

MISSING PLANE CLOSE REPORTED



DANCERS FLOCK TO JAMBOREE—A portion of the several hundred dancers who participated in the square dance jamboree in the Medford high school gymnasium Saturday night are shown in the picture above. Presented under the sponsorship of the Medford YMCA dance group, the jamboree drew an estimated 1,000 spectators in addition to the dancers. Featured at the session was the calling of Jack Hoelsal (on chair at extreme right) who is one of the best known western type callers for dancing. Groups from the "Y," the Rogue Valley Country Club and from private dance clubs participated.

Hoover Opposed To Disclosure Of Files

Washington, Mar. 27—(U.P.)—FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover said today that disclosure of secret FBI loyalty files to congress would mean a "complete collapse" of the FBI's entire system.

Hoover told a senate foreign relations investigation subcommittee that he wants "no part" of any investigative organization which has the power to rule on what portions of its files should be disclosed publicly and which would be "whitewashed."

With Attorney General J. Howard McGrath, he testified before a senate foreign relations subcommittee looking into Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy's charges that the state department is loaded with communists. McCarthy insists that without disclosure of the loyalty files of "cases" he has named the inquiry will be a "meaningless" white-wash.

Hoover, in the strongest terms, told the committee that disclosing contents of his files would do "grave injustice" to many innocent citizens.

He said such action might

place the lives of the FBI's informants "in actual jeopardy," and most certainly would undermine the FBI's future effectiveness.

At the same time Hoover reported that "a foreign power" is stepping up efforts to seek "intimate personal details concerning many of our leaders in government and industry." Turning the files over to congress might aid this process, he said.

McGrath, who testified before Hoover, declared that giving congressional committees a look at FBI files would make it "extremely difficult, if not impossible," for the FBI to perform its duties. It would likewise undermine United States principles of justice, he said.

Hoover and McGrath testified before a jam-packed audience and under the glare of camera klieg lights.

"A disclosure of FBI reports," Hoover said, "would reveal the identity of confidential sources of information and, if it did not place the lives of such persons in actual jeopardy, it would certainly ruin their value and effectiveness."

Likewise, he said, it would provide a valuable tipoff for criminals, foreign agents and subversives on FBI "procedures and techniques."

Growth Of County Shown In Census

A preliminary report on the results of the 1948 business census issued today indicated that retail, wholesale and service establishments located in Jackson county showed a "substantial expansion" in dollar volume of trade from 1939 to 1948.

Retail sales increased 355 per cent, from \$13,400,000 in 1939 to \$61 million in 1948, the census showed. Wholesale sales climbed from \$7,700,000 to \$46,600,000 during the same period, and the service trades grew from \$700,000 to \$3,100,000.

Employment Up

The report also showed a big increase in employment in the fields covered during the same nine-year period. There were a combined total of 4,589 paid employees for the week ending Nov. 15, 1948, compared with 1,928 employees for the corresponding week in 1939.

The census showed that there were a total of 722 retail trade establishments in the county in 1948, 91 wholesale trade houses, and 230 service trade firms.

Funeral Tuesday For Lester Glenn Lacy

Ashland, Mar. 27—Services for Lester Glenn Lacy, 88, who died Friday at Klamath Falls, will be Tuesday at 1:30 p. m. at Litwiler funeral home here with burial at Phoenix cemetery.

Lacy, born in Jackson county, resided in Ashland 23 years and worked for the city 20 years before moving to Klamath Falls.

Survivors include his wife, Eva; five sons and five daughters; and a brother, Bud, Medford.

Foster Care Sought For 3 Youngsters By Officials

A boy seven years old and two little girls, two and three years old, today are living in a cold and unkempt house not far from Medford where they are receiving indifferent care in an atmosphere of emotional tension. There is no other place for them to go.

Deputy Juvenile Probation Officer Helen Busenbark this morning told of this case, another where the county's lack of a juvenile detention home is causing acute hardship for those least able to endure it—young children.

