

HOUSE SLAPS SKIDS UNDER OPA

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
THESE words are written in San Francisco, after having driven down. It still seems a little odd to drive. Wartime is so recent that one catches himself feeling a little guilty about it.

Maybe that is one reason it is so pleasant. Stolen pleasures always carry a thrill. It shouldn't be that way, but there are so many side issues of human nature that shouldn't be as they are.

Somewhat it takes a little edge off the keenness of the joy when one realizes that after all there is no reason why he shouldn't be driving down to the city.

ON the edge of Weed, there is a sickening sound from the rear area. A tire has gone down.

Do you remember that cartoon of Bill Mauldin in which the old cavalry officer is pointing his pistol at his disabled jeep and holding his other hand over his eyes so they won't have to see what he is about to do to an old and loyal friend?

Well, that's about the way this writer felt about that faithful tire that had seen him through all the years of the war shortage. Heaving its dis-emboweled carcass off to one side seemed a heartless thing to do.

If there had been a spade handy, I think I'd have given it a decent burial, and dropped a flower atop the little mound of earth.

(AND possibly a tear as well. The tire situation still isn't such that one can see a casing disappear over the last horizon without a feeling of deep personal loss.)

THE roads on this sunny, warm Sunday are full of cars.

Likewise full of cops. In Mt. Shasta City the plaintive note of a siren sounds in the rearward distance, and a glance at the windshield mirror reveals a police car approaching. It pulls up and stops, and a state policeman seems to pass over the cloud.

A cloud seems to pass over the sun. You know the feeling. HE asks for the driver's license. Fortunately it is where it ought to be. In incidents of this sort, one's driver's license is usually reposing safely in the pocket of his other suit.

(Like tire chains—which, when needed, are almost invariably hanging at home on a nail on the garage wall.)

He looks the license over, and finds it (also fortunately) in order. Then he says, in a kindly voice and with a reproving smile: "You were still within a 25-mile zone, and you were going quite a little more than 25 miles per hour."

It is my duty to call your attention to the fact that posting at a startling rate and to the further fact that in the war years highway casualties at home approximated the war casualties. Please be more careful."

"I'm sure he was about to add: 'Go, my child, and sin no more,' but thought better of it."

IF he had used the line that runs something like this: "Hey, Bud, where's the fire, and what do you think you're doing going there so fast" and had gone on from there in the tone that cops sometimes use in their more impatient contacts with citizens and taxpayers who are ignoring rules that are made for the public's protection, it is likely that this writer (who is at least no better than average) would thereafter have kept a sharp eye on the rear-view mirror but otherwise would not have altered his procedures or his regard for 25-mile zones and such.

As it was, thanks to this display of official courtesy and consideration, he did his darndest to be law-abiding from there on.

It often works that way.

Farewell Dinner Will Honor 'Cog'

A community farewell dinner honoring Capt. and Mrs. Lowell T. Coggeshall will be held at the Willard hotel Friday evening, April 26, under sponsorship of the military affairs committee of the Klamath County chamber of commerce.

All friends and well-wishers of the popular Marine Barracks couple are invited to attend, according to Marshall Cornell, chairman of the committee. Reservations should be made by next Thursday at the chamber of commerce office, phone 5193, and tickets will be picked up there.

Captain Coggeshall is returning to Michigan after two and one-half years at Klamath Falls, where he has been chief medical officer of the Klamath Falls Marine Barracks. He is considered the nation's No. 1 authority on tropical diseases.

"Capt. Coggeshall has been more than a military sojourner in Klamath Falls—he has been an active citizen of this community," said Cornell. "We hope there will be a fine turnout at this testimonial dinner."

KF Airmen To Prepare Proposition

Navy Order To Take Planes From Field Causes Action

Klamath aviation men were to meet late today to prepare a definite proposition to the city to assume responsibilities at the municipal airport pending final decision on the administration of the field by the community.

The flying men have previously stated informally they would undertake the operation of the field until the beginning of the fiscal year, when it is expected municipal funds can be budgeted.

