



A LADY FLYER, Mrs. Gini Richardson, Yakima, one of the best known women pilots in the Northwest will be in Klamath Falls to attend the second annual Aviation Week and Air Fair at Kingsley Field sponsored by the Klamath Falls Chapter, Sportsmen Pilots of Oregon. Mrs. Richardson of the Richardson Air Service, Yakima, holds twin engine rating and has flown in several "Powder Puff" derbies. She plans to fly in this year's derby from Lawrence, Massachusetts, to Spokane. She will be in Klamath Falls Saturday and Sunday, May 16-17, and will demonstrate the new "Bellanca."

Irrigation Water Supply Hindered By Bad Snow Pack

An extremely poor snow pack coupled with one third normal precipitation in April, will produce only fair water supplies in Klamath Basin for the 1959 irrigation season, according to a report released today by W. T. Frost, snow survey supervisor for U.S. Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service and Oregon Agricultural Experiment Station. Lands served from reservoir water supplies will have a satisfactory irrigation season but all others will have late season shortages. Water content of the mountain snow pack is only half normal and is 39 per cent of the 1958 pack. Snow remains only at the high elevations with snow melt proceeding at an above normal rate. Watershed soils beneath the snow pack are well wetted but elsewhere they have been drying out faster than usual. Total water stored in Upper Klamath Lake, Gerber, and Clear Lake reservoirs is normal for this date but is only 77 per cent of a year ago. Most small reservoirs and stock ponds are only partially filled. Next year's water outlook will depend in part on carry over supplies remaining after this year's operations. Water users are urged to make the most efficient use of their water supplies to increase carry over amounts. Forecasts of the April-September runoff of Sprague and Williamson rivers and of inflow to Upper

Stout-Hearted Pioneers Determined To Live In Wilderness Of Alaska

Editor's Note: Earlier this year, approximately three dozen Detroit residents left in a caravan to travel to Alaska where they planned to start a new life as homesteaders. The group, known as the 59ers, arrived at Anchorage on Good Friday, March 27, and most of them since have gone up the Susitna River from Anchorage to pick out homestead sites. Martin Heerwald, UPI Seattle bureau manager, flew to the remote region to get on-the-scene interviews. By MARTIN HEERWALD, TALKIEETNA, Alaska (UPI) — Detroit's 59ers, some of them temporarily stranded across the frozen Susitna River and others waiting to cross, remain determined to carve a living out of the Alaskan wilderness. This reporter and United Press Movie camera man Parris Emswiler flew into this tiny community of about 100 population to get a first hand report on how the 59ers are progressing with their plans to homestead the virgin land nearby. At the time of this dispatch, the two dozen 59ers who decided to make the Susitna Valley their home are frustrated by the big river which is just beginning to break up, making it unsafe to cross by foot, impossible to cross by boat. About another dozen of the original group of 37 decided to stay on the Kenai Peninsula, south of Anchorage. Fourteen of the group here deserted the quarter-mile wide Susitna with three house trailers about a week ago when the ice was strong enough to support the trailers and the bulldozer which pulled them. The fourth and fifth trailers started to sink through the ice as the next day's thawing began to make the ice mushy, but the modern-day pioneers managed to save the trailers with the help of townspeople. If anyone in the group was thinking about giving up the whole idea and returning to Detroit, the feelings didn't show. Enthusiasm expressed for Alaska matched the brightness of a cloudless day with temperature in the 50s and Mount McKinley, tallest in the nation at 29,000 feet, towering snow white above other peaks about 60 miles to the north. "We haven't become discouraged yet," said Mrs. Eleanor Rubino, who with her husband, Nicholas, gave up good jobs to come here. They have a son, Nick Jr., 10, who thinks everything about Alaska "is just great." "It's been hard, believe me," Mrs. Rubino said, "but we'll manage somehow. We might have to live in tents for a while, because now we can't move our trailer across until the river freezes again next fall. And we probably will have to melt snow to do our laundry and face a lot of problems we haven't even dreamed of yet. But you can't beat the Alaska people. We've never known anyone as friendly and helpful." What about schooling for the Rubino's son, when the family is settled across the river? "I'm told Alaska offers a wonderful correspondence course," Mrs. Rubino said, "and Nickie will get along all right. In fact he's looking forward to school by mail." The 59ers have been so concerned with getting everyone together across the river, to the east from here, and making plans for summer that they haven't made definite winter plans. The temperature in the region, on the cold side of the moist curtain which protects the coastal areas, may dip as low as 50 degrees below zero. "One thing is sure," said Bob Watkins, a bachelor who has grown a full beard and mustache since arriving in Alaska. "We'll have to stick together and help each other or we won't survive. But we plan to stay together, and I think we will." Watkins explained that most of the 59ers decided on the Susitna Valley, although the original plan called for homesteading the Kenai Peninsula, because land in sizeable, farmable quantities is less available on the Kenai. Asked if they had any advice to give others planning to homestead Watkins replied: "Tell them to travel as lightly as possible. We found we carried much too much food and equipment with us. We just as easily could have bought our food even our house trailers, right in Anchorage. We would have been money ahead if we had brought virtually nothing but ourselves. One family even brought its 24-inch TV and hi-fi sets. Frankly, we didn't know as much as we should have about Alaska. We made a lot of mistakes."



