

PLANE CRASHES IN ATLANTIC; 47 MISSING



JUST LIKE THE GROWNUPS—Music and dancing at the "Junior Starlight Roof" for a mere 18 cents admission. That's what's in store for New York youngsters this summer. The Madison Square Boys' Club just opened a teen-age night club on its rooftop where boys and girls can dance and get soft drinks three nights a week. Here, waiter Edward Monserrat serves one of the tables.

Roseburg High School Band Leaves Tomorrow For Rose Festival Gaiety

Roseburg High School band, 80 strong, will depart by school bus for Portland at 5 a. m. Wednesday to participate in the Portland Rose Festival. Director C. A. Ricketts left today for the Rose City to make arrangements for the band's arrival. Chaperons and other members making the trip will bring the total party to around 100.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THERE'S A trace of what newspaper professionals call "color" in the news as this is written.

Here in Oregon two supposedly desperate criminals are loose from the state penitentiary. Two men broke into the Benton County jail, frisked it for guns, found three, took them, along with ammunition, released an inmate who is a several-times convict from his cell, and the three vanished into the night.

Everyone with a spark of imagination jumps to the conclusion that the jail-break was the work of the two penitentiary escapees. The idea certainly has a fascinating Jesse James flavor.

THE jail delivery had its amusing side.

Two men were in the Benton County clink. One of them wanted to stay—and stayed. Not only that, but he yelled bloody murder through the bars of his cell, calling all good citizens to rally to the chase.

Everybody thought he was

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Ditch-Trapped Worker Saves Self And Partner

DALLAS, Ore., June 7.—(AP)—One workman dug himself free and then summoned help to rescue his ditch digging partner yesterday when a 14-foot wall of dirt collapsed.

The ditch is on a city pipe-line project.

L. W. McGert, Portland, buried to his waist, scrambled free and then helped dig out Elmer Larkins, also of Portland, who was completely buried.

Larkins suffered a broken shoulder but was not otherwise seriously hurt. He had moved into the ditch to help McGert shore up the sides of the ditch.

ONE CAMPAIGN OR SEVERAL?

Chamber Of Commerce Questionnaire Deals With Method Of Raising Funds

In an effort to reduce the number of fund raising campaigns here each year, questionnaires have been mailed to members of the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce to learn their desires as to how such campaigns shall be conducted.

"Regardless of the popularity of the cause," states the questionnaire, "fund raising campaigns are time-consuming for both the solicitor and the party being solicited. A multiplicity of drives are exhaustive of manpower, irritating, costly, and ultimately doomed to failure."

Answers are sought to these questions:

1. Would you prefer to be solicited just once each year for a donation to cover your participation in all projects you have been supporting?

2. Would you be willing to donate, or pledge to pay on a quarterly basis, a sum equal to the total amount you have been donating to all projects you have been supporting?

3. As a step toward realization of your desire to broaden the scope of your Community Chest, would you like to have it include the following agencies in the an-

The Weather

Partly cloudy and cooler today. Fair Wednesday.

Sunset today 7:50 p. m. Sunrise tomorrow 4:33 a. m.

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ROSEBURG, OREGON—TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 1949

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Business Zone Status For Block 47 Will Be Ordered

Ordinance At Council Given Two Readings

Site Of Airport Will Be Enlarged; Annexation Petitions Presented

WHAT COUNCIL DID
Indicated creation of new business zone.
Moved to buy more airport land.
Received annexation petitions.
Granted liquor licenses.
Made Terrace Avenue decision.
Decided to build city garage.
Ordered city books' audit.
Extended lease on city airport.

An ordinance giving final approval to the transfer of Block 47 from residential class 2 to business status was passed through a first and second reading by the City Council Monday night. The block is bounded by Main, Kane, Black and Lane Streets.

The change of zoning had been requested by the American Legion, which plans construction of a new hall, and by the Methodist Church, which also contemplates future expansion. Protests had previously been registered at hearings before the Council and Planning Commission by residents in or adjacent to the block, but no one was present last night to orally oppose the action. Third and final readings of the ordinance will come up at the next meeting. Other important business included recommendation by the Airport Committee of purchase of two tracts of land containing 16 and 30

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Suit For Damages Is Nearing Jury

The trial of Marjorie G. Davis, administrator of the estate of Lilith Gall Jenkins, against Bernard Fenwick and Flegel Transfer and Storage, which opened in Circuit Court Monday, was continued today and was expected to go to the jury some time this afternoon.

