

Group Hampered By Antarctic Cold Builds Church

McMurdo Sound, Antarctic, via Syracuse, N. Y. — (U.P.)—A group of 93 Seabees and a Catholic priest, hampered by temperatures more than 30 degrees below zero and 24-hour darkness, have built the first church near the South Pole.

The "Chapel in the Snow" 600 miles from the South Pole, complete with altar, steeple and bell in the cupola, was built by the men in "Operation Deepfreeze."

The last contact with the outside world was in March, 1956, when ships left the American base. They will have contact again in October, 1956, when weather permits ships and planes to return.

Word of the church came out of the Antarctic by shortwave radio. Amateur operator Paul Blum and a few associates have been operating a shortwave message service for the men in the Antarctic. Since the men get no mail, their only connection with friends and relatives is through small stations such as Blum's.

Conducts All Faiths

Father John Condit, 36, of Jefferson City, Mo., in an interview with a Syracuse newsman, told how the Seabees spent their spare time designing and building the non-denominational church.

The chapel is situated on Ross island near a cross that commemorates Capt. Richard Falcon Scott who died in 1912 while attempting to reach the South Pole.

"You can see the chapel for miles around because of its blazing lights and its situation on a high promontory," Father Condit said. He conducts services for all faiths, and praised the 16-man Protestant choir that "sings old-time hymns every Sunday in marvelous four-part harmony."

"Of course, with the darkness and the cold it seems like we've been here an awfully long time," he said. "The morale has been an inspiration to me. We don't have any television or any other means of modern-day entertainment. But the humor between the men and their constant good nature makes up for this," he said.

Business Boom Seen From Wilsonville Base

Salem—(U.P.)—Air Force representatives revealed today that the projected Woodburn Air Force base would pour about \$10 million annually into Willamette valley businesses.

About \$5 million of the figure will be payroll for the nearly 4,000 civilian and military personnel expected at the base.

The other \$5 million will go largely to small Willamette valley business firms for food, gasoline, auto parts, electrical supplies and other items and services.

Air Force officials indicated that business would be passed around among small firms on some kind of rotating basis.

Property acquisition at the Woodburn site is expected to start within a few weeks with \$2,400,000 appropriated by Congress. Actual construction is slated to begin late next year.

Escaped Mental Patient Retaken in Clackamas

Oregon City—(U.P.)—Raymond Lee Dunlap, 29-year-old mental patient who escaped from Morningside hospital in Portland Monday evening, was retaken by Clackamas county sheriff's deputies today.

ike Fails To Get Brief Platform Request

San Francisco—(U.P.)—Republican platform drafters let President Eisenhower down on one thing. They were unable to heed his request for a brief platform. It ended up at about 13,500 words, twice the length of the 1952 GOP campaign platform.



LEAVES NO DOUBT—representative Joseph Martin of Massachusetts, permanent chairman of the 1956 Republican National convention, sports a huge "Ike" button as he arrives in San Francisco's Cow Palace for the opening of the convention.

Wilhelm Favors Oregon Law Change

San Francisco—(U.P.)—One of the Oregon delegates to the Republican national convention here, a supporter of Thomas E. Dewey for the vice presidential nomination, yesterday suggested that the 1957 state Legislature might do well to consider changing Oregon's election laws.

State Senator Rudie Wilhelm of Portland expressed objection to the binding of Oregon delegations by a write-in vote in the primary elections.

"I don't question the preferential primary if there has been a campaign by a candidate," Wilhelm said. "However, I don't think a scattering of votes should be allowed to put the delegation in the bag for one uncontested candidate, and thus have its influence at the convention diminished."

Wilhelm said he had mentioned Dewey as a possible running mate for President Eisenhower with an eye to the future.

Oregon's 18-member delegation to the Republican convention is bound to Vice President Richard Nixon by virtue of the write-in vote in the primary.

