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17 KILLED IN CRASH OF AIR LINER



News Behind The News
 By PAUL MALLON
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WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—For six long years, John J. Raskob's 1929 income tax stood approved by the internal revenue bureau. It suddenly developed spontaneous symptoms of a fraudulent plot in the early part of this January, 1936.

Mr. Raskob said he thought the time of discovery had something to do with the coming dinner of his and Mr. Du Pont's American Liberty League. Mr. Raskob may have his dinners mixed.

What he may not know is that the bureau charge against him was filed in public record on January 6, two days before the Jackson day dinner. The bureau apparently was not very proud of it. At least, the record lay around four days until an alert newsmen, with a sharper eye than his colleagues, dug it out and published it two days after the dinner.

If Mr. Raskob will scrape his memory, he may recall another thing that happened just before the Jackson day dinner; say, for instance, a certain communication he made to postmaster-general Farley. He may recall that it was something to the effect that he wanted that \$25,000 which Mr. Farley's Democratic national committee still owes him. Also something about suing Mr. Farley for the money if the \$25,000 was not paid from all those thousands of dollars collected for the \$50-a-plate dinner.

The inside crowd here will wager even money that Mr. Raskob's throat had at least as much to do with the resurrection of his dead and buried income tax troubles as the Liberty League dinner next week.

Members Farley and Raskob are supposed to have had plenty of unpublished words back and forth lately. You may recall that Mr. Raskob held the mortgage on the old democratic homestead, now inhabited by new dealers. Farley has been paying him off grudgingly, a little at a time.

During last May, June and August, Farley paid Raskob \$5000 a month, and last March he gave \$10,250. But he started cutting the payments down in the fall. In October he gave only \$4000, in November \$2900 and December \$2900.

What the boys inside would like to see Mr. Raskob do is to give his remaining \$25,000 debt as a contribution. They point to an example in the case of Mr. Morgenthau (probably senior, but not identified with the record). The committee owed Mr. Morgenthau \$10,000, but he wiped it off the slate recently as a contribution. It is notable that Mr. Morgenthau has had no income tax troubles.

When Mr. Raskob attributed his tax trouble to the Liberty League dinner, he may have had in mind two other fellows. They are his co-conspirator, Pierre Du Pont, and a

CAUSE OF PLUNGE IN ARKANSAS BOG REMAINS MYSTERY

Removal of Broken Bodies Difficult — Identification Near Hopeless Task — Machine Torn to Bits

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 GOODWIN, Ark., Jan. 15.—The broken bodies of 17 persons who rode to death in the palatial American airliner "Southerner," were removed to Memphis today for a perhaps hopeless attempt at identification.

Although all the dead were known, only four bodies had been identified hours after the big twin-motored ship fell in a wooded swampland near here.

These were Mrs. Samuel Horowitz, 38; her four-year-old son Seba, and her mother-in-law, Mrs. B. Horowitz, all of Wakefield, Mass., and Miss Perla Gasparini, 23, of Fort Worth, Tex. stewardess.

Frank Thompson, Memphis funeral director, said further efforts of officials at identification would be useless.

"Relatives will have to pick their own dead," he said.

Kin of the victims—14 passengers and the crew of three—were hurrying to Memphis from various parts of the country today to take up this gruesome task.

By Ed L. Campbell
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GOODWIN, Ark., Jan. 15.—(AP)—Appalled by the worst disaster of American plane travel, volunteers struggled through knee-deep mud and water today to recover the mangled bodies of 17 persons killed by the crash of the luxurious American liner.

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HOUSING PROGRAM SPURS INTEREST; LIONS HEAR TALK

So much interest has been created in the campaign to encourage new home construction under the federal housing act that the five administration agents who arrived here Monday have been kept busy every minute since their arrival and the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce has been flooded by inquiries seeking detailed information.

The federal agents have been combing the city, explaining the finance features of the housing act to merchants. They have also been carrying out other educational features of their program and today were considering the feasibility of erecting a model home to show graphically what can be obtained under the federal housing act.

John H. Hoppes, Oregon field representative, this noon addressed the weekly meeting of the Lions club at Valentine's cafe. He pointed out the advantage of new construction and equipment buying to the whole community, stressing that it is not the selling merchant alone who benefits.

Mr. Hoppes emphasized that financing under the housing act involves sound credit as it prevents the purchaser from getting too deeply into deferred buying.

"It is only the unintelligent use of credit that injures the individual and brings distress to industry in general," he declared.

