



BILL MAGINNIS, Yreka, mans a circuit during the recent fire in Six Rivers National Forest. He and other amateur radio operators helped the forest service when communications broke down.

Ham Radio Operators Aid In Combating Blaze

YREKA — Ham radio operators in Northern California and Southern Oregon are basking in knowledge of a job well done during the Six Rivers fire which recently wiped out about 2,500 acres of timber in Six Rivers and Klamath National forests.

They solved a serious communications problem when forest service radio systems became choked and ineffective due to remote, rugged terrain.

Two Yreka amateurs set up a radio network spreading over eight operators near Medford and others from Scott Valley, Mount Shasta, Redding, Montague, Yreka and other points.

They were Bill Maginnis and Jim Hoffinger. Maginnis operates a radio-television repair and sales house. Hoffinger is manager of a men's clothing store.

When fire fighters ran into communications trouble on the fire deep in the Salmon-Trinity country, a forest service radio man, Mel Brister, also a ham operator, called Maginnis. Maginnis contacted Hoffinger.

The pair relayed messages for

nearly 40 hours, then became too exhausted to carry on. Maginnis called an Oregon emergency network. He got immediate response from a Medford ham, who helped contact others.

One of those contacted, Jim McCredie of Coquille, was flown with his equipment from North Bend, Oregon, to Yreka, then was set down by helicopter atop Orleans Mountain, near the blaze. His system proved effective.

Others involved in the operation were Bill Witt, Ashland; Ernest Coffell, Charles Thurston, Carl Quackenbush, Earl Casebolt, Howard Arant and Mac McElroy, Medford; Joe Silva, Jackass Junction; "somewhere in the Sierra mountains;" Jack Stewart, Redding; Jim LaPorta and Bill Sowie, Mount Shasta; Vernon Seavers, Scott Valley; Dick Stockton, Yreka, and a woman, Geneva Daniels, Montague.

Maginnis directed the entire operation from his radio shed at his home on North Street.

GRANGE NEWS

POMONA VISIT

A number of Pomona Grangers drove to Fort Klamath Tuesday, August 18, for an 8 p.m. visitation to Fort Klamath Grange.

Honored guests were Rosa Meeker, state ceres; L. W. Barleen, county deputy; Francis Flowers, Klamath County Pomona master; Clyde Caldwell, Shasta View Grange master, and James Flowers, Midland Grange master.

Sheldon Kirk, Fort Klamath master, and his staff of officers presided. Rosa Meeker, ceres; Bill Novotny, assistant steward, and Ada Barleen, lady assistant steward, presented and retired the flag.

Visitors each introduced themselves and their grange units. Sheldon Kirk delivered a short pep talk concerning attendance at grange meetings.

Grangers learned that Malin Grange will sponsor a picnic Sunday, August 30, at Malin. All grangers and friends are invited.

During the lecturer's hour, Ada Barleen and Mary Lou Caldwell of Shasta View Grange presented two comic skits. Mayme Cammock, Klamath County lecturer, led a community sing.

Several members offered suggestions for the good of the order. Master Sheldon Kirk then turned the meeting over to Clyde Caldwell for closing ceremonies.

During the business meeting, members postponed the scheduled October 12 visitation at Merrill Grange to October 16 at Shasta View Grange because of harvest. Visitation will take place at 8 p.m.

Visiting members were Mr. and Mrs. Wes Johnson, Poe Valley Grange; Mr. and Mrs. Don Macken and Dolores Macken, Malin Grange; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Meeker, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Novotny and Zetta Sullivan, Lost River Grange; Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Caldwell and Mary Lou Caldwell, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Barleen and Mattie Breen of Shasta View Grange and Mr. and Mrs. James Flowers, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Cammock, Francis Flowers, Bob Crapo and Kathryn Smith of Midland Grange.

May Gray and Cecil Brown of Fort Klamath Grange served a no host pollock dinner.

Next visitation will be at Bly Grange September 18 at 8 p.m.



REUBEN LARSON

Businessman Named Aide For UF Drive

Reuben Larson is chairman of the allied construction division for the 1960 United Fund-Red Cross campaign. Paul Cruikshank, chairman of the 1960 drive, announced. Larson has worked the past four campaigns.

Larson is an officer of Crater Lake Machinery Company. He has lived in Klamath Falls since March 1949. He has been a Caterpillar Tractor Company products dealer for 21 years in California and Oregon.

Larson and his wife, Opal, have two children. Their daughter, Mrs. Keith Joslin, is teaching school in Chico, and their son, Colin, is a senior at Klamath Union High School.

A native of Cokato, Minnesota, Larson is a member of the Ward Park board and the Rotary Club. He has been Sunday school superintendent for his church for several years. In addition to philanthropic interest in community affairs, Larson enjoys an occasional fishing trip.

Allied construction is a new division this year, though the same businesses were included, but differently organized, in previous years.

All building and construction companies are a part of this division. They include subcontractors such as electrical, plumbing and painting firms. Machine shops and other businesses dealing in metals also are included.

At a recent UF board meeting, Larson challenged other division chairmen, assuring them his group would be the first to finish campaign work—and first over the top. This year's campaign goal is \$132,325.

Aviator Tells Experience Of Blast Out Of Shelter

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Test Pilot Al Blackburn, first man to blast out of a bomb shelter in a rocket-boosted jet plane, says: "It was a snap for me, but you should have seen the mouse."

Blackburn was referring to a desert mouse accidentally caught in the cave-like shelter at Holloman Air Force Base, N.M., at the time of blastoff Wednesday.

"The mouse staggered out stunned and shaken but he was definitely alive," Blackburn said. "I think he must have heard the laboratory people saying, 'let's grab him and check him over,' because he got right up and scampered off."

