

SUCCESS STORY

Seattle Man Made Millions Since 1950; Now He's 45

By PAUL WELLS

Associated Press Staff Writer
SEATTLE — It was 1950, the year trouble broke out in Korea. At Seattle City Light, a tall, balding man in his late 30s quit his \$400-a-month job, ending 15 years' service with the municipal utility.

Seven years later, just a few days ago, the same man turned a chance to make two million dollars profit on a single deal. In those years, Floyd R. Clodfelter, now 45, rocketed from obscurity to a position of power in the Far West's financial community — a former electrical sales engineer who now handles transactions in the millions.

Clodfelter, himself, is a multi-millionaire. He heads the Doric Co. of Seattle, which has assets of more than 16 million dollars and a net worth, by its latest financial statement, of \$6,237,000.

Owns Much Property
Doric, a 5-year-old investment and holding company, owns more than a dozen major hotels, apartment houses and office buildings in Washington and California, and is acquiring more properties on an average of one every four months.

Doric's headquarters are in the Dexter-Horton Building here. It was this building for which Clodfelter had an offer in late December representing a two million dollar profit. He turned it down because Dexter-Horton "suits our needs"—and incidentally is a good money-maker.

The latest acquisition was Seattle's 18-story apartment building, the Grosvenor House—largest under one roof west of the Mississippi River. Majority control was obtained for \$440,000.

Next one expected to go on the list is the Stacey Building in downtown Los Angeles, being sold for an estate. Doric was high bidder at \$1,408,000, just \$3,000 over the runner-up bid. A court hearing to approve the sale is scheduled for Jan. 10 in Los Angeles.

Central Doric
Clodfelter and his immediate associates hold controlling interest in Doric, which is a stock company.

His success, now almost legend, earned him the tag of Seattle's "fastest rising young financier." In the city's "Wall Street" he is

regarded as a phenomenon, referred to almost in awe. Clodfelter dismisses such fulsome praise with a wave of his hand. Opportunity, he says, always was there for the taking. He took it.

But his almost fabulous climb to fame and riches was not the overnight sensation it might seem at first glance. It goes back to 1941 when he sold his home for \$2,000 against the advice of his family and friends to provide the working capital that gave him his start on a long, and sometimes faltering trail, of ever-expanding real estate deals.

It goes even farther back to 1917 when the seeds of his success were sown in his childhood, although the boy, then 5, did not realize it until he grew up.

Born In Montana
Clodfelter was born in 1912 in the little Montana railroad town of Hungam, just outside of Havre.

Five years later, the family moved to Seattle, a city booming in the wake of World War I and bulging at the seams. "The first night here we all slept on benches in the railroad depot," he recalls. "For two months we had to live in hotels because we could find no place to stay. Then for two years we lived in apartments before we located a house. I never forgot those times."

After that came grade and high school, and an electrical engineering degree at the University of Washington, which had to be dropped because of the depression.

U. S. Plywood Output In 1957 6 Billion Feet

PORTLAND — More than six billion square feet of plywood were produced in the Western United States this year, a lumber industry publication, The Lumberman, said in its annual plywood review.

It said production included 5.4 billion square feet of Douglas fir plywood, 293 million square feet of other softwood plywood and 288 million square feet of hardwood. Some 775 million square feet of softwood plywood and 31 million square feet of hardwood plywood were produced in British Columbia.

The total for Western North America was reported at 6,800,000,000 square feet.

Four new plywood plants began production this year, three in Oregon and one in British Columbia. However, three other plants shut down.

Five new veneer plants were put into operation this year — one in California, three in Oregon and one in Washington. This compares with 24 new plants in 1956.

Hillary Party Treks Nearer To South Pole
AUCKLAND, New Zealand — Sir Edmund Hillary's party trekked to within nearly 150 miles of the South Pole Monday in its overland hike through antarctic wastes.

Hillary's latest radio message to Scott Base, his camp near McMurdo Sound, was picked up here. It said the four-man tractor team covered another 44½ miles during the night and was traveling at an altitude of 11,000 feet at 23 below zero fahrenheit.