Mr. Hoppes said the housing campaign requires the cooperation of the whole community. "We are all working for a common objective," he declared in pleading for the assistance of the Lions.

John R. Towles, assistant to the regional director, and Leslie Peyton, manager of financial relations, were in Ashland today working out details of a campaign there to link with the one here.

POSTPONE NAMING OF ASHLAND COUNCILMEN

The Ashland city council met in regular session last night without selecting councilmen to replace Gerald H. Wessner and Guy T. Applewhite who resigned.

An executive session was held after the regular meeting but what transpired was not divulged. It was expected that the new councilmen would be named at next Tuesday's regular session.

Forty-one thousand acres are considered California's state redwood park area.

School Boys Give Boastful Adults Spelling Lesson

PELHAM, N. Y., Jan. 15.—(AP)—Ten prominent New York City and Pelham business men who boasted they could spell better than Pelham's high school boys, hung their heads in chagrin today.

The two groups met in a spell-down last night, and at the close all the adults had been eliminated while seven of the ten boys were still going strong.

First of the men to go down in defeat was William A. Shimer, editor of the Phi Beta Kappa magazine. He fell on the word steen.

Last of the men to fall was Albert Ridout, English teacher. He met his nemesis in the word abhorrence.

MODERN AIRPORT PLANS PREPARED; SCHEFFEL LAUDED

A supplemental application for \$100,000 of PWA funds to modernize the municipal airport was being completed today for submission to the Portland office.

Fred W. Scheffel, city superintendent, was hastening completion of the application following conference yesterday and today with A. W. Martin, aeronautics consultant for WPA in Oregon, who came from Portland to assist in the preparation of plans and specifications.

The supplemental application will replace the one submitted by Medford recently for \$366,000. It was found that there was not enough eligible relief labor available to carry out the \$366,000 project and so revision was required. Mr. Martin told the Mail Tribune today. The grant of \$100,000, he explained, is in addition to the \$40,000 now being spent on the airport. About 275 men will be required to carry out the supplemental project and work, if the plan is approved work would begin as soon as the present airport job is completed, he stated.

"The supplemental project will give Medford a first-class terminal airport and it provides practically everything contained in the original \$366,000 plan," Mr. Martin related.

The procuring of the same results with substantially less money was made possible by the development of a hard surface material by Mr. Scheffel, Mr. Martin said.

Under the original plan, he explained, it was intended to use a costly patented plan mix for surfacing the runways, but under the revised plan a carboniferous shale developed by Mr. Scheffel will be utilized, he stated. Tests show that the shale will stand up under the weight of the largest airplanes, he asserted.

The shale is located on the property of F. W. Nelson near the airport. The city council recently entered into a contract with Mr. Nelson for the shale at ten cents a cubic yard, the city to get it out. Clearing work is now being done and it is expected that shale removal will soon be under way.

The revised plans call for the hard surfacing of the runways to sustain the largest ships, establishment of a main runway 5,400 feet long and 300 feet wide, a cross-runway 2,700 feet long and 300 feet wide, and extension of the drainage system; Mr. Martin said. Because of the cost of the patented mix only a 100-foot width was to have been surfaced under the old plan, whereas use of the oil shale makes it possible to pave the runways for their entire length and breadth, the WPA consultant related.

The hangar, including the office, is to be entirely repaired and refurbished inside and out, Mr. Martin said. Immediate extension of the lighting system along the runways, as first contemplated, is not now necessary, he stated. Alternate strips of white limestone, ten feet long and four feet wide, however, are to be placed along each runway for night and daylight marking, he explained, adding that such marking greatly aids pilots coming in to a strange field.

The runway base will be eight inches deep and composed of rock and gravel, the hard surface to be four inches deep, Mr. Martin said.

"Mr. Scheffel deserves great credit for developing the oil shale as a surfacing material," Mr. Martin declared. "He has worked hard and his effort makes it possible to give the runways a hard surface for their entire length and width. Development of the shale, if it proves successful, will mean much to this community, and there seems to be no doubt that it will prove successful."

GRANGE SUBMITS TEN-POINT PLAN TO REPLACE AAA

Ask Completion of Contracts Partially Carried Out—Revival of Legislation Believed Impossible

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 15.—(AP)—The return of more than \$1,000,000 in processing taxes paid in escrow by eight processors of wheat, submitted while the constitutionality of the AAA was being tested, was requested in a series of motions in federal court today.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—(AP) The National Grange, dean of organized farm groups in America, submitted to the senate agricultural committee today a 10-point program for a new national plan to replace AAA.

