

Underground Aqua Pocket Causes Portland Zoo Slide

PORTLAND (AP) — Underground water pockets are causing the slide of a 20-acre section of earth in Portland's new hill side zoo, a special consultant says.

But the problem, said Roland Rose, is to find the pockets and then get rid of them.

Rose made the report Wednesday to the City Council as Commissioner Ormond Bean stopped work on three projects at the four-million dollar zoo.

Engineers told Bean that the 20-acre tract had slipped eight inches downhill from last August until last Monday—when the most severe movement snapped gas and water mains.

In the last two days, though the earth has inched another half-inch down the hill, engineers said.

Rose told the meeting of councilmen and engineers that the slide initially was caused by a deep cut at the bottom of the hill as the state Highway Department began to build an access road from Canyon Road into the zoo.

Bean ordered the construction halt for "a week or 10 days—at least until a committee of engineers and consultants can decide the extent of the danger."

Work will continue on projects not in the sliding area, but it was stopped on a hay barn, the superintendent's house and the administration building.

Then Rose, a consultant to the zoo's architects, gave this report on the slide:

"Soils specialists and engineers all agree the underground water, trapped in blue clay deposits, will have to be found and eliminated before the slides can be stopped or prevented from spreading."

"This will take some time and may mean a lot of frustrating experiences. No one can tell where the water areas are or how to eliminate them."

"This whole area was in very delicate balance. Until we find some means of stabilizing this whole mass of earth, we are not going to have much success stopping the slides."

Rose said that it might be possible to drop shafts or dig tunnels to the water pockets.

Chances Good Fliers Alive

ELLENSBURG, Wash. (AP) — Search planes were to triple-check Thursday possible areas where a missing Army plane with two men aboard might have gone down on a flight Monday from here to McChord Air Force Base near Tacoma.

Searchers said chances are good the men are still alive. All but about a fourth of the Cascade Mountain range between the Oregon and Canadian borders had been covered so far, officials said. The remainder of the area was to be searched Thursday.

The single-engine DeHavilland Beaver carried three sets of survival gear, including parkas, sleeping bags, shotguns and food.

"Their chances of surviving are still pretty good, unless it was a bad crash," Lt. Dan Leonard, a search officer, said.

Reports were checked out Wednesday that a plane fitting the missing craft's description was seen over Lester late Monday and that an explosion was heard after the plane disappeared from sight. Both reports had no connection with the missing plane.

Officials said the explosion occurred in a quarry not far from the mountain town. The plane was one which left Ellensburg about 30 minutes before the military craft.

Aboard the plane were Capt. Wade L. Shankle, 30, of McChord AFB, the pilot, and Pvt. John A. Ardussi, his passenger.

"DENNIS THE MENACE"



"I DIDN'T REALLY HIT THE MOON, BUT I'LL BET I CAME CLOSER THAN ANYBODY ELSE!"

County Saves \$250,000

PORTLAND (AP)—Multnomah County could save \$250,000 a year by paring down its departments and avoiding duplication of work, the New York consulting firm of Barrington Associates said Wednesday.

In the \$18,000, five-month study, the firm told the county that the functions of the district court clerk, constable and surveyor should be transferred to other departments.

Considerable savings also could be made, the firm said, in avoiding duplication and cutting down on manual clerical work.

Commissioner Jack Bain said that no decision has been made on whether to follow the suggestions. And he added: "No present employees will be fired or laid off because of this study."

Speaker Tells Gathering Scouts Look To Leadership

PORTLAND (AP) — Teen-age boys think of the future and want adult leadership, says Elbert Curtis.

And that, he said, must serve as the spur to the Boy Scouts of America to "get the new Explorer program off the ground."

Curtis, a resident of Salt Lake City, told the annual convention of the Portland Area Council Wednesday night that:

"It isn't enough to love boys—it isn't enough to try. You've got to try in the right way."

