



**CLIMBERS SCALE PEAK** — The four hardy mountain climbers who conquered the dreaded 6,000 foot Eiger north wall for the first time in winter, take a well earned rest during their descent from the 13,042 foot peak in Switzerland. From left, they are Tony Heibeler, 31, Munich writer; Anton Kinshofer, 27, German cabinet maker; Andreas Mannhardt, 22, a German worker, and Walter Almburger, 23, an Austrian miner. (UPI Telephoto)

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### Annual Firemen's Ball To Be Held in Phoenix

Phoenix—The annual firemen's ball sponsored by the Phoenix fire association will be held in the Phoenix Community hall this Saturday night.

Proceeds from the dance will be used to purchase equipment for the department and improvement of the operation. The Revaliers will furnish the music. Dancing will start at 9 p.m.

Leo Furry, fire chief, outlined the unit's long history while announcing the dance. The first piece of fire fighting equipment in Phoenix was purchased and placed in use in 1911, 50 years ago. Warren King was named chief at that time. On the first trial run of the equipment—a hose cart—most of the members of the department lost interest in the practice run due to the extreme difficulty in negotiating the five degree incline to the scene of the fire, the chief said.

Some of the members in those days were R. S. (Bob) Furry, Harry Reames, Robert Waterman and W. L. (Dave) Smith.

**Truck Purchased**  
In 1927, a Chevrolet 1 1/2-ton truck equipped with chemical tanks was purchased. Among the fire chiefs who served with this equipment were Walter (Jack) Allen, Harry Reames and Fred Holcraft.

In 1944, a volunteer fire department was organized on a formal basis through the efforts of F. L. Tripp and Floyd Barrett. Tripp was named fire chief and Bob Furry, assistant chief. Members were Raymond Furry, Pres Turpin, Earl Briscoe, H. Prince, Eddie Caldwell, Warren Fitch and Ernie Bolz.

A used pumper truck was purchased from the city of Medford in 1947. It was equipped with a 500-gallon pump. John Gee was fire chief at that time, and a year later Glen Peterson succeeded him.

The present Phoenix Fire Association was formed in 1950 with Frank Lovett as president and Vincent Claffin secretary and treasurer. Robbins was named chief and Edwin Caldwell assistant chief. Caldwell is still active in the department.

In 1951 a new Ford-Hale 600-gallon pumper was purchased. It is also equipped with 500 gallon reservoir tanks. The department now has a Class A rating with insurance underwriters, denoting the equipment is in excellent condition.

Furry said it is through the

cooperation of "fire-minded" Phoenix citizens that the department has been able to function as efficiently as it has, with proper equipment to do the job.

The department now has 18 men. Officers are Furry, chief, Lloyd O. (Nick) Nikodym and Clark Brown, captains.

Currently the men are divided into small drill units and are practicing evolutions with hose, pump, booster and draft; gas mask, hose, layout and driving; hydrant location and ladder training.

Recently eight firemen received first-aid cards on completing a course. Four members of the department auxiliary, the firemen's wives' organization, also received cards.

The department has a salvage and rescue truck equipped with first aid materials which accompanies the fire truck to all fires. It contains the Scott Air Paks, four all purpose gas masks and a resuscitator.

### Kennedy To Push For Farmer Status

Washington—(AP)—President Kennedy told the National Farmers Union Wednesday he will ask Congress for legislation to carry out his campaign promise to help farmers achieve an equal income status with city dwellers.

Kennedy, in a letter to the farm organization's national convention here, added that his administration would need the group's support "in our continuing effort to help the farmer achieve parity of income."

The President's bid for new long range farm legislation was scheduled to go to Congress in a special message Thursday. It was expected to include suggestions for cutting corn and wheat surpluses and boosting farm income.

Kennedy praised the farm organization for its service to farmers. The President said he would look to the Farmers Union for "counsel" and for local leadership in making government farm programs successful.

**SALARY INCREASES**  
Forest Grove — (AP) — Dr. M. A. F. Ritchie, president of Pacific University, said Wednesday substantial salary raises were in store for the school's faculty members.

