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TWO DROWN IN UMPQUA

A. L. Kookon, J. L. White Meet Death

James F. Rains, Third Swimmer, Saved When Trapped in Current

Two Douglas County men drowned Sunday while swimming in the Umpqua River and a Dillard man caught in the swift current was rescued by a friend.

The victims were:
Alonso O. "Lon" Kookon, 66, a Garden Valley resident employed on the Howard Bailey ranch.

Jack Lincoln White, 38, who resides on Rose Lane in West Roseburg.

Rescued was James F. Rains, 22, employed on a Southern Pacific Railway section gang at Dillard. Witnesses said Kookon started to swim across the river near the forks at Garden Valley. He apparently weakened in the swift current and went down.

White was drowned about 9 p. m. Sunday while swimming below the Winchester Bridge on Pacific Highway. The body was recovered a mile downstream at 9 a. m. today by Douglas County sheriff's deputies and taken to the Roseburg Funeral Home.

The victim is survived by his widow and three children.

Rains was swimming about 100 yards below the steel Dillard Bridge when the current started carrying him swiftly downstream.

A friend, also an employee of South Pacific, spotted Rains struggling in the water and managed to pull him onto the bank. State Police aided in giving artificial respiration and he was taken by Mohr Ambulance to Mercy Hospital. Attendants said he was unconscious for about 12 hours.

Kookon was born June 8, 1886 at Fairfield, O., and came to Douglas County in 1925. He resided south of Roseburg for several years before moving to the Melrose district where he made his home for 14 years.

Mrs. Kookon died several years ago.

Surviving are six daughters, Mrs. Alma Kline of Ridgefield, Wash., Mrs. Norma Cook of Portland, Mrs. Ruth Cook of Port Orford, Ore., Mrs. Allie Harrison and Mrs. Grace Huntly, both of Portland, and Mrs. Vera Mentzer of Roseburg; a son, John Kookon of Roseburg; two sisters, Mrs. Ina Robinson of Cleveland, O., and Mrs. Maud Travis of Gresham, Ore.; two brothers, John Kookon of London, O., and James R. Kookon of Pocatello, Ida.; and 14 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 2 p. m. DST Wednesday, July 23, in the chapel of the Long & Orr Mortuary. Concluding services and interment will follow at the IOOF Cemetery.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Politics: President Truman came home from the hospital Saturday "feeling fine and fighting mad at the Republicans."

Democratic Senator Benton of Connecticut moves to wrest from Southern senators the filibuster weapon they have used in the past as a last resort to kill compulsory federal civil rights bills. He demands that Democratic platform drafters call the senate to revise its rules to provide that a simple majority of senators PRESENT AND VOTING can end a filibuster (filibustering means talking a bill to death).

Under present rules, it takes a two-thirds vote of ALL 96 of the senators, whether present and voting or not.

If I know anything about the feeling of the South, that will make a lot of Southerners fighting mad. If they get mad enough, they might walk out—or vote for Ike.

Baltimore's Democratic Mayor D'Alesandro says President Truman should RECONSIDER his

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The Weather

Cloudy mornings, fair afternoons today and Tuesday.
Highest temp. for any July — 109
Lowest temp. for any July — 40
Highest temp. last 24 hours — 87
Lowest temp. last 24 hours — 56
Precip. last 24 hours — 0
Precip. from July 1 — 0
Precip. from Sept. 1 — 38.27
Sunset today, 8:47 p.m. — 5:54
Sunrise tomorrow, 5:52 a.m. DST

10 Die In California Quake

Small Town Of Tehachapi Demolished

Area From San Francisco To Mexico Feels Shock; Slides Increase Damage

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A violent earthquake, striking before dawn in the sparsely-settled mountains north of here, killed at least 10 persons Monday and left a mounting toll of damage and injuries.

As the first reports of eyewitnesses filtered out of the little town of Tehachapi, they painted a picture of a shattered business district, brick-tattered streets and a wrecked hotel.

Doctors and nurses were flown in when ambulances met slide-blocked roads.

Amateur radio operators heard by radio station KTRB in Modesto reported the earth rocked convulsively, debris tumbling into main street in thunderous crashes.

Children and their parents rushed into the streets crouched, stunned by the giant shaking. A large water tank crashed, flooding the area.

Another amateur quoted Carl Turner of the Kern County Sheriff's aero detail, who flew in Red Cross workers, as reporting two thirds of the city's buildings collapsed, with one house caved in and a family was probably trapped.

