

# In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Because Squaw Valley is only a hope, a skip and a jump from southern Oregon we have followed the winter Olympic Games of this modern Olympiad with immense interest. So, perhaps, it might be a good idea to fill in here the backgrounds of this oldest sports event in the world.

FARTHER BACK than history records, some of the people of the Greek Peloponnese began to hold contests in foot racing. (The Peloponnese is the ancient name of the southern peninsula of Greece.) The races were held on the plain of Olympia, in the state of Elis.

This festival gradually became an affair of national importance and was celebrated by all the Greek states. In the course of time boxing, wrestling, jumping, discus throwing, chariot racing and other athletic exercises were added to the original foot race. Those who entered the contests had to show a name free from civil or personal dishonor.

Early contestants had to be of pure Greek blood, but later, under the rule of the Romans, both Greeks and Romans took part. Since Rome by then was coming to be the master of the world, the Olympic Games came to include a wide range of nationalities.

ANOTHER interesting point is that early in their history a general TRUCE was called during the holding of the Olympic games. The early Greeks were a cantankerous lot, given to fighting among themselves.

It was recognized that these civil wars weakened the Greeks. Hence the truce while the games were in progress. So, it might be said, the first Olympic Games were the first recognition that international cooperation is the first essential of world peace.

These early Greeks also discovered that in CLEAN SPORT nations can find a common interest. That was an interesting discovery. If you watched the wind-up of the Winter Olympics at Squaw Valley Sunday, you must have noted that sportsmen of many nations, including Americans and Russians, came together in a common enterprise in which good sportsmanship prevailed and NO FIGHTS BROKE OUT.

THE OLYMPIC games were held every four years, and

this four-year period was known as an Olympiad. The first known Olympiad began in 776 B.C., and the Greeks dated all events from that time. The games endured, at four-year intervals, until A.D. 394, when the Roman emperor Theodosius forbade them.

They vanished from history for 1500 years, when an international committee made arrangements to revive them and to hold the contests every four years in different countries. The first revival was in Paris in 1900. They were abandoned in 1916 during World War I and again in 1940 during World War II.

IN CONCLUSION— I suppose that, like everyone else, you have been acutely disappointed by the rather poor showing made by Americans during the Winter Olympics session that has just concluded.

We have reason to be disappointed and a little uneasy. The reason lies in the history of Ancient Greece. The ancient Greeks were a bold and brash people. As did we in our early history, they tended to model their thinking and their actions on the motto that the bigger they are the harder they fall.

As their civilization advanced, as they began to have more and more creature comforts, as they began to rely on SLAVES, their fiber deteriorated.

WE'RE BEGINNING to rely on slaves—mechanical slaves, not human slaves. But our mechanical slaves may be doing for us what human slaves did for the Ancient Greeks. They may be weakening our fiber. They may be undermining the bold and brash belief of our early ancestors that THE BIGGER THEY ARE THE HARDER THEY FALL.

One hopes not—but history tells us it could be true.

## American Can To Build Eugene Plant

San Francisco—UPI—American Can Company announced Tuesday that a new plant occupying 70,000 square feet of floor area in Eugene will be built by the Gale M. Roberts company. The Roberts construction firm is headquartered in Eugene. The announcement came from George P. Saunders, an American Can Company official.

## Van Rie Freed on Charge of Killing Chicago Divorcee

Boston—UPI—Handsome Dutch radio operator Willem Van Rie, 31, was acquitted today by a jury that deliberated all night on charges that he murdered his shipboard paramour.

The foreman of the all-male jury returned the verdict in a tense courtroom after more than 15 hours of deliberation.

### Cleared of All Counts

Van Rie was cleared of all counts in the death of pretty Chicago divorcee Lynn Kauffman, 23, whose body was found washed up on a Boston Harbor island Sept. 19. That was the day after the steamer Utrecht left here for New York on the final leg of a 44-day voyage from Singapore.

At a news conference shortly after his acquittal, Van Rie said he believed Miss Kauffman "committed suicide. I am convinced of it."

### Worrying for Months

"I have been worrying and waiting five months for this moment and now, whisk," the smiling Van Rie told newsmen, motoring with a wide sweep of his arms.

Van Rie stood ramrod straight in the prisoner's box as the verdict was read.

### Thanks Jury

Tears welling in his eyes, he said in a trembling voice: "I thank you members of the jury..." He tried to say more but was cut off by a court officer.

Van Rie's wife, Nella, 31, who came from Holland to be with him after his arrest, burst into tears as her husband was led from the courtroom a free man.

