

# 'Act of Kindness' Leads to 8 Deaths

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### Smoking Results In Inferno in New Jersey Jail

#### Material Said Passed To Inmate

Toms River, N. J. — (UPI) — A trusty gave the inmate of a padded cell smoking materials as "an act of kindness" that inadvertently led to a fire which killed eight inmates of the Ocean county jail, Prosecutor Howard Ewart said.

Ewart said it was determined that one of two trustees gave either a lighted cigarette or a cigarette and matches to the prisoner in whose cell the blaze erupted. Ewart's office was one of several agencies investigating Sunday's fire at the two-story jail. The blaze injured 15 persons.

#### Jail Overcrowded

Gov. Robert B. Meyner and Sheriff Harry Roe also began inquiries into the blaze. At the time of the fire, the jail, with a recommended capacity of 28, housed 65 prisoners.

The inmate of the padded cell was awaiting transfer to a state mental hospital. Ewart said it could never be determined whether the fire was started intentionally or began accidentally, because "nobody saw him (the prisoner)."

The prosecutor said "there is nothing vicious" in giving the man a smoke. It was "an act of kindness," he said.

#### Identity Withheld

Ewart declined to identify the trusty who passed the smoking equipment to the prisoner, General Peterson, 35, Philadelphia.

Peterson's cell, padded with foam rubber, burst into flames and spewed fire in all directions.

Seven prisoners in an adjoining cell block perished in the inferno without ever getting out of their quarters. Besides Peterson, the victims and the charges against them were:

#### Dead Listed

Stephen T. Wolf Jr., 30, of Manassas, former Linden, N. J. policeman charged with passing bad checks; William Charles Lehmann, 21, of Toledo, Ohio, a sailor stationed at Lakehurst Naval Air Station, charged with forgery; Adam Bodzan, 42, of Atlantic City, N. J., disorderly person, sentenced to 90 days; Calvin Wilson Letts, 19, of Cedar Run, N. J., sodomy, rape and carnal abuse; Thomas Arthur Hughes, 38, Philadelphia, forger; Joseph Booker, 45, of Hartley, Del., larceny; and Richard Cavalier, 22, of Tuckerton, N. J., charged with the fatal beating of his 22-month old daughter, Deborah.

#### Truman Questions Ike's Soviet Trip

"I seriously question the wisdom of President Eisenhower's going to Moscow."

"If this journey leads the world to suspect that peace can be advanced by the mere exchange of visits between heads of government, then we all face certain disappointment."

With these words, former President Truman, who suggested that Khrushchev visit the U. S., examines, in an exclusive article, a problem of interest to people throughout the world.

The reasons he cites in opposition to President Eisenhower's returning the Khrushchev journey are sure to provoke wide comment. They will appear in Tuesday's issue of the Mail Tribune.

Corvallis — (UPI) — Arthur V. Biggs will be sworn in as municipal judge here Sept. 1.

### First Hawaiian Congressmen Assume Office

#### Chinese Republican Draws Senior Cards

Washington — (UPI) — The three members of Congress from the new state of Hawaii were sworn into office today. The first official act for the two new senators was to participate in a lottery.

Sen. Hiram L. Fong (R), first man of Chinese ancestry ever to sit in the Senate, won a coin toss and a drawing to become the 50th state's "senior" senator with almost a six-year term.

His colleague, Sen. Oren E. Long (D), drew himself a four year term.

#### Lots Drawn for Term

The two new senators drew lots for the length of their terms after being sworn in at the Senate's 99th and 100th members. They could have been six, four or two years.

Two historic mahogany ballot boxes held the answer to how long a term awaited each of the new senators.

Long, having earlier lost a coin toss for seniority, drew first from a box which held one blank card and another signifying a six-year term ending Jan. 2, 1956. He drew the blank.

#### Got Four-Year Card

After Fong picked the six-year card, Long drew from the other box which held cards for a "four-year" term ending Jan. 2, 1963, and a "two-year" term ending Jan. 2, 1961. He got the four-year card.

Long and Fong were sworn in by Vice President Richard M. Nixon, 20 minutes after Speaker Sam Rayburn swore in Democrat Daniel K. Inouye as Hawaii's first elected House member.

### Local Men to Aid Humphrey's Bid

Portland — (UPI) — State Labor Commissioner Norman O. Nilson said today he would support the candidacy of Sen. Hubert Humphrey (D-Minn.) for president. He said he would take part actively in Humphrey's Oregon primary campaign.

