

WHO DOES WHAT By Paul Jenkins



MRS. VIOLA CHEEK is elevator operator at the Pacific building. Her job has its ups and it has its downs. There, that's done. I've been waiting for a week in mortal fright to write this story, knowing when I did I'd have to say that. It's always said when an elevator job is mentioned. Someday somebody is going to get shot for saying it and I've been afraid this would be the time.

Torrential Steamboat Creek Takes Out Temporary Span; Damages to Road Repaired

Rain-swollen waters of Steamboat Creek washed out a temporary span on the North Umpqua Road Saturday night, while sections of the road were closed by slides or covered by high water, the Forest Service reported today.

In the Day's News

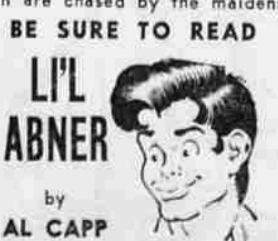
By FRANK JENKINS ONE of the big questions that will face the new congress is how much will we spend to rebuild Europe in the second year of the Marshall plan? The congressional appropriation for the first year was a few odd millions over five billion dollars. With six months of the first year left to go, we've spent considerably more than half of the money. It appears now that all of it will be spent by April 2. That will leave three months to go before the new fiscal year begins.

Walsh, Engdahl in Tight Contest to Head Senate

PORTLAND, Dec. 13—(AP)—The Oregon Senate presidency race between Senators Carl Engdahl of Pendleton and William E. Walsh of Coos Bay, appears destined for a vote. Walsh claimed Saturday night he had obtained the pledges of Senators Frederick S. Lampert of Salem and Elmo Smith of Ontario, enough to give him 15 votes. Engdahl declined yesterday to concede to Walsh. Earlier the two rivals for the top upper chamber position had claimed their pledges totaled 13 each.

Debut From Bottomless Pit Meet Li'l Abner of Dogpatch

News-Review readers will find Li'l Abner on the comic page of today's edition. And what a predicament he is in! In the midst of the Sadie Hawkins race, that desperate time in Dogpatch when all unwed men are chased by the maidens and the penalty for capture is marriage, Li'l Abner, our hero, is trapped, clubbed and knocked out by the young lady who looks and dresses like him. Not even Li'l Abner's friendly little boy shmoo is able to help him now. While toting her catch toward the finish line, however, Li'l Abner's girl double and our hero are hurled into the quicksand of "Bottomless Pit," when lightning strikes a huge tree and snaps it in half.



BE SURE TO READ LIL ABNER by AL CAPP

Willamette River Flood Receding Damage Done Not of Major Proportions

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The Weather Mostly cloudy with a few showers today and Tuesday. Sunset today 4:38 p. m. Sunrise tomorrow 7:38 a. m.

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Jack J. Groat, Truck Driver, Killed in Upset Wreck Occurs On Road East Of Sutherlin

Tragedy Attributed To Failure of Brakes While Descending Steep Grade Jack Jay Groat, 41, of Roseburg, was fatally injured Saturday morning, when he lost control of the gravel truck he was operating, and it overturned on a newly-constructed logging road about 12 miles east of Sutherlin, County Coroner Harry C. Stearns reported.

The injured man was discovered at 9:30, about 15 minutes after the accident, by another truck driver, Roy Abene Jr., of Sutherlin, who summoned an ambulance. Groat's injuries included a fractured right leg and a broken back, the coroner said. Groat died in the ambulance.

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Beautiful Girl On Guam Victim Of Sex Assault

GUAM, Dec. 23—(AP)—Raped and left for dead, pretty Ruth Farnsworth was found unconscious in the jungle today near the small curio shop from which she vanished mysteriously Saturday night.

The 27-year-old San Francisco beauty was found nude in a pool of blood in dense bushes about 200 yards behind the shop, where she worked part time. Hospital attendants reported 12 hours later she was clinging to life. Last rites of the Mormon church have been administered.

Guam authorities said she had been seized by a gang of "sex fiends," criminally assaulted and beaten. They said she apparently put up a terrific struggle.

A reward of \$1,000 was offered by the proprietor of the curio shop for the arrest of Miss Farnsworth's attackers. (In San Francisco, Miss Farnsworth's sister, Aline, 25, said she planned to fly to Ruth's bedside if the navy will permit the trip.)

Water covered portions of the North Umpqua Road in the vicinity of Red Man Creek and near Dry Creek Camp both a few miles above Steamboat. The water has since receded and four.

Negro Concert Singer, White Manager Marry

SEATTLE, Dec. 13—(AP)—The marriage of a Negro concert dancer and her Caucasian manager was announced here today. They are Theima Johnson Street, a native of Portland, and Edgar Kline of Tarrington, N. Y.

Miss Street recently came to Seattle from Hawaii, where she presented 28 concerts of Negro and Indian dances under the sponsorship of the Honolulu Board of Education.

Greek Rebels Still Hold American Engineer

ATHENS, Dec. 13—(AP)—Carl A. Graessner, an American engineer kidnapped by Greek guerrillas last Wednesday south of Kozan, still is in rebel hands. He was last reported seen Friday in guerrilla-controlled territory near the point where he was abducted.

