

TRAGEDIES CLAIM TWO LIVES IN DOUGLAS

WHO DOES WHAT

By Paul Jenkins

The Weather
Partly cloudy today and Tuesday. Little change in temperature.
Sunset today 5:04 p. m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:28 a. m.

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Restricted Airline Service Sought

West Coast Line Link With City Requested

Passenger Traffic When Weather Permits Aim Of Chamber of Commerce

The aviation committee of the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce is requesting West Coast Airlines to make immediate application for restricted commercial passenger service off the Roseburg airport.

Pending completion of improvements to the port to permit scheduled flight service, the committee suggests that the airline apply for permission to engage in feeder line service on days when flights are not overcast and visible sky is possible. If such authority is obtained, the area could be furnished with regular service throughout the late spring, summer and early fall months, with possibility that required improvements to the field could be completed in time to permit instrument landings and takeoffs during next winter.

Permission for limited service from the Roseburg port must come from the Civil Aeronautics Authority. The committee contends that runway and other facilities are suitable for feeder

Stalin-Truman Conference Anticipated by Russians But Foreign Diplomats Doubtful

By EDDY GILMORE

MOSCOW, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Prime Minister Stalin's latest pronouncement has convinced many Russians their leader is going to meet President Truman. Foreign diplomats here are much more cautious—even doubtful.

The question: "Will Stalin and Truman meet?" is the gambit for many conversations among the Moscovites today and the answers follow the same pattern: "I believe they will."

Norway Pressed By Reds to Spurn N. Atlantic Pact

(By the Associated Press)

Reaction is still re-echoing in the west over the Soviet foreign office blast against the North Atlantic alliance and the specific Soviet pressure applied on Norway, pressure interpreted in the west as designed to push that Scandinavian country toward the east.

The Communist newspaper Pravda devoted nearly two columns today to this reaction.

The seven nation group negotiating the North Atlantic security pact in Washington took little note, and let it be known it expects soon to invite half a dozen more nations, including Norway, to become full partners in the project.

Officials in Washington interpreted the Russian blast as the alliance and Stalin's statement yesterday as part of the same pattern of attack on the growing unity of the non-Communist Western World. Some have called it a "peace offensive." Norway, Sweden and Denmark found themselves unable to agree on a joint attitude toward the proposed Atlantic pact.

Months of negotiation ended yesterday with Sweden insisting on preserving her neutrality, Norway in favor of joining the Western defense system and Denmark in doubt. The Russian pressure on Norway became public only a few hours before the negotiations collapsed.

Three Trainmen Killed As Freight Trains Crash

AMERICAN FALLS, Idaho, Jan. 31.—(AP)—An investigation into cause of a head-on collision of two Union Pacific freight trains near here was under way today.

Three Pocahontas trainmen, all riding the diesel-powered locomotive of the eastbound freight, were killed in the crash early yesterday. They were the engineer, J. D. Cawley, H. D. Lee, fireman, and L. L. Walker, brakeman.

The crash occurred about six miles west of American Falls in a cut through lava rock. Flames broke out in the wreckage, engulfing shipments of produce, general merchandise and other freight.

The impact knocked both locomotives and 24 freight cars off the tracks.

Chinese General Vows Last Ditch Tilt Against Reds

(By the Associated Press)

Gen. Hsueh Yueh, new governor of Kwangtung Province, said today at Canton, he would lead China's four southern provinces in a last ditch stand against the Communists.

Hsueh, who succeeded T. V. Soong a few days ago, said in an interview that he was ready to lead the people of the four provinces against the Reds regardless of the outcome of peace bids by the National government.

The City of Nanking appeared to be moving toward the status of an open city, although there has been no official move to declare it such.

The city is practically defenseless. Armed units, once to have been the defenders of Nanking, have pulled out.

There have been no indications that any Red officials actually have entered the capital. But they could if they wished.

Communist armies are idling six miles north of Nanking, apparently awaiting action on the Red radio demand of Saturday that retired President Chiang Kai-shek and other Kuomintang officials on the Communist "war criminals" list be arrested.

The gunmen bound, gagged and handcuffed the clerks and threw them into a hole beneath the escalator.

Tax Program Due This Week In Legislature

Drafting of Bills Will Begin at Once; Variety Of Changes in Offing

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 31.—(AP)—

The House taxation committee, which always has the key logs in the legislative log jam, will go to work this week on the Oregon legislature's huge tax problem.

Chairman Ralph T. Moore of the committee said today the committee's program would consist of three or four bills. He said the committee would hire a lawyer to begin drafting them immediately.

The bills probably will call for using personal and corporate income tax receipts to pay state expenses, instead of using them only to reduce property taxes. They also will include using existing tax surpluses for state appropriations.

