

WHO DOES WHAT By Paul Jenkins



MRS. DALLEN JONES is dressing an infected eye on a Pekinese at the Roseburg Animal Hospital on N. Stephens St. Mickey, the Peko, is just about fed up with hospitals, with bad eyes and with life in general.

"I'd rather have anything happen to me," Mickey moaned, "than an ailing eye." Sure, at the time (and the time is now) he thinks it's a lot worse than having a broken leg. It peeves him no end when has to wait a few minutes for a nurse, or a nurse's aid, after fretfully ringing his bell for some need or other, you can lay to that.

He sure is leading a dog's life, if any canine ever did.

Francis P. Matthews Nominated By Truman To Be Secretary Of Navy

WASHINGTON, May 13.—(AP)—Francis Patrick Matthews, Omaha lawyer, was named Secretary of the Navy today. The White House announced that Matthews, 62, widely known Catholic layman, has been nominated to succeed John L. Sullivan.

Sullivan quit recently with a blast at Secretary of Defense Johnson for halting work on the Navy's super aircraft carrier. Matthews, a Democrat, was a member of the President's committee on civil rights in 1946. He is a graduate of Creighton University and a native of Albion, Neb.

The President, it was announced, is not yet ready to name a new Secretary of the Army to succeed Kenneth C. Royall, who also resigned.

Selection of Matthews followed the refusal of Jonathan Daniels, North Carolina editor, to accept the Navy job.

President Truman also announced he is promoting Dan A. Kimball to undersecretary of the Navy. Kimball is now assistant secretary. He is a Californian.

Kimball succeeds former Undersecretary W. John Kenney, whose resignation was announced last week.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

AS the heat goes off in Berlin, it goes on in China—where it looks like the Communists may be gunning for Hong Kong.

Hong Kong is a British colony, and a few days ago the British defense minister told the House of Commons that Britain is sending substantial land, sea and air reinforcements there.

He added: "While we have scrupulously endeavored to avoid being involved in war on the Chinese mainland, we are no less resolute in our attitude as regards territory for which we hold a direct responsibility."

THE point?

Well, if the Chinese Communists attack Hong Kong, which is British territory, and the British DEFEND it, it will be a

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Rodeo Queen To Be Chosen Sunday

Some fair young lady of Douglas County Sunday will hold the honor of being selected queen of the Sheriff's Posse's 1949 rodeo.

All girls wishing to enter the contest are asked to be at the Fairgrounds Sunday before 2 p. m., when the selection will be made, announced Chairman Del McKay.

Rules state that contestants must be unmarried and between the ages of 16 and 21 years. They must ride the same horse in the rodeo as at the time of competing for queen. Their riding equipment and costume must be in good condition.

Contestants will be judged, said McKay, on their ability to ride, on their horse and equipment and on personal beauty. Decisions will be final. The queen's court will be chosen at the same time. The rodeo queen will be presented with a western riding outfit as her prize. She will officially represent the rodeo as its queen.

The public is invited to witness the contest. There will be no admission charge.

MAJOR COMMUNITY ASSET

Veterans Hospital Here Disburses \$1,324,000 In Year; Open House Slated

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As an institution employing 357 persons and caring for more than 600 patients, the Roseburg Veterans Hospital is responsible for expenditure of \$1,324,000 in this community annually. This was brought out by Floyd Powell, executive officer of the Hospital, in a speech to the Roseburg Rotary Club Thursday noon.

Powell extended an invitation to his listeners to visit the hospital Sunday afternoon, when a public open house will be held in observance of National Hospital Day. Other representatives of the Hospital at the Rotary meeting included Dr. H. J. Haskins, manager; Dr. Kenneth W. Kinney, chief of professional services; Ted Wirak, personnel director, and Ralph Church, assistant personnel director.

Opening remarks were made by Dr. Haskins, who said the Roseburg Veterans Hospital is "not an asylum, boarding house, or facility, and the patients are not inmates." Because the public "knows little" about mental hospitals, they are invited to visit the institution Sunday.

