

'Nightcrawler' Runs To End Tonight



THE TWO SURVIVORS of the traffic accident south of Myrtle Creek which snuffed out four lives Wednesday were taken to a Naval hospital in Seattle by a Navy transport plane Friday. At the top, Peggy Lemen, 6, lies on the Forest Glen Hospital bed while her brother, Jimmy, 2, is held in the arms of nurse Mrs. Earnest Pemberton. Shortly after, the children were brought to Roseburg where the Navy transport was waiting. The children are shown below on stretchers while an unidentified Navy chief stands by. Looking on is Mrs. Arthur Ammerman, sister of the mother of the orphaned children. She and her husband will care for the children. A Canyonville doctor said the children are now "out of danger." Their father, Cecil Lemen was a Navy veteran. (Pictures by Paul Jenkins and Dan Mindolovich)



Difficulties In Preserving Log For Entrance Marker Told To Chamber Members

The Roseburg Chamber of Commerce was told Friday at the Hotel Umpqua that it was tackling a nearly impossible job in its plans to set up giant log sections at each entrance of the city.

But it appeared to deter the small group of chamber members was Jack Pfeiffer, who is in charge of industrial relations, and J. R. Stillinger, research director, both from the Oregon Forest Products Laboratory in Corvallis.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

What are they up to now? Soviet Premier Bulganin has rejected as "unrealistic" President Eisenhower's offer to exchange military information with the Russians.

He added that Ike's plan didn't amount to much because Russia and America are so big that anybody could hide anything he wanted to.

Meanwhile—
In Washington—
The U. S. Atomic Energy Commission announces tersely: "The Russians have resumed the testing of nuclear weapons."

How's this for a program: In time of trouble, hope for the best and prepare for the worst.

I'm intrigued with this dispatch (Continued on Page 4, Col. 3)

The Weather

Fair today, tonight and Sunday. A little cooler Sunday.
Highest temp. last 24 hours 95
Lowest temp. last 24 hours 55
Highest temp. any August 106
Lowest temp. any August 39
Precip. last 24 hours 0
Precip. from Aug. 1 0
Precip. from Sept. 1 21.5
Deficiency from Sept. 1 7.68
Sunset tonight, 7:29
Sunrise tomorrow, 5:09

Retired Press Officer Dies Of Heart Ailment

WASHINGTON (AP)—Michael J. (Mike) McDermott, who served as State Department press officer nearly 30 years, died unexpectedly last night, apparently of a heart ailment.

McDermott, 61, served in the press post until 1951, and rounded out his work for the department as ambassador to El Salvador. He retired as ambassador early this year.

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Kefauver Asks Investigation Of Bonneville

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Kefauver (D-Tenn.) said Saturday he believes congressional investigators should take a look at the Eisenhower administration's policies in connection with the Bonneville Power Administration.

Critics have accused the administration of favoring private companies in disposing of Bonneville power. Administration officials say their policies are fair to all.

Kefauver told a reporter another fertile field for investigation would be Thursday's decision by the Federal Power Commission approving a privately financed hydroelectric project in the Hells Canyon area of the Snake River. He accused the administration of deceiving Congress in handling this case.

Kefauver heads a task force of the Senate antitrust judiciary subcommittee which has been making a study of the Dixon-Vates power contract.

But he said he did not know whether this group will be able to make the Bonneville and Hells Canyon investigations, or whether any other committee would do so.

Sen. Kilgore (D-W.Va.) is chairman of the subcommittee and also of its parent group, the Judiciary Committee. He has been conducting hearings on alleged monopolistic tendencies in various industries, but so far has not got into the electric power field.

The Bonneville Power Administration markets electricity from several big federal dams in the Pacific Northwest.

Some Democratic legislators and public power advocates from the region have not been too favorable to private utilities. Officials reply that their policies are in the national interest.

The Hells Canyon decision, which came two days after Congress adjourned, produced an explosion of criticism from Democratic senators who said they would try to make it a national issue.

Real Estate Act Violation Charged To Chicago Man

Bail of \$5,000 was set for a 32-year-old Chicago man in district court Friday afternoon when he was arraigned on a charge of violating state law by having no real estate broker's license.

Michael Chernoff, also known as Marty Clayton, pleaded innocent to the charge through his attorney, Ray H. Compton. Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly, on the bench for Judge Warren A. Woodruff, set the bail.