The extreme cold caused the vehicles to labor, the report said, but their light loads enabled them to push steadily on.

Hillary is now retracing the 200-mile stretch covered by Capt. Robert F. Scott on his ill-fated attempt to reach the pole in 1911. The Scott party perished on the return trip and no one has made the overland trek since.

15-Year-Old Shows No Remorse; Life Sentence Imposed

LONG BEACH, Calif. — A couple sat in the rear row of a courtroom last week and heard their 15-year-old son sentenced to life imprisonment for smothering a 3-year-old girl.

John Lawrence Miller said neither hello nor goodbye to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold A. Miller. They left immediately after Superior Judge Beach Vasey found the boy guilty of first-degree murder and pronounced sentence.

The youth had pleaded guilty to slaying Laura Helen Wetzel Nov. 11 on the Palos Verdes peninsula while overdue from a weekend pass from a reform school.

Arrested four days later in Reno, Nev., he told police he smothered the child under blankets "because I felt like killing somebody."

Mrs. Emmett Walters Elected By Valley Club
Mrs. Emmett Walters has been elected new president of the Garden Valley Garden Club.

She and other officers were elected at the last meeting which included a covered dish luncheon to celebrate the Christmas season.

Other new officers to assume duties at the January meeting at the home of Mrs. John Sinclair are: Mrs. Wallace Wright, vice president; and Mrs. Myron Lehne, secretary-treasurer. Reports correspondent Addie Schneider.

Hospital News

Mercy Hospital Admitted
Surgery: Roy Graham, Larry Knaggs, Roseburg.

Medical: Mrs. George Reeder, Winston; Pearl Bosworth, Mrs. Sarah Crow, Mrs. Joseph Pinar, Mrs. George Fueston, Carleen Feller, Mrs. Andy Sherrill, Roseburg; Mae Baldwin, Riddle; Mrs. Jesse Phelps, Mapleton; Harold Tegan, Oakland; John Effert, McMinnville.

Discharged
Charlene and Douglas Glover, Richard Meredith, Jeffery Clemens, Kenneth Everson, Mrs. Walter Payne, Mrs. Arthur Mead and a baby, Donald Lee, Darwin Ship, Mrs. Robert Barrett and baby, Mrs. Carol Linda Goddard, Mrs. Richard Williams, Sterling Richmond, Roseburg; Lynn McIntyre, Myrtle Creek; Judy Van Hooser, Emmons Bash, Fred Dietrich, Sutherlin; Dale Swinehart, Oakland.

Douglas Community Hospital Admitted
Surgery: Burrell William, Mrs. Alfred LeVasseur, Eldon Davenport, Roseburg.

Medical: Mrs. Mitchell Carmon, Paul Childers, Mrs. Raymond Arthur, Mrs. Douglas Parker, Sonja Hiltnerbrant, Mrs. Delton Magnus, Ann Crostwaite, Mrs. Jim Oghorn, Mrs. Robert Curtis, Mrs. Roger Asbury, Roseburg; Mrs. Harry Wright, Mrs. W. E. Mulkey, Myrtle Creek; Becky Manning, Glendale; Carolyn Bryan, Winston.

Discharged
Mrs. Irvin Josh and baby, Steven Allen; David, Patricia and Kenneth Finney; Bonnie Vosika, Michael Berg, Charles White, Mrs. John Keller, Mrs. Clifford Kendall, Groves Sills, Mrs. James Whitsett, Mrs. Milford Cooper, Kathy and Charles McClain, Joy Miller, Forrest Boohar, Jeffery Mays, Mrs. Ardie Scott and baby, Karen Gwen; Mrs. Benjamin Snow, Mrs. Warren Mann, Roseburg; Ben Serafin, Glendale; Mrs. William Hoffman and baby, Mary Carol; Don Weinberg, Deborah Kemke, Winston; Mrs. Glenn Davis, College Place, Wash.; John Cochran, Klamath, Calif.; Philip Olp, Sutherlin.