The matter is now coming to a head as a result of a blunt directive from the navy yesterday ordering civilian fliers off the field. The navy action came after the city airport commission twice refused to execute revocable permits which the navy offered to make civilian use of the field possible under an orderly arrangement.

Shape Plan

Five operators of flying services and others will be represented at a meeting of the private fliers today, to shape the definite proposition to the city.

The city airport commission has not scheduled a meeting since the navy action, and Mayor Ed Ostendorf is out of town. The proposed joint meeting between city officials and airmen proposed by the chamber of commerce directors will not be held until next week when the mayor is back.

Jack Murphy, a member of the airport commission, said today that he wants to be on record publicly as favored progressive policies with respect to the airport. He said he had favored approval of the revocable permit, and wants to see a plan worked out that will put civilian flying on the field immediately in an amicable arrangement with the navy.

Tex Rankin, well known aviator, commented at yesterday's chamber of commerce directors' meeting that Klamath's airport is "one of the finest in America."

"I don't see how you can lose it," he said in connection with the future administration of the field.

1 Dead, 7 Hurt In Mill Blast

SEATTLE, April 18 (AP)—John R. Tondervold was injured fatally and seven other men hurt, two seriously, in an explosion that crashed yesterday at the Northwest Steel Rolling Mills, Inc. plant when molten metal was poured accidentally into a cooling trough.

Tondervold, a crane operator, was directly above the blast. His body covered with burns, he lived about seven hours.

Norman Smith and Michael Blakney, members of the ladle crew working with Tondervold, suffered serious burns.

The explosion blasted out a portion of the roof of the plant and jarred houses in an area of several blocks around.

Harry L. Goetz Jr., assistant engineer, said the crew was returning a ladle of molten steel to a furnace for reheating and some of the metal poured into the cooling trough. Workers 100 feet away were hit by bits of flying steel.

Singer, Wife Will Hear Church Chimes

HOLLYWOOD, April 18 (AP)—For 13 years, Singer Perry Como and his wife, Roselle, high school sweethearts, have wanted a church wedding. And, says Como, they're going to have it.

"I'll be the groom, probably in the east," the crooner announced. "We're waiting until I finish a picture."

They were first wed by a Justice of the peace.

Unique Legal Scheme Keeps Vanport City Schools Open

VANPORT CITY, Ore., April 18 (AP)—A 50 mill tax voted by this war built city's only eligible taxpayer elector—a woman school principal—has assured the school district's 2,400 pupils that class bells will ring again next year.

Purchase of a single share of stock in a utility firm owning property in the federal housing project qualified principal Laura Kellar as Vanport's only resident taxpayer. Her vote for a \$10,730 tax levy increased the rate from 1.5 to 50 mills, and would require the federal government to pay \$300,000 in lieu of taxes.

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Railroad Pay Hike Favored

Smoke Of War Hides Fate Of 2

CHUNGKING, April 18 (AP)—The fate of an American officer and his pilot was hidden by the smoke of battle in Changchun today as Chinese communist forces captured the Yamato hotel, where the two had been staying.

Destroyed telephone communications made impossible a check into the fate of the two—Maj. Robert B. Rigg of Chicago, assistant military attache, and M/Sgt. Clayton Pond of Portland, Ore.

News of the capture of the hotel from government forces came in a fragmentary dispatch sent from the embattled city by Associated Press Correspondent Tom Masterson, cut off there with four other correspondents.

Gunfire Roars

As General Marshall, special U. S. envoy, flew here in a supreme effort to bring peace to Manchuria, gunfire roared through the streets of Changchun. Communist forces threatened to overwhelm completely the small national garrison fighting from sandbag defenses in the center of the city.

Marshall headed for Chungking after receiving reports of the Manchurian situation during a brief stopover at Peiping en route from the United States.

With him on the flight were his wife and Lt. Gen. Alvan C. Gillem Jr., veteran army officer who had tried unsuccessfully in Marshall's absence to end civil strife in Manchuria as Marshall had ended it in China.

