



NIGHTMARE BECOMES REALITY—The body of Bennie Bargerson, 12, of Jacksonville, Fla. is recovered from nearby Rainbow Lake as his grief-stricken father, Clifford Bargerson, slumps down on the shore. Bargerson had repeatedly dived into the lake in a tempt to save his son. Carrying the boy is W. O. Park as R. E. Park lends a hand. They are members of Jacksonville's Jetty Jumpers Club.

Gulf of Mexico Oil Empire to Get 355 Mile Gas Pipeline

Crowley, La. — The "Muskrat" rambling across southern Louisiana's coastal marshes and swamps these days is a 355-mile natural gas pipeline which will give the rich oil empire along the Gulf of Mexico its first big market outlet.

Called the "Muskrat Line" because of its geographical situation—it is in muskrat country—the pipeline will be the natural gas gathering facilities at Crowley to the prolific gas-producing area, both on shore and off shore, in the Louisiana coastal region.

The line, an extension, starts here where it branches from the Tennessee Gas Transmission Co. line and splashes through watery wastes of the Louisiana lowlands to the mouth of the Mississippi River as it empties into the Gulf.

About four-fifths of the line is submerged. At some points, the huge, concrete-coated steel cylinder sinks to depths of 100 feet.

The first 70 miles of the line involves normal dry land construction techniques. But from there on, the right-of-way is a waterway.

Workers Get Leaves
Special barges were built because the area would not support construction equipment. The barges carry cranes, welding stations and facilities for coating and wrapping the welded joints and will take the equipment over some 130 navigable bodies of water.

The 24-inch steel pipe, chopped into 40-foot lengths and coated with a 2½-inch thickness of concrete, is delivered by water to the lay-barge.

Workers on the "Muskrat" do one or two-week stretches of duty and take short leaves from the project.

The crew is housed on quarter boats at the construction sites. Working hours begin at dawn and finish at dusk of the hot, steamy, Louisiana summer days.

After completion of the new line, the gas will be routed through the system to a compressor station at Kinder, La. There it will go into Tennessee Gas' main transmission system which extends 2,200 miles from South Texas to New England.

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News and Notes
From Camp White

By BILL HURN

The VAVS honor plaque this week is to be the Blue Star Mothers of America, E. K. Ricker, VA manager has announced.

Mr. and Mrs. Ricker arrived home Monday from an extended tour of south and western states culminating in a series of convention and hospital administration meetings in Chicago. The eastward itinerary comprised visits en route to Reno, Las Vegas and Phoenix where they were guests of Dr. William E. White, former chief medical officer here, and Dr. and Mrs. Fisher of the Phoenix VA hospital. Stops also were made at El Paso, Juarez and Dallas facilities.

Sunday, Sept. 16 the American college of hospital administration three day convention and seminar opened at which Ricker was inducted into membership. Tuesday was the federal executives luncheon and meeting of VA representatives when addresses were made by Admiral Boone, former chief medical director of VA and Dr. W. A. Middleton, the present director.

A visit was made with Mrs. Ricker's sister and husband at Skokie, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert P. Beile.

American Red Cross, Medford chapter, presented the "Story of Clara Barton" film at the theater Wednesday evening. Coffee and doughnuts were served by Mrs. Francis Fling, Mrs. Minnie Zahnaw and Mrs. Ruth Gordon.

Ashland BPOE 944, with Emil Kroeger, state hospital chairman of the Elks, Bill O'Brien, exalted ruler, and Dorance Rogers, organist, and the Klittie band of Ashland group with the Clarence Bell family in dance acts, presented an evening program closing with a cigarette spread served by Mr. and Mrs. Robins, Mr. and Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Hatfield and E. E. McLaughlin of Ashland.

Monday evening Medford American Legion post 15 conducted a game session with canned books and cigarettes being distributed. A ward spread was also held in the afternoon by Thelma Williams aided by resident member legionnaires. Ruth Freed, Nettie Ellenberg, Dorothy and Tom Ginn were present to assist in the evening.

George W. Hardgrove becomes the new assistant engineer at the facility coming on transfer from Downey, Ill., Veterans hospital. Hardgrove, his wife, Nancy, and their three children, Judy, Billy and Johnnie, are in residence here now.

