



ENTRENCHED AROUND NAVAL BASE at Rio Santiago, these troops, loyal to government of Argentine President Juan Peron, are firing on rebel positions. (International)

Family Sought In Montana

Hungry Horse, Mont. — (U.P.) — Efforts were being made today to locate a construction worker, his wife and their three-year-old daughter missing from their home nearly eight weeks. At the same time another "missing persons" mystery was cleared up.

Sheriff Dick Walsh said Ray Phillips had been missing since Aug. 8 when he left here to meet his 27-year-old wife who had been hospitalized in Spokane.

Two older children were left with friends here when Phillips and the three-year-old left for Spokane. Walsh said he was "sure" Phillips did get his wife at the hospital and that the three left Spokane. But nothing has been heard from them here since Aug. 8 although Phillips had planned to return that night.

Another western Montana mystery was cleared up when Edward Plummer, 38, Kelso, Calif., called Walsh to report he was safe and "didn't even know I was supposed to be missing." A search was scheduled to start for him after he was reported missing on a trip he began from Yakima, Wash., which he began Sept. 12. Plummer told Walsh he just "stopped en route."

Sixty-five to 70 per cent moisture is the desirable level for crops, according to the North Dakota agricultural marketing service. Both quality and feed value depend on correct mois-

Nickel Lost Under Bed Brings Fire Department

Long Beach, Calif. — (U.P.) — The next time nine-year-old Marie Peavy loses a nickel under her bed she'll leave it there.

When Marie lighted a match to look for the nickel Wednesday, the cloth covering on the bed's springs caught fire. Nine pieces of fire equipment rushed to the house, but the fire had burned out. The only job left for firemen was to retrieve the nickel.

Chris Shempp Named By Beverage Group

Gearhart — (U.P.) — James W. (Woody) Sannes of Portland was elected president of the Oregon Licensed Beverage association yesterday at the concluding session of the group's 18th annual convention here.

Sannes succeeds Charles Schuss of Klamath Falls. Other officers named were Ralph Younger, Milton-Freewater, vice-president; Al Harris, Portland, treasurer, and Miles Brandson, Portland, national director. Elected alternate for Brandon was Chris Shempp of Medford.

Among resolutions adopted by the association were one supporting Gov. Patterson proclamation urging observance of Constitution Week, and one authorizing the secretary - manager to recommend to all liquor licensees that they close on Christmas eve and from noon to 3 p.m. on Good Friday.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—NINE

Indian Timber at Gold Beach Sold For \$1,175,000

Portland — (U.P.) — Two Northwest Indians today are worth half-a-million dollars apiece as a result of yesterday's auction of their Oregon timber holdings.

Gold Beach, Ore., Indian trust lands belonging to Jasper Grant of Portland and Harold F. Thornton of Klamath, Calif., were sold by the Indian Bureau to Evans Products Co., Coos Bay, Ore., for \$1,750,000.

Fraudulent Sales
Four years ago the same lands were sold fraudulently for \$135,000 and three men served federal prison terms as a result.

The two Indians will split the proceeds of the sale equally but control of their new-found wealth will be in the hands of a conservator.

The timberlands had been held in trust by the Bureau of Indian Affairs since 1900. In 1951 they were sold in a sale arranged by Clyde W. Flinn, realty officer for the Indian

Bureau.

He was convicted of fraud and sentenced to a federal prison term along with John C. Blandford, former Oklahoma attorney, and Fred Marsh, Lebanon timber buyer.

Five Bidders
There were five bidders at yesterday's sale. The Evans firm paid 10 per cent of its bid with a certified check and agreed to pay the balance within 30 days.

Indian Bureau officials said there were few precedents for taxation of such sale proceeds but they believed that Grant and Thornton would enjoy their windfall tax free. Grant is Thornton's uncle. The original trust allotments were made to

Grant's parents and sisters. He and his nephew are the sole heirs. Grant is a bachelor but Thornton has several children.

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Oregon Liquor Probe Resumes in Portland Friday

Portland — (U.P.) — There was a lull in testimony before the Multnomah County Grand jury today but it planned to resume its probe into affairs of the Oregon Liquor Control commission in earnest tomorrow.

