

SEARCH ON FOR CRAZED SLAYER

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
THIS one is from Washington:
"President Truman today recommended legislation completely removing postmaster appointments from politics."

LET'S put it this way:
If you had to let the politicians pick your employees, your business would soon be in a mess, wouldn't it?

Well, that's the way some 21,000 postmasters have been picked in the past. The wonder is that the postal service is as good as it is.

WE get this one from Seattle:
"In the final session of its 31st biennial convention yesterday, the American Association of University Women decreed that its branches must accept for membership ALL QUALIFIED APPLICANTS (including colored women) or be expelled from the association."
Action on the controversial by-laws revision was by an announced majority of 2168 for and 65 against."

THAT is a significant development in VOLUNTARY, NON-LEGAL tolerance. Personally, I can't get away from the feeling that we'll get farther in the direction of tolerance by this method than by passing laws.

ONE more thought along that line before we leave the subject:
Why did AAUW do what it has done?

This is the answer:
It yielded to enlightened public opinion. Enlightened public opinion can be AND IS a tremendous force for progress.

IN Portland there has been a big scandal over horse meat—which is cheaper than beef and for that reason appears to have been substituted for beef in a lot of cases WITHOUT THE CUSTOMER KNOWING IT.
As a sequel to the reckless City Commissioner Peterson today asks the U. S. department of agriculture to put all plants selling meat in Portland under federal inspection.

MORE federal regimentation?
NO!
Believe it or not, horse meat is good meat. In Europe, where it has been a standard article of diet for a long time, there are many people who prefer it to beef.

BUT—
You're entitled to know whether or not you're getting horse meat when you make a purchase.
The purpose of federal inspection, as asked in Portland, is to compel horse meat to be sold as horse meat. Establishment and enforcement of standards (so that buyers may depend on getting what they are paying for) is a legitimate function of government.

FROM Astoria comes this terse dispatch:
"The youth who bought a farm with a \$7000 rubber check and then eloped with the farmer's daughter in a car bought with another \$2250 rubber check is in jail now."

AT this point, let's try to do a little straight thinking:
If you read the story yesterday, you must have come to the conclusion that in many ways he was a bright boy. He had undoubted talent as a salesman, for he was able to win the confidence of the businessman who took his checks. Ability to win the customer's confidence is a big asset.
The pity of it is that he wasn't honest. So he goes to jail instead of going on to the success in business that so often accompanies outstanding ability as a salesman.

Youth Killed In Stunting Crash

BORING, June 24 (AP)—A youth who was stunting a rented plane in front of his parents' home crashed to his death last night before his horrified parents' eyes.
He was Carl Hubert Pahlka, 24, Boring. He went into a tight spin and crashed into the ground in a field across from his farm.
Witnesses said he was flying low, and attempted a sharp turn about 100 feet above the ground.

