

# In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

I suppose you've been reading about France—and the deepening mess she's floundering around in. If so, you're probably puzzled.

What's happening?  
What's wrong?  
WHY THE MESS?

I WOULDN'T know. But here's a guess:  
In the whole 20 centuries of her historical existence France has had only one period of good government—the hundred years or so after Caesar conquered the Gauls and, after conquering them, treated them so justly and governed them so wisely that Gaul became the friend and ally of Rome. Ancient Gaul was the ancestor of modern France, and the Gauls who were conquered by Caesar were the ancestors of the modern French.

Since the ending of the era of wise Roman government, the French have been governed by dictators and despots. They rose in bloody and violent and terrible anger during the French Revolution. But after it was all over, after France had been bathed in blood, after the heads of the tyrants had rolled in the streets of Paris like balls on a bowling green, the French people could think of nothing better than going back to the same line of Bourbon kings that had oppressed them BEFORE the Revolution.

SINCE then the French have vacillated back and forth between strong men and utter anarchy. They just don't seem to have the talent for governing themselves.

The historical probability is that the present period of confusion and frustration and utter futility will be ended by the rise of another STRONG MAN.

The strong man who is lurking in the background is De Gaulle.

BUT enough of France. Let's change the subject.

AT A DINNER in Portland the other night, honoring Dr. Dorothy Johansen, the Reed college professor who is retiring from the Portland school board after eight years of service, Dr. John Richards, chancellor of the Oregon system of higher education, told his hearers that ONLY EDUCATION can save Western civilization from a deterioration characterized "more by fads and fads, luxury vacation spots and cellophane than the solid virtues of yesteryear."

WHAT KIND OF EDUCATION is needed to save us from the perils cited by Dr. Richards?

PERSONALLY, I lean toward the fundamentals—mathematics and science, history, philosophy, languages and the GREAT literatures. The present leaning is toward the fluff that gets 'em through school with the least trouble to everybody (including the least possible hard work on the part of the pupil) and turns 'em loose on the world with a diploma to prove they've been to school and are educated.

I reckon that means I am hopelessly old-fashioned.

## Electrical Workers Refuse Wage Boost

Portland — Linesmen and electrical workers of Portland General Electric company Thursday night turned down a company offer of a 4 per cent wage boost and other benefits, a union official reported.

W. L. Vincent, business agent of the Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 125, said the major reason for the rejection was company failure to include an extra paid holiday in its offer. Negotiations will continue, he said.



NUMBER ONE—First man through the main gate at the opening of the World's Fair in Brussels, Belgium, was seven-foot-tall Carl Studer, 40, of El Paso, Texas, who is pictured here as he was greeted by Belgian beauty queen Martine Duchamp (left) and Jacqueline Iranien, "Miss One World." He had been waiting outside the fair grounds for two days.

## 60 Attend Meeting Of Hospital Group

About 60 persons attended a breakfast meeting of the Founders group of the Rogue Valley Memorial hospital held Saturday at the Jackson hotel.

James Rowan, president of the Founders, was in charge. After a business meeting, the group was taken on a tour of the new hospital and briefed on the positions which they will take in assisting at the public open house inspection of new hospital scheduled for next week end.

The Founder group is a permanent organization which was formed during the fund raising for the hospital. It will continue in the interest of the institution.

## PHOENIX Youth Undergoes Surgery

By LILLIAN KNIGHT  
Phoenix—Earl Dillree, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dillree, former Phoenix residents who are now living in Medford, underwent surgery at the Sacred Heart hospital April 1.

He will be in the hospital about three weeks and then will be confined to his home for some months, doctors said. Earl is a senior at Phoenix High school.

A shut-down of the Sierra Cascade Pine company saw mill at Shady Cove due to a recent snow storm has resulted in a temporary lay-off of approximately 50 men on the night shift at the lumber plant on Huston rd. Resuming of woods operations Monday is expected to relieve the situation.

David Barlow, Dick Lorton and Dave McClurg were among the high school boys called out about 1:30 a.m. Monday, April 5, to help with orchard heating. They worked until 7 that morning. It was the heaviest smudging of the season so far, they said.

