[O]regon Planning Travel [Ex]hibit Program For '54

[Ore]gon will display its tourist and [vacati]on wares to 1,250,000 poten[tial v]isitors through travel show [exhib]its during the next three [month]s, while another half-million [...]re subscribers to three metro[politan] newspapers will learn [...] about the state's attractions [...] summer.

[Thes]e were the results for Oregon [pla]ns made at a board meeting [of th]e Pacific Northwest Trav[el As]sociation at Helena, Montana, last weekend, according to V. A. McNeil, manager of the Portland Chamber of Commerce visitors information center and vice president of the association.

Among supporters of the association is the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce.

PNTA will have exhibits in a total of six major travel, vacation and sport shows in major midwest and California communities this season, McNeil reported. The shows and dates include: San Francisco, March 5-14; Detroit, March 13-21; Milwaukee, April 13-11; Los Angeles, April 15-25, and Minneapolis, April 16-25. A show in Chicago was covered in December.

Three travel editors instead of four will be entertained in Oregon this year and for two weeks instead of one. Many stories were published nationally last year as a result of the editors' visit to Klamath county. Newspapers invited to send representatives are the Long Beach Independent-Press Telegram, Spokane Spokesman Review and the Houston Chronicle. California supplies more Oregon visitors than any other state. Washington ranks second and Texas fifth.

McNeil stated that a concerted effort is under way to raise Oregon's quota of the $24,150 budget voted for 1954. Visitors to Oregon spent an estimated $125 million last year, an all-time high.

Annual meeting of the association will be held September 17-18, at Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

[Conv]icts Fail [In] Escape [A]t Salem

[SA]LEM (AP) — Four convicts who [...] in an attempt to scale the [...] walls Wednesday night, [...] in segregation cells Thurs[day].

[...]r discovery of switches in [...]sement of a cellblock appar[ent]ly led to their effort; their mis[...] assumption the switches [would] let them flee in darkness [...] chief factor in the failure. [...] switches were in a tempor[ary p]ower station installed while [constr]uction was under way. They [contro]lled only half the prison [...] wall lights and guard tower [...] were blazing brightly when [...]ur got to a rooftop near the [...]

[Fro]m the roof they tried to throw [...] over the wall. A cable and [...] they had devised failed to [...]s they expected.

[...]hey tried to sneak back to [...]cells but were caught before [...]got there.

[War]den Clarence Gladden said [th]en would not talk but that [ev]idence showed the sequence [of eve]nts. He said these were the [...]

[...]n Brumfield, 39, who in 1946 [made] good an escape but soon was [capt]ured; in 1952 tried to escape [...] has been in prison since [...] sentenced in 1939 for life in [Mult]nomah County for murder;

[Pat]rick E. LaFran, 25, in prison [since] 1949 on a five-year term for [...]y in Harney County;

[...]en J. Randall, 34, in prison [since] January on a 20-year term [from] Klamath County for forgery, [burgla]ry and larceny;

[...]n G. Gilman, 23, in prison [since] last February under a 10-[year te]rm from Clackamas County [for fo]rgery, burglary and larceny.

[M]acomber [Lo]ses Case

[ME]DFORD (AP) — Gerald T. Ma[comber], 30, life-term convict, lost [a] fight for his freedom Wed[nesday], and then a state official [said h]e would be asked to pay [...] for bringing the whole thing [...]

[Mac]omber is expected to appeal [to the] State Supreme Court.

[Mac]omber, acting as his own at[torney], said he was sentenced il[legally] in 1950, was denied his [...] and was mistreated in the [...] jail.

[He a]sked for a writ of habeas [corpus] but Judge David R. Van[denberg] Klamath Falls, sitting in [circuit] court here, ruled against [...]

[Mac]omber was sentenced to the [...]rm for wounding a state [police]man in a gunfight in 1950. [Macom]ber escaped prison in 1952, [wa]s captured in Southern Ore[gon a]fter being wounded three [times] by police.

[The j]udge ruled none of Macom[ber's] rights were violated, and [...] the prisoner if he had any [...] arguments to present.

[Mac]omber said he considered it [...]s to argue further at the [...], and expressed regret he [did not] have an attorney.

[...] Wolf von Otterstedt, assist[ant st]ate attorney general, said [Macom]ber would be handed a bill [for th]e hearing expense. He esti[mated] this would be about $1,000.

Dorris Slates Water Vote

DORRIS—Tuesday, Feb. 16, was set by the Dorris City Council as the date for the special election to decide the fate of the proposed water system improvement. City fathers, at an adjourned meeting Monday night, heard the first reading of the ordinance calling the special election.

The ordinance is slated to be adopted next Monday at 7:30 p.m. Under its provisions, Dorris citizens will vote on whether the city shall issue $46,000 in bonds to finance drilling a new well, installing a pump and water mains, and building a new main to loop around the schools.

Bonds will bear not more than 5 per cent interest. A two-thirds majority of "yes" votes is needed for the measure to pass.