The plaintiff, whose case was presented Monday, is suing for \$10,000 damages, as the result of a truck-car accident in which Lilith Jenkins met her death in front of Club 99 near Winchester last summer. Also fatally injured in the accident was James Arthur Bales, driver of the car.

Lumber from the truck-trailer, owned by Flegel Transfer and operated by Fenwick, allegedly struck the car at the sharp corner, forcing it against the building. The defense blames a mechanical failure for the accident.

Voters Reject Tax Plan For Repairing Roads

TILLAMOOK, June 7.—(AP)—Tillamook County voters in District 1, comprising the area outside of incorporated towns, have rejected a tax proposal to pay for repair of winter damaged roads.

The election resulted yesterday in 106 "no" ballots and 71 "yes." The proposal would have made up to \$120,000 available for the work.

Judge Harland Woods said the County Court would run out of highway money soon because of the deplorable condition of the routes. Without the special tax, the county must wait until next year's budgets are made up.

Escapee From Oklahoma Prison Nabbed In Oregon

OKLAHOMA CITY, June 7.—(AP)—George Kimes, convicted bank robber and last of the south-west's bandit chieftains, who walked away from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester 11 months ago, has been arrested at Burns, Oregon.

The announcement was made by Warden Clarence Buford of the penitentiary, who is at the State Capitol today.

Buford has telegraphed Oregon officials to determine if Kimes will waive extradition.

Passer Of Worthless Check Given Probation

Don Hamilton, 28, Portland, pleaded guilty to a charge of passing a worthless check, when arraigned before Judge Carl E. Wimberly Monday.

He was sentenced to one year in the state penitentiary then placed on probation. Hamilton allegedly had given a worthless check at a service station at Reedsport.

Express Guards Robbed Of \$19,000

NEW YORK, June 7.—(AP)—Two guards of the Wells Fargo Express Co. were robbed of \$19,000 in payroll funds by two armed men today on the Columbia University campus.

NEGRO DISINHERITED

Estate Of His White Wife Is Left To Others

LOS ANGELES, June 7.—(AP)—A Negro chauffeur is entitled to all his 90-year-old white wife's \$50,000 estate, his attorney says, even though she disinherited him in her will.

Thomas Griffith, the attorney, said yesterday that Allan L. G. Woods, 28, the Negro, plans to contest the document. It and a codicil were drafted before the marriage, Griffith pointed out.

And since Mrs. Woods, known as a traveler, lecturer and clubwoman, has no other relatives, the attorney added, her husband is entitled to the property under the California law of succession.

Mrs. Woods, whose estate is estimated at more than \$50,000, died May 28, some five months after her marriage to her chauffeur.

Her 1945 will, filed for probate yesterday, contained a codicil canceling an original bequest of her home to Woods. The document left personal effects to Mrs. Isabelle Bishop, Brentwood, Calif., and \$500 to Jesse Bramette, a servant. The rest was left in equal shares to Stanford University and the University of California.

Woods married Mrs. Adriana Eugenia Nicholson in one of the first inter-racial unions after the California supreme court held them legal.

At the time of the wedding she had reported she wanted Woods to have her property.

Gunmen Slayers Of Minnesota Officer Caught

WASHINGTON, Kas., June 7.—(AP)—Two of three Minnesota gunmen, wanted for killing a policeman, kidnapping and robbing, were captured near here early today after their car crashed into a washed out culvert. The third gunman surrendered yesterday.

The pair was captured after one of them had limped a quarter of a mile to a farmhouse for help after he, a companion gunman and a man, believed to be a hitchhiker, were seriously hurt in the wreck.

Sheriff Bill Smith said one of the gunmen identified himself as Allen G. Hartman, 20, and told him his companion's name was Bistrom. Hartman said he did not know the name of the third man.

