



JOURNALISM SCHOLARSHIP — Justus F. Craemer (right), president of the California Press Association, presents \$1000 Friend W. Richardson scholarship of the University of California School of Journalism for 1953 to Miss Lillian Williamson of Compton, Calif., during banquet climaxing winter business session of the CPA in San Francisco. Miss Williamson is the first woman ever to receive the award.

Short Creek Trial Ended

KINGMAN, Ariz. (AP) — A judge's angry words echoed for a lonely group of men who headed home Tuesday to empty Short Creek, a town with echoes of its own.

The 26 leaders of the uprooted polygamy colony were given a "stay of execution" after pleading guilty to charges of conspiracy.

Imposition of sentence was suspended until Dec. 1, 1954, by Superior Court Judge Robert A. Tullar with this stern warning:

"A violation by any of you and the individual will be sentenced to prison."

Legal wives will be permitted to join their husbands at Short Creek. But polygamous wives will not, on threat of legal action by the state. All of their children now are forbidden from returning. State's attorneys indicated a way might be found to keep the children with their mothers, however.

One of the men, Edson Jessop, said he and others would wait for the possible return of their families.

"All our worldly possessions are in Short Creek," said Jessop. "I'm

going to stay there. It's the only home I have."

When the 26 men pleaded guilty a week ago to charges of conspiracy to commit open and notorious cohabitation, similar charges against seven other men and 62 women were dismissed.

All had been arrested in the July 26 raid on the tiny community located on both sides of the Arizona-Utah border.

U. S. POW's May Be In Slave Camps

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some Pentagon officials think it is quite possible that some Americans captured in Korea are alive and being forced to work for the Communists behind the Iron Curtain.

Periodically during the Korean War American intelligence agencies heard such reports and made

every effort to track them down. Defense Department officials say they cannot declare flatly that the Chinese and Korean Reds failed to return or account for all Americans they captured, because the Communists never made complete reports on prisoners and refused to permit independent investigations.

But one official, after reading the statement of a returned Japanese prisoner of World War II that he had seen Americans in a prison near Moscow, put it this way today:

"It is quite possible that some American boys are digging uranium in Siberian mines—if we could only prove it."

This source recalled in an interview that the Russians held and are still holding German and Japanese military prisoners, they captured in World War II.

The Defense Department now lists about 7,500 American service-

men as missing in Korea. About most of these men, the Pentagon says frankly that it has no information whatsoever. But the Army has said about 600 were once believed to have been captured.

Two Drown In Klamath As Boat Apparently Upsets

EUREKA, Calif. (AP) — Two Klamath Valley Indians, a professional river guide and an expert woodsman, apparently drowned in the turbulent Klamath River about 70

miles north of here Sunday, Del Norte County Deputy Sheriff William Moore reported from Klamath Monday night.

Moore said the missing men were Frank Mahach, 37, a river guide and Jay Melvin Norris, 37, a woodsman.

The deputy said the two were on their way from Starwin Flat to Johnson's Landing to attend the funeral of James Mennow, reported the oldest Indian in Klamath Valley, somewhere between 101 and 110 years.

Warren Blake, an Indian guide, said he saw the two men coming up the river accompanied by another who was very drunk. He said he forced the drunk man to get out of the boat at his landing and the other two went on up stream.

He added that he had noticed them having trouble with their motor and after they did not return got into his own boat and went after them. He found them overturned 14-foot skiff a short ways up stream at the Blue Creek Lodge, he said. No trace of the two men has been found.

SCS State Post Manned

WASHINGTON (AP) — Conservationists who will head Soil Conservation Service work in 29 states and Alaska under a reorganization plan put into effect last month was announced by the Agriculture Department Monday.

The list included Paul C. McGrew, of Spokane, conservationist for Washington State; Robert N. Irving, of Boise, conservationist for Idaho; and Charles W. Wilson, of Palmer, conservationist for the territory of Alaska.

Under the organization plan, seven regional Soil Conservation Service offices, including one at Portland, Ore., were abolished, and the responsibility for conservation work was turned over to state offices.

