



WINTER TIME WHISKERS

Iceicles hang from the end of the more than seven million feet of timber "cold decked" at the Mt. Emily Lumber Co. yard. The iceicles formed after the first snow and freezing weather of the year hit the area. The logs are watered continuously to prevent them from "bluing" or rotting. Water dripping from logs froze to produce winter whiskers. (Observer Photo)

X-15 Rocket Craft Explodes In Flight

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Ice-mannered Scott Crossfield, pilot of America's X-15 space ship which was jolted at 45,000 feet by an explosion during a test flight Thursday, came home today to determine what happened.

"We've got to take the plane apart to find out what happened," Crossfield said.

"I knew there was an explosion and some internal damage to the X-15. But when I came in for the landing on the alternative strip at Resamond Dry Lake, I felt everything was just great."

North American Aviation, builder of the dart-like X-15, admitted it was necessary for daredevil Crossfield, 38, to make a quick emergency landing in the craft designed to carry man 100 miles above the earth at speeds in excess of 4,000 miles an hour.

Warped Out of Shape
Eyewitnesses reported the X-15 was warped out of shape as it landed at the Edwards Air Force Base auxiliary strip 65 miles northeast of Los Angeles.

Impact of the 50-foot ship's landing wrenched it so forcefully that one section behind the cockpit was sagging about two feet below the rest of the fuselage.

But North American said the damaged space ship was just one of three in the multi-million dollar program to get a manned aircraft into the ionosphere above the earth. A spokesman said the aircraft, which was being trucked back here from the desert base, apparently was damaged when some of the propellers exploded in the lower engine.

The damaged X-15 made the only two previous powered flights.

Crossfield said that Air Force Capt. Robert White of New York City, flying chase in an F-104, radioed, "it seems you've got a little fire."

"I know," Crossfield replied.

Then he jettisoned the remainder of his 18,000 pounds of liquid oxygen and shut off the dual rocket engines.

"The fire light is out," he said calmly as he plummeted down, picking a landing spot at Resamond.

REAL TONGUE TWISTERS

NEW YORK (UPI) — The management promised today that no alphabet soup would be served when the Rt. Hon. The Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, K. T., C.M.G., T.D., L.L.D., J.P., is served lunch at a hotel next Tuesday.

Lord Elgin, guest of the Provincial Grande Lodge of the Royal Order of Scotland, U.S.A., will be accompanied by Dr. Alex F. Buchan, M.B.E., B.Sc., Ph.D., F.R.S.E., Maj. R. H. F. Moncreiff, T.D., and the Rt. Hon. The Countess of Elgin and Kincardine, D.B.E.

Snow Storm Blowing Out; Much Damage



Huge Area Hard-Hit By Freeze

United Press International
The season's first big snow storm was expected to blow itself out today with a parting shot at hard-hit Northern Michigan.

Fifteen inches of snow covered the ground at Marquette, Mich., but the Weather Bureau predicted the storm would fizzle to flurries over Michigan and the Upper Ohio Valley today.

The storm swept out of the Rockies Wednesday to grasp an area from Montana to Texas to Alabama to Wisconsin in its chilly grip.

Fourteen inches of snow fell in Montana, Deadwood, S. D., reported 13 inches, Jamestown, N.D., had two-foot drifts and Wausau, Wis., received 11 inches.

Almost every town in the storm's path was caught unprepared.

Rush hour traffic in midwest cities turned into giant traffic jams as officials were unable to clear streets and handle the rash of fender-bending accidents.

Dozens of schools closed when buses bogged down on snow-blocked roads. Hundreds of cars were abandoned in roadside ditches because their drivers could not cope with ice-paved highways and whistling winds.

At least 14 deaths were blamed on the storm, four each in Wisconsin and Iowa, two in Montana and one each in Minnesota, Illinois, Colorado and Kentucky. Most victims died in traffic accidents.

Bitter cold followed the storm's wake, sending the mercury to 10 below zero in Montana.

Two Motorists Fined \$5 Each For Violations

Two La Grande drivers were fined \$5 for violation of the basic rule yesterday.

Ruth Elaine Sargeant, 510 Fourth St., was charged with traveling 28 miles per hour in a 20 mile zone, police said. She was picked up at Fourth Street and Pen Avenue at 12:45 p.m.

