Death Ends Man's Fight Against U.S.

ALAMOGORDO, N.M. (UPI) —Gritty old John Prather, the southern New Mexico rancher who stood off Army troops with a rifle in 1957, died early Friday where he wanted—at his home on land the military wanted to seize for a missile range.

Prather, 91, and semi-paralyzed, had been fighting off the ill effects of double pneumonia for some time. Mrs. Dayton Spears, a private nurse who cared for the old man, said she thought he just "never recovered."

"He didn't suffer," she said. "He just quit breathing. He sure was a fighter and a grand old man. He died right where he wanted—right here in his house."

And what a fighter Prather was! He gained fame in 1957 when he stood off U.S. Army and federal marshals with a rifle and defied all efforts to move him from his ranch south of Alamogordo. He swore then never to surrender his ranch, saying he would never move—"come missiles, hell or high water."

Prather resisted money offers, pleas, court orders, eviction notices and Army warnings that he might get hit with a missile. "By damn," he said, "I think they haul them contraptions (missiles) out here just to try and scare me."

In 1959, a U.S. District Court awarded Prather $106,985 compensation for the disputed 40 sections of land, but he fired the check back, explaining he had no property for sale.

"I've been here 53 years, and I'm going to die here," Prather said repeatedly.

Meanwhile, the check laid untouched in an Albuquerque bank.

In recent years, the Army retreated and an uneasy truce has reigned.

Lately, Prather had another legal battle to fight. His son, Tom, of La Mesa, N.M., filed suit to have the aged rancher declared incompetent and himself appointed guardian. A hearing on the petition was to have been heard Feb. 17.

New Folders Available

Some 10,000 four-color, tourist information folders were made available for distribution last week at the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce, 323 Main Street, according to George Callison, manager of the chamber.

The folders note the various places in the county where tourists may stay and play, and cities automobile trips which can be completed from a half hour to half a day. Crater Lake is prominently displayed in the new literature.

The stock, with portions of it containing a four-color display of tourist attractions in the state, was made available to the chamber by the State Highway Department. The chamber used the remaining part of the folder to extol the sight-seeing advantages of the local area.

Modoc Unit Tightens Demerits

ALTURAS—A revisal of the disciplinary demerit system at the Modoc Union High School was accepted by the Modoc Board of Trustees at their meeting, as changes recommended by a teacher committee clarify and tighten up the present point system.

A student having 10 disciplinary points is eligible for a suspension from school.

Major changes indicate the only accepted excused absence is a medical or dental reason with proof of a doctor's appointment. All other absences may be approved or denied by the principal or vice principal.

Students who have been suspended with more than the maximum points will have those points carried over after he returns to school. Smoking in any building on the campus will mean an automatic five-day suspension.

In other board business, the board voted to have the junior class reading list as it is for the remainder of the school year. The board also voted to make a complete review of the selected reading list for all students with the English teachers, the administrator, and a curriculum committee before the next school year.

BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY HONORED — Mrs. Anna May Copperfield, the granddaughter of the famous Indian woman, Winema (Toby), who played an important part in the Modoc War, was honored with a party for her 85th birthday anniversary on Jan. 29. Nearly 200 guests arrived to congratulate her. Left to right seated are Alice Hull, Klamath Falls, great-granddaughter; Mrs. Copperfield, Alice Chipps, Sprague River, a daughter. Back row, same order, Dorothy Crume, Sprague River, granddaughter; Bonnie Nieto, Klamath Falls, granddaughter; Jessie Jackson, wife of Mrs. Copperfield's grandson, Virgil Jackson, and Florence Cole, Chiloquin, a friend.

Open House, Buffet Supper Honors Prominent Klamath Indian Matron

By RUTH KING

Many moons have crossed the skies and many winters have given way to spring, since Mrs. Anna May Copperfield, member of one of the Klamath Country's best known Indian families, was born at Nus Lake near the present settlement of Olene.

Now 85, on Feb. 19, she was fetted at open house and a buffet supper at the Klamath Auditorium, Jan. 29 when nearly 200 relatives and friends honored her at an evening party. The date was set early to permit her to leave for Arizona to visit friends.

Hostesses who helped arrange the event were her granddaughters, Alice Hull, Sharon Shuey and Carmelita Sampson.

Assisting with the serving were Bonnie Nieto, Klamath Falls, Dorothy Crume, Sprague River, Diane Powers, Anderson, Calif., granddaughters, and Mrs. Florence Cole, Chiloquin, a friend.

The guest of honor cut one of four large birthday cakes and received numerous gifts and flowers.

Mrs. Copperfield is the granddaughter of Toby Riddle, or Winema, whose name appears in history as an important figure in the 1872-1873 Modoc War in the lava beds south of Tulelake, where she sought in vain to warn the white soldiers of Indian treachery. She was the wife of Frank Riddle, a white man whose descendants also live in this part of Oregon.