FIRE CHIEF ROY ROWE questions Bryant Martindale, a resident of 415 Princeton Street, who reported the fire that took the life of George C. Cane, 76. The fire was caused by explosion of a coal oil cooking stove, Martindale told the fire chief. — Photo by Sheriff Murray Britton

3 High School Seniors Win Elk Scholarships

Winners of the 1959 Elks scholarships went to three high school seniors, all with excellent scholastic records. Other factors in decisions of the judges included leadership, character, attitude and ability, sincerity of purpose, understanding and appreciation of the problems of a democratic government and financial requirements. Rodger Oscar Schlickeisen, 18, Klamath Union High School, was named winner of the \$1,000 scholarship and is student body treasurer this year. She will enter Southern Oregon College in the fall to major in elementary education. Gloria is salutatorian of this year's graduating class, is student body secretary and business manager of the three school annual, "Mehema" for Merrill, Henley and Malin high schools, and has placed in the oratorical division, Klamath County speech contest each of her four high school years. She plans to enter college in the fall to prepare for the diplomatic service. Members of the Elks scholarship committee are Paul Deller, Wyatt Padgett, Orth Sisemore and Joe Mercer. Judges of the 1959 contest were Mrs. Isabelle Brixner, Mrs. George Clark and Lloyd Seely.



GLORIA CAHAN



RODGER SCHLICKEISEN

Runners up were Claudia Heglund, 18, Chiloquin High School, who received the \$350 award and the third place \$150 award was won by Gloria Cahan, also 18, Merrill High School senior. Claudia is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Heglund, Chiloquin. Gloria is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Cahan, Merrill.



CLAUDIA HEGLUND

Rodger, who is finishing his senior year at KUHS after his earlier three years at Bly High School, is completing his four years of academic work with a scholastic record of 1.2. He stands fourth in the graduating class of 314 graduates. He has been student body president during 1959, was president of the freshman and sophomore classes, student body vice president in his junior year, was a member of the "B" class state championship baseball team in 1956, received a scholarship to the junior English and Scientists' Summer Institute in 1957, and placed second in 1958 in the state mathematics examination and first this year in KUHS. He plans to enter Oregon State College in September to major in law or engineering.

School Vote Results Told

LAKEVIEW—With returns from all but one district, Fort Rock, complete, County School Superintendent Anne Sprague reports that the vote was overwhelmingly in favor of exceeding the 6 per cent limitation in the budget for the rural school district at the county-wide election Monday. With Lakeview District No. 7 included, the vote in favor was 455 and against 105. The districts voted as follows: Kelly Creek, yes 9, no 2; Union, yes 16, no 2; Lakeview, yes 309, no 69; Paisley, yes 23, no 6; Silver Lake, yes 23, no 5; Plush, yes 13, no 1; Adel, yes 17, no 11; Ana River, yes 14, no 5; New Idaho, yes 9, no 1; Vernon, yes 22, no 3. In the Rural School District Darwin Robnett was reelected to a three-year term for Zone 4, and J. P. Logan was reelected to a three-year term for Zone 5. The vote throughout the county was also favorable in the election to exceed the 6 per cent limitation on 1959-60 district levy. The vote, with the board member elected, is as follows: Kelly Creek, yes 10, no 1; Mrs. Buma Frank elected; Union, yes 18, no 0; Ralph Patrick and Mrs. Joan Stewart; Lakeview, yes 303, no 76; John E. McDonald; Paisley, yes 25, no 4; Mrs. Barbara Nelson; Silver Lake, yes 24, no 4; Kenneth Emery; Plush, yes 14, no 0; Barry Taylor; Adel, yes 19, no 10; John Murphy; Ana River, yes 17, no 2; Mrs. Fernet Weaver; New Idaho, yes 10, no 0; Erwin Abramson; Vernon, yes 21, no 4; William Rogers.

