

DROUGHT BROKEN IN NORTHWEST

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

In this newspaper we run every day or so a little column called *Flashies of Life*. Our idea is to lighten up the news—which has a tendency to get heavy and hard to digest. It's rather good today—not only is a lighter-upper but as providing a lot of insight into things.

THERE is the case of the recruiting sergeant in St. Paul, for instance, who for the past several weeks has been concentrating on a prospect named William Butler. Using the good old follow-up system that all salesmen find useful, he has sent the guy somewhat more than 20 letters since the snow quit flying in Minnesota.

Butler showed up at the recruiting station the other day to take an eye-measurement of the persistent sergeant and maybe enlighten him a little. He explained patiently that at age 63 he really wasn't interested in the army as a career.

PATIENCE and perseverance do work wonders, and it's still true that the salesman who makes the most calls gets the most orders. But if you want to make a sales prospect with discretion, another time-tested maxim is that it seldom pays to try to sell sun-tan play clothes to North Pole Eskimos.

THERE'S another good little one in the *Flashies of Life* today. An Illinois citizen named Ed Gird was discharged from the army in Manila back in 1899, after the shooting ended in the Spanish-American war. He made his way home as best he could, but filed a claim with the government for \$7,742.20 as travel pay back to the point of enlistment.

He got his money, too—got it this week, after a lapse of 48 years. It had taken the government that long to get the check through the mill.

HE wasn't mad, though. He turned around and invested the money in GOVERNMENT BONDS. Wherein he showed excellent sense. With all its absurd shortcomings, the government of the United States of America is the soundest institution on earth.

Put that in your pipe and smoke it in those inevitably cynical moments when you wonder where this nation is headed for.

THERE was the Creole gourmet banquet (a "gourmet" is a discriminating eater who makes his life a business) in Baltimore the other night. The high moment came with a course known as joubille de cerises—blackberry cherries on vanilla ice cream, bathed in inflammable cognac (brandy to you).

Lighting the brandy is a part of the joubille de cerises pageant. When it is ignited, they turn off the lights. The flames were doused. The matches were struck. (NOT on the brandy, but on the table.)

THE BRANDY WOULDN'T LIGHT! It was sickening, of course. It isn't unlikely that tears of shame were shed.

But the tragedy leaves you and me, out here in the young and graying West, unmoved. We hold the earthy conviction that gourmet would better in these days when production is the world's greatest need have been eating chops after a full shift of honest toil.

Lumber Wage Hike Proposed

An agreement recommending a 7½-cent per hour wage increase to all employees represented by the Northern California district of lumber and sawmill workers AFL, was signed Sunday in Susanville, Calif., by Chet Irving, representing the Pine Industrial Relations committee, and Earl Miller representing the union.

Irving said that the agreement was made with mutual consent of both parties as there is no contract open for that district at present. The agreement is retroactive to May 1.

The agreement covers about 2000 workers and 13 companies in the Susanville, Redding and Feather River canyon areas, Irving stated. It now awaits ratification by the local unions and the individual employers.

The move was made following a previous agreement reached between the PIRC and the Klamath basin IWA-CIO several weeks ago, granting the same wage increase. Irving said that an offer similar to the Northern California district offer had been made to the Klamath Basin district, AFL, but had not been accepted.

He also pointed out that one clause of the agreement provided a stabilizing action by holding that there is no right to open any contract for changes, except as to wages, prior to the 1948 expiration date.

Hoover Holds Out Hope Of World Economic Recovery

WASHINGTON, May 27 (AP)—Robert Hoover said today the industry of former enemy countries must be unshackled and expressed belief that world economic recovery would come "in two or three years."

KL—The former president talked to reporters after he appeared before a House subcommittee on the question of a \$725,000,000 civilian relief fund for occupied countries.

He told newsmen that:

1. He is now engaged in a private study of how great a load this coun-

WEATHER			
Max. (May 30)	73	Min.	46
Precipitation last 24 hours	0.07		
Stream year to date	7.24		
Last year	12.07	Normal	10.98
Forecast: Cloudy, showers.			

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July First Eyed In Tax Cut Measure

WASHINGTON, May 27 (AP)—The senate tentatively decided today to make the proposed income tax cut effective next July 1, rather than last January 1 as specified by the house.

