

WHO DOES WHAT

By Paul Jenkins



RAEDA REECE affectionately cuddles a couple of Shepherd puppies, both of which still are blinking sleepily from a dog nap they had peacefully been taking. The pups are part of many displays at the Paradise Pet Shop on North Jackson street, operated by Raeda's mother, Mrs. Fred Reece.

Raeda is a senior in high school; a majorette in the school band; has been a member of the Knights of Pythias drum corps for three years; belongs to the Hi-Y and helps in the pet shop after school hours.

Supreme Court Stays Deaths Of Jap Warlords To Pass On Issue of Its Own Authority

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—(AP)—A dramatically broken Supreme Court today gave seven former Japanese warlords a new lease on life today—the seventh anniversary of the day of infamy they helped plot.

Splitting five to four, the Tribunal agreed yesterday to consider whether it can pass on the findings of the International Court in Tokyo which doomed the men to hang as war criminals.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

AS the teletypes in newspaper offices throughout the world went into action the other morning they elicited out this tragic message:

"A small ship crammed with Chinese war refugees exploded and sank just outside Shanghai late last night, with a toll expected to exceed 3200 lives."

IF early reports are even approximately accurate, it will be the worst marine disaster in modern history. Its nearest competitor was the Titanic, which hit an iceberg and sank in 1912 with a loss of 1517 lives.

This brief comparison, however, doesn't bring home to us the full extent of the tragedy in the cold, dark water off Shanghai. The Titanic was a new luxury ship in a time of peace and happiness in the world. People were traveling on it for pleasure.

This little Chinese vessel, with a rated capacity of 1136 passengers, was crowded to the water's

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Plywood Industry Growth Phenomenal, Manufacturer Points Out in Forum Address

Plywood manufacture can be compared only with the automobile industry in the rate of its growth, Paul Smith, acting general manager of the Fir Manufacturing Co., Myrtle Creek, said Monday, addressing the audience at the weekly forum luncheon program of the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce. Pointing out the phenomenal growth of the plywood industry, Smith declared that great strides are being made in uses of plywood and predicted for the future a "type of board you can use anywhere and for anything in the structural line."

The word "plywood," he said, has come into general use only in recent years although the science of laminating woods is centuries old. "King Tut's sarcophagus was of a form of plywood," the speaker said. It was not, however, until around 1930 that the word "plywood" came into use to identify the product.

He explained that Douglas fir is used principally in the manufacture of plywood, "because the material is especially adaptable," and that plywood manufacture is largely confined to the Douglas fir region of Oregon and Washington.

Its popularity is due in large part to its adaptability for use in structural work, combined with great strength and light weight. He reviewed the development of the various types of adhesives, reporting that the first glues used were so noxious that only Japanese laborers would work in the glue department. The resin glues now in use were described as being "closest to perfection now available," but laboratory experimentation is resulting in continuing improvement, Smith said.

Production for 1948, he report-

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The Weather

Cloudy with occasional rain showers today and Wednesday. Cloudy Wednesday. Sunset today 4:37 p. m. Sunrise tomorrow 7:33 a. m.

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Sidewalk Job On E. Sixth St. Let for \$1,340

New Recommendations For Rezoning Will Be Aired by City Council

H. J. Desbiens' and John I. Schaefer's low bid of \$1340 for sidewalk construction along the south side of E. 2nd Ave. So. from East Sixth Street to the east city limits was approved by the City Council last night. Feb. 1 was designated as the completion date.

Other bids were submitted by Harry I. Hamilton and Co. for \$1860 and by E. L. Gates & Co. for \$2121. The engineer's estimates for the job was \$3312, but, explained City Manager Matt Slankard, this figure included other projected work such as driveways, ramps and other work not designated in the advertised plans and specifications.

Gates & Co. was allowed a 60-day extension on completion of Military Street widening, upon recommendation of City Engineer Arthur Boyer. A letter from the Gates Company was read releasing the city from its contract for construction of Washington Street east of Chadwick. This project has been abandoned for the present at the property owner's request because of the cost, which was greater than they expected.

Rezoning Hearing Dated
The Council set a public hearing at its next meeting Dec. 20 to consider the rezoning from residential class 2 to business status the area bounded by South

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Hunt for Missing Plane Is Resumed

MEDFORD, Ore., Dec. 7.—(AP)—Search for a plane missing since Saturday with two men and a woman aboard resumed here today.