Miss Busenbark said the latest case involves a family where the father and mother are having domestic difficulties due to her refusal to make a home for her three children. The youngsters have been farmed out to a neighbor for long periods of

High Court Refuses To Reconsider Act

Washington, Mar. 27—(U.P.)—The supreme court refused today to reconsider its action of February 13 turning down an appeal to review the legality of seamen's hiring halls.

The National Maritime union (CIO) had asked the court to think the matter over once more.

The second U. S. circuit court of appeals found the hiring halls to be a violation of the Taft-Hartley labor law. When the supreme court tossed out the appeal, the lower court ruling became final.

The union, in urging reconsideration, said the issue "are of such magnitude that the decision of the court below should be re-examined by the supreme judicial authority of our country."

State Labor Group Opposes Indorsement

Portland, Ore., Mar. 27—(U.P.)—The executive board of the Oregon state federation of labor, meeting in the Multnomah hotel here Sunday, declined to indorse any gubernatorial candidate in the forthcoming primary.

Spokesmen for the board said no choice was made among the democrats because "each has a good record in the state senate."

Gov. Douglas McKay, sole republican candidate for the post, was by-passed in the board's recommendations and condemnations.

More Than 1,000 Valley People At Dance Jamboree

More than one thousand Rogue valley people watched and participated in the biggest square dance event ever held here Saturday night, as the Medford YMCA square dance group sponsored a square dance jamboree at the Medford high school gymnasium.

Jack Hoelsal, one of the best-known of Los Angeles' 300 or more dance callers, officiated at the dance, calling for the 30 or more squares, giving exhibition dances and instructing in patterns of dances new to valley dancers.

The spectator's section of the gymnasium was jam-packed with those who have become interested in the old-time dances since it first became popular in the valley within the last two years.

An exhibition dance of the more experienced dancers participated in active dancing on the gym floor.

More than 20 dances of one sort or another were performed during the evening. Most of them were squares, but the program was varied by the insertion of couple dances and "mixers," some of them taught by Mr. and Mrs. Hoelsal.

An exhibition dance given by youngsters was one of the features of the evening.

Many groups of dancers, including that from the "Y," from the Rogue Valley Country Club, from dance classes and from private dance groups formed squares to participate in the evening's entertainment.

Minnesota Town Threatened By Fire

International Falls, Minn., Mar. 27—(U.P.)—A seething fire, pushed by a 60-mile-an-hour blizzard, threatened to destroy this entire town before firemen brought it under control early today.

Firemen fought the flames to a standstill despite broken power lines that snapped and cracked about them like gunshots, lighting the area with electrical flashes.

Only minor injuries were reported among firemen but the blaze left 30 persons homeless and total damage was estimated at \$175,000.

International Falls has a population of 8,000.

The fire broke out in a brewery warehouse near the east end of the city's business district.

Candidate For Supreme Court Visits Medford

State Sen. and Mrs. Austin Dunn, Baker, were visitors in Medford today. Senator Dunn is a candidate for the state supreme court this year and his visit here was on behalf of his candidacy.

Dunn is running for the non-partisan position to be vacated this year by Judge J. O. Bailey of the supreme court. His opponents in the election are Circuit Judge Walter Tooez and Attorney Robert Maguire, both Portland.

Republican Committee Sets Meeting Tonight

Members of the Jackson county republican central committee will meet at 8 p. m. today in room B of the Medford YMCA, according to John Niedermeier, chairman. Mrs. Marshall Cornett, Klamath Falls, national committeewoman for the state republican party will attend the meeting.

Problems of reapportionment of Oregon legislative representation will be discussed at the meeting by State Sen. William McAllister.

Blakely, Ga., Mar. 27—(U.P.)—Townpeople blamed a disgruntled taxpayer for the confederate flag swirling above the courthouse today.