District Attorney William Langley said members of the OLCC staff would be called before the jurors to tell what they know about charges of bribery in the commission affairs. On Monday, Oregon Attorney General Robert L. Thornton will be invited to present "legal evidence" of so-called law violations among commission personnel.

It was Thornton who recently charged that Gov. Paul L. Pat-

erson had suppressed evidence of bribery accepted by OLCC employees. Gov. Patterson denied the charge and himself appeared before the grand jury to report the findings of an investigation he had ordered into commission affairs.

The probe was interrupted last month by a legal technicality but resumed yesterday with the testimony of two former FBI agents now involved in the controversy. Howard Bobbit, former federal agent now practicing law in Portland, was one of two attorneys who conducted the governor's investigation. He did not disclose the nature of his testimony.

Also before the jury yesterday

was C. C. Speers, another former FBI man who is now a special prosecutor for Langley in connection with the OLCC case.

Fescue Growers' Vote To Wait Ballot Boxes

Salem — (U.P.) — Counting of votes in the fescue commodity commission referendum now in progress will not get under way until all ballot boxes reach Salem, the State Department of Agriculture said today.

Balloting started in 15 counties yesterday and will continue through tomorrow. J. F. Short, director of agriculture, said it would probably be Monday or Tuesday before all ballot boxes reach Salem.

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Sod House Now Memorialized

Colby, Kan. — (U.P.) — A new historical organization was launched here Aug. 21 to memorialize the sod house built on the great plains of mid-America.

"The Sons and Daughters of the Sodders, Inc." with V. A. Kear of Colby as its guiding spirit, already has membership requests from coast to coast.

Kear, born in a sod house, started the organization when he noticed the unusual interest in a small replica of one at the Colby fairgrounds.

He decided to build a real sod house and furnish it with the tools, furniture and utensils used by the pioneers. Last year more than 8,000 persons stopped here to look at the house. So far this year, 24,000 tourists have been through it.

More Than a Million
With that kind of interest, Kear decided to form an association to the memory of the sod structure. Membership is for those who were born or reared in a "soddy" or attended school in one.

Kear said there were more than 1,000,000 sod houses built on the plains during the westward movement, but that there are only 11 still standing. He hopes the Colby structure will become a shrine to that "great legion of courageous persons who homesteaded the treeless plains."

A sod house was built of blocks of prairie sod two feet long, a foot wide and 3 1/2 inches thick. The sod was laid while damp with the grass side down, making walls two feet thick. Kear said it took 89 tons of sod to build the house, not including a layer on the roof. Long, handmade wooden spikes were used to secure rafters and other fittings into the sod.

"Settlers could live comfortably in a sod house," Kear said. "They were cool in the summer and warm in the winter, and there was never any danger of fire, because sod won't burn."

Algae Blamed For Fish Deaths

Appleton, Wis. — (U.P.) — Technicians believe they have found the culprits responsible for the wholesale death of fish in some of the nation's lakes and rivers.

The fish-killers are algae, little water plants which absorb so much oxygen there isn't enough left for the fish, according to tests made by the Sulphite Pulp Manufacturers' Research League in Wisconsin.

The league's technical men began investigating when fish suffocated without apparent cause at a Fox river point where repeated measurements showed that dissolved oxygen was adequate for fish life day after day.

The technicians finally remembered a peculiar ability of algae. These tiny plants give off oxygen during sunlight hours and absorb oxygen from the water at night.

"We wondered if the algae could be reducing the oxygen under cover of darkness to levels too low for fish life, and then restoring the oxygen to less suspicious levels by the time the chemists came around for samples," said Averill J. Wiley, the league's technical director.

So technicians sampled water in the Fox River every hour for one whole day.

"Sure enough," said Wiley, "when the sampling started at 6 p.m. the oxygen supply in the water was 3.05 parts per million, high enough to support fish life."

Wiley said that by 6 a.m. the oxygen dropped to 0.4 parts, which is too low for most desirable fish species. Then as the sun rose, the oxygen started upward and reached 3.3 parts at 5 p.m.

Farm fertilizers and residues from sewage treatment plants are increasing algae growth and creating troublesome problems in many U. S. lakes and rivers, Wiley said.



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