

Court Records

KLAMATH COUNTY DISTRICT COURT James Richard Musick, truck speed...



SKYLINE TRAIL RIDER, Don Mulford, scans his dog-eared 1952 copy of the Department of Agriculture map of Oregon Skyline Trail and Pacific Crest Trail System.

Couple Fulfill Dream And Take Off On Long Skyline Trail, Border To Border

By VIRGINIA FULLER The procession through Klamath Falls of adventurers bent on making their dream come true continues.

Up the stairs to the newsroom Thursday bounded tall, sun-browned, 40-year-old trail rider Don Mulford to tell the story of his "adventure of a lifetime."

He had left his wife at a temporary camp near Pinhurst while he hitchhiked into Klamath Falls to buy supplies and pick up mail.

Mulford and his wife, June, own and operate the Lucky Don ranch at Castle Rock, Washington, where they raise registered polled shorthorns.

An outdoorsman all his life, Don married June 15 years ago and found she shared his enthusiasm for outdoor life.

Don had heard in 1937 of a trail starting at the Mexican border, following the crest of the mountain ranges all the way to Canada.

They spoke of little else during long winter evenings on the ranch and it became their dream to one day ride that trail.

This spring the Mulfords sold an 85-head herd of cattle, including the "young stock." They then loaded camping equipment and five horses into a truck and set off for the Mexican border.

Traveling north along the Pacific Crest Trail System, they reached Mt. Whitney Pass June 6. They found they could not cross the pass, at 13,777 feet the highest in the United States.

Three days later the Mulfords had backtracked about 30 miles, coming out to the south at Cottonwood Pass, elevation 11,200 feet.

An unexpected nine days without replenishing their supplies had left them with only a little pancake flour and some coffee.

One of their horses picked up an infection, developed lockjaw and died. At Lake Tahoe they bought "Andy," a big, good-natured mule as replacement.

Mulford said he doesn't know what they'll do with their horses when they get home. The string includes "Silky Sullivan," a buckskin pinto with "two glass eyes."

Tennessee Mother Renews Trek To Washington In Search For Missing Son

By BERNE S. JACOBSEN Seattle Post-Intelligencer City Editor

NORTH BEND, Wash. (AP) — A dark-eyed, soft-spoken mother from Clinton, Tenn., has come back again to these rugged foothills of the Cascade Mountains.

This is the 10th year Nora S. Mayes has journeyed across the continent to spend her summer probing a vast and lonely country searching for her son. Ten years ago he took off in a small plane on a training flight from Sand Point Naval Air Station, Seattle, and was never heard from again.

The terrain is wild. One could pass within 20 feet of plane wreckage in the tangled underbrush and not see it. The small blue trainer the mother seeks is one of more than 50 planes that have disappeared in the Cascades and never been found.

"I know some people think I'm a little crazy, making this long journey every year," Mrs. Mayes, a schoolteacher, says quietly. "But I just won't give up. I just have to find Gaston's plane. I just have to keep reminding people that somewhere in that wilderness there's a little blue airplane and my son's body. I know some day they'll find my son."

On the morning of March 11, 1949, at 10 a.m. Ens. Gaston Eugene Mayes, 22, and Lt. Berg O. Vreeland climbed into a SNJ at Sand Point and roared across Lake Washington toward the Cascades.

At breakfast that morning a Navy nurse had remarked to Mayes that she was planning a trip across Snoqualmie Pass and wondered if there was much snow on the highway.

"I'll be going up that way this morning and I'll take a look for you," Mayes said. North Bend is the first town below the pass.

The Weyerhaeuser Timber Co. has an operation above North Bend. At 11:30 that morning at a saw filer's shack at Black Lake, several loggers saw a plane circling the area. It was obviously in trouble. One man saw the prop turning slowly—then not at all.

The plane glided from sight and they were sure it crashed. At 2 p.m. the Boeing Field operator, Seattle, heard on 3105 KC a weak signal: "Navy 90368 — calling Sand Point."

That and nothing more. As usual when a plane is missing in this vast area of mountains, cliffs, and rain forests, the search planes fill the skies in a probing pattern. Communication trucks and ground searchers fanned out along the roads.

The search went on for days, but nothing was found. When Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Mayes received the word at their home in Tennessee they got in the family car with their son Bertram, 21, and drove west. By the time they reached Seattle the formal search for the plane had been abandoned.

The Mayes family spent the summer seeking clues. They talked to loggers, woodsmen. They had cards printed offering a \$2,000 reward and stating the details of the flight and disappearance. The cards were left at Forest Service stations, service stations, sporting goods stores and other places for distribution to loggers, hunters, fishermen and airmen.