Graessner, 45, a native of Seattle and a resident of Portland, Ore., was the second American construction worker to be so kidnapped. Francis McShane, who was employed, like Graessner, by the Atkinson, Drake and Park Construction company of New York City, was taken Nov. 10 and released soon afterwards.

S. P. Enginemen Postpone Strike For Thirty Days

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.—(AP)—The strike against the Southern Pacific railroad in seven western states, set for 6 a. m. Wednesday, was postponed today for at least 30 days. Mediator William F. Mitchell authorized the following statement:

I have been informed by representatives of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen that the strike set for 6 a. m. Wednesday, December 15, has been postponed for at least 30 days.

Mitchell represents the National Mediation Board under the Railway Labor act in handling the dispute between the brotherhood and the Southern Pacific Company.

The brotherhood had called the strike in a controversy over 296 grievances on working conditions.

Soviet Screed Hits Allies As U. N. Folds Up

PARIS, Dec. 13—(AP)—Russia's bitter over the drubbing she has taken in the United Nations general assembly—dropped diplomatic niceties last night to issue a no-compromise warning to the west.

Andre Y. Vishinsky, Soviet deputy foreign minister, attacked Britain and the United States in the closing minutes of the Paris assembly.

That part of the session usually is reserved for expressions of praise and hopeful thoughts for the future.

John Foster Dulles, acting chairman of the U. S. delegation, led off in traditional fashion.

But Vishinsky strode to the rostrum and reviewed every case in which the Russians had fought the west.

This is not the time, he said, for "paeans of praise."

He said the Russian delegation could not speak of any affirmative results in Paris. He declared the session would be described in history as one which took further steps toward a policy of wrecking international cooperation.

The assembly adjourned to meet again in New York April 1, 1949 to complete its work.

Russians Lose Again Vishinsky's outburst came soon after the Russian bloc had taken a severe beating in the assembly. The delegates voted 48 to six with one abstention (Sweden) to endorse the government of the

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U. S. Prepares to Write Off China as Complete Loss As Chiang's Reign Faces Crash

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Springer Buys Out His Partners In Creamery Plant

Eugene A. Springer has purchased the interests of his two partners, Leonard W. Delaney and Paul Shanklin, in the Douglas County Creamery, he announced today.

Springer came to Roseburg four years ago after service in the Army. Prior to the recent war he lived at Davenport, Ia. He became associated with the creamery when he came here.

There will be no change in the personnel or management of the creamery and Delaney and Shanklin will continue to be associated with the business, Springer said.

The Douglas County Creamery was established in 1899, serving local farmers by buying their cream and manufacturing it into butter. It was the first ice cream manufacturer in the county. The creamery's products are marketed under the trade name, Mel-O-Maid.

Japanese Wartime Mine Found Near Florence

FLORENCE, Ore., Dec. 13—(AP)—A Japanese-made wartime explosive washed ashore on a beach near the mouth of Sutton Creek and was discovered yesterday.

Chief Boatwain's Mate J. O. Woodworth, in charge of the St. Slaw Coast Guard station, placed a guard around the horn-type mine until a disposal officer arrives today from Seattle.

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British Chancellor Gets Sarcastic Yule Card

LONDON, Dec. 13—(AP)—Christmas card from a government charwoman to Sir Stafford Cripps, British chancellor of the exchequer: "A happy Christmas and New Year."

"I wish for you, Sir Stafford dear, 'From one whose Christmas couldn't be leaner, 'An insulted government woman cleaner."

She read it to a meeting of a thousand of her sister mopper-uppers—angry because Sir Stafford offered them a pay boost of one farthing (four-tenths of a cent) an hour instead of the three-pence, three farthings (7.2 cents) they sought.

Sleeping Tablets Fatal To Ex-Broadway Beauty

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 13—(AP)—Princess Lucy Cotton Eristavitch-Tcheterine, five times married, former toast of Broadway and owner of the MacFadden-Deauville Hotel, Miami Beach, died last night from what police said was an apparent overdose of sleeping tablets.

Detective Sergeant John Deas, chief of the Miami homicide bureau, said an empty bottle of sleeping pills was found on her bedroom dresser.

Bandit Takes Car Funds, Refuses Driver's Cash

PORTLAND, Dec. 13—(AP)—A man and woman held up a Willamette Heights street car last night, but refused to take any of the bus driver's money. "I don't want any of your money, only company money," the armed robber told motorman Wilbur C. Hayden, alone at the end of the streetcar line.

Communist Forces Near Nanking After Further Blows to Nationalists

NANKING, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Chiang Kai-shek's grim watch on the Yangtze is coming sooner than expected.

With a Chinese Communist attack reported only 50 miles northwest of this capital, government military sources said "red infiltration and heavy Nationalist losses may soon force abandonment of the Hwai River defense line.

That would shove National defenses back to the Yangtze river. These sources reported that more than 50,000 troops of the government's long encircled 12th Army group have been wiped out southwest of Suhsien, about 145 miles northwest of Nanking.

