Accident at Dam Takes Third Life

Redmond—UPI—A construction accident at the Round Butte dam on the Deschutes rived claimed its third victim last week.

Olie Lewis, 28, Sandy, died at a hospital here of injuries suffered in the accident May 13.

He was critically injured when a 20-ton steel construction form carrying nine workers crashed 150 feet down a tunnel at the dam near Madras.

I. E. Ochs, 36, Terrebone, and Robert Clinton, 34, Bend, were killed in the accident. Five men were hospitalized with injuries and the other man was treated and released at the hospital.

Bobby Cady, 24, and John Eastman, 31, both of Madras, remain at the Redmond hospital and are listed in good condition. The three other men have been released.

Peace Corps Tests Announced in Area

A new round of Peace Corps placement tests will be given at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, June 9, in civil service commission testing centers throughout the country.

The nearest centers to the Medford area are in Klamath Falls, Roseburg, Eugene and Corvallis.

Persons taking the tests will be considered for Peace Corps projects in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Opportunities abroad include teaching, nursing, engineering, plumbing, carpentry, agriculture, medicine, home economics, architecture, city planning, secondary and physical education.

Applicants must be American citizens at least 18 years old. There is no upper age limit. Married couples with dependent children may apply, providing both qualify.

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Medford Youth Gets Wall Street Journal Award at Program

Ashland—James D. Benson, 748 West Fourth st., Medford, a senior at Southern Oregon college, has been named the first recipient of the newly established Wall Street Journal award at the college.

The award was granted on the basis of his record as an outstanding student in the social science department. Dr. E. C. McGill made the presentation during this spring's honor assembly at the college.

He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Benson, Mountain View ranch, Eagle Point.

Dr. Arthur S. Taylor, chairman of the social science division, recently announced that Benson received a graduate assistantship totalling $2,600 for advanced business study at the University of Nevada.

One of Several Awards

The Wall Street Journal award was one of several awards presented Southern Oregon college students at an honors and awards program recently.

Dale Truax, Astoria, retiring student body president, presided at the event.

Among area students who received awards were:

Awards to students for student council: Terrence Tallis, Hilts, Calif., first vice president; Penny Cantwell, Grants Pass, secretary; Neil Green, Central Point, senior class president; Larry Nolte, Medford, junior class president; Judy Walker, Grants Pass, Raider (yearbook) editor; Elizabeth King, Talent, Siskiyou editor; Suzanne Rogers, Prospect, business manager of the Siskiyou; Rita Triep, Medford, freshman class vice president; Don Tichenor, Medford, freshman treasurer; Judy Bell, Medford, junior class secretary; Doyle McCaslin, Ashland, senior class treasurer; Larry Derry, Grants Pass, senior class vice president; Phyllis Briggs, Trinity Cove, concert band chairman; Duane Jarnagin, Ashland, representative at large; Rex Clarke, Ashland, representative at large; James Bauer, Ashland, representative at large; Barbara Tyler, Medford, representative at large; Eugene Wright, Ashland, and Rosalita Patch, Medford, Triangle club; Duane Jarnagin, Ashland, Betty Duffy, Ashland, Jim Bjork, Ashland, Limeliters promotion; Robert Bekker, Prospect, campus day chairman; and Sid Jack, Ashland, a co-chairman of the Oregon-California Skiesta.

Truax received an award from student council from Rex Clarke, Ashland.

Presents Awards

Larry Waite, North Bend, retiring Britt Board chairman, presented an award to Ellen Ward, Central Point, secretary of Britt board.

Special scholarships and awards were presented: Wall Street Journal award, James Benson, Eagle Point; Phi Delta Kappa recognition, Walter Humphrey, Medford; freshman mathematics, Kenneth Wise, Medford; beginning physics, Jack Webster, Medford; chemistry, Carol Dyche, Medford; fellowship announcements, Jim Benson, Eagle Point, University of Arizona in business, and Franklyn Mahar, Ashland, Washington State university in history.

Citizenship awards from each of the dormitories went to Ken Acheson, Medford, Siskiyou hall.

Among those named to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities were Stephanie Sue Anderson, Medford; Priscilla Jean Cantwell, Grants Pass; Walter Eaton Humphrey, Medford; Michael David Payne, Ashland; Judith Kay Rinker, Ashland; Janet Elizabeth Snodgrass, Medford, Wendell Kenneth Snook, Hilts, Calif., Terrence Norman Tallis, Hilts.

Klamath Firm Buys Winema Forest Timber

Klamath Falls — Klamath Lumber and Box company, Inc., Klamath Falls, was successful bidder on 500,000 board feet of national forest timber last week. The Chemult district sale brought a price of $10,750.

Appraised price of the stumpage offered by the Winema Forest was $7,550. Sixteen bids were received.