More Petitions Filed in Ashland

Ashland—Mrs. Mildred L. Ager, 63 Greenham st., has filed a petition with the city recorder to run for election this fall as park commissioner.

Others who have filed petitions with the city recorder recently include Harry R. Morris, 160 Central st., and Ralph E. Koozer, 103 Nursery, for reelection to the city council.

Koozer is head of Bagley Canning company and has served a total of 12 years on the council, not consecutively.

Morris is owner of the Oak Street Tank and Steel company and has been on the council four years.

Others who have filed with the city recorder for reelection to their posts as park commissioners include Frank H. Barnhouse, Eldon Scripser and Archie Fries Jr. The Ashland city government has a total of five park commissioners.

Several Items Listed Stolen From Room

Rollie Louis Piper, Owl Club, 32 North Front st., has reported to city police the theft of several articles from his room between 8 and 9 p.m. Monday.

Articles reported stolen were two blankets valued at \$5 each, a man's suit, \$85; a tarpaulin, \$3.95; a moleskin jacket, \$10; and several shirts, police reported.

Medford police are investigating, they said.

Cooperation Urged To Improve Student Writing

Hamilton, N. Y. —(U.P.)—Closer cooperation between teachers of English and of other subjects is being urged to improve the quality of student writing and to make the teaching job easier and more effective for all.

Members of the New York State English Council are campaigning for acceptance on a school-wide basis of the doctrine that "maintaining to digest possible quality of student writing is a general obligation that can be achieved only if everybody acknowledges his share in it."

Dr. Strang Lawson, chairman of the English Department at Colgate University where such a program has been in operation for several years, has written on the proposal in the Council's publication, The English Record.

"A whole school staff can by mutual consultation come to agreement on the minimal competence to be expected on each grade level in spelling, grammar, and paragraph organization, and issue a mimeographed check list telling students what is expected of them in writing for any class," Lawson said.

For Functional Approach English teachers, primarily responsible for leadership in the task, he continued, should take an intelligent interest in the communication problems or other departments, offering help for all students and particularly for those with serious deficiencies.

Such a functional approach is of immeasurable benefit to the student and will be particularly important in future years when swollen enrollments make individual attention difficult, he added.

"Language is a matter of daily custom, social circumstance, and response to the judgment of our peers and superiors," Lawson concluded. "Teachers of other subjects can help make respectable writing habitual by requiring students to apply functionally, in their fields, what has been taught directly by the English teachers."

At Colgate, students must maintain the same high quality of communication in all subjects that they do in English courses, and their grades are partly governed by the quality of their writing.

As Lawson put it, "Any teacher can say, 'Use simpler language, expressing what you really think.' Or, for example, a social studies teacher could say, 'All the facts are here, but I can't see the facts for the grammatical errors—the grade is F.'"

Court Reverses Bailey Conviction

Salem—(U.P.)—The conviction of Richard G. Bailey, Eugene, for conspiracy to obtain money under false pretenses was reversed today by the State Supreme Court.

Bailey was charged with conspiring with his brother Alfred to deceive the First National Bank of Eugene into making loans to the Bailey Lumber company by presenting the bank with false invoices.

Alfred Bailey, president of the lumber firm, appealed his conviction on grounds the decision was prejudiced by the Circuit Court's refusal to permit his counsel to cross examine certain employees of the lumber company who admitted taking part in the conspiracy. The high court agreed.

In another case the court accepted jurisdiction of a mandamus proceeding sought by the State Highway Commission against Circuit Judge A. T. Goodwin requiring him to cease further proceedings in an action brought against the commission in Curry county. Ten days were allowed the judge to make a return to the writ.

Fire Near Falls City Brought Under Control

Falls City—(U.P.)—A fire west of here that burned between 200 and 400 acres of brush and green timber was reported under control today.

Volunteers and firemen from Dallas, Falls City and the forest service headed off the blaze last night before crops could be damaged. Cause of the fire was not determined.