The 12th, which originally numbered 110,000 now has been compressed into an area of less than four square miles. Its critical shortage of supplies is worsening. Pilots report difficulty in dropping material into the shrinking target area.

The 12th has been trapped 17 days. The Chinese Communist radio asserted Sunday night that the government's Sixth Army had been stopped in its effort to break through to the 12th. The Sixth moved north from the Hwai River line and its anchor at Pengpu, and once was within 22 miles of joining the 12th. Pengpu is 53 miles south of Suhsien and 105 miles northwest of Nanking.

The Red radio asserted that remnants of the 12th Army group are "being mopped up." Neutral observers said elimination of the 12th would free at least 80,000 Red troops for action against the undertrained Sixth and Eighth Army groups.

Despite uncertain weather, intensified air activity was noted at Nanking's airfield. Airborne supplies to the 12th and the trapped Army groups southwest of Su-chow were being stepped up.

There was no news of what is happening to the latter forces except that they are suffering heavy casualties.

(The darkening military picture in North China was almost equally bad. Associated Press correspondent Spencer Moosa reported clashes only eight miles from Peiping, China's ancient capital.

He said it was reported without confirmation that the nationalists had abandoned Chankping and Nankou, only 20 and 25 miles northwest of Peiping.

Flood Washes Out Dam Two Reported Missing

COOS BAY, Dec. 11—(AP)—Floods swept the Coos Bay area today, and reportedly washed out a logging company dam with the loss of two men.

The Coos Bay Lumber Company said it had received a report that its main dam at Sitkum on the Coquille river headwaters was swept away. The company had an unverified report that two workmen named Miller and Roberts were missing.

Heavy rainfall has sent all streams in the area on a rampage. The Roseburg-Coquille Highway was blocked by the flooding Coquille River. The Eugene Ferry on the Coos River also was out of operation. Several secondary roads were flooded.

DRIVER EXAMS SET Driver's license examinations will be given in Roseburg Thursday and Friday, Dec. 16 and 17, at the City Hall between the hours of 9 a. m. and 5 p. m. All original applications for licenses should be made before 4 p. m.



GOING BACK TO JAPAN—Jacob Deshazer, who took part in the Doolittle raid on Tokyo in the early parts of the war and spent months in a Japanese prison, points to the Japanese island where he will return as a Methodist missionary. Looking on are his wife, Florence, and their 13-month-old son, Paul, who will sail with him. (AP Wirephoto)

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The Willamette River, swollen by days of storms that have taken a death toll of four in Oregon, crested here last night after driving some 500 trailer residents from suburban Glenwood.

The storm victims were Mr. and Mrs. Clifford J. Kuhnke, Portland, killed in a house at Detroit dam Saturday night when a fir tree crashed into the house; and Earl Miller and Al Roberts, who perished when the upper Coquille River washed out a wing of a logging dam.

The river—which floods here in December or January so regularly that the lowland populace "just plan to go live with our friends every year about this time"—had fallen four and a half feet by this morning.

The residents who drove their trailers yesterday into the high Fairgrounds and the University of Oregon campus expected to be able to return by nightfall. The water which swept into ground floors of stores, of the Glenwood and Springfield Junction lowland was seeping out again.

The damage here was not expected to run nearly as high as the \$10,000,000 caused by the Willamette's last flood in January. And it was only a trickle compared to the disastrous Columbia River flood of May and June, which destroyed the city of Vancouver 125 miles north of here, and still has left thousands of Vancouver residents with no permanent homes.

Farmers Wait Out Flood The Willamette River's crest swept on toward its confluence with the Columbia, 125 miles northward, and along the banks a few score of lowland residents started the annual evacuation.

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But Corvallis, Albany, Salem, and Portland—all on the lower stretches of the Willamette—suffered no calamity from a flood of these proportions. Livestock has been moved from the lowlands; equipment moved from endangered docks.

The weather bureau said the Willamette would crest at Corvallis this afternoon, Albany tonight, Salem tomorrow afternoon, and Portland Wednesday morning. Headwaters were falling, indicating the worst was over.

The Pacific Highway was blocked at Harrisburg, and the Willamette Highway was closed by three slides, the worst about 10 miles north of Oak Ridge.

The old Albany-Corvallis Highway was closed, and some water was expected to cover Highway 99 West south of Corvallis soon. Traffic probably could continue getting through 99, however.

Some 100 trailers drove from flooded Glenwood to the Eugene Fairgrounds, the campus, and other trailer parks yesterday. Another 200 Glenwood residents were sheltered at a veterans of World War point in Springfield. They had left home yesterday morning, and were unable to return when state police closed a flood-threatened bridge approach to Glenwood.

Levity Fact Rant By L. F. Reizenstein

Jingle cash, jingle cash, Jingle while you pay. Oh what fun it is to shop When it rains and rains all day! Jostling crowds, dodging crowds, Footwork must be snappy; Despite the mobs, what's the odds If everybody's happy?