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Portland Family Missing in Woods

Search Spreads As Group Fails To Return Home

Family Seeking Christmas Trees

Portland — (UPI) — A wide-spread search was under way in forested areas of western Oregon today for a Portland family of five missing since Sunday afternoon on a Christmas-tree gathering trip.

Missing were Ken Martin, 54; his wife, Barbara, 48, and their three daughter, Barbara, 15; Virginia, 12, and Sue, 10.

Neighbors said the family left home about 2 p.m. Sunday and was believed heading for Larch mountain in eastern Multnomah county. An all-night search of roads on the mountain failed to find the missing family and the hunt spread today to other areas.

Clackamas county deputies hunted in the Government Camp and Estacada areas, and Tillamook county officials were hunting through the Lazy Bend forest area in the Tillamook burn on the chance the family may have gone to one of these areas to hunt trees. Search also continued around Larch mountain today.

The search began Monday night after neighbors reported the family failed to return home. Martin, service manager at a local electric company, did not report for work Monday and the three girls were not in school.

Trails, Roads Covered

Two jeeps were used Monday night to cover seldom used trails and logging roads in the Larch mountain area where pines grow so thick that they are not able to travel. Chief Deputy Ard Pratt said all trails in the Larch mountain area had been covered. Multnomah deputies also were checking the Gordon Creek and Trout Creek road areas south and east of Springfield near the Sandy river.

The Martins were reported to have been driving their 1956 red and white Ford station wagon with Oregon license 1G 7156.

Plane Hits House; Six Persons Die

Norfolk, Va. — (UPI) — A crippled Navy tanker plane, laden with fuel, slammed into one of a cluster of three houses today near the Norfolk Naval Air Station.

The plane's four crewmen and two children in the house were killed.

The children's mother, another child and a civilian truck driver whose vehicle was hit by the plane, were injured, the Navy said.

End of Pioneer Missile Believed Seen in Africa

Fort Lamy, French Equatorial Africa — (UPI) — A Frenchman and an African believed today they had seen the end of the U.S. moon missile Pioneer III. It burst like a Christmas star over this remote jungle outpost Sunday night.

Pierre Stockel, 33, Air France representative here, said it was 7:55 p.m. local time when he and the African, also employed at the airfield, saw the flames.

Alerted To Watch

Stockel told United Press International he had been alerted to watch for the possible end of the Army's first moon rocket which was returning to earth after soaring 66,000 miles in one more attempt by man to reach the moon and beyond.

"We were scanning the wide open sky—it seems immense here in Africa—when



POLE BROKE—Ralph Andrew Truax, 67, route 3, box 251, Medford, died in this vehicle yesterday morning in the 1000 block of Court st. He apparently suffered a heart attack, losing control of the car which veered into the power pole. The Medford policeman who reached the scene first reported Truax died before police arrived. Live wires from the pole prevented investigation momentarily. A black dog riding with Truax survived. (Photo by Ted Whisler, MPD)

Arrest of 13 Bares Fantastic Scheme To Defraud Bank

Los Angeles — (UPI) — Details of a fantastic million dollar bank fraud scheme came to light today in the aftermath of arrests of 13 businessmen and banking officials.

Among those arrested were the president, the vice president and a cashier of the nearby Sun Valley National Bank, the institution which allegedly is short one million dollars or more in cash.

FBI agents revealed after Monday's mass arrests that the bank was methodically drained of its funds over a period extending more than three years by means of persons cashing thousands of worthless checks.

12 Arraigned

One man allegedly cashed \$296,067 in checks against an account containing only \$131. Three others issued checks for \$208,116 against an account with \$1.30 in it.

Eleven men and one woman were arraigned on charges of conspiring with John E. Petersen, mild-mannered former vice president of the bank, to cash checks without sufficient funds.

The investigation has been going on ever since a bank examiner discovered the shortage of funds at the bank several weeks ago.

First break in the case came Dec. 2 when Petersen was arrested several days after the bank had been sold to a large banking institution which has guaranteed depositors' accounts.

