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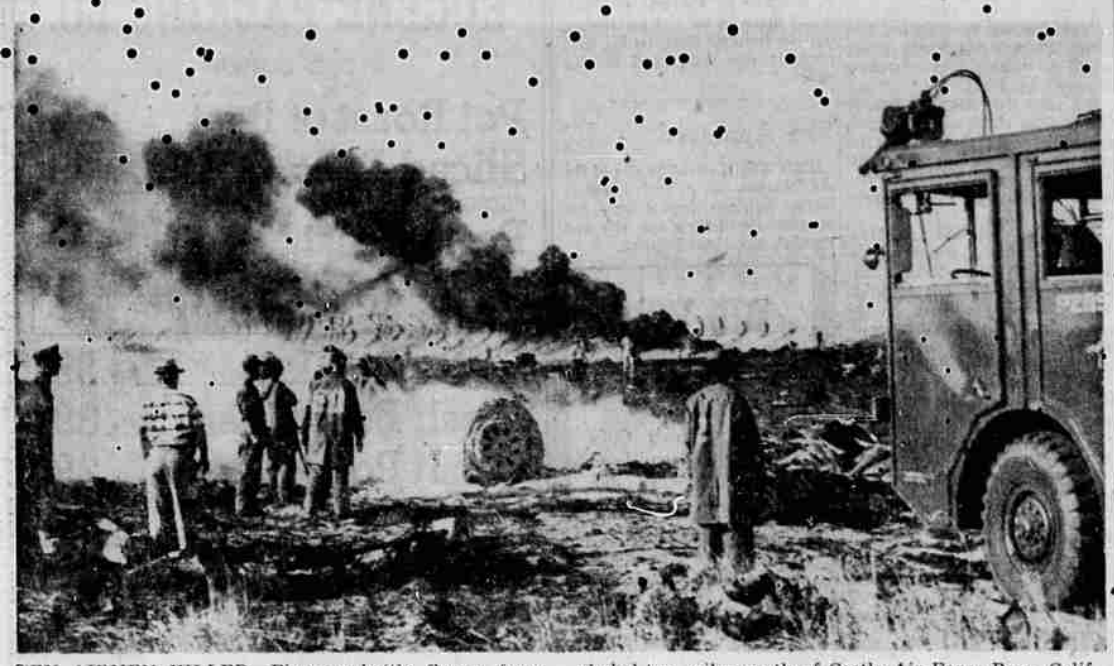

TEN AIRMEN KILLED—Firemen battle flames from scattered wreckage of KC97, refueling tanker, which caught fire shortly after take-off and crashed and exploded two miles north of Castle Air Force Base, Calif., Ten bodies were taken from the wreckage. (AP Wirephoto)

Ten Killed In California Air Crash

MERCED, Calif. (AP) — Ten men died Wednesday as a four engine "tanker" plane crashed after leaving Castle Air Force Base near here. There were no survivors.

Fire broke out on the plane as it reached an altitude of about 11,500 feet. It crashed within a moment or two, exploded as it hit the ground, and was demolished.

The flames fired the grain field into which the plane fell.

The tanker, a military version of the Boeing Stratocruiser, was on a routine refueling mission from Castle AFB near Merced.

The crash occurred about 15 miles northwest of Merced, near the community of Cressey.

REFUELING TEST

The refueler was to have intercepted a flight of bombers on a fueling test.

The first report on the crash was a telephone call to the sheriff's office from the rancher on whose property the plane fell.

"Bodies were strewn all over the field," he said.

The tankers were used to refuel jet bombers and interceptors, and can carry more than 6,000 gallons of jet fuel.

One of the four engines fell in a field about a mile from the plane wreckage.

As the big ship exploded, debris was scattered over more than an acre of ground. It fired a barley field, burning five or six acres.

FELT LIKE EARTHQUAKE

The explosion jarred houses in Modesto, 28 miles away, and the jolt felt like an earthquake to residents of El Capitan and Cressey, about five miles from the crash.

A rancher said he saw the engine fall from the plane. Then the wing on that side rose sharply, and the rancher could see flames streaking alongside the fuselage. Immediately the big plane lurched to the earth.

