

Four Rescued In Portland Fire

Portland — (UP) — A Portland father and his three children were saved Saturday by two service station attendants who braved the roaring inferno of a burning house.

Robert D. Poschwatta, 25, and his sons Jerry, 5, Terry, 4, and Bobby, 3, were rescued. Poschwatta's wife managed to escape unassisted.

Attendants C. H. House, 27, and Danny Owens, 17, who were across the street on duty when they spotted the flames, rushed into the house and helped the four out. Firemen said the parents apparently were asleep when the fire broke out.

The family suffered from smoke inhalation and Houser singed one of his hands.

Corvallis Woman on Accident Commission

Salem — (UP) — Mrs. A. V. Logan, Corvallis, has been named to the State Industrial Accident Commission by Gov. Mark Hatfield.

Mrs. Logan is a former two-term president of the League of Women's Voters. She succeeds Mrs. Cecelia Galey, who resigned.



ARRANGE DISPLAY—Diane Carmichael, Sharon Hale, students at McLoughlin Junior High school and members of the library club, are shown above working on a display pointing out Children's Book week, Nov. 1 to 7.



Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins

"I've told this to many people," began the man when asked about behavior trails of his dog. "All the self-termed wise boys tell me I'm imagining things. But I've found that these characters don't always know the answers either. I really believe Major, my German shepherd dog, purposely frequents locations where he knows fleas are present in great numbers. And he goes there with the intention of picking up a few," said the man, explaining his five-year-old dog's peculiar actions.

"This has been going on for a couple of years. It began, this flea-gathering business, shortly after we discovered a method of flea eradication that was highly effective in flea disposal and exceedingly pleasant for the dog.

Various Remedies

"We had tried various remedies, none of which succeeded in ridding the dog of the fleas. In spite of all our efforts the fleas were still present. The dog scratched constantly. Often so hard blood showed on the hair. Then, one evening," the man continued, "I had an idea. We were watching TV and trying to ignore the dog's constant digging. I got the vacuum cleaner, attached the flexible hose and affixed the small nozzle. Turning the machine on I began going over the dog's coat. At first the dog was frightened, then he settled down showing every indication of enjoying the experience. He liked the tickling sensation. Maybe he enjoyed thinking about the fleas and what they thought when they were suddenly caught in a whirlwind.

"After the treatment Major stopped scratching. We figured we had something. So after that we ran over the dog every week with the vacuum cleaner, and later found fleas in the cleaner bag.

"Then," the man continued, "we found the dog was digging himself when no fleas were present. Later we found him rolling in sand and grass. An examination showed an abundance of fleas in that particular area.

Enjoys the Sensation

"Now you won't believe this, I don't care if you don't, but I'm sure Major does everything he can to pick up more fleas so he can later enjoy the tickling sensation of the vacuum cleaner. He enjoys it so much he often closes

his eyes and dozes. It's a little trouble hooking up the cleaner so often but I figure I owe the dog a great deal because of the faithful service he renders."

"What is this service?" I asked.

"Waking me of a morning," replied the dog's proud owner. "You see, I have to be at work every other day at six. On the alternate days I can sleep until eight. Major always awakens me, on the right mornings, promptly at 5 o'clock. He puts his paws softly on my chest and sometimes utters a soft little bark. He has never missed. Neither has he ever made a mistake by awakening me on a morning when I do not have to be at work early."

The man finished speaking. His face was wreathed in smiles as he reached down and patted the dog's head resting against his knee. I didn't answer. It would have been rather futile for me to try to tell the man his dog was a "dumb animal."

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Youth May Shed Light on Murder

Portland — (UP) — Portland police have arrested a youth whom Washington authorities think may shed some light on the unsolved rape-slaying of a nine-year-old girl at Chehalis, Wash., last month.

James E. Hartsell, 18, Portland, was held for questioning by Lewis county authorities at Chehalis, and also for Thurston county, Wash., deputies. Thurston county has charged him with auto theft.

Hartsell was believed to have left Olympia with two escapees from the Western Washington State Hospital at Steilacoom. One of the escapees is a suspect in the murder of Sherry Edgell, Centralia school girl whose body was found Sept. 25 near the Chehalis airport.

Young Oregonians Due Overseas Trips

Corvallis — (UP) — Four young Oregon persons have been selected for overseas trips next year to represent the state in the International Farm Youth Exchange Program. They were chosen following interviews at Oregon State College.

The four are Shirley Frakes, 21, Bend; Nancy Shaver, 21, Molalla; James McKinley of Nyssa, and Ronald Andererg, 20, Vernonia.

Children's Book Week Will Be Observed in Area Schools

Children's Book Week is being observed throughout the county this week with displays at many schools and open house at Medford public library's junior department.

The week is set aside nationally "to stimulate the enjoyment and use of books" for children. It originated about 40 years ago by Franklin K. Mathews, chief librarian of the Boy Scouts of America.

Open house at the junior department at the Medford public library will be Tuesday, Nov. 3, between 7 and 9 p.m. Included in the evening's activities will be refreshments, and displays of new books. Miss Julie Keiser, children's librarian, has invited all Jackson county residents to visit the department to see the expanded collection of children's books.