"The colors changed from white to yellow and then from yellow to orange."

"Suddenly, it was over, and the new star had finished its race and died out about 50 degrees to the right of the runway."

"The whole show lasted no more than three seconds. But we had the impression we were attending the death of something much bigger than anything we had seen before."

Stockel said the disintegration was northeast of Fort Lamy and must have occurred over the treeless plain, with only wild animals to watch it.

Schools Remain Closed by Storm At Bellingham

Bellingham, Wash. — (UPI) — All schools in Bellingham and Whatcom county were closed for the second consecutive day today as a result of what old-timers termed the worst winter weather in the area since 1932.

Major gains in restoring electric power to the winter-stricken county were made during the night as Puget Sound Power & Light Co. crews worked around the clock to restore service to all main lines. As a result service had been restored today to all but a few remote and scattered localities.

College Classes Closed

However, an outage forced closure of classes at Western Washington College of Education until later in the day.

Telephone service was partially restored to Ferndale, Custer and Blaine. It was still out to other Whatcom county communities and to the San Juan Islands. These localities have been out of communication with Bellingham since the "silver thaw" first struck Saturday evening and blanketed a large portion of the county.

The storm which caused at least \$100,000 damage to power facilities, began Friday with a light snow. It became severe Saturday when freezing rains and heavy snows, whipped by winds up to 40 miles an hour, hit the area.

A dozen heavy snow plows worked through the night to dig Oswego, N.Y., on the eastern shore of Lake Ontario, from a record five-foot snowfall Monday. Drifts up to 20 feet paralyzed the city, prompting Mayor Vincent Corsallo to declare an emergency.

Freezing Rain at Warm Springs Junction

Salem — (UPI) — The State Highway department reported freezing rain at Warm Springs Junction today and cautioned motorists that chains were required in that area.

Two inches of new snow, turning to slush, were reported at Ochoco summit, Seneca and Burns. Traces of new snow were reported at The Dalles, Meacham and Baker, and an inch of new snow at Austin.

Spots of ice were reported at Sisters. And Troutdale reported strong east wind. Dense fog was reported in the Bend area, with fog also at Ontario.

Yule Trees To Plug Oregon Centennial

Salem — (UPI) — Yule trees from the Oregon Cascades soon will be on their way to 49 states and territorial capitals, a gift from Gov. Robert D. Holmes to help advertise Oregon and next year's Centennial.

Head of Soviet Secret Police Relieved of Job

Moscow — (UPI) — A seven-line announcement on the back page of Moscow's official newspapers disclosed today that Gen. Ivan Serov has been relieved as chief of the Soviet secret police.

The announcement in Izvestia and Pravda said the move was made by the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet in view of his transfer to another post. It did not elaborate and it was not known if he was being promoted or demoted.

There also was no indication whether Serov would return to regular army work as a general. He was trained as a professional soldier and was graduated from Frunze Military Academy, Russia's highest.

Since graduation he has worked mostly in security organizations but held important frontline commands in World War II.

Serov was last seen publicly in November at the Kremlin's annual reception on the anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution. He wore a ceremonial general's dress uniform and as customary attended the reception with his wife.

Serov became head of the Committee of State Security in April 1954, succeeding Lavrenti P. Beria who was arrested in June, 1953 and accused of plotting against the state. He was executed six months later as a traitor.

Serov, 53, often accompanied Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev abroad and was associated with him in the Ukraine before World War II when Khrushchev was Communist Party leader there.

Work on Medford Approaches Topic Of Survey Group

The first meeting of the survey action subcommittee of the Make Medford Beautiful committee was held Monday noon at the Medford hotel.

Fourteen representatives of 10 civic groups and organizations in the city attended. Chairman Granville Brittan explained the work that could now be done on the north-south approaches to the city. These projects would mainly concern contacting property owners to enlist them to improve their property.

Organizations represented at the meeting were Medford Active club, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Medford, and Roxey, and Crater Garden clubs, YMCA, Junior Chamber of Commerce, Crater Lions, and Medford Realty Board.

