

SILVER LAKE STORM WORST IN 25 YEARS

SILVER LAKE, July 28 (AP)—"The worst thunder storm we've had in 25 years," was the description long-time residents of northern Lake county applied to the electrical storm and torrential rain that occurred here beginning Friday night and lasting through Sunday. Nearly an inch and one-half of rain was recorded at Fremont ranger station and 66 forest fires kindled by lightning, which later were controlled.

Considerable damage was done to hay which a great deal was on the ground ready for stacking in Summer Lake valley. In the Paisley section where 10 miles of the Fremont highway is being paved, about a mile and a half of freshly applied oil and gravel had to be turned over to dry out.

HEPPNER, July 28 (AP)—Only the heavy rains accompanying the recent electrical storms have kept the forests near Heppner from being wiped out.

At present there are 43 forest fires in the Umatilla national forest in the Heppner district as a result of recent storms. Thirty new ones have started in the last three days. They are scattered all through the west end from Wall creek the full length of the district to the west.

Most of the fires are within bounds and for the greater part are a quarter of a mile in size or less, many are single snags of trees.

A cloudburst at Spray hampered telephone service in this district. The whole town tied and no telephone connection could be made through the forestry office until late Tuesday afternoon.

It is understood that the British committee for wise-cracking about Chicago gangsters has decided now to devote all its efforts to the Spanish situation.

The fish-bowl, or osprey, catches its prey with its claws. No fish is too slippery for this master fisherman.

Torpedo explosives were named for the torpedo fish, which delivers a terrific electrical shock to its enemies.

Recreation Notes

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and Events

The 10 softballs donated by the City Softball league to the playground centers have jumped from the frying pan into the fire. These balls have been portioned out between the different centers and are being slowly battered to shreds. If softballs think and these particular ones thought life with the softball league was tough we are sure they have another opinion now. They are getting 10 times more use every day on the playgrounds.

CHIFF Jenkins, 4-H club leader, has been busy around the south end of the county. It seems there are a number of the 4-H lads there who would like to take on the boys of the baseball school in a game. Of course the baseball school fellows are "rain" to go. Like the Sino-Japanese situation "war is inevitable." We understand the pennant at stake is 200 pounds of watermelon. We hope it is a hot day and the melons are "on ice."

Such a game will be a fine thing all around. It will give about 40 boys a chance to become acquainted with one another. What better way than in a good old ball game. It will give some of the Klamath Falls chaps a chance to see the country south of town. It will give both groups a chance to compare strength and ability in a contest and all will get better acquainted over that watermelon feed.

In addition to arranging a baseball game or two Cliff Jenkins has several other things in the fire. One of these is the 4-H summer camp which will be held early next month. About 100 boys and girls—all 4-H club members—are looking forward to this camp. We understand that many interesting things are being planned for the camp and that youngsters who get to attend are mighty fortunate. The camp will extend over a two-week period. One week for the boys and another for the girls. Leaders and instructors from Corvallis and other parts of the state will be on hand to fill out the program.

We drove out to Richmond park yesterday and as usual found the place as busy as a beehive. Mrs. McCartney, chairman of the Recreation committee, was on hand and with her were a dozen or fifteen of the neighborhood kids; and were they busy! All hands, including the boss, were busy picking up

rocks, leveling ground, spreading gravel and otherwise getting the new field ready for play. We do believe this new field will be one of the most appreciated in the whole set-up. The reason for it is that the kids themselves have had a big part in building it.

The play equipment that was donated to the City Recreation Committee by Dr. Hugh has been put in place in Richmond park and is now ready for use. The rings and swings and slides are being used too. In fact they were being used long before they were ready for use. But of course you could expect that. Now that balls and bats and even a sand box are ordered for this new center it will be a popular place. Such a field has been needed in that neighborhood for a long time.

RH Cantor is one baseball fan who hasn't overlooked the American Legion Junior Baseball championship series to be played in Woodburn next week. Bill would like to go. In fact he is just hoping that someone will give him an excuse to go. We don't blame him. We would like to see that series ourselves. Perhaps we will.

LONGWORTH LEADS
EVHRETT, July 28 (AP)—Ted Longworth, Portland professional, had a strange hold on the Washington state open golf championship today after posting a third under-par score Tuesday with a total of 274 for 72 holes.

