

Tot's Body Found In Alsea Mill Pond

Corvallis — Karry Lee Zandossky, 16-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Zandossky of Alsea, drowned in a mill pond about 100 yards from his home Thursday.

The tot's parents told Benton county Deputy Sheriff Cliff Raber they discovered the boy was missing when they arose at 7:30 a.m. Zandossky said he last saw his son about 12:30 a.m. when he went in to put another pair of pajama pants on the boy. The parents found the pants on the floor.

A search was started and the boy's body was found in the pond about 10 a.m. by the vic-

4-H Club News

The Desert Pegasus
At our last meeting held in November at the home of our leader, James Dunn, officers for the coming year were elected.

Our champion cowboy, Billie Morgan, was elected president with Marcia Ackerman, vice-president, Ronelle Huffman, secretary, James Ackerman, reporter.

The next meeting will be held Dec. 7 at 2 p.m. at the Dunn ranch, at which time plans for our Christmas party will be made.

James Ackerman
Reporter

Fred Seaton Orders Reexamination Of Curious Montana Indian Bill

By ROBERT SMITH
Mail Tribune Correspondent

Washington — Secretary of the Interior Fred A. Seaton has ordered "a thorough reexamination" of that curious Montana Indian bill which slipped through the Senate this past session and which offers an indication of what might happen to the Klamath in years to come.

The bill, S. 332, would conveniently repeal a federal statute originally designed in 1920 to protect the land holdings of the Crow Indians when they were granted freedom from federal supervision. The big landholders want the statute wiped off the books because it forbids anyone owning as much as 640 acres of farm land or 1,280 acres of grazing land to acquire any additional Indian property from the old 2,000,000-acre Crow reservation. The landholders in the area got big by violating this statute openly for years, sometimes with the help of the bureau of Indian affairs itself.

When Montana's venerable Democratic Senator James E. Murray has S. 332 quickly approved without hearings by the Senate Interior committee, which he heads, the Senate followed suit by passing the measure with little discussion of its intent. Murray was aided in this by a favorable report from the interior department which was written in that interim period before Seaton took office and after Douglas McKay departed last year. The assistant secretary in charge of Indian affairs at that time was Wesley E. Dewart, GOP ex-congressman who had represented that part of Montana for many years in Congress.

Seaton has now ordered Dewart's successor, Roger Ernst, to investigate "the department's favorable report" and "to use every appropriate departmental facility he might need in the inquiry." The secretary is taking

a candid and courageous "let's get the cards on the table" attitude.

Pass Resolution
Originally, interior and Senator Murray justified this bill by saying the Crow Indians had passed a resolution favoring it. They didn't mention that some large eastern insurance companies hold mortgages that are now legally questionable but would be cleared by passage of this bill. The bill would do nothing to restore rights or safeguards to the Indians, much less square them for the scalping they have been getting for years.

Representative James A. Haley, Florida Democrat who heads the House subcommittee on Indian affairs, held a hearing at the Crow agency in October on S. 332, after becoming suspicious of its real intent. The hearing demonstrated two things:

1. The landholders had formed an association and spent some \$20,000 thus far to try to get the repeal bill passed. Besides trips to Washington, this money paid expenses of landholders who repeatedly went to see State Senator Paul Ringling, who happens to be Haley's son-in-law living in Montana. They denied, when Haley questioned them, that they had any thought of seeking Ringling's influence with the congressman.

2. All of the officers of the tribal council oppose the bill. To the landholders' claim that they didn't know about the acreage limitation in the 1920 act, the Indians said "ignorance of the law is no excuse for violating it." Edward Posey Whiteman, council chairman, said passage of the bill would put the Indians completely at the mercy of the big operators who want their property.

Haley, who himself owns some livestock and land in Montana (his wife is from that state), didn't commit himself on the bill following the hearing. Probably the most influential factor in the outcome will be the results of Seaton's investigation into how his department got lined up with the big landholders against the Indians, and his final decision on which side the government should take from here on out.

Seaton has some hard decisions to make concerning the Klamath, mainly how to implement his avowed intent to prevent a "fire sale" of the tribe's valuable pine forests if federal supervision of the Klamath is terminated. His more immediate decision on the Crow bill will indicate whether Seaton can withstand the pressure of those economic interests who stand to gain by short-changing the Indians.



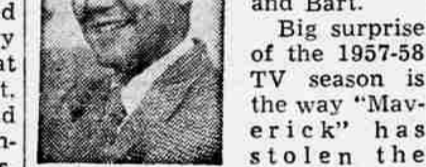
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The Hollywood Scene

By VERNON SCOTT
United Press Writer

Hollywood — Ed Sullivan and Steve Allen have called off their rating feud to battle a common enemy, a pair of mavericks named Bret and Bart.

Big surprise of the 1957-58 TV season is the way "Maverick" has stolen the thunder (and audience) from the two big variety wheels.



Vernon Scott

On the air only 11 weeks, the hour-long horse opera passed Allen in the Trendex rating the second week out of the barn. It took six weeks to catch Sullivan. Now that it's out front, "Maverick" is pulling away fast. Last Sunday it trounced Allen by eight points and Sullivan by five.

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Phoenix Grange Notes

Phoenix Grange will meet Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 8 p.m. for the regular business meeting.

A Christian program has been arranged according to lecturer Ethel Carr, and will be given during the regular lecture hour. Mabel Quackenbush, Mabel Penland and Mabel Cox will be in charge.

The refreshment committee will be Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bolz and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Stancliff.

Members are asked to bring their sales slips for this quarter and any used greeting cards to put in the box of toys for the children at Fairview Home.

Gertrude Lewin
Publicity Chairman

Hoax Label Pinned On Stevenson Story

Washington — A spokesman for Adlai E. Stevenson pinned a "hoax" label Saturday on a dispatch published in the London News-Chronicle under the byline of the two-time Democratic presidential nominee.

William Blair, Stevenson's assistant, said neither the former Illinois governor nor any member of his staff had either written or authorized the dispatch, which sharply criticized the Eisenhower administration.

The dispatch said the President and his staff "sacrificed truth" and "the respect and confidence

of our friends abroad" for political advantage. It also criticized administration plans for the forthcoming NATO "summit" meeting in Paris.

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