Five Air Force search and rescue planes, the State Police and Civil Air Patrol volunteer pilots are cooperating in the hunt. Aboard the plane were Paul D. Starr, 32, the pilot, president of the P. D. Starr Lumber Co., Southgate, Calif.; his brother, Robert, 34, former West Point athletic instructor, and Ruth Meyers, 34, Portland lumber broker. The Starr Lumber firm was one of Miss Meyers' clients. She went along to visit relatives in Los Angeles.

The plane left Salem Saturday noon on a flight to Sacramento or Redding. It failed to arrive at either port. The report the plane was missing came from the pilot's wife.

One possible clue came from a mine operator at the mountain town of Treka, Calif., who reported seeing a plane circle Mt. Etna for half an hour late Saturday. He said it finally headed off into the clouds.

Search in the Southern Oregon area failed yesterday to locate a trace of the red and silver four-seat plane.

Street Department Has Busy Time During Storm

Roseburg was deluged by a rain storm Sunday, beginning in the afternoon and continuing late into the evening. City Manager M. W. Slankard said that Street Department crews were busy during the storm cleaning out catch basins and unclogging clogged sewers.

Because storm water is carried into sewer mains emptying into the municipal treatment plant, by-pass valves were opened and the water was put directly into the rapidly rising South Umpqua River. A watch was maintained at the treatment plant to see that tanks would not be flooded.

The U. S. Weather Bureau reported that a total rainfall of .85 inch was recorded, from the beginning of the storm at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, until its end late at night.

Five Men, Three Women In Day's Executions

LONDON, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Victor Csernok, son-in-law of former Hungarian President Tildy, was executed by the Hungarians today for treason, the Yugoslav news agency Tanjug reported in a dispatch from Budapest.

ATHENS, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Three women and four men were executed by a firing squad today at Salonika. They were convicted of treason in connection with the Communist guerrilla revolt.

Transportation Strike For Pay Hike Hits Tulsa

TULSA, Okla., Dec. 7.—(AP)—A Tulsa drivers and mechanics are represented by the Amalgamated Association of Street, Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees of America (AFL). It has asked a 25-cent hourly increase for the drivers, who now are paid \$1.12 an hour, and the mechanics, who draw \$1.29.

33 Rescued From Ocean After Crash

The News-Review



Pictures by Jerome Sheldon

WEIGHING IN—These scenes were typical of the Northwestern Turkey Show on its opening day Monday. In the upper view, Future Farmers of America of Roseburg High School assist in weighing in of live entries. Birds are registered by Sam J. Shoemaker, back to camera, at right. In the lower view, at right, C. E. Hacker, left, and Wayne D. Mosher, assistant county agricultural extension agent, receive and weigh dressed entry.

Prosecutor Asks Odd Penalty For Bigamy Brothers

LAS VEGAS, Nev., Dec. 7.—(AP)—If the prosecutor has his way, two brothers charged with bigamy will be given an odd lesson in what it means to support two wives simultaneously.

Dist. Atty. Robert E. Jones proposed yesterday that each husband be given three months in jail, that while one serves the other must support the two legal wives and four children of both. Then the two men would reverse situations.

Brother Lorin Waters, 27, and Alvin Waters, 25, of Yakima, Wash., were arrested in Richfield, Utah, accused by their wives, Bertha May and Mary Jane, respectively, of eloping with two Utah girls and marrying them here Nov. 27. Each husband has two children by his legal wife.

Prosecutor Jones says he will change the bigamy charges to charges of gross misdemeanors and making false statements in obtaining marriage licenses. Then Jones will ask the district court to approve his novel plan of lesson-teaching.

Jones said the Utah girls, Lela Davis, 18, of Pangutich, and Le Ree Louder, of Hatch, would start annulment proceedings.

Double Funeral Service Set for Tragedy Victims

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Dec. 7.—(AP)—This city will pay tribute tomorrow to Althor L. Newman and Sterling T. Heater, Grants Pass football players killed in Sunday night's flaming bus wreckage.

Memorial service by the schools at 11 a. m. will be followed by a double funeral service in the high school auditorium at 2 p. m. Business life of the city will be halted during the funeral hour.

Fellow players from the football team which was en route home from its state title-winning game at Portland at the time of the tragedy, will be pallbearers. Services will be in charge of the Rev. J. Alfred Maquam of Bethany Presbyterian Church and the Rev. E. J. Aschenbrenner of Newman Methodist Church. Burial will be in Hillcrest Memorial park here.

Bicycle Aids Gunman in Getaway After Holdup

MUNCIE, Ind., Dec. 7.—(AP)—A bicycle served as a handy getaway vehicle for a gunman fleeing with a bag containing \$28,570 he had stolen in a daylight holdup yesterday from two officials of Muncie's largest department store.