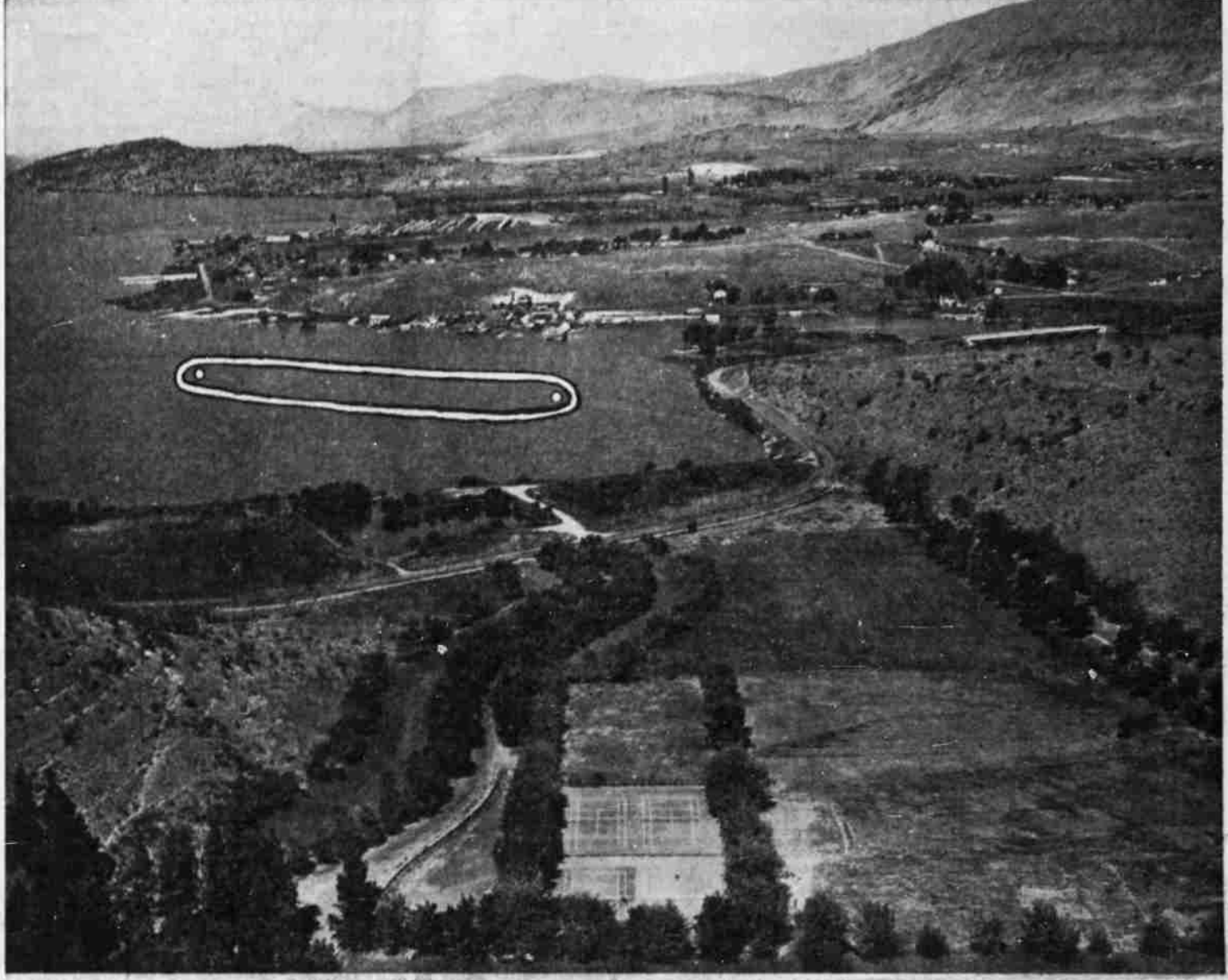
Lewis Outlines General Contract Demands; Tension Mounts Over UMW Walkout

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. Va., June 24 (AP)—John L. Lewis spun out his general contract demands at three scattered negotiating conferences today in an atmosphere of mounting tension over which soft coal pits he may shut down first.
The present contract expires June 30. The 400,000 soft coal diggers start a 10-day vacation Saturday, so a strike in part or all of the industry would not actually begin before July 5.
Lewis is well into negotiations with the three groups into which he has split the industry this year as part of his strategy to get a favorable contract despite poor soft coal markets.
He is meeting operators from the north and west, plus some steel companies with mines for their own use, today. He would like to attract all of the bituminous producers except the Southern Coal Producers association and U. S. Steel corporation to this session.
The southern association is meeting with United Mine Workers' negotiators, headed by Secretary-

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WEATHER
Klamath Falls and vicinity: Fair today through Saturday, but with variable high clouds Saturday. High today 82. Low tonight 45. High Saturday 78.
Max. (June 23)—78 Min.—44
Precipitation last 24 hours—.08



WHERE REGATTA WILL TAKE PLACE—This outstanding air picture, taken by Virgil Hanks, shows the lower end of Upper Klamath lake, scene of next Sunday's annual boat regatta sponsored by the Junior chamber of commerce. The racing course has been marked out on the picture. Moore park is in the immediate foreground. Regatta attendants will occupy the lake front area just over the top of the regatta course in the picture. The show starts at 2 p. m. Sunday.