Powell, introduced by Dr. Haskins, explained the administrative organization of the hospital and described the work of the major divisions. He pointed that the annual payroll is \$1,200,000, largely spent locally, in addition to which the hospital spends \$124,000

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Russian Grumbling In Berlin Starts Allies Accused Of Laxity In Blockade Lift

The Weather Mostly cloudy with scattered showers today and Saturday. Sunset today 7:28 p. m. Sunrise tomorrow 4:50 a. m.

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Forest Fire Rages In South Umpqua Region

Beaver Creek Burn Acreage Flaming Mass

Fire Believed Due To Electrical Storm; Men Rushed To Combat It

Fifty forest service men and loggers today are making their way into the old Beaver Creek burn area of the South Umpqua watershed, where fire is reported raging over 200 to 300 acres of burned over timber land. The area is included in the upper Cow Creek ranger district out from Drew.

Forest Supervisor M. M. "Red" Nelson stated that isolation of the area, which is three to eight miles beyond the nearest road, may prove a serious handicap in fighting the blaze.

Milton Andrews, South Umpqua district ranger with headquarters at Tiller, flew over the area about 6 p. m. yesterday and reported the fire, fanned by an east wind, spreading rapidly mostly in the tops of dead snags. It was burning up the mountain side toward green timber.

Believed to have been of lightning origin, the blaze was reported to the forest supervisor's office about 3 p. m. yesterday by a United Airlines pilot, who flew over the area. Nelson said no lookouts are stationed in the mountains this early in the season.

The fire is believed to have started from an electrical storm Wednesday, although storms have occurred since.

Ranger Andrews, assisted by Roy Hampton, is directing the fire fighters. Fallers and buckers from Harbor Plywood logging operations in the Tiller area, some from Firmco's crew and other available men, left at 5:30 p. m. yesterday on their way into the rugged area, the elevation of which is upwards of 4,000 feet. The scene is reached by way of Devil's Knob road from Drew. However, the road is having to

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MOLASSES FROM WOOD Southern Firm Bids For Plant At Springfield

WASHINGTON, May 13.—(AP)—A southern firm has offered to take over the Springfield, Ore., alcohol plant and use it to make molasses from wood.

Rep. Ellsworth (R-Ore.) and the War Assets Administration announced that yesterday, disclosing that Charles B. and W. S. Hudson of Americus, Ga., made the offer to lease the plant. Terms were not disclosed.

The WAA said no decision would be made until at least ten days. Ellsworth said he was informed that the complete operation of fermentation and distillation would not be undertaken. He said the Hudson brothers would not rebuild or operate all four units of the plant at the start.

What they intend is to perfect the process for making molasses from wood waste, using only one of the percolators, he said. Later the other three percolators would go into operation.

The plant was constructed by the government in the war to make alcohol from wood waste, but the process never was completed.

Ellsworth said experiments have shown "one ton of sawdust will make one ton of molasses and that the cost of reduction is not expensive."

"As of today it seems likely the WAA will reach a satisfactory agreement with Hudson brothers for operation of the Springfield plant," he said.

Film-Comic Type Of Crime Lands Youth Behind Bars

SEATTLE, May 13.—(AP)—A 19-year-old would-be detective sat in the county jail today, blaming his plight on "seeing too many movies and reading too many crime comic books."

"Things like this deal of mine always pan out pretty well in the kind of stuff I've been reading," added the youth, Walter Franklin Butler.

He was arrested by FBI agents Wednesday night after accepting a dummy package which was supposed to contain \$10,000. The money was to have come from B. W. Oseran, owner and manager of the Sportsman's Supply Center, for whom Butler once worked.

Oseran called in the FBI after receiving a threatening note stating: "It is worth \$10,000 to you to keep breathing. If you disobey these orders, you will die."

The orders directed Oseran to deliver the money to a nearby beverage store. The arrest followed.

Butler, a former soldier, said he wanted the money to finish his education as a private detective.

SHOWERS BREAK HEAT

Roseburg's weather Thursday climbed to one degree warmer than the previous day's high of 88, the U. S. Weather Bureau reports. Thursday's maximum temperature was 89, but showers today apparently have broken the heat spell.