The robber was chased by M. Ray Applegate, advertising agency owner. A passerby. But the gunman jumped on a bicycle left in an alley and sped away.

Passer of Bogus Money Caught by Secret Service

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—(AP)—The secret service announced today the arrest at Baltimore of John Acunzo, 30, on a charge of passing counterfeit notes in Baltimore night clubs last Sunday. Officials said this counterfeit money was identical with a "considerable quantity" of counterfeit notes recently passed in New York, Philadelphia and elsewhere in the Middle Atlantic Seaboard area.

Turkeys Pass Under Eyes Of Judges as Annual Show, With Banner Display, Greets Public

Judging began this morning at the Northwestern Turkey Show, as the doors of the exhibit building were opened to the public. Entries, which number more than 300 in both the live and dressed divisions, were being received as late as midnight last night, while turkey show officials were busy until 4:30 this morning preparing the birds for judging.

Roseburg Sends Sympathy Tokens To Grants Pass

As an expression of sympathy following the accident in which two Grants Pass football players lost their lives and other members of the team were injured when their bus overturned on Sexton Mountain Sunday, the City of Roseburg and the Roseburg High School are sending tribute gifts.

The high school students and faculty Monday took up a collection of \$66.40 for a floral tribute at the funeral, and the football team is making arrangements to secure a permanent plaque in memory of the two boys who lost their lives.

The City Council Monday night voted \$100 as a library gift memorial to the Grants Pass City Library for the purchase of books. The decision to purchase the books was made after other tokens of sympathy from the city were considered. The councilmen decided that the library gift would be lasting, whereas a floral gift might soon be forgotten.

A letter from the Mayor and Council, expressing the sympathy of the city, will accompany the gift offer.

Mayor Albert G. Flegel sent a telegram of regret to the mayor of Grants Pass when he learned of the tragedy.

Truck Upset Spreads Oil, Gasoline Over Highway

Gasoline and fuel oil were spilled over the highway near Yoncalla Monday afternoon, when an Ashbury Company fuel truck overturned, State Police Sgt. Lyle Harrell reported.

The officer said he did not have details on the accident nor the cause, but stated that no one was injured. The truck was loaded with gasoline, and the trailer with fuel oil. There was no fire, but a considerable amount of gas and oil was lost, Harrell said.

Debate Will Precede Vote On Annexation

Arguments to be Heard At Radio Forum; Polling Places are Designated

The proposed annexation of West Roseburg, on which the residents of that area and the city of Roseburg will vote Friday, will be debated on a radio forum sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce over Radio Station KRRR tonight from 7 to 7:30 o'clock.

Speaking on the affirmative team will be Mayor Albert G. Flegel, and N. D. Johnson, while the negative issue will be taken by John E. Pinkerton and B. W. McGregor. Each will be given three minutes in which to present their arguments. This will be followed by a general discussion and the program will be concluded by one-minute summary talks by the participants. Lowell Rhoden will M. C. the program on behalf of the Junior Chamber. Gordon Carlson is general chairman in charge.

The vote on the annexation will take place between the hours of 9 a. m. and 6 p. m. Friday, as provided by the city charter. The election was reordered after the City Council was forced to invalidate the first election on technical grounds.

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Red Army Springs Trap on Loyalists

NANKING, China, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Government sources admitted today Communist armies have encircled 110,000 Nationalist combat troops on the Central China front southwest of Suchow.

These sources said the three trapped army groups have been compressed on a front eight miles long and five miles in depth. They were trapped by the Communists as they marched south from Suchow to rescue other encircled government forces.

Eight or nine Red columns, commanded by General Chen Yi, were said to have completed the encirclement of this former Szechow garrison. The trap was sprung about 50 miles southwest of their former base.

Civil officials, evacuated from Suchow with the troops, were reported hampering operations of the encircled armies.

(The government sources' confirmation of Communist reports came shortly after nationalist forces announced they had abandoned two towns on the northern front to Reds marching toward Peiping.)

Col. Chiang Wei Kuo, half-Japanese adopted son of President Chiang Kai-shek, was believed with the entrapped troops.

The official central news agency confirmed the suicide of General Huang Po Tao, late commander of the Seventh Army group. Communists virtually destroyed the group in a ten-day battle on the east flank of Suchow last month.

Stiff Penalties Fail To Halt B. C. Robberies

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 7.—(AP)—Armed gunmen raided a Chinese grocery here and a New Westminster theater last night, gleaming a total of \$113 and registering Vancouver's 29th holdup since Nov. 1.

