

Duck Stamp Boost Sought

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Interior Department proposed Monday increasing the price of duck stamps and earmarking all net proceeds of stamp sales for acquisition of lands for wildlife refuges.

In a report to Congress, the department recommended boosting the duck stamp price to \$3. It now costs \$2.

At the present rate of duck stamp sales, the department said in a statement, the proposal would make available 66 million dollars in the next 10 years for preservation of important wildlife lands "before they are lost through development for other purposes."

Mate Defends Child Slayer

NAHA, Okinawa (AP) — A young American father stood by his wife today after she admitted smothering their infant son, burying his body in the garden and trying to make it appear the child had been kidnapped.

"My wife is a sick woman. I want everyone to know I don't want any slanders against her," Terrence D. Hitt, a civilian technician from Plymouth, Mich., told newsmen. His 26-year-old wife is under observation in the U.S. Army hospital here.

Hitt, 28, made radio and television appeals for the return of his son Brady Dean after his wife reported the 6-week-old baby missing Wednesday. She was visiting a neighbor, and Hitt was bowling.

A screen on the window of the child's room had been ripped off, and muddy footprints were found on the window sill and bedclothing. Baby clothes, jewelry and some papers were missing.

After attending a party at a neighbor's Saturday night, Mrs. Hitt told her husband of having a nightmare in which she dreamed she had killed the child. She described the burial spot, and military police subsequently dug up the body.

Hitt said his son was smiling and "I had gotten him to smile, just before I went bowling that night, for the first time in weeks." The couple has a 3-year-old daughter, Terrilyn.

Ship Disabled By Blast, Fire

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — A tugboat was expected today to start bringing the crippled cruise ship Arosa Sun into a Panama port for repairs. One crewman was killed and two others reported injured in an engine room explosion and fire.

All 200 passengers aboard the 16,000-ton passenger-freighter were reported safe by Walter Carolan of Kansas City, Mo., who called Miami by radiotelephone from the ship last night. He said the Arosa Sun has ample food and water and normal activities have resumed.

The ship sailed March 6 from Port Everglades, Fla., for a Caribbean cruise to last 15 to 19 days.

The vessel broadcast an SOS Saturday night when the fire was discovered. By yesterday morning it was under control but the ship was unable to continue under its own steam. Its position was given as 40 miles north of Cartagena, Colombia.

In Bremerhaven, Germany, Arosa Line headquarters said the dead crewman was an Italian assistant engineer. The line said he was killed by flames after the blast.

One of the injured was the West German third officer. He was transferred to the British liner Southern Cross for treatment. A spokesman for the line said the Arosa Sun would be towed to Cristobal, in the Canal Zone, and probably would arrive there Wednesday. Reports reaching Panama said several ships were standing by.



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Lounge Has Book Service

The small, complete library in the community lounge, which serves thousands of local residents and visitors annually, plays an important part in the lives of the reading public. The lounge, located at 118 North Seventh Street, is serviced with reading material by the Klamath County Library.

Books and magazines appealing to readers of many interests are available for those who use the lounge. New titles and special subject material are added at the matron's request. Patrons find just about everything from articles on Grandma Moses to Albert Schweitzer for adults and easy pre-printers for children, including copies of Klamath Basin history, poetry, humor, biography and health, fiction, do-it-yourself and many national publications.

The lounge library suffered smoke damage from a fire in September 1956 but loss was small due to the bindery department of the county library. Books were mended and aired for future use. The lounge is the only outlet serviced by the county library which has a record of never having lost a book. The Quota Club of Klamath Falls furnishes books for very young children, replacing the supply as needed.

No printed publicity is used by the lounge, yet many hundreds of persons use the reading facilities through information gleaned from those who have benefited by the public service. Members of the book staff are Mrs. Nina Beck, matron at the lounge, and Evelyn Cooper, Klamath County librarian.

PILOTS STRIKE

THE HAGUE (AP) — Pilots on the world's oldest airline the Royal Dutch KLM, went on strike Monday and the company was expected to cancel flights to many parts of the world. About 30 planes on KLM's 96-plane fleet were still in the air and en route to distant parts of the world. Some 300 pilots decided on the strike in a demand for reinstatement of two airmen fired in a long quarrel with the company over pilot salaries.

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Talent Show Boosts Fund

CHILQUIN — The ambulance fund received \$284.56 as a result of the March 8 talent show which was sponsored by the Klamath discussion group. This was reported by the officers of the group who are Mrs. Ima Jimenez, president; Mrs. Flava Yates, vice president; Mrs. Marie Norris, secretary, and Victoria Nelson, treasurer.

