



WHERE FIREFIGHTERS PERISHED—New York firemen look over the scene where six of their fellow firefighters were killed when the marquee and wall from a one-time theater fell on them. The building was being used as an artificial flower factory. Five other firemen were injured in the mishap. It was the largest toll of firemen lost battling a blaze in New York since 1932, when eight were killed.

Waltonians Asked to Help Collect Basin Flood Control Data

Jackson county chapter of the Izaak Walton league was asked last night to aid the Oregon State Water Resources board in collecting data on the Rogue river basin.

The request was made by Bob Root, Medford, member of the board, and by Ted Watson, hydraulic engineer for the agency. They and Don Lane, executive secretary for the board, spoke to Waltonians at their monthly meeting at the Jackson hotel.

Waltonians expressed interest and reacted favorably to the idea although no definite commitment was made at the meeting.

Assistance Helpful
The Izaak Walton league could give a tremendous amount of assistance to the board if members could give some part of a day each week to help collect information needed on the basin, Root stated. The board does not have sufficient inventory material on the Rogue watershed, Waltonians were told.

Root indicated that assistance of the chapter in collection of the data in advance could hasten the time when the board could conduct a survey of the basin. A letter written to the chapter by Lane, previously, said that the board at this time can not give the Rogue basin priority for a survey. But Root pointed out that, if people want something done in a hurry, it is important that they should start doing it themselves. That's what people in the Umpqua basin did and is one of the reasons a survey is underway in that area today, Root brought out.

Stream Flows
Watson also spoke of the people gathering factual data in the Umpqua watershed and remarked, "That's what we need—people doing their own work." He said that the board needs to know maximum and minimum stream flows along with information or siltation, water quality and temperatures. He stated that a repetition of information on hand is not wanted unless its validity is under question.

The engineer said that final compilation of data already on hand on the Rogue area could probably be done by June 1 and that he could give Waltonians an idea on how he wants the chapter to help by early June. Root said Watson could come and help decide where stream gauge stations could be located. Root remarked that if the chapter would be responsible for five such stations, it would give immeasurable help to the board.

Watson mentioned that the board does not propose to have a large engineering staff and Root brought up the financial limitations of the board and the saving that could be accomplished with assistance by people of the area. Way was left open for help by other organizations of the valley. "We want every interest included," Watson stated.

Root spoke on the membership of the state board, Lane discussed the law setting up the board and the history behind it.

and Watson talked on the practical aspects of the board.

Asks Protection
Doug Finch of the Butte Falls Gun club appeared at the meeting and asked Waltonian chapter support of a proposal to protect a small herd of elk which winter on the middle fork of Rogue river. The herd is estimated at 12 to 20 head in sizes. Finch said that the herd is too small for kill and can't exist without some protection.

He proposed a closed season on the middle fork and possibly around the Seven-Mile area. The gun club spokesman said his organization feels that the middle fork area can support 100 head.

Waltonians voted to call in Charles Shepherd, State Game commission field man, for his views on the matter at the next meeting.

Guard Doubled Over Unionists At Convention

Chicago—(U.P.)—Police doubled their guard over two "reform" leaders at the tense convention of the AFL-CIO Operating Engineers Union today.

One of the reform leaders said he had received telephoned threats against his wife and children since arriving for the convention. The other said a union vice-president advised him to go home.

The men are William Wilkins, East Meadow, N.Y., and Peter Batalias, Ridge, N.Y. Both are informants of labor columnist Victor Riesel and were with him shortly before an assailant threw acid in his face in New York last Thursday.

Riesel has charged that the engineers' union is racket-ridden. Batalias and Wilkins are suspended members of the union and Wilkins has charged that convicted extortionist Joseph (Joey) Fay of New York is trying to win control of the engineers at the convention.

The two "rebels" were already under guard when they arrived for the convention, but the police detail was doubled after the reported threats.

Advised To Go Home
Wilkins said he received an anonymous telephone call at 3 a.m. yesterday telling him "You have a family which you left at home and you better go back right now."

