

Whittaker Twins Airlifted From Alaska Mountain

Anchorage, Alaska—(AP)—James and Lewis Whittaker, 31, Seattle twins, were rushed to the 3040th Hospital at Elmendorf Air Force Base here Monday night after being airlifted from the 10,000-foot level of Mt. McKinley.

The Whittakers were stranded near the 18,000-foot level last Tuesday when they fell with two other men while mountain climbing.

The Air Force disclosed early this morning that it had erroneously reported four other men were also removed from the peak. They said that Dr. Rodman Wilson, Paul Crews, Chuck Metzger and Andy Brauchli, all of Anchorage, were taken from the 10,000-foot camp but later revised their statement.

Wait Break in Weather
Wilson, who tended to the injuries of the Whittakers and

two others during their stay on the mountain, and the other three are still somewhere between the 10,000-foot and 14,000-foot levels. The Air Force is waiting for a break in the weather before making the airlift.

Monday night's rescue came when the weather cleared enough to allow an Air Force SH21 helicopter enough time to reach the 10,000-foot base camp and safely return with the Whittakers.

Still on the mountain are about 20 climbers who were aiding in the rescue efforts. It is believed they will climb down from the base camp when the weather breaks or will be airlifted out. Most are at the 10,000-foot level.

Two Men Killed
Two men, Bill Stevenson, 33, Spearhead, Alaska, and Spt. Robert T. Elliott, Elmendorf Air Force Base, were killed last week when their Cessna 180 crashed while making a supply drop to the stranded climbers at the 18,000-foot level.

Also last week, Link Luckett, a daring helicopter pilot from Anchorage, had picked up Pete Schoening, 31, Seattle, and John Day, 51, Central Point, Ore. Both men today were in the hospital along with the Whittakers.

Another climber, Mrs. Helga Bading, 31, Anchorage, was rescued Friday after collapsing high on the mountain Tuesday from a lack of oxygen and overexertion. She was plucked from the 14,500-foot level by Don Sheldon, a Talkeetna bush pilot.

Salem—(AP)—State Rep. George Annala (D-Hood River), unopposed for nomination to another term in Friday's primary election, also won the Republican write-in contest for state representative from the same district.

Nuclear Weapons For Battlefields

Washington—(AP)—Weapons designers are working on nuclear warheads for battlefield use which would do most of their killing with radiation instead of blast.

Such weapons, according to their proponents, would be deadly to enemy soldiers but wouldn't do much widespread damage to machines, buildings, and other physical assets which a victor might want to preserve.

Actually, these weapons would be A-bombs or possibly H-bombs so small that their "kill" radiation range, measured in hundreds of feet, would exceed their lethal blast range.

It has been reported that scientists of the Atomic Energy Commission's Livermore, Calif., weapons laboratory are pushing two projects to develop such small battlefield weapons.

They cannot be brought to completion, it is said, without resumption of underground weapons testing. This country has not, however, scheduled any new weapons tests.

They'll Do It Every Time



Private Prepares Campaign to Unseat Rep. Walter Norblad

Camp Roberts, Calif.—(AP)—A 24-year-old jeep-driving Army private laid plans today for his campaign to become the first Democrat in history to represent Oregon's first congressional district—comprised of the 10 counties in the northwest part of the state.

The soldier, Marvin Owens of St. Helens, Ore., won the Democratic nomination by about 700 votes over Salem,

Ore., attorney Steve Anderson.

"I will need 10,000 Republican votes to win," Owens said. "But I think I have the ability to draw those Republican votes."

To Face Norblad
Owens, a partner in a St. Helens furniture store, will face Republican Rep. Walter Norblad, who has represented the district for 14 years. No Democrat has even been elected there.

"My campaign will be to restore the two-party system to the district," Owens said. "I believe I can get the necessary Republican votes and I suggest Walt Norblad start running against Mary Owens instead of against Jimmy Hoffa."

The soldier said Norblad has been seeking political capital by claiming he is on a "purge list" put out by Teamster President Hoffa.

"Oregon has slipped out of Republican hands to the Democrats," Owens said. "And I think I'll bring the first district over."

Attended College
He said he was "overwhelmed with gratitude" for the faith that voters showed in him by nominating him despite his youth and the fact that he has never held any political office.

After leaving an "unsuccessful" education at Seattle City College in the senior year, Owens said, he entered the furniture business in his home town at the age of 22 and began taking an active part in Young Democrat activities.

"I became president of the Columbia County Young Democrats. This put me on the state executive council and from there I became active with the Democratic Central Committee of the county," Owens said.

Greatly Encouraged
He said he decided to file for the congressional nomination when he found out that Attorney General Robert Thornton, who had run in 1958, would not be a candidate this year. "I went out and checked grass roots feeling, and I was greatly encouraged."

Owens, drafted in 1958, expects to get out of the service in August. He is a jeep driver at this Army camp on the California coast.

Owens, a strapping 6 foot 2 inches and 190 pounds, said if he is elected in November he will be the youngest congressman in office. He and his wife, Janice, have no children.

Record-Breaking Planting, Aerial Seeding Is Noted

Portland—The big job of helping nature keep Oregon's forest green and growing through tree planting and aerial seeding got a record-breaking boost from Oregon's industrial tree farmers this year.

Preliminary estimated placed the number of trees planted on industrial Tree Farm lands at upwards of 7,000,000 seedlings on well over 13,000 acres. More than 20,000 acres were aerially seeded.

Many companies set new high records for planting and seeding on their lands.

Though forests will reproduce themselves naturally under most conditions, planting and seeding is often used to speed up generation of new forest cover or to rehabilitate lands where fire has destroyed seed sources.

Forest industry reforestation work in Oregon is part of an intensive effort by the nation's private timberland owners to accelerate natural forest regeneration in order to get maximum production of timber crops on commercial forest land.

Nationally, industrial timberland owners covered an estimated 450,000 acres with new young trees during the 1959-60 planting season, according to an America Forest Products Industries survey.

This figure represents an all-time high for forest industry reforestation and a jump of approximately 10 per cent over the previous season. The nation's tree-planting rate has doubled in the last three years, and tripled in the past six years.

Many of the companies obtained their trees from the industry's Col. W. B. Greeley Forest Tree nursery at Nisqually, Wash., operated by Industrial Forestry association, Portland. The nursery shipped more than 9,200,000 seedlings to Oregon and Washington timberland owners during the 1959-60 season. Other stock came from state and private tree nurseries.

AFPI's survey covered manufacturers of lumber, pulp, plywood, hardboard and other forest products firms which own and manage private timberland.

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Coos County Land Transfer Made
Salem—(AP)—Some 3,020 acres of state land, most of it in Coos county, was transferred from the State Land Board to administration of the State Forestry Department Tuesday.

The shift was made because the forestry department has men in the field to better administer the land, the Land Board said.

One parcel of 633 acres is in Coos county and 551 acres in a separate transfer also are in that county.

The second separate transfer included a total of 2,387 acres, 875 of them in Clatsop county. Other counties involved are Columbia, Marion, Tillamook and Washington.

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