

Medford Stores Will Be Open Until 9 O'Clock Tonight

Helicopters Used in Malibu Brush Fire Assault

Navy Helicopter Crash in Potomac Takes One Life

Nine Rescued From Cold Waters

Washington—UPI—Survivors of a Navy helicopter crash that took one life and injured nine other persons told today of a harrowing four-hour wait for rescue from the chill waters of the Potomac river.

Coast Guard and Washington harbor police rescued the passengers from the fog-shrouded river Wednesday night, and at first it was thought all had been saved.

But early today harbor police found the body of one man floating near the marsh-like crash scene two miles south of here. He was identified as M. A. Thralls, 48, a civilian employee of the Fairchild Camera Co., Syosset, N. Y.

The nine men rescued were six Marines and sailors and three civilians.

On Routine Flight

The helicopter, a Sikorsky PB2S, was on a routine turn-around flight to Anacostia Naval Air Station here from Patuxent Naval Air Station about 50 miles away in southern Maryland.

One of the civilian survivors, Clarence Chick, 29, of Lexington Park, Md., said the helicopter "was flying along when all of a sudden water rushed in and metal started flying." He said he found himself hanging upside down by his seat safety belt.

Another passenger, Navy aviation machinist's mate Clayton Akers, 26, of Pulaski, Va., said he guessed the plane hit a sandbar. Akers, who suffered minor cuts and bruises and exposure, said some of the passengers and crew stayed in the overturned helicopter and some clung to it in the water.

The accident happened within hailing distance of shore. But the men's plight went unnoticed until residents of a large nearby apartment in South Alexandria, Va., finally heard their cries and alerted harbor police who sped to the rescue.

The survivors were in the river for nearly four hours after the plane went down about 6:30 p.m. (e.s.t.).

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Morgan's Letter Called 'Irregular'

Salem—UPI—Public Utility Commissioner Howard Morgan today blasted Portland Traction Company in an open letter to the Circuit Court here.

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"Here Boy—Steady, Boy—Have Some Sugar"



Speedy Chase Ends In Arrest of Two

Two Albuquerque, N.M., men were lodged in Jackson county jail by Medford city police this morning, following a chase with speeds up to 90 miles per hour from Medford to Talent, which ended on Hillcrest rd.

The men are charged by Central Point police with the burglary at the Crater Finance company, 135 East Pine st., Central Point, where \$687.55 was reported stolen at 12:30 a.m.

Following the discovery of the burglary, authorities notified valley law enforcement agencies to be on the lookout for a 1951 or 1952 model Cadillac with out-of-state license plates which had been noticed in Central Point Wednesday.

Patrolman Duane Franklin of the Medford police department spotted such an automobile at the Fortune station, 1006 South Riverside ave. at 2 a.m. The automobile, having New Mexico license plates, hurriedly left the service station when the police vehicle sped to the rescue.

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Russia Not To Accept Majority Rule on Test Ban

Radio Moscow Violates Pledge

Geneva—UPI—Hopes for an effective ban on nuclear testing faded today when the Russians announced they will insist on the right to veto decisions of the organization set up to police the ban.

Radio Moscow, violating a pledge of secrecy, broadcast a detailed account of Soviet proposals to the nuclear-test conference here revealing for the first time that Russia will not accept majority rule in the control group.

Strong Objections

The broadcast reaffirmed the Russian demand that tests must be banned "for all time," but at the same time expressed "strong objections" to the idea of setting up permanent inspection teams to police it.

The combined effect of the Soviet declarations probably will be to doom the conference on testing to failure.

At the same time, Radio Moscow served thinly-veiled notice on the United States and Britain that Russia reserves the right to resume testing at any time and to continue it until agreement on a ban is reached.

Test Program Resumed

The stated goal of the prospective resumption of Soviet nuclear tests was to "match the total number of U.S. and British explosions since March 31, 1958"—when the Russians announced they were suspending tests.