At Marysville, where the three were taken, Sheriff Kale Thompson identified the other gunman as Carl Bistrom, 27-year-old former convict. The third man was identified through a Nebraska driver's license as Bill J. Beatty, 21, of Tekamah, Neb., who is believed to be a hitchhiker who had been picked up by the gunmen in their wild flight.

The pair have been sought since Saturday in the killing of a Minneapolis suburban police officer and the kidnapping of a Mandan, N. D., police officer who sought to question them. Subsequently they kidnapped five other persons but released them, too.

Convicted Man Slashes Cellmate And Wrists

PORTLAND, June 7.—(AP)—Manslaughter convict Thomas L. Cummings, Seattle, slashed his own wrists in Multnomah County jail and injured a cellmate during a weekend dispute.

Jailers reported today that Cummings cut cellmate Dale Williams about the throat with a razor blade. He then cut his wrists, but not seriously.

Cummings, sentenced to 15 years for the gun death of a companion in a hotel, is to be sentenced today for a robbery conviction.

Driver Loses Arm When He Sticks It Out Window

PRINEVILLE, June 7.—(AP)—George Roberts Jr., 19, stuck his arm out an automobile window while driving yesterday—and lost it.

The car and a lumber truck sideswiped at a curve southeast of here. His arm was so mangled that it had to be amputated at the elbow.

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Murray, CIO Chief, Volleys Back At Lewis

Compromise Charge On T-H Law Repeal 'False'; Senate Still Battling

WASHINGTON, June 7.—(AP)—CIO President Philip Murray today accused John L. Lewis of "rumor mongering" and "lack of responsibility."

He made the accusation in the United Mine Workers chief yesterday. At that time Lewis said he had heard that Murray had agreed to a "pusillanimous compromise" on Taft-Hartley Labor Law repeal.

Lewis, in a message to all senators, said he had heard reports that Murray and AFL President William Green had agreed to "four oppressive amendments" for inclusion in a new law.

Referring to Lewis as a "rule-ruin union official," Murray said the Mine Workers leader's statement contained "false and malicious libels" concerning him and Green.

A spokesman for the AFL yesterday also denied Lewis' statement.

Murray said that "considering the source," Lewis' statement should be ignored except that it was sent to senators on the day when Taft-Hartley repeal debate began.

Murray's message, also sent to Senators, said the Lewis statement, "admittedly based upon rumor, rather than facts, and upon demonstration of that lack of responsibility."

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Brothers Escape On Way To Prison

BAKERSFIELD, Calif., June 7.—(AP)—A general broadcast alarm was out today for two convict brothers who escaped from deputies with the vow that they would not be taken alive.

The two prisoners, La Vern Speer, 23, and his brother, Gene, 28, overpowered two officers near Moffett Field yesterday as they were being taken to San Quentin Prison to serve terms for armed robbery.

Deputy Sheriff George Whitling said the two freed themselves as they rode in the rear seat of the officers' car. He said they apparently cut the straps which bound them with a razor blade they had managed to conceal.

They slashed the deputy who was driving and kicked the other one in the head. Disarming the officers, the driver forced the deputies to drive them 200 miles back to Bakersfield.

There, the pair unloaded the officers' pistols and returned them.

Patrol officers, state highway patrol last night, said a cage was held up north of here and that the gunmen were believed to be the same two. They fled north by car.

DOUGLAS COUNTY CLIMBS

Advances In 10 Years From 19th To 4th Position On Oregon Payroll Records

Douglas County, which in 1938 stood in 19th position among Oregon counties in percentage of state payrolls, advanced in 1948 to fourth place. Only Multnomah, Lane and Marion Counties have larger payrolls than Douglas.

The State Unemployment Compensation Commission, reporting new high payroll records in 35 of Oregon's 36 counties in 1948, finds that Douglas County, where 72 percent of the \$35,511,981 payroll came from the timber industry last year swept past Linn, Klamath and Coos counties in percentage of payrolls compared to the state total of \$62,749,620, barely short of one billion dollars.

Douglas County's covered payrolls doubled in 1947 over 1946 and then gained 30.4 percent in 1948 over 1947. Douglas County's payroll in 1938 was \$1,876,957, as compared with the more than \$35,500,000 reported last year.