Polls will be open Feb. 16 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the city hall. Named as election officials are Mrs. Irene Todorovic, inspector; Mrs. Elsie Ramsey, judge; Mrs. Lillie McIntyre and Mrs. Mae Jacobson, clerks.

Councilman Betty Gravier moved that the ordinance be introduced and the vote was unanimously in favor. Councilman Woodie Wilson was absent.

City Attorney George Tebbe of Yreka was present at the session. He advised the board that, if it wishes to close a building code, it can do so by reference and that if it wishes to close 2nd Street where it crosses the grade school playground it must follow the specific procedure outlined by state law.

He was directed by Mayor A. E. McLoughlin to draw up the papers for the street closure, as requested by the school board.

STORAGE

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Senate Armed Services subcommittee yesterday approved an outlay of 11½ million dollars to provide storage for "special weapons" — atomic ones.

The report did not give locations nor other details on the "special weapons storage."

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Whodunit Author, Pals Succeed In Freeing Gal Of Incorrect Murder Count

By ED OLSEN

CARSON CITY, Nev. (AP)—Dark-haired Emma Jo Johnson is "not angry at anyone" for sending her to prison for murder — a murder which the Nevada Board of Pardons now says never was committed.

Emma Jo, 35, was ordered freed yesterday after 2 years, 8 months and 28 days behind bars as a result of a year-long, $15,000 investigation by mystery story author Erle Stanley Gardner and others.

The board accepted doctors' findings that Mrs. Jane Jones, 72, of Las Vegas died of a brain tumor — not as a result of an asserted attack by Emma Jo.

Emma Jo's troubles started in early May 1951 when she called at the home of her former landlady, Mrs. Jones, for mail.

At the trial, the state said the two women got into a fight and Emma Jo beat Mrs. Jones so severely that a resulting blood clot caused the older woman's death two weeks later.

Emma Jo testified she only grabbed Mrs. Jones by her braids in self-defense and Mrs. Jones slumped to the floor unconscious.

The jury convicted Emma Jo of second degree murder; sentence, 10 to 12 years.

Author Gardner, who also is a successful attorney, went to work on the case about a year ago as a result of a letter from Jack Wengert, 44, Emma Jo's fiance.

Gardner, pathologist Le Moyne Snyder of Michigan and Dr. R. B. H. Gradwohl of St. Louis became convinced that Mrs. Jones was not murdered, but died of a brain tumor.

In the long, expensive investigation, they found Dr. T. V. Nendick, Las Vegas physiotherapist, to whom Mrs. Jones had gone the day before the altercation.

Dr. Nendick said Mrs. Jones was dying of the brain tumor and needed immediate surgery. He was not called to testify at Emma Jo's trial, although he said he sent the defense attorney an anonymous letter. The lawyer said the letter came on the final day of the trial and he was unable to substantiate it. The case was not appealed.

In ordering Mrs. Johnson's sentence commuted to time served, the pardons board made no observation on whether she should have been charged with a lesser crime.

Emma Jo was philosophical:

"I'm not angry at anyone — I'm just so grateful that somebody came to my rescue. I'm not bitter. The district attorney, the judge and the jury did their job as they felt it should be done."

Although free, Emma Jo stayed at the prison last night waiting for Wengert, who has waited for her for almost three years.

Wengert, a Las Vegas chef, and Emma Jo were to have been married in 1951 after she divorced Navy man Russell Johnson.

"Just as soon as I can I'm going to marry Jack," the emotion-choked Mrs. Johnson told reporters.

"Jack is the most faithful and loyal human that God ever put breath into. He has worked hard all this time and contributed every dime he made to help me."

'Copter Crash Kills Five

PORT ANGELES, Wash. (AP) — A big 10-passenger helicopter plunged from 1,500 feet into the icy waters of the Strait of Juan de Fuca Thursday afternoon, carrying five men to their deaths.

The plane had been up an hour on a training flight and appeared to be coming in for a landing when its power failed, Coast Guard officials said. It plunged straight down until 100 feet above the water when it nosed up slightly, then over into a nose dive as the tail rotor broke under the strain.

The craft landed only 15 yards offshore, in 24 feet of water.

Two bodies were recovered about nine hours after the crash.

The Coast Guard said the bodies of the pilot, Lieut. J. W. Day, 26, and Aviation Machinist Dale R. Littleford, both of Port Angeles, were found in the nose of the 'copter when it was lifted from the water early Thursday.

Search continued for the other victims.

Others lost in the crash were Aviation Machinists Robert A. Chaubin and Pete Palombini, also of Port Angeles, and a New Yorker whose name was withheld pending notification of next of kin.

KUHS Schedules Three Concerts In Early Spring

Klamath Union High School is scheduling three concerts from the music department for early Spring. In the past, two concerts have been held, but due to the extraordinary demand and the excellent soloists which have been obtained for these concerts, in order to accommodate everyone it was agreed that three concerts would be in order this year.

The first concert, which will be held in the high school auditorium on March 11, will feature the high school concert band under the direction of LaMar Jensen with Raymond Biggers as soloist.

