

Oregon News Briefs

FATAL FIRE
Halfway—UPB—Forrest Shepard, 51, a handyman at a local lumber mill, died Thursday night in a fire at his home located near the mill. Town Marshal Ellis Makinson said the blaze was believed to have started from kerosene used to start a wood stove.

CAPS STOLEN
St. Helens—UPB—Forty-four of 51 dynamite caps taken from a construction project here were reported still missing today and police warned they were extremely dangerous. Seven of the caps were recovered on the street and in cars. Police Sgt. Clyde Bodington said the plastic caps explode under pressure or in fire.

BIG LOG CUT
Coos Bay—UPB—A giant Douglas fir tree, more than 400 years old, was cut Thursday. The tree measured 283 feet high with a butt 10 feet in diameter. It contained about 40,000 board feet of lumber. A 40-foot section of the tree will be taken to Portland by railroad for display at the Centennial Exposition.

GRAND JURY REPORTS
Eugene—UPB—A Lane county grand jury has reported "the wholesale price of gasoline is apparently artificially high, keeping retail prices high and discouraging competition among dealers." The jury made an inquiry into a recent gasoline price war in the area. There were no indictments.

WAMPLER APPEALS
Oregon City—UPB—Robert Wampler, former state policeman discharged last fall on charges he discussed departmental affairs with other than his superiors, has taken his case for reinstatement to the State Supreme Court. He is now a Clackamas county deputy sheriff.

COSTLY PREVENTION
Portland—UPB—Sheriff Francis Lambert has told county commissioners it will cost \$203,076 to prevent crime and traffic mishaps and otherwise maintain law and order during the 100-day Centennial Exposition. He asked authority to hire 96 men for a four-month period and to buy 12 motorcycles.

TREES APPROVED
Portland—UPB—The Portland city council indicated Thursday that if engineering, traffic and legal problems can be solved it is in favor of a plan to place 800 trees in the sidewalk area of 40 downtown blocks. Most of the estimated \$32,000 cost of the installation has been pledged.

GAY 90s FESTIVAL
Forest Grove—UPB—Some 15,000 persons were expected in this Tualatin Valley city today and Saturday for the 13th annual Gay 90s Festival, highlighted by the annual barber-shop ballad contest.

TOURIST HELP
Salem—UPB—A bill directing the Highway Commission to put up tourist information signs near the state boundary on major highways won approval of the Senate Highway committee Thursday.

COMMISSION CONTROL
Salem—UPB—The House Agriculture and Livestock Committee approved Thursday a bill under which commodity commissions would control spending of their own money. The secretary of state still would audit the commission books. Commission budgets now are approved by the Legislature.

Another bill which won approval would put counties on their own in predator control.

BILL TABLED
Salem—UPB—A bill which would allow state employees time and a half for work on legal holidays was tabled by the Labor and Industries Committee of the House Thursday. The action came after the State Employees Association, sponsor of the bill, told the committee it believed it could find a better method of obtaining the same objective.

BARBER BILL
Salem—UPB—Sen. Dan Dimick (D-Roseburg) and Rep. Ed Whelan (D-Portland) Thursday introduced a bill to toughen laws regulating barber schools.

Among other things, it would increase barber courses from six to nine months and require barber school students to present medical certificates showing them free of contagious or infectious diseases.

Van Gogh Exhibit Inspires Viewers To Start Painting

The exhibit of paintings by Vincent van Gogh which closes at the Portland Art Museum this week end may very well have inspired some of its viewers to try their own hand at painting.

Van Gogh himself did not really settle down to making a painter of himself until after he was thirty years of age, and this should be an encouraging thought for those who have an unfulfilled urge toward putting their ideas on canvas.

The Jackson County Library, according to Librarian Helen Webster, offers many books on painting techniques to the man or woman who would like to take up painting as a hobby or pastime, and excellent instruction is available locally for those who wish to take advantage of it.

Both President Eisenhower and Winston Churchill are busy men who have found recreation in spare-time painting. "I consider myself very lucky that late in life I have been able to develop this new taste and pastime," writes Churchill in his book, "Painting as a Pastime," which is to be found in your public library.

Popular Books
Some of the most popular books at the library for beginners in painting are: "Pull Up An Easel," by Norman Garbo, "Painting as a Hobby," by S. D. Tach, "The Joy of Painting," by Arthur Zaidenberg, and "The Amateur Painter's Handbook," by Frederic Taubes.

Watercolor painting is perhaps the most popular type of painting for amateurs. Among the books recommended for instruction in this medium are "Watercolor Painting Step-by-Step," by Arthur Guphill; "Watercolor Methods," by Norman Kent; "Course in Beginning Watercolor," by J. B. Musacchia; and "Watercolor Made Easy," by Herb Olson.

Those interested in oil painting will find the following books useful: "Oil Painting," by James Bateman; "Oil Painting," by Henry Martin Gasser; "Oil Painting for the Beginner," by Frederic Taubes; and "Oil Painting for Everyone," by Frank Slater.

Still another type of painting is described in "Finger Painting, A Perfect Medium for Self-Expression," by R. F. Shaw.

Books on drawing, designing, sculpture, woodcuts, and woodcarving are also available for those who prefer these media of expression from the Jackson County Library, both at the headquarters library and through its nine community branch agencies.

Bridges Returns To San Francisco

San Francisco—UPB—Harry Bridges, president of the International Longshoremen's returned home Thursday night from a European trip which included a week's stay in Russia.

He described the trip as "lousy—because it was too long."

Bridges, who was met at the airport by ILWU officials and his wife, Noriko, declined to discuss the Russian visit or his plans to hold an International Longshoremen's convention in Tokyo.

His wife said a press conference was scheduled for Monday.

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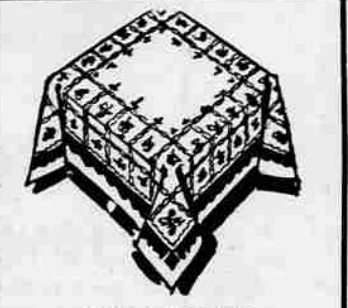
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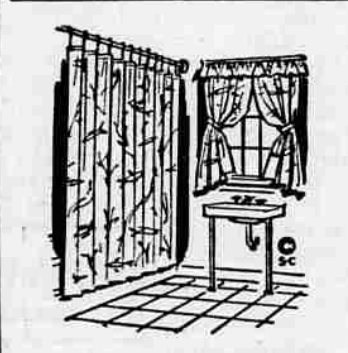
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