Hotel Fire At Pasco Claims Two Lives

Two Other Persons Hurt Seriously; Damage May Reach Nearly \$50,000

PASCO, Wash., May 13.—(AP)—Two men died and four others were injured, two seriously, in a \$50,000 fire that swept the Lewis Hotel and two stores here early today.

All 36 occupants of the 25-room hotel were made homeless. The fire started on the ground floor a few minutes after midnight.

The dead were C. T. Hillman and Clarence Heath, both of Portland. Although not in the same room they were both found lying in water in the Hotel while the fire was still being brought under control. Heath was dead when found and Hillman died shortly after being taken to the hospital.

Firemen said that smoke probably knocked the men down as they tried to escape and that they either drowned or suffocated because

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Flood Battled To Save Idaho Town

BONNERS FERRY, Idaho, May 13.—(AP)—Dike workers were on a 24-hour basis today to keep the swelling Kootenai River off 30,000 acres of rich farm land and out of this northern Idaho town.

Late last night the river level stood slightly above 26 feet—five feet below flood stage. A succession of hot days has melted mountain snow packs and is driving the river upward at the rate of three and one-half feet a day.

Floods on the valley floor were most seriously threatened. The flood of 1948 ripped huge holes in the dikes and workers are struggling to strengthen patches and bring the levees to a safe height.

The general flood picture in the rest of the Northwest was dangerous in certain localities, but gave no indication of a major Columbia River flood.

Several farm homes in Oregon were threatened when Catherine Creek broke through its barriers. Volunteer workers filled sandbags to protect the homes. No serious damage was expected at the town of Union, Ore., below the break where floodwater caused \$500,000 in damage last year.

Suicide Indicated In Naval Officer's Death

SAN FRANCISCO, May 13.—(AP)—Cmdr. Everett O. Riggsbee Jr., skipper of the aircraft carrier Antietam, was found shot to death yesterday in his quarters aboard ship at Hunter's Point Naval Shipyard. His widow said he had been "terribly overworked and under great strain."

The death weapon was reported

Dona Mears Chosen Valedictorian, Jane Wiggen As Salutatorian For R. H. S. Commencement Exercises

Miss Dona Mears and Miss Jane Wiggen, Roseburg High School seniors, pictured below, have not only been leaders in their class and school activities, but are also top scholars.

Principal Alva Laws has announced the selection of Miss Mears as class valedictorian and Miss Wiggen as salutatorian for commencement exercises at the school June 5.

Selection was based on grade point averages, and Miss Mears was well in front, with a grade point average of 3.92 out of a possible 4.00 perfect, while Miss Wiggen followed with an average of 3.83.

Of special interest this year is the fact the seven students whose grade point averages were over 3.5 were all girls.

Outstanding in school affairs, Miss Mears had difficulty remembering all the activities in which she has participated in school. She is currently student body secretary and president of the Tri-Hi-Y. She was a homecoming princess this year and junior prom princess last year. She took part in the senior class play, served as Carnival Planning Committee chairman, worked on last year's Junior Prom Committee, and was a junior class secretary. Musically inclined she has also served as song queen, is a member of both the triple trio and senior trio, and a member of the Knights of Pythias Girls Drum Corps.

As if her school activities were not enough, Miss Mears has time to work Saturdays and vacation time at Miller's Department Store. She was a model at the Spring Festival and finds time for other

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Portland Lumberman Killed In Auto Crash

LEBANON, Ore., May 13.—(AP)—Allen A. Jones, 43, Portland lumberman, was killed early today in a highway accident as he drove alone near Sweet Home.

He was here on business connected with the Western Veneer Plywood plants at Lebanon and Sweet Home. He was secretary-treasurer of the firm.

Linn County Coroner Glenn Huston said Jones apparently went to sleep at the wheel. His car left the highway and ran along the edge for 380 feet before striking a guard railing. Two planks pierced the car. Jones was thrown free, but the car rolled on top of him, crushing him fatally.

Salem Bank Employee An Alleged Embezzler

PORTLAND, May 13.—(AP)—Amyot F. Aymong, 40, former employe of the First National Bank of Salem, was free today on his own recognizance on an embezzlement charge.

