

Radio 'Hams'

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Street, was concerned about the welfare of her brother-in-law on police duty in the Roseburg area Friday. Because telephone lines were jammed with frantic calls, she had been unable to reach Roseburg.

When the morning mail was delivered, Mrs. Hix asked the postman, Andy Schorr, a ham radio operator, how she could get in touch. He suggested that she contact Mrs. Dorothy Suber, 323 Upham Street, who is also a licensed operator. Mrs. Hix followed his suggestion and received the news within five minutes that her brother-in-law has been injured, but not seriously.

Searies was told of another instance pointing up the cooperation of the local ham operators. Robert C. Purkiser, 1310 Look-out Street, who was having difficulty making contact with Roseburg by means of his own amateur radio equipment, also obtained the information sought through Mrs. Suber's good offices. Unfortunately, the news was bad in this case, too, as his service station at Roseburg was demolished by the blast.

"Members of the amateur radio associations are a part of Red Cross and civil defense organizations throughout the United States," Searies points out. "Here, locally, the communications center of the Klamath County Civil Defense Agency is located in the Klamath Basin Amateur Radio Association headquarters at the Klamath County Fairgrounds. The communications center is organized around the equipment and personnel of the amateur radio association," Searies said. "They stand by, along with other individuals and organizations, ready to contribute their services in just such a disaster as happened at Roseburg."

Oscar Gerlevs, a city police officer, is president of the local ham radio operators' group.

"Mrs. Suber is only one of a number of local shortwave operators in the Klamath Falls area who are also in contact with ham operators in the Roseburg area," Searies said.

"There is an Oregon emergency network open 24 hours a day for news from any part of the state in the event of a disaster," he added. "Shortwave radio is a hobby with ham operators. They pay for their own equipment, must study and become proficient in order to be licensed and receive no remuneration for their services during emergencies."

Roseburg Blast

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tion and fire. This was reported by Brig. Gen. Curtis T. Beecher, county Red Cross chairman.

A dozen Red Cross disaster specialists were sent here to aid those needing relief.

Felt 'Plane' Hit

United Press International Cab driver Bill Hogan was asleep in the Grand Hotel when a truck blew up in downtown Roseburg.

He said he was knocked out of bed and hit a door face first. "I thought an airplane hit the building," he said.

Check Buildings

Much of the blast-damaged downtown area here has been placed off-limits until engineers check buildings for possible damage. It was announced last night by Mayor Arlo Jacklin.

Jacklin said checks were being made to see if buildings were in danger of crumbling. Approximately 175 national guardsmen were patrolling the area.

Lucky Assist

Fireman Lyle Wescott suffered painful burns here Friday and was thankful he did.

He was called to the scene of a fire at the Gerretsen Building Supply Company. He and assistant fire chief Roy McFarland were fighting the fire when Wescott looked down and saw the skin peeling off his hands.

He jumped into a police car and was being taken to Mercy Hospital when suddenly the fire ignited a truck filled with six tons of dynamite and high explosive, demolishing the center of town. McFarland was killed in the blast.

Police Arrest Driver, Age 13

State police investigated a traffic accident at 4 a.m. Saturday morning and found that one driver involved was a 13-year-old boy who apparently had slipped out of the house and taken the family pickup without permission.

Officers said the juvenile's truck skidded 85 feet before hitting the rear of a car driven by Elmer Gordon Saylor, 5389 Homedale Road, as Saylor was turning into his driveway. The youth was arrested for having no driver's license and was to appear before juvenile authorities.

Hold Services For 5-Day-Old Auto Victim

YREKA — Graveside services were held for Louis Leland Jerry, 5-day-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lloyd Jerry of Quartz Valley, on Wednesday afternoon, August 5, with Mrs. Theresa Sargant of the Quartz Valley Mission officiating.

The infant died Monday, August 3, from head injuries sustained in an automobile accident, occurring on the old Klamath River Road.

He was lying on the front seat of the automobile, between his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry, when, according to California Highway Patrol officers, Jerry failed to straighten the vehicle out after making a turn on a curve and struck a tree, with the baby apparently hitting its head on the dashboard.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry, the infant and two older children were taken to the Siskiyou County Hospital, the baby died shortly upon arrival there. The parents and children were not injured.