The loggers and Forest Service personnel promised Mrs. Mayes that they would keep looking. So did many others whose work or sport takes them into the Cascades. They said good-bye to Mrs. Mayes at the end of that summer of 1949—and they didn't expect to see her again.

But in August 1950, Mr. and Mrs. Mayes and Bertram checked into a North Bend motor court. "I'm coming back every year until Gaston is found," Mrs. Mayes announced. "Every year."

Each year her first call to Seattle is at the city room of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. Reporters, editors and photographers greet the determined little mother from Tennessee and tell her they are sorry but there hasn't been any word, not a single new clue, during the past year.

"I know," she replies quietly, "but some day there will be. There just has to be."



YREKA'S FINEST — Busy law enforcement people are rarely all found in the same spot at the same time. The photographer luckily got them together for this recent shot.

Mt. Lassen Tour Goal For 'Y' Boys

Five prospective freshmen boys will leave Tuesday for a week at Mt. Lassen National Park in California as the first of what the YMCA hopes will become regular summer trips.

Paul Campbell, YMCA general secretary, said the trip would be made in the Y's Volkswagen Kombi with Merland Phelps, summertime assistant, as leader.

Phelps and the boys intend to do their own cooking and to camp out each night to cut expenses. The trip is to be of an exploratory nature with the view of holding more such trips later.

The first campers will be John Otterbein, Larry Smith, Randy Adams, Bruce Campbell and Danny Dunn.

The group will leave Tuesday and return Saturday, Campbell said. All boys recently were graduated from Altamont School.

Next week another trip will be made by boys from Fremont School who will enter high school in the fall. That trip, too, will be to Mt. Lassen where boys will fish, hike and get camping experience.

"This is a new development in travel trips for youth of the Klamath Basin," Campbell said. In a couple of years we hope to have larger groups, and visit Canada, Mexico or Yellowstone and further east. And we may have co-ed trips."

Campbell also said the YMCA building on Pine Street will be closed this week and next for painting and repairs. It will reopen August 17.

Pearson, Two Companions Jailed On Robbery Charge

Three Chiloquin residents, one of them a woman, were jailed early Saturday on a charge of robbery by force.

They were accused of beating a visitor on a Chiloquin street, robbing him of \$180 and personal possessions, and leaving their victim in high weeds.

Among the three was Leon Pearson, 33, who was acquitted of first degree murder in 1954 and was sentenced to a year in jail for assault and battery upon his wife in 1956.

The others are Cleo Williams and Wilford Hill. All three have police records. The arrests were made late Friday by Chiloquin City Police with assistance from state police officers.

District Attorney Arthur A. Beddoe, who signed an information of felony for the trio, said they were accused of beating and robbing Carl W. Tomlinson last Wednesday evening.

Beddoe reconstructed this story: Tomlinson, a Portland resident who once drove a cleaning truck route in Chiloquin, had stopped in town Wednesday on his way home from California.

He met a friend in the municipal beer hall and was invited to the friend's home to watch the Wednesday night fights on television.

Pearson, Hill and Miss Williams also came by to watch the fights. Tomlinson left the house about dark, when the show was over.

The trio followed Tomlinson, caught up with him from behind, and hit him in the face and head. They stripped Tomlinson of \$120 in cash, three \$20 travelers' checks, a pocket watch and a cigarette lighter; then left him lying in weeds beside the street.

Chiloquin police found Tomlinson about an hour later, walking in a dazed condition up the street. He was taken to a doctor for treatment of a minor concussion.

Pearson was charged in August 1954 of the first degree murder of Glenn Ericks, but was acquitted by a jury that December. The jury found that Pearson fired at Ericks in self defense.

In February 1956, Pearson was sentenced to a year in jail for assaulting his wife, Zella Pearson, now dead.

Hill was sentenced to a 20-day jail term in 1956 for giving liquor to a minor. Miss Williams has a lengthy misdemeanor record in city police files.

Both Cold War Principals Imply 'Approval' Of Poland

Editor's Note — This appraisal of Vice President Nixon's imminent trip to Poland comes from a correspondent who has spent most of the last year in that country.

By STANLEY JOHNSON VIENNA (AP)—The Polish Communist chief, Wladyslaw Gomułka, today has every reason for a warm smile.

The leader of a country sometimes at odds with both its Soviet allies and the West is now receiving a sort of seal of approval from both sides.

Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev recently finished a visit to Poland. He made it plain to both Stalinists and the liberal internal opposition that Gomułka is his chosen and trusted lieutenant in Poland. Former bitterness between the two was forgotten.