Other organizations that have expressed interest in the program but were unable to send representatives to the meeting were Medford Rose society, Kiwanis and the 20-30 club.

It was mentioned that suggestions for planting shrubbery and flowers would be available from garden clubs.

Brittan stressed that all interested persons and organizations that have not been contacted and wish to aid with the program may call either him or Lou Cranston, chairman of the committee.

East Again Hit By Snow Storm

New snow fell in Upstate New York today, adding to drifts already as high as 20 feet in storm-stricken Oswego, and numbing cold across the northern tier of states was so intense officials said Lake Erie probably would be frozen over well ahead of normal.

Thousands of commuters were late to work in Chicago. Readings plunged to 10 below zero early today at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport. Hibbing, in northern Minnesota, reported 32 degrees below zero.

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UMC Reaches 87 Per Cent of Goal

The United Medford Crusade has reached \$115,211, or 87.5 per cent, of the \$131,030 goal, General Chairman Richard Travis reported at yesterday's semi-final report luncheon.

A total of \$124,000 is expected at the final report meeting next Monday noon at Ping's Gardens, he said.

Division chairman, section heads, special chairmen, board members and others interested in the UMC will determine what course of action should be taken to obtain the \$7,000 expected deficit.

Travis said work on the campaign will continue until the \$131,030 goal is reached.

"You Suppose Khrushchev Knows More About The 1960 Race Than We Do?"



Election Tomorrow On Ballot Measure To Amend Charter

Medford's special election on a city charter amendment that would sanction development of a municipal off-street parking program takes place tomorrow.

All registered voters, a total of 13,045, are eligible to vote the polls, according to City Recorder Darrell Huson.

Cloudiness, fog and occasional light rain are predicted.

Polling Places

Four polling places have been established, one for each ward. Ward I ballots are to be cast at Hedrick Junior High school; Ward II, in the girls' gym Medford Senior High school; Ward III, at McLoughlin Junior High school; and Ward IV, at the Girl Scout center on Main st. just east of Bear creek bridge.

The polls are to be open from 1 to 8 p.m.

The ballot measure reads: "PURPOSE: Amend City Charter to authorize City to pledge to payment of Off-Street Parking Bonds authorized by state statute, in addition to revenues and special assessments from established districts for off-street parking facilities, full faith and credit of City and portion of parking meter revenue, such bonds not to exceed \$500,000.00 in principal amount, and acquire property by lease for periods not exceeding fifty years for off-street parking facilities."

In essence, it would permit the city council to issue general obligation bonds, backed by the city's "full faith and credit," to finance development of off-street parking facilities.

City officials have been told by bonding authorities that general obligation bonds are the only type that can readily be marketed. And the approval of the city's voters is necessary to authorize this type of bond.

The mayor's advisory committee on off-street parking has informed the public that these bonds would be paid off from three sources: revenue

from the facilities themselves, up to 25 per cent of the city's parking meter revenue and assessments on property in the district benefited by the facilities.

No General Tax Levy

Committee members and city officials have assured the public that no general tax to pay off the bonds is anticipated.

It would be necessary only in case of extreme emergency and only in the event that the assured valuation of the downtown area were insufficient to meet the bond obligations.

If the charter amendment is approved, these supporters state, the next step would be establishment of the assessment district, following public hearings, then agreement on the facility to be constructed; then issuance of bonds; then construction of the facility and finally, its operation.

New Warnings on Berlin Elections

Berlin — (UPI) — Communist East Germany and the Soviet Union issued new warnings today to the West against letting results of the West Berlin municipal elections make them think the fight for Berlin was over.

The official East German Communist newspaper Neues Deutschland said the fight for West Berlin is only beginning, that the massive anti-Communist vote was meaningless and warned that it was "not a mandate to commit provocations."

Installation of Main Starts on Riverside

Medford water crews this week started installation of an eight-inch main along Riverside ave. from Earhart st. to Boyd st., according to City Water Superintendent Robert Lee.

The main will increase capacity for the area, providing local service and fire protection. Lee said the work would be completed within ten days.

