

SPEBSQSA Charter To Be Given

The official charter for the Klamath Falls chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Incorporated, will be presented to the officers of the chapter at a banquet to be held Saturday evening, July 19, in the Pelican party room.

The presentation will be made by the International President of the Society, Charles M. Merrill, of Reno, Nevada. Besides members of the Klamath Falls chapter and their wives, there will also be on hand for the dinner and ceremony several members from the Eugene and Portland chapters, who will bring along one or two quartets.

The local barber shop chorus has already made a number of appearances in Klamath Falls and Tulelake and has been well received. The membership is increasing and the boys expect really to blossom out during the coming year. Founding officers of the Klamath Falls chapter are: Chester Morris, president; Charles K. Wiese, vice president; L. H. Stone, secretary; Fred B. Southwell, treasurer; Homer Amoureux, librarian; John H. Houston, director.

The revival of the melodious art of barber shop quartet singing has become a serious hobby among men throughout America, and it received impetus by the formation of the SPEBSQSA in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in 1938. There are now close to 20,000 members in some 400 chapters of the SPEBSQSA, scattered throughout the United States and Canada.

"Barber Shop Quartet" has been common parlance for several generations. It originated in a period when the barber shop was actually the headquarters of male singing groups. Through the medium of the current barber shop quartet revival, native talent is given an outlet available in no other way.

42 Children Drown When Boat Upsets

GENOA, July 17 (AP)—Forty-two children drowned today when a boat in which they were sailing struck an underwater fortification, overturned and sank.

Forty other children on the boat, the property of a summer vacation camp, were saved by coast guardsmen and fishermen. The children and four teachers were all from Milan. Two of the teachers drowned and a third is missing.

The fortification was a part of German structures built during the war.

Freak Accident Kills Logger

BREMERTON, July 17 (AP)—Berton Watson, 25, of Bremerton, was instantly killed Wednesday in a freak logging mishap near Long Lake, Wash., when he was struck on the head by the butt end of a cedar log being snaked out of underbrush by cable. Coroner Al H. Segerquist said. Watson is survived by the widow and two children of Bremerton.

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Charles M. Merrill of Reno, Nevada, international president of the SPEBSQSA, who will present charter to the newly organized Klamath Falls chapter, Saturday evening at the Pelican party room.

Strike Hits Cincinnati Hotels

CINCINNATI, July 17 (AP)—A majority of the employees of five of Cincinnati's leading hotels struck Wednesday.

Clerical and administrative personnel were not affected. An effort was made by some of the hotels to employ new help to operate the elevators.

The strike, called by the Hotel Employees Council, AFL, was in force at the Netherland Plaza, Gibson, Sinton, Fountain Square and Broadway hotels.

The main issue in the dispute with the Cincinnati Hotel association was over a five-day week with no reduction in salaries being paid for a six-day week.

Independence Bill Passed

LONDON, July 17 (AP)—The Indian independence bill was passed by the house of lords Wednesday and sent to King George VI for royal approval—the final act that will give divided India dominion status.

Passed by the house of commons yesterday, the bill creates two separate Indian Dominions of India (Hindustan) and Pakistan (Moslem), effective August 15. Prime Minister Attlee has expressed the hope the Indian princely states will join one or the other of the dominions.

Corporation Funds Okayed

WASHINGTON, July 17 (AP)—A bill providing \$31,746,918 for maintenance of a score of government corporations in the current fiscal year was passed by the senate by voice vote today.

The measure carried \$4,350,662 less than was voted by the house. Unless the house concurs in the cuts, a conference committee must work out a compromise.

As approved by the senate, the bill includes \$18,399,582 less in cash appropriations and \$9,062,280 less in administrative expense authorizations than President Truman requested in his budget.

Atom Bomb Plant To Be Permanent

WASHINGTON, July 17 (AP)—The United States is putting its atom bomb factory on a permanent basis.

This grim footnote to the long and thus far fruitless effort to set up world controls over nuclear energy came to light Wednesday in an atomic energy commission announcement of plans to "permanently and effectively modernize" the war-built town of Los Alamos, N. M.

The first A-bomb was made there and tested at Alamogordo, N. M., two years ago today.

Foreign Engineers To Visit Coulee

COULEE DAM, Wash., July 17 (AP)—Several foreign engineers are scheduled to visit Grand Coulee dam this month under auspices of the state department, the bureau of reclamation reported today.

They include M. H. Qureshi and M. A. Malik of India and Per Meulengracht and Helling Wulken of Denmark.