Prize winners in the show were Clark Bray, guitar and vocal; Ramona Soto, piano, and a girls' trio, Mary Lotches, Mary Ann Matt and Delphine Erickson, who were accompanied by Agatha DiUlio. Winners in the children's section were Charleston dancers Mary Jane Burdolf and Lynell Norris; tap dancers Karen and Sharon Chase; Mary Kensler, tap dancer, a n d boy dancers Punched Jimenez and Pankin Clinton.

Joseph Jackson was master of ceremonies and guest artists were Mrs. John Manning, soprano; Arlen Miller, guitar, and six of the eight candidates for Indian queen who sang and performed a tribal dance.

The numerous other contestants who appeared were from Chilquiu, Sprague River, Beatty and Klamath Falls.

Airman Dies After Ordeal

CASTLE AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AP) — One of two airmen who struggled through a snowy wilderness for four days after a High Sierra plane crash died last night. Kenneth Riggs, Merced County coroner, said he believed pneumonia brought on by the 15-mile trek caused the death of Joel Parker Blair, 19, Lewisburg, Mo. He scheduled an autopsy for later today.

Blair and Gail Robert Stiles, 20, an airman from Long Beach, Calif., were flying to visit Stiles' father and stepmother at China Lake, Calif., when they crashed late last Monday on 10,000-foot Slate Mountain 35 miles east of Porterville, Calif.

The two Castle Air Force Base airmen hiked through waist-deep snow down the mountainside until Friday, when they met a hermit Indian at the Tule Indian reservation. They had shared some powdered milk and sugar they found the day before in an abandoned trailer.

"For a while it didn't look like we were gonna make it," the two, appearing in good physical condition, said after reaching civilization. "We were a little beat and a little hungry."

Stiles was piloting their rented single-engine light plane when they took off for China Lake. He said the plane tore into a tree on the peak after bad weather forced them to a low altitude.

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California Weather

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San Francisco Bay Region: Mostly fair through Tuesday; little change in temperature; high today about 62; low tonight 43-48; gentle winds becoming westerly 10-15 m.p.h. afternoons.

Northern California: Partly cloudy through Tuesday; a few showers from Eureka northward and from Paso Robles and Fresno southward and a few snow flurries in high mountains today; little change in temperature; coastal winds northwest or west 10-20 m.p.h.

SI. Shasta-Siskiyou area: Variable cloudiness with occasional snow flurries through Tuesday; little change in temperature.

Sierra Nevada: Variable cloudiness through Tuesday with a few snow flurries likely today; slightly warmer Tuesday.

Sacramento Valley: Partly cloudy through Tuesday; little change in temperature; high both days 60-66; low tonight 37-44; gentle winds.

San Joaquin Valley: Partly cloudy through Tuesday with a few scattered showers likely Fresno southward today; little change in temperature; high both days 62-70; low tonight 38-45; gentle winds.

Northwestern California: Partly cloudy through Tuesday with a few showers likely Eureka northward today; little change in temperature; high today and low tonight Napa 62-40, Santa Rosa 63-40, Ukiah 60-37; coastal winds west or northwest 10-20 m.p.h.

POLICE REINFORCEMENTS

PARIS (AP) — Reversing the usual procedure, the French government airlifted police reinforcements from Algiers Monday to protect the National Assembly from further demonstrations by the Paris police. Premier Felix Gaillard is expected to announce to the Assembly Tuesday punishments allotted to a number of Paris police officials found guilty of organizing or joining in last Thursday's demonstrations, when police shouting for higher pay virtually besieged Parliament for several hours.

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Priscilla — Club of the Congregational Church will meet tomorrow, Tuesday, March 18, at the home of Mildred Lust, 711 Mitchell Street, at 7:45 p.m.

Ham Dinner — The public is invited to a ham dinner at the Henley Farm Bureau and Grange Hall on Saturday, March 22. Serving is from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Adult tickets, \$1.25; children, 50 cents, up to the sixth grade.

Ladies Aid — There will be a meeting of the Klamath Lutheran Ladies Aid, Tuesday, March 18, at 7:45 p.m. Program, Mrs. Warren Bennett will give a book review in keeping with the Lenten season.

Meeting — Friendship Court No. 11, Order of Amaranth, will have their stated meeting Wednesday, March 19, at 8 p.m. at the Scottish Rite Temple. There will be initiation and election of officers. This will be men's night and all members are invited to attend.

Moose Meeting — The Women of the Moose, Lodge 467, will meet at 8 p.m. Monday, March 17, in the Moose Hall.

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