

I SAW

By Paul Jenkins



A BIG PILE of drift collected on a willow-grown bar below the center span of the Oak street bridge. The driftwood which each season's high waters collect and bear with them is a source of never-ending amazement. Where does it all come from? In the gigantic flood of the last of October, a year ago, it would seem the lowlands would have been swept clear of debris; but here, borne upon the winter's few river rises, none even approaching flood stage, come more mountains of drift. Oh well, it isn't very important, so might as well skip it.

PHONE RATES UPPED

Company Files Its New Schedule For Roseburg, Other County Localities

Pacific Telephone Monday filed with the Oregon Public Utilities Commissioner its new schedule of rates to be effective with bills dated on and after March 1.

The filing was in accordance with the commissioner's order of Jan. 11, granting the company an increase in annual revenues of \$853,441 — one-sixth of the amount the company had requested in its application last August for increased rates totaling \$5,188,000.

"The telephone business is not immune to inflation which has caused most other prices to increase two or three times as much as telephone rates," F. A. Dressler, vice president and general manager for Oregon said.

"It is obvious that with constantly increasing operating costs effecting everything we do, the company cannot continue for long to operate at these rate levels. The amount granted has been based on a rate of return that, in the opinion of the company, is grossly inadequate to do the quality and quantity job Oregon telephone users are expecting us to do."

Part of the \$853,441 increase was placed in effect Jan. 21 when pay station charges for local calls went from 5 to 10 cents.

Rate Increase Listed
Increases in monthly rates, not counting federal excise taxes, will range from 25 cents to \$1.00 for business telephones and from nothing to 50 cents for residential telephones. The largest increases are in exchanges which have been moved to a higher rate group because of growth.

Roseburg, which is one of these exchanges, now serves more than 7000 telephones.

According to R. J. Henwood, manager, the monthly telephone rate increases in Roseburg will be as follows:

Residence Service	30c
Four Party	30c
Two Party	25c
One Party	25c
Suburban	30c

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Nearing Bakersfield (on the way to this meeting I've been talking about for a couple of days.) All about are vast areas of flat land. (Much of it is corporation farmed, for this is a favorite stamping ground of what we call the corporation farmer.) A lot of the land is producing cotton.

It is beautiful land. But that isn't what I'm concerned with here. What I want to emphasize in this piece is the fact that this land is now IRRIGATED whereas only a few years ago it was desert.

AND HERE is what I particularly want to beat the drum about: Whence comes the water that irrigates this land in the upper end of the San Joaquin valley? Why, a whole lot of it COMES FROM SHASTA LAKE, the body of blue water that now lies behind Shasta dam, AND SHASTA DAM IS 400 MILES FROM THIS SPOT IN THE UPPER SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY.

The water is transported down (Continued on Page 4)

The Weather

Showers today. Increasing cloudiness tonight with rain Wednesday.

Highest temp. for any Feb.	79
Lowest temp. for any Feb.	3
Highest temp. last 24 hours	50
Lowest temp. last 24 hours	36
Precip. last 24 hours	.07
Precip. from Feb. 1	1.27
Precip. from Sept. 1	27.07
Excess	6.28

Unset today, 5:40 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 7:14 a.m.

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Russian Grab Of Japanese Fishing Vessels Denounced

Gen. Ridgway Scores Deed On High Seas

TOKYO (AP) — Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway Tuesday sent a sharply-worded note to Soviet authorities, denouncing Russian seizure of Japanese fishing vessels.

The Allied Supreme Commander accused the Reds of grabbing some 178 fishing craft in violation of the occupation agreement, and "contrary to all principles of international law and custom."

He also accused the Russians of holding many of the fishermen captive, subjecting them to "prolonged interrogations, most of which have had nothing to do with the alleged violations of the fishing area but on the contrary have been solely for the purpose of securing political, economic and military information concerning conditions in Japan."

Protest To Soviet Says Crews Held To Extort Military Information

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Try To Wangle Fines

He also said the Russians tried to levy fines in U.S. dollars against some captains "on the totally unjust grounds of their having 'plundered' fish in Soviet 'territorial waters.'"

The seizures were on the high seas, the Allied statement said, in the northern waters of Hokkaido—the northernmost Japanese island near Russian-held Sakhalin.

The protest was one of a series of interrogations have been staged by the Reds over the past several years. Others have been captured by both Communist and Nationalist Chinese, North Koreans and even South Koreans.

SEOU, Korea (AP) — United Nations soldiers Tuesday killed 96 Reds and wounded 130 in a fight near the Mundung Valley on the East Korean War front—the heaviest single action in weeks.