He is a graduate civil engineer from Marquette university with four years European service with engineer corps.

DAV auxiliary 8 of Medford entertained with games at the

theater Wednesday afternoon. Dorothy Simmons and Louise Hitchman were hostesses.

Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS

Balboa, Canal Zone — Col. Charles O. Bruce, Panama Canal health chief, attending seriously wounded Nicaraguan President Anastasio Somoza:

"His recuperative powers are admirable. His body has put up a magnificent fight."

Cairo—Julius Horvath of San Francisco, commenting on his working with Russian pilots along the Suez canal:

"If they're pleasant people, I'll like them. I'm not against anybody."

New York—Doctors examining Javier Pereira, of Colombia, who claims to be 167 years old:

He is gregarious and likes to meet people. His memory for recent events is excellent and he is able to recall with apparent vividness many events of his past life."

Atlanta, Ga.—Cancer victim Johnny Pair adding his own opinion to his parents' debate whether they should trade his only eye for a chance to live:

"I would rather be operated on than die."

Peoria, Ill.—Dr. Harold P. Rodas of Bradley university, revealing President Eisenhower has names for the few remaining hairs on his head:

"The President told me 'Mrs. Ike is always worrying about my hair, but really I don't have anything to worry about. In fact there are so few I have named them.'"

St. Louis—Adlai E. Stevenson referring to a speech made by Vice President Richard Nixon:

"I hope he didn't say what I am told he did say, that the United States had invited the Communists to attack South Korea."

Victim Catches Thief But He Ends Up Short

Sacramento, Calif. — (U.P.) — Earl Raley, a Sacramento service station attendant, looked up from his job recently to see a man walk out of the station office stuffing currency in his pocket.

Raley gave chase, caught the man brought him back to the service station and told him to empty his pockets.

Just as the man was about to put the last of the \$59 on the counter, police arrived and the man broke and ran again. This time he outdistanced Raley and the police. When Raley later checked the cash register he was short \$1.84.

Texas Takes Second Step To Have NAACP Outlawed From State

Tyler, Tex.—(U.P.)—Texas took its second step today to have the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People outlawed in the state.

The first was taken last Friday when Attorney General John Ben Shepperd obtained a restraining order from Tyler District Judge Otis T. Dunagan to stop the NAACP from doing business in Texas.

Today Dunagan will hear arguments on whether or not he should grant Shepperd an injunction.

Thurgood Marshall of New York City, top legal mind of the Negro organization, will argue for the NAACP.

He has charged Shepperd has only the flimsiest of cases and is politically motivated.

Shepperd will present the case for Texas, assisted by Davis Grant, first assistant attorney general.

Beyond Limits
Shepperd charged in his petition for the restraining order that the NAACP has gone "beyond the limits of propriety and law" in its Texas operations.

Today's suit grew out of an investigation conducted by representatives of Shepperd following efforts by the NAACP to have Mansfield, Tex., High School and a junior college desegregated.

In both cases, integration attempts were called off when violence threatened.

U.S. District Judge Joseph Sheehy threw out of court Thursday an attempt by an NAACP

lawyer to get two White officials of the junior college put in jail for lack of cooperation in desegregating.

He threw the case out because the two Negro students in whose name the action was filed didn't even know the NAACP lawyer, U. Simpson Tate, was acting in their name until they read about it in the newspaper.

Ordered Integration
Sheehy, who was the judge who ordered the junior college to integrate, reprimanded Tate, regional attorney for the NAACP in the Southwest.

Tate had filed an intervening motion in the names of Jessalyn Gray, 18, and Steve Poston, 17, who charged they twice were prevented from attending Texarkana Junior College by throngs of white people.

The motion charged that college president H. W. Stillwell and trustee Bill Williams cooperated with the segregationists.

If Judge Sheehy had let him, Tate intended to try to get Still-

well and Williams charged with contempt of Sheehy.

BACTERIAL EXPERIMENT

Detroit —(U.P.)—The Ford Motor Co. is using bacteria to cleanse waste industrial water poisoned by phenol. Tests are underway to determine the amounts of phenol waste the bacteria will eat and whether it would be practical to build a large facility employing the bacteria as a cleansing agent.

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