IN SUPERVISORY CLASS—Supervisory training classes are held regularly for employees of Harry and David's Employees taking the classes will head departments during the rush season prior to the Christmas holiday. Art Blakeney, professor of business administration at Oregon Technical Institute, Klamath Falls, is instructor.

OTI Professor Conducts Supervisors Training Course at Harry and David's

"Quality is a kind of religion around here, and I'm the chaplain."

So states Art Blakeney, Oregon Technical Institute professor who conducts a supervisors' training class for Harry and David, Inc., foremen and supervisors.

Blakeney takes his theme from top Harry and David management. "Quality is the one commodity that keeps us in the fruit business," according to Bill Williams, vice president in charge of commercial fruit sales.

A top entry in the highly competitive gift-fruit market, the Medford firm carries out this quality control concept from orchard to shipping dock, Williams noted.

Blakeney conducts the OTI training program through the general extension division of the state system of higher education. It is one of many business courses offered through the office of business and public administration of GED's department of instruction, state-wide.

Conducts Other Courses

Besides the supervisory course held weekly for Harry and David foremen, Blakeney conducts a similar course for women department heads there, plus a course for Medford Corporation foremen and a Monday night public class.

In a typical class session at Harry and David's, foremen are heard discussing the role of production line efficiencies in holding costs down. Doug Roach, plant operations supervisor, demonstrates on his own chart how today's profit squeeze can effect the growth of an organization. He summarizes: "If we can't keep costs down, we're out of business."

Jerry Evans, company food technologist, has prepared a study of cost savings achieved in the manufacture of preserves. Other suggestions are heard from the group. A discussion of further efficiencies follows.

Vital In Program

"This cross-breeding of ideas among the production departments is a vital element in our program," Blakeney states. "The employer gains some immediate returns on his investment right here."

The chain of supervision at Harry and David has many vital links. On each depends the smooth flow of the firm's annual $8 million volume. Check points are built into every step of the journey from orchard to the customer's doorstep to maintain Harry and David's one priceless commodity—quality.

Dick Wager, traffic supervisor at the Medford plant, controls a complex schedule of train and truck movements to assure proper handling under whatever weather conditions exist.

Before the shipments leave the shipping dock, quality control checks have sorted out second-bests, whether they be pears, peaches, apples, nectarines, grapes, oranges, grapefruit, candy, jams, jellies, fruit cake, cheese, plum pudding, gladiolas or roses.

The most popular line at Harry and David's is their world-famous trademarked, "Fruit-of-the-Month Club," under which they ship out packages of fruit to such customers as Eleanor Roosevelt, Bernard Baruch, Hary S. Truman and Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The preparation and shipping of this wide range of delicacies requires more of foremen and supervisors than simply "know-how." There must also be a dedication to the concept of quality around which the success of the firm revolves.

Bear Creek has a regular staff of 175. But during November, December and January, the staff is enlarged to nearly 1,500 by flowermakers, cooks, bus drivers, business machine operators, bow tiers, basket packers, mechanics, stenographers, writers and expressmen, Williams noted.

A well trained, dedicated team of supervisors must be available to carry the "quality" message to these people.

"That's my job," Blakeney points out. "I acquaint these supervisors to the quality needs of their jobs." But his technique is through self-education. He teaches supervisors to seek their own questions and answers. When the answers are found, Blakeney knows they'll stick.

Representative of Blind Commission To Visit in Area

A representative from the Oregon commission for the blind may be available after June 15 to coordinate work on a local rehabilitation center for the blind, according to Clifford A. Stocker, commission administrator.

Illness of the most likely representative to do the job has caused some delay, Stocker noted in a letter to the Jackson county court.

"It was somewhat surprising to learn that the interest has now apparently shifted back to having only the blind in this center," Stocker noted.

James Pullman, public welfare administrator here, said Friday he had not noticed such a shift of interest during the series of meetings held with the county court on the proposed center. Pullman has been pressing for a multi-purpose center which would include an activity center for senior citizens and for general vocational rehabilitation.

County Judge Earl Miller said Friday he understood that it might be more feasible to start with a blind rehabilitation center and include the other groups later. This might make it easier to obtain federal funds for remodelling one of the old buildings on the Jackson county fairgrounds south of Medford, he said.

Pullman said Friday he hopes to confer with the county judge on the proposed center. The division of vocational rehabilitation also has money to put into the center if it should be used for that purpose, he noted.

"Our crying need right now is for someone who could spearhead this development. We don't really have anyone who has the time or the desire to really get out and push it," Pullman commented.

"This would require a non-profit organization to set it up. We need a committee to get a board of directors who would set up the procedure for the center," Pullman said.

Pullman said Friday he had received only one voluntary offer to work on the committee, Miller confirmed Friday that a committee for the center has not yet been appointed by the county court.

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