The action—subject to a later vote—came by unanimous consent during consideration and approval of amendments to the \$4,000,000,000 tax reduction bill as recommended by the finance committee.

The bill remained open for a wide variety of other proposed amendments, many of them dealing with proposals to permit husbands and wives in all the states to split their income for tax purposes. This advantage now is granted only to residents of states with community property laws.

Work started on the so-called process of "perfecting the bill" was started after republicans beat down yesterday a democratic move to delay action on it.

Only one of the committee amendments aroused any objection. Senator Lucas (D-Ill.) took exception to terms of a provision which would allow an extra \$500 personal exemption to taxpayers over 65, and likewise to their spouses if they reached that age.

Nicaraguan Head Ousted

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, May 27 (AP)—A night declared President Leonardo Arguello "unfit" and Benjamin Lacayo Sacasa, first presidential alternate, took possession of the presidency on behalf of Benjamin Lacayo Sacasa.

President Arguello took asylum in the Mexican embassy and it appeared likely he would leave today for Mexico.

(This was the first news concerning the coup received directly by the Associated Press from the Nicaraguan capital since yesterday, when a one-line dispatch announced: "The army took over the government today.")

(Sources in Panama close to the situation in strictly censored Nicaragua said yesterday's coup d'etat was engineered by former President Gen. Anastasio Somoza, who had been out of office only 26 days.)

Tiny Train To Operate Here

A miniature railroad, complete with cars, tunnels, locomotive and station is being built on S. 6th on land owned by the Brown Implement Company, Alfred Collier and Sheldon Brumbaugh. Operators will be well known Klamath Falls businessmen, Russell Hamer, auto accessories; Vernon Carlin, mail chain saws; and Gordon Schimberg, Butane gas distributor. The men are all members of the Klamath Falls Southern Pacific Railroad Club.

The baby train, to be known as the Shasta Pacific Limited, will "toot around the track this week-end. It will be as well as kids can be accommodated.

It takes 100 pounds of steam to operate on, the engine is equipped with bell and whistle, and 16 passengers can be carried. The train operates on 815 feet of track.

UO Stratosphere Research Planned

EUGENE, May 27 (AP)—The University of Oregon will participate in a stratosphere research project sponsored by the war department, officials said here today.

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No prettier sight in all the world in the opinion of Klamath folks—than this puddle and a thousand others like it which the 9 o'clock Specialist shot in the Tuesday morning rain. A full story on weather conditions in the Klamath basin appears on this page.

Yacht Blast Slaying Trial Drags Through Opening Day

SANTA ANA, Calif., May 27 (AP)—Balked in an attempt to disqualify Special Prosecutor Eugene D. Williams, defense counsel for heiress Louise Overell and George Gollum, college sweethearts accused of murdering her parents, proceeded slowly today in questioning prospective jurors.

Lawyers for the young couple argued vainly before Superior Judge Kenneth C. Morrison that the attorney general's office exerted political pressure in supplanting Orange County District Attorney James Davis with Williams, who was a prosecutor in the Japanese war crimes cases.

Lawyers estimate it may take two weeks to select a jury and from eight to nine weeks to complete the case.

Congress Cold Shoulders Plea

WASHINGTON, May 27 (AP)—Congress showed little disposition today to work up a lather over President Truman's plea for military cooperation with other American nations.

The idea in both senate and house seemed to be that Mr. Truman's bid for a law to make possible standardized military organizations, training methods and equipment throughout this hemisphere can wait a while.

But leaders on both sides said it will be considered in due time. Meanwhile, two other major foreign policy bills—to permit American membership in the International Refugee organization and to continue the state department's information program, waited in the house for the rules committee to grant priorities for floor debate.

The information service bill—pegged to selling American aims to the world by means of "Voice of America" radio broadcasts and other activities—is first in line. The rules committee will take another look at it tomorrow. It may come before the house next week.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew E. Bergloff, 2748 Ward.

Art Scholarship

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One year of art at KUHS brought out the hidden talent of Andrew "Andy" Bergloff, senior student. He has been awarded an art scholarship to EOCCE and will enter school at LaGrande this fall.

No Trace Of Missing Men Found

Cloudy skies and rough water have virtually rubbed out any chance of further search for the bodies of Harold Hadley, 36, and Leonard Callier, 39, who were lost and presumed drowned in Odell lake Saturday.

