

West Point Cadet, Trapped Subsists on Raw Potatoes

West Point, N.Y. — (U.P.) — A physical and mental checkup was planned today for an 18-year-old cadet who subsisted on raw potatoes while trapped in a freight car for eight days.

Army doctors said Jerome Lee Gibbons, a plebe (first year man) from Fulton, N.Y., had been dehydrated by his ordeal and had lost about 15 pounds. Although weakened physically, he was reported in good condition.

Gibbons was found lying atop several potato bags Tuesday by three loaders who were about to unload the freight car in the Jersey City, N.J., yards of the Erie railroad, about 25 miles from the U.S. Military academy.

Wanted To Get Away
The cadet told railroad police this story:

Fearing that he had failed a semi-annual physical test, he left the academy the afternoon of Sunday, March 17, "Because I just wanted to get away from it all."

He then walked 20 miles to Campbell Hall where he climbed into the freight car, believing it to be headed upstate toward Ful-

ton. The door then locked automatically and Gibbons found himself sealed in.

The next day, the car, loaded with potatoes, was moved to Jersey City where it sat at a siding until Tuesday. For days he banged on the box car door, but to no avail. Without water to drink, Gibbons nibbled on the potatoes for subsistence. To keep warm, he huddled between the potato bags.

Local Chapter of OAN Is Organized

J. Vernon Marshall, Medford, has been appointed by the Oregon association of nurserymen, to organize a southern Oregon chapter which will be part of a new organizational system of the association.

The new system was adopted and Marshall's appointment made in Portland recently.

Marshall, owner and grower of Marshall Nursery and Florist, 815 West 12th st., Medford, has been working with the association for the past two years toward a chapter system in Oregon, the association reported.

Southern Oregon nurserymen will now have the same voting power as other growers in the state. The southern Oregon chapter includes an area from Sutherlin south to the state line.

Growers in the southern Oregon area will attend a meeting at 8 p.m. April 30 at the Marshall nursery.

Pickin' Pears

News and Notes From Camp White

By SID HOLLINGSWORTH

Plans have been made for participation in the Pear Blossom Festival in April with a wheel chair float designed by one of the domiciliary members, among those eligible for the contest to be held at the station Sunday afternoon, April 28.

About 25 wheel chair members are expected to have flower decked wheel chair floats for the parade at the VA domiciliary. Volunteer women will be assigned to each float and the most unique will be awarded prizes.

A delegation of festival officials have been invited to judge the contest. Entry blanks have been issued to 50 or more wheel chair members. Entry blanks are being handled by the American Legion auxiliary. Cash prizes of \$25, \$15 and \$10 will be awarded.

The Navy Mothers were hosts to more than 100 members Wednesday at the regular card party. The event is noted for the home made pies served with coffee to those present at the conclusion of the evenings entertainment.

For several years this was a monthly feature but this year the mothers decided to restrict the parties to alternate months. The next one will be held in May. Myrtle Coggins is commander of the Navy Mothers club this year.

Others present were Daisy Reinhart, Elsie Alexander, Ann Rogers, Josie Hober, Audrey Lightmeyer, Bertha Cobligh and Lola Ludwig.

Members announced that Laura Wicker, who has been in the hospital with double pneumonia, has been compelled to give up her active interest in affairs of the club.

The influence of religion in the art of the centuries, as depicted by the great masters, was explained through reproductions in colored slides by Warren A. Wolf, art teacher at Medford High school, Sunday evening.

Wolf came here under auspices of the Presbyterian church. He described the various works in detail and told how artists, like Rembrandt and Michelangelo, gave their distinctive interpretation of Biblical episodes, imparting the religious feeling aroused in their paintings.

Chaplain Feller introduced the speaker to an interested group of members.

VFW Post 6412 will hold its annual installation of new officers at Camp White April 9, with department officers present for the ceremony.

Hans Sorenson, commander of

the post for the past four years, will turn over the office to Joe Hills, new commander.

Other officers elected recently are Bob Meyer, senior vice commander; Jim Manning, junior vice commander; Henry Huls, quartermaster; Henry Williams, chaplain, and Louis Vig, trustee.

Barracks 14, World War I Veterans, will install new officers April 29. New officers are Arthur Bryan, commander; Robert Ray Sr., vice commander; Ward Hazen Jr., vice commander; Charles Reynolds, chaplain, and Arthur Medinnius, quartermaster.

Junior College Gridders at OSC

Corvallis — (U.P.) — Three junior college transfers and a freshman who were regarded as among the most promising football prospects in California have enrolled at Oregon State for the spring term.

The junior college transfers include Arnold Metcalf, 225-pound tackle from American River JC; Leroy Weiland, a back from Stockton JC, and Grimm Mason, a halfback from Monterey Peninsula JC. The freshman who registered here yesterday was Ron Miller, 168-pound back from Los Angeles.

Joey Giardello Battles Vaughn

Kansas City, Mo. — (U.P.) — Joey Giardello, a bruising battler from Philadelphia, and Willie Vaughn of Los Angeles tangled tonight in a bout that could have a lot of effect on their pugilistic prestige.

Giardello, No. 6 ranked middleweight with his sights on the world crown, can bolster his chances for a title match by a decisive victory over Vaughn in the 10-rounder here. He meets Rory Calhoun, a comer in the division, April 13 in Cleveland in another crucial test.

Boasting a string of seven straight wins, the 26-year-old veteran campaigner is confident he is ready for the big one.

New Sport Subject At Rotary Meeting

A plea for young people to learn to swim was voiced by Robert Jones, Medford YMCA executive secretary, in an address Tuesday before the Medford Rotary club.

