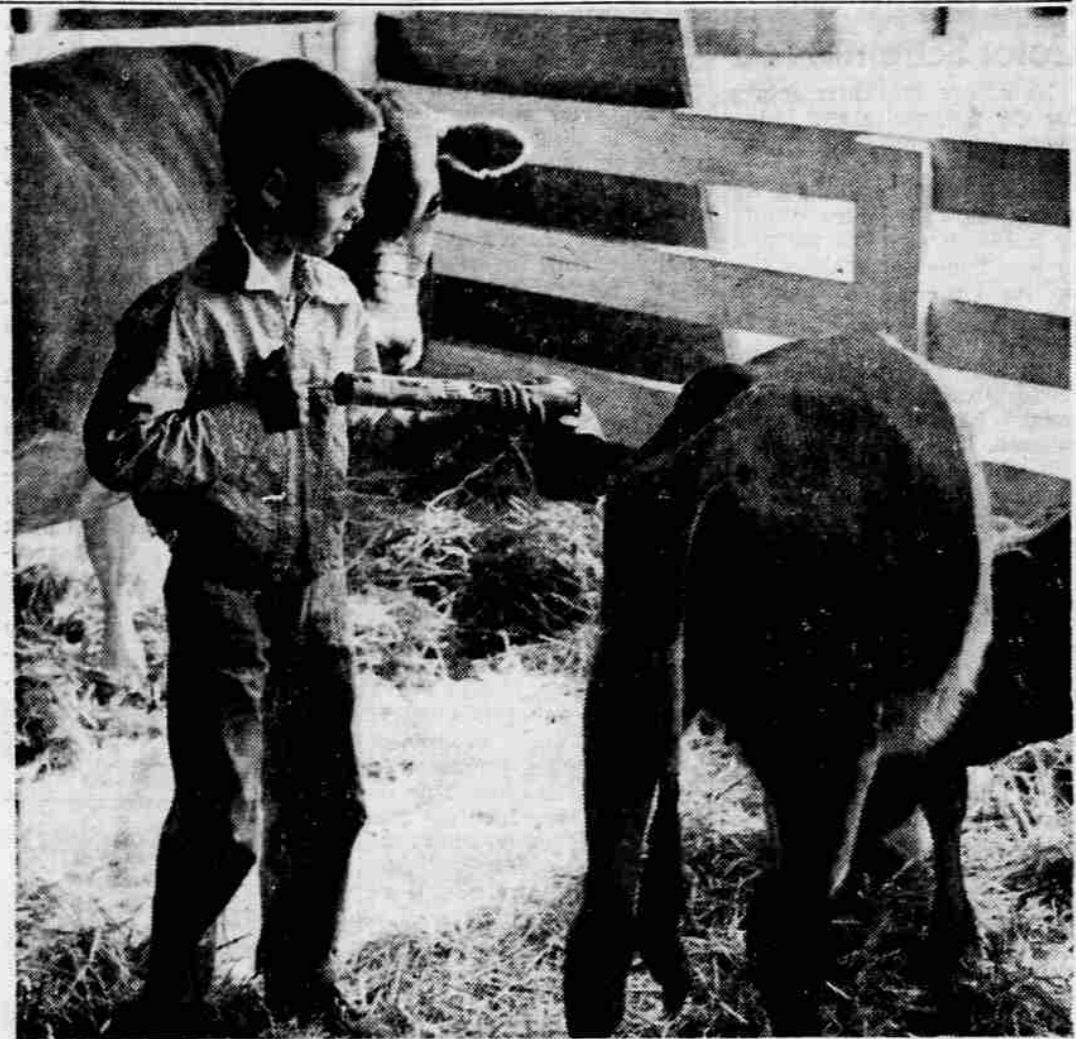


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PREPARE CALF—Earle Fichtner, 7-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Earle Fichtner, 2547 Corona ave., sprays his calf, a 4-month-old guernsey which he bought this year from his sister, Cecilia, for \$25. Cecilia is entering the calf for him, along with livestock of her own, in the 4-H fair. She is a member of the Central Point Cud Chewers.

Ray Expected to Enter Plea on One Of Five Charges

Ray Charles D'Autremont, 59, who is serving a life sentence in the Oregon state penitentiary for murder, is scheduled to appear in Jackson county circuit court at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday.

His appearance here grows out of an application filed with the court earlier this year asking for a "speedy trial" on indictments still outstanding against him.

District Attorney Thomas Reeder said D'Autremont would appear on one of the three remaining first degree murder indictments. The other two indictments still outstanding against him are for "attempting to commit burglary" and "stopping a railroad train with intent to commit larceny."

Attempted Robbery

The indictments were brought against D'Autremont, and his two brothers, Roy and Hugh, in November, 1923, following an attempted train robbery in tunnel 13 in the Siskiyou in which four men were killed.