Grange officials said it represented a crystallizing of farm sentiment against constitutionally questionable rewriting of AAA to control agricultural production through subsidized soil conservation.

In the first definite break with administration plans to draft a bill retaining AAA principles along lines adopted by Secretary Wallace's farm conference last week, the Grange asked congress to provide:

1. Appropriations for the completion of contracts entered into in good faith and partially carried out by American farmers.
2. Soil conservation program through a system of government rentals to build up national resources.
3. Speed up the retirement of marginal and sub-marginal lands for

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TOKYO DELEGATES QUIT NAVY PARLEY

LONDON, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Japanese delegates tonight announced their withdrawal from the international naval conference.

Their decision, signifying the end of five-power discussions seeking to effect an agreement on naval limitation and London treaties, was announced following a "knowdown" session to the conference.

The discussions have been deadlocked on a Japanese demand for fleet equality and a "common upper limit" of tonnage.

GIPLING IMPROVED BY SECOND NIGHT'S REST

LONDON, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Rudyard Kipling's condition showed further improvement today after his second restful night since he underwent an emergency operation Monday, but his physicians still hold "great anxiety for the health of the famous author."

WILSON VERACITY ON WAR ENTRY IS HIT BY SENATORS

Late President 'Falsified' in Chronicaling of Circumstances Is Contention of Nye in Senate Hearing

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Chairman Nye of the senate munitions committee asserted today that Woodrow Wilson "falsified" in chronicling some of the circumstances surrounding American entrance into the world war.

He attacked Wilson's post-war story that he did not know, at the time this country went into the struggle, of secret treaties between the allies for the redistribution of Europe.

Nye and Senator Clark (D., Mo.) joined in asserting that documents they had ready, in state department files and elsewhere, but which they said could not be published, proved both the war-time president and his secretary of state, Robert Lansing, knew of the treaties.

"Wilson and Lansing were fully apprised by Baileur of the secret treaties to which the British were committed," Nye said.

Previously, Clark had charged that Col. Edward M. House, confidential advisor to Wilson, agreed to bring the United States into the war without the knowledge of congress.

His accusation brought a stir at a senate hearing that in the main was so unexciting J. P. Morgan chose to stay away.

While the elderly financier remained at his hotel quarters, George Whitney, one of his partners, remained as an observer of the inquiry.

Clark's thrust was based on an agreement between House and Sir Edward Grey, British foreign secretary, for a peace conference. House had backed the proposal with a threat that if Germany refused to agree to the United States probably would join the allies."

To Speak Here



E. B. McNaughton, president of the First National Bank of Portland who will address a joint meeting of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club at noon at the Hotel Medford next Tuesday. His address is titled, "The Outlook for 1936."

GOVERNOR STUDIES HAUPTMANN CASE; SEEKS LAW ADVICE

TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 15.—Governor Harold G. Hoffman announced through his press aide today that he was still studying the Hauptmann case and was undecided on the matter of a reprieve.

His comment came as two defense lawyers, a paper signed by Bruno Richard Hauptmann in their pocket, sped to Washington, intent, it was understood, upon instituting habeas corpus proceedings in the United States supreme court or before a supreme court justice to prevent Hauptmann's execution Friday night.

William S. Conklin, speaking for the governor, said the governor was continuing his private investigation, and was seeking legal advice upon his power to reprieve at this late date.

ROOSEVELT SILENT ON BONUS INTENT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Expectations in some Democratic quarters that President Roosevelt may sign the baby bond bonus payment bill brought neither confirmation nor denial today at the White House.

One Capitol Hill authority termed it a "pretty good bet" that Mr. Roosevelt would sign the measure. Another close to the White House advised taking such bets.

The president himself was saying nothing.

Preferring not to be quoted by name, the same official who considered presidential signing a good bet, also predicted the senate would pass the bill this week with only 18 votes or less in opposition.

Salem Will Spend Heavy For Schools

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 15.—(AP)—The total cost for Salem's school construction program will be \$1,144,460. It was revealed at last night's meeting of the school board.

This figure included \$622,610 for a new senior high school building, \$180,107 for added construction at Leslie junior high school and \$341,743 for a new grade school.

G. O. P. Leader Disgusted; Radio Yields Only Music

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Imagine Henry P. Fletcher's disgust when he tried to tune in on an anti-nazi radio skit and instead got dance music.

Fletcher, national republican chairman, put aside all other engagements last night to hear "Liberty at the Crossroads" broadcast from an independent Chicago station. But his radio set could not pick it up.