Dist. Atty. Robert M. Stults, who read the charge against Chernoff, said the defendant had been taking listings from people wishing to sell businesses, promising to handle sale arrangements but asking a "retainer fee" for each transaction.

Stults said Chernoff had been in the state about two weeks and had received more than \$6,000 from various citizens during that time. Three cases, involving \$1,350, have come to light in Douglas County. Chernoff claims to represent the Coast-to-Coast Brokerage Corp., Chicago. He was taken into custody Thursday evening by state police and the district attorney.

Chernoff is believed to have been operating in other western states prior to his entry into Oregon, Stults said.

The two men from Corvallis had apparently gone to some lengths to determine ways of handling the log to minimize "checking" or cracking while it is being dried.

They advised two methods, neither of which calls for a kiln. The first was to spray it immediately with two preservatives, one to kill bugs, the other to furnish a stain. The men said the logs should then be coated with three coats of spar varnish.

Their second recommendation is a saturation treatment with salt or sugar.

The two men were enthusiastic about the idea. They said: "We think it's a wonderful idea." But they said eliminating cracking was "almost impossible." The chamber, however, went ahead with plans.

Also on hand at the meeting was Gerald McCarthy, manager of Umpqua Plywood. The giant log is being sold to Umpqua by Piper Bros. Logging Co. with some other timber.

The two visitors even brought architectural sketches of recommendations for setting up the log to advertise the timber status of Roseburg and Douglas County.

Youth's Drowning Thirteenth Violent Death In Ten Days

In probably the worst 10 days in Douglas County history, 13 people have died violently.

Friday afternoon, the 13th death was marked when Harry Walter Moorhead, 18, a newcomer to the county from South Prairie, Wash., drowned in a mill pond at the J. V. Taylor mill near Tenmile. He was the second man this week to drown in a millpond. Monday, John Mihulke drowned similarly on the coast.

Coroner L. L. Powers reported the youth was working on the pond when he apparently slipped and fell. Powers said he appeared to have hit his head on a log and fallen into the pond in an unconscious state.

Moorhead was the eighth drowning victim in Douglas County this year.

Correspondent Louise Coats reports that when other employees took Moorhead from the pond, artificial respiration was given and a Winston doctor was called.

Company officials told her the youth was apparently trying to loosen some of the logs which had jammed.

Moorhead, a log splitter at the Taylor & Son mill, lived in Roseburg at 530 1/2 Burke St. He was born Nov. 23, 1936, in Filer, Idaho.

Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Moorhead of South Prairie, four brothers, Columbus of Bremerton, Myron and John, both of Roseburg and Ronald of South Prairie; and four sisters, Mrs. Lillian Patterson of Twin Falls, Idaho, Carol, Edith and Evelyn, all of South Prairie.

The body was taken to Long & Orr Mortuary, Roseburg. It will be shipped tonight to Buckley, Wash., for funeral services.

Stratocruiser Brought To Stop, Saving 68 Lives

CHICAGO (AP)—Skillful piloting was credited with saving the lives of 68 persons in a Northwest Airlines plane accident late yesterday.

The pilot, Capt. George A. Stone of Minneapolis, landed his big four-engine Stratocruiser on Midway Airport's northwest runway and noticed suddenly his propellers would not reverse to help slow the speed. He worked the brakes frantically, but their power was insufficient to halt the big plane.

"When I saw the right arrow markers, landing lights and gasoline stations at the corner of the field," Stone told a reporter, "I applied full left rudder."

The big plane veered from the runway, drove through a steel fence which served to partially stop it and rolled into the middle of Central Avenue, narrowly missing a car.

The 62 passengers and crew of six were evacuated quickly, some through emergency chutes extending from the plane. There was no fire, but the props threw great chunks of metal in all directions, one piercing the left side of the plane just behind the cockpit.

Carole Jo To Leave For Golf Tournaments

Carole Jo Kabler will be leaving Monday for North Carolina for competition in two golf tournaments instead of Sunday, her mother, Mrs. Jerry Kabler, Sutherlin, said today. The young golfer and her mother will board a West Coast Airlines plane at Roseburg Airport at 1:30 p.m. Delegations from Sutherlin and Roseburg are expected to see her off.

Art Assn. Exhibits Continue To 8 O'Clock

The annual art exhibit by members of the Roseburg Art Assn. continues until 8 tonight at the city park, according to Mrs. Jack Isaacson, president.