Mrs. Earl Floyd and her daughter, Ruth Jean, Mrs. A. E. Lewis, Mrs. A. E. Arthur and Mrs. H. C. Morrissey of Medford have returned to their homes after spending the Easter weekend in Portland. They went in Mrs. Morrissey's car, who is a great granddaughter of Mrs. Lewis.

Mrs. Floyd and Ruth Jean visited a sister and aunt, Mrs. Al Beers, and also attended to some business while there. The came home on the bus April 8.

Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Arthur and Mrs. Morrissey visited a daughter of Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Bob Smith, who is a teacher in the Portland schools. She took them on an overnight trip to Cannon beach before they returned home April 11.

Miss Avis Bisseger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bisseger, returned home April 10 after visiting several days in Pacomia, Calif. with her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Goss.

Mrs. Arthur Boner returned home last Saturday from Cecil, Ore., where she visited her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Krebs.

Harry Mattern is better after being placed in the Rogue Valley hospital because of a bad heart condition. He is still at the hospital but may now have visitors.

The number of passenger miles flown annually by U. S. airlines is equivalent to a yearly trip of 120 miles for each of our 170 million people.

British Honduras in Central America is a British colony, but money there is reckoned in dollars and cents instead of pounds and shillings.



COSTLY DIET—Donations are pouring in to aid this tiny Eugene, Ore., girl, who is suffering from a rare disease called phenylketonuria. Unless arrested, the disease will leave Frances Van Arnam, 16-months-old, mentally retarded. For the next three years she must be fed a special food called Ketonil which costs \$25 a pound.

## Preventive Law Topic of Lawyers

Five points concerning preventive law will be discussed by local attorneys at four public meetings in the county the next two weeks.

The subjects and meetings were planned by the county home economics extension agent, Mary Pat Lucy, at the request of county extension units and in cooperation with the Jackson County Bar association.

Points to be discussed concern beginning a business; buying, selling and leasing real property; event of death of a close relative; involvement in an automobile accident; and employing an attorney.

Lawyers participating are doing so as a public service, Miss Lucy said. They will discuss the type of problem as layman might face, rather than technicalities.

The meetings will be held at the Crater high school library, Central Point, Tuesday, April 22; Rogue Elk school, Wednesday, April 30; Eagle Point Grange, Thursday, May 1; and Medford courthouse auditorium, Monday, May 5.

All begin at 8 p.m. and no charge will be made.

The Chinese Nationalist Government plans to establish a steel plant on Formosa with a capacity of 200,000 tons a year.

## 4-H CLUB NEWS

Applegate Knitting Club  
The seventh knitting meeting was at the home of Marian Baker. Roll call was spring flowers. We worked on our projects.

Jean Reader called the meeting to order. We are on our two projects now. Refreshments were served and the meeting was adjourned.

Linda Pittock  
Reporter

Griffin Creek Cooking club  
The Griffin Creek Cooking club, recently organized, met at the home of Mrs. Dwight Albright last week and elected new officers.

Elected were Christine Helman, president; Linda Romanchuk, vice president; Judy Stanridge, secretary; Karen Huggahl, reporter; and Teresa

## Medford Resident Shot in California

Marysville, Calif. — Melvin E. Palmer, 36, of 20 Portland st., Medford, was found shot to death Wednesday in the home of his brother in Marysville.

Palmer was visiting his brother when he apparently took his own life, according to the county coroner. He had recently been in ill health.

Palmer was employed as a hotel clerk at a Medford hotel. He is survived by a sister and his mother.

## Prices Go Higher In Lumber Market

Increased buying in green Douglas fir lumber last week brought price increases ranging from \$3 to \$6 per thousand board feet, according to Random Lengths, Eugene weekly lumber market letter.

Increases were confined largely to mills producing only green lumber, although mills offering kiln-dried stock also were able to increase their prices slightly.

Crow's Lumber Market

news service at Portland also reported lumber price advances, with green Douglas fir, dry fir and pine, green fir and larch up.

The service said a shortage of Douglas fir and western white spruce dimension lumber in British Columbia was a major factor in diverting business to U.S. transit shippers.

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