## Man Injured as Car Fails to Make Curve

Gerard Paul Jones, route 2, box 437, Gold Hill, received slight injuries Monday evening on the Ramsey Canyon rd. when his car failed to make a curve, state police said.

Jones was traveling north on Ramsey Canyon rd., about 1 1/2 miles from Sams Valley rd. when his car went off a curve, hit a ditch with the left front side of the car, then spun around.

Jones refused medical attention, police said.

The power installations at Sweden's large hydro-electric station at Harpranget are built in rock 250 feet below ground.

## Grange News

Jackson County Representatives from the majority of Jackson county Granges were in attendance at the February meeting of the Jackson County Grange Festival at Central Point Grange hall with Chairman Victor Croxton presiding.

More definite plans were made for the affair and committees were appointed. Chairmen include Dee Hendrickson, ticket salesman; Charles Moorehouse, grounds; Alva Walker, Herman Kamping, and Bob Bitterling, purchasing; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Walker, games; Mrs. J. A. Edge and Mrs. Bitterling, music; Mrs. O. T. Wilson, publicity; and Mrs. Cassie Golding, menu.

Mrs. Golding will confer with the home economics club chairman of all county granges at the county council meeting in April.

The overall picture of the summer affair includes a full day of activities with a morning of games and contests for old and young, a barbecue dinner, and music until 5 p.m. The evening program will be furnished by each county grange in a competitive order with money prizes for the first, second, and third place winners as judged. It will be held at Eagle Point. The evening will close with square dancing.

The group will meet for further plans at Griffin Creek in April.

Mrs. Anna Scott, the corresponding secretary, was instructed to send letters of information to Granges not represented at the meeting.

## Paper Production Declared Archaic

Salem—UPI—Erwin D. Canham, editor of the Christian Science Monitor, said Tuesday that methods of newspaper production are now "only slightly" different than that of half a century ago and he termed this archaic and "a scandal."

He said newspapers should "learn to use the technological advances which have aided so many other endeavors."

Canham was here for the National Chamber of Commerce's "Aircade for Congressional Action," a top-echelon discussion group on a national 12-stop air tour.

Canham, president of the national chamber, said that both unions and publishers are guilty of the slow production techniques advance.

He said that radio and television have not been a detriment to newspapers but have aided them. They create interest for one another, he said.

About 76 per cent of all the nation's dope addicts are found in four states: New York, Illinois, California and Michigan.

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## Court Records

MUNICIPAL COURT  
Oliver Oring, Ogie, no vehicle registration plates displayed, \$2.50.

David Ross Ryden, no operator's license in possession, \$10.  
Henry Martin Dalton, improper left turn, \$5.

Raymond Allen Morton, no vehicle registration plates displayed, \$2.50.

DISTRICT COURT  
Wayne M. Turpic, failure to punch steelhead card, \$30.

James W. Barnard, excessive overcharge, \$15.

David W. Hunter, excessive declared weight, \$15.

David O. Turner, failure to dim lights, \$7.50.

Ralph L. Anderson, failure to signal, \$10.

David R. Neet, racing on highway, \$30.

William H. Krier, 203 North Peach st., driving while license suspended, \$105.

Albert C. Johnson, failure to stop, \$10.

Raymond Anderson, parking on highway, \$7.50.

Marian M. Vanice, failure to stop, \$10.

Herb E. Russell, failure to stop, \$10.

Lloyd P. Black, no rear vision, \$6.

Rebeca J. Higdon, failure to stop, \$10 and \$10.

Walter L. Miller, failure to yield the right of way, \$15.

CIRCUIT COURT  
Jack Schiro vs. Shirley Schiro, divorce complaint.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS  
George Wesley Rambo, Roseburg, Ore., and Margaret Ruth Taylor, route 1, box 233, Central Point.

The United States has enough proven reserves of bituminous coal to last about 1,000 years and enough anthracite for 250 years or more.

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## Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

SOMERSET MAUGHAM recalls his elation when Sir Edmund Gosse, dean of English critics, wrote an enthusiastic review of Maugham's first novel, *Liza of Lambeth*, in 1897. Until he died some 30 years later, however, Sir Edmund never saw Maugham, who by now had written *Of Human Bondage*, *The Moon and Sixpence*, and a half dozen great play hits, without patting him on the shoulder and murmuring, "Capital piece of work, that *Liza of Lambeth*. How smart you were never to write anything else!"



Alexander Woolcott and Heywood Brown, who met often at parties, but disliked each other thoroughly, were once fellow-celebrities at an autographing party in a big Cleveland department store. Brown was photographed holding a copy of Woolcott's book in his hands. "Why don't you hold your own book?" scoffed Woolcott. Brown answered softly, "My books are all sold out."

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