The Agriculture Department said state office staffs will be enlarged with the addition of the new duties.



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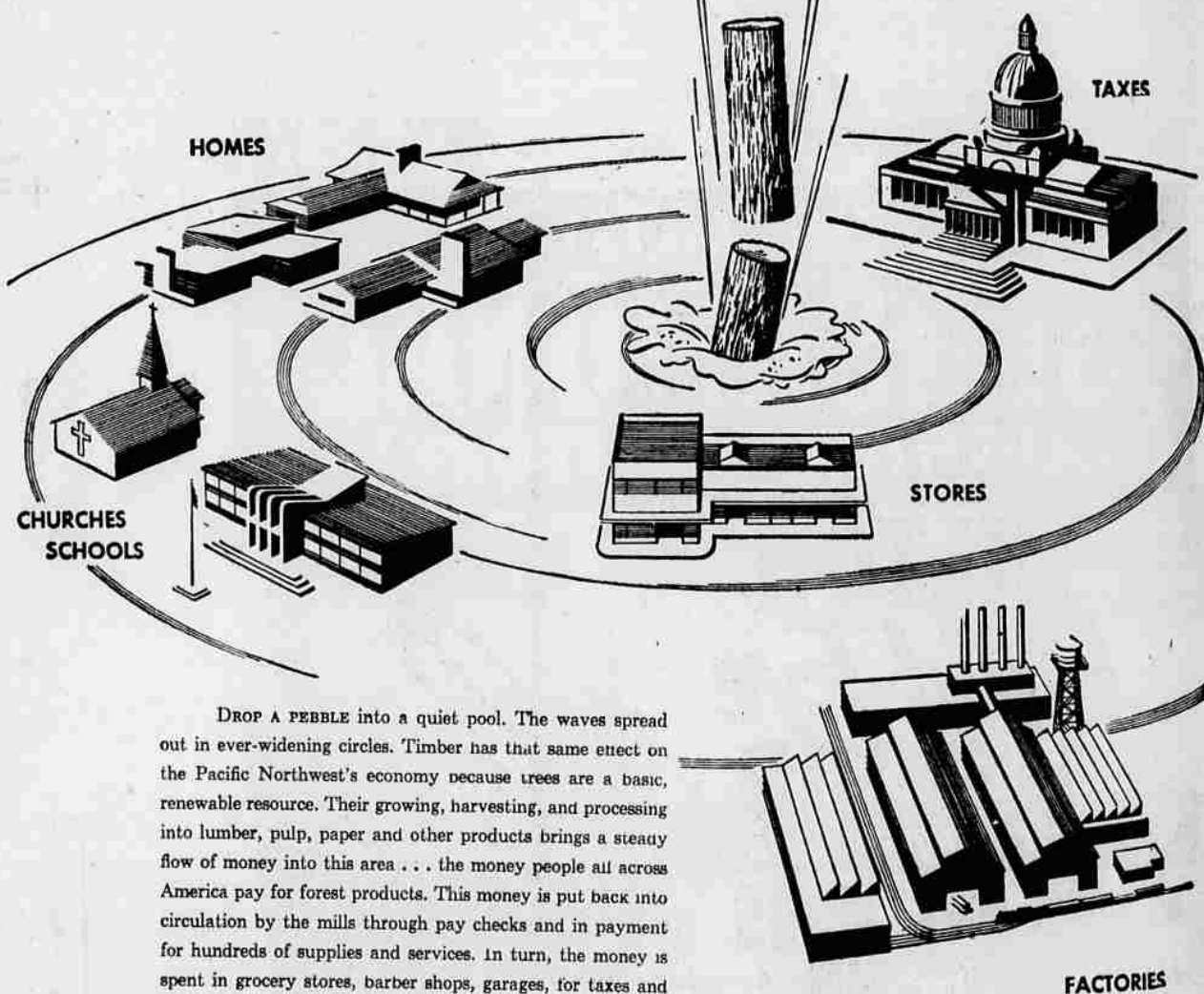
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