For Hire Killer To Be Gassed

VENTURA, Calif. (AP) — Luis Moya, the third member of a trio condemned to death for the murder of nurse Olga Duncan, was formally sentenced to the gas chamber Thursday. Moya, 22, admitted that he and Augustine Baldonado, 26, kidnaped and strangled Olga after being promised \$6,000 by her mother-in-law, Mrs. Elizabeth Duncan. Sentences of the three will be appealed to the State Supreme Court.

Three Fur Thieves Nabbed By Tipped-Off Officers

TRENTON, N.J. (AP)—Tipped-off police hid out of the way Thursday night while burglars robbed almost a million dollars in gems and furs from the hotel apartment of banker-socialite Mrs. Mary G. Roebing. Then, the burglary complete, detectives arrested two of the gang as they stepped out of the hotel elevator laden with the loot. A third was arrested outside in a getaway car. New York cops had been tailing the burglars since Feb. 2 and had followed them here by car Thursday afternoon. Detectives waited patiently while the burglars went about their business in Mrs. Roebing's lavish apartment in the Hotel Hildreth. Arrested were Morris Hess, 35, and David Lerner, 47, both Brooklyn, and Alexander Spica, 47, of Manhattan. They were held on charges of breaking, entry and larceny. Among the loot they carried in a cardboard box was a mink coat valued at \$10,000; an emerald necklace (\$140,000); a ruby necklace (\$100,000), and many other gems. Police said the total was nearly \$1,000,000. "I really don't know what the total value would be," said Mrs. Roebing, 52, often listed among the nation's best dressed women. "I will have to check with my insurance man." Her swank apartment was in the public eye only a few weeks ago when Edward R. Murrow brought his "Person to Person" television show there to interview the wealthy widow. Mrs. Roebing is president of the Trenton Trust Co., one of the state's largest banks, a director of at least 24 companies, and recently became the first woman member of the New York Stock Exchange. She is the widow of the grandson of the builder of the Brooklyn Bridge.

Reconciliation Rumors False

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Eleanor Powell says rumors that she is considering a reconciliation with Glenn Ford are false. "I know nothing about a reconciliation and my decision to obtain a divorce remains unchanged," she said. Rumors of a reconciliation cropped up when a temporary alimony hearing scheduled for today was postponed. She said the divorce proceedings will continue as soon as a decision is made on terms of the settlement. A spokesman for the family said Miss Powell and Ford have been living in separate suites at opposite ends of their Beverly Hills home. Their son, Peter, 14, is staying with Miss Powell's mother.

Scientists Tell Findings

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP)—A scientist indicated the huge ring of radiation around earth may not be such a barrier to space exploration after all. He said a recovered rocket cone which carried a packet of film shows the earth's radiation girdle may be made up of protons, not electrons. If that is true, he said, it may be easier than previously believed to devise shielding to protect space pilots from radiation. The information came from Dr. John Lindner, senior staff member of Space Technology Laboratory, Los Angeles, at a meeting of the Seventh Region of the Institute of Radio Engineers. Lindner said the information about the Van Allen radiation belt was obtained from the nose cone of a rocket fired four weeks ago from Cape Canaveral, Fla. He said radioactive particles which make up the belt registered on a pack of film carried in the cone. He said the cone reached an altitude of 50 miles. Lindner indicated that that was deep enough into the fringe of the Van Allen radiation belt to give a good indication of its makeup.

Nation Mourns Dead Cardinal

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)—The government Friday ordered three days of national mourning for Crisanto Cardinal Luque, dead at 70 of a heart attack. The cardinal, whose censure was a major factor in the downfall of Dictator Gustavo Rojas Pinilla two years ago, was stricken Thursday while at lunch. His death reduced to 72 the membership of the College of Cardinals. Cardinal Luque was Colombia's first prince of the Roman Catholic Church. He received his red hat at the 1953 consistory. Born Feb. 1, 1889, he became a bishop in 1931 and Archbishop of Bogota in 1950.