Adventists Convene

OREGON CITY (AP)—Some 650 delegates, from 107 churches throughout the state, were expected Wednesday for the opening session of the Oregon Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists. The conference is being held at the Gladstone Park campgrounds.

Never Too Old to Sing

Lane County's venerable entertainers, the Octogenarian Quartet, have a problem.

One of the members will be 90 Aug. 22. He'll be a nonagenarian.

But Rev. Frank Cook, the man with the impending birthday, isn't worried. The quartet has had to pad out its ranks with juniors—youngsters a mere 79 years old—without so much as changing its name.

The Rev. Cook is pastor of the McKenzie Bridge Christian Church. Besides being known for his singing, he's remembered as the man who has sparked construction of more than 100 churches in the western states. His latest building project was construction of a new chapel and sanctuary at McKenzie Bridge.

He will be honored Sunday by the other members of the quartet—Frank Terpin, John Steer and George McLean—who will present a concert of sacred and secular numbers as the regular 11 a.m. devotional service at McKenzie Bridge.

Treatment of Animals Brings Censure to 2

Lane County Humane Society officials censured two former employes Tuesday for permitting what the society's president, Dr. W. M. Swangard, termed a "horrible and shocking" method of disposing of small animals.

The men blamed by society officials for conditions at the kennels on Traxler Rd. are George Cranford, former caretaker; and Bud Farmer, an assistant. Society members said Tuesday that both men have disclaimed knowledge that the conditions existed.

Practices of treating animals at society kennels on Traxler Rd. were exposed last week when Mrs. Frank W. McCulloch of Rt. 3, Eugene, complained that dogs and cats were being put together in a gas chamber prior to their killing.

She said also that animal remains near the incinerator were unsightly and obnoxious; and she complained about the long time animals were kept in the chamber before being gassed.

The society Tuesday morning held a regular meeting for members and other interested persons in the Lane County Courthouse. Dr. Swangard presided. He was recently elected president of the organization.

Other action taken by the society on Tuesday included:

- Election of Mrs. McCulloch to the board of directors, after admitting her into membership in the society.
- Agreement to pay transit expenses of a prospective new manager for the kennels who is now in Nebraska.
- A change in the group's meeting date. From now on, the society will meet the first Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in

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ICC Provides Boxcar Help

SALEM (AP)—Two orders have been issued by the Interstate Commerce Commission which will help ease the boxcar shortage in Oregon, Public Utilities Commissioner Charles Heltzel has announced.

The nation's railroads can no longer delay cars at points where there are competing railroads, in the hope of getting additional business, the ICC ruled. The cars must now be moved quickly to the points they are needed.

The other nationwide order issued by the ICC reduces from eight to four the number of railroads which can hold cars at their destination waiting for a backhaul load. All other railroads must send the empties back as soon as possible.

Although the threat of a boxcar shortage still hangs over the state, orders for cars are being filled this week.

Logger Killed

A long-Bell Lumber Co. employe was killed Wednesday morning when his truck went out of control and crashed while he was working at a logging operation at Austa, 40 miles west of Eugene.

The dead man was identified as Bert Duke of Veneta. State police and coroner's deputies were sent to the scene to conduct an investigation of the accident.

Solons Clear Projects Bill

WASHINGTON (AP)—A bill appropriating nearly 554 million dollars to be used by Army Engineers in the next 12 months to plan and build flood control and navigation projects cleared Congress Wednesday and was sent to the White House.

Congressional action was completed when the House and Senate agreed to compromise. Previously, the House had voted 520 million dollars and the Senate 565 million. President Eisenhower had budgeted 518 million.

(Funds included in this appropriation will provide either planning or partial construction of the following Emerald Empire projects: Cougar Dam, Hills Creek Dam, Green Peter Dam, and the Amazon Creek channel work.)

Water Skier Hit by Boat, Hurt Seriously

A 13-year-old Eugene girl was seriously injured Monday when she was struck by the propellor of a motorboat while water-skiing at Fern Ridge Lake.

The victim was Mariane Thomas, who lives with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Francis A. Thomas, at 2180 Roosevelt Blvd. She suffered deep cuts of the right arm and leg in the accident.