The casualties were announced in a U.S. Eighth Army communique. The communique did not say whether the Allies suffered any losses.

Elements of a group of 420 Communists struck Allied positions near the valley in two places three minutes apart. In less than an hour the Allies had driven back both attacks.

A briefing officer said Eighth Army soldiers inflicted 2,272 casualties on the Reds in the week ended last Thursday. The figure included 981 killed, 1,260 wounded and 31 captured.

MUNSAN, Korea (AP) — Communists promised Tuesday to come up with a new plan for patching up the latest truce trouble spot—along the border to governments for a final Korean peace.

The Reds did not indicate when it would be ready or what it would be like.

Communists made two concessions Tuesday in another truce tent where staff officers are trying to work out machinery for supervising a truce.

Reds offered to boost limits on monthly rotation of troops to 30,000 and establish four ports of entry for incoming troops and war materials to be inspected by neutral teams.

The Allies said the figures are not high enough. They are asking a 40,000 rotation limit and eight entry ports.

The previous Red proposals were 25,000 troops and three ports.

Death Of Major G. A. Davis Jr., Ace Of Air Force, Creates Controversy; Widow Says 'War Without Reason'

U.S. FIFTH AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS, Korea (AP) — An Air Force spokesman Tuesday defended the policy of keeping all jet pilots — including aces — in Korea until they have finished their normal tour of 100 combat missions.

That was the Air Force stand on the controversy that has raged since Maj. George A. Davis, Jr., was shot down Sunday. Davis had destroyed 11 MIGs and three Red bombers in 59 missions.

The spokesman said Davis was a hero, but that statements that he should have been sent home were likely to make him a figure of controversy instead.

The first three American jet pilots to become aces in the Korean war were returned to the U.S. after their fifth kill. Five kills make a pilot an ace.

Rival Camps In Political Field Astir

Taft, Ike Backers See Gains, While Stassen Hopes For Compromise

By The Associated Press
Cries of "a great victory" and "start fighting" spurred the backers of two entrants Tuesday in the Republicans' race for the presidency.

It was a day—the anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth—when Republicans everywhere take stock and, in an election year like this, get primed for the back stretch drive.

In Oklahoma City, a field manager for Senator Taft hailed the outcome of Oklahoma's Republican state convention Monday as "a great victory for Taft."

The session wound up with seven nominating delegates leaning to Taft, seven to Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and two to Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

Victor A. Johnson predicted that 12 of the 16 Oklahoma delegates would vote for Taft on the first ballot at the national convention in July.

"Moral Victory For Ike"
But Senator Carlson R-Kan., manager of Eisenhower-for-President headquarters in Washington, said the 97 score in Oklahoma represents a moral victory for Eisenhower "because a month ago it was generally assumed Eisenhower wouldn't get any of the Oklahoma delegates."

In Washington, Senator Aiken, R-Vt., said of General Eisenhower: "Unless he starts fighting, he's a dead duck. He is going to have to come home and campaign if he wants the nomination. If he doesn't he will be leaving a lot of his promoters out on a very long limb."

Eisenhower, who heads Mutual Defense Forces in Europe, has said he will accept the GOP nomination but will not seek it.

Candidates Sound Off
Lincoln Day speeches were scheduled Tuesday by Taft at Seattle, on his Northwest tour, and by two other GOP aspirants, Harold Stassen and Gov. Earl Warren of California.

The Democratic race also was moving along. The only announced entrant, Senator Kefauver of Tennessee, made two appearances Monday in New York and repeats Tuesday in Chicago.

In the Chicago address, for delivery at a meeting of the Inland Daily Press Association, Kefauver said:

"The corrupt politician threatens our democratic system on one front just as Communism threatens it on another front."

Taft addressed a GOP luncheon crowd Monday in Spokane, Wash., saying Republicans must have a presidential candidate who would rebuff party workers by "presenting the issues clearly." He left no doubt he considers himself such a candidate.

Stassen told newsmen in Oklahoma City he hopes to become a compromise candidate at the GOP national convention. "My chances are steadily improving," he said. "No one has a cinch."

Drunken Driver Fined, Given Jail Sentence

Clarence Edgar Kennedy, 63, Williams, Ore., was fined \$500 and sentenced to 30 days in jail after pleading guilty to drunken driving. The penalty was meted by District Judge A. J. Geddes. Kennedy was arrested by State Police after he had been involved in a minor accident on Highway 42.

\$25,000 GOLD ROBBERY

TIMMINS, Ont. (AP) — Two or three hooded men made off with \$25,000 worth of unrefined gold from the Anson gold mines Tuesday after tying up three workmen. The robbers carried the gold precipitate on a toboggan a quarter mile to a getaway car.

