

Leaking Propane Threatens Block

Portland—UPI—More than a block in the industrial area of Southeast Portland was threatened when propane gas leaked from a tank Friday. The gas threatened an explosion for more than an hour. Two persons suffered vapor burns and a fireman was treated for inhaling too much of the poisonous gas. Driver of the propane truck, Harold Newkirk, suffered vapor burns and fireman Phil York suffered frost-bite and vapor burns. Newkirk said he was pumping 100 gallons of liquid propane into the truck to test the meter on the Burns truck station tank when the overflow valve on the truck came open.

Jacksonville Man Wins Farm Building Contest

Philadelphia—Edmund Ramsay, route 1, box 45, Jacksonville, has been named one of the winners in the \$10,000 Farm Building Improvement contest sponsored jointly by the National Lumber Manufacturers association and Farm Journal magazine. Ramsay, who received \$100 for his design of a loose-housing system, was one of 24 prize winners in the "B" division of the nationwide contest for projects using more than \$500 worth of lumber and millwork.



SEES COUGAR - Terry Turner, a sophomore at Crater High school, who was armed only with a camera and not prepared for an encounter with a mountain lion, thinks she set an all-time speed record for a two or three mile section of mountain trail near Gold Hill recently. She was about eight feet from the cougar when she stopped to take a picture of a snow scene, she said.

Ogreish Cougar Fails to Foil Lass With Lens

Terry Turner, a resident of Gold Hill and a sophomore at Crater High school, is as fond of cats as the next person, but even if she'd have had a saucer of milk handy she wouldn't have stopped to feed the one she saw on a mountain trail recently. Terry said she had taken a hike on the seven-mile Boy Scout trail near Gold Hill to take pictures of snow scenes and had paused to aim her camera when she heard a deep growl behind her. She said she glanced over her shoulder and saw a cougar lying about eight feet from her in the shelter of some underbrush. The snarling animal had its teeth bared, Terry said, but made no motion to charge. Nearly frozen. Trying to act nonchalant, while nearly frozen with fright, Terry said she continued to whistle, aimed her camera at the scene she intended to take and snapped the shutter. Then, still trying to show unconcern, she walked slowly to a point some distance from the animal before breaking into a run. She told her grandmother, Mrs. Harriet Elliott, that she probably broke all speed records for that two or three mile section of trail back to town. Terry added that not clicking the camera at the cougar itself, at that short range, might have saved her from being attacked, although she admits a portrait of the animal would have been undisputable evidence to back up her story. The cougar has been known to charge human beings when cornered.

Seen, Heard - A resident of Gold Hill reported seeing a cougar recently on the hill behind the Ideal cement plant and a woman said she heard what she thought was the cry of a cougar early one morning, which seemed to come from the hill north east of town.

Snake Withdrawal Action Postponed

Salem—UPI—The state water resource board Friday voted to delay for one month any action to withdraw waters of the Snake and Imnaha rivers. The action came after a fish by-pass canal designed to carry migratory salmon both upstream and downstream and completely around the short Imnaha arm of the lake behind a proposed 670-foot high Mountain Sheep dam on the Snake river was outlined to the board. Pacific Northwest Power company said a fish screen capable of handling the entire flow of the Imnaha river would be installed in the stream at the upper end of the 9-mile arm to assure that all fingerling salmon headed downstream are directed into the canal and safely around the proposed dam. Hugh Smith, Portland attorney for PNP, noted the

Tonsorial Tonsils In Quartet Contest

Forest Grove—UPI—Eight quartets went into the finals last night in the annual Gay Nineties Festival and Barber-shop Ballad contest here. The finalists were named Friday night as an opening day feature of the two-day festival. Chosen as the Gay Nineties Belle was Sonya Yunker of Forest Grove. She reigned over concluding ceremonies yesterday. Quartet finalists included the Capitol Chordsmen, Salem; the Quartnotes, Vancouver, Wash., and the Delta Four of University of Oregon, Eugene. Corps of Engineers had designed High Mountain Sheep as the key project for the middle Snake in its newest recommendations for comprehensive development of the Columbia Basin.