Payrolls actually total more than the reported amounts as only those concerned with unemployment compensation are "covered payrolls" are included in the commission's report.



NEW U. S. TREASURER—Mrs. Georgia Neese Clark, 49-year-old divorcee, above, of Richmond, Kan., has been nominated by President Truman to be United States treasurer, the first woman ever to be named for that position. She is the Democratic National committeewoman of Kansas.

Rental Decontrol OK'd At Ashland

ASHLAND, June 7.—(AP)—Decontrol of rental housing was endorsed last night by the City Council after a public hearing on the proposal.

It was the first such hearing move in Oregon under the new law.

The council voted to ask Gov. Douglas McKay to petition the National Rental Control Agency to lift the rental freeze imposed early in the war.

Medford area landlords who appeared here with Ashland landlords indicated similar action would be proposed for Medford in the very near future.

Daryl A. Mabee, Portland, state rent control director, and R. A. Cook, Medford rent control officer, were among the 175 persons at the hearing. Only one tenant spoke out, and he said he favored decontrol and believed the landlords would be "fair."

Landlord representatives said the controls no longer were justified. Some argued that older homes—involving higher maintenance expenses—were still held under the law while new homes—with small upkeep—were free of controls.

Mabee did not take a position on the proposal beyond stating that the new law liberalized controls and assured landlords of adequate profits.

Hunt For Convicts In Portland Area Given Up

PORTLAND, June 7.—(AP)—Police today abandoned posse hunts east of here for the two Oregon convicts who escaped the state prison on Memorial Day.

Multnomah County Sheriff's Capt. Earl Stanley said officers working the area have not flushed another likely clue since two vagrants seen near Troutdale were believed to be lifelatter John O. Pinson and cellmate William P. Benson.

Conciliation Service Aid In Strike Sought

Union Official Disputes Employers' Statement Regarding Wage Scale

Aid of the U. S. Conciliation Service in settling the meatcutters' strike has been asked by the union, it was announced Monday by S. W. Barker, union representative from Portland. There was an apparent stalemate in negotiations today, as the strike moved into its sixth day.

In a special meeting of the Roseburg Central Labor Council last night, members unanimously approved the position of the meatcutters' union when it was disclosed that "the erroneous statement of the employers had misled the public," reported Eldon Ogle, secretary.

Ogle said it was learned the meatcutters are asking a starting wage of \$1 an hour, with \$1.75 per hour as the journeyman's rate after a three-year apprenticeship. He added the meatcutters are not asking that Saturday be a premium pay day, but that they expect a staggered five-day work week to allow the markets to remain open as long as necessary without paying overtime.

On the basis of a 40-hour week, this \$1.75-an-hour wage scale asked by the meatcutters (as reported by Ogle) would bring them \$70 a week. The meatcutters demanded \$75 for a 40-hour week when they went on strike last week. Barker could not be reached by telephone for comment this morning, as he withdrew their demands.

Thirteen Doctors At Georgia State Hospital Ousted

MILLEDGEVILLE, Ga., June 7.—(AP)—Thirteen of the 15 doctors at Georgia's huge mental hospital were fired yesterday and threatened with trespass charges if still on the premises this afternoon.

The mass dismissal was a "You can't quit, you're fired" affair. Dr. T. G. Peacock, medical superintendent, presented his and 12 other resignations to State Welfare Director Jack Forrester.

Forrester hurried them aside and handed Peacock 13 letters of dismissal. He said he had 11 other physicians to take over the institution immediately. The resigning doctors had offered to remain for a limited time, with or without salary.

The welfare director ordered the doctors out of their state-owned, rent-free quarters within 24 hours. The facilities are needed, he said, for the new doctors.

The exchange of resignations and releases climaxed a controversy which began brewing May 31. On that date Forrester appointed T. A. Dechman superintendent in charge of the hospital, second largest of its kind in the nation.

In a statement, the doctors objected to a "habit" of state officials in making the institution a "political dumping ground." Dechman, they said, had created "harmful and chaotic."

Forrester in turn charged the doctors with "acts of insubordination and disloyalty."

Daylight Saving Gests Approval At Corvallis

CORVALLIS, June 7.—(AP)—Daylight time will move into the upper Willamette Valley for the first time at 10 p. m. Sunday, when Corvallis adopts the fast summer schedule.