Glen Dean Payne, 2001 O Ave., was also charged with 28 miles per hour in a 20 mile zone. He was cited at 12:08 p.m. at Penn Avenue for the violation on Fourth Street between K and M Avenues.

Hearings were scheduled for 3 p.m. yesterday and both drivers were fined.

AFL-CIO President Says Unions Back Railroaders' Strike Threat

CHICAGO (UPI) — AFL-CIO President George Meany assured railroad workers Thursday night "you will have all the support you need" in their contract battle with the nation's railroads.

"You are not in this fight alone," Meany told a wildly cheering crowd of 1,000 railroad workers at a mass union rally.

"This is no ordinary battle. It is a fight for your existence and you will win it."

Meany accused railroad management of trying to "turn back the clock 50 years—or even a century—by eliminating the fruits of collective bargaining that have been so hard fought for and have proved so successful."

Rail Demands

The railroads recently demanded that the railway workers accept a pay cut and sought to eliminate firemen from freight and yard locomotives, a move the union said would cost 35,000 jobs.

Railway management, Meany said, has enlisted the help of "Madison Avenue advertisers, half awake writers" who have made "a science of deceit" by misrepresenting the facts in the labor management dispute.

"Hitler did it," Meany said, "just like Stalin did and Khrushchev is doing now."

Meany said that through a well-financed publicity campaign the nation's railroad executives are trying to "tear down the character of the American railroad workers in the eye of the public."

He found that certain "absorption bands" in the spectrum correspond to those caused by the organic molecules of plants and by carbohydrates, vegetable products used as food by both plants and animals.

Sinton concluded from the evidence of the spectrograph that the dark regions of Mars may be "great patches of vegetation, some of it similar to a single-celled plant—the alga cladophora—which grows on earth."

WASHINGTON (UPI) — House investigators wrapped up their inquiry of rigged TV quiz shows today and immediately promised to launch a new investigation into other "deceptive" TV practices.

The new investigation was announced by Chairman Owen Harris (D-Ark.) who said his house subcommittee inquiry of rigged shows "disclosed a shocking situation" which convinces him that "corrective legislation is necessary."

Harris gave no clue to what other practices the subcommittee may investigate but one field of inquiry may be a charge that "bribery" had been used to determine what music is played on many broadcast programs. Harris placed in the committee record a statement from Burton Lane of the American Guild of Authors

and Composers, who raised that charge.

Today's final hearing on quiz show fixing brought these developments:

—Rep. Walter Rogers (D-Tex.), a subcommittee member, asserted that the Federal Communications Commission had information seven years ago about "skulduggery" on the TV show, "The Big Payoff," but refused to investigate.

—Frank Stanton, President of the Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS), warned that there was no foolproof way of preventing rigged quiz shows. He acknowledged that, "with benefit of hindsight," CBS executives should have moved in earlier in response to reports about fixing.

—In an exchange with subcommittee counsel Robert W. Lishman, Stanton heatedly denied that he had ignored "storm warnings"

by describing them as featherbedders."

Union officials had predicted the rally, sponsored by the railway labor executives association, would draw several thousand workers, but a freezing rain held down the crowd.

Other speakers included Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.); George M. Harrison, President of the Railway Clerks Union; and Mayor Richard J. Daley of Chicago.

Morse said an all-out fight against trade union progress was being waged by anti-union forces across the country.

The Oregon senator threatened to break his own filibustering record of 22 hours on the Senate floor in order to fight "the alarming anti-labor drive going on and building up in legislatures."

Morse accused railroad management of ignoring the Railway Labor Act in trying to reach agreement.

"It is the best labor law on the books but management has refused any efforts to reach agreement by rules of the act that have been used successfully for years," he said.

Resolutions For Water And Sewer Districts Passed

Seven resolutions providing for water and sewer improvement districts have been approved by the city commission.

Four of the resolutions provided for water districts and three for sewer districts. Two of the sewer districts duplicated three of the water districts.

Resolution 1746 provided for a water district on B Avenue between Cedar and Walnut Streets. Resolution 1751 provided for a sewer district on the same area.

B Avenue, west from Walnut Street, was the area named in resolutions 1747 and 1752 for water and sewer districts.

Resolution 1748 provided for a water district on Oak Street between K and L Avenues and 1749 for a district on Walnut Street between Grandy and Palmer Avenues.

Resolution 1750 provided for a sewer district on the south side of L Avenue between Cedar and Walnut Streets.

