

Heroic Cocker Spaniel Wins Award For Saving Master's Life In Lake

CHICAGO (UP)—Taffy, a little Cocker Spaniel who saved her 3-year-old master from drowning in the icy waters of an Idaho lake, today received a \$1000 bond prize as America's most heroic dog of 1955. Taffy was rewarded by a dog food company, Ken-L-Ration, for

refusing to let the life of his master, Stevie Wilson of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, slip away in the waters of Fernan Lake last April.

Stevie and Taffy had wandered to the edge of the lake and the little boy slipped into four feet of ice-cold water.

Taffy, reacting instantly, raced to Stevie's father, Perry. But the father didn't understand and Taffy ran back, springing into the water and trying to save the drowning boy.

Once again, Taffy dashed back to the father, Wilson, seeing the dog's wet coat, raced to the lake and saw his son's coat floating on the water. The father jumped in and recovered the unconscious boy in time.

Taffy's prizes also include a gold-plated leash and collar, a gold plaque, a dog blanket, and a year's supply of dog food. The Wilsons will get a free three-day trip to Chicago, where Taffy will be honored at a dinner Aug. 17. Prizes also went to other heroic dogs throughout the nation. They included:

Bonds worth \$250 to Shadow, a San Diego German Shepherd who fought off a rattlesnake which tried to attack his 3-year-old mistress. Shadow killed the rattlesnake, but was severely bitten himself.



"We've been talking about romance for two hours—I'd really love a hamburger with raw onion!"

L. D. Good Death Learned

PORTLAND (UP)—Loren D. Good, a retired railroader, died Monday in a Salem hospital where he had been under treatment for the past four months.

Good, who was 72, retired seven years ago from the Southern Pacific Railroad where he had been employed as a hostler for 38 years.

A native of Iowa, Good had spent 15 years in Klamath Falls. Prior to that he had worked at Baker and La Grande. He came to Oregon in 1912.

He is survived by the widow, Nettie Lee Good; a son, L. D. Good, and two daughters, Mrs. Frances Fairbanks and Mrs. Marie Hough. All live in Portland but Mrs. Fairbanks, whose home is in Honolulu.

Funeral services will be held here Friday afternoon.

Coon Proves Chicken Thief

SUMMER LAKE—The mystery of a chicken thief which had removed nearly all of the chickens from three different ranches near here, was solved this week.

The nighttime marauder had been reported by Mrs. H. C. Harris, Mrs. S. D. Harris and Mrs. Frank Graves who is staying on the Dean Harris ranch.

Traps set by H. C. Harris yielded a 30-pound mother coon, the first ever seen in this area.

Mrs. Harris reports the animal has a family, so chicken-raisers are closing poultry house doors at night and watching for the appearance of her offspring.

Western Oregon Log Price Firm

PORTLAND (UP)—For the second consecutive year there may be no price dip in the Western Oregon log market.

Demand remains strong and prices firm, the Oregon State College Extension Service said in its weekly report Tuesday.

Long No. 2, second-growth Douglas fir sawlogs were quoted mostly at \$48-50 a thousand board feet, with No. 3 priced \$5 to \$10 lower. Those were prices for truck delivery at interior mills. Prices on water scale at river dumps were up to \$10 higher.

Last year a strike kept demand high. This year the weather did it. First rain held back logging. Low humidity slowed the cutting next.

VISIT
TOKYO (UP)—The government announced today that Foreign Minister Mamoru Shigemitsu will leave Tokyo Aug. 23 for his first official visit to the United States.

A Foreign Office announcement said Shigemitsu will stop for three hours in Honolulu and overnight in San Francisco before arriving in Washington for one week's stay.

Partridges To Be Introduced In West Oregon

PORTLAND (UP)—The State Game Commission is introducing wetland Hungarian partridge to Western Oregon in an attempt to improve game bird hunting there.

Commission agents planted 269 of the birds, one and two years old, in the vicinity of Sublimity in Marion County last week, the commission disclosed Tuesday.

The bird is about twice the size of valley quail, but resembles it, despite some difference in coloration. The birds were obtained from Denmark, where weather conditions are somewhat similar to those of Western Oregon.

Hunters will not be allowed to go after the birds this year, while the birds are establishing themselves. Further plantings are planned as birds become available at the E. E. Wilson game farm near Corvallis.

Housing Boss Fired Monday

PORTLAND (UP)—Floyd S. Ratchford was fired as executive director of the Portland Housing Authority in a surprise move Monday.

A majority of the seven-member board, which administers some 1,000 dwelling units, ousted Ratchford from his \$12,000-a-year post and hired another man at \$8,000 a year. Members said Ratchford's dismissal was for economy.

Chairman R. A. DuBay resigned his chair after the closed-door session and said the firing was "irregular" and "unethical."

Judges To Be Named

SACRAMENTO (UP)—Gov. Goodwin J. Knight announced through his office Tuesday he will appoint three judges on his return from the Governors' Conference in Chicago, including an assemblyman and a former banking director.

Knight's office said he would appoint Maurice C. Sparling to the County Assemblyman Gordon A. Fleury (R-Sacramento) to the Superior Court in Sacramento County, and Rafael H. Galceran Jr. to the Municipal Court in El Monte.

Sparling was superintendent of banks in recent years but resigned. He was replaced by William A. Burkett, director of employment who had been under heavy fire from labor organizations. Sparling also is chairman of the Commission on Interstate Cooperation.

Fleury, 39, has served in the assembly from the 8th District since 1948 and had become one of the states most influential lawmakers. In addition to hearing the

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PRINEVILLE (UP)—The hydraulic lift of a paving machine fell Monday and fatally injured Lloyd F. Cady Jr., Madras. Cady, 32, was employed on a highway project five miles east of here.

Assembly Rules Committee, he was chairman of the Republican caucus in the lower house and was considered a power in legislative circles.

Galceran, who fills the new municipal judgeship created by the 1955 Legislature, has practiced law in Rosemead.

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