Two other union members attending the convention, which opened yesterday, are also under police protection.

One is Victor S. Swanson, 78, union vice president from San Francisco who says he was once a victim of an acid attack himself. Wilkins has charged that Swanson is Fay's candidate for the union presidency, but Swanson insists he does not want the job.

The other guarded delegate is Lawrence C. Smith of Charleston, W. Va.

Hitchcock Urges Greater Concern

Salem—(U.P.)—Phil Hitchcock, candidate for the Republican nomination for U. S. senator, today urged greater governmental concern for "the problems of the individual."

Hitchcock told a Kiwanis club luncheon that "ideas about people as 'the masses' are blinding us to matters of vital concern" to people as single human beings.

He said "issues can enslave just as thoroughly as can dictators. We get so concerned with things we call 'issues' that things happen behind the screen of issues to rob us of our liberties."

"The real issues are the things that concern people as individuals," Hitchcock said.

GP Meat Firm Asked To Return Subsidies

Portland—(U.P.)—The government filed a civil suit in Federal District court here yesterday asking return of \$12,000 paid to the Grants Pass Provision company in the form of meat subsidies.

Joseph J. Blunk and George W. High of Grants Pass and Charles A. Farlier of Medford, partners in the firm, were accused of failing to keep slaughtering records and the government says they must return the \$12,000 subsidy.

Complaints on similar charges were filed against Frank L. Smith, Portland meat packer, for \$29,000 and against Irish & McBroom, Eugene, for \$1200.

The subsidies were paid shortly after World War II.

Thornton Rules on Rural Road Grading

Salem—(U.P.)—Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton ruled today that the owners of land abutting a public road in unincorporated areas may petition the county court for the grading and graveling of such land.

The attorney general said the cost would be assessed against the land and that if the road is taken over as a county road it could thereafter be paved by the county out of the general county road fund.

SCHOOL NAME PICKED

Portland—(U.P.)—The Portland school board decided last night to name the new high school under construction at Northeast 82nd ave. and Alameda sts. the James Madison high school. The school is due to open in the fall of 1957.

Rock Creek Provides Rural Charm for Washington, D.C.

Washington—Boulder-strewn Rock creek, tumbling through the heart of Washington, D.C., is being cleaned up and improved with new roadways and picnic grounds for the spring-time enjoyment of hometowners and visitors.

The 31-mile-long scenic stream has captivated the fancies of many prominent men.

"There is nothing comparable in any capital city of Europe," said cosmopolitan James Bryce, British Ambassador to the United States from 1906 to 1913. Presidents John Quincy Adams and Theodore Roosevelt roamed its primitive course. William Jennings Bryan followed its meanderings on horseback.

Robert Fulton, legend says, used Rock creek to test a model of his steamboat, the Clermont, which was later to revolutionize navigation. Generations of Washington boys have reveled in the stream's swimming holes and watched the birds along its banks.

Rises in Maryland

The sparkling stream emerges from underground water on a farm just south of Laytonsville, Maryland, 22 miles north of the District of Columbia line. Woods and open farmland of grain and cattle pasture frame the creek's first slow gropings southward. A few miles further, no longer quite so sparkling, it flows near housing developments of metropolitan Washington. Occasionally the creek flares into rapids against brown boulders, then quiets down to sluggish progress.

The stream twists through Rock Creek Park's 1800-acre recreation site in Northwest Washington. There, rocks and bold cliffs form the wind- and water-worn remains of mountains that were three to five miles high aeons ago.

The creek recalls historic scenes. Nearby Military road was constructed during the Civil War to connect Forts Stevens, deRussy and Reno of the capital's defenses. It heard the echoes of Confederate General Jubal Early's guns during his unsuccessful raid on Washington in July, 1864. Long before, war whoops and hunting cries of Algonquin Indians resounded across the stream's valley. Arrowheads, axes and spearheads have been unearthed on its banks.