Sophoulis, Greek Chief, Dies At 88

ATHENS, June 24 (AP)—Themistokles Sophoulis, premier of Greece, died today.
He was 88 years old. Death occurred at his summer residence at 4:15 p. m. Although he had been ill and was near death last fall, his death at this time was unexpected.
Sophoulis, a key figure in Greek politics for a half century, had been premier since September 7, 1947, despite the turmoil of Greek politics occasioned by the civil war with the communist guerrillas in the north.
He weathered the most recent political storm only two months ago, and this after suffering a severe heart attack which had him bedridden for several months. His reshuffled cabinet took over in April after a scandal involving a member of the previous government had caused the aged premier to offer King Paul his resignation.
The venerable leader of the liberal party had been an important cog in the Truman doctrine, under which the aid of the United States went to Greece in her civil war and to Turkey, under the shadow of the Russian bear.

Two Dollars For One Cost To County In Paying Off 1925-Voted Bond Issue

The hidden cost of bond issues so popular with local governments a couple of decades or so ago is illustrated in some figures on a Klamath county issue tallied up by C. L. Langset, county treasurer.
The county has already paid \$119,929 in interest charges alone on a \$125,000 bond issue floated back in 1925 and the end is not yet come.
By the media of bond issues, the practice was for governments to get the okay of the voters to sell to some financial house or bank bonds redeemable in or during a specified number of years. Because governments are considered solvent and lasting businesses, their bonds are usually looked upon favorably by financial institutions.
The government gets the money to spend when it wants it—and pays back later, with interest.
In 1925 Klamath county got approval of its voters to sell \$125,000 worth of bonds, redeemable in from 11 to 30 years at interest rates of 4% and 4 1/2% per cent.
The money was obtained from a banking house and, as nearly as anyone can remember, was used to build a couple of miles of road in Poe valley and some on the west side of Upper Klamath lake.
In those days the county didn't have much equipment of its own, so the road building was done by private contractors. The particular roads built with this money were unpaved dirt roads and undoubtedly much more money has gone on them since for improvements.
The bonds sold were to be redeemed yearly after 1926, until the final one becomes due April 1, 1955. Interest at 4% per cent was charged on \$22,000 worth, 4 1/2% per cent on the remaining \$103,000.
Two of the bonds were repurchased—paid off—by the county in 1932 before they became due and a little interest money was saved thereby. But before any of the bonds became due in 1936 serially as issued, Klamath county had paid \$62,110 in interest—approximately half of the original issue.
By April 1 of this year, the county had paid \$119,929 in interest on the 1925 bond issue. It had paid off approximately \$68,000 of the original

Tax Value Of Klamath County Up

The value of taxable property in Klamath county, as shown by the current assessment roll, is almost \$4,000,000 greater than was shown a year ago.
Otis Metaker, county assessor, reported that the total assessed valuation of real and personal property in the county upon which county taxes are levied is \$32,444,855, exclusive of utilities which will be figured by the state tax commission and added in later.
Utilities—railroads, power company holdings and the like—last year were assessed at about \$14,700,000. Last year's total assessed value, including utilities, was some \$43,000,000 and the prospect is for the total figure this year to be over \$47,000,000.
Real estate valuation assessments have gone up little over last year. Most of the increase has been in personal property assessments, over \$3 million increase, and most of that figure is in valuation of merchandise on merchants' shelves as of last January.
The real estate valuation total of \$20,745,685 included \$9,559,225 in farm and woodlands outside incorporated towns or subdivisions, and \$11,221,460 in urban or subdivision property.