State Rushes Aid
In Sacramento, the state capital, state civil defense headquarters ordered military equipment mobilized to fly into the area.

Tehachapi, with a population of about 2,000, is on U. S. 466 between Bakersfield and Mojave, a little mountain town 4,000 feet high, many of whose residents work at the big monolith Portland cement plant nearby.

It also is the site of the State Women's Prison, which was reported so hard hit that most of its cluster of two-story buildings are unusable.

A call went out for tents in which to house the 327 inmates, including all of California's women convicted of felonies. The prisoners were reported panic-stricken but unharmed.

Sheriff's Capt. F. D. Jones said he understood most of the dead were in an old brick hotel. The town's residential district was damaged, but no deaths were reported there.

Railway Tunnels Cave In
Cave-ins were reported in at least two tunnels in the area, used jointly by the Santa Fe and Southern Pacific railroads, and all travel was blocked.

The S. P.'s main line to San Francisco, which runs along the

Survey Work To Start At New School Site
Topographical survey work and soil tests will start immediately at the Fruitvale Addition site for the new North Roseburg elementary school, M. K. Deller, District No. 4 superintendent reports.

Grant and Evans engineering firm of Roseburg was retained Monday morning to do the work. Reports are to be completed by Aug. 15, after which time the architect will begin locating the building and drawing preliminary plans.

Community Hospital At Lebanon Dedicated
LEBANON (AP) — Some 4,000 persons attended the dedication Sunday of Lebanon's new \$750,000 community hospital.

More than a half million dollars was raised by subscription to build the hospital. The remainder was a federal grant.

Attending the ceremonies were Dr. N. E. Ervine, Lebanon, president of the State Board of Health; Dr. Harold Erickson, state health officer, and Paul Patterson, president of the Oregon State Senate. Patients will be moved into the hospital Aug. 6.

Tax Computing Bill Approved By Truman
WASHINGTON (AP) — President Truman Monday signed the last of scores of bills passed by the Senate and House in the final days of the 82nd Congress.

The act revises methods of computing base earnings of a few firms for excess profits taxes. Its purpose is to give relief to certain subsidized shipping firms and those using strategic and critical materials.



SEEKS ELECTION

Blind since the age of 17, Anita Blair of El Paso, Texas, told New York newsmen she hopes to be the first sightless woman elected to Congress. At present, a candidate for the Texas State Legislature in July primaries, Miss Blair is visiting New York with her 14-year-old seeing-eye dog, Fawn.

Lost Boys Found, 2 Men Missing

By The Associated Press
Two small boys, lost in widely separated areas of Oregon's timberland, were found safe Sunday, but the search continued in Southern Oregon for two fishermen missing since Saturday afternoon.

The two found unharmed were Ernie Lefler, 5, lost for more than 24 hours in the rugged Lost Lake region, 25 miles northwest of Klamath Falls, and Tommy Prosser, 4, missing for four hours in the Mount Hood National Forest, 30 miles southeast of Hood River.

Still missing are A. M. Jones, Concord, Calif., and C. P. Culhane, Detroit, Mich., both about 56 and executives of the United Motors Service Corp., Detroit.

Their empty car with ignition key and fishing gear still in it, was found Saturday afternoon parked at Annie Creek Canyon lookout point in Crater Lake Park.

Iran's New Premier Quits During Rioting

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Premier Ahmed Qavam resigned Monday night after violent hours-long rioting in Tehran and other cities subsided.

He gave up, after two days, his attempt to form a government pledged to solving Iran's oil deadlock.

Twenty persons were reported killed in the bloody rioting. No official reason was given for Qavam's quitting but apparently he acted to stop bloodshed.

Two Sailors Feared Drowned in Columbia

ASTORIA (AP) — Two men, believed to be sailors, were feared drowned Sunday when a dinghy overturned in the Columbia River.

Two men were seen cruising in the river near Buoy 10 two miles east of the Tongue Point Naval Station in an outboard powered dinghy.

Early Monday an overturned dinghy was found near the buoy. The Coast Guard sent a lifeboat to drag the river. Naval officials at Tongue Point said they had no information.

\$1,500,000 Fire Razes Paint Factory in Italy

MILAN, Italy (AP) — All of Milan's fire fighting forces and equipment battled through Sunday night against a spectacular fire that destroyed one of Italy's largest paint and dye factories. Company officials estimated the loss at more than \$1,500,000.