He appeared yesterday before Federal Judge Fee who ordered the release. Deputy District Attorney Edward Twining said the actions charged involved writing checks on his personal account and by mis-routing within the bank preventing them from showing on the books. The total sum involved was \$445 and restitution made, Twining said.

Trusty Escapes Prison, Taking Radio And Clock

SALEM, Ore., May 13.—(AP)—A 34-year-old state prison trusty escaped on this Friday the 13th, taking with him a portable radio and an alarm clock.

Prison Warden George Alexander said the man, Robert Earl Lee, walked away from the prison farm. Lee was sentenced Sept. 4, 1947, in Lake County to serve eight years for assault with intent to kill. He was employed in the prison chickenhouse.

He was dressed in his prison garb of blue overalls and blue shirt. Lee is 5 feet 9 inches tall, weighs 170 pounds, and has blue eyes and brown hair.

'Nonsense,' Western Spokesman Says; Plaintiff Bares Reds' Supply Need

BERLIN, May 13.—(AP)—The Russians accused the Western Allies today of "torpedoing" the agreement to lift the Berlin blockade.

A Western spokesman promptly labeled the accusation "a lot of nonsense." The spokesman was Lawrence Wilkinson, economics adviser to the U. S. military governor. "We were told by our governments to remove all restrictions put into effect since March 1, 1948," he said. "We've done that and more."

The Soviet protest was voiced informally, through the mouthpiece of the Soviet Army newspaper in Germany, Tagliche Rundschau.

"The Western Powers are evading the lifting of their restrictions under invalid pretexts," it charged.

The agreement cannot be fulfilled by the Soviet side alone," it added.

Tagliche Rundschau complained the Western Allies failed to match a Russian order removing all trade barriers back to March 1, 1948. The paper was not specific.

Some observers saw in those words an implied threat to reimpose the blockade—but such a step would be a matter of policy, for higher authorities than the Russians in Germany to decide.

But the Rundschau statements did lend emphasis to the Russian need for getting supplies from Western Germany for her nearly bankrupt occupation zone.

Situation Explained The economic ministry of American-occupied Hesse said cargoes for the Soviet zone would receive export licenses only if they were covered by pre-blockade contracts and had been made before the Western zone currency reform of mid-1948.

The ministry said negotiations for a new clearing arrangement are in process, but that it is not clear how the exchange rate for East and West marks should be determined. Until a new agreement materializes, it added, only prepaid shipments are being permitted.

The Soviets had incurred western wrath yesterday by refusing to allow trucks from West Berlin to travel to the Western occupation zones without obtaining permits from the Soviet military or the Russian-backed German economic commission.

However, early today West Berlin police quoted the officer commanding the Russian highway checkpoint outside Berlin as saying such trucks now need only an order from the West Berlin

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Pickets Prevent Removal Of Auto Parts From Plant

SOUTH BEND, Ind., May 13.—(AP)—Pickets stopped an attempt today by the Packard Motor Company to remove seven brake dies and a million auto parts from the strike-bound Bendix Aviation plant.

Sheriff Stephen C. Hipsack and two deputies read to six pickets in front of the Bendix gates a circuit order allowing Packard to remove its equipment from the Bendix plant.

The pickets replied that they would refuse to move. Six semi-trailers started to move into the plant through the pickets. The sheriff said the pickets shouted: "We'll wreck your trucks," and the first truck stopped. He said he could go no farther and the attempt was called off by the sheriff.

About 7,500 CIO-United Auto Workers have been on strike at the Bendix plant since April 20. Other major auto makers have removed their brake dies from the plant under court orders without interference.

