



FORMS BREAKWATER - The ship Equator, which belonged to Robert Louis Stevenson, lies against a jetty near Everett, Wash. She spent her last days as a working boat on Puget Sound. The Equator, with many other boats, helps to form a breakwater opposite a fancy yacht basin at the mouth of the Snohomish river. (UPI)

Robert Louis Stevenson's Boat Now Serves Part of Breakwater

By ELDON BARRETT
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Everett, Wash. - (UPI) - On a plaque embedded in his concrete sarcophagus at the crest of Mt. Vaea in western Samoa are eight of the most beautiful lines every written by Robert Louis Stevenson, who died 68 years ago Dec. 3.

"Under the wide and starry sky,
Dig the grave and let me lie.
Glad did I live and gladly die,
And I laid me down with a will."

In this city on Puget Sound 5,600 miles from Samoa is a graveyard of broken ships - a jetty of rotting, splintered hulks that forms a breakwater opposite a fancy yacht basin at the mouth of the murky Snohomish river.

No engraved tablet marks this burial place. But among the derelicts is one whose name still is boldly visible on her bow. This was the Equator, once a proud schooner, 81 1/2 feet in length and as sturdy as a redwood tree.

Her prow had felt the splash of phosphorescent waves in the southern seas; her keel had knifed through the blue lagoons of Papeete, Pago Pago and Apia. Hawaii's King Kalakau had swilled champagne on her deck until he was roaring drunk. And in her cabin Stevenson had written lasting words.

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Equator was built in 1888. And with her two tall spars

Tax Commission Collections Up

Salem - (UPI) - Tax commission collections for the first five months of the 1962-63 fiscal year were up 7.3 per cent over the same period last year, the commission said today.

Collections totaled \$44,718,447 for the five-month period. Personal income taxes totaled \$40,601,331, and corporate excise and income collections were \$3,647,832.

Amusement and other taxes made up the remainder of the total.



FURS RECOVERED - Detectives J. R. Mourning, left, and R. E. Downey examine part of a \$40,000 collection of furs that was recovered when detectives arrested Joseph Duchi, 27, Duchi and a partner were accused of the daylight robbery of a Beverly Hills, Calif., fur shop during which a customer was shot in the hip. (UPI)

Private Airports Bowing to Taxes, Population Growth

By ZAN STARK

Salem - (UPI) - Privately owned public use airports are being driven out of business by higher taxes and expanding population. Robert W. Dunn, director of the Oregon State Board of Aeronautics said today the loss of private fields is a continuing trend. He sees no end to it.

"First the city builds up around a private airport, then the airport property is reclassified to residential and the owner gets offers from industrial and residential developers.

"The taxes go up. The offers get better. Pretty soon there is no choice but to sell," Dunn explained.

At the same time, the number of private pilots and private aircraft in Oregon continues to increase.

There are now 1,819 private and commercial airplanes, and 2,816 pilots registered in Oregon. Their numbers have been increasing steadily since 1952, Dunn said.

He mentioned the privately owned airports at Beaverton, Springfield and Newburg.

"They are all very busy privately owned fields. But I don't know how long they will be around. There are constant rumors of possible sales."

He said about 120 planes were based at Springfield, and about 100 planes at Beaverton.

Dunn believes more airports are needed. He said he has a high priority list of 30, and an overall schedule of 75 areas that need airports.

"We need airports to serve Oregon's biggest industries, forestry, agriculture and tourists," he explained.

At present Oregon has about 200 airports (not including undeveloped farm airstrips) of which about half are privately owned.

"Our ten year goal is to have a public airport for every significant community in the state," Dunn said. He considers a town of 500 or more a significant community.

The activities of Oregon's Department of Aeronautics are financed by a 1-cent a gallon tax on aviation gas, and a 1/2-cent a gallon tax on jet fuel. The estimated expenditures for the current biennium are about \$458,000. Of this, more than \$300,000 has been earmarked for development of airport facilities.

Pilot registration fees are used exclusively for search

Children's Hospital Suggested by Doctor

Chicago - (UPI) - A Chicago surgeon urges the creation of more hospitals devoted solely to the care of children because they need special care. "Children are not just little people," said Dr. Willis J. Potts reported at a meeting of the American Academy of Pediatrics. "Physically, physiologically and psychologically they differ from adults and are subject to an entirely different category of diseases."

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porting a full spread of spanking new sparkling canvases, she carried R.L.S. with dignity and grace through Polynesia until he finally came upon Upolu, the Samoan island where he chose to live out the few remaining years of his life.

There he became Tusitala, "teller-of-tales," beloved by the natives who had never heard of "Treasure Island" or "A Child's Garden of Verses"; and beloved by readers throughout the world who had.

Tusitala died on his plantation, Vaillima, at the foot of the mountain on which his frail, tubercular-wracked frame finally was laid to rest in a tomb overlooking the blue Pacific.

But the Equator sailed on. Her ample 22-foot beam and shallow draft caught the practical eye of a fisherman. He unstepped her masts, stuck a noisy steam engine in her guts and filled her holds with the bounty of the sea.

Eventually, she worked her way to Puget Sound's busy waters where she was harnessed and put to towing logs and barbage scows. After many faithful but oblivious years of ignoble toil, she was finally canted against the jetty and left with the other wrecks to the wash of the tide and the swirl of the river.

And there on a sandbar she serves today, even in death-as does R.L.S., who left to the world a literary legacy, not the least of which is his haunting "Requiem," a fitting epitaph for both the vagabond and his ship.

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New York Declines As Shipping Center

New York - (UPI) - New York's position as a shipping center has declined steadily in the past decade, the executive director of the Port of New York Authority said Wednesday.

Austin J. Tobin, said the port has been "frozen in its tracks" for 10 years. He blamed the decline partly on competition from Gulf Coast ports, the ports of Baltimore and Philadelphia, and the "inequity and injustice of railroad differentials."

SURPRISE
Ojai, Calif. - (UPI) - Mrs. Robert Ross, 38, went to the hospital Sunday expecting her 13th child. Today she has 15. Mrs. Ross said the triplet girls were "kind of a surprise." She and her oil products salesman husband had more good news today - the hospital will give them a single rate in honor of the occasion.

Matching funds, about 55 per cent federal and 45 per cent local, are available for airport development in Oregon.

"We now have eight projects in the works," Dunn said.

Grenfell To Appear In Court Friday

Portland - (UPI) - State Sen. William Grenfell Jr. (D-Portland) is scheduled to appear in Multnomah County Circuit Court Friday for arraignment on a charge of leaving the scene of a fatal traffic accident.

The charge stems from Grenfell's alleged involvement in an Oct. 8 crash in which Harold A. Jones, Battle Ground, Wash., was killed. Grenfell first told police he was injured when he was abducted and pushed from a moving car.

He also is scheduled to appear in municipal court Tuesday on a charge of making a false police report.

Grenfell was defeated for a spot on the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners in the Nov. 6 election.

Former Medford Boy Receives Scout Award

Wallace Fichtner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Fichtner, Eugene, recently received the God and Country Boy Scout award at Eugene's First Church of Christ, Scientist.

Wallace, a former Medford resident, is a grandson of Mrs. Ralph Pittock, 1014 West 10th st., Medford, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fichtner, 613 South Holly st.

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