

Cattleman of Year
Pendleton (UPI)—Bill Duff, 34, of Pendleton Thursday night was named Cattleman of the Year for Umatilla county. Laman Rugg, Pilot Rock area rancher, was elected president of the Umatilla county Cattleman's Association.

Christmas Candle Ignites House; Two Children Perish

Walnut Creek, Calif. (UPI)—A softly-glowing candle nestling among pine boughs on a mantel was blamed today for a fire that brought tragedy to a family of five eagerly awaiting the Christmas holidays.

The candle touched off a holocaust that resulted in the deaths of two girls, Lindsey Flum, 2, and her sister, Kimber Lee Flum, 7. It critically burned their mother, Mrs. Margaret Flum, 34, and less seriously injured their father, Robert, 32, and another child, Kevin, 10.

Flame Reaches Boughs
The family had retired on Wednesday night, apparently forgetting to put out the candle on the mantel. For hours, the only light in the living room was the candle burning down. At last, the flame reached the dry boughs. A neighbor spotted 25-foot flames rising from the house at 3:40 a.m. yesterday. About that time, Kevin woke up and screamed in fear. His father ran to the boy's room, broke a window and tossed him outside.

With the hallway blocked by flames, Flum climbed through the window himself, cutting his neck badly, and ran outside his own bedroom to save his wife.

By now, 100 foot flames were rising into the predawn darkness. Firemen pulled Flum away and entered the house themselves. They brought out Mrs. Flum, who had been trying to shield Lindsey with her body. The child had died of smoke inhalation. Mrs. Flum suffered second

and third degree burns on her body. The body of Kimber Lee was found charred in her bed from which she had not moved. The house was left in a heap of ashes.

Linda Christian To Ask Support

Hollywood (UPI)—Actress Linda Christian, second wife of the late Tyrone Power, said today she plans to file a petition soon against the actor's estate for \$1,300 a month support for her two daughters.

Such action was set up in the original Power-Christian divorce proceedings. Before she can file such a petition she must be appointed legal guardian of the two girls, Romina, 8, and Taryn, 5, her attorney, James Fizzolio, said in confirming that she would seek the support payments of \$650 a month for each child. The guardianship is expected to be granted today, the attorney said.

"Under the original property settlement between my client and Mrs. Power, no specific provision was made for child support during their father's lifetime. All the payments were alimony, making them tax deductible to Power," Fizzolio explained.

"In case of his death, however, it was provided that the estate would support the children. It is up to the court, of course, to determine what amount is fair for them to receive."

Open House Set For Fairview

Salem—An open house will be held at the Oregon Fairview Home, southeast of Salem, Saturday and Sunday, according to Dr. Irvin B. Hill, superintendent.

The state institution for the mentally retarded is celebrating its 50th birthday.

"The people of the state own Fairview and we are happy to have this opportunity to show them their institution," the superintendent said. "However, I would like to point out that the public is invited to tour the facilities every second and fourth Wednesday between 1 p.m. and 1:30 p.m."