Blackburn used the mouse incident to minimize the dangers of his feat in an interview after returning to his home here Thursday.

"That mouse was exposed to the full blast and noise of the booster," Blackburn said. "I was protected inside the plane and the plane was out of the shelter in less than a second."

Blackburn, 36-year-old test pilot for North American Aviation, added:

"When I first started preparing for the test, my first reaction was that the shelter would be a mighty tight hole to get out of. Knowing that the blast would be confined and that the noise would be reflected back on the pilot, we had a number of apprehensions as to how rough it was going to be."

"But as the program went along

it became obvious that we were not going to have any problems."

Blackburn had undergone 14 such blast-offs earlier at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., identical except that they were out in the open. The shelter take-off was made to prove that planes can be protected from sneak nuclear attack and still be ready for a quick counter-blow.

Blackburn's supersonic F100 was airborne after a take-off of less than one inch—the distance the plane moved before breaking the shear-bolts that held it in the shelter.

The booster rocket, attached below the tail of the plane, built up a pressure of 130,000 pounds of thrust—almost equal to that developed by a Thor intermediate range missile. Four seconds after blast-off the jet was doing 275 miles an hour and the booster dropped away. In another few seconds the jet's own engine was propelling it faster than sound—more than 750 miles an hour.

Blackburn said the tremendous acceleration—creating pressures four times that of normal gravity—and extremely high noise level had no effect on his ability to manage the plane.

Blackburn, president of the Society of Experimental Test Pilots, said the test proved his contention that tomorrow's missiles can and must be manned. He added:

"If we were to put men in missiles to make the necessary corrections there would be a lot fewer failures."

Pair Charged With Murder

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (AP)—A couple was charged Thursday with starving their 2-month-old son to death.

"I hope God forgives you for what you've done," said Justice of the Peace Albert Trevino as he set the bonds for Manuel Quesada, 55, and Francisca Martinez Quesada, 39, on murder charges.

Dr. Robert Hausman, county medical examiner, said the couple's baby, Juan, died of malnutrition Wednesday.

Detective Frank Castillon told of finding the body of the baby wrapped in a cotton blanket.

He said a city health nurse took milk to the mother for the baby and urged medical attention. The mother said she had no money to pay a doctor.

"Although they couldn't afford a doctor for the child," Castillon testified, "I noticed a large 21-inch television set in one of the rooms."

The parents are accused in the complaint of "voluntarily killing Juan Quesada" by neglecting him and refusing to give him enough food.

The Quesadas told police they gave away 8 of their 11 children, born in the past 13 years. Two others are staying with a grandmother.

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Armed Gang Of 15 Men Futilely Try To Free Con

NAHANT, Mass. (AP)—A gang of 15 men, some armed with clubs and lengths of pipe, burst into the Nahant police station early Friday in a wild but futile attempt to free a prisoner.

The gang fled when a patrolman struck two of them with his revolver and fired a warning shot.

A short while later the seven became prisoners themselves on charges which included inciting a riot, attempting to free a prisoner, assault, assault and battery, and drunkenness.

Four of the gang were caught at a roadblock and three at the Lynn hospital where two had gone for treatment of bruises suffered in the scuffle in the police station.

Police Chief Benjamin Lamphier said the gang tried to liberate Donald Stinson, 27, of Swampscott, who was locked up on a drunkenness charge.

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Red Intelligence Agent Was Dispatched To Cuba

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—A U.S. intelligence spokesman reported today that Moscow sent a Soviet intelligence officer to Cuba last May to guide local Communists on how to penetrate the government of Fidel Castro.

He also said the Soviets are secretly training more and more Latin American Communists on how to set up Communist dictatorships.

This word was given out by Gen. C. P. Cabell, deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency, in a speech prepared for a meeting of the American Legion's National Security Commission.

Cabell declared that Kremlin tactics have run full circle from missile rattling to smiling faces, but their goal remains Communist rule of the world.

Cabell named the Soviet intelligence officer as Vadim Kotcherzin. He said Kotcherzin was sent to Cuba under a false name, ostensibly as a member of a trade union delegation, and has since returned to Moscow.

While in Cuba, Cabell said, Kotcherzin's assignment was to give guidance to Cuban Communists.

"Primary targets for Communist penetration in Cuba are the agrarian reforms, trade unions and the army," he said.

He said Red Chinese propagandists also are setting up a newspaper in Cuba.

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Windy Plants Send Out SOS

BERLIN, N.H. (AP)—An SOS signal appeared to flash from atop 1,000-foot high Mt. Forist Thursday night.

A Boy Scout reported to police he saw a light spelling out the distress signal.

Two policemen climbed the mountain and found two U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey men. The surveyors had set down their lantern beside a bush.

Windblown shrubs in front of the lantern caused what appeared to be the flashing signal.

Construction Bill Okayed

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate gave speedy, unanimous approval Friday to a \$1,428,178,700 bill providing funds to build armories, aircraft shops and hundreds of military construction projects in this country and overseas.

Passage was on an 89-0 vote.

Sen. John Stennis (D-Miss), floor manager for the second big defense money bill, said each of the projects was "essential to the maintenance of our military strength at home and abroad."

He won unanimous approval of addition of \$143,176,000 to the funds previously voted by the House, including 86 additional National Guard projects in 30 different states. They will cost some 13 million dollars more than the budget recommendations for the current fiscal year.

Even so, Stennis noted the total still was more than 135 million dollars under President Eisenhower's budget requests of \$1,563,200,000.

There were no Senate opposition speeches or efforts to trim down any of the many additions made by the Senate Appropriations Committee.

The bulky measure now goes back to the House with a Senate-House conference committee expected to iron out differences over the Senate increases later.

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