Guide Dogs Given Privilege by Law

Olympia—UPI—Legislation to permit blind persons to take their guide dogs into public places where other dogs are prohibited was signed into law by Gov. Albert D. Rosellini Friday.

Another measure signed in to law authorizes the state to contract with the federal government for confinement of prisoners sentenced to the state reformatory as well as for the penitentiary. Other new acts provide for the settlement of disputes concerning the domicile of deceased persons on tax cases; redefine certain sections of the motor vehicle code relating to explosives; authorize certain state employees to examine court records to determine financial responsibility for the case of the mentally ill, and make a deficiency appropriation of \$300,000 to cover social security for teachers retroactive to Jan. 1, 1956.

Man Stricken on Ship Reported Seriously Ill

Honolulu—UPI—Anthony Maness, 49, Seattle, was described in serious condition at Tripler Army Hospital yesterday after being flown here aboard a MATS plane from the freighter Oregon. Maness was taken to Midway infirmary from the Oregon Thursday night suffering from peritonitis. He had been examined by a doctor from the Coast Guard cutter Chautauqua.



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New Loading Tong Invented in Lebanon

Logging equipment dealers of southern Oregon are expected to start handling a new type log-loading tong in about 30 days, R. F. Jenkins, Lebanon, inventor of the tongs, has announced.

The "Doroy" tongs, Jenkins said, has the same function as other tongs, but differ in that they are operated by the loader operator rather than a second man specifically for that purpose, thus eliminating a safety hazard responsible for many accidents.

Jenkins, who has been in the logging business for 15 years, said the idea for a "safer and faster" loading tong had been worked out over a number of years.

Opening and closing the jaws which grip the log is controlled by a single cable while the lift is made by a second cable.

All operations are conducted from the cab of the loader, Jenkins said.

Capacity of the tong built on an experimental basis is a 42 inch log, he said.

Escaped Convicts Are Arrested in Portland

Portland—UPI—Two convicts who escaped from Larch mountain honor camp in south-western Washington Friday were arrested early yesterday in the railroad yards near the Union Station in Portland.

A special agent of the railroad apprehended the two, who were identified as John Francis Kelley and Glenn Vernon Rowe, both 34. They were being held for Washington State.

New Minesweeper Will Enter Service Monday

Seattle—UPI—The USS Cape, a new class minesweeper designed for operations close inshore, will be placed in service at ceremonies at Pier 91 Monday.

The vessel, built by the Bellingham Shipyard Co. at a cost of about \$750,000, will be assigned to Commander Mine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, Long Beach, Calif.

About 600,000 matches are stuck every minute of the day in the United States.

Wallowa Papers' Merger Announced

Enterprise—UPI—Wallowa county's two weekly newspapers will merge into one publication, it was announced yesterday.

Gwen Coffin, publisher of the Wallowa Chieftain, said yesterday that the paper will merge with the Chief Joseph Herald March 1.

The name of the paper under the merger will be "Wallowa County Chieftain."

Gwen Coffin will be publisher of the consolidated newspaper and Dwight Hinshaw, publisher of the Chief Joseph Herald, will become associate editor and advertising manager. No financial consideration was made known on the merger.

Young Slayer Hears Verdict Impassively

Seattle—UPI—A 22-year-old admitted slayer listened impassively Friday as a jury announced it found him guilty of murder in the first degree.

Alfred James Brunetto, who had been described by Deputy Prosecutor Charles Z. Smith as "a savage little man who lived by the law of the jungle," was quiet as the verdict was read.

Brunetto had admitted that last September he shot and killed his wife, Lorraine, 19, and a neighbor girl, Zehrel.

McKrell, 16. The defense had contended that at the time of the shooting Brunetto was insane, and could not tell right and wrong.

The jury did not recommend the death sentence in announcing its finding.

WESTERN MUSEUM PLANN Fort Worth, Tex.—UPI—A million dollar museum of western art will be built here with money left by Amon Carter, publisher of the Fort Worth Star Telegram at the time of his death.

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