Permits Needed For New Sewer

Property owners in the Kenwood-Grandview and North Laurelhurst sewer districts will be notified when connections may be made to the new sewer line, City Engineer Vernon Thorpe reported today.

He added that permits must be secured at the city engineers' office in the city hall for all residences that are to be connected to the sewer line. These permits must be secured before the connection may be made.

These sewer lines, which are currently under construction, are being laid in segments at various parts of the projects. Thorpe said that because of this there has been some misunderstanding by residents who feel that the sewer line is ready for use.

The engineer said that when connections may be made it will be announced.

He stressed that residents in the areas should telephone the department to see if their particular residence may be connected to the line when it is completed. Then, he added, if the residence is in a position for the sewer line they may apply for a permit.

Thorpe stated that the permits are needed throughout the city wherever a sewer connection is to be made.

Work Speeded on Launching Base

Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.—UPI—Scientists, engineers and construction men worked feverishly here today to ready this huge new Air Force base for "Project Discoverer," a program aimed at putting a man-carrying satellite into space.

The Defense Department announced Wednesday that the first shot in the program to find out how to put a man into orbit and get him back safely will be fired in about 30 days.

The biggest U.S. satellites to date will be launched. These eventually will include a five-ton artificial moon which is much bigger than anything Russia has put into orbit so far.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES

New York—UPI—Dow Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 559.10, up 0.29; 20 railroads 154.01, up 0.04; 15 utilities 86.16, up 0.10; and 65 stocks 194.32, up 0.10. Sales today were about 3,630,000 shares compared with 3,460,000 shares yesterday.

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Mazama Club Ski Lodge Near Mt. Hood Levelled

Woman Dies While Running To Report Fire

Damage Figured To Be \$50,000

Government Camp, Ore.—UPI—Fire today destroyed the 27-year-old Mazama Club ski lodge near here and a woman died of an apparent heart attack while running to report the blaze.

Mrs. Ruth N. Reitman, 65, Boring, was living at the lodge with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Bertrand, when the blaze broke out about 8 a.m. She ran to the home and office of Bruce Kirkland, summit ranger for the U. S. Forest Service, and was going on to Government Camp when she collapsed.

Wiring Blamed

Damage was estimated at \$50,000. The blaze was believed to have started from electrical wiring in the wall of an upstairs bedroom.

Bertrand is caretaker for the lodge.

A pump was sent by the U. S. Forest Service station at Zigzag two miles away but the lodge's big cedar logs burned too swiftly for the two-story building to be saved.

The lodge was dedicated Nov. 1, 1931, and was built originally for \$8,000. However additions and improvements since that time have increased the value.

The club had about \$20,000 worth of insurance.

The building featured a large fireplace which included stones from major peaks in the United States.

Five Arraigned In Circuit Court

Five men were arraigned in circuit court Wednesday afternoon before Judge Edward C. Kelly. Two of them entered guilty pleas while two others waived the right to a grand jury hearing and were appointed attorneys. The fifth case was continued.

Pleading guilty to a charge of obtaining money by false pretenses was Cecil Hendricks, 33, of Klamath Falls. Sentencing was continued pending a pre-sentencing report from the state board of parole and probation.

Sylvester Lee Perkins, 21, of Tracy, Calif., pleaded guilty to a charge of burglary not in a dwelling. He was previously arraigned in district court and held on \$1,500 bond. Sentencing was continued pending receipt of Federal Bureau of Investigation reports.

Also arraigned were Jack Kenneth Lytle, 25, transient from California, and Merle Franklin Hinds, 19, of Hayfork, Calif., who are charged with grand larceny. Representing Lytle is Carl Clinkenbeard while attorney for Hinds is Russell W. DeForest. Both attorneys were appointed.

The probation revocation case of Albert Hubert Laessig, Anchorage, Alaska, was continued.