The mishap occurred about 6 p.m. while Mariane was water-skiing behind a boat operated by her grandfather. Witnesses said the girl fell from her water-skis into the path of a second motorboat, operated by Jerry Wroe, 1310 W. 13th Ave.

Robert Lee Bomark, 1294 Polk St., who was water-skiing behind Wroe's boat, said Mariane apparently swerved in front of the boat and then lost her balance.

She was taken by Eugene Ambulance to Sacred Heart Hospital, where she underwent a 4-hour operation Tuesday night to repair the injuries to her leg and arm. Her condition remained serious Wednesday morning.

Dulles Heads For Europe

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State John Foster Dulles expressed hope on his departure for Europe Wednesday that next week's Big Four Geneva conference will carry forward "our unceasing quest for a secure and just peace."

Just before flying to Europe, Dulles also said there is every reason to believe that the United States, Britain and France "see eye to eye" on major problems likely to come up at the meeting with the Soviet Union.

This initial allied unity, Dulles said, is a "good beginning of our efforts to reach agreement with the Soviet Union" on the purposes of the Geneva conference.

Ike Approves Defense Bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower Wednesday approved the $31,882,815,726 defense appropriation bill—but served notice he will regard one provision as invalid "unless otherwise determined by a court of competent jurisdiction."

In an unusual special message to Congress, the President said he was referring to a provision dealing with Defense Department authority "to rid itself of many of the manifold activities that it was performing with its civilian personnel, and that can be adequately and economically performed by private industry without danger to the national security."

Eisenhower said in his message that he had been advised by Atty. Gen. Brownell that this provision "constitutes an unconstitutional invasion of the province of the executive."

The total money in the bill is about 350 million dollars below the President's budget requests but about 3½ billion dollars above the defense money bill of last year.

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(Register-Guard photo by Wiltshire Eng.)

ANYONE FOR SALAD? — Mrs. Harold Barton Tuesday brought the Onion Editor one of the largest heads of lettuce ever grown in the Emerald Empire. Mrs. Barton said the head was grown from one of her seedlings by a neighbor, Harry Taylor, Fox Hollow Road. The head was two feet across. Mrs. Barton reported: "It doesn't seem quite full grown, but we cut it when the weather got good so it wouldn't go to seed."

Broken Bodies Of 7 Youths Taken Down

Snow Slide Kills Novice Climbers

BANFF, Alta. (AP)—The broken bodies of seven American teen-age boys who died in an avalance high in the Canadian Rockies were brought to this resort town Tuesday night.

Two other boys in the 11-member group of novice mountain climbers were injured seriously Monday when tons of snow thundered down 11,636-foot Mt. Temple, 30 miles northwest of Banff. The other two escaped with bruises.

WORST TRAGEDY

It was the worst climbing tragedy in the history of the Canadian Rockies.

Climbing without a guide and equipped with only an inch-thick manila rope and ice axes, the youths were within 2,000 feet of the peak when the snow slide swept them 1,000 feet down the mountain.

One was killed instantly. The others died of injuries and exposure in the hail and freezing rain that lashed the mountain before rescue parties reached them the next day.

The boys were members of a group of 30 who came to Banff National Park on an expedition organized by the Wilderness Club of Philadelphia.

The boys wore only ordinary boots or spiked baseball or track shoes.

Police said an inquest is being called by the Alberta provincial coroner. No date has been set.

Eugene Man Recalls Climb

The mountain-climbing accident that killed seven youths Monday afternoon in Canada was the type of mishap that could happen to even the most experienced mountaineers, according to a Eugene mountain-climber who scaled the same Canadian peak nearly 20 years ago.

Art Steele, 1320 River Rd., a member of Obsidians, said the avalanche that resulted in the death of the youths was "an unlucky break that could happen to anybody."

Steele climbed the 11,636-foot Mt. Temple, where the accident occurred, in August, 1936. He and a companion used a guidebook borrowed from the Eugene City Library while making the climb.

"An avalanche is one thing you can't duck," Steele said. He added that many mountaineers prefer to do their climbing during early-morning hours before the sun has softened the snow.

The youths who were killed in the avalanche Monday had climbed only one other mountain before beginning the climb up Mt. Temple.

