

CHIANG KA-SHEK GIVES UP MILITARY TASK

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WHO DOES WHAT

By Paul Jenkins



HERSEY McBROOM is an electrician with the Roseburg Electric Co. At the time the picture appearing above was snapped he was installing an outlet box in the "mug" room of the photographic quarters in the News-Review. From the looks of the pictures on the walls, the photographer there must like girls. I wouldn't wish to come right out and say that Hersey was quite a while longer completing the installation of an outlet in this room with the pin-ups than he was in another where there were none; but the thought crossed my mind.

Hersey, with his wife and five children, lives in Elgarose, where the three older youngsters go to school. If he's late getting to work this morning, I'll lay it to the rather heavy snow which fell last night.

The Weather

Cloudy with intermittent snow occasionally mixed with rain today. Some clearing tonight. Partly cloudy with a few snow flurries Saturday. Continued cold. Low tonight 25 degrees.

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Battle Over Proposed Dam Due at Salem

Fish Interests Oppose Power Project Designed For Deschutes River

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR. SALEM, Ore., Jan. 21.—(P)—The Legislature's fish vs. power battle, billed as one of the biggest ever staged here, will get underway next Monday.

The sparks that touched off the dispute was the application yesterday for a \$12,000,000 private power dam on the Deschutes River.

The argument will start Monday when the State Fish Commission comes here to plan with legislative fish committees on how to pass its bill to prohibit power dams in the Deschutes.

Peoples' Utility Districts are expected to join hands with the fish industry in blocking the dam. The Central Oregon PUD wants to build a power dam at almost the same site—and there's only room enough for one dam.

The legislative game committees also will meet Monday, and they probably will fight to block the dam, too. The Deschutes River is quite a sports fishing stream, too, and they claim there wouldn't be any sports fishing left after a dam was built.

But the private power interests have a lot of strength, especially because the Northwest needs a power so badly.

Would Stop Check Racket
The House passed and sent to the Senate yesterday a bill to end a widespread check-writing racket.

The bill will make it a felony, with five years in prison, for knowingly writing a check without sufficient funds in the bank. Sponsors of the measure said it is designed to catch a person

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

YOU have read in this newspaper that President Truman is reported to be about ready to ask Congress for eight billion dollars in payroll taxes to finance a vastly expanded social security program—including such things as the right to go on to the doctor and charge the bill to the government.

AS YOU read the item, COULD YOU VISUALIZE EIGHT BILLION DOLLARS?

PROBABLY not. It takes a fairly well trained mind to imagine a million, which is a thousand thousands. A billion is a MILLION thousands.

FROM time to time, you hear such sums as eight billion dollars referred to as "astronomical" figures.

Why? Well, the astronomers deal with such staggering distances (in outer space) that even their trained minds can't grasp them. So they have to invent terms to make it seem simpler and more comprehensible.

One of their terms is "light year." A light year is the distance traveled by light in a year's time. Light travels at a speed of 186,000 MILES PER SECOND. (Miles, re-

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Minister Labels Three Types of Church-Goes

LA GRANDE, Jan. 21.—(P)—The Rev. Ronald A. Merrix of San Francisco, speaking at the Episcopal Church here, pinned labels on three types of church-goers: "Twice"—they go to church on Christmas and Easter; "Sprinklers"—baptism, marriage and death get them into church; "Weather Christians"—they go when the weather is good. He is field secretary for the province of the Pacific.

TO HALT RAIDS ON SALMON

Bill Seeks Deletion Of 'Incidental Catch' Clause In Umpqua River Closure

Legislation to correct the "incidental catch" provision in the Umpqua River commercial fishery closure bill, passed at the 1947 session of the Oregon Legislature, has been introduced by Senator Thomas Parkinson.

The amendment, inadequately described in recent press reports from Salem, would enact into law regulations imposed during 1948 by the Oregon Fish Commission, and would provide the Fish Commission with much wider authority in the control of commercial fishing for non-game species.

The amendment proposes removal of the "incidental catch" clause, which permitted commercial fishermen in 1947 to raid salmon and steelhead runs under the subterfuge of fishing for legal non-game species.

If the amendments now proposed are adopted, the bill, which would establish by law deadlines now set only by regulation, would permit nighttime drift net fishing or shad from May 10 until July 1 and daylight fishing only from July 1 to Sept. 15, for striped bass.

Icy Wave Grips Rocky Mountain States, Canada

DENVER, Jan. 21.—(P)—The weather in the Rocky Mountain States today was lovely for hyperboreans (Eskimos).

It was 36 degrees below zero at Bozeman, Mont., in the early morning hours. By comparison there was a "heat wave" in Alaska with Fairbanks reporting 17 below at the same time and Anchorage 12 above.