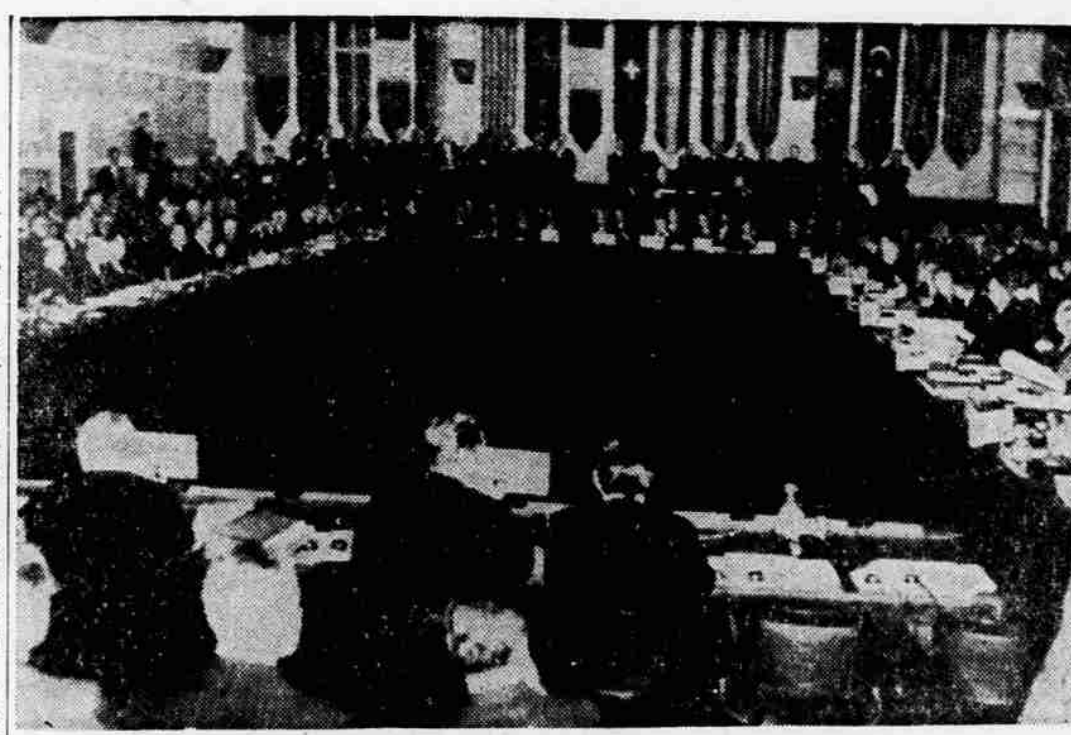
A number of exhibits will show programs for the care and treatment of the mentally deficient, the superintendent said. Tours will be conducted through the various facilities from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Visitors may discuss any of the facilities with the staff.

Pack Plans Party For Yule Season

Central Point—Central Point Cub Scout Pack 40 will hold its annual Christmas party at the junior high school library on Monday, Dec. 22, at 7:30 p.m.

Any boys between 8 and 11 years of age interested in becoming Cub Scouts may come and bring their parents, a pack official said. Registration blanks will be available.

Christmas presents made by the Cub Scouts will be given to the parents. The party is for the whole family, the pack official reminded. Entertainment will be provided and Santa will come with candy for the children.



DEFENSE MEETING—The NATO Council of Ministers is meeting in Paris to revitalize Western atomic and rocket defenses. In both the formal sessions and in private diplomatic conversations, the most touchy issue is the sending of American missiles to Europe.

Police Investigate Possible Amnesia In Hunt for Woman

Santa Barbara, Calif. (UPI)—Police today investigated the possibility that Mrs. Olga Duncan, 30, who disappeared Nov. 17, may be the victim of amnesia.

At the same time police and FBI agents continued their search for the expectant mother's body on the theory she may have met with foul play.

The possibility that Mrs. Duncan, whose mother-in-law, Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Duncan, 54, has admitted impersonating the younger woman at fraudulent annulment proceedings, may be an amnesia victim was disclosed after a medical specialist informed police he was called on to treat the missing woman for "psychomotoric symptoms."

Lived in Fear
The obstetrician, who was not identified, told police the former Canadian nurse lived in fear of her mother-in-law.

No charges have yet been filed in connection with the disappearance.

Meanwhile, police revealed that the man who posed alongside the older woman as her son, Santa Barbara attorney Frank Duncan, 29, was being held on felony charges. He was identified as Rolph Winterstein, 25, of Santa Maria, Calif.

Mrs. Duncan, although admitting the plot to annul her son's marriage, said she knew nothing about his wife's disappearance.

She was held for perjury and filing a false statement in connection with the annulment.