Fire Hazard Areas Closed

PORTLAND, July 17 (AP)—Fire hazard areas on the Mount Hood, Willamette, Siuslaw, Umpqua, and Siskiyou national forests will be closed this week-end for the summer, the U. S. forest service said today.

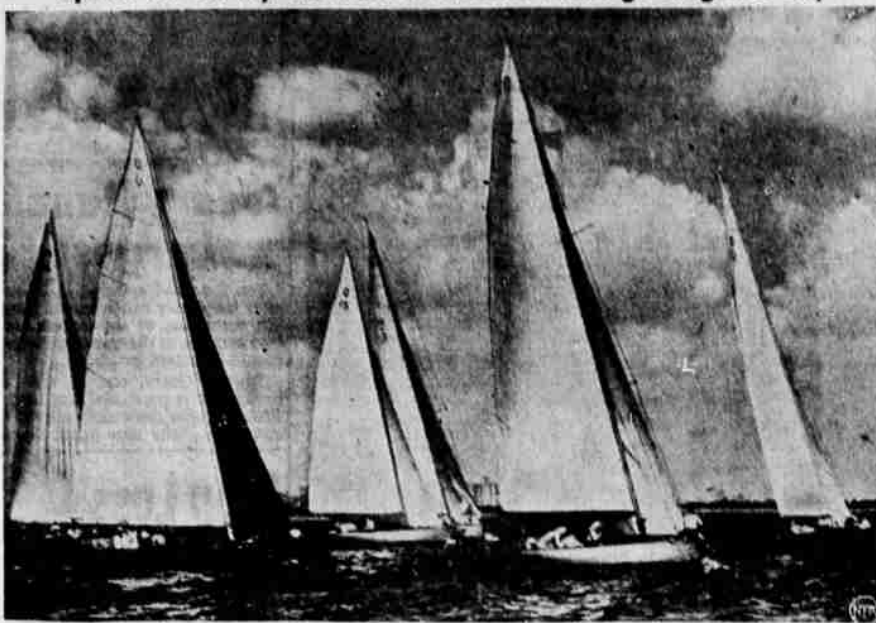
The closed areas will be chiefly land with standing snags or logging slash. Danger areas on four other national forests in Oregon were closed earlier.

DIES SUDDENLY

PORTLAND, July 17 (AP)—Wilbur M. Carl, automobile sales executive and a leader in war bond sales, died unexpectedly today following a heart attack.

The Solomons are estimated to include more than 10,000 islands and islets.

Spires Of Snowy Canvas Punctuate Chicago Regatta Sky



Running close-hauled into a Lake Michigan breeze, these half-dozen yachts of Universal and "C" class "picket-fenced" the cotton studded sky and provided the photographer with all the elements of a beautiful scene. The picture was made at the start of a Chicago summer regatta.

Garmatz Named From Maryland

BALTIMORE, July 17 (AP)—Edward A. Garmatz, 44-year-old electrician and police magistrate, will represent Maryland's third congressional district in the house.

The unofficial count showed 12,179 for Garmatz; 7070 for Democratic City Councilman Simon P. Jarosinski, who ran as an inde-

pendent; and 3776 for Edwin S. Panetti, republican.

The campaign had been fought on purely local issues, although national attention was focused on the race when CIO President Philip Murray endorsed Garmatz in an editorial on the front page of the CIO News.

Culture Program Probe Ordered

WASHINGTON, July 17 (AP)—The senate foreign relations committee recommended today a \$100,000 joint congressional investigation of the state department's "voice of America" broadcasts and information programs.

Chairman Vandenberg (R-Mich.) told reporters the committee attached the inquiry proposal as it approved legislation already passed by the house providing legal authorization for the current programs.

Congress already has voted \$12,400,000 to continue the broadcasts and programs during the current fiscal year.

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THANKS to a THOUSAND

Harley H. Franklin is shown below presenting prizes to the lucky winners in his recent guessing contest. Harley also extends his sincere thanks and appreciation to nearly 1000 people who took part in his contest which ended July 12.



Pictured from left to right, Joe Meador, station attendant; Mr. Franklin, station owner and operator, Mrs. R. D. Ashley and Mrs. Hattie Clark, who were tied for second prize, and Mr. James G. Clark, winner of first prize. James Chaney, third prize winner, is not shown in the picture. From June 21 to July 12, 4161 gallons of gasoline were sold and Mr. Clark's guess only missed by 134 gallons. Guesses ranged from 934 gallons to 150,000 gallons.

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