Matusow Indicted

NEW YORK (AP) — A federal grand jury Wednesday indicted turnabout witness Harvey Matusow on six counts of perjury. The charges grew out of Matusow's accusation that Roy M. Cohn, former assistant U. S. attorney here, had induced Matusow to give false testimony at the 1952 conspiracy trial of 13 second-string Communist leaders.

(AP Wirephoto)

PRESIDENT, MRS. HOBBY CONFER—President Eisenhower and Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby sit side by side in the President's conference room in Washington, D. C. Wednesday at a special news conference to announce Mrs. Hobby's resignation as secretary of welfare. Marion B. Folsom will succeed Mrs. Hobby on Aug. 1.

Police Find Prints Of Child's Slayer

By THOMAS McNALLY
Of The United Press

SIOUX CITY, Iowa (AP)—Several "good" fingerprints of the rape-slayer of 2-year-old Donna Sue Davis have been found in the bedroom from which she was abducted, police said Wednesday.

Optimistic police officials said the prints, found on a cedar chest, Donna's crib and the frame window through which the killer escaped, provide the first "big break" in the case.

POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION

They said the prints probably will give positive identification of the murderer.

Meanwhile, the FBI issued a nationwide arrest order for the sex degenerate who snatched Donna from her crib while her parents watched television Sunday night and left her ravaged body at the edge of a muddy cornfield near South Sioux City, Neb., where it was found late Monday.

The blonde, curly-haired child was laid to rest Wednesday by four child pallbearers.

The pallbearers, all boys, were from the classroom of Donna's sister, Mary, 11, at St. Boniface Roman Catholic School, where funeral services were held at 9 a.m. CDT. A large crowd attended.

CASKET CLOSED

Donna was buried in a white lambskin casket lined with ivory crepe. A red bathrobe, bonnet and white gloves covered the abrasions on her tiny body. The casket was closed at the request of the child's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Davis.

No mass was said for Donna, because she wasn't confirmed. Burial was held at Calvary Cemetery.

Sun, Warmth On Forecast

It's vacation weather for Oregon, shirtsleeve, water-the-lawn, picnic, let's-go-swimming weather from coast to mountains and beyond. Press reports predict nothing but a little early morning cloudiness to mar the skies over the beaches and the northern part of the state Thursday. Daytime temperatures are expected to be above 80 degrees.

If the forecasts are borne out it will be the third day of real summer weather for Oregon. Increasing fire danger because of warm, sunny days is predicted through Thursday. Humidity is expected to go no lower than 30 per cent, however, in the northwestern valleys and the coast range, although it may go below that figure in the central and southern interior.

Oregon's good fortune is shared by most sections of the nation, with thunderstorms diminishing in the southeastern states.

212 on Plane

FORT WORTH, Tex. (AP)—The Air Force claimed a new passenger-carrying record Wednesday for land-based planes. The XC99 transport landed at Convair's plant here Tuesday with 212 persons on a flight from San Antonio.

Four Shot For Giggling In Tavern

FLINT, Mich. (AP)—A 30-year-old truck driver wound up a tour of bars by shooting and killing two women and a man Tuesday night in irritation over their "laughing and giggling."

Police said the truck driver, "out for a good time" after a delivery trip, deliberately emptied a pistol into a tavern booth occupied by two couples.

The tavern proprietress said the couples were only enjoying themselves and had not been offensive.

ALL STRANGERS

The victims included a man and his wife and a second woman. The second man was badly wounded but was expected to recover. All four, strangers to their assailant, were shot in the head.

Kenneth Kuzner, 30, of Detroit, was seized in his truck a short time later near Pontiac, 25 miles from the scene. Police said he readily admitted the shootings and could give no explanation except the irritation other patrons caused him. They said he had been drinking but was not drunk.

"I was just out for a good time," police quoted him as saying.

Kuzner told officers the four victims were "total strangers."

They were sitting together in a booth at Edna's Bar and Restaurant at suburban Grand Blanc when Kuzner walked in.

State police said Kuzner sat stoicly at the bar drinking a beer.

POINT BLANK

When he finished, they said, he went to a rest room, came out and strode up to the two couples' booth, spoke not a word and began firing point blank with a .38-caliber automatic.