Fremont Fires Under Control

DAIRY CREEK GUARD STATION, June 24 (AP)—Two sleeper forest fires caused by lightning storms of several days ago, broke suddenly Thursday in the Fremont national forest, but both were under control today.
Ranger Jack Groom sighted fire last night from a plane a half mile from the north Fremont forest boundary on Dairy creek and east of the Honey creek country.
The blaze was evidently a sleeper from last Sunday's lightning storm. A crew from Lakeview was dispatched to the scene, and by this morning, the fire, which had burned seven acres, was under control.
The second fire was sighted from Pothole creek and was north of Quartz mountain. Forestrymen said it must have been smoldering for 17 days, since the last lightning in the area, before suddenly breaking out Thursday. Ely ranger district crews were called and had the fire under control and were mopping up before the fire had burned off more than three acres.

Boats Readied For Show Here

Big and little boats of a wide range of price and design were trailered down to the Balsiger Motor company show room Friday morning for the pre-regatta showing.
The boat show will be open to the public at Balsiger's both tonight and Saturday evenings preceding the 1949 annual Junior chamber of commerce boat regatta slated for Sunday afternoon on Upper Klamath lake.
Plans are all laid to open the first of the nine-heat regatta at 2 p. m. Conveniences have been put up in the dock area for visitors to the events. Refreshment stands will be operated.

Cloudy, Cooler Week-End Seen

Prospects for the week-end vacations are fair today. Forecasts for the state give near normal temperatures, but with two or three periods of showers predicted. Indications seem to point to a cloudy, cool week-end.
Temperature readings at the airport gave a low of 44 degrees for last night and a low today at 59. The temperature was expected to go still higher than the 70 registered at noon. Skies were clear today.

Baseball Scores

NATIONAL LEAGUE
CHICAGO, June 24 (AP)—Jumping off to a three-run lead on Hank Sauer's eighth home run of the season in the first inning, the Chicago Cubs went on and beat the slumping N. Y. Giants, 6-2 today. Rookie Right-hander Warren Hacker was raked for 13 hits but the Giants couldn't connect when it counted.
New York — 010 000 010—2 13 2
Chicago — 303 000 008—6 13 1
Jansen, Higbe (3), Hansen (4), Webb (7), Behrman (8) and Andy Anderson accounted for the Browns' runs against Ellis Kinder.
St. Louis — 101 000 010—2 5 0
Boston — 302 542 148—21 25 0
Ostrowski, Papal (4), Shore (4) and Lollar; Kinder and Tebbetts.

Fire Destroys Navy Building

WASHINGTON, June 24 (AP)—Fire wrecked a supply warehouse at the closely-guarded naval research laboratory early today and for a time threatened a nearby building containing high explosives.
City firemen brought the flames under control after about a half hour. Police also went to the scene but were excluded by armed marine guards.
The fire was confined to a two-story brick, steel and concrete building containing laboratory supplies and equipment. Only eight feet away, in the 50-acre, fenced-in area, is a ballistics laboratory containing explosives.
A navy spokesman said only a small amount of explosives were in the adjoining building. However, a man familiar with the army installation said there were enough that, if reached by the flames, "the entire southeastern section of Washington would have blown up."
A naval board of inquiry was ordered to determine the cause of the blaze.

State Department Puts On Pressure To Spur Action On Arms Aid; Solons Wroth

WASHINGTON, June 24 (AP)—Some resentments smoldered in the senate today against the state department's pressure for action on a \$1,130,000,000 arms-for-Europe program.
Certain senate leaders said privately the administration is asking for too much too fast—without regard to the political "timing" of the requests.
There has been talk that President Truman will send the arms aid plan to congress before the senate has given its approval to the North Atlantic treaty.
Secretary of State Acheson has told congress the arms program must be approved at this session to maintain the United States "firm policy" against Russia.
The senate leaders who spoke to a reporter said they feel this action will tend to put too much emphasis on the arms plan—and thus lend weight to the arguments of treaty critics who say the pact is nothing more than another military alliance.
One senator put it this way: "The real value of the treaty is