Mrs. Copperfield's father was Jeff Riddle, son of Winema and Frank Riddle. Her mother was Amanda Schonchin Riddle, daughter of the head Modoc, Chief Schonchin, who, history relates, remained true to the treaty he signed with the white man and remained peaceably on the reservations, though others of his family went into battle.

She is one of the few remaining Modoc people who can recall the stories told of the days when the Modoc Tribe lived on Tule Lake, raised their cattle and put up hay. Then came the white man and new rules to live by, and great changes, orders for obedience to a Great White Chief whom they had never seen nor heard of . . . the abandoning of old ways and customs. . . .

She is the mother of 17 children, two living, a son Nathan Copperfield of Klamath Falls, and a daughter, Alice Chipps, of Sprague River. Five generations of descendants, among them 85 grandchildren, have proud Modoc blood from their Klamath Falls ancestor, Mrs. Anna May Copperfield.

BASIN BRIEFS

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MR. AND MRS. GERHARD KLAGES of the Winema National Forest group spent all of last week visiting in Klamath Falls and in California with her parents. Mrs. Klages is clerk in the Chemult Post Office.

MRS. CAP JESSUP and Mrs. Richard Jessup visited in Bend recently and report clear highways beyond the Willamette Junction.

MRS. MONTE MONTGOMERY from Hayward, Calif., is visiting with the Braders this week, and later Mrs. Brader will drive back to Hayward with Mrs. Montgomery and visit her daughter, Mrs. Donald Palmer. Mrs. Montgomery (Lucille Clark) is the former owner of the Beaver Marsh Hotel and Chevron Station.

BONANZA

SUNDAY GUESTS of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Leavitt of Langell Valley were Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Joiner of Klamath Falls and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Thomas and Ruth of Bonanza.

MR. AND MRS. DICK DERRY of Malin, Mr. and Mrs. John Hellekson and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Young of Langell Valley were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Orval DeVaul celebrating DeVaul's birthday Feb. 3.

JIMMY STEWART, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Stewart, has returned home after a vacation trip to the East Coast. While there he visited his cousin, Cheryl Stewart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Stewart. She is a dental technician with the WAC at West Point, N.Y.

MR. AND MRS. BILL BURNETT spent an evening at Tulelake with Mrs. Muriel Smith and son, Clinton. They celebrated Mrs. Burnett's birthday.

DAVID STUART, a Bonanza teacher, went to Portland recently to bring his wife home after several weeks in the University of Oregon Hospital. Her mother, Mrs. Edith Musgrave, Monmouth, is with them for a few weeks.

NEAL FERGUSON of Cave Junction spent a few days with his daughter, Mrs. J. C. Stevenson, and family.

MR. AND MRS. JIM BUNKER and sons spent the weekend at Medford and Eagle Point. They took her mother, Mrs. John Junker, home after a week in Langell Valley.

MR. AND MRS. CARL PROUGH of Brookings spent a few days in Bonanza with her mother, Mrs. Mabel Pepple, and at Dairy with his father, Harlan Prough.

MR. AND MRS. LARRY WOOLRIDGE and children and Neal Tofell have returned to their home at Dairy after visiting relatives in Colorado.

MR. AND MRS. LAVERN HASKINS spent a few days at San Luis Obispo with their son, Bruce, who attends college there.

MR. AND MRS. ART HORSLEY of Bakersfield were visitors in Bonanza for a few days. They are former Langell Valley residents.

NEW PINE CREEK

MARK PARTIN was the speaker at the Lakeview Odd Fellows Encampment Lodge 18 meeting. Partin told stories of Goose Lake Valley, Paisley and Silver Lake, relating some of his experiences as a boy when he ran cattle in the early days. The next camp meeting is scheduled for March 4 at 7:30 p.m. preceded by a dinner at Van's Cafe at 6.30 p.m.

BRUCE AND MARK LENKEIT, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Lenkeit of Los Angeles spent a few days recently visiting their grandmother, Mrs. Hilda Lenkeit.

LES DUNCAN was taken to the Cedarville Hospital last week following a mild stroke.

Floods Cut Violations

Flood damaged roads and severe weather contributed to fewer traffic convictions during January compared to the same month for the previous year, the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles has announced.

Traffic court convictions in Oregon last month dropped to 18,917 as compared to 22,833 for January, 1964. This monthly count, based on reports from traffic courts to the Department of Motor Vehicles, is the lowest since February, 1963 — 23 months ago.

Tempering this apparent reduction, the department pointed out that extremely bad weather and many road closures throughout the state due to flood damage contributed largely to reduced vehicular traffic and miles traveled. It may also have reduced the level of traffic enforcement.

Also, the department noted that despite fewer traffic violation convictions, traffic deaths for the month climbed nearly 28 per cent: Forty one killed as compared to 32 killed in January, 1964.