Ray D'Autremont's appearance is another step in the legal process followed by his younger brother, Hugh, which could lead to freedom for Ray.

Hugh D'Autremont gained parole from the Oregon penitentiary early this year, and later died in San Francisco.

Hugh pleaded guilty to one of the remaining charges, asked and received dismissal of others, and was paroled. Ray D'Autremont may follow the same pattern.

Ray D'Autremont will appear before Circuit Judge James Main.

His twin brother, Roy, has been in the prison section of the Oregon state hospital in Salem for several years.

Irrigation Water Supply Said Critical

Supplies of irrigation water in Jackson county are "critically low," but lands lying within irrigation districts should have enough to get by until Sept. 15, it was reported today.

D. C. Hendrix, county watermaster, said, "This is the worst I have seen it during the nine years I have been in office." He added that this is a drier year than the critically-low years of 1951 and 1955.

"Fish lake is down below 400 acre feet, or as low as you can get it and still pass Four Mile lake water through the fish screens and gates," reported Jack Hoffbuhr, Medford Irrigation district manager. "Four Mile will have only 2,000 acre feet of water by the end of the month," he said.

Tomorrow, Medford Irrigation district will shut off Fish lake water completely for 24 hours to determine the natural stream flow in North Fork. State water rights exist along the stream, he explained. The district usually takes what is left after water-users with state rights take their water, he said. The question this year is whether there will be enough for both state rights users and the district.

No quotas have been set yet for the Medford Irrigation district, Hoffbuhr said. "Because picking must be done in dry orchards the bulk of the orchards are temporarily through using water. However, many orchardists are planning a return to irrigation prior to the Comice harvest which follows the current Bartlett harvest," he added.

Third of Water

Rogue River Valley Irrigation district takes a third of water from the same source as the Medford Irrigation district. So, it is in the same situation, Hoffbuhr said. Both districts hope to get through to Sept. 15 when the irrigation demands normally drop off.

Walter Hoffbuhr, Talent Irrigation district manager, said his district is in fair shape and on a ration of 18 inches per water user should make it to Sept. 15. The newly created Howard Prairie Reservoir has helped.

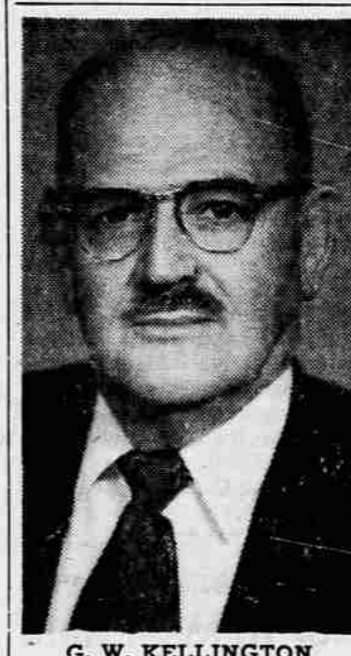
Water is being drawn from Howard Prairie for supplemental supply instead of draining Hyatt lake, Talent Irrigation district plans to hold 5,000 acre feet of water in Hyatt as carry-over for next season. Emigrant reservoir, another district water source, will remain out next season as work is completed on enlarging the reservoir and raising the dam and the carry-over supply will be needed then, it was explained.

From Big Butte Creek

Big Butte Irrigation district draws its irrigation supplies from Big Butte creek. This is down to 80 per cent of normal stream flow, the county watermaster reported. Irrigation district officials report they are low in water but have enough to carry them through Sept. 15 when the bulk of agricultural demand is over. This district runs irrigation water the year around, officials said.

Gold Hill Irrigation district is low on supply but officials there say they have enough water to supply all district water-users. The district recently put another log on top of the wing dam on the Rogue river, its water supply source.

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G. W. KELLINGTON On Governors Board

Medford Lawyer Named to Board of Governors

G. W. Kellington, Medford lawyer, was one of four new members elected to the board of governors of the Oregon State Bar yesterday. He will represent Oregon district four.

Others named to the 12-man board include Robert C. Anderson, Astoria; William M. Dale Jr., Portland; and J. T. Monahan, Milton-Freewater.

Kellington, 56, is with the Medford law firm of Roberts, Kellington and Branchfield. He and his family live at 87 Perrydale ave.

The lawyer was president of the Jackson County Bar in 1957, and is a member of the Southern Oregon Bar association and the Oregon State bar. He also is a member of the Rogue Valley Country club, the University club and the Eagles.

Kellington was born in Minneapolis, Minn. His wife is the former Mary E. Roseberry, Medford.

Retiring from the board after three-year terms are George Hibbard, president, Oregon City; Carl G. Helm Jr., La Grande; Hugh L. Biggs, Portland; and Andrew J. Newhouse, Coos Bay. Installation of the newly-elected members will take place in Bend Sept. 23-26.