Even Canada's ice box was no colder. Regina, Saskatchewan, reported minus 32 and Edmonton, Alberta, 29 below.

Montana's capital of Helena shivered at 22 below. Minus 20 readings were reported by Sheridan and Douglas, Wyo., Butte, Mont., and Malad City, Idaho.

The mass of cold air nipped Western Nebraska with Chadron frozen by a minus 25 reading. It was 19 below at Rapid City, S. Dak.

Colorado cities reported near zero readings with Akron in the northeastern corner the coldest. It was three below there shortly after midnight.

Hotel Swept by Fire; One Guest is Missing

WILMINGTON, N. C., Jan. 21.—(P)—Fire raged through the Otton Hotel early today, routed 40 guests, and spread to six adjoining buildings with a loss estimated at about \$1,000,000.

J. R. Mallard, 70, of Charlotte, N. C., was missing. He came here to visit a sick brother.

The fire, which firemen described as one of the worst in the history of this Atlantic seaboard town, started in a women's show store adjacent to the five-story, 100-room hotel and soon engulfed the entire structure.

France Shuts Exchanges Preparatory to Loan

PARIS, Jan. 21.—(P)—The finance ministry unexpectedly ordered the French stock exchange closed today and announced all bonds issued by the French government will be revalued preparatory to a loan.

Premier Queuille has announced that the loan will be for 100,000,000,000 francs (about \$310,000,000). It will be used for reconstruction.

Handicapped Children Topic At Institute

(Picture on Page Seven)

It was a holiday for elementary school pupils today, as their teachers attended an institute at the Rose School. About 275 teachers were to be here today, to hear discussion of the problems of handicapped children.

Walter Snyder, Salem, assistant superintendent of public instruction, and Dr. E. J. Waincoit, county health officer, headed panel of speakers.

The program was designed to help the classroom teacher understand the nature of various handicapping conditions with which children are afflicted and what can be done in the classroom to fit them into the program of education, explained Kenneth Barneburg, county school superintendent.

The institute will be followed up with an examination and study of afflicted children by teachers, who will refer the handicap cases they observe to the clinic. Consultations also will be held with parents, Barneburg pointed out.

The institute today started at 9 o'clock and extended through the afternoon. Lunch was served in the school cafeteria at noon. Teachers here represented schools in the eastern half of Douglas County.

Among guest speakers and their topics were Dora Grouter, speaking on problems of the visually handicapped; Thelma Sherman, speech; Verna Hogg, maladjusted; John Taylor, hard-of-hearing. All are supervisors of the State Department of Education.

Flier Scores Bull's-Eyes In Parachuting Supplies

Perfect bull's-eyes were scored by Roy Hatfield of the Tri-City Airport, who Tuesday parachuted 21 bundles of supplies to a timber cruising party spending two weeks on the Acker divide, between the South Umpqua and Jackson Creek watersheds.

Headed by Wright Mallory, timber management assistant for the Umpqua National Forest, the party of six men snowshoed in to their scene of operations, at an elevation of 4,000 feet.

Their supplies—tents, axes, food, extra clothing—were dropped in a 200-foot diameter hole in the heavily timbered area. Hatfield swooped over the dropping site at 400 to 500 feet, his aiming designated by a large fire which the cruising party had kindled.

Of all the bundles dropped, only one became tangled in the trees. It contains axes and is caught 200 feet above the ground in a tall fir. "We suppose they'll have to use jackknives now," Forest Service officials here commented.



SNOW BLANKETS CITY—Once again Roseburg was mantled in white today. It was the heaviest snow yet and more flurries were predicted by the weatherman for tonight and tomorrow. Here Mrs. Paul Jenkins, left, Mrs. Noble Goettel, and Mrs. Elizabeth Wardlaw view the snow-laden branches of trees in the garden of the Goettel home at 954 Riverside Drive. Elsewhere in the city, householders were clearing sidewalks and cleaning their automobiles of "drifts" which covered windshields and heaped against wheels. People walking to work left tracks in the snow, while traffic on the streets quickly turned the snow to slush.

Snow Blankets Roseburg; More Due Tomorrow

Snow was in the air again today. This morning it blanketed the city with three to six inches, while additional flurries were predicted by the Weather Bureau for tonight and tomorrow, mixed with rain.

The covering of snow in the streets quickly turned to slush, and elsewhere it was melting under the sun. The snow blanket was thicker today than it has been previously this winter.

Low temperature last night, as reported officially, was 32 degrees. The forecast for tonight predicts a low of 25 degrees and continued cold tomorrow.