While Chungking awaited Marshall's first action, there was speculation among many Chinese leaders that he bore a firm U. S. demand for an immediate cease-fire pact in Manchuria.

Marshall arrived in mid-afternoon and was greeted by Madame Chiang Kai-shek, Communist Gen. Chou En-lai, and other leaders of both factions.

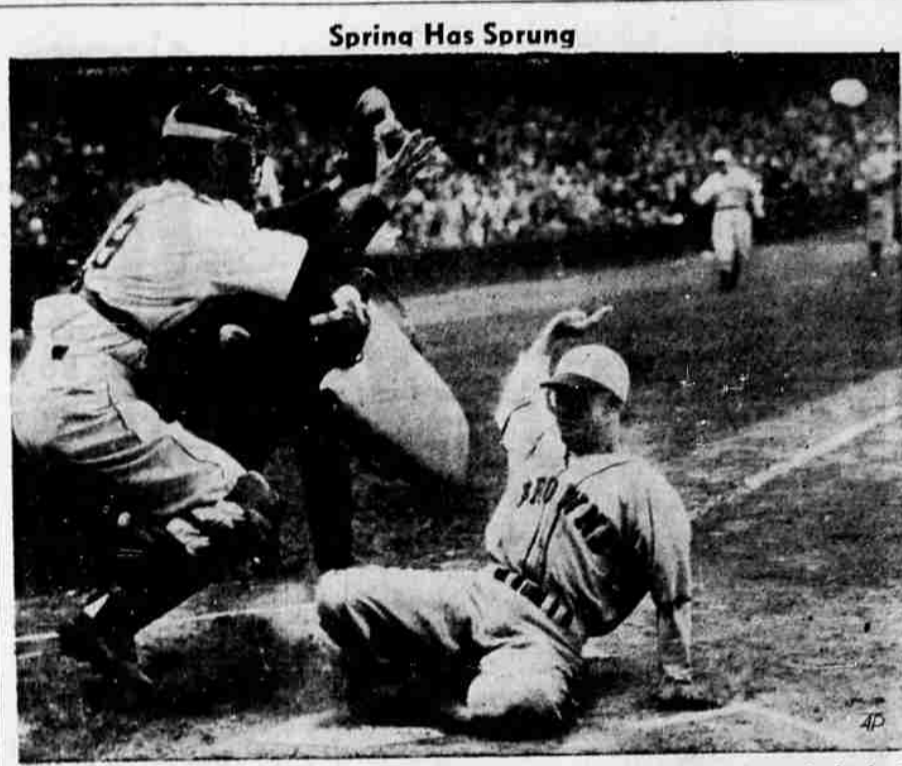
Mill Man Hurt In Car Plunge

PIONEER COMMUNITY, April 18—Tracy Emmett Denison, 58-year-old Weyerhaeuser Timber company employe, is in an Ashland hospital in a serious condition as the result of injuries suffered early Tuesday evening when his car plunged over a 75-foot embankment on the Green-springs highway.

Denison was en route to Ashland to visit his wife who is recovering from a heart ailment in the valley town.

The mill man's car left the highway as he was traveling down the mountain. A car following the Denison machine stopped and gave aid. An Ashland ambulance rushed Denison to the hospital where he was found to have a skull fracture, broken ribs and a broken arm.

The car was demolished. A son, Bob Denison, was here yesterday after being in Ashland with his parents. Mrs. Denison is reported improving. Denison has been employed at Weyerhaeuser since 1930 and is resaw operator in the planing mill.



Bob Dillinger, third sacker for the St. Louis Browns, scores on a walk and two singles in the first inning against the Detroit Tigers as the major leagues tee off in their first post-war season. Catcher is Detroit's Paul Richards. Umpire is Magowan. (AP Wirephoto)

Britain Backs Franco Spain

NEW YORK, April 18 (AP)—Great Britain today opposed the Polish demand that the United Nations break diplomatic relations with Franco Spain and declared it had no confirmation that German scientists were working on new weapons of war under Spanish cover.