GOVERNOR PRO TEM
SALEM — Senate President Boyd Overhulse (D), Madras, will be Oregon's acting governor until Thursday.

Gov. Robert D. Holmes is in Los Angeles to attend the Rose Bowl football game.

Science Policy Modernizing Urged By Official

By ALTON L. BLAKESLEE

INDIANAPOLIS — A new and modernized national science policy was urged today by a federal government official.

It should be comprehensive and aimed at winning "long-term results rather than tomorrow's miracles," said William D. Carey, chief of the Labor and Welfare Division of the Bureau of Budget, Washington, D.C.

He cautioned against letting the government "be swept by public and political pressures into courses of policy that are dramatic but unfruitful" in meeting problems of education and expanded basic scientific research.

Speaking at the closing sessions of the American Assn. for the Advancement of Science, Carey declared:

"We need not only better weapons and more technicians, more basic science and more serious students, but equally we need to think through a truly comprehensive public policy for the partnership of science with government. Understandable View Needed."

"We have still to develop in government a comprehensive view of research and development roughly similar to what we long ago devised in such areas of public policy, conservation, labor, and national defense."

"Science in government continues in this critical age to prosper as a sideline of separate and unrelated departmental missions; it is not seen as a unity either in the executive or legislative process."

Carey said this doesn't mean that all research should be put into a single-purpose department, for that would raise entirely different problems.

He called for a serious search for a national science policy mobilizing human and material resources to attain the goals. He said President Eisenhower took a first step this way in naming Dr. James R. Killian as his adviser on science.

Carey said government ties with science must be strengthened "not for a crisis of war but for the crisis of peace," and science and education must be kept free in institutions.

New Umpqua 4-H Officers Elected

By MRS. GEORGE MUNSON

Charter officers have been elected for the new Kni and Sew 4-H Club at Umpqua. The club meets at the schoolhouse every other Tuesday.

Elected president was Janet Lee. Other officers are: Shirley E. Ellison, vice president; Sherry Scalton, secretary; Judy Bacon, treasurer; Connie Crader, Judy Hartel, Jeanne Conley and Janet Hartel, yeild and pledge leaders.

Drive To Portland
Mr. and Mrs. Archie Moore and daughter, Charlene, drove to Portland last week where they plan to spend the holidays at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Woodruff.

Mrs. Kathryn Roeder has been ill at her home near Umpqua and is reported to be much improved.

The Umpqua Sunday School presented its Christmas program at the Community Hall. Mrs. Byrtle Swinehart, Mrs. Roberta Coffey and Mrs. Flo Ripstein were in charge. Mrs. Geny Murphy played the piano. Some 70 attended.

Weekend Guests
Mr. and Mrs. James Schumacher and children of Tacoma were weekend guests at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Haines. The family had its Christmas party early so the Schumachers could return to Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence DeCamp and family of Roseburg and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Bacon and family of Umpqua also attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Peery and children drove to Klamath Falls where they plan to spend the holidays with the Peery clan.

Bodies Of Three Auto Plunge Victims Found
STEVENSON, Wash. — Authorities recovered Sunday the bodies of three persons believed to have been killed Dec. 23 when their car failed to negotiate a curve and plunged down a 400-foot canyon about 10 miles east of here.

Police said the dead were Cole C. Taylor and Mrs. Sadie Kelly, both living about five miles from the accident scene, and Mrs. Kelly's daughter, Lillie May Bjerk, of Milum, Ore.

The trio had been reported missing Dec. 23 after leaving Milum. Both the Washington State Patrol and Oregon State police had been searching for them until the accident was discovered Saturday.

Youths Send Rocket To 4,800-Ft. Height
DECATUR, Ala. — Four Decatur youths who hope to become rocket engineers demonstrated their talents by firing a three-foot rocket out of sight into the sky. They estimated the eight-pound missile reached a height of 4,800 feet.

The amateur rocketeers are Bobby Clemons, 18, and Mike Clemens, 17, cousins, Allen Johns, 18, and Roy Mitchell, 20. Mitchell works and the others are in school.

The rocket was fired in an open field four miles south of Decatur.