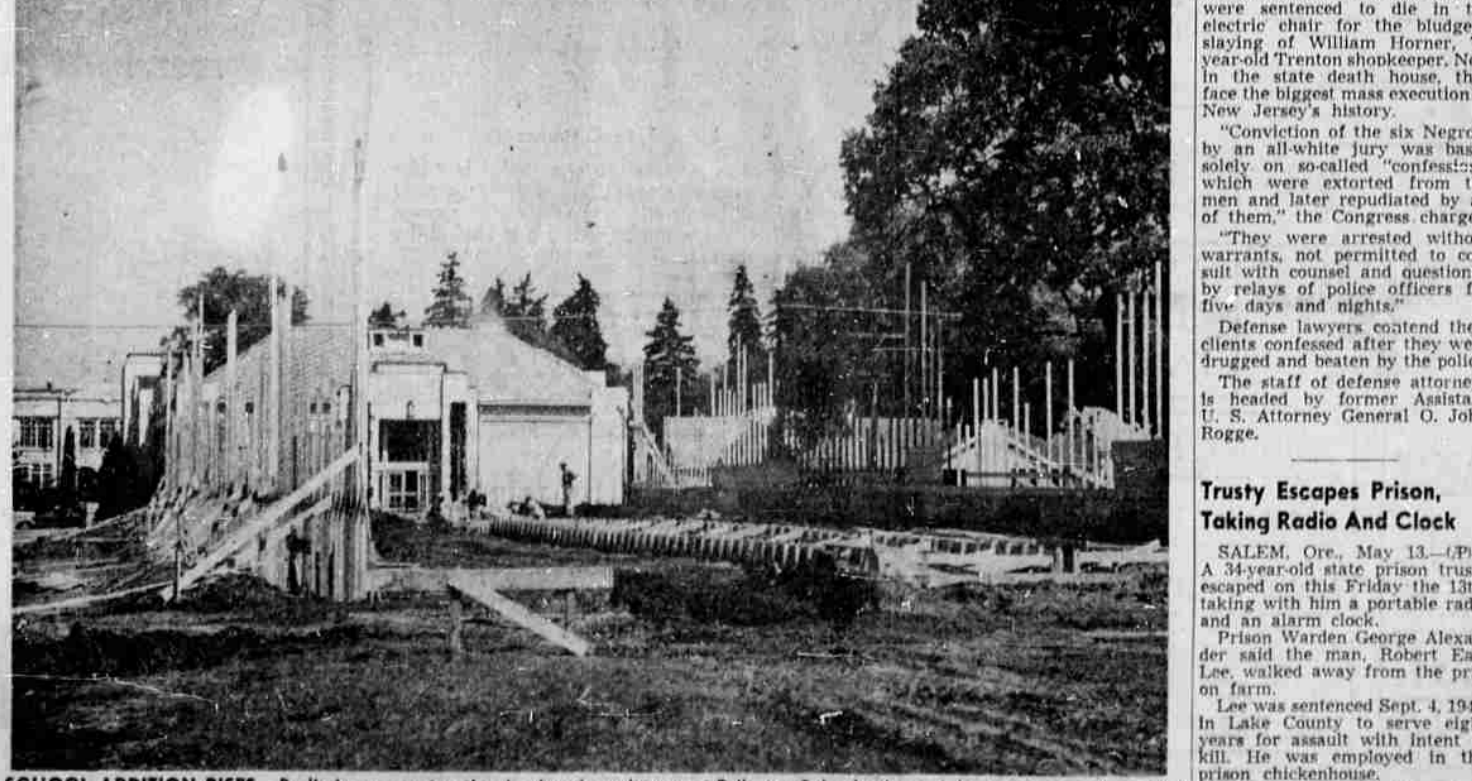
The union has demanded reinstatement of 47 workers dismissed in an alleged slowdown, elimination of an alleged speed-up, and dismissal of a \$1,500,000 damage suit filed against it by Bendix.

Wife Of Fugitive Red Re-arrested In U. S.

WASHINGTON, May 13.—(AP)—Mrs. Gearhart Eisler today was re-arrested for deportation while the Justice Department laid plans to bring her husband back from his flight across the seas.

One reason for her re-arrest was that the Government wished to question her about the flight of Eisler, 32-year-old admitted Communist, as a stowaway on a Polish vessel.

This is unquestionably a machine age, but not for the type operated by Jersey City's Frank Hague.



SCHOOL ADDITION RISES—Preliminary construction is already underway at Fullerton School, where eight rooms are to be added to the present building. Contractor H. J. Settergren moved onto the job almost immediately after being awarded the \$253,330 contract for the combined job of building the Fullerton and Riverside additions. The buildings have been designed by Freeman and Hayslip. (Picture by Paul Jenkins)

Levy Fact Rant By L. F. Reizenstein