The exhibit of local drawings, paintings, ceramics, china paintings and weaving started Friday. One of the highlights of the exhibit is a "living picture" of a famous masterpiece by Sir Thomas Lawrence. It is called "Pinkie."

Sec. Thomas Promises Probe Of Naval Reservist's Case

NEW YORK (AP)—Navy Secretary Charles S. Thomas said Saturday he will give "a full and impartial" review to the case of Eugene Landy, honor student who was refused a Naval Reserve commission because his mother once was a Communist.

Thomas said he learned of the case only this morning when he read of it in newspapers.

The secretary talked with newsmen while in the city briefly en route from Providence, R. I., to Washington.

Landy, 21, was graduated Friday from the U. S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, N. Y., as second highest student in the class.

But when his classmates then raised their right arms to take their oaths as cadets in the Naval Reserve, he stood glumly in line with his hands at his sides.

Sen. Herbert H. Lehman (D-N.Y.) has termed the Navy ruling on Landy "unjust" and has demanded a full report.

Young Landy rates himself as "quite conservative" politically. He said his mother quit the Communist Party seven or eight years ago at his urging.

In Bradley Beach, N. J., Landy prepared to sail Sunday as a seaman aboard an oil tanker.

He expressed confidence the Navy would give "favorable treatment to my application for reconsideration."

Ten Soldiers On Leave Killed In Truck Crash

SEOUL (AP)—Ten U. S. soldiers of the 24th Division were killed and 10 were injured, one so critically he may die, in the flaming crash Saturday of an Army truck taking them to an airport.

"One more is expected to die," an Army source said. Two of the injured were reported in critical condition and four others seriously injured with burns, cuts and broken legs suffered in the fiery accident.

Names were withheld pending notification of next of kin.

Light-heartedly anticipating a period of rest and recreation leave in Japan, the soldiers had piled their baggage into the big truck and were heading for Kimpo Air Base, 15 miles northwest of Seoul.

Suddenly the truck plunged through the railing of a narrow bridge and overturned. It landed in a small stream and caught fire. Some of the soldiers, pinned down by the truck, apparently burned to death.

Eight died at the scene of the accident. One more died on the way to the hospital and a 10th at the hospital.

One man escaped injury. He was believed to be the driver.

Carmen Miranda, Susan Ball, Film Stars, Succumb

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Death, in two guises, has taken two Hollywood actresses whose passing the screen capital mourned today.

A lingering death from cancer claimed the life of Susan Ball at 21.

A sudden heart attack proved fatal to 41-year-old Carmen Miranda.

Miss Ball, a striking, dark-haired dark-eyed actress, had suffered from the disease which caused her death since 1953, when she slipped and injured her knee in a dance rehearsal.

Her right leg was later amputated, and Susan went on to marriage and a resumption of her screen career before the malignancy returned this time in her lung.

She died yesterday at her home in Beverly Hills.

Miss Miranda also died in a Beverly Hills home—but after a strenuous day spent singing and dancing with the dazzling energy which won her fame as the "Brazilian Bombshell."

Miss Ball's husband, actor Richard Long, had been told by doctors that death was near. But Miss Miranda's husband, producer David Sebastian, had no idea that tragedy was close at hand.

Union, Employers Mum On Strike

Both union and employers were mum today after a meeting of the Roseburg Meat Cutters Union and members of the Roseburg Independent Meat Dealers Employers Committee in the Hotel Umpqua.

Herbert Smith, Eugene, secretary of the Oregon Federated Butchers, said merely: "No news came out of this meeting."

Lester Nielsen, a representative of the employers committee said the committee may have a report on developments later today.

The reason for withdrawing pickets at the Safeway Store in Roseburg was still not disclosed. It was indicated a temporary agreement with the employees in the meat department was reached while negotiations continue.

To Appear In Court

Lester Lapham, 34, has been ordered to appear in circuit court and show cause why his probation should not be revoked. Probation was granted Nov. 30, 1954, on a one-year sentence for non-support. Lapham was returned to Roseburg from Grants Pass Friday by a sheriff's deputy.

Red Cross First Aid Class Will Open Here

A Red Cross first-aid class, rarely conducted in the summer months, will be started here next Wednesday evening, according to Mrs. Mildred Herman, executive secretary of the Douglas County chapter.

The class will be conducted by James Helliwell, a qualified Red Cross first-aid instructor.

Mrs. Herman said registration will take place Monday and Tuesday. Interested persons can call the chapter office in Roseburg. The office is located at 114 W. Lane St.