The decision was made by the City Council last night after a group of retail merchants appeared to urge it. Benton County has not yet decided definitely whether to change. Last year the county offices moved up their clocks also.

Sex Murderer Dies In Nevada's Gas Chamber

CARSON CITY, Nev., June 7.—(AP)—Laszlo Varga was executed early today for the rape-murder of a Presbyterian minister's wife. As he walked to the Nevada prison gas chamber, the 23-year-old Hungarian refugee said, "At last I'm happy."

There was no violence as he marked his 14 months in prison since the brutal slaying of Mrs. Billie Rhae Morning, 22, of Wells, Nev.

28 Out Of 75 Aboard Known To Be Saved

Puerto Ricans Comprise Most Of Victims; Other Crashes Kill 48 Persons

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, June 7.—(AP)—A plane jammed with Puerto Rican men, women and children bound for the United States crashed in the Atlantic early today and 47 persons are missing and feared dead.

Officials said 75 persons, including a crew of five Americans, were aboard the two-motored C-46 plane. The U. S. Coast Guard reported 28 known survivors.

Nineteen of the passengers were small children or infants, and 19 were women. One American crewman, Al Cockrell of Pittsfield, Mass., is reported missing and feared dead.

The plane left San Juan a few minutes after midnight and two minutes later radioed back requesting permission to make an emergency landing. Then nothing more was heard from it. Officials said apparently it had trouble gaining altitude because of an adverse wind.

The plane, enroute to Newark, N. J., via Miami, was operated by Strato Freight, Inc., a charter service with headquarters at Eldon Field, near Windsor Locks, Conn.

Attacks at the airport said it was raining hard when the plane took off.

The C-46, a Curtis Wright Commando, was designed for the Air Force as a cargo craft and was used extensively in the China-Burma-India Theater during the war. The maximum capacity was 50 troops or 10,000 pounds of cargo.

The plane sank within six minutes and the pilot, Captain Lee Wakefield, said he believed one-half or more of the passengers

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Chambers Admits Telling 7 Lies

NEW YORK, June 7.—(AP)—Whittaker Chambers admitted today that he lied seven times before the Federal Grand Jury which indicted Alger Hiss on two perjury counts.

Chambers, one-time courier for a pre-war Soviet spy ring and state government witness in the trial of the former high State Department official, made the admission to read the grand jury witness stand.

A few minutes previously Federal Judge Samuel H. Kaufman said he found his trial testimony inconsistent with his grand jury testimony. He granted Hiss' attorney, Lloyd Paul Stryker, permission to read the grand jury minutes.

Stryker, cross-examining Chambers, read seven portions of grand jury dialogues. Each time he asked Chambers if the testimony he gave was true or false.

Each time Chambers replied that it was false. He admitted he had committed perjury on each of the seven occasions.

In general Chambers' answers to the grand jury denied specific knowledge of espionage activities.

Committee OKs Atlantic Treaty

WASHINGTON, June 7.—(AP)—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee today called for ratification of the North Atlantic Pact as the best way to avoid World War Three.

In a formal report to the Senate, the Committee declared that failure to ratify the pact "would have disastrous consequences abroad."

"The Committee strongly believes," the report said, "that it would be in the best interests of the United States and indeed, the entire world, to sustain and encourage the momentum of confidence that has been building up in Europe by ratifying the treaty at an early date."

The treaty was signed here April 4 by the United States, Canada and 10 European nations. It will not become binding on this country until ratified (approved by a two-thirds vote) by the Senate.

Frankly poised as a warning to Russian aggression, the treaty pledges the members to consult and to give each other aid in event of aggression against one of them.

Fire Sweeps Range, Grass Lands In Washington

MOSEAS LAKE, Wash., June 7.—(AP)—Fire-fighters worked today to control five wind-hurried blazes sweeping over thousands of acres of grass and rangeland in Grant county.

Two major burns had swept last night over more than 30,000 acres and three smaller fires still burned uncontrolled.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Suggestion to Uncle Sam to ease his irritation over known Communists: Show 'em the 'gate' in investi-gate.