage at First Methodist church here. They have been recuperating at the home of his mother, Mrs. D. N. Sanders, Seattle. Mrs. Pree is the former Eleanor Dale Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Davis, 384 O'Gara st.

**City Picnic**—The city employees picnic of 1955 will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 21, at the Elks Picnic grounds.

**Bike Stolen**—Ronald Joseph Schaefer, 1129 Dakota ave., reported to city police that his bike was stolen from Hawthorne park Thursday, July 14.

**SWAP to Meet**—Members of the Song Writers, Arrangers and Publishers club, known as SWAP, will meet at Girls Community club, 229 North Bartlett st., Monday at 8 p.m. Main topic of discussion will be a change in the meeting night, it was stated.

**Kansas Picnic Set**—The executive committee of the Kansas Southern Oregon association, meeting at the home of Mrs. Elmer Gott, 542 South Ivy st., has set Sunday, Aug. 14, as the date of the association's annual picnic. It will be in Ashland's Luthia park, starting at 1 p.m.

**Baby Born**—Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pervorse, Inglewood, Calif., former Medford residents, are the parents of a 7 pound baby boy born July 13. He is named David Lee and is the second son for the couple. Mrs. Pervorse is the former Norma Jean Neathamer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neathamer, 119 Jeanette ave.

**Return**—Mr. and Mrs. Glenn McCullough, 29 North Keeneway, have returned from Banff Springs hotel, Banff, Alberta, where they attended a convention of Provident Life Insurance company representatives. McCullough was presented with a wrist watch in recognition of his agency having more than \$1,000,000 worth of insurance in force.

**High School Instructor**—Mrs. J. P. obin, 147 Highland drive, has been elected by the board of School District 49 to teach English and be chairman of the English department at the Medford High school during the coming year, it was announced Saturday. Mrs. Tobin has had previous teaching experience in Colorado and at the University of Washington, and has served as a school principal and English department head in other schools. She succeeds Mrs. L. C. Taylor, who resigned at the end of the school year.

# News About Servicemen

**BECOMES PARENTS**  
A son weighing 8 pounds was born recently to Navy Lt. (jg) and Mrs. Derald Z. Skalla at the Naval hospital at Memphis, Tenn., according to Navy news item. Lieutenant Skalla is stationed at the Naval air technical training center there.

Mrs. Skalla is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Holt, 18 Summit ave., Medford. The baby is the Skallas' second, and was named Gregory Thomas.

**GRADUATED**  
Maj. Joseph A. Peacock, whose wife, Mae Lucille, lives at 400 North Berkeley Way, Medford, recently was graduated from the infantry school's associate officer course at Ft. Benning, Ga. Major Peacock was Army reserve unit adviser in Medford before being assigned to the infantry school. A Korean veteran, he wears the bronze star, the purple heart, commendation ribbon, combat infantryman's badge and Korean service ribbon.

**PROMOTED**  
Harry A. Daugherty, son of Harry Daugherty, 738 Ross lane, Medford, a dental technician at an Army hospital in Tokyo, Japan, recently was promoted to corporal, according to an Army news item.

**JOINS SECURITY AGENCY**  
George B. Weir, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Weir, 115 Highland dr., recently enlisted in the Army to serve in the security agency. Following eight weeks of basic training at Ft. Ord, Calif., Private Weir will attend the security agency school at Ft. Devens, Mass.

A graduate of Medford High school, Private Weir also attended the University of Oregon and Southern Oregon college, earning the bachelor of arts degree.

**DIRECT ENLISTMENTS**  
Direct enlistments for the 3rd Armored division, which will soon be assigned to duty in Germany, are now being accepted, according to Sfc. Warren M. Long, Army recruiter here.

Under the Army's "Operation Gyroscope," members of the division will be assured permanent unit assignment during their tour of duty. The division is now at Fort Knox, Ky.

Details may be obtained from Sergeant Long at his office in the post office building.

About 27 per cent of the Philippines people know some of the English language.

# Last of Stolen Detonators Found

Portland, Mich. — (U.P.) — A life-and-death search for 2,000 explosive detonators, believed to have been taken by children from a munitions supply plant, ended last night when police rounded up the last of the dangerous objects.

The tiny detonators were reported missing Friday night by officials of the Barley-Earhart Co. after nine-year-old Keith Jones was killed while carrying away 50 of the objects.

A carton of the detonators exploded as the Jones boy and a 10-year-old playmate, William Gorman, of Alma, Mich., were walking across a railroad bridge near the business section of this town of 3,000 persons. Jones died instantly, and Gorman was taken to a Lansing, Mich., hospital where his condition last night was still listed as critical.

A quick inventory of the Barley-Earhart warehouse showed 40 other cartons of the detonators missing. Police sent out urgent appeals to residents of Portland to search their homes and query their children concerning the whereabouts of the explosives.

Police said young Jones and Gorman climbed an eight-foot fence and pried open a warehouse door to obtain the fatal carton Friday.

However, Deputy Sheriff Jay Clark reported last night that all the detonators were accounted for. Nearly 2,000 were found hidden near the home of the Jones boy.

# Peron Resignation Speech Gets Play

Buenos Aires — (U.P.) — This city's glimmest Saturday papers in years gave major play Saturday to President Juan D. Peron's "swan song" speech and preliminary estimates of its effects on Argentina.

Peron announced Friday he is resigning as head of his powerful Peronist party and restoring constitutional freedom to the country, ending the restrictions imposed on liberty during his 12-year "revolution."

The president's voice was barely recognizable in a recording to his speech broadcast to the nation. His voice broke several times during the speech, and there were several long, painful pauses.

He announced his decision to become the non-partisan "president of all Argentines" a month

to the day after an abortive revolt by Navy units created a major threat to his regime.

(Travelers from Argentina reaching Montevideo said the atmosphere in Buenos Aires is still tense despite the failure of the revolt. They said the motorized regiment attached to the defense ministry has been reinforced and issued extra ammunition.)

## BIRTHS

**GRISSOM**—To Mr. and Mrs. Everett, route 2, box 662, Central Point, July 15, a son, weight 9 pounds, at Community hospital.

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