Columbia President Rejects Petition To Keep Van Doren

NEW YORK (UPI) — Columbia University President Grayson Kirk today rejected a petition of 650 students who asked re-instatement of Charles Van Doren on the Columbia faculty.

The university's Board of Trustees had accepted Van Doren's offer to resign last Monday, the day he confessed complicity in quiz-show fixing before a congressional committee.

Two New York City undergraduate students presented the petition carrying 650 student signatures to Kirk this morning. It asked that Van Doren be restored to his post as assistant professor of English. Columbia's undergraduate college has about 2,400 students.

The petitioners had gathered signatures at a campus rally last night.

Earlier in the day the students set up a desk on the campus outside Hamilton Hall and solicited signatures from students on a petition calling for the return of the fallen TV quiz idol.

The students said they planned to present the petition to university President Grayson Kirk later today.

Students at Thursday night's rally, which included about a dozen on Barnard College coeds who were "sympathetic to Van Doren's cause," said they now had about 700 signatures on the petition and hoped to get 500 more.

The petition and rally were sparked by two students, Jack Levy and his Livingston Hall roommate, Leslie Moglen. Levy, a junior, and Moglen, a sophomore, said university authorities did not interfere with their efforts to get student signatures or the rally.

LOST TIME REPORT

WASHINGTON (UPI) — More working time was lost because of strikes in September than in any month since June, 1952, according to the Labor Department.

The department reported Thursday that the steel strike and other work stoppages resulted in 14 million man-days of idleness.

Area Employment At Relatively High Peak

Area employment remained at a relatively high level during the month of October, according to Ernest O. Burrows, local manager, Oregon State Employment office.

Weather and road conditions caused some layoffs in logging operations, but there was little change in employment levels in construction, retail trade and service industries.

The small decrease noted took place in transportation, logging and sawmill industries, Burrows said.

Building Permits
Building permits issued by the city of La Grande recorded a sizeable increase for the month, with \$554,362 compared to \$95,059 for September.

Largest building permit was for construction of a new elementary school building, \$368,314. A permit for new commercial building amounted to \$112,500. New residential construction accounted for \$40,552 of the month's total.

Also continuing on schedule was Highway 30 construction projects west of La Grande.

400 Unemployed
Estimated total unemployment in the area was 400 at the end of October as compared to 323 a month ago and 411 one year ago. Initial claims totaled 294 compared to 92 in September and 106 for October of 1958. Layoffs in logging accounted for most of the increase, Burrows noted.

The local manager said that employment in construction and logging during the coming months will depend largely on weather conditions.

Moderate new hiring may be expected toward the end of the month in retail trade as merchants add

Bulletin

Voting from noon through 1:30 today was extremely heavy in the special \$360,000 bond election for a new sewage plant for La Grande.

More than 45 persons had voted in the four precincts on the north side of town, with better than 143 voters having balloted in the nine southside precincts.

A total of 3,648 voters were eligible on the bond issue.

Kennedy Blames Ike On Steel Strike Jam

KLAMATH FALLS (UPI) — He said he was pleased with his reception at recent meetings in California. However, he said he did not plan to enter the California primary next year "unless later circumstances indicate I should."

Morse Mentioned
Kennedy has said he will announce his presidential intentions in January. He is almost certain to be on the Oregon primary ballot unless he disavows his candidacy because of the state's new law which calls for names of all leading candidates to appear.

Commenting on Teamster President James Hoffa's statement that the Teamsters Union will not support anyone who voted for the new labor bill, Kennedy said, "fortunately, I think Mr. Hoffa's endorsement will not be useful to any candidate."

Asked about the possible candidacy of Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) as a "favorite son" candidate, Kennedy said "Anyone has a right to run."

Kennedy, who arrived here Thursday night, flew to Coos Bay after his talk here. He visits Redmond and Pendleton Saturday, Milton-Freewater and Baker Sunday and La Grande and Portland Monday.

Educational Director At EOC Next Monday
Mrs. Wickes Shaw, director of information of the Oregon State System of Higher Education, will be on the Eastern Oregon College campus next Monday.

A meeting of persons interested in the state system's "Colleges for Oregon's Future 1960-1970" is scheduled for 8 p.m. in the faculty lounge. Mrs. Shaw and Mrs. John R. Richards will be guests.