**GRAPE CENTER**  
Fresno — A million tons of California grapes are used each year for wine or brandy.

### The Family Council

Editor's Note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, three editors and a women's editor. Each article is a summary of an actual case history. The Council reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors. (Copyright 1961—General Features Corp.)

**Nettie F.**—Our mother is just trying to scare us into giving her her own way.

**Doris C.**—I think we'd better take her seriously, and get some help for her.

**Nettie F.**—My mother is 71 years old and lives alone in a small apartment. My sister and I, her only children, are each married, and live in nearby communities.

The problem facing us is our mother's stubbornness. She says she's beside herself with loneliness, doesn't know many people in the neighborhood, and the few she needs to never come to see her, never stop to chat. Doris and I have each invited her to take turns staying with us, but her excuse is that she can't stand the dampness in the air, so close to the ocean.

For the past few years we've been trying to get her to agree to move to a home for the aged, but she refuses flatly, saying she wants to have her own apartment. What she really wants is for us to visit her regularly, every day! Of course this is impossible.

Lately her talk has turned morbid, and she threatens to "do something" to herself, if we continue to treat her like such a "burden." I feel she's unreasonable to expect so much attention, and her dramatic talk is just an act.

**Doris C.**—I don't agree with my sister that we can just sit back and let things drag along with Mother. How can a woman of 71, all alone there, solve her many problems? Of course she's lonely, and the only thing she can think of to improve matters is for us to come and keep her company.

Now that she sees we can't do that, she threatens to take her life. I'm afraid to laugh that off. Knowing how blue she is and how helpless really, I think anything can happen even though my mother is (or was) a sensible, intelligent woman. Maybe a person can become so miserable she can't think straight.

I'd rather not take a chance. Mother needs someone with her. Or else she must be talked into entering a residence hall, where she'll have people around. At 71, she isn't going to snap out of this. Unless Nettie and I figure something out she'll just snap period.

**The Council:**—Doris is right in recognizing the suicide threat as a cry for immediate help. Current psychiatric advice is against ignoring that kind of talk as mere attention-getting.

Obviously, counseling help is needed for this hopeless, distraught parent of Nettie and Doris. In desperation, there's the National Save-a-Life League (505-5th Ave., N.Y.); Rescue, Inc. (Boston, Mass.); the Suicide Prevention Center (Los Angeles, Calif.)

**Basic Rule Violations Trip 1,973 Motorists**

Salem—(AP)—Violation of the basic rule tripped up 1,973 Oregon motorists last month, state police reported Wednesday.

It was the biggest single category of violations for which citations were issued. Failure to stop at a sign or light resulted in 1,111 citations.

Sixty-two arrests were made for drunken driving.

### School Official Attends Meet

Elliott Becken, assistant superintendent for Medford Public Schools, reported on high school dropouts and high school discipline at a recent conference in Portland. Robert Semon of the Medford High school faculty described the reader-aides program in English composition for the conference, which was sponsored by the Oregon Education Association.

Theme of the education research conference was "Developments on the frontiers of education in Oregon today." Dr. E. C. McGill, assistant to the President at Southern Oregon college, discussed a number of problems, including high school honors programs, research to establish a profile of the school superintendent in Oregon, pupil personnel services and a program designed to assess educational media for self-teaching of young children in school and home.

Becken discussed research pertaining to the relationship of dropouts and high school discipline problems to methods of discipline and pupil control. The study was made of all high schools in the state, excluding Portland, and is an analysis of such problems as

student cars, smoking, rights of students off campus, student personnel services, student marriages, reading improvement programs, group programs and control to and from school.

### High Court Upholds Judge Edward Kelly

Salem—(AP)—The Oregon Supreme Court Wednesday upheld a decree by Washington county Circuit Judge Glen Hieber denying the claim of a divorced wife against her former husband's estate for support of minor children.

The case was appealed by Lois Dean Straight. The husband had remarried and left his estate to his second wife. The opinion by Justice Harold J. Warner said the husband "may disinherit his children if he sees fit."

The high court also upheld a Jackson County Circuit Court decree by Judge Edward C. Kelly awarding Sandra J. Lanners a divorce and custody and support for two children.

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