He is survived by the parents, two sisters, Earline and Lois Lorraine, and a half-sister, Pamela Albers, interment was in Fort Jones.

Six Civil Suits Filed

These suits have been filed in the county clerk's office:

Elizabeth Frances Smith seeks more than \$30,000 from the Willard Hotel and manager Marvin Brown as compensation for injuries claimed as the result of a fall on steps from the hotel's Pine Grove Room February 12, 1958. She seeks \$1,389 medical expenses and \$29,640 general damages.

Ellingson Timber Company seeks \$7,335 from Bessnette Construction Company for replacement of a lumber yard tramway. Ellingson maintains the construction company destroyed while laying a sewer line for the city in 1957.

Lloyd and Reeta Allred maintain that Frank L. Strohger owes \$3,014 from a \$4,500 property purchase in August 1957. They allege that Strohger has made no payments since May. They seek a 15-day payment deadline or return of title.

Joseph A. Burke maintains that injuries in an auto accident in Mexico, 22 miles south of Ensenada, were the responsibility of Edith Wedgeworth, driver of a car that plunged over an embankment on August 12, 1957. He seeks from R. B. and Edith Wedgeworth damages amounting to \$75,000.

Two suits have been filed by Carter's Collection Agency against Robert M. Peterson. One maintains that Peterson owes \$342 of a \$485 bill to Commercial Service Company of Seattle, plus all of a \$413 promissory note to the company.

The other suit, styled against Peterson and his wife Agnes Peterson maintains they owe \$420 to Eastside Appliances plus an \$80 promissory note to Carter Collection Agency.

Nine Jailed After Raid

City police arrested seven minors and two adults in liquor charges after a raid at Al's Drive In Friday night.

Police swooped down on the drive-in parking lot at 11:30 p.m. and arrested Robert Paul McFarland, 21, 1741 Etna Street, for furnishing liquor to minors and Charles Lavern Richardson, 21, 232 East Main Street, for drunk in an automobile.

Minors arrested on possession of alcohol charges were: Paul Ray Hug, 20, 713 California Avenue; Gordon Dukes, 20, 1050 Kane Street; Marvin Lee Jones, 19, Keno; Donald Ted Pinner, 19, 4204 Altamont Drive; Delane Wolfrum, 19, 4305 Altamont Drive; Jerry Jones, 18, 1417 Hope Street, and one 17-year-old.

All nine were booked in the city jail pending further disposition of the charges against them.

Canby Mill Bids High

ALTURAS — Loveness Sawmill and Lumber Company of Canby submitted the high bid for the Cottonwood Canyon unit of timber in the north Warner mountains three miles north of Buck Creek ranger station.

Forest Supervisor Joseph F. Thornton of the Modoc National Forest said the bid was \$12.35 per M for ponderosa and western white pine and \$1.40 for white fir. The timber will be removed to the mill at Canby.

Only other bidder was Surprise Valley Lumber Company of Cedarville.

Advertised price for the estimated volume of 9,300,000 board feet was \$7.30 for ponderosa and white pine and \$1.30 for white fir, or a total advertised value of approximately \$29,833, Thornton said.

Funerals

JOHNSON

ETNA — Funeral services were held August 6 from St. Mary's Catholic Church for Mrs. Gertrude Johnson, 75, Medford, a native of Etna. She died in the Rogue Valley Hospital in Medford following several months' illness. Mrs. Johnson made her home with her brother, Homer Marx, Medford. She is survived by her brother, a sister-in-law, Mrs. Alice Marx of Etna and numerous nieces and nephews. The rosary was recited Wednesday evening in the church. The Rev. Francis Sullivan officiated and interment was in the Etna Cemetery.

Officers Cite Boating Laws

State police emphasized Saturday that officers are keeping watch on lakes and rivers to control boat speeding and reckless boat operation.

Police said a number of arrests on those charges have been made already, and that laws will continue to be enforced. Police are particularly concerned about boaters entering swimming areas.

A new law in effect this year prohibits water skiing after sunset. Police said both boater and skier would be liable for violations.