CENTENARIAN—Dewey Blackman, early-day pioneer of southern Oregon, celebrated his own "centennial" today, marking his 100th birthday anniversary. Blackman, who is a resident of Mitchell's sanitarium, Jacksonville, is in bed with a broken hip now, but is still keen of mind and can spin many a yarn about the early days here. Blackman was a resident of Central Point most of his life. He was born in Westfield, Ill., near Chicago, and came here when he was 25 years old. His only request for his 100th birthday present was a glass of blackberry wine. Looking at birthday cards with him above, Mrs. Gladys Winningham (left) and Mrs. Lois Pittman, RN.

Ex-Convict Sought For Questioning In Two Killings

Phoenix—UPI—Police investigating the throat-cutting double murder of Gambler Gus Greenbaum and his wife today sought a former employee who once served a prison sentence for stealing from Greenbaum.

Let to Conviction

Milner Jarvis was wanted for questioning on his whereabouts at the time of the brutal slayings. Police said Greenbaum signed a complaint which led to Jarvis' arrest and conviction of stealing \$45,000 in 1948 from the Las Vegas Flamingo hotel owned by the wealthy gambler.

Jarvis was sentenced to 2 to 14 years in Nevada State Prison. He was released before his term expired and less than two weeks ago was seen in Las Vegas.

Police emphasized Jarvis was not a suspect but that he was sought as a matter of routine.

"We are checking out all possibilities," an officer said. Offer \$10,000 Reward

Authorities are investigating the possibility that the double killing was the work of the underworld but detectives appeared to favor the belief that Greenbaum and his wife died at the hands of a disgruntled former employee.

A \$10,000 reward was being offered for the killer.

CP Jaycees To Hold Lighting Contest

Central Point—The Central Point Junior Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a Christmas lighting contest in the Central Point area this year.

Entry blanks are available at Central Point stores, and must be returned to local merchants by Dec. 20, according to Dr. Ned Starnes, chairman of the project.

Prizes will be awarded and judging will be on the basis of originality, lighting and theme. The winner will be eligible to enter General Electric's nationwide \$5,000 contest.

Judging will be the night of Dec. 23, Dr. Starnes said.

Effect of Ordinance Discussed by Group

The effect of Medford's proposed subdivision ordinance on the subdivision's wallet was discussed last night at the joint meeting of the city council and planning commission.

Other matters considered were the zoning of Harold Farr's property in Berrydale and city policy with regard to sign variances.

Since this was a policy meeting, no action was taken. But the exchange of ideas appeared to clear the way for future action in each case.

Posting of Bond

Sections in the subdivision ordinance drawing particular attention were one requiring the posting of bond or cash to guarantee putting in improvements and others specifying engineering requirements.

Edward A. McGinty, a surveyor who said he represented certain other surveyors and subdividers, asked a number of changes in the proposed ordinance.

City Manager Robert A. Duff reported he had received a list comprising 20 such changes from "four leading surveyors." Most of them, he said, were of a technical nature. He said city officials have agreed with some of these changes, and disagreed with others.

Under the ordinance as proposed, the subdivider would have to post either a personal bond co-signed by another person, a surety bond or cash. Lloyd Anderson, planning consultant from the bureau of municipal research and service, said this choice exists in Multnomah county, and the personal bond has been used in every case.

He said "a number of cities in Oregon" are requiring some sort of bond to guarantee that the subdivider will put in streets and other improvements promptly.

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Basement, First Floor Damaged in Blaze

Basement and first floor of the L. J. Guber residence, Griffin Creek rd., were considerably damaged by fire this morning, city firemen reported.

They said that heavy smoke damage resulted throughout the house from the fire which originated in the basement, apparently from the sawdust burner furnace. Firemen, who were called about 7:20 a.m., reported that the family dog suffocated in the fire.