Draft Dodger Still Resists Deportation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Draft Dodger Serge M. Rubinstein, wealthy Russian-born financier, Tuesday faced the government's third attempt in eight years to deport him. The two previous attempts failed.

The Immigration Service ordered him deported Monday on grounds that Rubinstein's draft dodging in World War II constituted "moral turpitude." He was in the Lewisburg, Pa., Federal Penitentiary from May 5, 1947, to April 25, 1949, for evading Selective Service.

Rubinstein has 15 days in which to appeal Immigration Commissioner Argyle R. Mackey, who signed the order, said.

Clothesline Accident Chokes Boy To Death

FOREST GROVE (AP) — Johnny Mitchell Danner, 12, strangled to death in a freak accident here, Graham Young, coroner said Monday.

The boy's sister found him hanging by a clothesline Saturday. He apparently ran into the line which looped around his neck and strangled him, Young said.

He was pronounced dead at a hospital where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Van W. Danner, had taken him.

President Gives Word To Visitor

Race For "Killing Job" To Speed Peace Might Be Made, He Intimates

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Sabath D-Ill. quoted President Truman Tuesday as saying he may be willing to make the "sacrifice" and seek re-election if he feels it will be necessary to speed the peace.

Sabath talked with reporters after a call on the President.

He said Truman told him the President's work "is a killing job" but that if he "actually felt he would be of aid and help to America and the world in bringing about a peace," in that case he would be willing to "sacrifice" himself and possibly shorten his life expectancy.

Sabath, 85 years old, is the chairman of the House Rules Committee.

Another White House caller, W. Stuart Symington, told reporters that he, Symington, is more interested in running for the Senate than he was before talking with Truman Tuesday.

Senator Race In Doubt
Symington had said earlier in St. Louis that he would be interested in making the race for Senator from Missouri if the President wanted him to.

Symington, a veteran official of the Truman administration, has just resigned as administrator of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

There has been some talk that Truman himself would like to be senator from Missouri again.

Symington said the President had not asked him to run, but he refused to say whether Truman had encouraged him to run. Asked pointblank if he would run, Symington countered by saying: "I am going on a long vacation."

Taft Too Busy To Campaign In This State

SPOKANE (AP) — Sen. Taft, Republican candidate for President, said Monday he was too busy to campaign in Oregon.

The Ohio Senator, here for a Lincoln Day banquet, said he would discover an Oregon delegation if his name were entered in the state primaries by his enemies.

"If the filing were made by friends, then we'd have to decide how far to go along with them," he said.

Taft's Oregon campaign chairman said earlier that Taft's name would not be entered in the Oregon primary.

Taft will speak in Portland Wednesday.

FOREST GROVE (AP) — Sen. Kefauver, D-Tenn., probably will accept an Oregon delegation for the Democratic presidential nomination.

That became apparent Monday when Dr. D. D. Darland, Pacific University dean of students, reported that he had been named national representative in Oregon of the "Kefauver for President" organization. Darland said he accepted the post at Kefauver's request.

Kefauver's Oregon supporters already are circulating petitions to put his name on the primary ballot.

Threats To Senators' Wives Results In Fine

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A Philadelphia man convicted of sending threatening letters to the wives of four U.S. senators, was fined \$100 Monday by Federal Judge Guy K. Bard.

The defendant, John J. Fleck, 63, a news-stand employee, was arrested in August by Federal Bureau of Investigation agents.

He was charged with writing letters to the wives of Sens. Wayne Morse, (R-Ore.) and Spessard Holland (D-Fla.) and to the wives of former Sens. Claude Pepper of Florida and Char Gurney, South Dakota.

Fleck wrote in the letters that if a senator votes to vest powers in the President he violates his oath, and "if it is not then the duty and the right of the people to get a gun and shoot him on sight!"

HE PREFERS HER MOTHER, Man's Wife Testifies

CLEVELAND (AP) — The pretty 22-year-old wife of an Air Force private demanded to know whom he loved.

"Your mother" was his reply, Mrs. Rosemary Mc Donald testified in an uncontested divorce action Monday.

The blonde bride of 13 months, said Pfc. Kevin Mc Donald, 30, also told her he wanted to marry her mother, Mrs. Mary Jane Nye, a 42-year-old widow.

VICE IN EARNEST

PORTLAND (AP) — A man, arrested here Monday and accused of drunkenness and burglary, told police his name was Earnest Vice.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

The Defense Department's draft call for dentists is one way to increase the number of Yanks.