Bloodstained Car
Police Capt. A. C. Wade said police were looking over a bloodstained car, registered to a Santa Barbara night club owner, which was found three

blocks from the missing woman's apartment.

The owner of the car, Mrs. Esperanza Esquizez, said the blood came from a hog hauled in the vehicle.

Another auto also was impounded for investigation. Meanwhile, Elias Kupczyk, a railroad worker, said he planned to leave his home in Winnipeg, Manitoba, within the next 10 days to aid authorities in searching for his daughter.

Police said Mrs. Elizabeth Duncan had been married at least four times since 1951. At least three of the marriages were annulled, they said.

Local Insurance Men Attend Meet

Five representatives of the John Hancock Mutual life insurance company in southern Oregon are attending a meeting in Portland today.

Purpose of the meeting is to launch the John Hancock's new advance signature series of life insurance policies which will be available in most states on Jan. 1, a spokesman said. Those attending the meeting include Charles A. Bennett, unit manager, Medford; J. L. Murphy, Grants Pass; T. E. Holmes, Ashland; Roger Hogstrom and Hal G. Moore Jr., both of Medford. They are all members of the Perle A. Kessinger General agency in Portland.

The Savannah was the first steamship ever to cross the Atlantic. She sailed from Savannah, Ga., to Liverpool, England, in 1819.

The Pacific ocean covers about one-third the earth's surface.

Turncoat Admits Being Homesick

Hong Kong (UPI)—American turncoat soldier Richard G. Corden, East Providence, R.I., returned to the Free World today after five years in Communist China and admitted he was homesick.

Corden, a former U.S. Army sergeant first class, refused repatriation after the Korean war. He crossed into the crown colony wearing a light blue overcoat, a white scarf and a loud blue tie.

He told newsmen who met him at the frontier he wanted to be home for Christmas.

He denied at a news conference later, however, that he was disillusioned with Communism.

He admitted that he was a "liaison man in the POW camp at Panmunjom" in Korea but denied being a leader of the turncoats.

Corden, the 10th of the 21 Americans who chose Communism in Korea to change his mind about coming home, denied he was a member of the Communist Party.

Corden, who looked healthy and sported a thick mustache, said he decided to leave Communist China "principally because of homesickness."

Sudan Asks Moscow For Discussion on Aid

Cairo (UPI)—Sudanese Premier Ibrahim Abboud has asked Moscow to send a delegation to Khartoum to discuss Soviet economic aid, the Middle East News Agency reported.

A Mensa dispatch from Khartoum quoted Abboud as saying:

"Our acceptance of American aid does not mean we will not take Soviet aid. We are ready to accept aid or a loan from any country provided it does not infringe on our independence and sovereignty."

Junior High Dance Slated for YMCA

A junior high school dance will be held at the Medford Young Men's Christian association building Saturday, Dec. 30, at 8:30 p.m., according to Herb Partridge, YMCA youth work secretary.

Chairman of the dance committee is Miss Devonne Prough, Medford. Mrs. S. O. Prough will serve as adult advisor. Chaperones for the event are Mr. and Mrs. Gang, Mr. and Mrs. Myers and Mr. and Mrs. Harris.

The group will use the YMCA social hall facilities. This program is under the auspices of the YMCA Youth Council. Chairman of the adult Youth Council committee is Chris Hutton, Medford. Anyone may attend dances at the YMCA whether or not they are members.

The longest lake in America—in name only—is Lake Chargoggagogg manchaugaugogchaubunungamaugg at Webster, Mass.

Two Youths Charged With \$5 Robbery

Richard Wilson Whited, 27, and Robert Leroy Whited, 22, brothers of Santa Monica, Calif., were arrested here yesterday in connection with the theft of \$5 from Walker Auto Parts, Talent, according to Medford police.

They were hitch-hiking about 7:15 p.m. on South Riverside ave., at Fifth st. when arrested, police said. The pair reportedly were turned over to the Oregon State police.


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