Youth Must Show Cause For Keeping Probation

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JOHN F. FIELDS
... chosen for training

Fields To Leave For Washington Training Course

A forester in the Roseburg District office of the Bureau of Land Management has been chosen among competitors to take a nine-month Dept. of Interior management training course in Washington, D.C.

He is John F. Fields, who was tops among candidates from Washington, Oregon and California. He will leave in September.

Fields has been with the district office since January 1953. He had previous experience with the U.S. Forest Service and the Anaconda Copper Mining Co. after graduating in forestry from the University of Montana in 1951. He's a native Montanan.

The training program has been set up to give young career employees of the Dept. of Interior an opportunity to increase knowledge of all department activities. Others attending the course will come from other Dept. of Interior agencies.

Fields will spend the last four to six weeks of the course with some other agency than the Bureau of Land Management. During his studies, he will have a chance to study each branch of the Dept. of Interior and the long-range planning of the department.

Fields probably will return to Oregon after he completes the course.

Aaron Boe New Sales Manager Of Radio KRNR

Aaron Boe, sales manager of radio station KFLW, Klamath Falls, has been named to be sales manager of KRNR, Roseburg, according to Bud Chandler, general manager of the radio division of the Southern Oregon Publishing Co.

The KRNR post was vacated this week by Warren Ward, who had assumed the top managerial post three months ago after the resignation of Leroy Hiatt.

Ward said he will become affiliated as advertising manager of a new station soon to be built here with Hiatt as manager and part owner. The new station will be operated only on a daytime schedule.

Ward's resignation is effective Aug. 20. Boe will be here during the week of Aug. 15 and will make his home in Roseburg.

The new KRNR man has been with the company's radio division for the past nine years and is senior radio sales man in the company.

He has been active in civic affairs in Klamath Falls, having been an executive of the Klamath County United Fund, past director of the Lions Club and participant in Chamber of Commerce affairs.

Chandler has direct management duties in both radio stations.

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Eleven Airmen Are Physically In Good Shape

TOKYO (AP)—Eleven U.S. airmen released by Communist China Thursday are "all completely okay physically," an Air Force medical source said after the fliers were examined by doctors today.

"It's amazing to see these men smiling after what they have been through. They are in amazing condition," the source said.

The optimistic report covered internal physical condition, not visible injuries such as a lost toe and crippled fingers suffered by Maj. William H. Baumer of Lewisburg, Pa. Baumer's left leg was wounded when the fliers' B29 was shot down. Later he suffered frost bite.

The airmen, dressed in military hospital gowns, were confined as patients in the huge air conditioned hospital at nearby Far East Air Materiel Command Base.

Scores of air policemen surrounded their ward to keep out visitors from contacting them. It was learned the Red Cross has set up special telephone lines to permit them to call their families, but the Air Force was permitting no calls until it is finished examining and questioning them.

It was learned American intelligence officials began questioning the fliers today about what they saw in 32 months inside Red China. There was good reason to believe the fliers are being sent home from Hong Kong via Tokyo because U.S. intelligence experts on China are concentrated in Japan.

'Nightcrawler' Piles Up Daily Tardy Record

The "Nightcrawler" edged out the ponies in historic combat Sunday morning, but the strain took a lot out of the "iron horse." It hasn't been on time since.

Monday morning the train frisked into the Roseburg Southern Pacific Depot at 3:05 a.m. (official time). Since then, the hour has been later.

Through Tuesday, the News-Review was able to print the "official" entry time. Since then it has relied on citizens in the area to lend a helping time.

Monday through Saturday of this week the "Nightcrawler" unofficially ran a total of 115 minutes late. The real ponies could have beaten the mechanical steed any of the days, according to unofficial time.

Morning by morning, here's how the "crawler" crawled:

Monday—3:05 a.m., official
Tuesday—3:25 a.m., official
Wednesday—3:00 a.m., unofficial
Thursday—3:15 a.m., unofficial
Friday—3:15 a.m., unofficial
Saturday—3:17 a.m., unofficial

Oakland City Council Considers Bond Issue

Possibility of proposing a bond issue for construction of a sewer system is being mullied over by the Oakland City Council.

The city attorney is drawing up petitions, and if enough citizens are interested in the project, a bond election to raise money for new sewers will be set, according to the Sun-Tribune, Sutherlin.