Counties Choose FHA Committee

YREKA — New county committees for the Farmers Home Administration in Siskiyou and Modoc counties were appointed recently. Henry L. "Bud" Meiners is the new member of the Siskiyou County committee, succeeding Lloyd Churchill whose three year term expired June 30, 1959. John A. Bowen will serve in Modoc County, succeeding Ronald A. Ward.

Meiners is co-owner and manager of the Mount Shasta Milling Company in Montague, and Bowen is a farmer in the Tulelake Basin. Both men have had agriculture college training and well qualified for the positions to which they have been appointed.

There is a Farmers Home Administration county committee serving every agricultural county in the country. All loan applications must be approved by the committee before loan funds can be advanced. The committee also helps the FHA county supervisor adapt the agency's loan policies and services to local conditions.

The Farmers Home Administration makes loans to farmers to buy livestock and machinery, to finance annual operating costs, to improve buildings and fences and to purchase land.

The agency also lends money to farmers or their non-profit associations to establish and carry out approved soil and water conservation practices, as well as for installing and improving irrigation and farmstead water supply facilities.

The office of the Farmers Home Administration serving Siskiyou and Modoc counties is located in Room 11 of the Warrens Building in Yreka and is in charge of James F. Walker, FHA county supervisor.

Bedroom Lost In Early Fire

City firemen answered a 3:12 a.m. alarm to 1100 California Avenue Saturday morning where an upstairs bedroom was on fire.

Firemen said the room occupied by Ruth James, was a total loss. Otherwise the building owned by William Easter suffered only water damage, they said.

Cause of the fire was not determined.

Fire Contained To Single Acre

KFPA said a dump used to dispose of juniper, pine and sagebrush refuse caught fire Friday night at the junction of State Route 66 and Swan Lake Road.

The county fire department and area residents responded immediately and helped contain the fire to one acre. The KFPA sent a cat and pumper to the area early Saturday to keep things under control.

Board Nominee

C. D. Long of Klamath Falls, representing District 8 of the State AFL-CIO, was nominated to the executive board at the union's Seaside convention.

Union delegates also selected Baker as its next convention site, bypassing Klamath Falls and Salem.

MEET TODAY

ETNA — Veterans of Foreign Wars and ladies auxiliaries throughout the 20th District will meet in Etna Pleasure Park Sunday, August 9, at 10 a.m. for a picnic lunch. The social affair is also open to prospective members and their families. Each family is asked to bring its lunch.

Lakeview's Geyser Spouts Arsenic; Town Decides It Won't Be Capped

LAKEVIEW — The famous Crump geyser north of Adel in Lake County will not be capped. This was the decision reached at a noon luncheon Wednesday in Lakeview when members of the Rotary Club, Lake County Chamber of Commerce, and other interested persons gathered at the Hotel Lakeview to hear the opinions of State Engineer Lewis A. Stanley in regard to the continuous stream of water which started spouting on the Crump land July 1.

Stanley agreed to rescind the order to cap the flow that had been given to the Thermal Power Company of Nevada, the firm which drilled the hole that resulted in the geyser.

However, Stanley's decision was given only after he had expressed the opinions of himself and his staff in regard to the water flow, and following the affirmation of Charles Crump and several others present. The engineer said that they were still in the dark about the well and were far from knowing all the answers, but he would tell what they had determined.

Contrary to the opinion of many, the state is not the owner of the ground water but, according to the Ground Water Act of 1955, the Legislature says that the state has the right to control the appropriate use of such water. Control by the state engineer can be effected when there is not beneficial use of the water.

While no log of the well has been received at the engineer's office, his staff had drawn a chart of the ground strata which was shown to his listeners. In checking the temperature of the water it was found there were a couple of hot spots at 250 degrees, one at 192 feet and one at 260 feet. It was thought that the heat was being generated from the separate fault zones and the steam and pressure from these zones heated the water from the underground.

However, they had not determined where the water was coming from. The amount of water in the flow was very deceiving, Stanley said. It probably does not exceed 450 or 500 gallons per minute, and is difficult to measure as it varies with the wind direction. The flow fluctuates from 150 feet in the air to 80 feet. The change can be heard by a close listener.