For the first time this winter, householders have had an appreciable amount of snow to sweep from sidewalks. Many walks were cleaned by 8:30. Downtown, and on most heavily travelled suburban arterials, the snow turned to slush.

No accidents resulting from the weather were reported by the state police.

City Manager M. W. Slankard said the street department had been sanding the streets, but that no slickness is expected to result as in recent combinations of extreme low temperatures and snowfall. All streets are open to traffic.

Auto Executive Would Welcome Buyer's Market

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 21.—(P)—Whether the automobile industry is in a buyer's market should be determined within the next couple of months.

That's the opinion of Karl M. Greiner, vice-president and general manager of Packard Motors, here on a tour of the company's California holdings.

"Frankly," Greiner told a press conference today, "we're glad that times are changing, because a buyer's market is a normal market. Our industry grew great on buyer's markets, not on seller's markets. Our industry has produced more than 100 million motor vehicles in the past 35 years, because competition was strong and everybody had to sell to stay in business."

He injected a cautious note, however. He said no one can tell "with accurate finality" just what's happening to the car market.

Airliner, Five Aboard, Crashes in Alaska

SEATTLE, Jan. 21.—(P)—The CAA reported today that an Alaska Airlines DC-3 apparently crashed-landed in rugged country 30 miles northeast of Homer, Alaska, with fate of its five occupants undetermined.

The report, which came from the CAA's Anchorage office, said only that the plane, which disappeared last night on a flight from Homer to Kenai, Alaska, had been sighted on the slope of a hill.

Roseburg Postal Receipts In 1948 Establish New Record With Total Nearly \$140,000

Roseburg's postoffice, from the standpoint of postal receipts, showed a banner year in 1948. According to figures released today by Postmaster L. L. Wimberly, gross receipts totaled \$139,689.80, which is nearly three times the \$47,430.10 record for 1940.

The increase since 1940 has been substantial each year, and last year's gain, while not quite the percentage gain for the previous year, was \$18,855 greater than for 1947.

The postoffice now has in addition to the postmaster 11 regular clerks, eight substitute clerks, seven regular carriers and four substitute carriers.

Roseburg is the supply office for six other post offices and has five star routes, two rural routes and one mounted route.

Postal receipts for the last nine years are listed as follows:

Year	Gross Receipts	Gain in Dollars over Previous Year
1940	\$47,430.10	\$1,150.02
1941	51,270.62	3,840.52
1942	66,320.14	5,049.52
1943	81,244.29	4,924.15
1944	75,228.61	27,150.71
1945	88,409.02	10,015.41
1946	100,719.19	12,360.17
1947	120,834.82	20,965.23
1948	139,689.80	18,855.28

Slayer's Plea Of Insanity Wins

SEATTLE, Jan. 21.—(P)—A Superior Court jury last night found Vernon S. Allen innocent by reason of insanity of killing his sweetheart, Wave Lt. Cmdr. Margaret Jones.

The jury ruled the 32-year-old former Spokane man must spend the rest of his life in the state prison or some other institution unless he is found sane in some subsequent jury trial.

In the opinion of the jury, Allen was insane when he shot his fiancée last July 14. He also attempted to take his own life.

During the trial, Allen recounted several operations and accidents, which the defense contended affected his sanity. He said he could not remember what happened the day of the shooting.

When the verdict was announced, Allen sat as if stunned. Tears came to his eyes as relatives and friends crowded around him.

Allen and Miss Jones had been schoolmates in Spokane. After the war, they met again here and became engaged.

Pastor Quits in Row Over Police Appointment

SHERIDAN, Ore., Jan. 21.—(P)—Controversy over a police appointment has led to resignation of the Rev. George B. Forrester as pastor of Sheridan Christian Church.

Snowfall Area Includes Oregon

(By The Associated Press) Snow sheathed much of Oregon and Washington today.

A coastal snowfall hit points from Bellingham to Salem during the night and early morning, Eastern Washington, where the occurrence is more commonplace, also reported light snowfalls.

Winds as high as 46 miles an hour accompanied the snow early last night at Salem, but later eased off.

Several inches of snow were reported at Tillamook and Portland's streets were an inch deep in white stuff at midnight. Sub-freezing temperatures accompanied the snow all along the route.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 21.—(P)—The State Highway Commission warned motorists to be careful as snow covered roads throughout the entire state.

The Commission said it is afraid that snow in the Willamette Valley would turn to rain today, and then freeze tonight. This would make roads in the area a sheet of ice.

The Commission suggested it would be a good idea for motorists not to use the highways unless it is essential.