"Does the church you belong to support the entire Scout program?" Curtis asked. "Both Church and scouting are in the saving business, not the damning business."

Curtis, who recently retired as general superintendent of the Y M M I A, an organization of Young Mormons, said: "Stop treating these middle-age adolescents as kids."

The new Explorer program, said Curtis, sheds the conventional uniform for a blazer and slacks, and puts more emphasis on such activities as skiing and riding. An estimated 1,100 adult leaders attended the convention of the council, which embraces Southwestern Washington and Northwestern Oregon.

They elected new officers, and saw the presentation of awards to 14 adult volunteers who have worked for the council for many years.

As new council president they elected John D. Gray, the head of the Omak Industries in Portland.

Portland banker Ralph Skumm was named the new council commissioner. And these officers also were:

Howard Eakin, Grass Valley, Ore.; James Karafotis, Tillamook, Ore.; Ralph Gillson, Aloha, Ore.; Emmett B. Porter and Virgil Epperson, both of Vancouver, Wash.; Harley Reinhold, Longview, Wash.; Delos Wilma, Kelso, Wash.; K. C. Langfield, Troutlake, Wash.; and Donnell Shellhart, Isaac Payne, Kenneth Robinson, Frank E. Day, Chester Larkin and Lawrence Tucker, all of Portland.

The council has about 32,000 scouts and 11,000 adult volunteers.

IH Workers May Return

MILWAUKIE, Ore. (AP)—Striking workers are expected to return to jobs at the International Harvester Co. plant here Monday.

The plant here, along with many others in the nation, has been idled since Nov. 13 by a strike of the United Auto Workers Union.

The union and the firm reached agreement on a new contract Wednesday. A union spokesman said that it probably will be ratified Friday.

The plant here has 54 men who were on strike.

The new three-year pact calls for an immediate boost of six cents an hour, or 2 1/2 per cent, whichever is larger.

Similar hikes are due Sept. 14, and in October of 1960.

The company also agreed to give four weeks vacation a year to men with the firm 25 years.

Autoist, Radio Aid Police In Capture Of Hitchhikers

THE DALLES, Ore. (AP)—Rod Brand turned on his truck radio Wednesday and got this chilling news:

The police were looking for the two young hitchhikers he had just picked up.

And so Brand, a tire salesman, drove for nearly 20 miles before he could tell anyone of his plight and get police to set up a road block.

Finally, Brand drove into Dufur, 20 miles south of here, and waiting police arrested the hitchhikers.

Sheriff Ernie Mosier identified the men arrested as Patrick Daniel Thornhill of Stockton, Calif., and Luther LeRoy Hoots, whom the sheriff said was AWOL from the Navy.

The two 19-year-olds were held in the Wasco County Jail here without formal charge.

Mosier said the pair admitted stealing a car here Wednesday and slugging a service station attendant to steal gasoline.

"I was really glad to see the police," Brand said. "I didn't say anything, but I was glad. Tomorrow I'm putting a no-riders sign on the truck."

The youths, he said, apparently were not alarmed. Minutes later Brand drove into Dufur — a n d into the arms of the waiting police.

"I was really glad to see the police," Brand said. "I didn't say anything, but I was glad. Tomorrow I'm putting a no-riders sign on the truck."

Work Halted On Dam Site

PORTLAND (AP)—Work at the Bull Run water system diversion dam tunnel—where three men were injured in a Saturday cave-in—was ordered halted Wednesday by the state Industrial Accident Commission.

The work ban will remain in effect until new safety measures are taken.

Only 260 feet remain to be dug of the 1,000-foot tunnel. The project on the lower slopes of Mount Hood is being built to improve the Portland water supply system.

The Green Construction Co. of Seattle is the contractor for the job.

Three workmen were trapped for 10 minutes in last week's cave-in. Two suffered fractures. Another workman was killed at the project in a similar accident last fall.

