

First White Whale To Take To Skies Dies Aboard Plane

New York — (UPI) — The first white whale to fly may be the last. Bertha, a 450-pound yearling, died on a plane trip here Sunday from Seattle. Since her capture in Bristol Bay, Alaska, June 11, Bertha was coddled, fed well and, when out of water, covered with canvas and blankets and wetted down hourly. Last week, the young Beluga whale was flown from Alaska to Seattle, the first whale ever to be airborne. Bertha spent most of Saturday swimming at the Seattle zoo. Sunday, swathed in water-soaked canvas and blankets, she was flown from Seattle to New York, en route to the New York Aquarium, which hasn't had a white whale since 1897.

Bertha appeared in good health during the 11-hour flight, according to Dr. Carlton Ray, assistant director at the aquarium. **Stopped Breathing** But only 45 minutes before the plane landed at Idlewild Airport, she suddenly stopped breathing and died. "I don't know how it could have happened," Ray told reporters at the airport. "The breathing was normal. I just don't know." Bertha apparently had died because she had been taken from the only place she had ever lived — in the water.

Management of Small Forests To Be Discussed

Salem — Management of small forest properties will be discussed at November meetings in Oregon and Washington, the forest service has announced. The meetings sponsored jointly by the states and the forest service, will involve discussion of the present management policies as well as proposals for modified or new approaches to the system. About half of the private commercial forest land in the two states is in small private holdings of less than 5,000 acres, officials report. These holdings account for 22 percent of the total commercial

forest land, and embrace about 10 million acres. **Announcement Issued** The announcement was issued jointly by Dwight L. Phipps, state forester for Oregon, L. T. Webster, state supervisor of natural resources for Washington, and J. Herbert Stone, regional forester of the forest service. "If population continues to increase at the predicted rate, there will be nearly twice the present demand for wood products by the year 2000. If the Northwest is to meet its share of this future demand, productivity of these small woodlands must be increased," the announcement stated.

Court Turns Down Little Rock Ruling

Washington — (UPI) — The Supreme Court today rejected a request for a speeded-up ruling on integration at Little Rock's Central High school. The court said in a brief, unsigned order it has no doubt the Eighth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals will see the "vital importance of the time element in this litigation" and will act on it "in ample time to permit arrangements" for the next school year. An order suspending integration at Central High was issued by U.S. District Judge Harry J. Lemley June 21. Lemley granted the school board a 2½ year delay in the integration program. Under his decision the seven Negro children, who expected to return to Central High next September, will not be able to do so.

A recent study made by several private and public agencies shows that forest lands in the small ownership category in Oregon and Washington are only 52 percent as productive as they should be. The Nov. 6 meeting in Salem and the Nov. 3 meeting in Olympia, Wash., are aimed at rectifying this situation. **Kentucky Seeks Escaped Murderer** Lagrange, Ky. — (UPI) — An intensive manhunt was underway throughout southwestern Kentucky today for a convicted murderer who escaped from the Kentucky State reformatory. Two other convicts were shot and killed after scaling the 20-foot wall during an attempted jail break. Andy Earl Bell, 33, Cincinnati, Ohio, who was serving a life sentence for murder, escaped and is hunted. Edgar Hill Jr., 21, Lexington, Ky., and Okley Heron, 29, Junction City, Ky., were killed. Warden Dan Gray said five other prisoners were in on the break but got "cold feet" at the last moment and returned to their cells.

Court Sets Aside Fine for Contempt Against NAACP

Washington — (UPI) — The Supreme Court today set aside a \$100,000 contempt fine imposed on the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People for refusal to produce membership lists. The court held unanimously that Alabama cannot force the NAACP to produce its membership lists. It said the lists are immune from state scrutiny under the 14th amendment.

Decrease in Lumber Industry Accidents Noted at Meeting

Klamath Falls — "We are trying to make the lumber industry the safest place in Oregon to work," O. M. Anderson, Medford, told a gathering of Klamath, Lake, Jackson, Josephine and Douglas county lumber executives Friday at a safety meeting here. Last year's 23 percent decrease from 1956 in the list of time-loss injuries is being bettered so far this year, Anderson reported. First quarter statistics show 27.63 time-loss injuries per 1,000,000 man hours of employment, compared to 45.46 for 1957 and 58.86 in 1956. The statistics cover 20 pine lumber operations in five counties. Total employment in the 20 last year was 5,455,757 man hours. **District Ranked Fifth** "Our district ranked fifth last year among the 12 operating districts of the Western Pine association," Anderson said, "but we are shooting for one of the top spots this year. Western Pine launched an industry-wide accident-prevention program last year, and it's bringing fine results everywhere. This not only is a humanitarian step, but also helps cut insurance costs which are based on actual experience ratings."

J. R. Grady, Portland, Western Pine association safety director, told the group that three mills in the five-county district with 99,000 man hours of work had no injury accidents at all in 1957, and the same was true for one planing mill and three factories representing 358,000 man hours of work. This year, first quarter operations brought 31 injury accidents, a sharp decrease from the same period in 1957, he said. Anderson, executive of Timber Products company, at Medford, is one of four men on the district safety committee. The others are B. I. Parent, Gulf Red Cedar company, Medford; Virgil Mastelotto, American Forest Products corporation, Lakeview, and Frank Gilchrist, Gilchrist, Gilchrist Timber company, Gilchrist.

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Crowd of 18,000 Hears Evangelist

Sacramento, Calif. — (UPI) — Billy Graham drew a crowd of 18,000 persons to the State Fairgrounds Sunday for the opening of an eight-day crusade in California's capital city. Graham, speaking "as though this were the last message I will ever preach," told the crowd that many people have a Bible in their homes — but not enough know what it says. "Every person in this audience has broken the 10 Commandments, including the speaker," he said. "Breaking these commandments is just like breaking the law." After Graham delivered his sermon, nearly 1000 persons came forward to make decisions for Christ.

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ARTICLES FILED Salem — (UPI) — Articles of incorporation were filed here recently for the Medford Dealers associates. They were signed by B. Kent Blackhurst, F. P. Farrell and Lillian Rheinsburg.

INVADE YANKEELAND

Chicago — (UPI) — Southerners will invade yankeeland for the 73rd Seabee Association's ninth annual reunion here July 25-27. Sid A. Yexley, association president, said 80 percent of the members are Southerners and southwesterners. About 250 members are expected to attend the reunion.

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Singer Has Husband Arrested for Assault

New York — (UPI) — Singer Helen O'Connell had her author-husband arrested Sunday night for allegedly assaulting her and knocking her down in their upper east side apartment. Night Court Magistrate Joseph A. Martinis ordered the husband, Thomas T. Chamales, 33, committed to Bellevue Hospital for psychiatric observation after Miss O'Connell told the magistrate: "I think he's violent and unsafe. I think he's dangerous."

Alaska Advocates Go on Offensive

Washington — (UPI) — Senate advocates of Alaskan statehood went on the offensive today in an attempt to overcome southern opposition and get the controversial measure passed this week. Sen. Alan Bible (D-Nev.) won recognition soon after the Senate met an hour earlier than usual. He told his colleagues that making Alaska the 49th state "would redeem a pledge" made to the territory 91 years ago. Acting Senate Democratic leader Mike Mansfield (Mont.) had warned senators earlier in the day to "be prepared to stay late." He said he wanted to get the opposition debate over so the legislation can be sent to the White House sometime Wednesday. Fire damages or destroys 1,000 U.S. buildings every day.

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