Police Probe Attempted Store Break

La Grande police are investigating an attempted breaking and entry of Montgomery Wards, 1101-1103 Washington Ave., that occurred Tuesday night.

Cyril Taylor, manager of the store, said an attempt to gain entry into the store was made through the doors located on Washington Avenue.

Police also said three La Grande drivers were involved in automobile accidents. Clyde L. Kimbrel, 1307 O Ave., and Velma E. Miller collided at the intersection of Fourth Street and N Avenue at 4:56 p.m. Kimbrel was proceeding south on Fourth Street and Miller was traveling west on N when the accident occurred.

Kimbrel was operating a vehicle owned by Graham's Drug.

Zedell Jackson, 1518 S Ave., and Orvin R. Twitchell, Roberts, Idaho, were the drivers of two vehicles that collided at the intersection of Greenwood Street and S Avenue.

Twitchell was proceeding north on Greenwood Street and Jackson was traveling west on S Avenue when the accident occurred.

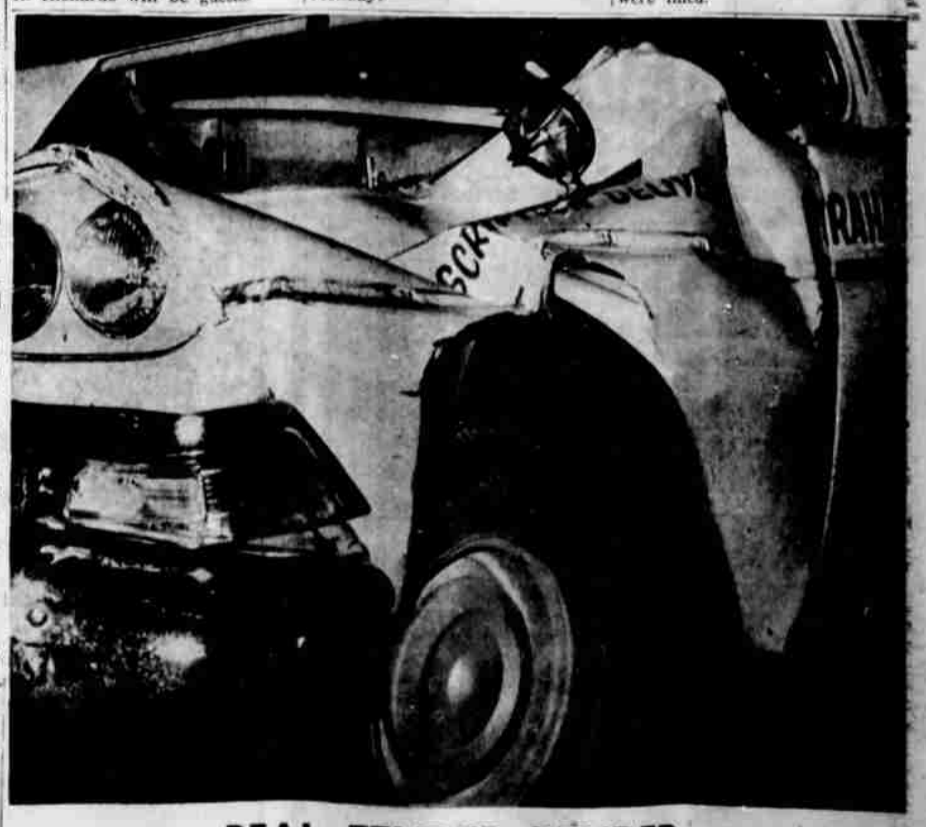
Enoch Russell Fulp, 804 Fourth St., was arrested on a charge of violation of the basic rule. Fulp was charged with traveling 33 miles per hour in a 20 mile zone on Fourth Street, police said.

City Ordinance On Explosives Gets Endorsement

City commissioners have approved ordinance 1923, series 1959, relating to the transportation, storing and use of explosives in the city of La Grande.

The ordinance was read for the third and final time before passage.

Commission President Gordon W. Clarke explained that the new ordinance is a model statute drawn by the League of Oregon Cities to provide uniform regulations throughout the state. Clarke said:



REAL FENDER BENDER

The fender of the delivery truck owned by Graham's Drugs and operated by Clyde Kimbrel took a real bending in an accident that occurred Wednesday night. Graham's vehicle and a car operated by Velma E. Miller collided at the intersection of Fourth Street and N Avenue. (Observer Photo)