HILL TUMBLES, DAM THREATENS MANY CAMPERS

West Yellowstone, Mont.—A series of mighty earthquakes smashed into southern Montana near Yellowstone Park Monday night and early today and a reported 16 persons were killed.

Montana Highway Patrolman Robert Spears said there could be 25 dead in the main slide and the toll "could go even higher."

The quakes brought an 8,000-foot mountain tumbling down, threatened to shatter a dam on the Madison river and endangered upwards of 150 campers in the river valley.

Helicopters from the western states, some carrying paramedics, were sent to the scene. The park is located mostly in Wyoming and also extends in Montana and Idaho.

Copter pilots were expected to try to lift to safety the campers marooned downstream below Hebgen dam and trapped by the 200 to 300-foot slide that closed off the only avenue to safety from the box canyon.

Idaho Family Trapped by Slide

Four of the reported dead were members of the Purley Bennett family of Couer d'Alene, Idaho, buried when the quake split the mountain and triggered the main slide seven miles downstream.

Another couple nearby also were killed.

The Montana Civil Defense headquarters said it had been informed by Idaho state police that eight dead had been found in Reynolds Pass on the south fork of the Madison river in eastern Idaho.

Two more unidentified persons were killed in a rock slide at Cliff Lake, 12 miles west of Hebgen lake.

The first quake hit at 10:30 p.m. (p.s.t.) Monday with a magnitude of 7.8 on the Richter scale. The San Francisco earthquake of 1906 measured 8.25.

The tremor was felt throughout the northwest but hit hardest near the juncture of Montana, Idaho and Wyoming in the Rocky mountains.

Jolting aftershocks followed at 12:59 a.m., 1:44 a.m., 3:08 a.m. and 8:28 a.m.

17-Foot Crack Appears in Hebgen Dam

Three hours after the first shock a 17-foot crack appeared in Hebgen dam in Gallatin county. The Hebgen impounds the headwaters of Madison river which flows north into the Missouri river.

Hebgen dam is only a few miles from the west entrance to Yellowstone Park where damage was reported light. However, rangers barred tourists from Old Faithful geyser.

United Press International Reporter Paul Quinn said after a flight over the dam that "the entire side of a mountain was torn away, there were trees and rocks all over the top of the slide piled 200 to 300 feet above Highway 1. Between the dam and the slide downriver sections of the highway were torn up.

"Cars were scattered all along the way with people standing outside," Quinn said. "Women and children were waving handkerchiefs and bandanas. SOS signs made with white clothing showed up clearly."

About 30 cars were located next to the downriver side of the dam.

Several Homes Floating in Lake

The series of quakes, first death-dealing tremors to strike this area since 1835, split open foothills as though they were eggshells. The north shore of the lake behind the dam was crumpled off 6 to 15 feet, submerging the highway there. The south shore heaved up 6 to 15 feet as though the whole lake were tipped in a giant saucer.

Several homes floated crazily in the lake.

Telephones and electrical power were knocked out in West Yellowstone. Chimneys fell, gasoline pumps tipped over and buildings were shifted from their foundations.

Quinn said the giant slide looked from the air "as if it had been shoved off a mountain top by a huge hand. It blocked the highway and trapped the tourists between it and the dam seven miles away."

Idaho state police blocked off Highway 191 leading to West Yellowstone. Cracks and sinkings were reported in the highway.

Downstream from the slides, residents of Madison Valley—under order of Sheriff Lloyd Brook of Virginia City, Mont.—fled from their lowland homes to higher ground.

Slides Close Roads in Yellowstone

Rock slides closed roads throughout most of the west half of Yellowstone Park and telephone service was knocked out in this tiny resort town of approximately 300 persons.

The National Park Service said roads were closed between Mammoth Hot Springs and Gibbon. The Firehold Cascade road between Madison Junction and famed Old Faithful geyser also was blocked by slides.

Three bridges crossing the Madison river north of here were closed—and a 15-foot crack in the earth was reported along the side of one of them.

A spokesman for the Gallatin county sheriff's office said a car, plunged into the crack, but he did not know if anyone was hurt.

Many of the old buildings were damaged at historic Virginia City. A 12-foot section of wall plunged into the second floor courtroom of the courthouse built in 1876.

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In Ashland Monday afternoon the bandits robbed the telephone at Wolff Brothers Chevron service station, 1217 Siskiyou blvd., according to Ashland police.

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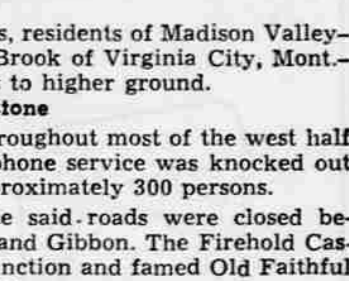
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