

The Week in California

Search for Family in Humboldt County Ends in Arkansas Home

By United Press International

An intensive air and land search over Humboldt county's rugged mountains and deep canyons was in mid word last week when word came from Arkansas that the quarry, a family of seven, was living on a ranch 15 miles north of a town called Mountain Home. The family, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie A. Hancock and their five teenage children, had been missing since July 10. Authorities were convinced that their disappearance boded "fatal play," or a "fatal accident."

But Baxter County Sheriff Jack Gregory reported that the Hancocks were alive and well. He said that he learned of their presence when one of the children, 18-year-old Dorothy, told him that her father, Lonnie, 44, was holding the other family members against their will.

The girl said that her father, a retired Air Force master sergeant, had been living with four of the children in San Diego county. On July 10, he drove to Humboldt county, where his wife was living with another child, and there forced all of them at gunpoint to drive with him to their former home in the Ozark mountains.

As the week closed, two Humboldt county officials were on their way to Arkansas with a warrant charging Hancock with assault with a deadly weapon. Arkansas officials and the federal government have refused to prosecute — as one official explained — because Mrs. Hancock had several opportunities to escape, but failed to do so.

Also toward the close of the week the California Pub-

lic Utilities Commission, by a 4 to 1 vote, ordered an investigation into the rates and practices of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company. The Commission gave no reason for its action, but in a dissenting opinion, Commissioner C. Lyn Fox said that the investigation might have been ordered because PT&T appeared to be earning more than its authorized 6.75 per cent return on investments. The excess was estimated at .0016 per cent, but it would amount to many millions of dollars.

The proposed investigation aroused speculation that the Commission might look into California's all-digit dialing controversy. Although the dispute was not mentioned in the Commission order, it could be presented in the hearings because of the general nature of the investigation. The hearings were expected to be scheduled later this year.

Population: California's population, racing to exceed that of New York has increased 8.8 per cent since the 1960 census. Population experts in the state department of finance said that the growth had not been uniform through the state. While eight counties grew at a rate more than twice that of the state as a whole, six mountain counties lost population. As of July 1, the state's estimated population in all counties was 17,094,000.

Kennedy: President Kennedy is going to be in California this year for groundbreaking ceremonies at San Luis dam and reservoir about 12 miles west of Los Banos. The President's visit was con-

firmed in a telegram from Interior Secretary Stewart Udall to Ralph M. Brody, general manager and chief counsel for the Westlands Water district.

Oroville: A construction combine, composed of eight firms from seven states, submitted a low bid of \$120,863,333 for construction of Oroville Dam, a key unit in California's vast water development system. Oroville, scheduled for completion in 1968, is to be the highest dam in the United States, and the highest earthfill dam in the world. It will rise 735 feet above the Feather river bottom about three miles northeast of Oroville and will store 3.5 million acre-feet of water, or enough to cover the State of Connecticut to a depth of one foot.

Nisei: Gov. Edmund G. Brown was among those who issued protests last week after learning the government planned to put a capital gains tax on awards granted to Japanese-Americans under the 1957 Japanese evacuation claims act. Brown called the action "unfair" and said that he would take the matter to the White House. An official of the Japanese-American Citizens League called it a "dirty trick." The protesters said that they would seek relief from Congress.

Adventists: More than 10,000 members of the Seventh Day Adventists church began the church's 49th Quadrennial World Conference in San Francisco Thursday night. The delegates brought together delegates from more than 100 countries. In pre-convention activity, Arthur L. Bietz of Glendale told about 1,000 other churchmen that "the re-

Anti-Pregnancy Compound Found To Increase Fertility

Seattle—(UPI)—A simple compound taken by women to prevent pregnancy appears to have the qualities of increasing fertility threefold when taken by men, according to Dr. Carl G. Heller.

The compound, known to chemists as norethandrolone and known even better by several trade names, suppresses fertility in men while being taken. But when the treatment ceases, fertility is increased by as much as three times, Heller said his preliminary studies showed.

Dr. Heller, a physician in both Seattle and Portland, Ore., said his research into the uses of the drug was not complete, but that preliminary tests conducted on Oregon State penitentiary convict volunteers here indicated that the compound could be used practically for birth control.

In Common Use
He said these pills are quite commonly used by women. But it was not until their use was transferred to men that their dual role was revealed. "We have not completely analyzed the data, but we know it is more successful than any previous methods that have been studied," he said.

He said that 29 per cent of couples studied who had virtually no chance of pregnancy without help, were able to have children after using the compound.