It was broadcast from the independent station after the two large radio chains declined to carry it, one saying that big issues shouldn't be treated on a basis of "dramatic license." Fletcher replied the chains either feared the administration or were exercising unwarranted censorship.

"Oh, well," Fletcher said, giving up the dial.

"Shhh!" whispered a voice, "You are about to hear the third in a series of mystery..."

"He turned again."

"The music goes round and round and is inevitable."

"Oh, well," Fletcher said, giving up the dial.

Medford Precincts Have Fewer Voters Registry Reveals

Medford precincts show a decrease of 822 registered voters since the 1934 general election, according to figures at the county clerk's office. The 1934 registration was 6516. It is now 5754.

Ashland precincts for the same period show four less voters.

The registration for the Medford precincts for the coming special election January 31, and for the 1934 general election compares as follows:

Precinct	1935	1934
North Main	375	446
South Main	303	354
North Central	263	358
South Central	193	328
South Riverside	160	189
North Riverside	313	360
Oakdale	248	284
Newtown	313	368
King	331	356
Northeast	308	321
Collage	286	318
Southeast	311	343
Queen Anne	219	259
East	172	183
Southwest	255	287
West	406	430
West	302	362
Kenwood	271	290
Northwest	192	226
Haven	246	280
North	283	321
Total	5754	6516

Every one of the 21 precincts shows a decrease, with the heaviest drop in the North Central district with 131 less registrants.

THREE CHILDREN KILLED BY MOTHER

WEST CHESTER, Pa., Jan. 15.—(AP)—Apparently temporarily deranged, Mrs. Joseph Oberle beat her three children to death with a three-foot pincher while they slept today, and then tried to kill herself.

The tragedy was discovered by Dr. S. Leroy Barber after he had been summoned by telephone to the Oberle home by Mrs. Oberle's frantic words, "I just killed them."

The dead were:

- Mary, 17; Louise, 9; and Joseph, 7.

Mrs. Oberle was removed to a hospital in a critical condition.

She was alone in the home with the children overnight. Her husband was in State College, Pa., on a business trip.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL, ASSESSMENTS DUE Aired by League

Regional Meeting of City Heads Threshes Out perplexing Problems—Medford's Success Related

The regional conference of the League of Oregon Cities held here yesterday was described by city officials today as one of the most informative and stimulating ever held in the state.

Methods of municipal procedure in a wide variety of matters were explained by officials of southern Oregon cities, the different ways in which the municipalities handle the same problems were expounded and ideas on the perplexities of local government functions were exchanged.

Particular information thus obtained is to be correlated and published in bulletin form by the league for distribution to and study by its members and be used as a basis for uniform procedure and for obtaining state legislative aid where needed.

Plant Here Explained

A technical discussion of sewage disposal plants occupied much of the time of the business session held in the Elks' temple following the luncheon at the Hotel Medford.

The delegate went deeply into the question of sewer rate charges, types of plants, method of operation, construction costs and the experiences of cities that are building or operating such plants.

Medford officials explained fully

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POMONA OPTIONS EAGLE PT. RANCH

F. V. Cook, formerly of Pomona, Calif., has leased, with option to buy, the Kamm estate near Eagle Point, Cook, who for years was in charge of the W. A. Kellogg estate in southern California, will stock the 125-acre Kamm place with young stock, which he intends to buy as soon as possible.

Mr. and Mrs. Cook have already taken up residence on the property. "We came to this district because of the friendly—and unburied—attitude of the people in this district." With a twinkle in his eye for the protracted rainy siege, Mr. Cook added that the abundance of water was also a factor in his choice of southern Oregon as a site for his venture.

The Cook's son and daughter-in-law will join them here in the near future.

MILL REOPENING WAITS WEATHER

The Medford Corporation (Owen-Oregon) is making plans to start spring operations in both the woods and sawmill, as soon as weather conditions will permit. General Manager James H. Owen announced today. Owen returned the first of the week from a conference in Portland with company executives.

The present tentative plan, according to Owen, is to start logging operations about March 15, and the sawmill about April 1. It is figured that weather conditions will be such by the middle of March that logging can be started.

An average of 50 men are now being employed to make general repairs to machinery and equipment in all departments.

"We are doing this," said Owen, "to be ready to start at the earliest possible time."

GIRL ROUSES FROM RELIGIOUS TRANCE

DETROIT, Jan. 15.—(AP)—The family of 17 year old Shirley Fapp, who awakened from her six day religious "trance" last night, debated today whether she should go back to school or devote her life to the church.