Bend Man Files for State Senate Seat

Salem—(U.P.)—Bill Baer, Bend, filed yesterday as an independent candidate for the state Senate from Deschutes, Crook, Jefferson and Lake counties.

Dave O'Hara, state elections chief, said the only other candidate filing as an independent in the general election so far was Henry Semon, Klamath county. He is seeking return to the House of Representatives where he has served 12 terms as a Democrat.

O'Hara said deadline for filing as an independent candidate for the November election is Aug. 27.

Oregon Heat Wave Boosts Fire Danger

By UNITED PRESS
Oregonians sweltered again today in temperatures passing 100 degrees while danger mounted to drying forests.

The weather bureau said highs up to 102 degrees were expected in some sections east of the Cascades with interior parts of western Oregon getting readings from 85 to 95 degrees.

It was cool only along the coast with temperatures from 60 to 70 degrees forecast.

Low humidities and the threat of more thunderstorms added to the fire danger. Numerous small blazes have been reported in the Fremont, Klamath and Rogue national forests and smoke jumpers were being flown to northern California to battle lightning-set blazes in Siskiyou, Humboldt and Del Norte counties.

The Dalles was the hot spot in Oregon yesterday with 102. Portland had 89 while it was a cool 60 at Newport.

Cool Air Drops Mercury in East

By UNITED PRESS

Cool air dropped temperatures in the eastern third of the nation again early today while a warming trend prevailed in the central and northwest sectors.

A second straight night of lower temperatures blanketed the section of the nation eastward from the Ohio Valley to the Atlantic Coast and southward to the Gulf of Mexico. Temperatures were generally in the 50s, with a few scattered readings in the 40s in the north.

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No Bids Received On Siphon Project

No bids were received this morning for construction of two concrete siphons and removal of existing metal flumes on the main canal serving the Medford and Rogue Valley Irrigation districts, according to bureau of reclamation officials here.

Bids were to be opened at 10 a.m. this morning at the Camp White office of the bureau of reclamation which is doing the rehabilitation work for the two districts under a contract.

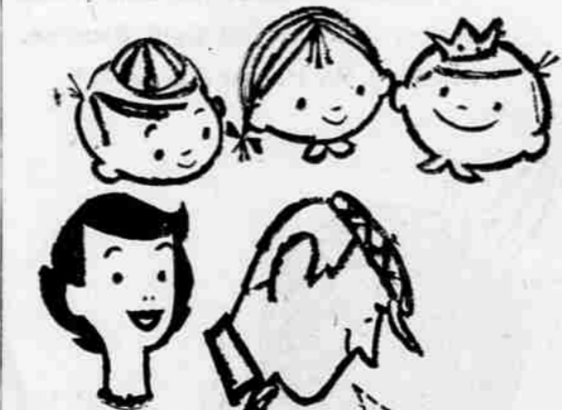
Another bid opening for the projects will be announced later, bureau officials said.

Rice Almost Used To Make Irish Stew at Jail

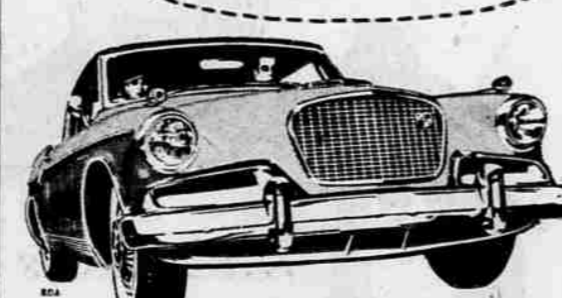
Pittsburgh—(U.P.)—Prisoners in the Allegheny county jail almost had to endure Irish stew made with rice. Potatoes cost too much.

The lowest bid to supply the prison with potatoes was \$5.45 per 100 pounds, compared with \$1.90 last December.

County officials briefly considered switching to rice, then thought how stew made with rice would taste, and placed an order for \$981 worth of potatoes.



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