Total driver license suspensions showed practically no change from January last year: Down from 4,170 to 4,168 for January, 1965. Of this total, 3,678 were mandatory, and included failure to comply with financial responsibility law, 1,519 (41 per cent); and driving while under the influence of alcohol, 309 (eight per cent).

Field Dates Retail Sale

The Redistribution and Marketing Office at Kingsley Field will conduct a retail sale of surplus government property at Bldg. 571 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Friday, Feb. 19, the Information Office at the air field has disclosed.

Items to be sold will consist of used hot water heaters, mattresses, chairs, buffets, and other surplus items.

The sale is open to military and civilians on a first - come first - served basis, with purchasers required to make payment in cash.

Sale items may be inspected from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the day prior to the sale. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the property disposal officer at 882-4411, Extension 539.

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Lake County Battles Against Heart Disease

LAKEVIEW— A philanthropic act resulting from the death of a loved one from a heart attack is building up a fund in Lake County to provide equipment to fight heart disease.

When Albert A. Brown, 52, died in Lakeview on Jan. 9, 1964, it was felt that his life might have been prolonged if the necessary equipment had been available to work with. However, although Lakeview is far advanced with heart equipment through the inventions of a local doctor, it was not sufficient for this need, and he could not be taken out in time.

Donations In Fund

Although experiencing their personal sorrow Mrs. Brown, her daughter and two sons, looked ahead to a time when other families might be spared such grief and decided that memorial donations should be placed in a fund which could eventually purchase the advanced equipment for the local hospital and doctors. Thus, the Lake County Memorial Heart Fund was conceived and the articles of incorporation were filed on June 26 through the assistance of a local attorney, James Lynch.

Up to this time, Lakeview has been more fortunate than many communities its size in having at the hospital a cardiometer, gift of a local doctor, which electronically diagnoses and treats fibrillation of the heart. This machine is available to all doctors. Also, in one doctor's private office is a well-advanced electronic laboratory, much of which he contrived himself and had built to his own specifications, and for which he has been noted in medical journals.

Equipment Purchased

The local heart fund has caught the interest and appreciation of many families in the county to whom sorrow has come because of the dreaded ailment. Donations in the form of memorials have reached the point that, six months after the death of Mr. Brown, there was established in the hospital a piece of equipment which is used for highly specialized diagnosis in diseases of the heart and respiratory systems. This cost more than 1,800 and was paid for out of the fund. The equipment tests the blood pH and the acid base and, by extending the indices on a chart, the doctors learn the necessary treatment for bringing the factors back into balance. It is manufactured in Denmark and is one of just a few in Oregon.

Also at the hospital is a memorial plaque in Mr. Brown's name but also indicated for memory are the names of local persons whose families and friends are giving to the local heart fund for such a purpose as well as to assist in future purchases of up-to-date equipment.

In the incorporation of the Lake County Memorial Heart Fund, James C. Lynch is listed as its agent and with him on the board of directors are Dorothy Brown, Dene Brown Young, Dr. L. C. Robertson and the Rev. Elwyn Tesche. Any of these persons can receive donations for the fund.

Taxpayers Cautioned On Claims

A. G. Erickson of the Internal Revenue office in Portland cautioned taxpayers today that the standard deducation when claimed on a Federal income tax return is in lieu of all itemized deductions for contributions, interest, taxes, medical expenses and other deductions.

If the taxpayer elects to itemize these deductions, he is allowed only what he actually paid. Erickson also pointed out that certain state and local taxes that were formerly deductible no longer may be claimed as deductions — for example cigarette and liquor taxes and Oregon auto license fees which are not now deductible. He said the instructions accompanying this year's tax return should be followed carefully.

Erickson said a contribution by an individual must actually be paid before the end of the tax year. This rule applies even to individual taxpayers who report on an accrual basis.

The value of time or services donated to a church or a charity is not deductible, Erickson said. However, out-of-pocket expenses incurred in rendering free services to such organizations are deductible contributions. This includes amounts paid for gas, oil, or bus fare, including transportation from your home to the place where you volunteer your services. It does not include depreciation or insurance on your car.

The cost of uniforms which you must wear as a volunteer is deductible if the uniform is not suitable for general wear. Taxpayers who frequently donate their services should keep careful records of the expenses in order to deduct them.

Erickson said that a gift to an individual is not deductible no matter how worthy the cause.

Bly Inducts Scout Troop

BLY — Induction ceremonies were held recently for Troop 19, Bly's newly-organized Boy Scout unit.

Members of Troop 9 of Klamath Falls conducted the ceremony in which tenderfoot badges and neckerchiefs were presented to the Bly troop.

Boys receiving badges were Paul Little, Robby Melsness, Terry Henderson, William Elliott, Emmett Kness, Jack Patzke, Dean Lawrence, Vance Wright, Vernon Vincent and Robin Vincent.

Rex Hunsaker of Lakeview presented a Tenderfoot honor unit ribbon to Patrol Leader Emmett Kness for the troop's accomplishments at a Camporee in January.

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