Voters To Mull Sewer Issue

PORTLAND (AP) — Portland voters will be asked to approve a five-million dollar bond issue next year for sewage facilities.

That was decided Wednesday by the Portland City Council.

The new facilities were ordered by the Oregon State Sanitary Authority, which said that 35 sewers were pouring raw sewage into the Willamette River.

The money from the bond issue would be used to correct this situation by providing two new treatment plants and 18 new pumping stations.

The Sanitary Authority said the present conditions represent a health hazard to those using the river.

WOMAN CHEFTAIN

MESCALERO, N.M. (AP)—Gerónimo's people have a woman chieftain.

Mrs. Virginia Klinekole has been elected president of the Mescalero Apache tribal council.

She is the first woman ever to head the Mescaleros.

Mrs. Klinekole succeeds Wendell Chino and will serve a one-year term.

Ex-Governor Of Maryland Returns To Law Practice

BALTIMORE (AP) — Theodore R. McKeldin, a Republican comrade who blazed new trails across the political skies of Maryland in two terms as governor, returned to his law practice here today.

He hoped that it was only a temporary stopover between public jobs.

A Baltimore court, and then the Maryland Court of Appeals, are to decide soon whether he can run for mayor of Baltimore, a post he held from 1943 to 1947.

The city primary is March 6 and the general election in May.

McKeldin was barred by the state constitution from seeking a third straight term as governor. He turned over the office Wednesday to J. Millard Tawes, 64.

The energetic 58-year-old ex-governor, son of a Baltimore policeman, resumed his law practice with M. William Adelson while waiting out the court battles over his residency.

Thief Cedes Art Treasure

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — The last watercolor painted by Maurice Utrillo before his death in 1955 was abandoned in a Columbia church by the man who stole it because "it's not such a hot painting and not worth that much money."

The thief referred to the \$2,500 for which the painting is insured. The picture was stolen over the weekend from an exhibition at the University of Missouri here.

William T. Kratzer, program director of the University Student Union, said an anonymous tipster telephoned him Wednesday night and told him the painting was in the last pew in Calvary Episcopal Church. At the same time, the man offered his opinion of the painting.

The watercolor, titled "Noël-Montmartre" was not damaged.

School Blaze Under Probe

EUGENE, Ore. (AP)—Fire officials today were investigating the second deliberately set blaze at the Woodrow Wilson Junior High School here.

The blaze was put out by a janitor before it did much damage.

Firemen said they found a burnt paper match beneath a scorched paper poster in the basement visual aids room of the three-story building.

The fire destroyed the poster and a rug hung on the wall as a backdrop for a bulletin board.

Last week's fire was in the combination gym - auditorium wing of the school.

Narcotics Plea Set By Stripper

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — Lawyers for baby-faced, shapely Candy Barr — blonde stripper convicted on a narcotics charge—will ask an appeals court to reconsider her case.

The State Court of Criminal Appeals Wednesday voted 2-1 to uphold her 15-year sentence. Convicted of marijuana possession, the young blonde is free on \$15,000 bail.

Candy, whose real name is Juanita Dale Phillips, is reported to be appearing in a New Orleans, La., nightclub. Her attorneys told the court Candy was holding the marijuana for a friend.

Change Slated On Voting Date

DETROIT (AP)—The Irish vote is heavy in suburban Roseville. With this in mind, Roseville's school board is going to change the date of an important school tax election.

"We can't afford," said board attorney Raymond Cashen, "to get the Irish mad at us."

Cashen, himself an Irishman, said the board inadvertently set the election for March 17, St. Patrick's Day, requiring the closing of all bars under election law.

UO Med School Given \$120,000

PORTLAND (AP) — Securities and stocks valued at \$120,000 were left by the son of a pioneer Oregon industrialist, the University of Oregon Medical School said Wednesday.

The school said it received the bequest from the will of Alfred Jacobs Gilbert who died last March at the age of 90.

Gilbert was a son of a founder of the Oregon City Woolen Mills.

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