Said Farah, 26, of Flint, and his wife Jeannine died minutes later.

Mrs. Margaret S. Cross, 37, a divorcee, died two hours later in a Flint hospital.

James Dollars, 26, who was with Mrs. Cross, was reported in a critical condition.

(Register-Guard photo by Fithian-Wiltshire engraving).

POOR CATCH—Ray Staben, Florence manager of Columbia River Packers Assn., lifts a small silver salmon which represented a fifth of the plant's take Tuesday. Only three small silvers and two chinook were delivered to the plant. The plant is involved in a pricing dispute with area fishermen. The commercial fleet has not made a delivery to the plant for two weeks.

Dies on Gallows

LONDON (AP) — Platinum-haired Ruth Ellis was hanged Wednesday morning at London's Holloway Jail for killing her faithless lover outside a bar on Easter Sunday.

BASEBALL

No games scheduled.

Mrs. Hobby Quits Post In Cabinet

President Lauds Welfare Secretary

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby resigned Wednesday as secretary of welfare effective Aug. 1.

President Eisenhower picked Marion B. Folsom, now undersecretary of the treasury, to succeed her in the Cabinet post.

The President called a special news conference to make the announcement, and, paid warm tribute to Mrs. Hobby as she sat by his side in the conference room.

'VERY SAD DAY'

On her part, the retiring Cabinet officer told Eisenhower that as he prepares to go to the Big Four conference at Geneva "everyone of us will be praying" the sessions will lead to a "truly universal peace."

Mrs. Hobby's resignation had long been expected, and the President apparently took it for granted that everyone knew that was the purpose of the conference. Without ever formally announcing her resignation, Eisenhower turned to Mrs. Hobby and remarked solemnly:

"Oveta, this is a very sad day."

The President said his mind at the moment went back to a day in 1942 when Mrs. Hobby arrived in London to take command of the Women's Army Corps.

'PERSONAL REASONS'

Eisenhower, at that time, was preparing to lead the Allied forces against Hitler's armies.

Mrs. Hobby led the WAC splendidly and it turned out to be one of the finest organizations "the Army ever had," Eisenhower said.

After the conference room ceremony, the White House made public an exchange of correspondence between Eisenhower and Mrs. Hobby.

'Personal reasons of a high order compel me to take leave of my post as secretary of health, education and welfare," Mrs. Hobby wrote.

While she did not specify those reasons, friends said Mrs. Hobby is leaving because of the illness of her husband, former Gov. William P. Hobby of Texas.

The Houston Post announced that Mrs. Hobby will become president of the Post Publishing Co.

NOT A SURPRISE

Mrs. Hobby's husband, now president of the publishing company, will become chairman of the board when Mrs. Hobby returns to Houston.

Folsom's selection as Mrs. Hobby's successor had been widely forecast. The shift was agreed on weeks ago, and the only real question was the timing.

Folsom, 61, is a native of McRae, Ga., and came into the Eisenhower administration from the Eastman Kodak Co., where he was treasurer.

He is considered an expert in the field of social security, and served on a presidential commission in 1933 which put together the original social security laws.

VACCINE CONTROVERSY

Reports that Mrs. Hobby was preparing to step out of the Cabinet were current last spring.

But when the Salk polio vaccine controversy broke about her it was understood she was reluctant to quit under fire.

Mrs. Hobby, 50, took the oath as the first secretary of health, education and welfare on April 11, 1953. She was the second woman ever to hold a Cabinet post.

She was one of the Texas Democrats who helped swing that state to Eisenhower in 1952.

No Vaccine Yet for Lane

When Lane County will get enough Salk anti-polio vaccine to complete the second shot in the series of three was unknown Wednesday.

Dr. Arthur P. Martini, president of the Lane County Medical Society, said he had received no word on whether the area will get any of the vaccine released this week.

Enough vaccine for nearly one million shots was approved for distribution. This is the first substantial release since late May—when Lane County's first shot was given.

Since then a small surplus has been used to give the second shot to children in half-a-dozen rural schools.

According to the United Press, the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis Wednesday indicated first shipments probably will be sent to Texas, Oklahoma, West Virginia and Missouri.