Nilson, who twice has been elected to the labor commissioner's post, said "It is my belief that Senator Humphrey is the candidate most qualified to fulfill the responsibilities of the office of President of the United States."

Keith Burns, spokesman for Oregon Democrats for Humphrey, announced names of several persons he said had joined in support of Humphrey's campaign. They include Rep. Ben Evick, Madras; Rep. Tom McClellan, Neetsu; John Warden, Coquille attorney; Don Reed, Baker; Alf Wenmark, The Dalles; W. V. Deatherage, Medford attorney, and Marv Medden, county clerk, Medford.

### BULLETIN

Washington — (UPI) — A Senate-House conference committee handling labor reform legislation broke a short-lived log jam today by agreeing to compromise disputes over three changes in the basic Taft-Hartley labor law.

Washington — (UPI) — A flight of F-101B Voodoo jet interceptors from Kingsley Air Force base, Klamath Falls, on a demonstration run, caused many valley residents to leap for cover as the aircraft made high speed passes at low altitude over the full length of the valley Friday afternoon. The picture above was taken as they came over Medford on the second run, five minutes after the first. The new aircraft will replace the Sabrejets at Kingsley AFB.

### Hatfield's Goal Two Terms as Oregon Governor

Portland — (UPI) — Gov. Mark Hatfield said Sunday "my ambition is to serve as a two term governor."

Hatfield made the remark on a local television show moderated by ex-Gov. Robert D. Holmes, the man Hatfield defeated for governor in 1958. He had been asked about reports that he might be a vice presidential candidate next year or seek a Senate seat.

"While talk of national ticket and senatorial possibilities is flattering," he said, "my ambition is to serve as a two-term governor."

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The boy, Tom Thomas, was seized by the convicts when he paid a visit to the home of the Rev. William W. Swift.

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### Ike Prepares for European Journey

Washington — (UPI) — President Eisenhower, back from a two-week "work and play" vacation at his farm, made preparations today for his coming diplomatic mission to Western Europe.

Eisenhower departs Wednesday for the trip to Bonn, London and Paris. He will coordinate Allied strategy before Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev's visit to the United States starting Sept. 15.

White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty told reporters Sunday the President would hold a news conference before leaving for Europe.

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### Salem Youth Killed In Highway 38 Crash

Cottage Grove — (UPI) — One young man was injured fatally and three others were hurt seriously late Sunday night in a one-car accident north of Drain on Highway 38.

Dead was Francis Leroy Foster, 19, Salem.

In serious condition in the Cottage Grove hospital were the driver, Wayne Maurice Kinkade, 17, Cottage Grove; Timothy Andrew Sherouse, 30, Curtin, and Monte Leheureu, 18, Drain.

Work is continuing on grading of Meadows rd. between Dodge and Beagle rds., he added.

### Long Invited To Vacation in Oregon

Garibaldi, Ore. — (UPI) — The Oregon Gold Coast Association Saturday extended a welcome to Gov. Earl Long of Louisiana to spend a vacation on the Oregon coast.

Washington — (UPI) — President Eisenhower will hold a news conference Tuesday.

### Five of Six Iowa Prison Escapees Nabbed by Police

#### Sixth Believed Trapped in Field

Fort Madison, Iowa — (UPI) — An off-duty patrolman today captured one of six convicts who broke out of the Iowa State Penitentiary Sunday. Another fugitive, the last remaining at large, was believed trapped in a cornfield and woods.

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### Manor Taxable, Assessor Says

County Assessor Ray Schumacher said this morning that Rogue Valley Manor, the 5 1/2 million dollar retirement home on Barneburg hill, will be subject to property taxes.

An attorney general's opinion in the law section abstracts published by the Oregon State Tax commission states that all "cooperative living organizations" are not exempt from taxation, and the manor is such an organization, Schumacher said.

Another opinion in the same publication states "real property of a charitable institution not actually occupied for charitable purposes is taxable." This also would include the manor, Schumacher said.

The decision, if not appealed, may have a considerable effect on operation of the manor. The question of tax liability had not been settled previously, and it is understood here that it is still undergoing litigation, in the case of Willamette View Manor near Oregon City, an organization similar to Rogue Valley manor.

### Bids to be Received For Bridge Projects

Two proposed Jackson county bridges are included in a group of bids to be received by the state highway commission Sept. 10 for emergency federal aid projects.