The forays were made in the face of stiff penalties imposed earlier yesterday on two men convicted of armed robbery. They were given two-year penitentiary sentences and whippings of 10 lashes each.

Last night three men, one armed, escaped with \$43 from Wong Hin's Central Market here. In New Westminster a lone gunman forced theater cashier Gloria Scott to hand over.

Secretary Marshall Undergoes Operation

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Secretary of State Marshall was operated on for a kidney ailment today at the Army's Walter Reed Hospital. Hospital authorities reported the operation was successful.

The eventual results of the operation may determine whether the 67-year-old Marshall will remain very much longer as President Truman's Secretary of State.

Chemical Plant Fire Deals \$1 Million Loss

COPPER CLIFF, Ont., Dec. 7.—(AP)—Fire last night destroyed the main Canadian Industries Limited chemical building at the International Nickel Company smelter. Damage was estimated at \$1,000,000. No one was injured.

Marijuana Valued At \$200,000 Seized in S. F.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Federal narcotics agents valued at \$200,000 today a haul of marijuana seized last night in a raid on a richly-furnished San Francisco apartment.

Four Others On Navy Plane Believed Dead

Survivors Take Turns Riding on or Clinging To Rafts for Forty Hours

HONOLULU, Dec. 7.—(AP)—A navy aircraft carrier last night rescued 33 exhausted survivors of a mid-Pacific plane crash, ending a dramatic 40-hour air-sea search.

The air force men were picked up in shark-infested waters from two overcrowded life rafts. Four others were given up as dead.

Today the Navy issued a list of the 33 men picked up by the escort carrier Rendova in rolling seas. It did not include the names of these four men, previously listed as among the 37 passengers on the ill-fated air force C-54 transport.

Staff Sgt. Joseph L. Smith, Stockton, Kans.
Staff Sgt. William A. Colvin Jr., Cross City, Fla.
Sgt. Robert C. Harrell, Millersville, Pa.
Sgt. Charles T. Millapaugh, Port Jervis, N. Y.

The survivors were all in an advanced state of exhaustion from 40 hours on or clinging to the life rafts. Two were unconscious and had to be hoisted aboard the Rendova.

All 33 were crammed on or around two life rafts, each built to accommodate only seven men. Those two rafts were all they could find and inflate after the plane "ran out of oil and altitude" and crashed into the ocean 1,200 miles southwest of Honolulu in the early darkness last Sunday morning.

The two rafts were lashed together. Lt. Col. William R. Calhoun of Birmingham, Ala., the plane's pilot, reported in a radio-phon interview from the Rendova.

Ordeal Related
While sharks circled them, the men took turns hanging on the outside of the rafts in the ocean, or resting on the crowded surface. At one time, the pilot said, 18 men were packed onto his raft.

All of the men got seasick. But they were always confident of rescue. Nevertheless Calhoun issued rations gingerly, ready to stretch their supplies over five days. Each man was limited to only three sips of water until rescue planes sighted them in mid-afternoon yesterday and dropped additional supplies.

The rescue plane found them because its navigator—Ensign L. R. Johnson of Minneapolis—wanted to make "just one more try." Johnson asked for the extra run after Lt. Commander Steve G. Kona of Hammond, Ind., ordered his searching Privateer to turn back to its Johnson Island base. In six minutes on the extra search the life rafts' green dye marker was sighted directly beneath the Privateer.

Kona said the survivors "were hanging on the gunwales—half inside, half outside." Calhoun reported his men saw sharks circling them from the time they "ditched" the plane until they were picked up.

"We had shark repellent aboard the raft and used it at all times to keep them away," Calhoun said.

He said to the best of his knowledge everybody got out of the plane when it hit the ocean 1,200 miles southwest of Honolulu.

Red Capt. James M. Lane of the Rendova radioed that two men went down with the plane. He said another died Sunday night and a fourth jumped overboard Monday after more than 30 hours on a raft in the shark-infested waters.

Sunday night a B-17 search plane piloted by Capt. Allen H. Stotts saw flares fired from the life rafts and dropped a rescue

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WRECK VICTIM—Al Newman, above, star halfback, was one of the two Grants Pass High School football players who perished in the flaming bus wreck on Sexton Mountain Sunday evening.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Action on the Mme. Chiang Kai-shek's request for \$3 billion aid for China should be delayed until it can be determined how much money it will take to keep her spouse's generals from deserting to the Communists.