This weekend Vice President Richard M. Nixon is going to Poland. Intentionally or not, his visit cannot fail to convince a lot of the Polish public and the people of Communist nations that Gomułka is also Washington's fair-haired boy.

"We are delighted he is coming, but what is his motive?" was the reaction of some Poles this reporter talked to. They recalled it has long been U.S. policy not to indicate approval of a government in any manner which might discourage its people from hoping for eventual peaceful evolution from Soviet domination.

The U.S. thesis, backed by about 150 million dollars in loans and other help, is that Poland has moved peacefully toward greater independence and this tendency should be encouraged by every means.

U.S. sources say the Nixon visit is one of these means. Nixon was invited formally by the chairman of the Polish State Council, or president, Aleksandr Zapadski. The reasons for issuing the invitation seem clear:

Poland is an intensely nationalistic country, and even dedicated Communists boast of their independence and the "Polish way." They feel Nixon's visit will dramatize their standing and the Freedom Poland enjoys within the Soviet bloc as compared to Czechoslovakia, for example.

Poland, through its plan for an atom-free zone in central Europe and a big power disengagement there, a plan named for Foreign Minister Adam Rapacki, likes to present itself as maintaining an initiative in foreign affairs.

Blaze Levels Wheat Field

MONTAGUE — A twenty acre wheat field owned by Erik Hansen, approximately five miles east of here, was destroyed Saturday morning by a fire originating from the backfire of a harvester operated by Harold McWilliams, who was employed by Hansen.

The Montague Fire Department first answered the call for help with two trucks but the fire became serious enough to warrant the assistance of the California State Division of Forestry which sent two trucks and a water tanker and authorized the use of one borate drop from an airplane pilot.

The fire was contained before it could spread to the Hansen home and adjoining fields. The conflagration started at approximately 11:30 a.m. and was under control by 1 p.m.

William Ensburry, California Forest Service dispatcher, emphasized that McWilliams had been operating his equipment in full compliance with California laws governing fire control.

Ensburry warned that extreme precautionary measures must be observed in grain harvesting due to the severely explosive dryness of the fields.

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On The Record

KLAMATH COUNTY MARRIAGE LICENSES Melvin A. Cave, 21, and Janna Neuber, 18.

DIVORCE PETITIONS Lewis William Frost vs. Pearl Marie Frost, seeks divorce.

MARY E. Glenn Eastman vs. Bert L. Eastman, seeks divorce.

MARLYN E. Warner vs. William A. Warner, seeks divorce.

AUDREY R. Nickerson vs. Charles N. Nickerson, seeks divorce.

FRANK MCCLAIN vs. Roberta McClain, seeks divorce.

JAMES NORMAN MALONE vs. Sarah H. Malone, seeks divorce.

WINONA BARNEY vs. Calvin Barney, seeks separation.

KLAMATH FALLS BIRTHS

CHOAT—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Roy L. Choat July 30 in Klamath Valley Hospital a boy, weighing 7 lbs., 2 ozs.

GREENAR—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Dean E. Greenar July 30 in Klamath Valley Hospital a boy, weighing 7 lbs., 14 1/2 ozs.

BOYS: 330 GIRLS: 285

Infant Girl Polio Patient

An 18-month-old child unprotected by polio shots, was in Hillside Hospital Saturday with paralytic polio.

Julia Gegas, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Gegas, Rt. 3, Box 622, was admitted to the hospital early Friday morning. Her parents called a physician after noticing she had difficulty in walking, following a high fever she had had two days before.

The attending physician said the disease at this point affects only one extremity and that her condition is satisfactory.

FISHING FINE

A Klamath Falls couple was fined in district court for fishing with prohibited bait, dead minnows. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Albert Lindlow each paid \$25 on the charges issued by state police after the Lindlows were fishing on the Williamson River July 24.

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Rodeo Performer Falls From Truck

Will Neubert, 72, a well known rodeo rider, fell from a truck parked near his home at 3146 Cannon Avenue about 3 p.m. Friday.

He was taken by Peace Ambulance to Klamath Valley Hospital where he was reported in fine condition Saturday, suffering from little more than bruises.

Police Arrest Errant Driver

Curtis Roy Smith, 2615 Radcliffe Avenue, was arrested by city police for reckless driving early Saturday after his car ran into a parked car near Main and Orchard streets.

Police also reported that Louis Schmitz, 1130 Homedale Road, said electricians' tools were stolen from his unlocked car parked on Main Street between Seventh and Eighth streets. Schmitz reported the loss about 11:30 p.m. Friday.

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