The second concert is scheduled for the week of March 22 and will be in the form of a recital by Athena Lampropulos of the University of Washington, with the a cappella choir participating in two selections with Miss Lampropulos.

Charles W. Lawrence, for 25 years director of the choir and men's glee club at the University of Washington, has consented to come to Klamath Falls for this event and will conduct the a cappella choir in the numbers with Miss Lampropulos.

Ruth Lobaugh, elementary school music supervisor in the Klamath Falls public schools and well-known as a prominent piano soloist, will be featured in the third concert, which will be given by the high school symphony orchestra under direction of Walter P. Smith. This concert is scheduled for the high school auditorium on April 2.

Combination tickets will be sold for the three music department concert series. These tickets will admit the purchaser to all concerts.

Eagles Auxiliary Installs Officers

Newly elected officers of the Eagles Auxiliary, Hildred Burris, chaplain, and Louis Davis, conductor were installed at the meeting of the auxiliary, Jan. 13. Mildred Klum, vice president conducted the meeting in the absence of Mary Wells who has been ill since Thanksgiving.

The announcement of the district meeting to be held in Medford, Jan. 30-31, was made but the local auxiliary will not compete this year in drill team work or ritual work.

The March of Dimes Dance is planned for Saturday, Jan. 23 in the FOE Hall from 10 p.m. to 2 p.m. with all proceeds to go to the campaign.

The next meeting will be Friday, Jan. 22, 8 p.m. at the Aerie Hall. Women will meet upstairs.

SHUTS DOWN

EUGENE (AP) — Poor market conditions will force the closure of the Siuslaw Forest Products Company's sawmill at Mapleton, 50 miles west of here, Manager Frank McPherson announced Wednesday.

The mill employs 115 persons, but some of them will be hired for a small mill the company plans to open after shutting down the big plant Jan. 29. The firm plans to keep its plywood plant operating.

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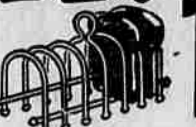
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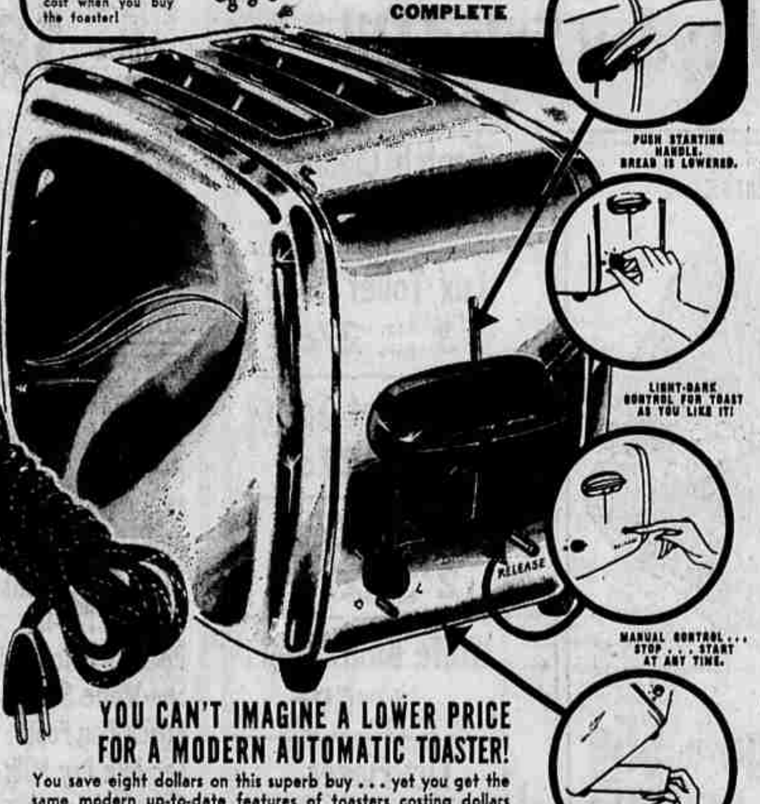

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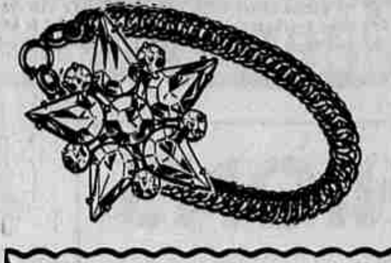
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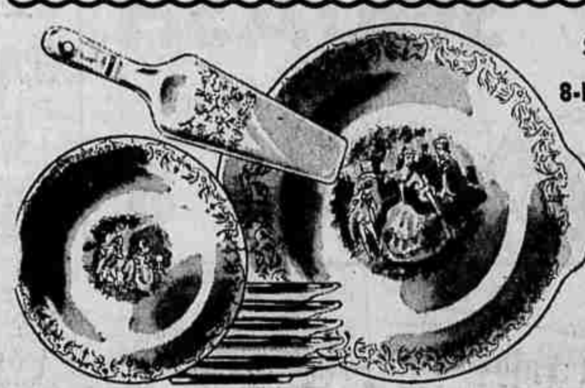
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