Continue To Read

That children continue to read books is proven by the fact that a total of 44,380 books in the Medford public school system were checked out 166,109 times during the school year 1958-59. The figure does not include books checked out in five schools which were consolidated to Medford this year.

School officials admit that they were concerned about television resulting in a reduction of reading by students, but it has not. In some cases, they said, television has stimulated interest in some subjects, notably science, officials said.

School officials feel that the library is the heart of the school program. Each school in the district has a central library where students check out books, both fiction and non-fiction.

Value of Books

Of the 44,380 books in the 12 Medford schools last year, 6,889 were new books. Total evaluation of the 44,380 books was estimated at \$67,262.21, according to school officials.

Mrs. Lois Martin, librarian at McLoughlin Junior High school, has prepared a report on use of the library in connection with Children's Book Week, Nov. 1 through 7. The report covers the period from Sept. 14 to Oct. 15 this year.

Circulation of books, she noted, averaged 235 per day during the period among the 1,065 students at McLoughlin, which is one of the largest

junior high schools in the state.

Readers Advisory Service

Mrs. Martin said personal readers advisory service to 1,062 students, averaging 587 daily, included books suitable to students' interests and reading ability acceptable to his special English teacher, and that will fit the particular period of history the student is studying.

The service also included finding books for free or pleasure reading to fit each student's particular interest or hobby.

Instruction is another important service provided during the period. It included teaching orientation lessons to all seventh grade classes and all other students new to McLoughlin; teaching the first catalog lesson for each teacher bringing classes to the library for instruction in the use of the card catalog, and assisting in explaining and checking each student's exercise in the lesson.

Teaching Reader's Guide

Instruction also included teaching the first Reader's Guide lesson for each teacher, and the first reference lesson for each teacher after as-

sembling the materials to be used for reference work.

Twenty-five student assistants have been trained and are being supervised by the library staff.

Library assistants are trained to check out, renew, and shelve books; write first and second overdue notices and fines on cards and deliver them to home rooms; process new books; assist with bulletin boards and other publicity; find magazines for students and teachers using the Reader's Guide and file returned magazines; and assist students to locate books and materials when the librarian is otherwise occupied.

Complete Classes

Seventeen seventh grade classes completed orientation lessons at the McLoughlin library, Mrs. Martin said, along with nine classes of eighth and ninth grade students new to the school. New students were taken from the last half of their English periods. A total of 165 students received the instruction, she said.

In classification and location of books, seventeen seventh grade classes and nine classes of eighth and ninth grade new students completed the lessons.

A total of 28 seventh and eighth grade classes completed the history orientation and selection of first period his-

Dentist Opens New Office in Medford

Dr. Earl T. Johnson has opened dental offices at suite 310, Fluhrer building, taking over the practice of Dr. S. Ralph Dipple, who retired early this month.

Dr. Johnson, a 1955 graduate of Loyola university in Chicago, spent four years in the army, serving in Texas and Ethiopia.

Mrs. Johnson and the couple's children, Mark, 4, and Beth, 1, arrived here recently from Los Angeles. The family home is at 1412 Crown ave.

Dr. Johnson was a houseguest of Mr. and Mrs. Marra Gibbons, Old Military rd., while awaiting the arrival of his family. The dentist met Mr. and Mrs. Gibbons when they traveled in Ethiopia in 1958.

Mrs. Johnson is a graduate of Michigan State college, where she majored in speech therapy.

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Schwab Named To Multnomah Bench

Salem — (UP) — Herbert M. Schwab, 43, Portland, was named Saturday to the Multnomah county circuit court bench to fill a vacancy created by the death of Judge Martin Hawkins earlier this week.

Schwab was high on the list of Multnomah county bar recommendations submitted to Gov. Mark Hatfield in late July for future judgeships.

He is a veteran member of the Portland School board. He is a graduate of Northwestern College of Law, has practiced since 1940, and is currently a member of the firm of Dusenbery, Martin, Schwab, Beatty and Parks.

Schwab is the seventh circuit judge to be named by Hatfield in 10 months. Five have been Republicans and two Democrats.

Salem — (UP) — Clergymen are not automatically excused from jury duty by Oregon law, according to Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton.



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Singmaster Named To Agents Group

Ashland—Edwin H. Singmaster, Ashland insurance man, has been appointed to a one-year term on the executive committee of the Oregon Association of Insurance Agents, according to Frank Amerata, Portland, president.

Singmaster will represent independent agents of the fourth congressional district on the 13-member governing body of the state-wide trade organization.

He is president of the Jackson County Association of Insurance Agents, an affiliate of the state organization.

He is past president of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce and the Ashland Rotary club. Singmaster also is a member of the Jackson county board of equalization.

CLIMBING TOLL

Zurich, Switzerland — (UP) — The 1959 Swiss mountain climbing season ended Saturday with a toll of 59 dead. That was the same climbing death toll as in the 1958 season.