Two Women Cut Down By Rifle Of B. C. Farmer

MISSION, B. C., June 24 (CP)—Soldiers guarded homes in the Mission district today as search continued for a crazed farmer, alleged slayer of two women.
The men were volunteers from the New Westminster regiment, "B" company, stationed at Mission. They were armed with civilian rifles and guns.
Rain during the night hampered searchers who renewed the hunt at dawn through the heavily-wooded

Flying Discs Spotted Over Klamath Falls

Reports from the civil aeronautics authority at the Klamath Falls airport indicate that calls concerning the flying saucers are not another attack of last summer's jitter.
T. C. Peterson of the CAA said yesterday that eight discs had been seen by five members of his staff yesterday. The group estimated the speed of the discs as 1000 miles per hour at an altitude of 25 to 30 thousand feet.
Peterson was of the opinion that the "saucers" were a transparent plastic material. However, other observers thought that they were torpedo shaped and a light green color.
The discs didn't seem to travel in the same direction. One seemed to be traveling from the northwest to the southeast, and another came from the southwest to the northeast. Several observers, viewing the flashing objects through binoculars, thought that they had fin-like wings instead of the traditional type.

Bad Check Artist Nailed By Texas Cops

ASTORIA, June 24 (AP)—The youth who bought a farm with a \$7,000 rubber check and then eloped with the farmer's daughter in a car bought with another \$2,250 rubber check is in jail now.
But Leroy Alcorn, 20, wasn't jailed for that. It was a new charge: writing other worthless checks at Houston, Texas.
The news of Alcorn's arrest in Houston was received here by Sheriff's Deputy Don Larfield. An alarm had gone out for Alcorn after he vanished from Astoria with an unpaid-for car and Mrs. Marguerite Marshall, 27-year-old mother of two.
The first news came from Mrs. Marshall, who wired "having wonderful time" to her father, E. M. Butts. It was Butts who got the \$7,000 rubber check for his farm.
Houston police said Mrs. Marshall was still with Alcorn when he was arrested, but wasn't held. They said the car was recovered.
Alcorn will be prosecuted in Texas for the charge there.

Sportsmen To Try Running Lewis

VANCOUVER, Wash., June 24 (AP)—Four sportsmen were attempting a run down the upper reaches of the Lewis river today—a feat believed never before tried.
They left here yesterday by jeep and expected to get to within six miles of the north fork in the primitive area between Mount Adams and Mount St. Helens. Then they were to pack in, carrying the two rubber boats in which the run is planned.
The men—Dutch Shields, sometime University of Oregon football player and long-time coach here; Edwirth Sawyer, George McKay and Gene French—said they didn't know how long they'd be gone.
The end of the run is in Lake Merwin, 45 miles and three portages from the start.

Brutal Slaying Touches Off Hunt Wraps Off New Douglas DC-3

LANSING, Mich., June 24 (AP)—The brutal beer bottle slaying of a small boy within four blocks of Michigan's capitol building set off a statewide search today for a "sex fiend."
The body of four-year-old Walter Earton, his throat slashed, was found shortly after midnight in a vacant, weed-grown lot.
A hospital examination revealed that he had been criminally attacked "while he was either dead or dying."
Grief-stricken, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Eaton, who had adopted the child from neighbors when he was an infant, awaited reports on the search of skidrow hangouts in the neighborhood.
SANTA MONICA, Calif., June 24 (AP)—Douglas Aircraft has taken the wraps off its new DC-3.
The 1949 version of the transport pioneer planes was test flown publicly yesterday for the first time and its pilots proclaimed it a 20 per cent improvement. The DC-3 has smoother lines and 550 more takeoff horsepower, 40 miles per hour faster cruising speed, and can carry up to 38 passengers instead of 21.
After further testing the plane will be certified for certification by the civil aeronautics administration.

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