

Dalai Lama Says No To Climb Try

LONDON, Aug. 10 (AP)—Plans for a new attempt to climb the world's highest mountain have been shelved because Tibet's Dalai Lama (aged 12) says the stars are against it.

Officials of London's Alpine club reported Tuesday that the Dalai Lama, civil and spiritual ruler of mysterious, mountainous Tibet, has refused permission for a new try at 29,140 foot high Mt. Everest in the Himalayas.

The Dalai Lama is believed by the Tibetan Buddhists to possess all the wisdom of the ages. He pronounced the horoscope of the stars for climbing conditions on Mt. Everest to be unfavorable for some years, club officials said.

The Alpine club opened negotiations for a new expedition shortly after the war, the officials reported. There have been several attempts to climb Mt. Everest, the nearest to success in 1921 and 1924.

Seven of the climbers were killed by an avalanche on the first try.

Two of the 1924 group disappeared on the mountain somewhere above the 27,000 foot mark.

Love For Dog Leads To Brig

SEATTLE, Aug. 10 (AP)—Seaman Sam Massey was determined to get his Alaskan dog out of the canine "brig."

He did.

But he landed in the brig himself. The dog landed back in the city pound.

The navy man told police he had brought the half-busky, half-collie from Alaska. He left it with a friend here because he was heading for his Brooklyn, N. Y., home on a 60-day leave.

The friend abandoned Happy (that's the dog's name). The humane society picked up the pooch and put him in the pound. Massey was unhappy.

Police picked him up after the night watchman's wife reported seeing him inside the pound, boosting Happy onto a roof and over the fence.

"I love that dog and the dog loves me," Massey told officers.

The night watchman's wife agreed that both of them acted that way.

But they were parted again today. Navy officials reported Massey was in custody of the shore patrol, which doesn't have accommodations for dogs.

Smart Trade Wins Knife

SPOKANE, Aug. 10 (AP)—Six-year-old Bobby Haakell disclosed Tuesday he made a sharp deal with the clerk who promised to trade a knife for Bobby's two front teeth.

The clerk, Don Simonson, was just fooling. But Bobby wasn't. He went home and worked out a front baby tooth that was or its way out anyway.

The second tooth Bobby needed wouldn't come out and Simonson had said "two" front teeth. Then just in time his nine-year-old brother, Kenneth, lost a front tooth.

Bobby had only one gap in his teeth when he went back to see Simonson, but two teeth were in his hand. He kept his mouth shut and let the teeth do the talking. He got the knife.

"I like it good," he commented.

FUNNY BUSINESS



County Library Bookmobile Does Big Summer Business

Like summer temperatures the bookmobile business for Klamath county library has soared. In one day alone the turnover in books was 150 per cent of the capacity of the van side shelves which is about 300.

The impressive total for last week's circulation was 1385 books checked out in the four van days. To keep pace with the increased demand, additional boxes of books are stored inside and a special request system is maintained.

The idea of making summer reading available to readers over the county via a traveling library was initiated in the early 30's and has been continued ever since. To allow for summer vacation trips and treks to camp, fines are not charged for the borrowed books, but overdue notices are mailed as reminders. Localities where the van provides recreational reading during the summer often ask for winter collections, such as at Klamath Agency, Fort Klamath, Homaja housing project, and Modoc Point. More stops are added to the summer schedules as needed; this year's addition was the Shasta View housing project.

An interesting aspect of van service is the special reader request system. From preschoolers to a couple who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary come these requests. Primers recommended by teachers are kept on shelves designated for first, second and third graders, and some ask for extra books for improving reading ability. Arithmetic books were borrowed from the state library for the same purpose. Newcomers to the county are most apt to signify their preference for local history, Captain Jack legends, stories of the Modoc war, or books on Indian relics.

"The Big Fisherman," a historical novel of Biblical times, has enjoyed tremendous popularity as did its forerunner, "The Robe," and names must still be placed on a waiting list, even with nine copies available. Often, as if by mental telepathy between members of the younger set, requests fall into a pattern of Paul Bunyan one week, Burgess animal stories the next. The horse-story fever still runs rampant among young readers of all age groups, but Laura Wilder's pioneer stories and other book series have a big audience, too.

Particularly within a 10-mile radius of Gems' stadium, a terrific call for baseball stories has been set up,

Nature Society To Meet Thursday

The Nature society of the Klamath region will meet Thursday evening August 11 at 8 p. m. in the chamber of commerce rooms, 323 Main street. The Nature society is a nontechnical organization formed to assist people of the Klamath basin who are interested in the study of the wildlife and flora of the region. A check is made each month of the bird species seen by members as a part of the society's program in the study of bird migration.

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Kentucky Horse Does Trojan Duty

DANVILLE, Ill., Aug. 10 (AP)—Dick, the dray horse who pulled a Kentucky family in their wagon 1800 miles, is getting a well-deserved rest.

He's been turned into a rich pasture on the farm of Earl Ward, and his toll-shrunken flanks and withers are beginning to fill out.

It was a fateful day in Dick's life when the house of Harry McCombs, his wife and four kids, burned down at Glasgow, Ky. Harry hitched Dick to the wagon, piled his family and furniture in, and took off at a walk for Washington, Pa., to visit relatives. The McCombs found they couldn't stay there.

So, they started for Tulsa, Okla., to visit Aunt Addie McCombs, Dick, of course, did the pulling. He was all in when they arrived here.

Farmer Ward, who supplied the pasture for Dick, has furnished the McCombs with shelter and work, also.

"We'll move on toward Tulsa when Dick's up to it," McComb said today.

Tending Lighthouses Off Florida Keys Cool Work

MIAMI, Fla.—One of the coolest jobs in the south these sweltering days is tending the lights off the Florida keys. A score of coast guardmen work on five reef lighthouses spaced at strategic intervals right out in the ocean—and they like it.

The powerful lights, visible 16 miles, warn vessels of a treacherous shallow ledge running from south of Miami almost to Key West—a ledge which once echoed to the cries of wreckers.

Each reef lighthouse is built on eight iron pilings and is completely surrounded by water. The men have twin-decked circular living quarters about one-third the way up the structure. An enclosed circular stairway leads to the light at the top. All the windows open on the ocean. The men's coats have blankets on them, and the blankets are used, too, while people ashore lie in puddles of perspiration.

District, says it's not all cool breezes and relaxation.

"The men have plenty of hard work keeping the lights shipshape," he explains. "They are on duty 28 days and then off nine. That means there are only three men at work at a time."

The commander, who was born in Plymouth, Ohio, and lived in Dayton for many years, says there are 31 attended lights in his district.

"There are also seven so-called reef lights which are not attended. Coast guardmen from Miami and Key West check the automatic operations of these lights every two or three months."

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