Oregon City - Bellrose Trolley Case Lost

Salem — (UPI) — Public Utility Commissioner Howard Morgan today admitted that the fight to get trolley service restored between Portland and Oregon City-Bellrose has been lost. Morgan said refusal of the courts to back up the PUC in its fight since last January was responsible for the defeat.

Berlin, Rocket Developments Aired in Message

Information Said Not Significant

Washington — (UPI) — Sen. Hubert Humphrey (D-Minn.) today gave President Eisenhower a secret message from Premier Nikita Khrushchev on the Berlin crisis, but suggested that the proposals were "unacceptable."

Humphrey, who spent an unprecedented eight hours with Khrushchev in Moscow, said that the message to Eisenhower also was related to Russian rocket developments and nuclear explosions.

Talking to newsmen after he conferred with the President for an hour and 20 minutes, Humphrey was asked by reporters if the Premier's discussion involved some new way to advance negotiations on the German problem.

"I would hope their suggestions would be unacceptable—and I believe they are," he replied.

Humphrey, Senate disarmament subcommittee chairman, said he would supplement his report with a personal memo to the President and detailed notes to the State Department.

Silent About Details

Humphrey said the new information on weapons and nuclear matters he relayed from the Soviet leader were "not as significant as Mr. Khrushchev would like to have us believe."

Humphrey said Eisenhower did not ask him to withhold the information he had given to the President. But the senator refused to make public in greater detail the contents of Khrushchev's message.

He said it would be up to the State Department and Atomic Energy commission to determine release of the information.

Humphrey said he indicated to Eisenhower what Khrushchev told him relating to a ban on atomic tests. He gave his own conclusion that "there is a real possibility of agreement. He said he reported as fully as he could on Khrushchev's views on trade and the Berlin situation."

Scientific Information

Humphrey said he believed some of the weapons and nuclear information given him by Khrushchev had been partly available to this government but said he "filled in" gaps on these points. He said Khrushchev told him the intelligence data had not been given out before.

He emphasized in reply to other questions that Khrushchev's information on nuclear explosions was separate from that dealing with rockets. It did not relate to nuclear tests, which he said he discussed separately.

Humphrey said the President was "happy to have the information"—through him or through "any channel he can get."

He said he indicated to the President that Khrushchev apparently would like to have a summit conference and indicated a desire to visit the United States and other parts of the Free World. But Humphrey said he did not recommend any course of action on this. He said Eisenhower made no reply on the visit question.

Nothing About Plane

Humphrey said he learned nothing from Khrushchev about Soviet development of a nuclear-powered plane. He said the technical information Khrushchev gave him was not connected with nuclear propulsion.

He indicated Khrushchev asked him specifically to relay to Eisenhower the information on his Berlin views and on nuclear explosions.

Humphrey said he indicated his personal and complete support of the President's stand on the Berlin crisis—"that we are there and are going to stay there and not fall prey to any false or inadequate proposal by Mr. Khrushchev."

orders for its removal, Herdman explained.

All but one row next to the building will go, and the space will be planted to lawn, Herdman said. The holly couldn't be trimmed back and most of it had to be removed before the hazard could be removed, he added.

Elderly people complained that it was growing over the sidewalk and other persons complained it was hazardous to small children. Still others complained it obstructed the view of oncoming traffic at the corner.

Complaints about the removal of the Holly, which has been a post office fixture for many years, also were heard as the removal started this week.

WEATHER	
FORECAST: Continued cloudy and foggy with occasional light rain tonight and tomorrow. Little change in temperature. Low tonight 45. High Wednesday near 50.	
Highest Yesterday	51
Lowest this Morning	46
Our Skies Tonight	
Sunset today	4:39 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	7:30 a.m.
The Moon rises	7:13 a.m.
tomorrow and is in Perigee.	
New Moon	Wednesday
PROMINENT STARS	
Vega, low in northwest	9:19 p.m.
Altair, high in	
southeast	9:57 p.m.
VISIBLE PLANETS	
Mars, high in south	9:55
Jupiter, rises	5:34 a.m.