Members of the committee also are working on a proposed adjustment of personal income tax rates which would raise an extra \$10,000,000.

Also in the offing is a plan to refer to the people all or part of the tax program, plus appropriations for such things as higher education buildings, old age pensions, state buildings, and school support.

These proposals would be referred at a special election to be held not long after the legislature convenes.

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Airliner Gashed By Small Plane; Two Men Killed

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—(AP)—A

giant airliner, gashed open by a small private plane in a collision 4,000 feet in the air, made a safe emergency landing yesterday with its load of 33 persons uninjured.

The two men in the private plane were killed, and parts of one body and pieces of their shattered craft showered down on Long Island.

The engine and the front part of the private plane, the body of one of its occupants and part of the body of the other were imbedded in a jagged hole in the top of the four-engine Pan-American World Airways Constellation.

The planes crashed over Port Washington, N. Y., and Captain George Knuth skillfully landed the battered Constellation at Mitchell Field, about ten miles away.

The dead are Arthur Duttling, 57, pilot of Portland, Conn., and his passenger, Eugene Kowalczyk, 35, of Middletown, Conn.

Those aboard the airliner escaped by a stroke of luck when a hole 15 feet long and five feet wide was gouged out of the top of the fuselage.

One Estranged Husband Jailed In Slaying, Second Poisons Self After Knife Assault on Wife

An estranged husband attempted to slay his wife at their home near Umpqua Park early Sunday morning, then took his own life with poison. Within the hour, two miles east of Myrtle Creek, another man was shot to death and his alleged killer was apprehended 25 minutes later on the Pacific Highway near Dillard.

State Police Sgt. Lyle Harrell, reporting the two cases, said that Edmond Oliver Bushnell, 61, is being held in the county jail in connection with the gun-shot death of William Reldon Smith, 41, at the home of Bushnell's estranged wife, Pearl Ella, two miles east of Myrtle Creek. The shooting occurred at 2 a. m. Sunday.

The officer said that Mrs. Grace Bush, 60, is in Mercy Hospital with knife wounds after being awakened in the night by her husband, who allegedly threatened to kill her. The husband, Norris Bush, 60, is dead from a self-administered dose of rat poison, Sgt. Harrell reported.

Sound Truck Ban Upheld 5 to 4 By Supreme Court

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—(AP)—

The Supreme Court today upheld a Trenton, N. J., ban against sound trucks which send out "loud and raucous noises."

Justice Reed delivered the 5-4 decision, for the majority.

Validity of the ban was contested by Charles Kovacs, international representative of the CIO United Steel Workers, to establish a test case, he broadcast from a sound truck in front of the Trenton City Hall during a printer's strike.

Kovacs was fined \$50. He appealed to the Supreme Court with a contention that the ban violates the constitutional guarantee of free speech. The sound truck ban is contained in one section of an eight-section anti-noise ordinance.

The high court in a 5-4 decision last June struck down a Los Angeles ordinance which sought to regulate use of sound trucks.

Justice Douglas, author of the majority opinion then, said the Los Angeles law gave too much discretion to one city official by authorizing the police chief to deny permits to use loud speaking devices. Douglas said abuses which loud speakers create could be controlled by statutes written more narrowly.

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Lower Bridge Bid Would Net County \$50,000 Saving

Offer of a lower bid for construction of the Smith River

Bridge, which would save the county almost \$50,000, was reported today by County Judge D. N. Busenbark.

Acceptance of the bid would be conditional upon approval of the Army Engineers, as the Smith River is a navigable stream.

Tom Lillebo, Reedsport contractor, who originally offered to do the job for \$178,000 has revised his estimates, said Judge Busenbark.

The lower bid of \$128,580 was offered when the County Court made revisions eliminating one pier from the original bridge plans.

The new plans must be approved by the Army district engineer at Portland before they may be adopted. The court believes such approval will be forthcoming, said Judge Busenbark.

Lillebo and Ray Karens and Harold Lewis, all of Reedsport, conferred with the County Court today regarding the revision of plans for construction of the bridge.

Deputy Sheriff Accused Of Assault in Portland

PORTLAND, Jan. 31.—(AP)—A

deputy sheriff was arrested by city police today.

Two city patrolmen arrested Deputy Sheriff Lyle Cocking, 29, at his home after they were called there by a woman who complained of a family argument.

He was booked on a charge of assault and released under \$3,000 bail. Sheriff M. L. Elliott said he was suspending Cocking pending disposition of the city charge.

Patrolmen Lee Stockdale and Lawrence J. Rees said Cocking refused to let them enter without a search warrant, and attempted to force them outside.

The patrolmen overpowered him. Hurt in the scuffle, he was treated at the Police Emergency Hospital.