WEATHER	
FORECAST: Partly cloudy and cooler tonight and Friday. Patchy valley fog early Friday. Low tonight 36. High Friday 45.	
Highest Yesterday	61
Lowest This Morning	32
Our Skies Tonight	
Sunset today	4:39 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	7:25 a.m.
Moonrise tomorrow	12:21 a.m.
New Moon	Dec. 10
PROMINENT STARS	
Square of Pegasus, high in south	6:48 p.m.
Alphairat, the upper left hand star of the figure, is not quite as bright as the North Star.	

20,000 Acres Blackened, Many Homes Destroyed

Troops Taken Into Rugged Fire Areas

Malibu, Calif.—UPI—Fire officials mounted a helicopter assault today against a stubborn brush fire which has blackened 20,000 acres and destroyed 40 homes in the Santa Monica mountains.

Troops were taken into rugged fire areas by 10-passenger S58 Army helicopters, shuttling back and forth between a fire camp heliport and a two-mile "hot spot" near Seminole Hot Springs. Conditions 'Fair'

County Fire Chief Keith E. Klinger said the general conditions of the fire were "fair" but there still was no predicted time for containing the huge blaze.

A small army of 2,000 firefighters was slightly reduced with the release of some pumper equipment but it was still an all-out fight.

Another troublesome section of line was in the rugged cliffs of Mesa Peak to Century Ranch.

Equipment was massed in the area beyond the peak to stop the fire if it should burn through to a populated area.

Weather Continues Hot

Mild winds blowing from interior desert areas drove flames through dry brush and scrub timber and temperatures were expected to rise into the high 80s.

At one time, the disastrous fire forced several thousand residents, including a number of movie and television personalities, to flee their homes in the Santa Monica mountains.

Actor Lew Ayres' \$50,000 home was among those destroyed. Others luckier were actors Glenn Ford, Bob Hope, Ronald Reagan and Jackie Coogan whose properties were spared but who managed to save their homes.

Servicemen on Lines

More than 1,000 servicemen—Marines from Camp Pendleton, soldiers from Camp Irwin and Ft. McArthur, and sailors from Port Hueneme, were on the lines.

Once again fire officials called on advanced firefighting techniques to help them in their battle.

Mysterious Beeps Said From Sputnik

San Antonio, Tex.—UPI—A San Antonio scientist said today the "mysterious radio signal from space" recorded here at 9:50 p.m. Wednesday came from a powerful solar battery reactivated on Russia's third Sputnik.

Dr. Paul Seabase, head of moonwatch operations at Trinity University, said "computations received from Cambridge, Mass., indicate the mysterious beeps were signals from the Sputnik and not an unknown satellite as originally believed."

He said the signals were touched off by occasional recharging of the powerful solar battery aboard the Sputnik.

Temperature Sets Second New Record

A maximum temperature record for Medford and vicinity was set yesterday for the second day in a row.

The 61-degree reading was the highest on record for Dec. 3. Previous high for the date was 58 in 1945. A 65-degree maximum on Dec. 2 on Tuesday also was a record for that day of the year.

Major Drive Launched To Boost Minimum Wage

Washington—UPI—Organized labor and its allies launched a major drive today to obtain an increase in the federal minimum wage and extend it to include millions of workers not now covered.

New demands for Congress to revamp the Fair Labor Standards Act were expected to result from a two-day conference marking the 20th anniversary of the minimum wage law.

Speakers Lined Up

The AFL-CIO and the National Consumers League, joint sponsors of the meeting, lined up such New Deal headlines as former Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins and economist Leon Keyserling to address their conference.

The Labor Federation was on record in favor of a 25-cent boost in the minimum to \$1.25 and extension of coverage to nearly 10 million additional wage and salary workers.

Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell, scheduled to speak today, did not commit himself on a higher minimum or broader coverage in his prepared remarks.

Mitchell said he would ask Congress to amend the act to authorize him to sue an employer to recover back wages for an underpaid worker without the worker's written permission as now required.