

Has Fabulous Lost Mine Claimed Another Victim?

NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C., (AP)—Legend has it that 20 men have died hunting for a fabulous "Lost Creek mine" in the mountain wilderness 45 miles north of here.

Was Alfred Gaspard the 21st?

RCMP Constable John Dowsett and guide Stan Zepeski set out yesterday to find out.

This much was known: Gaspard, 60-year-old prospector, packed his gear 15 months ago and headed for the upper reaches of the Pitt river. He has not been seen or heard from since.

PREMONITION

Gaspard himself had a premonition that he would become a part of the fateful legend. He left a note saying "By the time you read this, I will have passed to the great beyond."

That note, left with friends, was opened in February.

Dowsett and a guide made an aerial survey of the area but the snow had wiped out any clues Gaspard might have left.

The deep snow finally left the mountains in June but heavy foliage covered the trail.

The leaves have fallen now and in wet, overcast weather, Dowsett and Zepeski started out by boat. When they reach the head of Pitt lake they will strike into the mountains on foot. They expect to be gone two weeks.

The legend of Lost Creek mine goes back more than 60 years. The gist of it is that an Indian named Shumach appeared in New Westminster with a hefty poke of gold. He made several trips back into the bush, returning each time with a sackful of yellow dust.

He was hanged in 1892 after confessing he had murdered eight women. His secret died with him. On each trip to the mine, he had

taken an Indian woman. None returned.

DEATHS

Since then, according to the legend, 20 men have died in the search for the lode. One old prospector stumbled out of the mountain country with a poke of \$10,000 but died insane. He babbed a story that the creek of riches lost itself in a gold-lined tunnel.

The men who have disappeared without trace in that forbidding area have strengthened the legend.

Friends said Gaspard was fascinated with the tale. He had himself taken to the Pitt lake headwaters a year ago last July and two weeks later a second plane dropped him 400 pounds of food. Other prospectors saw him two or three days later, trudging north, bent under his pack. After that—nothing.

Campus Chatter

By PATSY RUTH MILLER

Business is one of the few courses at Oregon technical institute offered to girls and is fast becoming known among the businessmen of Klamath Falls, and other Oregon, Washington, California, and Idaho towns and cities. Girls from many states are here to learn shorthand, typing, accounting, and many other courses to help them in the business world. This course, however, is not limited just to the fairer sex, but also includes a great many of the masculine gender who are here to learn accounting, bookkeeping, and retail business management.

These courses are taught under the excellent supervision of three top-notch instructors: Mrs. M. R. Brown, who struggles with Business Arithmetic, Business English, and Money and Banking classes; C. A. Hooper, who teaches helpful young ladies and gentlemen the arts of Shorthand, Typing, and General Office Practice; K. L. Ulrich, who teaches the honors for Accounting, Bookkeeping and Retail Business Management; and J. J. Howard, Supervisor of Instruction, who helps to manage the Technical Education Classes.

As a very active class, the business class has elected Miss Mary Lou Jansen, a scholarship student, as their candidate for homecoming queen. Miss Jansen is a brown-haired, blue-eyed, native daughter of Klamath, and stands five foot five. She was a graduate of Bonanza high school in 1951, and has attended various grade school throughout the county. She is active in school affairs, being a member of the rally squad, news

YANK TO FRANCE

PARIS, (AP)—The French foreign office says U.S. air force tactical units will arrive soon and be stationed in Bordeaux. They will be the first U.S. planes stationed in France to back up North Atlantic treaty ground troops.

SCIENTIST CLEARED

SYRACUSE, N.Y., (AP)—Dr. Richard N. Lewis, 38-year-old scientist, was free today of a charge that he concealed membership in the Communist party. Lewis was acquitted last night by a jury of five women and seven men after a three-day trial in U.S. district court. The jurors deliberated four hours before returning a verdict of innocent.

Council Ducks Art Battle

LOS ANGELES, (AP)—The city fathers apparently want no part of the cross-fire in the class between disciples of modern and traditional art.

The councilmen have been investigating charges by artists of the classical school that all top prizes in a city-sponsored art exhibit were awarded to the moderns. The official inquiry reached a climax yesterday when artists represented by both factions appeared before the city council. Such in-artistic words as "nitwits" and "stunk" were bandied about.

The city council decided to make no decision on the issue.

Annual Play-Day Held for Girls

Three hundred grade students of Klamath Falls grade schools were present for the annual fall-play day October 18 on Modoc field.

Soccer line ball games were conducted on the tournament plan. Girls were divided into "A" and "B" groups and each girl assigned to a color team.

The program was under the supervision of the physical education department. Zetta Spurling and Jeanette Ehlers had charge of the tournament assisted by Lillian Hill, Catherine Heath, Margaret Seibert, Beth Hooper and Ann Sullivan, all physical ed instructors in the city grade schools.

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