Car Thief Not Bothered With Conspicuous Color

A car thief who stole an automobile from the Hansen Used Car Lot at Rose and Oak Streets Friday apparently didn't care if he appeared somewhat conspicuous.

Roseburg police were told the car is painted pink. It also bears an expired license—No. 886-572 for July. The car is a 1950 model Chevrolet.

BRUSH FIRE

A half acre brush fire at the Boy Scout Camp on Little River was brought under control around noon Friday by a combined force from the Douglas Forest Protective Assn. and the U.S. Forest Service. No damage was reported from the fire, cause of which was not known.

ILLEGAL HUNTING

A fine of \$350 was imposed against an Oakland man Friday when he was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Clarence Leonard, Drain, on a charge of hunting during a closed season. James E. Dabrowski, 44, Rte. 1, Box 13, Oakland, was arrested Thursday by a state police officer.

SP Challenges PUC Authority Over Railroads

By GEORGE CASTILLO
City Editor, News-Review

Exactly a week after a fateful victory over the "Pony Express," the much-maligned "Nightcrawler" will discontinue their runs through Roseburg. But the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce is not disturbed.

The Southern Pacific Co. announced late Friday that tonight's north and south runs would be the last. This was the date originally announced for discontinuing the mail and passenger service. The original announcement was also the fuse which set off a publicity stunt that boomed Roseburg and the Southern Pacific into the national eye last Saturday.

The "Nightcrawler" from Eugene to Roseburg beat out a string of "pony express" riders by seven minutes and arrived on time. Since then, it has failed to arrive on time once. The heady victory over the horses was apparently too much. And now the train south from Eugene to Ashland is scheduled to stop altogether.

The train ran dry because the two runs was an about face for the company within the week. Earlier this week, SP reported it would continue the runs past Aug. 7 while attorneys explored the legal technicalities.

Apparently the examination was quick because the SP Friday afternoon filed for a declaratory judgment against the Public Utilities Commission. It requested that the power of the state PUC over the railroad be outlined. Then, it declared it would discontinue the southern Oregon runs because Public Utilities Commissioner Charles Helzel does not have the right to force continuance until after a public hearing. Late last month, (Continued on Page 2 Col. 7)

Southern Pacific Freight Derailed Near Rice Hill

A fire in piling loaded on an open freight car held up the freight train "extra 6389 East" en route to Eugene several hours Saturday and was inadvertently the cause of an engine derailment.

Southern Pacific employees discovered the fire on the car at Rice Hill, according to SP personnel. One helper engine took the blazing load to the Goodrich Road crossing on old Highway 99, about four miles south of Yoncalla, according to the Eugene dispatcher.

In so doing the car somehow jumped the rails, pulling the engine off. There were believed to be no injuries to trainmen, according to railway personnel.

A Douglas Forest Protective Assn. crew from Elk Creek was called to bring the fire in the piling under control. DEFA Warden Robert Crawford, Oakland, said the fire was "licked" by 10 a.m. He received the call at 8:30 a.m. The piling was "badly burned" he said, but extent of the damage was not known.

The eight-man association crew brought along a pumper truck and water from the nearby creek on the Red Hill Road, Warden Crawford said.

The Southern Pacific agent at Oakland said he believed it was the first time an engine had left the tracks in the Rice Hill area. Sometime ago there were two derailments near Yoncalla.

The fire in the piling was believed started from the journal (hot) box on the axle of the box car. Warden Crawford said it apparently got hot and caught fire, igniting the piling.

While crewmen worked to get the engine back on the rails, train service was slowed on the line. Another freight coming south from Eugene was forced to delay at Drain until the line was cleared. The stalled train was believed to be hauling 35 cars, according to local SP personnel.

Brockway To Be Scene Of Homecoming Sunday

People from all points of the compass were expected to arrive at Brockway this weekend for the Brockway School centennial picnic.

It starts Sunday at 10:30 a.m. at Douglas High School. Shirley Clayton, one of the driving spirits of the centennial celebration, said plans have been made for an unlimited number of people.

The district was created in August 1855, and was not in existence until 1948.

KILLED IN CRASH

KELSO, Wash. (AP)—William K. Armstrong, 26, of Seattle was killed and two other persons received serious injuries Friday night when the car in which they were riding crashed into the rear of a truck and crashed into a ditch one mile north of here.

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Rotzenstein

The wise deer hunter this season will take along a geiger counter. Should he fail to get one buck with his gun, he could try for a million bucks with the uranium slouth.