

About People You Know

Mrs. Mary Bracken, of Salt Lake City, Utah, mother of Fred Bracken

arrived Sunday for a two weeks' visit with her son.

Mrs. Tom Johnson and Mrs. Minard McIntyre attended a birthday of Mrs. Johnson's granddaughter at Caldwell Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Don B. Moss, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Jefferies and Mr. and Mrs. Don C. Moss spent the week-end at McCall.

Visiting at the Richard Mason home over the week-end were Richard Mason's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Hansen of Bremerton, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Jones and daughter, Mrs. Jack E. Atkeson left Tuesday for Utah for a few days visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mason, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Chandler and Mrs. Dorothy Bibbey spent Sunday at Ironside.

Mrs. Grant Jones spent the last week in Boise with her daughter, Mrs. Jack E. Atkeson while Jack spent the week in Reno, Nevada on business but while there he visited with Mr. and Mrs. Reed Ray formerly of Nyssa.

Ned Snider, Vernon Frost, Larry Vaughn and Steve Talbot spent the week-end at Payette Lakes.

Visitors at the Andrew McGinnis home over the week-end were Mrs. Kendrick Dunlay of Carlton, and Sharron and Gene Kentral of Grass Valley Sunday afternoon they went to Emmett to visit Mr. and Mrs. Charley Kentral.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter McPartland and family returned Friday evening from the summer's stay at Eugene, where Mr. McPartland attended summer school at the University of Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Newman spent last week at McCall.

Nancy Jo House and Delores Dues returned Tuesday from a five day

stay at the 4-H camp near Payette Lakes.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Potter and son, Bill and daughter, Barbara of Nampa visited with Mr. and Mrs. Ken Renstrom Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George N. Bear visited last week with Mrs. W. B. Rodgers near Fruitland.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hathaway, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Nicholson and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Long went fishing on the north fork of the Malheur.

Mrs. Lloyd Tobler, Mrs. Evan Tobler, Billy and Leon vacationed in a cottage at Payette Lakes from Tuesday until Saturday.

Mrs. Archie Wilson of Virden, Ill. arrived in Nyssa Monday evening for a visit with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Potter.

Houseguests arriving last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Patterson were Mrs. Patterson's brother, Stanley Irving, Jr. and her sister, Mrs. Clarice Evans, both of Los Angeles. Mr. Irving returned to his home Friday and Mrs. Evans remained for an extended visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Parks and family and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reitenbaugh returned last Wednesday from a five-day fishing trip near Bend. They report very successful fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Olson returned home Friday from a nine-day trip to Portland. Their daughter, Miss Janet Olson, who had been in the hospital there, accompanied them home. They also visited Mrs. Olson's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jackson at Salem.

Mrs. Charlie White of Portland was a Saturday overnight and Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Tobler.

Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Stringer and family spent from Friday until Sunday at McCall.

Mr. and Mrs. Conley Ward and family of Notus were Sunday evening visitors at the Aubrey Ward home.

Ground Observer Corps Functions Given In Report

The Oregon State Civil Defense agency released, this week, a detailed report on the ground observer corps, its organization, scope and functions together with comprehensive answers to many pertinent questions.

What is the ground observer corps? It is an organization of civilian volunteers set up under mutual agreement between civil defense and the U. S. air force for the purpose of detecting aircraft that might be hostile.

What is "operation skywatch"? "Skywatch" places observation posts of 27 bordering and coastal states, including Oregon, on 24-hour basis. This was effective July 14. Previous to that, the ground observer corps was on a standby, training basis.

Why did the air force request "skywatch"? At a meeting of state civil defense directors in Washington, D. C. in June, Gen. Nathan F. Twining, acting chief of staff, USAF, said: "Our intelligence people estimate that the Russians can launch today more than 400 TU-4s carrying enough atom and conventional bombs to hit all our major metropolitan industrial target areas. The existence of such a striking force, at a time of serious international tension, is the basic fact that establishes the urgent requirement for putting the GOC on a 24-hour operation."

If the military had radar, why are observers needed? Radar, like all mechanical devices, is subject to failures of operation. And it can be jammed electronically. Observers are the human agency that will fill gaps inherent in any radar network. Curvature of the earth and natural barriers, such as mountains, create blind spots where radar cannot "see." Volunteer observers, spaced at regular intervals, are able to see or hear airplanes that slip in through the gaps in the network. Secretary of the air force, Thomas K. Finletter, said that observers are "absolutely indispensable for detecting low-level operation. There isn't any other practical way in which we can take care of the low-level attack."

Where are posts located? For thorough coverage, the posts are established about eight miles apart. This is a flexible system, however, since the location of posts is governed by population, roads and communications.

Must observation posts be located in specially-constructed buildings? No. Main consideration is that they be within a few seconds of a telephone, have sanitary facilities, be within easy reach by road, and have suitable sky-scanning ability. City halls, schools and stores are being used successfully as sites for observation posts.

What qualifications are needed to become an observer?

Two good eyes and ears, and a desire to help in the defense of the nation.

Do they receive training?

Yes. The air force is responsible for operations and training. Three air force field teams travel throughout Oregon, visiting the various observation posts.

Do observers report on all types of aircraft? No, only the types specifically instructed by the air force. This may vary from time to time, and observers are kept advised of any changes.

How long does a volunteer stand watch? There is no set objective. It is desirable to have enough volunteers so that no one is overburdened. The number of hours on duty varies from two to four hours a week.

How many observation posts are there in Oregon? There are presently 200 civilian-manned posts and 133 state and federal forestry lookouts that the air force considers equipped to function in "skywatch." Additional posts are being set up as rapidly as volunteers can be recruited.

How can volunteers be obtained? One way to obtain volunteers is to have civic clubs, churches, veterans' organizations, granges and other groups put their memberships' strength behind "operation skywatch." Contributing to preparedness is a public service worth the attention of any individual, business or organization.

What happens to aircraft information reported by observers? Once an observer has sighted an aircraft, he telephones an "aircraft flash" call to the Portland filter center. The information is plotted on a grid-map of the area. This data joins the information collected from other posts. The data is filtered into the radar system, where the aircraft is identified as friendly or hostile. If identified as hostile, air defense attempts interception, and, if necessary, air raid warning calls are disseminated through civil defense organizations to alert the civilian population.

Is Oregon vulnerable to enemy attacks? There are several Soviet air bases in Siberia within six hours' flying time from Oregon. The northern parts of the country and the two coastal areas, where "skywatch" was activated, are particularly vulnerable to air attack by polar routes. In addition, rockets can be launched from submarines on cities as far inland as 150 to 200 miles.

Would the efforts of GOC help minimize the effects of enemy attacks? The ground observer corps could

be the only agency that detects the presence of hostile aircraft, especially those flying at low levels. This detection would permit the air force to take effective action as follows: (1) To dispatch fighters to intercept and destroy the invading planes, if possible, and (2) to initiate air raid warnings, as appropriate, so that the civilian population can take cover. Gen. Twining said: "It is because we so badly need a moment's warning that we are asking you (civil defense directors) and the GOC to work closely with us in an all-out air defense effort."

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CARD OF THANKS

We take this way of thanking our friends and neighbors during the sickness and burial of our husband and father.

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