"I am greatly concerned about the future of the flow," Stanley said. "The construction is not solid and it will probably erode around the casing and break through to result in just a bubbling spring. I would be afraid to invest any money around it."

Also determined by the engineer's office was the fact that the temperature varies from 190 degrees to 195 degrees. The chemical analysis is generally pretty good but shows alkalinity of 8.7, which is not good for irrigation and would salt the land with continuous use. The total solids are 956 parts per million. It has 5 part per million arsenic, will be unsafe for human consumption, and may kill cattle and wild-tow.

The well is improperly constructed and cannot be cased. Recommendation for the advantage of proper use of the water would be to plug this well and drill another close by.

Stanley was submitted to a barrage of questions following his statements including several from Crump, who stated that he had drunk some of the water and was not worried about its effect. When an expression of feeling locally was asked for, Crump said he would be in favor of letting the well flow for a year, or five years.

4-H NEWS

QUARTZ VALLEY — The Quartz Valley 4-H Forestry Club gave a picnic for the members' families and guests recently at John Heide's reservoir in Quartz Valley. Twenty-six were present. Everyone enjoyed swimming, wieners, watermelon and just plain get-together talk. This was one more occasion to add to 4-H fun.

James Birdwell, News Reporter

SCOUT MEETING

MOUNT SHASTA — Richard D. Fitzgerald, Mount Shasta area Boy Scout adult leader, left Friday to attend an adult scout leaders' meeting in Coeur d'Alene. About 30 leaders from Northern California and Southern Oregon will attend the schooling which will extend through Saturday, August 8, through August 16.

CAR HITS PUMP

A car driven by June Irene Lynn, Route 3, pulled into the Pioneer Grocery east of Keno Friday and knocked down the gas pump and broke the gas line from a storage tank, state police reported. The driver was not cited.

Mixed Loyalties

AARHUS, Denmark (UPI) — Queen Ingrid of Denmark solved a diplomatic problem Friday when she visited a Girl Scouts camp near here.

The Girl Scouts are divided into two corps—the Blue and the Green—and wear uniforms of corresponding colors. The Queen avoided any show of favoritism by turning up in a blue and green uniform.

Practice, Anyway

BENSON, N. C. (AP)—Farmer Jack McLamb may never have been a life guard, but he used all the approved methods in saving a life.

Seeing two stubby legs sticking out of a bucket of buttermilk, McLamb investigated and found a half-drowned 30-pound pig. He pulled the animal out, gave it artificial respiration and revived it.

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if necessary, and others felt it should be allowed to flow. There was no expression of opinion against this.

Members of the Lake County Court had prepared a resolution that the well should not be capped. There was discussion as to liability in case of any damage resulting from the geyser flow.

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Blonde Quits Jailed Lover For Sea Trip

TILBURY, England (AP)—A shapely blonde sailed for West Africa Saturday, and the best guess was that shipping heiress Katharine Dowsett was sent off on a sea trip leaving her lover in jail.

Katharine's family declined to confirm the report. The ship's officers too refused any information about their blonde passenger. But a girl answering Katharine's description was aboard the British freighter Mendi Palm when it sailed.

Katharine, 20, heiress to a huge shipping fortune, spent six days in jail last month after denying an English high court order forbidding her to see or marry London playboy Edward Langley.

Langley, 27, is still behind bars after twice eloping to Scotland with the under-age heiress.

He already has spent 24 days in jail for contempt. He will be freed only when the high court decides he has purged his contempt—whether this is tomorrow or next year.

The blonde girl arrived with another elegantly dressed woman at dockside in a big sedan. Both women boarded the freighter. Newsmen said they believed the other woman was Katharine's stepmother, Mrs. Gladys Dowsett.

The first port of call of the grimy little Mendi Palm is at Freetown in Sierra Leone.

Mummy-Like Body Found

SARASOTA, Fla. (AP)—Detectives investigating the killing of a young man found bound and gagged with his face taped like a mummy hoped an autopsy report Saturday would lead them to a murderer.

