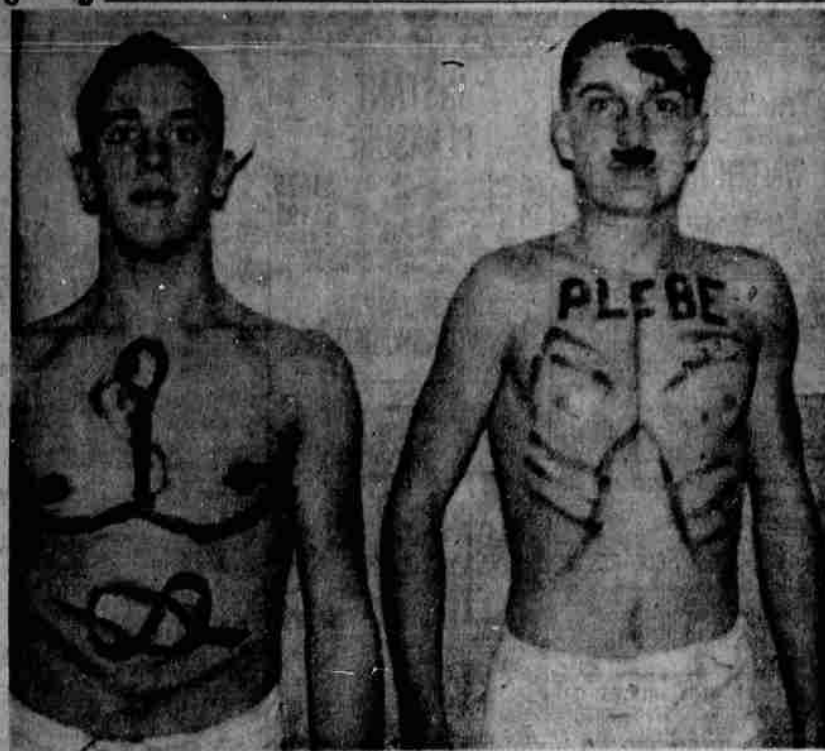




"WORDS OF TRUTH"—He speaks words of truth and sobriety. That was the comment on Astronaut Alan B. Shepard in the yearbook of Admiral Farragut Academy, Toms River, N.J., which he attended before going to the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis. This photograph, furnished by a classmate, shows the husky youth, apparent-

ly during initiation, with an anchor and figure of eight knot painted on his chest. At right is his roommate, Clayton Holmes Shoemaker. Shepard played on the Farragut varsity football team and was a member of the rifle team, the company crew and company sailing team.

(UPI Telephoto)

4-H NEWS

Have Needle Will Sew

Five members were present at the seventh meeting of the Have Needle Will Sew 4-H club. Roll call topic was different kinds of stitches.

Bonnie Knapp gave a demonstration on how to cover a belt, and Georgia Mitchell gave one on sewing in a zipper. For recreation we helped the Ashtons do their yard work.

Refreshments were served by Carolyn Ghant. The next meeting will be held at Bonnie Knapp's home on May 11 at 7 p.m.

Georgia Mitchell, Reporter.

23 Acts of Heroism Cited for Awards At Meeting of Carnegie Commission

Pittsburgh — (UPI) — A dramatic helicopter rescue of a teenaged laborer from atop a burning grain elevator in Texas and the saving of a hospital patient from a possible plunge in Alabama were among 23 acts of heroism cited at the spring meeting of the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission.

Three of the heroes honored lost their lives trying to save others and two medal winners were young boys who succeeded in rescue attempts despite physical handicaps.

Eleven states were represented in the latest citations bestowed by the commission, with five medals being presented to residents of Texas. There were four winners in Pennsylvania; three in Virginia; two each in Georgia, North Carolina and New York State; and one each in West Virginia, South Carolina, Oklahoma, Ohio and Alabama.

Monetary awards totaling \$8,000 also were granted by the commission in 17 of the 23 cases reviewed. The money will be used for educational and other worthy purposes.

The latest awards brought to 4,417 the number of medals presented by the commission and boosted to more than \$8,700,000 in cash given out since 1904.

Linemen Volunteers

The helicopter rescue took place July 19, 1960 in Brownsfield, Tex., when a 100-foot grain elevator caught fire following an explosion of grain dust inside the storage area.