One bridge is to be constructed over Kane creek west of Central Point on the old Stage rd. The second bridge is to be constructed over Long Branch creek near Shady Cove. Both bridges will be of concrete with steel reinforcing.

County Engineer Paul Rynning said county crews are continuing with rock crushing operations in the Howard Prairie area. Crews are busy also center-line striping roads, he said.

Work is continuing on grading of Meadows rd. between Dodge and Beagle rds., he added.

### BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE  
Baltimore ..... 11 19 1  
Detroit ..... 0 5 0  
Wilhelm and Triandos, Ginsberg (8); Mossi, Narleski (3); Stump (4); Sisler (7); Burnside (8) and Herbert.

### Petitions for Consolidation Election Expected

Petitions for another election on consolidation of Phoenix and Talent school districts will be presented tomorrow night during a meeting of the Jackson county school district reorganization committee.

Miss Faye Carver, Phoenix, and Mrs. Sam James, Talent, brought the petitions to the county school superintendent's office this morning for checking. A total of 165 Phoenix citizens and 83 Talent citizens have signed the petition. State law requires at least 50 signatures from Talent and 100 from Phoenix, according to the superintendent's office.

If the required number of signatures are those of legally registered voters, and if the reorganization committee approves an election, the county school district boundary board will set the date.

The reorganization committee had approved a motion to permit a vote on consolidation of the two districts last spring, but had given its approval without formal recommendation. This means the issue can be voted on continually until settled, a spokesman from the superintendent's office said. Last April consolidation was voted down.

Meanwhile, the county boundary board on Thursday, Sept. 3, is expected to act on petitions from Barnett rd. area citizens requesting a portion of that area which includes the new Rogue Valley hospital to be joined with the Medford school district. This proposed annexation would not include the Rogue Valley manor now being built.

Separate Levies

The spokesman also pointed to a paragraph on the consolidation petition which states that "each district shall remain solely liable for existing bonded indebtedness until such existing bonded indebtedness is paid. This is according to state law."

If consolidation is authorized the district can levy separate annual levies, a spokesman said.

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### WEATHER

Forecast: Considerable high cloudiness through Tuesday. Low tonight 50. High Tuesday, 85.

TEMPERATURE  
Highest Yesterday ..... 95  
Lowest this Morning ..... 53

Our Skies Tonight  
Sunset today ..... 7:00 p.m.  
Sunrise tomorrow ..... 5:28 a.m.  
Moonrise tonight ..... 10:21 p.m.  
Last Quarter ..... Aug. 26

VISIBLE PLANETS  
Saturn, due south ..... 8:03 p.m.  
Jupiter, low in south, west .....  
Mercury, low in the east just before sunrise, will only be seen for the next few mornings. Its next appearance will be as an evening planet early in November.

### Advisory Council to Tour Watershed

Two questions left unanswered in April will be discussed by the Rogue River national forest advisory council when it makes a field trip into the Ashland watershed on Wednesday morning.

Forest Supervisor Carroll Brown said that the questions are:

1. Are we justified in keeping the Ashland watershed closed to all travel?  
2. Should we develop picnic spots in the watershed for use of the public?

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HANGAR LINE 1	TERMINAL
AFINA HELICOPTERS INC.	PACIFIC AIR LINES
ROGUE FLYING SERVICE INC.	UNITED AIR LINES
PACIFIC COMMUNICATIONS ELECTRONICS	WEST COAST AIRLINES
MERCY FLIGHTS INC.	AVIS RENT-A-CAR
AVIATION SERVICE CO AIRCRAFT REPAIRS	DAILY U DRIVE
MEDFORD AIR SERVICE RECREATIONAL AVIATION	HAZEL & THE TOWN CAFE
	VALLEY AVIATION FLYING SERVICE

**NEW SIGN**—This directory sign was recently erected on the Biddle rd. approach to Medford airport. The main sign was paid for by the city, at a cost of approximately \$400, while the smaller signs affixed to its supports were financed by the individuals businesses. Airport Manager Richard Hogan reports. Emblems of the individual airlines are to be placed across the top of the sign in the near future. Plans also call for floodlighting, according to Hogan. The red, white, dark blue, turquoise blue and silver sign replace a smaller weather-worn, black and white wooden sign that formerly stood near this location and was the subject last year for a "Make Medford Beautiful" picture.