Tiny Infant Rallies, Doubles Its Weight
PORTLAND — A baby which weighed only 2½ ounces at birth Oct. 18, has more than doubled its weight and has been released from the hospital.

She is Connie Ann Morris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth L. Morris, who was born three months prematurely.

Shortly after birth the infant's weight dropped, thirteen others have been tried. Five were acquitted and eight convicted.



ANOTHER INCOME TAX DEDUCTION — Nurse Margaret Light displays young Michael, 15th addition to the Cornelius Schouten family, of Gardena, Calif., to some of his elders at St. Francis hospital in nearby Lynwood. Michael was born Christmas Day. From left at rear are Mrs. Joan Schouten, a daughter-in-law who holds her daughter, Joan 9-months; Bill, 14; Trudie, 22; Agnes, 17; Pete, 13, and father Schouten. In front are Dorothy, 8; Tommy, 10; Veronica, 6; Gerladine, 12; Robert, 21 months, and the proud mother, Mrs. Agnes Schouten, 45. A few of the Schouten children were not present. (AP Wirephoto)

Indonesia Keeps Best Dutch Brains

JAKARTA, Indonesia. — The government was empowered Wednesday to conscript Dutch technicians to remain in Indonesia to help keep the nation's troubled economic system working.

The Dutch began leaving after Indonesia took control of more than a billion dollars worth of Dutch businesses in reprisal for the Netherlands' refusal to surrender West New Guinea.

The new order published Wednesday by Premier Djarda, empowers the government to draft technical experts of any nationality for any government or private job deemed necessary by military authorities.

A government spokesman said the order was a protective measure for use only in a crisis. But the order itself said that the experts are "urgently needed" in the interests of the security, development and welfare of the state.

Education Sole Desire, Frats Told By Negroes

DALLAS — Melba Padillo, 16, one of the nine Negro students attending Little Rock's Central High School under military guard, says she and her fellow students don't care to participate in extracurricular activities.

"We don't want to mix that way," she said. "We just want to get a good education."

Miss Padillo was here Sunday on behalf of the nine students to accept a certificate honoring them for being pioneers in racial integration. The award was jointly presented by Zeta Phi Beta, and Beta Sigma, national honorary education sorority and fraternity.

BIBLE EXPERT DIES
EVANSTON, Ill. — The Rev. Perry Braxton Fitzwater, 86, nationally known religious author and educator, died Sunday. He retired six years ago as dean of faculty members of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago and was the author of a syndicated newspaper column on Bible lessons. He was born in Hardy County, W. Va.

NEW HIGH SCHOOL
BEAVERTON — A new high school four miles northwest of here will be built on a basic bid of \$1,469,000 and will be named Sunset High School.

Work is to be started Jan. 2 and the building is to be completed next December. Winner of the construction contract was George Irwin Co. of Canby.



SCIENTIST'S STUDY — Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, noted physicist sidelined from government projects, ponders equation at Princeton's Institute for Advanced Study. He has been the subject of revived discussion hinting at his possible return to government service.

Anti-Red Passport Spurned By Journalist
NEW YORK — William Worthy Jr., Baltimore newspaperman, has refused to accept a passport which bars travel to Communist China, the American Civil Liberties Union said yesterday.

Worthy, a Negro reporter for the Afro-American, visited China and Hungary in 1956 and 1957, defying a U. S. government ban on travel to those countries as well as North Korea.

The State Department refused to renew Worthy's passport unless he agrees under oath to abide by the bans.

The ACLU, which has taken up Worthy's case, is a privately supported organization devoted to the preservation of "Constitutional liberties."

Mistreating Prisoners Denied By U. S. Marine
YOKOSUKA, Japan. — Marine Cpl. Richard E. Painter of Independence, Mo., pleaded innocent Monday before a U. S. Navy special court-martial to charges of mistreating prisoners in the Navy brig at Sasebo, Japan.

Painter, 21, is one of 16 former brig guards accused. Thirteen others have been tried. Five were acquitted and eight convicted.