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Death of Washington Girl Blamed On Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

Inhalation Of Gas Reported By Crime Pathologist

Young Girl's Body Recovered From River

Vancouver, Wash., Mar. 27—(U.P.)—Pretty JoAnn Dewey, 18, whose battered body was found in the Wind river a week after she was kidnapped by two men, died of "acute asphyxiation" caused by inhalation of carbon monoxide gas, a coroner's jury was told today.

Dr. Howard L. Richardson, University of Oregon Medical school crime pathologist, testified that carbon monoxide was the primary cause of death. He was the first witness at a Clark county coroner's inquest held in a Vancouver funeral home.

Officers investigating the case said, on the basis of Dr. Richardson's testimony, that the girl may have been strangled into unconsciousness by abductors and left to die of gas inhalation before she was thrown into the river.

Dr. Richardson also testified that two of the head wounds were inflicted on JoAnn before death. These were gashes on the chin and behind the left ear. Other injuries, he testified, probably were caused by impact with rocks and water when she was thrown into the river, possibly from a bridge upstream.

All available officers mobilized today to find the kidnappers. Miss Dewey was found yesterday morning by three young fishermen. Her battered body lay face down in a cluster of wet rocks near the middle of the swift-running stream four miles east of Stevenson, Wash., and 50 miles east of Vancouver.

"We are working day and night on the case and we will continue to do so," said Police Chief Harry Diamond. "We don't intend to let down at all."

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Kansas Clawed By Heavy Wind

McPherson, Kan., Mar. 27—(U.P.)—Rising winds today clawed the dry soil of Kansas for the second straight day and sent swirling dust clouds over the mid-America wheatlands.

After subsiding during the night, the death-dealing, crop-damaging north west winds mounted to velocities of 32 m.p.h. and kicked up dust over much of the nation's No. 1 grain growing state.

Shortly before noon, the U. S. weather service said blowing dust was reported at many Kansas stations, including Garden City, Goodland, Hutchinson, Salina, Anthony, Fort Riley, Lebo and Topeka.

Visibility One Mile

Visibility dropped to a mile at Salina.

So far the storm had not reached the intensity of the week-end blow. In central Kansas it took four lives, injured more than 30 persons and wrecked untold crop damage to fall-seed wheat and spring-planted oats, alfalfa and barley.

Storm deaths numbered 11 through the Midwest. Besides Kansas' four, Texas had three, Missouri two and Nebraska and Colorado one each. The Missouri deaths were two small boys, brothers, crushed by a falling tree in the gale yesterday.

The howling midwestern storm yesterday was described in Kansas as the worst since the black days of the 1930's.

The heavy curtain of dust produced 30 accidents in central and south-central Kansas yesterday, resulting in two deaths in the Salina area and two others near McPherson.

Mr. and Mrs. Wacław Rolecz of Bawaria, Kan., Polish displaced persons, were killed in a pile-up of 19 cars on U. S. highway 40 west of Salina.

Mrs. H. G. Brandt, 55, of Wichita, died in a two-car collision on Highway 81 seven miles south of McPherson and L. C. Parks, about 50, of Mound Ridge, Kan., suffered fatal injuries in a two-car crash near his home.

Tenax Killed

(Three deaths in Texas were attributed to the blowing dust storm which cut visibility to near zero yesterday.)

Jack E. Stockstill, 31, of Andrews, and Cecil Fox, 27, of Lubbock, were killed in a head-on collision of their motor cars at Lubbock. Mrs. Nora Shurtz, 44, of Los Angeles, died in a crash that injured six other persons at Amarillo.)

Rains Hampering Road Maintenance By County Crews

March rains are hampering the road maintenance and repair work of the county engineer's department and the condition of many of the roads is growing worse as heavy traffic chugs through the softened roadbeds.

County Engineer Paul Rynning said today some county routes may be in bad condition if weather does not improve to the point where repair crews can get to work on them. Load limit restrictions imposed last winter are still in effect on three miles east of Stevenson, Wash., and 50 miles east of Vancouver.

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Lattimer Attorneys Say McCarthy Lied

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They demanded in a letter to the Wisconsin republican that he "retract and repudiate" his charge.