The program at the Jackson hotel, arranged by chairman Walter Garner, featured the current water safety program and included demonstrations in which Dr. William Roberts and Don Gray of Southern Oregon college participated.

Techniques of skin diving and the equipment used were displayed by Don Gray. A new world unfolds to those who enjoy this new sport, he said, although he warned that skin divers should always go in pairs for their own protection.

With the fast-growing popularity of boating in southern Oregon, Dr. Roberts warned against overloading boats, stressed the importance of mastering the fundamentals of boat handling, and cautioned vacationists to always have life jackets with them on the water. Although the cause of cramps is debatable, he suggested that swimmers always play safe and delay entering the water until at least an hour after dining.

Jones pointed out that the YMCA program, augmented by the schools conducted by the Boy and Girl Scouts, Red Cross and other organizations, is reducing the percentage of young people unable to swim.

Too Much Rumbling; Big Rodent Chased

Kearns, Utah — (U.P.) — After putting up with a "crunching, rumbling, scratching, thumping" noise under his house for nearly a month, Miles A. Peterson could stand it no longer. He crawled under his home, found the trouble and returned with three friends and a 12-gauge shotgun to flush out a rodent 36 inches long and weighing nearly 15 pounds.

The Petersons examining the animal's beaver-like teeth, muskrat-like body, long tail and webbed back feet, decided it was a nutria whose pelt could be worth \$100 to \$400. During its month's stay in the basement, it had chewed through more than 1,000 feet of plastic sealing material and frequently left the Peterson garbage can containing nothing but cans.

SPORTS

Air Force Favored in AAU Tourney

Denver — (U.P.) — Dick Boushka was the darling of the National AAU tournament today, and his Air Force All Stars was the "team to beat" as the second round got underway.

Eight games were scheduled in the second round today. The 6-5 former St. Louis university player teamed with Ron Tomsic of Stanford university to crush a strong M-C Wine team of Columbus, Ohio, 94-64, in the feature game Tuesday night.

The tourney committee ruled the Seattle Ford team had to forfeit its 79-53 Monday victory over Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and then allowed two clubs to play in a rematch Tuesday night, without two of the Seattle players who were ruled ineligible. Seattle still had enough steam to beat the Iowans again, 82-69.

K. C. Jones, San Francisco university star a year ago, the Army All-Stars and the long trip proved too much as Ouachita fell, 107-76.

Marion-Kay of Brownstown, Ind., dumped the U. S. Marines 67-63. Joliet, Ill., defeated Gibbs Vikings, Jacksonville, Fla., 63-54, in the other first-round game.

Bob Swan Takes Post With GE

Portland — (U.P.) — Bob Swan, for five years with the Oregonian as a sports writer, has joined the public relations department of Portland General Electric company.

Swan was with the United Press in Portland before joining the Oregonian and is a graduate of Oregon State college.

WILLIAMS TOASTMASTER

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — Ted Williams of the Boston Red Sox, long known as one of the most outspoken players in baseball, will serve as a toastmaster for the first time in his life on April 14 in Boston when the variety clubs of New England present owner Tom Yawkey of the Sox with the Great Heart award for service to the community.

Half of the U.S. drowning victims are rural residents.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—ELEVEN

Harvey Kuenn Could Be Batting Contender

By FRED DOWN

United Press Sports Writer
Harvey Kuenn is serving sharp notice this spring that he may be the "man to beat" for the American league batting title.

The experts have been forecasting a battle among Ted Williams, Mickey Mantle and Al Kaline, but the 26-year-old Kuenn looks like he's geared for a fast start that could leave 'em all far behind. He's belting the ball at a .404-clip, has hit in 10 straight games and connected safely in all but one of the 15 games he's played.

Kuenn enjoyed his best day of the spring Tuesday when he drove in five runs with a homer, two doubles and a single to lead the Detroit Tigers to an 8-4 victory over the Cincinnati Redlegs. The victory was the Tigers' fourth in six games after they started their Grapefruit league campaign with eight defeats in 10 contests.

Mueller Grand-Slams
The Pittsburgh Pirates scored their 10th win in 16 exhibition games when they got two-hit pitching from Dick Hall, Nelson King and Elroy Face to beat the St. Louis Cardinals, 4-0. The Pirates walloped Murry Dickson and Jim Davis for 11 hits, including a homer by Bill Mazeroski.

The New York Giants, who are developing into a real spring surprise, downed the Baltimore Orioles, 7-6, and now have won 11 of 16 Grapefruit league games. Don Mueller pulled this one out of the fire with a grand-slam homer with two out in the ninth after Bob Speake's four runs-batted-in provided the Cubs with a 6-3 lead.

The Baltimore Orioles handed the puzzling Cleveland Indians their seventh setback in eight games when they rallied for three runs in the ninth and a 7-6 decision. Wayne Causey tied the score with a two-run single and then 19-year-old sensation Brooks Robinson, who knocked in three earlier runs, delivered him with the game-winning hit.

BOWLING COURSE

Revere, Mass. — (U.P.) — Bowling will be included as an extra-curricular activity in this city's junior and senior high schools. The school board has asked for volunteer teachers.

geles Angels of the Pacific Coast league 6-5. Red Sox rookie outfielder Marty Keough hit two homers while Jim Baxes homered twice and Steve Bilko blasted a round-tripper for Los Angeles.

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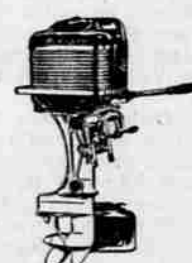
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