Bridge Across Columbia Near Umatilla Sought

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—(AP)—

Rep. Stockman (R-Ore.) plans to introduce a bill today to authorize the federal government to construct a \$2,000,000 highway bridge across the Columbia River below McNary Dam.

The structure would be near the town of Umatilla. Stockman said such a bridge would facilitate work on McNary Dam. The nearest bridge to the project now is 38 miles upstream.

He said the proposed bridge would increase traffic between Washington and Oregon and provide a convenient route for tourists.

Room Is Kept Too Cold; Landlady Assessed Fine

PORTLAND, Jan. 29.—(AP)—

William C. Carley thought his landlady kept his room too cold. When ice formed in a pan of water there, he was sure of it, and he went to Municipal Court about it.

Judge John B. Seabrook fined the landlady, Mrs. Anita R. Mazurosky, \$50. He then suspended the fine on condition she keep the heat on hereafter.

Woman Escapes

Mrs. Bush told police that she was awakened about 1:20 a. m. Sunday by her husband, whose hand was pressed over her mouth. He made threats to kill her and, as he slashed with a knife, she jumped. She received a body cut, but escaped to the home of neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. William Burt, who summoned police.

Sgt. Harrell said that Bush was free under \$500 bail, after being charged in November with assault with a dangerous weapon, being accused of shooting at his wife. He was arrested in that case by Roseburg City Police. He has been living recently at Grants Pass.

After the neighbors had called the police and investigating officers approached the Bush home, Sgt. Harrell said, Bush swallowed the rat poison and died in 20 minutes. His shoes were found in the wooded where he had appeared.

Bushnell Asks Hearing On Charge of Murder

Edmond Oliver Bushnell was arraigned this morning before Justice of the Peace A. J. Geddes on a charge of murder. He asked for a preliminary hearing. He was committed to the county jail without bail to await the hearing.

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Winter's Icy Wave Spreads To Gulf of Mexico; Cattle Areas Count Huge Livestock Losses

The week-old "operation haylift" bringing fodder to snowbound livestock took second place Monday to a new major problem—getting food and fuel to isolated human beings.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

IN the coffee shop of the Pepper Tree Inn, the menu offers a steak dinner for \$1.25. That's a good deal like being offered a 1947 model Cadillac for a thousand bucks. You wonder what's wrong with it.

Curiosity compels a trial—just as you HAVE to put your finger on paint that the sign says is wet. The steak turns out to be better than passable, NOT cut with a safety razor, flanked by potatoes and other vegetables, preceded by soup and a salad, followed by home-made lemon pie. All prepared by someone who has been indoctrinated with the idea that food is intended to be enjoyed as it is eaten.

What goes here?

THE breakfast menu the next morning mentions ham and two eggs, with toast and coffee thrown in for good measure. When the plates come along, there are TWO slices of ham, both of which can be seen distinctly with the unaided eye (You can see both slices edgewise as

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FIRE DESTROYS CLUB

PORTLAND, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Fire destroyed the night club Hy-Mac here early Sunday after close of business. Damage was estimated in excess of \$50,000.

Fire investigators said a discarded cigarette apparently was to blame.

FISH BAN EASING LOOMS

Umpqua River Opening To One Chinook Per Week In 45-Day Period Promised

Umpqua River sports fishermen have been promised a 45-day open season on spring chinook salmon with a bag limit of one fish in any seven consecutive days. The 1948 season was from Jan. 1 to May 31 with a bag limit of one fish per day and not more than two fish in any seven consecutive days.

The Oregon Game Commission advised a large delegation of sports fishermen, meeting with the Commission in Portland Saturday, that the tentative regulation for complete closure on spring salmon during 1947 would be revised to permit a limited season and reduced bag limit. The open season is expected to be from April 15 to May 31.

The Roseburg delegation, headed by Kenneth Gilkeson, president of the Roseburg Rod and Gun Club, met with the Commission Saturday morning by special appointment to protest the proposal previously announced to

halt all chinook salmon angling during the spring season.

Gilkeson, acting as spokesman, stated that the club had taken the position that no further limitation of sports catch should be made until after completion of the five-year cycle study by biologists. There is no reason to believe, he said, that runs will be further reduced. Comparative data will be available in 1951, when the run will mark the return from the migration of 1945.

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'Si' Dillard Motor Company to Erect Building, Car Lot

"Si" Dillard Motor Company has started construction of a new building with an 84-foot frontage at 316 N. Stephens at Douglas

Street to house truck servicing. Dillard stated that in connection with the new building an illuminated used car lot will also be installed. Permit for \$10,000 has been taken out at the office of the city building inspector for the new structure, and preliminary work has been started. The building will take about two months to complete.