Sir Alexander Cadogan, British delegate, stated his government's case in an 18-minute speech to the United Nations security council, lining up with the Netherlands in opposition to the Polish proposal.

The British delegate said the British embassy in Madrid reported in January there "was no evidence whatever to suggest German scientists were engaged in scientific research and we have no information to date which would confirm this allegation."

Cadogan told the council that British official reports indicated all official and most of the semi-official German assets have been handed over by the Spanish government to the allied missions in Madrid.

He said there still are between 10,000 and 12,000 Germans in Spain but that most of them were private individuals. Only some 2500 cases of officials, agents and similar nazis have been discovered worthy of repatriation, he added. He said there are only around 150 former German soldiers still in Spain.

Townsend Tours Eastern Oregon

PENDLETON, April 18 (AP)—Lamar Townsend, Klamath Falls, unopposed candidate for the democratic congressional nomination in the second Oregon district, told members of the Fraternal Order of Eagles here last night that he would support their national legislative program.

Townsend is accompanying A. C. Friesen, state Eagles president and M. L. Shepherd, Klamath Falls, vice president, on a tour of eastern Oregon.

The program endorsed by Townsend includes provisions for widows and old age pensions, workmen's compensation, guidance, national health programs and housing and employment for veterans.

Refrigerator Prices Hiked

WASHINGTON, April 18 (AP)—OPA today raised retail price ceiling on new refrigerators by four per cent over March, 1942 levels to offset higher production costs.

The agency granted manufacturers an eight per cent increase which it said will be reflected in full at retail.

The retail price hike is less on a percentage basis than the manufacturers' increase because the latter adjustment is being passed on in the exact dollar-and-cent amount rather than on a mark-up basis.

Sprina Has Sprung

CHICAGO, April 18 (AP)—The plans of a circuit court jury of seven women and five men as they filed into the jury room to consider an automobile accident case were upset by a little mouse.

Bailiff Jack Duffek, hearing feminine shrieks in the jury room, peeked in and was astonished. Most of the women were standing on chairs and the men jurors were being outwitted by the mouse they tried, and failed, to catch.

Duffek hastened to the chambers of Judge Benjamin P. Epstein to report the incident and advise him the women refused to be seated and name a foreman until the mouse was captured.

John Kornak, custodian of the county building, was summoned but when he arrived the mouse had disappeared, picking a convenient hole behind the radiator.

The jurors were about to get down to business when they were summoned back to the courtroom. Hubert Cannon, council for the plaintiff, told the court, his client wanted to settle the case—out of court.

12 Miners Die In Explosion

RADFORD, Va., April 18 (AP)—A deep-level blast killed 12 coal miners today at the Great Valley Anthracite corporation's mine at nearby McCoy, Va.

The mid-morning explosion caught the miners at the lowest level of a shaft that runs under the bed of New River, separating Montgomery and Pulaski counties in Virginia's southwest. One of the 12, Paul Price of the McCoy community was brought out alive but died shortly thereafter at Radford Community hospital.

The dead, in addition to Price, were all of McCoy.

All of the bodies were badly burned but were recognizable.

A Radford rescue team, wearing gas masks, made its way to the bottom of the shaft and after carrying out Paul Price, brought the others to the surface.

Cloyd Martin, who was standing in an upper level and was knocked off his feet by the blast, said further investigation would be necessary before a definite cause of the blast would be known.

Looyesen Sent To State Hospital

Justin Oliver Looyesen was on his way to Salem this afternoon in the care of an Oregon State hospital attendant after he was ordered committed as a mental patient following a sanity hearing yesterday afternoon.

The 39-year-old former aircraft worker from Pasadena was examined by Dr. Peter H. Rozenald and Dr. J. G. Patterson and Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg signed the order committing him.

Looyesen was taken into custody last Sunday night when he jumped from a moving train near Midland and is said to have inflicted a minor stab wound on the train brakeman, Donald Parlin.

Tuesday afternoon he escaped from the county medical clinic and was at liberty for about two hours, clad only in a nightgown.