### Displays, Exhibits Now Dismantled as Kiwanis Fair Ends

The dismantling of displays and exhibits continued at the Medford armory today, following the closing last night of the four-day Kiwanis county fair—a closing that fair officials viewed with mixed feelings.

Satisfaction with a job well done by entertainers and exhibitors and more than 200 volunteer workers was mixed with a feeling of disappointment with an attendance "considerably" below last year.

Russ Jamison, manager of the event, said today that those who saw the show certainly got their money's worth and that the fair, overall, was considered a success. 8,000 Attend

But, he said, the attendance figure for the four days—estimated at about 8,000—was below the amount hoped for.

Proceeds from the fair are to go to the Kiwanis dental clinic, which provides care for children of Jackson county. The amount raised has not yet been computed.

Russ Renner, general chairman, complimented the exhibitors and participants and said he looked forward to a continuance of the county fair tradition.

Jamison said that tentative plans call for a continuance of the event next year but that it is dependent upon the Kiwanis board of directors and evidence of community support for the fair.

"Countless hours and a lot of hard work went into the preparation for the fair," Jamison said, "and we hope the public will show an interest in continuing the tradition."

Dismantling Tonight

Exhibitors are expected to be moved out of the armory by this evening, Jamison said, and Kiwanis members will continue the dismantling job tonight.

Two distinguished visitors to the fair were well-received this morning "Mrs. Oregon," Mrs. Dorothy Jean Chase, Eugene, returned to her home while Mrs. Emma Gatewood, Gallopolis, Ohio, "the walking grandmother," is on a trip to California before she returns to the Centennial celebration in Portland.

At the next meeting of the Kiwanis board of directors possible action will be considered against an up-state amusement ride operator, Jamison said, who "apparently defaulted on our contract."

Jamison said he thought the board could take "definite" action against the concessionaire, who reportedly was to have furnished mechanical amusement rides.

Lack of Rides

Jamison said that he thought the lack of rides possibly hurt the attendance and he said that other factors

such as the new shopping center opening—worked to the fair's disadvantage.

Yesterday's fair activities included a sawdust scramble, a peanut scramble, a horse show, a balloon-breaking contest, and a greased pig contest.

"We finished with a satisfying feeling," Jamison said.

A. P. Butler of 28 North Barneburg rd. won \$50 worth of shrubbery from the Garden Center Nursery for identifying the most species of flowers in the Oregon native flower display.

He named correctly 12 out of the 20 species, giving both the common and Latin names of the plants.

Parachute Jumps

Saturday's parachute exhibition was a "spectacular" success, Jamison said. Morton Gosset, president of the Southern Oregon Sky Divers, and club members put on a number of sk, diving exhibitions, including a 30 second delayed drop.

The parachute that seemed to attract public attention by landing in the only tall tree in the area did not have a man attached to it, Jamison explained, despite rumors that developed.

It was a "dummy drop," used by the parachutists to test the wind direction and velocity.

Ashland Man Cleared Of Navigation Charge

Wallace Mitchell Larson, 21, of Ashland, has been acquitted of a reckless navigation charge in district court.

The verdict in favor of the defendant was returned Thursday by District Court Judge E. Roy Bashaw after testimony was taken from nine defense witnesses and two state's witnesses.

The charge was made in connection with a boating incident near Savage Rapids dam on July 19.

### Mrs. Lonch to Enter Plea In Circuit Court Aug. 26

Mrs. Esther Elizabeth Lonch, 31-year-old mother of four, is to appear before Circuit Judge James M. Main at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday to enter her plea on a charge of second degree murder.

The Medford woman was arraigned in circuit court this morning. Mrs. Lonch is charged with the slaying of William B. Simmons, 62, a retired railroad switchman, on Aug. 2.

Police said Mrs. Lonch admitted clubbing Simmons with a shovel after he had made advances at her in the course of a day-long drinking party at a house at 2122 Crater Lake highway.

This morning in circuit court Eugene Douglas Reedy, Ashland, pleaded innocent to charges of contributing to the delinquency of a minor. His bail was raised by Judge Main from \$500 to \$1,500. A trial date is to be set later.

Clarence F. Farleigh, Lake hotel, a laborer, was also arraigned in circuit court this morning and O. H. Bengtson, Medford attorney, was appointed to represent him. Farleigh is charged with assault with a deadly weapon. He is accused of stabbing Stanley Steege, 401 East 12th st.

# Medford Stores Open Until 9 O'Clock Tonight