McCarthy gave senate investigators Lattimore's name in connection with his sweeping charge that the state department is "invested" with communists and communist sympathizers. He told numerous newspapermen "off the record" that Lattimore was his "top" case. Radio Commentator Drew Pearson last night identified Lattimore publicly as the man McCarthy had been talking about.

Five-Year-Old Boy Killed By Elephant

Sarasota, Fla., Mar. 27—(U.P.)—Tragedy haunted the nation's biggest circus today as it packed for a tour without Dolly, a sleepy elephant who killed a friendly child who offered her peanuts.

In a split-second break from 20 years of circus docility, Dolly wrapped her trunk about five-year-old Edward Rogers Schooler yesterday afternoon and crushed his skull with her huge foot.

Snow Continues Falling At Crater Lake Park

The snow continues to pile up in Crater Lake national park where there are now nearly 15 feet of snow on the ground. Radio reports from the park received at the Medford headquarters this morning said an additional 10 1/2 inches have fallen in the past 24 hours and it was still snowing when the report was made at 8:30 a. m.

There are four inches of powder snow on the roads in the park but crews expected to have it cleared early today. Travel a possible provided chains are used.

A steady snowstorm throughout yesterday did not stop 204 visitors from entering the park for winter sports and sight-seeing.

WEATHER	
FORECAST: Partly cloudy with showers tonight and Tuesday. Patchy of valley fog Tuesday morning. Cooler tonight.	
Highest Yesterday	53
Lowest This Morning	37
Prep. to 4:30 A.M. Today	Trace

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Search Continues In Central Oregon

Possibility that the Beechcraft airplane missing since last week in a flight from Lakeview to Portland may have strayed off course into the Medford area was seen today in a report that a plane was heard here last Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Albert Straus, Sams Valley, reported to the civil aeronautics commission today that she heard a plane early Wednesday morning flying in the Sams Valley area. It appeared to be in difficulty, she said, and the motor was alternately idling and speeding.

The information was relayed to search headquarters in Klamath Falls.

Klamath Falls, Ore., Mar. 27—(U.P.)—Search Coordinator Al Moccabee said today that an air force B-17 is making a low-level flight over the probable route from Lakeview to Portland followed by a private plane missing with four Portlanders aboard.

Smaller planes also took off in poor weather to scan the Klamath Falls-Lakeview-Redmond triangle. Snow showers were reported in the area but the weather bureau said a storm which curtailed week-end search flights was disappearing.

Hunt Shifting

Moccabee said the hunt was gradually shifting northward to the area between Redmond and The Dalles.

Leaders of the search believed the last authentic report on the plane had it headed west over the Wapinitia off which crosses the base of Mt. Hood.

George Blakkolb, brother of missing pilot Lee Blakkolb, said his brother once said he would guard northward over the highway if he encountered snow and ice aloft in that region.

Sunday about 30 planes from Klamath Falls and Redmond searched most of the John Day country at treetop level through snow and rain.

Conditions Hazardous

Larry Harvey, Portland, a pilot flying out of Redmond, said weather conditions aloft were so hazardous that they feared search planes would be lost.

Al Lockridge, appointed search coordinator by the CAA, allotted 10-by-15 mile sectors to pilots and, in cooperation with the air force, set up a grid for systematic searching.

Harvey said today's search would begin as soon as the ceiling was high enough to permit takeoffs. All available planes and ground searchers will be brought to The Dalles by Moccabee, appointee of the state aeronautics board.

False Alarm

Yesterday a false alarm was recorded after a "wreckage" turned out to be part of a yellow truck on a lonely mountain road. Numerous reports of the high-powered private plane passing overhead have been discounted after thorough checking.

Aboard with Pilot Blakkolb were Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Lundstrom, Lundstrom and Blakkolb are associated in the Forest Products company, Portland. They participated in the mass Portland-Havana flight a few months ago, and were returning home via southeastern states.

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