Discovery of the phenomenon came by chance, Heller said, while he and his associates at the Pacific Northwest Research Foundation were studying pituitary gland activity and hormone production. The studies are financed largely by the National In-

stitute of Health of the U.S. Public Health Service. Heller pointed out that he and his associates are physiologists and chemists concerned with the science of endocrinology and the effect the studies might have on mankind in general he leaves up to the social scientists.

Convicts are used for the tests, he said, because they are available over a long period of time and can be found when they are wanted. They get paid in cash, not in time off of their sentences.

Heller said the volunteers are fully protected and there was no danger of their reproductive ability being impaired by the tests. In fact, he added, some of the convicts who had taken the pills for six to 12 weeks and then laid off found 10 to 20 weeks later that they were three times as potent, and there was absolutely no damage to their reproductive organs.

The foundation's study also involves a compound known as diamines, which also suppresses fertility. The governments of India and Pakistan are interested in this study and have indicated they plan to pattern their research after that of Heller's group.

Intolerance To Alcohol
This drug, which also is being tested on convicts, leaves patients with a complete intolerance to alcohol. In other words, anyone who takes the drug and then drinks alcohol in any form becomes quite sick.

"Even a half of glass of beer will do the trick," Heller said.

Complete testing of the effects of diamines requires a country where alcohol is taboo, such as India and Islamic Pakistan. Diamines inhibit the formation of male sperm in its final stage so that it remains immature or matures abnormally and is rejected in the ovum.

Heller, who was married last Monday, leaves with his bride today on a honeymoon trip through South America. In Rio de Janeiro he will present a paper on his findings at the 4th international meeting on sterility. En route home they will stop at Quebec to attend a medical association meeting.

Russians Launch Seventh Cosmos

Moscow—(UPI)—The Soviet Union Saturday successfully fired into orbit the seventh of its unmanned "cosmos" space-probing satellites to gather data on the "radiation hazards for long space flights," the Tass News Agency announced.

Tass said "Cosmos 7" was circling the earth every 90.1 minutes at an angle of inclination to the equator of 65 degrees. It made no reference to the possibility of bringing it back to earth.

However, the angle was the same at which both Soviet cosmonauts, Yuri Gagarin and Gherman Titov, were sent into orbit. It was also the same angle at which "Cosmos 4" was orbited and brought back to earth.

Of the six previous unmanned "Cosmos" Sputniks launched since the research program began last March 16, only "Cosmos 4" was reported recovered. Tass said the Sputnik, orbited on April 26, was brought back safely three days later after a voyage of about 1,240,000 miles through space.

22 Area Students Enrolled at SOC

Ashland—Freshman Oregon college drew 22 fall term freshmen from the Medford area last week.

Students enrolling are Eugenia Antley, Judith Lynn Booth, Patricia Lynn Brown, Denis Gaster, Jo Ann King, Carolynn Knoll, Gordon McVay, William Reich, Jackie Rummel, Lois Stedman, Cheryl Taylor, Joan Ward, all of Medford; Arthur Diederich, Talent; Bertha Hasler, Glenda Hull, Joyce Myers, Jane Ann Solson, Janis Owens, Edyth Vair and Elaine Wilson, Central Point; Kathleen Helen McGuire and Harold Petersen, Eagle Point. Pre-registration will continue each Wednesday until Aug. 6 starting at 9 a.m. at the college. Placement tests and counseling will start at that hour in Britt Memorial hall, Dr. Fellers said.

ART THIEVES HUNTED
Harlem, Holland—GPI—Dutch police called in Interpol Sunday to help them in their hunt for the thieves who stole \$150,000 worth of paintings from a villa near here. The four paintings included a self-portrait by Rembrandt.



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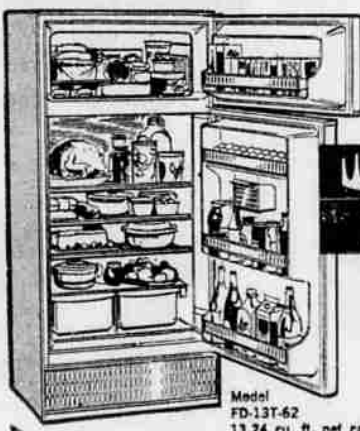
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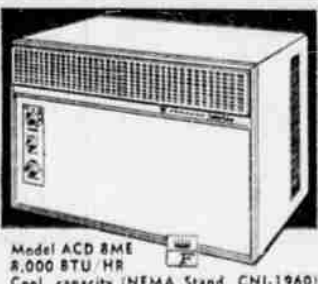
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