The blonde wife of Chandler Steffens discovered his body on a floor in the bedroom of his father's home. Steffens, 22, was dead only in shorts. His throat had been slashed from ear to ear.

Detectives found no motive, no clues to the killer and no murder weapon. Police Chief Robert M. Wilson said.

Wilson said the victim's entire face was taped except for small holes around the nostrils, eyes and mouth. A tape gag covered the lips.

Betty Steffens, 20, made the discovery shortly before noon Friday. Officers said her husband had been dead several hours.

The couple separated after returning to Sarasota from Gainesville two weeks ago, where Steffens was a student this summer at the University of Florida.

Mrs. Steffens filed for divorce, her father, L.T. Thompson, told officers. But they reconciled and went out together Thursday night.

The couple, married in 1955 while both were Sarasota High School students, had two children, Michael 2, and Patricia, 8 months.

Police discarded robbery as a motive for Steffens' death.

Driver Discovers Bad Dream True

VENICE, Calif. (AP)—"I must have fallen asleep," Frank Hetherington muttered. "I thought I was dreaming."

His car had crashed into a new car parked in front of the Venice police station. Policemen poured out of the building after the crash early Saturday.

To make sure he wasn't dreaming, Hetherington reached out to touch a policeman. "I guess it's true," he sighed.

It was—and the car belonged to police officer Robert Morgan. Hetherington, 27, a salesman, was taken to the hospital with two broken ribs. He was not cited.

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Florida Law Passes New Legal Test

TAMPA, Fla. (AP)—Florida's pupil assignment law cleared its second major legal hurdle Friday when a federal judge dismissed a public school integration suit brought by a group of Tampa Negroes.

The action by District Judge George W. Whitehurst virtually eliminates any chance of Negro pupils entering all-white schools this fall.

Francisco Rodriguez of Tampa, an attorney for the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People, had set September as the target date for school integration here.

Whitehurst, a 68-year-old jurist born at Wauchula, Fla., upheld the defense contention that the Negroes should have taken their problems to the county school board before filing the suit.

His order dismissing the case would allow a new complaint to be filed "in the event that admission to a particular white school is asked for and denied, or if it becomes apparent the system (law) is not administered in good faith."

Constance Baker Motley of New York, an NAACP attorney sent to Tampa to aid Rodriguez in the case, said Whitehurst's action would be appealed to the court of appeals at New Orleans.

The Negro attorneys based their arguments on contentions "that the Supreme Court made it clear that it is not just a right to go to a particular school, but to go to non-segregated schools."

Crews Battle Rogue Blaze

The Klamath Forest Protective Association picked up a call at 2:30 p.m. Saturday relating to two fires which had broken out between Ashland and Medford. By 5:15 p.m. the fires had burned together, trapping Doyle Stockton, district warden of the Southwestern Oregon district and his crew from Medford. Shortly thereafter Stockton reported he and his crew had reached a level spot, burned a perimeter and were safe.

Late Saturday the fire which is located off old highway 99 had covered more than 500 acres and had approached Strawberry Lane, west of Talent. Two out of three houses in a cluster were burned to the ground by the blaze, which is being driven south into the Rogue River National Forest by north winds.

In an attempt to control the fire before daylight today, state equipment was brought in from a fire near Myrtle Creek, according to word received by KFPA.

The state forestry weather report gave the Deschutes a 40 per cent chance of lightning storms over the weekend, the Klamath area a 60 per cent chance and Yreka's forecast indicated as high as 80 per cent. All fire fighting agencies were urging extreme caution by any person traveling.

Flames Damage Beatty School

Fire broke out in a grain field north of Beatty about 3 p.m. Saturday. It was controlled by 5 p.m. after burning a grain field and the school. The roof of the gymnasium-auditorium collapsed and fell in according to firemen.

Two pumers from KFPA and one from Malin responded to the call as well as crews from Klamath Agency.

Cause of the fire is unknown but it was thought, possibly, to have started through man's carelessness.

CONTRACT SIGNED

PARIS (UPI) — Euratom, the six-nation European atomic pool, Friday signed a three-year contract to help France finance a nine million dollar program of research into nuclear fusion.

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