Murray Accuses Steel Firms Of Welshing

PITTSBURGH (AP) — President Philip Murray of the CIO United Steelworkers charged Monday that the steel industry repudiated a strike settlement which he worked out with officials of Bethlehem Steel Corporation last June 17.

City Budget Faces Third Vote Tuesday

Defeat Would Compel City To Operate Within Six Percent Limitation

Roseburg residents will have to approve a special budget levy in excess of the six percent limitation at Tuesday's election, or the city may be forced to operate within the six percent allowance.

The city has already been granted a delay from the July 15 deadline until July 24 to permit re-submission of the budget to the voters, and it is possible that legal means may not be found to permit another election in case the budget is again turned down Tuesday.

Voting will take place between the hours of 8 a. m. and 8 p. m. Standard time (9 a. m. to 9 p. m. DST) at the Courthouse, Junior High, Roseburg Hotel and City Hall for Wards 1, 2, 3 and 4, respectively.

Two Slices Already Made
The budget committee has already made two slices in the originally submitted budget. The first eliminated a \$9049 item for a special survey of sewer needs.

Again last week the budget committee pledged itself to reduce the proposed salary increases from approximately 12 percent to five percent for each employee, the latter representing a savings in estimated expenditures of around \$28,000.

The voters will be passing their judgment upon whether to permit the city council to levy a tax in a maximum amount, as the sum outside the six percent limitation needed will be somewhat less than the \$123,000 stated on the ballots.

If the budget excess is approved, the committee will provide for the salary cutbacks at the public hearing Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. Any budget item may be reduced or eliminated entirely at the public hearing, but single items may be increased only 10 percent so long as the total budget is not increased.

Bid For Harbor Plywood Won't Be Repeated
OLYMPIA (AP) — Directors of the Georgia Pacific Plywood and Lumber Company opened their quarterly meeting here Monday with an inspection of the company's new Olympia offices.

S. R. Black, local manager for Georgia Pacific, said the group would travel to Toledo, Ore., Tuesday to look over properties the company purchased there recently.

Black indicated the company would not make another attempt to purchase Harbor Plywood Company of Aberdeen. He said his firm had made an offer to Harbor Plywood some time ago and it was turned down.

Agree To Appasement
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FRIENDLY FOES

Democratic presidential hopefuls line up for a Chicago TV program as prelude to national convention. Left to right: Averell Harriman, Vice President Alben Barkley, Senator Estes Kefauver, Senator Robert Kerr and Senator Richard Russell. At right, Thomas J. Gavin, Kansas City businessman, is President Truman's alternate delegate at the convention. (NEA TELEPHOTO)

Higher Wages Or Reduced Services Choice For City's Voters, Budgeteers Assert

(Editor's note: The following signed statement explaining their stand on the city budget was issued today by members of the City Budget Committee urging that a larger and representative group of city voters go to the polls Tuesday.)

The undersigned members of the City Budget Committee feel that the people of Roseburg should understand the facts concerning our budget and then by all means vote their beliefs at the budget election on Tuesday.

We are all taxpayers, and are as much interested in economy as anybody else, but do not believe in false economy. We have devoted many long tedious hours, freely donated, in determining the needs of the City and preparing a budget which we believe to be fair, equitable and necessary.

We have made wage comparisons with those being paid by other cities of comparable size and with labor wage scales generally. Even with our suggested increases, our city general labor employees will be receiving less than the lowest union wage for common labor, and our city department heads, in most cases, will be receiving less than the amounts paid by other comparable cities. Our general labor will be receiving \$1.67 1/2 per hour, while the lowest union rate is \$1.85. Our city manager will receive \$6,930 while the one in Coos Bay is receiving \$8,100, and that in Grants Pass \$8,040. Our fire chief will be paid \$4,339, and those in Coos Bay and Grants Pass \$5,100 and \$4,800 respectively. Our secretaries and stenographers will receive less than that being paid by Douglas County and School Dist. No. 4. In fact the City has lost employees to the County by reason of the difference in wage, and because of the city's unfavorable wage scale the turnover in employees is heavy and efficiency is impaired.

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Roller Bearing 'First' Russia's Latest Claim

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia added another invention to her long list of "firsts" Monday.

The Soviet technical journal "Technics and Youth" claimed Vasilii Lindenvald of Moscow created a roller bearing device for agricultural use back in 1838.