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Streamlined Passenger Buses With 16 Berths Soon to Travel Nation's Highways

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DETROIT, July 28 (UP)—A new fleet of super-streamlined sleeping coaches may soon be added to the more than 25,000-000 motor vehicles now shuttling about on the nation's 3,000,000-mile webwork of hard-surfaced highway.

The first of the new machines—a red and cream dreadnought—provides regulation "Pullman" berths for 16 persons in eight sections or for 24 persons if the "lowers" double up. The bus was designed for inter-city service by automotive and aeronautical engineers.

Sleep buses are not a new idea, but the new coach, its designers claim, incorporates new ideas of economy and comfort not included in models now in use. There are two sleeper coaches in transcontinental operation and six others travel between Kansas City and Los Angeles. A foreign line operates a modern trailer-type coach service on the 600

desert miles between Damascus and Baghdad.

Paul W. Sells, former president of General Motors truck division who heads the new company, said the coach "keynotes" comfort and economy in operation.

The new coach, which is 35 feet long, eight feet wide and 10 feet, 8 inches high, is said to be the lightest bus of its kind ever built. The body and chassis is built of dural metal, one-third lighter than aluminum and of about the same strength as mild steel. This is the metal's first use in proposed volume production of commercial buses.

The bus is soundproofed by use of one layer of the same wood fiber product used in the cabins of Douglas airliners, an air space and then a layer of aluminum foil.

H. G. McCarroll, one of its designers and formerly a Ford engineer, claimed the lighter construction of the machine produces two economy factors in operation

costs. He said the bus could be operated eight miles on a gallon of gasoline as compared with the average three miles per gallon of present standard coach equipment. Tires will be smaller—6.55x20 inches, as compared with 10.55x20 inches on regulation buses.

The coach, he said, weighs 11,400 pounds, nearly 9000 pounds lighter than any existing similar type.

McCarroll claimed the machine will operate on a paying basis for fare of 2 cents a mile, which would include a berth. Present first class rail fares are three cents per mile and the berth charge is added.

It is owned by Sleeper Coaches, Inc., a closed Michigan corporation, headed by Sells. Its designers were Carroll and LeRoy G. Reinke, both former Ford engineers, and Ralph R. Johnson, a graduate aeronautical engineer. On production, it was estimated, the cost of the vehicle in lots of 100 will be \$12,000.

A complete vacuum never has been created by man. A few atoms of the elements which comprise air are contained in so-called vacuums.

Polar bears have an acute sense of smell and can scent a prospective meal 10 to 20 miles away.

NEW BOAT ACTIVE

ASTORIA, July 28 (AP)—A new Pilchard boat, the J. B. Edwards, recently built in Tacoma, is in service on the Columbia river for the Pacific Marine Products plant at Warrenton. The vessel is owned by San Francisco interests.

HALIBUT SEASON ENDS

ASTORIA, July 28 (AP)—The halibut season off the Columbia river closes at midnight tonight. Catches for the past week were reported good, last deliveries being received by the New England Fish company Monday.

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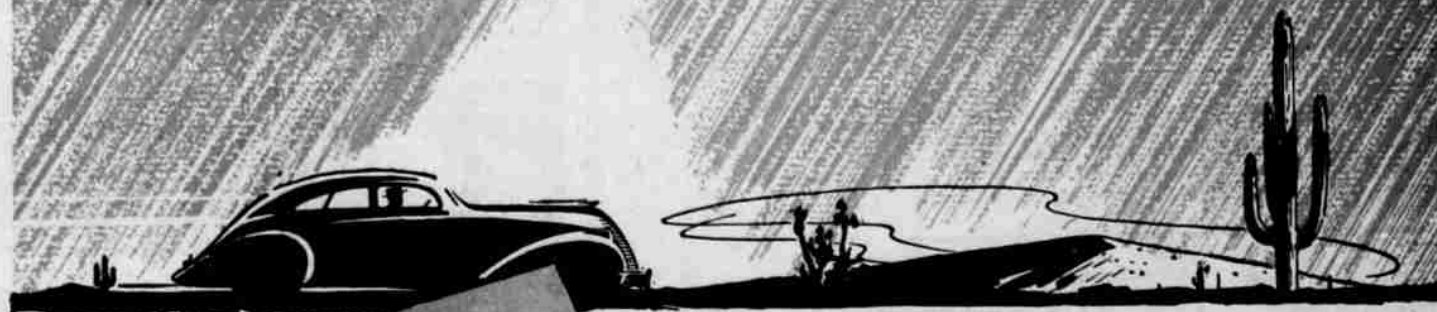
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