The present Dillard Motor Company located on North Main Street has undergone considerable renovation to make the front portion over into a display room for new Dodge and Plymouth cars and the handling of new truck sales.

The entire front portion of the building has been improved with new decorations and the lower walls and office rooms lined with mahogany. Other major changes have been made to give the front portion an attractive new appearance. The service department will be revamped at a later date said Dillard.

Plane Reported in Fiery Crash in Portland Area

PORTLAND, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Searchers hoped for clearing weather today to investigate a report of a plane crash about 20 miles northwest of here.

A ranch foreman reported Saturday night that he saw the plane break into flames and fall Thursday.

No planes are listed as missing in this area, but one piloted by John L. Krause Jr., Antioch, Calif., disappeared in Northern California or Southern Oregon Thursday. Krause was on a flight from Redding, Calif., to Medford.

New York City Battles Heavy Snow Storm

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Snow, expected to continue until tomorrow, swirled with increasing intensity today on the New York Metropolitan area.

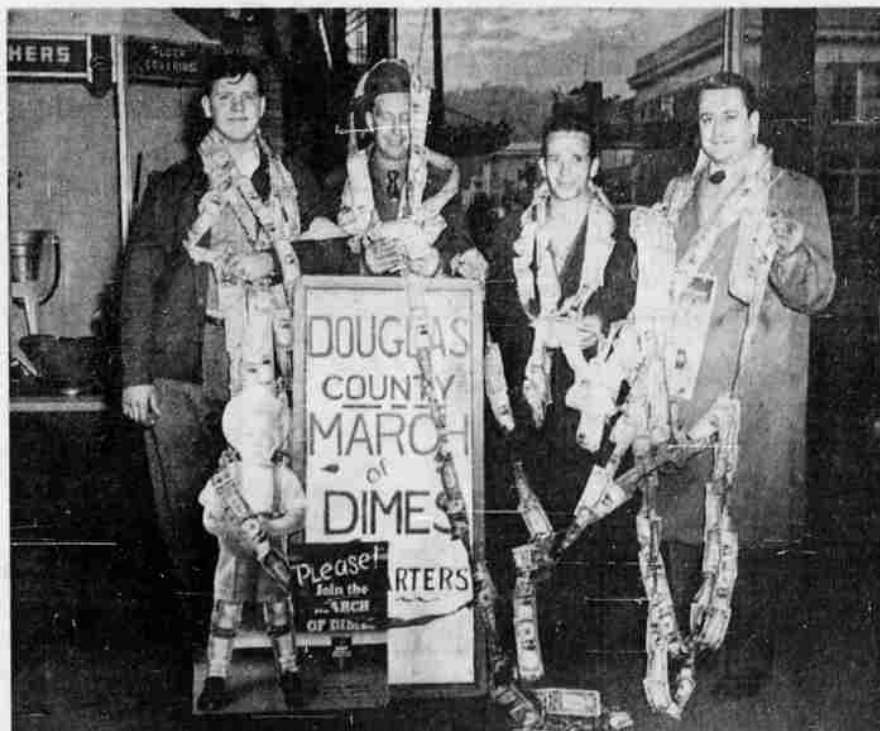
Unofficial estimates were that over three inches had fallen by 9 a. m. (EST).

Into action immediately went the city's sanitation department cleanup corps—7,500 men and 1,822 pieces of snow removal equipment.

Northeast storm warnings were raised from Block Island to the Virginia Capes as the storm moved in from the South.

Canyonville Postmaster Examination Announced

The U. S. Civil Service Commission announces examination for postmaster at Canyonville. Applications must be submitted prior to Feb. 27. The Commission reports that the salary is \$3,250 per year. To be eligible an applicant must be a citizen of the United States, a resident of the community to be served for at least one year, and must be of good physical condition and between 21 and 63 years of age. Full information and application forms are available at the Canyonville post office or from the Civil Service Commission.



CHAIN O' DOLLARS—These members of the Roseburg Junior Chamber of Commerce Saturday collected dollar bills from passersby on the N. Jackson St. sidewalks and stitched them end to end, making this impressive display. Left to right, the Jaycees are Jack Murphy, Wayne Crooch, Clark Taylor and Leo Sevy. Boy Scouts of Troop 133 also were busy, collecting \$310.34 in their "Mile o' Dimes." The "mile" started from in front of the Marshall Wells store, the campaign headquarters, and continued down the sidewalk to the corner of Cass Street, then doubled back. Dimes and other coins were laid down end to end.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Now's an appropriate time for Joe (or Joke) Stalin to visit the U. S. He could serve as a character witness for his 11 fellow "comrades" on trial in N. Y. for a conspiracy to overthrow the U. S. government by force.