

KENNEDY ASKS HUGE RECOVERY PROGRAM

Person Fatally Burned in Wednesday Night House Fire



HOME DESTROYED — Numbers of curious on-lookers hampered efforts of firemen to quell flames which took the life of one man and destroyed the two-story frame house above. One body, believed to be that of Owen P. Short, 46, was found in the basement of the house, located on Carpenter Hill road. Tankers from the Medford fire department had difficulty getting close enough to the house where the pumper truck was parked because cars of excited spectators crowded the roads and driveways in the vicinity.

Minimum Age for Children Entering School Discussed

Salem — (UPI) — Mothers, fathers and educators joined forces Wednesday to tell the House Education committee that maturity, not age, should be the deciding factor on when a child starts school.

But they split sharply on whether — in the absence of adequate tests — a bill should be passed to raise the minimum age for youngsters entering first grade by switching the six-year-old deadline from Nov. 15 back to July 1.

The change would mean children whose birthdays fall between the two dates would have to wait a year longer than presently.

Both parents and teachers spoke on both sides of the question, at a crowded 2½ hour hearing.

Would Eliminate Many

Cecil Posep, secretary of the Oregon Education association, said the average age when children are first able to cope with abstract thinking involved in first grade reading and arithmetic is between six years and two months and six years and five months.

He said raising the age requirement would eliminate many youngsters who fail because they are not mentally ready for first grade thinking.

He said the legislation was "permissive" so that schools could agree to accept younger children if they were advanced. Most parents said they doubted the schools would do this.

Posep said Sept. 1 might be accepted as a compromise date.

Richard Hines, principal of Washington school in Eugene, said the aim of starting youngsters to school when they were mentally and emotionally ready was "fine, but this should be accomplished through kindergarten preparation and testing, and not through setting a flat age requirement."

WEATHER

FORECAST: Valley fog or low cloudiness tonight. Mostly cloudy with showers Friday. Low tonight 38. High Friday 55. Tomorrow 45-55.

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today	5:26 a.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	7:24 a.m.
Moonrise tonight	1:36 p.m.
Last quarter	Feb. 8
PROMINENT STARS	
Regulus, leads the Moon.	
Venus, low in west.	8:36 p.m.
Mars, high in south.	9:19 p.m.
Jupiter and Saturn, rise	6:45 a.m.

'Silly Dog' Jumps on Back of Portland Woman

Portland — (UPI) — Said Mrs. Walker Mark to herself: "Look at that silly dog!"

That was before the "dog" got close enough to see in the rain.

The animal was Tanga, a 3-year-old cheetah that had escaped from a cage in the rear of the Dr. W. Donald Nickelsen residence Wednesday night.

"Then it jumped on my back," Mrs. Mark said, "I was so scared that I just screamed and kept on walking. I was afraid to run because I didn't know what to do."

Mrs. Wayne Rasmussen, a neighbor, saw the leopard-sized cat jump and ran in her house and called the police.

Dr. Nickelsen arrived on the scene on the heels of the police. He said his pet doesn't bite and can't claw anyone.

By the time the police arrived, Tanga had sought shelter from the rain under a porch. Dr. Nickelsen walked up to the cat, took her by the collar and led her away.

Kennedy To Lift Restrictions on Families Abroad

News Conference Told of Savings

Washington — (UPI) — President Kennedy announced Wednesday that restrictions imposed by the Eisenhower administration on the number of military dependents abroad are being lifted.

He told his second White House news conference that Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara had found ways to make an equivalent savings in dollars.

The President said top military leaders were concerned with the impact on morale and the effect on reenlistments.

Inasmuch as the Defense Department expects to make an equivalent savings of dollars spent abroad, he said, the action does not mean any weakening in his determination to protect the value of the dollar.

Antirecession Measures

Kennedy also announced two new antirecession measures — the establishment of five pilot projects for food stamp distribution in areas of maximum chronic unemployment, and a speedup in payment of veterans insurance dividend checks.

The actions, he said, will "assist the economy at this critical time."

Kennedy also said: "He has instructed the Federal Housing Administration to reduce the maximum interest rate on FHA insured loans from 5 1/2 to 5 1/8 per cent to stimulate new home construction."

Action will be taken by the government's Communities Facilities Administration to reduce rates on new loans for public facilities.

The housing and Home Finance Agency has been instructed to "hasten" its building projects wherever possible.

In discussing his antirecession plans, the President said the food stamp program — by which needy families exchange federally supplied stamps for various types of food at the grocery store — would be established in five points.

He said one would be in West Virginia, one in Pennsylvania, one in southern Illinois, one in eastern Kentucky and one at a location "yet to be determined."

Each state has areas plagued by substantial long-term unemployment.

Chamber's Annual Dinner Friday

The annual dinner of the Medford Chamber of Commerce will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3, in the Valley Country Club. Dr. Howard W. Runkel of Willamette University speech and drama department will be the main speaker.

Short talks will be made by Gerald Latham, outgoing president, and Robert Taylor, new president. Reservations should be made immediately by those planning to attend.