No trace of the two men has been reported since their coats and articles of fishing gear were found floating in the lake Sunday morning. They are believed to have gone down while on a fishing trip in a 12-foot boat last Saturday afternoon.

William Owsley, formerly associated with Hadley in the internal revenue office, was at Odell lake yesterday to help in the search. He said that rough water drove most of the boats off the lake before noon and since that time searchers have just had to stand by and pick their times to go out when the water calmed down.

He said that the clouds made it impossible to see more than 15 or 20 feet into the water, and they have been unable to catch a glimpse of reflection from the aluminum-colored motor which was lost off the men's boat. Searchers believe if they can locate the motor they will have the approximate spot where Hadley and Callier went down.

The water at Odell is about 40 degrees in temperature and the bodies may not come to the surface for a long time in water that cold.

Deep Water

There is also a possibility that the men went down in the "blue" water up to 2800 feet deep. However, they were believed to have been fishing on the shelf in water 30 to 60 feet deep.

An outboard motor which is running and becomes unfettered will cause a small boat or spin it around. The men were using a 12-foot boat with a 5-horsepower Johnson outboard motor. Their boat, partially filled with water and with the tie-up chain dragging, was found near the shore. The motor belongs to Edouard Prialux of Chilquin and the boat was borrowed at the Adkinson and Edmister dock.

Hadley's drowning is the first in Odell lake in 20 years. In 1929 a millworker drowned in the Potts millpond where the Odell campground is now located.

Hadley, an army veteran, was deputy director of internal revenue with an office in the federal building. His wife, Mercedes, and daughter, Connie, survive.

Callier, a navy chief petty officer, was recruiter here and also stationed in the federal building. He was due to retire from the navy at the end of 20 years of service in August. His wife, Marcella, resides at Modoc Point.

Memorial Park Ceremony Set

The Rev. Victor Phillips, pastor of the First Methodist church, will give the service formally dedicating Klamath Memorial park at 4 p. m. Wednesday. Mayor Ed Ostendorf announced today.

Speaking briefly during the ceremony will be the mayor and Phil Hitchcock, president of the Klamath County chamber of commerce. The memorial park, located on the Cumberland road, was opened last November, culminating lengthy discussion and planning by the city. The grounds are being opened by sections as landscaping and necessary work on each area are completed.

Remains are at Ward's and will be shipped to Oakland, Calif., for interment. Dotson is survived by his sister, Mrs. Tom Conway of Oakland and Mrs. G. C. Long, Baldwin, Calif., and his brother, G. C. Dotson of Baldwin Park.

Rep. Ellisworth (R-Ore.) asked a senate appropriations subcommittee today for an increase of approximately \$143,000 and \$107,000, respectively, saying this much money would enable the laboratory to carry on its work.

Woman Kills Own Mother

SAN FRANCISCO, May 27 (AP)—A 38-year-old woman killed her mother today with two pistol shots late yesterday, police reported, because she feared she was going insane and would lose her baby. She was held in a police psychopathic ward today.

Police Inspector Frank Lucey said the woman, Mrs. Winifred St. Clair, had been under treatment for a mental ailment and had gone to the home of her mother, Mrs. Carolyn Shanahan, 65, to be examined by a psychiatrist.

A psychiatrist examined Mrs. St. Clair and stepped out of the room to discuss the case privately with her brother, Edward Grant, 24. As they talked they heard two shots, and found Mrs. Shanahan on the floor dead.

Police said Mrs. St. Clair fired twice at her brother as he rushed to the floor in a faint.

McKenzie Pass Road Opened

SALEM, May 27 (AP)—The McKenzie highway, trans-Cascades route with two pistol shots late yesterday after being closed for the winter, the state highway commission announced.

The Mt. Hood loop will be opened at 4 p. m. Thursday.

The commission said it was able to open the routes several weeks earlier than usual because the heat wave melted the snow rapidly.

Welcome Rain Will Continue, Bureau States

Rain fell steadily in the Klamath region today, breaking the protracted drought that has brought mounting danger to dry land farms, livestock ranges and the forests. The weather bureau announced that the precipitation will continue and will spread for several days, and that the Northwest drought is over.

