

Valley Man Returns From South Pole

Allen J. Cotton, construction mechanic third class in the Seabees, recently returned to the Rogue valley area from the South Pole for a 15-day leave.

Cotton and his wife, Patricia, live at 302 B st., Phoenix. While at the South Pole he was stationed at the Navy's McMurdo Sound base as a vehicle mechanic.

He said he spent the summer season in the base, which is just the reverse seasons of the northern hemisphere. Cotton arrived at the airbase just after Christmas and left on March 11. Although traveling by ship between Christ Church, New Zealand, and Antarctica, he said he was transported by plane back to the United States on April 3.

Summer Weather
Summer weather in Antarctica is as high as 30 above and as low as 20 below, he explained. Most of the cold weather is of the dry-cold type and is not as noticeable as cold weather in the Rogue valley, he said.

Cotton said he worked outdoors in shirt sleeves some of the time because of the warm sun. He noted a restriction that no man could leave the base alone because of sudden snowstorms which can appear. During the winter, now in progress, he said the requirement is three men in a party.

He said he attended a several-month preparation school at Davisville, R. I. before leaving for the South Pole last year. Most work at the school is for personal conditioning he added.

Special Diet
A special diet is fed the men while stationed at the pole. He said while a normal ration is 3,000 calories per day, the normal at the pole is 6,000 per day to make the necessary body fat for heat. He said the men are served excellent food while stationed there.

Cotton said he worked 12-hour shifts during his duty

tour and often would find the sun shining when he got off work at midnight. Most forms of activities were movies, a workout at the gym or one of several hobby facilities provided.

About 90 men out of the 200 stationed at the sound will winter-over he said. Cotton said he is seriously considering asking for duty in Antarctica next year but could not say what his wife thinks about the idea.

Five People Die As Greyhound Hits Head-on Into Car

Creswell — A north-bound Greyhound bus collided head-on with a car on Highway 226 just south of here Friday night killing five persons in the car and injuring nine bus passengers.

The victims were identified as John Bradigans, about 22, Cottage Grove; Donald T. Matthews, 16, Cottage Grove; Thomas Riley Huckey, 22, Lindsay, Okla.; Peggy Jean Works, 16, Anlauf, and Deanna Gayle Oleson, 15, Curtin.

Nine bus passengers were taken to Sacred Heart hospital in Eugene where three were admitted for "observation of injuries" and six were treated and released.

State police said the auto was heading south and apparently crossed the highway in front of the bus, which was traveling about 51 miles per hour when the collision occurred.

A relief bus from Eugene took the uninjured passengers to Eugene shortly after the crash.

The car, a 1951 Ford sedan, was registered to Hollis Matthews, Cottage Grove.

Binford Withdraws From Water Board

Salem — Chairman L. C. Binford of the State Water Resources board has asked to be relieved as chairman when the board meets April 21 at La Grande.

Binford made the request in a letter to fellow board members, saying that when he took on the job he urged that chairmen serve only one year.

Binford is a Portland businessman. The board was created by the 1957 State Legislature.

Six Appearances Made in Circuit Court Last Week

Leroy E. Beebe, 31, Phoenix, was given a three-year suspended sentence in the Oregon state penitentiary when he appeared in circuit court Thursday on charges of burglary not in a dwelling.

He was charged with breaking into Cooks Reception beer parlor Feb. 3.

Elmer Ray Wallace, Grants Pass, received a suspended sentence in the county jail for one year and eight months on charges of burglary not in a dwelling. He was charged with breaking into Evans Valley Lockers Feb. 4.

Attorney Ben Lombard was appointed to defend Albert Hubert Laessig, Mountain View, Alaska. He is charged with obtaining money under false pretenses.

Sentenced to Jail
Stanley Carlton Schoen was sentenced to one year in the county jail on charges of larceny from a person. He was charged with taking a billfold, glasses and ball-point pen and \$4 cash from Earl Elton Jones on Jan. 7.

The case of Daniel Vernon Ferrier, Ashland, was continued pending arraignment for transfer to another state. He had appeared on charges of violating the conditions of his parole and contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Jeannette Marshall was appointed an attorney for Anita Lorraine Weeks, route 1, Medford, who is charged with forgery.

Human Chain Fails To Save Driver

Huntington, Ore. — A human chain, speedily formed after a car was seen to plunge into the Burnt river near here early Saturday failed to reach the driver, perched atop his vehicle, before he was swept away down the swift river toward its confluence with the even swifter Snake river.

State police said the car was owned by Douglas Kemp about 52, of Hood River, a mechanic working for Morrison-Knudsen company on a railroad bridge under construction near here, and they presumed he was the driver who was swept downriver. They and other law enforcement officers were grappling for the body.

Portland — Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) has appointed Charles H. Mitchell, more of Long Beach Wash., as a research assistant in the Senator's office in Washington, D.C.

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