Drain Robbery Suspect Arraigned

Portland — (UPI) — Donald Gene Kelso, 35, chief suspect on the \$2,400 robbery of the Drain branch of the U.S. National Bank last week, was arraigned on a charge of bank robbery before U.S. Commissioner Claire Mundorf Wednesday.

Kelso, father of five children, was placed in the custody of the U.S. Marshal and sent to the Multnomah county jail in lieu of \$10,000 bail.

Kelso was arrested by state police at Drain last Thursday night.

Passengers Leave Hijacked Vessel

Recife, Brazil — (UPI) — The hijacked Portuguese liner Santa Maria pulled into the port of Recife today and began landing the exhausted passengers who had been held captive 12 days.

Two ocean-going Brazilian tug boats moved alongside the 20,000-ton liner and a stream of doctors and medical authorities went aboard to check the condition of the passengers.

The first passengers boarded the tug for transfer to shore where Red Cross ambulances waited to take the more seriously ill to hospitals. Buses were on hand to take the other passengers into the town.

Memorial Urges Defense Projects

Salem — (UPI) — A memorial has been introduced by Sen. Daniel Thiel (D-Astoria) urging Congress to authorize more defense projects for Oregon.

TO ELIMINATE JOBS

Washington — (UPI) — A report to President Kennedy estimates that machines will eliminate 4 million office and clerical jobs in the next five years, it was disclosed today.

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Talent Woman Killed In Auto, Truck Accident

Another Woman Hurt In Morning Crash

One woman was killed and another injured in a car-truck collision on Highway 99 in front of the Jackson county farm home this morning.

Dead is Charlotte Mae Dailey, 32, of route one, box 483, Talent. Reported to be in good condition at Sacred Heart hospital is Alice Marie Shiltz, 21, also of route one, box 483, Talent.

State police said both women were in a car that was struck by a Los Angeles-Seaside Motor Express tractor truck about 7 a.m. Police said it has not yet been ascertained which of the two women was driving the car.

Both the truck and the car had been headed north on Highway 99, according to police, when the car slowed to turn into the farm home and was struck from the rear by the truck.

The car was knocked for a distance of about 100 feet, state police said, and was a total wreck. The truck continued on for some distance until the trailer tipped over on its side. The extent of damage to the truck was not immediately known.

Neither the driver of the truck, Raymond Dwight Pedersen, 45, Beaverton, Ore., nor his passenger were injured. Pedersen was not held, police said.

Both women were reported to be employees at the farm home.

Festival Moves Offices To Hotel

Ashland — The office of the Oregon Shakespearean Festival association will be moved into the Mark Antony hotel, it was decided last night by the festival board.

The office has been in the Ashland Chamber of Commerce office, just off the Plaza, for the past seven years.

The board last night approved a two-year lease agreement between the festival and the hotel, providing two rooms just off the hotel's mezzanine, plus reception space on the mezzanine itself.

The contract includes an option agreement for a three-year renewal at the end of the lease period.

Both the board and the hotel felt it would be mutually helpful for the festival office to be in this location.

The chamber building space has been rent free to the festival. The new arrangement involves provision of advertising for the hotel through festival publications in lieu of cash rent.

The board decided on the change because of the growing need for more office space and a more central location. Prior to moving to the chamber building, the festival operated out of the little box office at the theater.

Bid Received on Tunnel Approaches

Sacramento, Calif. — (UPI) — The California Division of Highways Wednesday received a low bid of \$2,186,789 for construction of approaches to the Oregon mountain tunnel.

The low bidder was Morrison-Knudsen Co., Seattle. The contract calls for grading and paving 4.2 miles of approaches to the tunnel on Highway 199 south of the Oregon line.

Eisenhower Returns To Gettysburg Farm

Gettysburg, Pa. — (UPI) — Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower came home to his Gettysburg farm in near-zero temperatures early today after a 10-day vacation and hunting trip in the southland.

MAY BE SATELLITE

Bochum, Germany — (UPI) — Astronomers at the Bochum Observatory picked up a signal from space today which they said might have come from a new Soviet satellite.

WOULD SPEED WORK

Salem — (UPI) — Rep. Edward N. Fodeley (D-Eugene) has introduced a bill that would speed up construction of small watershed projects.

"All Right — Everybody Up — Let's Go"



County To Benefit From New Forest

A proposed new national forest consisting largely of Klamath Indian lands will be generally beneficial to Jackson county, J. Herbert Stone, Pacific Northwest Regional Forester, told a meeting here yesterday afternoon.

There were no objections voiced to Stone's proposal. Similar meetings have been held in Klamath Falls and Lakeview.

Creation of the new national forest covering about 900,000 acres will mean a greater share of Rogue River national forest timber receipts for Jackson county, the regional forester said. Although a new national forest administration must be set up it will not interfere with scheduled timber sales in this area. Administrative costs within the district will be increased with the establishment of the new headquarters staff, but this will be justified in supervision and service, Stone said. The multiple use concept will be continued.