The girl became unconscious in what physicians described as a coma induced by religious fervor, when she attended a revival meeting of the "Full Salvation Gospel," January 8.

Exposed Shanks Urged In China To Aid War Fund

NANKING, China, Jan. 15.—(AP)—General Peng Yu-Haiang, once known as the "Christian General," has launched a proposal which he says will save the nation many millions of dollars annually and make it possible to fight "the enemy"—meaning Japan.

Marshal Peng proposes that all the men of China shorten their gowns one foot, thus saving money on their clothing bills. He also proposes that China's 400,000,000 people stop buying buttons for their clothes. This last measure, he believes, would save enough money in a year to buy 400,000,000 bullets, which he believes would kill at least 50,000,000 of "the enemy" in the event of war.

FARM TELEPHONE RATES REDUCED IN MEDFORD REGION

SALEM, Jan. 15.—Reductions in farmer telephone line service and semi-public telephones in Medford, Gold Hill and Jacksonville as of January 1, were ordered Tuesday by Frank C. McCulloch, public utilities commissioner.

At Medford and Jacksonville the former line service was reduced from \$8.40 to \$7.50 as well as having available the former business line service for the same rate. The latter formerly was \$12.

At Gold Hill the former lines were reduced from \$6 a year to \$5.

In all three cities the coin-box service was reduced from 20 cents a day to 15 cents.

KENNETH POWELL HELD IN ASSAULT GIRL HITCH-HIKER

Kenneth ("Dummy") Powell, 26, of Central Point, is in the city jail today in connection with an alleged assault on the pretty, blonde, 21-year-old wife of a sailor in the U. S. navy. The assault is alleged to have occurred between 2 and 3 o'clock this morning in a lonely section near the Thlo overhead crossing on the North Pacific highway.

According to the woman's story to state and city police, she was hitchhiking from Long Beach, Cal., to Bremerton, Wash., to save traveling expenses in joining her husband, who is now at sea en route to the Washington naval base. She arrived in Klamath Falls on a truck last night and came to Medford by stage. An employe of the Lewis super service station offered to take her to the north edge of town so that her chance of obtaining a lift would be better.

She said that she was standing on the edge of the highway near the old Central Point road junction at about 2 o'clock this morning when Powell came along. He offered her a lift. She said, saying that he was traveling north. She got in with him and they started in that direction, according to her own story. At the north end of the overhead crossing he turned his sedan to the left down the Willow Springs road, and stopped. Choking her into submission, he brutally assaulted her, she said in relating the attack to police.

She finally managed to escape, unaided except for a pair of sheer stockings, and made her way to the highway through the mud. She just missed catching a north-bound bus, but was picked up a short time later by two boys in a vegetable truck, en route south. They wrapped her in blankets and brought her to Medford, where a waitress in a cafe furnished her with clothing.

State and city police were informed of the attack, and set out immediately for the scene. Tracks in the wet mud showed that the car of the attacker had been driven far up the Willow Springs road. The girl's clothing, which had been in two suitcases, had been scattered piece-meal over a long winding route in that general vicinity.

By dint of close tracking, the police followed the meandering trail, finding here and there that the car had left the road and on several occasions become stuck in the mud. The trail finally led to the Pacific highway, and to the Powell residence in Central Point. Powell was arrested at the Timber Products company mill here this morning, while at work. He admitted the attack.

State and city police are scheduled to appear in justice court this afternoon on face charges. He intimated to city police, they said, that he would enter a plea of guilty, and "get it over with." Police said that the woman, whose name they refused to divulge, had been married only since August, although she was married for five months in a previous marriage.

SIDE GLANCES by TRIBUNE REPORTERS

A flock of feminine admirers rallying around to give O. A. "Bodacious" McKinnon a good send-off at the tchu-tchu for his trip to Portland.

R. W. Denman standing calmly in his new barber shop on North Central street, while workmen of all description buzzed and bustled about him in a great hurry.

Delroy Getchell, banker, quitting a perfectly warm restaurant last night to go out into the rain to argue economics with a friend.

A bottle of milk coming whistling down off the Medford building's fourth floor just before two o'clock this afternoon, missing a woman pedestrian by 11 inches, and splattering as far away as to Verne Shangle, standing 20 feet away.

Ray Mische answering innumerable questions regarding the demise of the Monarch Seed parrot, which has been saying "hello" and "good-bye" to arriving and departing customers for years, although not always in the proper order.

A. B. Cunningham sourly surveying the torrent of water roaring down South Oakdale in front of his home as though wondering if he could still swim.