

Wolf Creek Woman Charged for Damaging Fence Along Highway

Grants Pass — The state highway commission filed a complaint in circuit court here this week against a Wolf Creek woman who is charged with destroying a highway commission fence because it was "damaging her business."

The woman is Mrs. Kathryn Moore, operator of a service station, motel and restaurant at Wolf Creek. Two years ago she sued the commission for \$67,000, alleging damage through construction of a fence along the Pacific highway right-of-way in front of her business property.

The complaint, filed by the highway commission through the attorney general's office, asks temporary and permanent restraining orders to prevent Mrs. Moore or her employees from destroying the remainder of the fence or a new fence which the state proposes to reconstruct.

According to the complaint the state had built and maintained approximately 586 feet of fence within the boundaries of the nine-acre tract prior to June 24, through which the highway travels.

Enter Property
The complaint charges that about June 27 Mrs. Moore or her agent "wrongfully entered upon the property and destroyed approximately 182 feet of the fence lying along the easterly side of her property."

Also alleged by the state is that Mrs. Moore has threatened to destroy the remaining portions of the fence and destroy any fence which the state proposes to reconstruct. The highway commission is demanding \$100 damages.

Controversy between Mrs. Moore and the highway commission developed in March, 1935, when Medford Attorney Edward Kelly, recently appointed circuit judge in this judicial dis-

\$100,000 Damage In Fire at Redmond

Redmond — Fire, said to be one of the worst here in years, Wednesday destroyed a building housing two business establishments and caused an estimated \$100,000 damage.

The fire started about 2:30 a.m. yesterday and wasn't brought under control until after 8 a.m.

The fire was believed to have started by exploding gasoline or paint fumes.

The building housed an auto parts company, new car warehouse and body and paint shops.

The damage suit has never come to trial and is still pending.

Attorney May Appeal Custody of Hildy

Boston — The attorney for little Hildy McCoy's natural mother said today he was considering appealing the verdict of a Florida court awarding Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Ellis custody of the child they had reared from infancy.

Attorney John F. McAuliffe, representing Mrs. Marjorie McCoy Doherty, said he was surprised at the verdict and, after studying the decision, might appeal to the Florida Supreme Court and, if necessary to the United States Supreme Court.

A Florida judge Wednesday declared that the 6-year-old girl was now the legal child of the Ellises, who are Jewish, ending a long inter-faith custody battle.

Edison Marshall Back From Visit to Alaska

Portland — Novelist Edison Marshall, former Medford resident, stopped in Portland this week en route to his home in Augusta, Ga., after spending a period in Alaska doing research for his next novel.

Alaska was the setting of Marshall's early novels.

In an interview with the Oregon Journal, Marshall observed that "Alaska is of enormous importance to the United States because it is one of the last breeding grounds of individualists."

"I perceived this individuality of Alaskan people when I was young, and I have found that this spirit is still true of that vast area. There is no pattern

or type there and every man is an individual," he told the Journal reporters.

"The soundings have taken over the cheechakos, or newcomers, instead of the other way around, as might have happened. I find that this spirit of individuality is quite true of the entire Northwest."

Need of Industry

The novelist said his Alaska visit proved to him that the territory is "in desperate need of industry."

Texas had a marketed output of 5,133 billion cubic feet of natural gas, valued at \$436,300,000 in 1936.

"My 'left hand' mission there was to look at timber holdings relative to the Georgia-Pacific Plywood corporation," Marshall said. The author has a financial interest in the Portland firm.

"Timber can continue as a tremendous wealth if it is intelligently handled, and will not be diminished as the other wealths such as gold, fish and fur," he said.

Marshall told the paper he considers "The Viking" his best novel. It is currently being made into a motion picture and will star Kirk Douglas, Ernest Borgnine, Tony Curtis and Janet Leigh.

Among his novels are "Benja-

min Blackie," "Yankee Pasha" and the "The Far Call." "The Voice of the Pack," has southern Oregon as its setting.

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