ROLL CALL

WASHINGTON, April 18 (AP)—Rep. Stockman (R-Ore.), was the only one of the 10 congressmen from Washington and Oregon to vote today against passage of the bill to extend OPA's life nine months.

WEATHER NEWS

April 18
Max. (April 17) 78 Min. 30
Precipitation last 24 hours 0.0
Stream year to date 11.0
Normal 9.78 Last year 8.14
Forecast: Showers Friday

Vote Major Defeat For President

Group Passes Measure By Roll-Call Tally Of 355 To 42

WASHINGTON, April 18 (AP)—The house voted overwhelmingly today to continue OPA for nine months, but in a form OPA Administrator Paul Porter said would wreck price control. It was one of President Truman's worst legislative defeats since he entered the White House a year ago.

The roll-call vote on passage was 355 to 42.

The house, meeting at 10 a. m., two hours earlier than usual, tossed the amendment-ridden bill over to the senate, where the White House said today that President Truman hopes for "much better results."

Asked at a news conference if the chief executive had any comment on the house amendments, Press Secretary Charles G. Ross told reporters: "Not for me."

Asked if the president was going to "do anything about it?" Ross replied: "He hopes for much better results in the senate." He did not elaborate.

Bowles Yowls

A bloc of democrats, chiefly from the south, combined with republicans yesterday to so amend the bill with amendments that Chester Bowles, economic stabilizer, said the house had started "a joyride toward economic disaster."

Earlier, the house refused on a 370 to 20 roll call vote to shelve the continuation bill, rejecting a motion by Rep. Rankin (R-Miss) to send it back to the banking committee.

Before the final vote was taken, Rep. Sabath (D-Ill), 80-year-old dean of the house, shouted to his colleagues: "You have murdered OPA!"

OPA Chief Porter estimated that if the agency collapses because of congressional amendments, consumer prices might skyrocket as much as 50 per cent over present levels.

Huge Majority

On final passage by the house, 205 democrats, 148 republicans and two minor party members voted for the bill. Opposing were 34 republicans and eight democrats.

Bowles termed the measure "impossible" after a 35-minute conference with the president.

Asked by White House reporters if he would resign in the event it passes both houses in its present form, he would not say. He did say, however, that he did not see "what could be done" to maintain price controls under it.

As to whether there was any discussion of a veto with the president, he told reporters he couldn't say.

"We want price control," he declared. "Price control would be impossible as the bill stands now."

Pudgy Lays An Egg!

SOUTH GATE, Calif., April 18 (AP)—Maybe Pudgy heard about Easter.

Betty Jean Dennick's pet black hen produced a six-ounce egg yesterday—measuring seven and one-half inches around the middle, nine and one-half lengthwise.

Old Pine Grove Schoolhouse Brings Back Memories Of Yesteryear To Klamathites

By LOIS STEWART

The Pine Grove schoolhouse, for almost two generations the focal point of social activity for that section of Klamath county, will be preserved for some time yet to come much to the satisfaction of hundreds of old-timers who either attended this school on the Lakeview highway, or went to the old Pine Grove school built back in the '80s.

Sheldon Brumbaugh, Klamath Falls architect, has purchased the building and workmen are completely remodeling the interior of the school which Brumbaugh will occupy as offices in late June. Brumbaugh said he was preserving the old architectural character of the building and even the old bell, which has called the school hours for years and years, will remain in the tower.

Built in 1908

The Pine Grove school, as it stands today, was put under construction in 1908, according to old-timers. It replaced an earlier building which sat this side of the present location and which was probably built around 1883.

The first Pine Grove schoolhouse, which yielded to the march of progress many years ago, was the hub of all activity for that section. The youngsters of the community trudged or rode horseback to the school Monday through Friday, on Sundays it was the church and Sunday school. Week nights the Pine Grove Literary and Debating society held forth. The box socials, the pie socials, the basket suppers where ranch wives vied with each other with their crisp

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The Pine Grove school on the Lakeview highway, where many an old timer sent his children, has been purchased by Sheldon Brumbaugh, architect, for offices.