The first rainfall of consequence in two months began late last evening, and by today had developed into a sustained drizzle that was enthusiastically welcomed in town and country.

County Agent C. A. Henderson said that the rain, if it continues for several days, will be worth tens of thousands of dollars to the agricultural community. Around town it was already called a "million dollar rain."

The rain came in time, Henderson said, to help many dry land crops that would have been reduced to virtual loss with a few more days of drought. In some fields, he said, grain has already headed out and is beyond help, but in general the grain stands in condition to benefit tremendously from precipitation. Ranges will be helped substantially.

Rain General

Today's rain, moving in from Northern California, was general over this region and Western Oregon as far north as Eugene. The weather bureau announced that the rain will continue, and that the serious Northwest drought will be definitely broken this week.

Fire Hazard Cut

Foresters hailed the showers, which reduced the unseasonal fire hazards that had developed in all forest areas of the region. In Western Oregon, logging operations, which had been shut down because of fire danger, were being reopened.

J. S. Ellison, head of the Portland weather bureau, said that the rain will continue and will spread over the Northwest. A specialized crop forecast in the wheat country of the Northwest calls for sufficient rain to break the drought. He predicted light to moderate rain for the seven day period ahead.

Yesterday, temperatures mounted here only to 73, but in other Oregon cities new highs were recorded. Pendleton reported 96, and Portland 92.

Wreck Driver In Alturas

TULELAKE, May 27—California State Highway Patrolman Gerald Wilson, accompanied by Chas. Blumenthal, left Tulelake early Tuesday morning, today, for Alturas, to confer with District Attorney Charles Lederer of Modoc county on circumstances regarding the fatal accident early Monday which took the life of George Evans, Copeck bay lease land operator.

Blumenthal, 29-year-old veteran and employee of Ellice Potato company, was identified by police as driver of the 1941 pickup which struck Evans' car at an unnamed county road and Alturas highway intersection at 6:15 a. m. Evans died at 7:50 a. m. at Hillside hospital in Klamath Falls. No charges were filed against Blumenthal Monday.

The car he was driving was admitted at 7:30 p. m. to the hospital. Passenger in Evans' car, William Harvey Ayres of Klamath Falls, was reported improving at his home Tuesday. Evans and Ayres were en route to their joint holdings in Copeck bay area at the time of the crash.

Gen. Carlson Dies Today

PORTLAND, Ore., May 27 (AP)—Brig. Gen. Evans P. Carlson, 51, famous leader of the marine unit known as Carlson's Raiders in the Pacific war, died in a Portland hospital at 6:30 a. m. today from a heart attack.

The Emmanuel hospital reported that the famed veteran of two wars was admitted at 7:30 p. m. He was stricken at his mountain lodge retreat in the foothills of Mount Hood where he has made his home since retirement from active service in 1946.

Gen. Carlson suffered two earlier heart attacks, both critical, and was released January 3 from the Astoria, Ore., naval hospital where he was a patient for two months. Former Vice President Henry Wallace visited at the Carlson home Sunday.

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Passion Play Christus Fined

GARMISCH-PARTENKIRCHEN, Germany, May 27 (AP)—Alois Lang, bearded former Christus of the famed Passion Play at Oberammergau, was declared a follower of the Nazi party and fined 1000 marks (\$100) by a German court today.

Lang, 44, was born in 1942, and then at Guadalupe, Tarawa and Saipan. His retirement was due to wounds received in the Saipan campaign.

School To Wind Up For Basin Students This Week

This week and next wind up formal schooling for several thousand Klamath county and Klamath Falls students who will spend their books until next September.

In the meantime, plans are going ahead for elections of members of boards in which vacancies occur. Election is scheduled for district No. 1, Klamath Falls elementary schools, on June 18. The only petition filed for this five-year office is that of Mrs. Victor (Lucille) O'Neill. Mrs. George Rogers, who has held this post, recently announced she would not seek the post for another term. Polls will be set up at Fremont school.

No summer school will be held in the county this year but the superintendent's office said buildings will be used for various purposes including Vacation Bible schools.

The June program for KUHS seniors includes baccalaureate services June 1 at 8 p. m., boys' gym, and commencement at 8 p. m. Wednesday, June 4, boys' gym.