Roaming toward the Potomac, the creek passes the Army Medical Center (Walter Reed General Hospital); the National Zoological park; Dumbarton Oaks, the early 19th century Georgian

mansion where preliminary diplomatic talks fattered the United Nations. In close-by Oak Hill Cemetery is the grave of John Howard Payne, who wrote "Home Sweet Home."

Time has altered the stream's force. Its water power once turned the wheels of at least eight mills. One, Pierce Mill, has been restored as a practical museum piece that still grinds meal and flour.

The creek's small mouth off Georgetown belies its former size: around 1751 it was navigable for some distance upstream. Tall masts of seagoing vessels were familiar sights. So important were Rock creek waters to commerce that Maryland in 1792 enacted a law forbidding dams or hedges within two miles of the Potomac.

Now, with a great city grown up around it, Rock creek's navigation is limited to the toy boats of children at play.

Phone Tip Leads To Body of Girl

Chicago—(U.P.)—An anonymous telephone call led police today to a loop hotel room and the body of a nude, teen-age girl with a white flower in her hair.

She was identified as 16-year-old Carla Fisher, a student at Thornton High school in suburban Harvey, Ill., and a resident of Lansing, Ill.

Shortly after midnight, police received an anonymous telephone call telling them to "go to room 836 in the Planter's hotel. There's a woman very sick there."

A house detective opened the room's locked door and police saw the girl lying between the sheets of the hotel bed. She was nude and a white flower, such as might have been bought as a corsage was fixed in her blonde hair.

Hotel employees told police that a man using the name "John Miller" registered at 6:30 p.m. for the room where the dead girl was found.

4-H Club News

Busy Bees 4-H Club
April 6 is when we had our meeting. We had it at Judy Anderson's grandma's house, Judy Anderson and Diana Ellis demonstrated tuna fish salad and we had Kool-aid and tuna fish sandwiches. Our next meeting will be held at Linda Ellis house.
Diana Ellis, Reporter

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Auto Industry Sees More Sales

Ann Arbor, Mich.—(U.P.)—A Ford Motor Co. economist predicted Monday the auto industry would sell \$16,000,000,000 worth of cars in 1956—an increase of \$4,000,000,000 from last year.

Stahlr Edmunds, manager of Ford's Department of Economic Studies, also said the gross national product would increase from \$386,000,000,000 to \$550,000,000,000 in the 10-year period, and he predicted a 40 per cent rise in the nation's disposable income.

Edmunds told the 1956 national consumer credit conference that installment buying credit would rise to \$48,000,000,000 by 1965 and that half of it would be for automobiles.

"Consumer credit is a civilized way of making goods available to provide a higher standard of living to younger people and those less well off," the economist said.

He said that auto sales of \$12,000,000,000 last year was an "unusual" amount and predicted sales this year—"a more normal car year"—would be about \$11,000,000,000. He said two-car families, now numbering 4,300,000, would jump to \$10,000,000 by 1965.

Swedish Boat Sinks With Loud Explosion

Glasgow, Scotland—(U.P.)—A 5409-ton Swedish freighter loaded with iron ore ran aground in the Firth of Clyde last night and sank with a loud explosion.

At least three crew members were killed, four and possibly five were missing. Twenty-six were rescued.

The freighter Akka split in two as it hit the rocks. Watchers on the shore said the ship's sirens still was wailing as it sank beneath the water. Then it exploded.

Crude Oil Price Hike Said Overdue

Washington—(U.P.)—The Independent Petroleum Association contends an increase in crude oil prices is "overdue and unavoidable" because of rising production costs.

Higher crude oil prices presumably would be passed along to consumers in the form of higher prices for gasoline and heating fuel. The last increase, in 1953, amounted to about 25 cents a barrel.

In a letter to association members, general counsel Russell B.

Brown yesterday cited costs of wages, steel and other materials as reasons for raising prices. He did not propose a specific figure or say when the increase should take effect.

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