U. S. Bonds To Pay For Klamath Tribe Assets Advocated

PORTLAND — A proposal that Klamath Indians be paid in government bonds for their reservation assets was endorsed Monday by Sen. Neuberger (D-Ore.), chairman of the Senate Indians Affairs Subcommittee.

Neuberger said that management specialists, Thomas B. Walters and Eugene G. Favell, had made the bond payment proposal as part of their study of how to liquidate federal control of the Klamaths.

A major problem has been the disposal of valuable timber stands. Neuberger has proposed that the government buy the timber to prevent what he called a glut of the market should the timber be available for unrestricted purchase.

He said the bond proposal calls for the Indians to be paid in bonds maturing in 30 years with "the current value, no less than 75 per cent of the entire retail value of the resources of the Klamath Reservation."

Neuberger said tribal members competent to handle large sums of money could cash their bonds immediately if they wanted to, but would take a sharp discount if they did.

The bond proposal, he said, would be in effect a deferred payment, which would give the Indians less than retail value of their timber but which would protect the area from the chaos of unrestricted sale.

Drowning In Mill Race Results In Law Suit
EUGENE — A \$10,380 law suit has been filed in Lane County circuit court here as a result of a Eugene mill race drowning last spring.

Carl Fred Meyers, the father of the victim, Cynthia Denise Meyers, 2, brought the action against Julio and Elizabeth Silva.

Meyers said the Silvas own property along both sides of the mill race where the drowning happened. The complaint said they were responsible for the upkeep of the bridge, paths and a road on the property.

Meyers contends the Silvas were lax in allowing continued existence of the mill race when it has no use for it, in not fencing the stream, in failing to warn persons, in allowing the growth of weeds and underbrush and in general permitting a condition which "involves an unreasonable risk of death to children."

Fire Spectators Badly Hurt As Wall Collapses
BOLIVAR, Mo. — An explosion of accumulated gases tumbled a section of brick wall onto spectators watching a fire which destroyed two buildings and damaged two others at the northwest corner of Bolivar's Courthouse Square Sunday afternoon.

Clyde Edward Fish 31 and his 11-year-old daughter, Linda, were injured critically. Three others were hurt. Both Fish and his daughter had skull fractures and the girl's legs were broken.

Owners of the four buildings and the fire hoses estimated the damage at \$130,000.

Myrtle Creek Infant Dies; Funeral Tuesday
Graveside funeral services for Alan Huston Osburn, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Osburn of Myrtle Creek, who died Monday, will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the ROOF Cemetery, Myrtle Creek.

Rev. Cyril Dorset of the Methodist Church will officiate. Gant Mortuary has charge of arrangements.

The baby was born at Myrtle Creek Sunday.

Surviving besides the parents are paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Osburn of Myrtle Creek, and maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Osburn of Creston, N.C.

Bodies Of Two Youths In Boat Upset Found

VANCOUVER, Wash. — The bodies of two Vancouver youths who drowned Friday on a duck hunting trip on Vancouver Lake were recovered by Clark County sheriff's deputies Saturday.

Larry LaRue, 15, and Lee O. Cook, 16, drowned when their boat capsized on the choppy lake. Another youth, Michael Hart, 17, Vancouver, survived by hanging onto the boat until rescued by other duck hunters.

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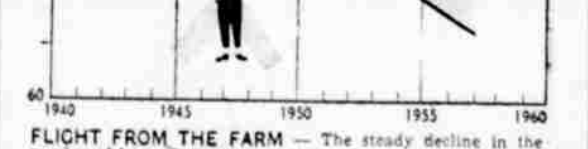
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FLIGHT FROM THE FARM — The steady decline in the number of farm workers per cent of 1947-49, with the number of family farmers dropping sharply and a much smaller rate of decline by hired hands. Substitution of machinery for labor accounts for much of the manpower loss.



FARM OUTPUT RISES — Despite a steady drop in the number of farm workers, the output per farm has maintained a steady rise since 1950. The 1957 rate was 133 against the 1947-49 index of 100. Better farming machinery and methods are responsible for the increase, which probably will continue in the coming year.

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