Charles Phillip Reeves, 17, a laborer, became trapped inside the head house which rose an additional 50 feet above the top of the elevator. An Army helicopter was brought into play in an effort to get the youth down safely.

Donald Ethington, 28, a powerline foreman, arrived on the scene and volunteered to attempt the rescue. As the whirlybird hovered dangerously over the burning grain elevator, Ethington was lowered 90 feet by cable to the side window of the house.

He managed to reach the badly burned Reeves and loop a rope around the victim's body. Both were hauled free of the burning structure. Upon reaching the ground, Reeves was taken to a hospital where he died of burns 18 days later.

Nurse Saves Patient

The Carnegie commission recognized Ethington's bravery by presenting him a bronze medal.

In Tuscaloosa, Ala., on the night of April 22, 1960, nurse

Shirley C. Wharton, 22, was making her rounds in a local hospital. When she checked the room of Lewis D. Blach Sr., 71, she discovered the patient was not in bed and that a window of the room was open.

Mrs. Wharton looked out the window and saw Blach standing on a 42-inch wide ledge about 50 feet from ground level. Under heavy sedation, the man apparently had become confused and crawled out onto the ledge.

The nurse lowered herself onto the ledge and inched along more than 100 feet until she reached Blach; talking to him all the time so as to not excite him. With the help of other hospital personnel, Blach was pulled back through another window to safety.

A 16-year-old schoolboy from Hamlet, N.C., became a medal winner for saving the lives of two soldiers whose automobile had become stalled on railroad tracks as a freight train approached.

G. Edwin Richardson noticed the soldiers' plight and deliberately rammed his car into the stalled vehicle, pushing it off the tracks. The young motorist then flipped his car into reverse and jumped clear. The car backed off the tracks just as the train roared over the crossing.

Three Gave Lives

The posthumous awards went to the families of Joseph P. Simon, 13, of Ithaca, N.Y.;

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Kennedy Accepts Tunisia Invitation

Washington — (UPI) — President Kennedy has accepted "with great joy" an invitation to visit Tunisia at some unspecified future date.

Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba invited Kennedy to visit the North African nation during talks last week. His son, Tunisian Ambassador Habib Bourguiba Jr., said Sunday.

"We were delighted to hear the unprepared, spontaneous answer of President Kennedy saying that he would accept... with great joy and would be anxious to be able to fulfill it."

CHARGE AIR VIOLATION

Tokyo — (UPI) — Communist North Viet Nam claimed Sunday that U.S. aircraft violated its air space four times on Saturday.

Camp Fire Girls

A number of Bluebird groups from the Medford area reported news this month.

Mrs. Martha Nikodyns group from Washington school visited Fluhrer's Bakery. In keeping with National Library week they visited the library.

Mrs. Betty Smelser's group, also from Washington school, toured Crater Lake Greenhouse.

Mrs. Janet Pigg's group from Jackson school visited and was shown through Beck's Morning Fresh Bakery.

Mrs. Betty Grissom's group from Howard school have been baking cookies. They also visited Beck's Bakery and a local nursery.

Mrs. Richard Gannaway's group from Jefferson school visited the library. The group has been having one party a month in the home of the different girls with the mothers in charge of games and refreshments.

Mrs. Gerry Graham's group from Jackson school has visited Severson's candy store.

Mrs. Perry Dent's group from Roosevelt school toured the Coca Cola plant. Each girl was given a Coke and a souvenir.

The third grade Work and Play Bluebirds at Wilson

school participated in a number of activities recently.

They took a field trip to Miller's Chicken farm then wrote a paragraph on what they had seen and learned.

Later the girls had a cook-out at Mrs. Don Baker's home on Biddle road, and members made hanging pictures. On May 4 the girls made apple-sauce cookies with each girl taking one ingredient and stirring it in when it came time for it to be added. They also learned to measure ingredients.

The leader is Mrs. Troy Spaur.

Cement Workers Continue Working

Gold Hill — Members of the United Cement, Lime, and Gypsum Workers Union 136, an affiliation of the AFL-CIO, have been asked by the UCLGW international union to continue working beyond the normal contract expiration date of May 1.

Kendal J. Dufur, recording secretary for the Gold Hill group, said that 20,000 members of the international union will work on a day-to-day basis for a limited time to allow for further negotiations. It is important not to disrupt the building and construction industry, which is just getting back to normal after the winter season, Dufur added. He expressed optimism for an agreement, peaceful settlement.

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