Drunken Driver Charged With Offering Bribe

CHARGED with offering a bribe to escape being booked for drunken driving, Roy William Rasmussen, 51, of Dilhard was arraigned Thursday and released on \$500 bail pending a preliminary hearing, Justice of the Peace A. J. Geddes reported.

Chief of Police Calvin H. Baird said that Rasmussen had offered \$50 to the arresting officer to let him go, after his arrest early Thursday morning.

In the Municipal Court, Rasmussen pleaded guilty to drunken driving and was fined \$100 and sentenced to 30 days in the city jail. Municipal Judge Ira B. Riddle reported he would suspend the jail sentence upon payment of the fine, but in addition had revoked Rasmussen's driver's license one year.

Priest Discards Vow, Weds in Civil Ceremony

LONDON, Jan. 21.—(P)—Timothy Coakley, who took a vow of celibacy when he was ordained a Roman Catholic priest, married Patricia Hall, 23, in a civil ceremony yesterday.

The office of the Archbishop in Cardiff, Wales, which supervises his former parish, said Coakley is automatically excommunicated.

Coakley was ordained 12 years ago. For four years, until last October, he was assistant priest at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Swansea, Wales. Miss Hall, also a Catholic, was a regular worshipper at his church.

Coakley now is a clerk in the British Admiralty.

War Burdens Thrust Upon Vice President

Move Enables Chiang To Personally Avoid Deal For Peace With Reds

By HAROLD K. MILKS NANKING, Jan. 21.—(P)—President Chiang Kai-shek handed the burden of war or peace today to Vice President Li Tsung-jen and flew to Hangchow for a rest and possible retirement.

Li, accepting the acting presidency, faces the immediate problem of settling with the Communists, whose arms have steadily pressed Chiang back since last fall.

Officially Chiang, who threatened many times in his stormy career to walk out, did not resign or formally retire. He just left.

Behind he left a statement saying he took the step "to lessen the hardships of my people," an informed source said.

Li, in an acceptance statement, said he took on the presidential duties "in the hope the people will give me their full support."

As is his annual custom, Chiang flew south to "sweep the tombs" of his ancestors. But many felt that he would not be back if Li were successful in dealing with the Communists.

An official statement said Chiang expects to go to Fenghua, his native place in Chekiang province, south of Shanghai. Statement still secret.

The generalissimo's departure was secret. He left behind his luxuriously appointed \$500,000 airplane and hopped into a smaller twin-engine ship.

High officials pored over Chiang's statement. It has not yet been released. The chief of the judicial Yuan was looking over it for "constitutional points."

There were indications that his original statement in Chinese was being revised to allow its presentation to the public in the most favorable light.

It was reliably reported Premier Sun Fo visited Li and submitted the cabinet's resignation.

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Drive Planned To Make Up Deficit In Boy Scout Fund

Scouters of Douglas County are in the process of organizing a Boy Scout fund raising campaign to make up the 1949 deficit. District Scout Executive Rollie Quam announced.

The Oregon Trail Council is short \$5,800 of its \$36,000 goal, and more than half of this shortage must be raised in Douglas County, said Quam. The campaign is scheduled for the first two weeks in February.

The drive has been deemed necessary unless the county is to curtail its scouting activities, said Quam. The Community Chest drive in Roseburg and the county fell short of its goal. Roseburg had been asked for \$4500 from the city chest, but received only \$3000. Another \$1000 had been asked from the county, but no funds have been received from other areas.

Scouting in Douglas County has been steadily on the increase the last 20 years, but unless needed funds are received, it may be necessary to place the Scout executive on a part time basis rather than full time, and to cut down on other activities, Quam stated.

Chairmen for the county and various towns will be announced within the next few days, and a meeting is scheduled next week to draw up plans for the community campaigns, the Scout executive said.

Two Students Hurt In Collision of Autos

JOHN DAY, Ore., Jan. 21.—(P)—Two high school students were injured seriously yesterday in a head-on automobile collision on the highway between John Day and Canyon City.

They are Marvin Parsons, a high school junior, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Parsons, and Vera Roberts, a freshman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Roberts. They were riding in a midge sedan.

Charles M. Burt, Canyon City, driver of the other car, was released after being treated for shock.

Nation's Fire Loss Last Year Highest in History

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—(P)—The nation's fire loss in 1948 is estimated at \$711,144,000, highest in history, the National Board of Fire Underwriters reported.

The record destruction of property and resources is 2.7 higher than estimated losses of \$692,635,000 in 1947, W. E. Mallieu, general manager of the board, said in a statement.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

At church services on his inauguration day, President Truman prayed for "divine guidance." Before his staggering tax program is disposed of, the nation may be praying for divine intervention.