George Peck Wins Applebox Derby



GOLD TROPHY FOR FIRST PLACE

in the 2nd annual Applebox Derby is received by George Peck, 11, who took top honors with his racer "Zipper." In center is Leonard Read, second place, while Frank Webster, at left, took third spot. Trophy is presented by Grady Mankins, chairman of the derby. (Picture by Paul Jenkins)

Eleven-year-old George Peck survived a bloody nose Saturday at the Applebox Derby to win first place, copping a big gold trophy and \$100 cash award.

The winner, of 1808 1/2 Ellen Lane, says he guesses he'll use the money to buy a horse — or else put it in the bank.



Oregon Accidents Claim Nine Lives

By The Associated Press

Accidents claimed the lives of nine in Oregon last week end.

Four died in traffic mishaps, two in a fire, and one each in a plane crash, a fall and a logging accident.

But delegation leaders put the issue over for at least 24 hours by a program shift.

Backers of a proposed federal fair employment practices act were plugging for a plank pledging the party to seek a change in Senate rules so that FEPT could not be stopped by a filibuster.

Southern senators have in the past beaten FEPT by prolonged debate which prevented it from coming to a vote.

Hanging over the convention is the threat that some Southern delegations may walk out if they don't like the "civil rights" plank.

A bolt in 1948 cost President Truman the 39 electoral votes of four Southern States which gave them instead to a state's rights ticket.

The convention won't get around to picking its presidential nominee before Friday, at the earliest.

In the meantime, the delegates are waiting:

1. For a sign from President Truman as to whom he favors.

2. For some development which could turn sentiment toward one of the candidates now in the field, or possibly to some one not yet mentioned.

Deserter Gives Up After 47 Years
PORTLAND (AP) — Banks C. Roddey, who Sunday told police here that 47 years ago he deserted his Army post in Alaska after embezzling government funds, was held in jail for Army authorities.

He told police: "It's been on my mind constantly. I should have turned myself in a long time ago."

Here is the story he told:
In 1905, during the gold rush, he began an embezzling government money while an Army sergeant at Fairbanks, Alaska. He discovered one day that his accounts were \$300 to \$400 short and that he had no chance of repaying the money. So he made up his mind "to get away as soon and as far as I could."

He trekked 300 miles overland to a seaport and sailed to Portland where he made a meager living as a mechanic under the assumed name, James T. Cross.

He spent six months in the Oregon State prison in the early 1930s for armed robbery.

He said his desertion was due to youth, giddiness and "too much booze."

First Real Fight Shapes Since 1932

Convention Opens With Tension Prevailing Over Character Of Platform

By ARTHUR EDSON

CONVENTION HALL, Chicago, (AP) — Democrats streamed into this huge hall in Chicago's stockyards Monday, intent on picking before the week is out a man they think can bring them their sixth straight presidential victory.

This is an unusual Democratic National Convention. For not since Franklin D. Roosevelt was nominated in 1932 have the Democrats had any real contest for top place on their ticket.

For three conventions it was Roosevelt, then four years ago it was Harry S. Truman.

Now there's an abundance of candidates, possibly even an over-abundance. Vice-President Alben Barkley, Averell Harriman and Sens. Estes Kefauver, Robert S. Kerr and Richard B. Russell.

Oddly, with all the men around who want the job, Monday's program included a speech by the one Democrat in Chicago who says he doesn't want to be president: Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson of Illinois.

Looking in front of them, the delegates could see pictures of Roosevelt and Truman and a slogan: "Security, for you, your family, your country."

Behind them was the slogan: "Twenty years of progress."

Good Democrats Enjoined
The Democrats, hoping to profit by errors they think the Republicans made during their convention, have tried to make certain that everyone is on his good behavior.

Every seat had a little slip of paper which said: "YOU will be on television. '140,000,000 eyes will watch you."

The Democrats started their 31st national convention pulling and hauling in uncertainty over platform and candidates.

As to the platform, it was again, as it has been for years, a north-south battle over "civil rights."

This sectional war threatened for a time to break out on the convention floor at the opening session in a scrap over seating of rival delegations from Mississippi and Texas.

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Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

To meet demands of his retail trade, a central Oregon egg dealer is shipping in from 150 to 200 cases of eggs per week from California. Paraphrasing on a well known slogan: "What Oregon doesn't make, makes some other state."

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