New Spud Mart Under Probe

TULELAKE—The possibility of opening a new market for Klamath Basin potatoes is being investigated by the Tulelake Growers Association and the Klamath Potato Growers. Some local shippers send spuds into Texas and Chicago this year, and local groups are eyeing these markets, if a favorable rate reduction can be obtained. Cliff Jenkins, manager of the Tulelake Growers Association, said that there has been a lot of jockeying of freight rates in the last few years, to the detriment of the Klamath Basin. Idaho producers have more favorable rates into the Bay area and Los Angeles than local growers. Representatives of farmers' groups plan to try to arrange a meeting with railroad representatives in the near future.

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Janitor Returns To Science Men

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP)—An atomic physicist has called the use of scientists for janitorial services a "ridiculous and flagrant waste" of highly trained personnel. Jack Paden, a civilian in the 4925th Test Group (Atomic) at Kirtland Air Force Base, was the complainant. He says that until recently scientists and technicians — making anywhere from \$7,510 to \$11,835 a year—had been stuck with janitors' chores because of a manpower cut. He said he complained to Sen. Dennis Chavez (D-NM) and the group now has his janitor back.

Lumber Company To Build Plant

LYONS (AP) — Plans for construction of a new green veneer plant here were announced Wednesday by T. G. Freres, president of Freres Lumber Co. The new plant, to be built near the present site of the Freres Lumber Co. band mill, will be in production by Sept. 1, Freres said. The plant will have a capacity of 7 million feet of six inch veneer per month, Freres said. It will employ about 40 men. It will be housed in a building 400 feet long, he said. No estimate of construction cost was given.

Austrian Jewel Termed Missing

NEW YORK (AP) — Archduchess Marie of Austria reported Thursday that one of the 17 surviving pieces of the Austrian crown jewels is missing. The Archduchess, 24, described the antique gold, pearl and ruby brooch as priceless. She said she wore it Tuesday night at a ball in the Ambassador Hotel. A search of the ballroom failed to produce the brooch — two by four inches, with a large center pearl, three dropped pearls and a circlet of 16 small and four large rubies.

Traffic Violation Total Reported

SALEM (AP) — There were 15,726 traffic violation convictions in Oregon during April, the state Traffic Safety Division reported Thursday. It was a slight increase over April, 1958. There were 249 convictions for drunken driving, causing suspension of driver's licenses. The department reported 201 suspensions for other violations, and 192 for repeated involvement in accidents and violations. Driving with suspended licenses resulted in additional suspension for 105 drivers.

Job Slips Away

KILL DEVIL HILLS, N.C. (UPI) — Mayor V. T. Chears lost his job when R. H. Cook drew out of a hat a slip of paper marked "mayor."

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Total Amount Smoked Linked To Cancer Study

NEW YORK (AP) — Another medical report, linking lung cancer with smoking, says the total smoking a person does is the important factor, not the period of consumption. The new report, covering a seven-year period and involving 500 lung cancer victims, was announced Thursday by the U.S. Public Health Service and the American Cancer Society. Eight of the patients were nonsmokers. Nineteen smoked pipes or cigars. Most of the 473 cigarette smokers had smoked at least 9,125 packs in their lifetime. This averaged out to a pack a day over a 25-year period, or two packs a day for 12 1/2 years. "The total number of packs smoked during life is the important variable, and it makes no difference whether the total effect was accumulated over a short or long period of time," the report said. The study was made by Dr. Herbert L. Lombard and Dr. Leonid S. Sniegireff of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. The report also said the study "does not prove causation (but) it is highly suggestive and no evidence has been presented that disproves such a hypothesis." Those starting to smoke while young, the report said, are slightly more liable to lung cancer than those smoking the same total after a later start. Timothy V. Hartnett, chairman of the Tobacco Industry Research Committee, commented that "in spite of persistent experiments" no convincing laboratory or clinical evidence exists to prove that cigarette smoking causes cancer. His statement added: "On the other hand, there have been, and continue to be, published accepted scientific studies challenging the premise that often-cited statistical surveys show a causal connection between smoking and lung cancer."

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