Klamath Falls Headquarters

The new national forest with headquarters in Klamath Falls would consist of reservation lands, the entire existing Klamath district of the Rogue River national forest, parts of the Silver Lake district of the Fremont National forest and the Crescent district of the Deschutes national forest. Under this organization a part of the reservation area could best be managed as part of

Estimated Harvest

Estimated timber harvest from the new forest would be 90 million board feet. Following the reorganization of the timber lands, Rogue River forest would have an estimated 135 million board feet to harvest, Fremont, 127 million board feet and Deschutes 138 million board feet.

The new forest would have 900,633 acres, Rogue River, 620,592 acres compared to the present 888,493 acres, Fremont, 1,217,292 acres compared to 1,254,808 acres and Deschutes, 1,587,698 acres compared to 1,639,370 acres.

Stone's recommendation has been forwarded to Dr. Richard E. McArdle, chief of the U.S. Forest Service, Washington, D.C.

"There will be no redistribution of the supervisory office staff on the west side of the Cascades since this is where most of the work load in the national forests is carried," Stone said. "The changeover to the new national forest will be set up in the next few weeks. A skeleton crew will be established at first. After April 1 we hope to go ahead with timber sales in the new national forest."

Nunn To Attend Welfare Hearing

Salem — (UPI) — Gov. Mark Hatfield said today he will not appear in person at the Tuesday night hearing here to discuss operations of the State Welfare Commission.

Hatfield will be represented by Wayne Nunn, his administrative assistant.

The hearing will be conducted by the House Committee on State and Federal Affairs and Public Health and Welfare.

The groups want to hear testimony on Hatfield's charges that the commission is not doing its job. Nunn will cover the governor's relationship with the commission over the past two years.

London — (UPI) — Prince Charles, 12, heir to the British throne, has the measles, it was announced today.

Punxsutawney Groundhog Gets Faint Glimpse of Shadow; More Winter Due

Punxsutawney, Pa. — (UPI) — The Punxsutawney groundhog nearly misled the nation on the course of the weather for the next six weeks today when he cast a shadow so faint that observers thought for a while there was no shadow at all.

The grizzled old gentleman of Gobbler's Knob emerged from his lair at 7:41 a.m., only two minutes after sunrise, shuddered in 3 below zero temperature and cast the barely visible shadow. That means, according to an 80-year-old tradition, that the nation can expect six more weeks of winter.

One of the faithful followers of the furry weather prognosticator, who at first failed to see the shadow, exclaimed gleefully: "The dark goodness, we've seen an end to the lousy winter."

If there are any groundhogs around here, they probably got their noses wet if they came out of their holes this morning. But if they did come out, they certainly didn't see their shadows so spring shouldn't be far behind.

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Extension of Unemployment Benefits Urged

Minimum Wage Increase Stressed

Washington — (UPI) — President Kennedy asked Congress today for a multibillion dollar economic "road-to-recovery" program containing increased social security benefits for 4.6 million persons on April 1.

In a 7,500-word message to the House and Senate, Kennedy also recommended emergency extension of unemployment benefits, an increase in

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the minimum wage to \$1.25 an hour, faster federal spending on highways and public works and aid for depressed areas.

Kennedy announced in the message that unemployment rose another 900,000 in January to bring the estimated number of jobless to 5,400,000. He stressed that unemployment has been rising since last summer and "has reached serious proportions in these rigorous winter months."

Might Get Worse

The President, who pictured the U.S. economy as sagging badly in a time of world crisis, warned that the slump might get worse unless Congress swiftly approved his 12-point program.

"The nation cannot — and will not be satisfied with economic decline and slack," he said in projecting a three-year drive to restore America's "vigor and vitality."

The Kennedy program would, if approved, soon boost the wages and welfare benefits of millions of Americans and give the economy a massive injection of buying power.

The President did not put a price tag on his antirecession package. White House officials declined to estimate its overall cost but said it would not be above \$5 billion.

Under the Kennedy program, however, expanded social security benefits would be paid for by an increase of one-fourth of 1 per cent in payroll taxes on employees and workers, starting two years from now. Employers covered by the unemployment insurance system would finance the extension of jobless benefits by paying higher taxes starting next Jan. 1.

Mentions Tax Incentives

In his only reference to income taxes, Kennedy said he expected to recommend revision of these levies soon to provide additional "incentives" for corporate spending on plant and equipment.

He also declared that loss of revenue as a result of any such change would be offset by elimination of "several unwarranted special tax benefits" and more efficient tax collection. There was no elaboration on either point.

Train Derailment Takes Seven Lives

Bowie, Md. — (UPI) — At least seven persons were killed and 50 injured today when three coaches and two diesel engines of a Pennsylvania Railroad special train were derailed and overturned on route from Philadelphia to the Bowie race track, the Maryland state police reported.

State police headquarters at Pikesville, Md., said emergency crews were searching the wreckage for more casualties.

The Army base at Fort Meade, Md., sent 12 ambulances, four doctors and a special vehicle equipped with stretchers and other emergency equipment. Special wards were being set up at the base to handle any injured brought there.