

# HUNTER KILLED ON BLY RANCH

## Five Die in First Two Days of State Deer Hunt Season

Klamath county's first hunting fatality was recorded here early Sunday morning, second day of the 1949 season, when a Eugene hunter was killed by a companion's bullet.

Dead is Frank Lee Balcomb, 32-year-old lumber inspector who was hunting in the Horse Glades sector of Riverbed Butte on the edge of the Klamath Indian reservation and about six miles northwest of Weyerhaeuser Camp 6.

Sheriff's officers said the bullet was fired by Harry Obenchain, 40, prominent Bly rancher who was a member of the party.

Obenchain told investigating officers that he fired at a buck at about 10 o'clock yesterday morning, and then ran 50 yards down a thickly wooded draw where he thought the animal dropped. He saw a movement in the brush to his left and on investigation, found the body of Balcomb.

A 30-30 bullet had crashed through the left side of Balcomb's head. Death is thought to have been instantaneous.

Balcomb had come from Eugene to hunt with the Obenchains and was a guest at the Frank Obenchain place, along with another Eugene hunter, Henry Cook.

Also in the party were Charles Rose of Marysville, Calif., Floyd Waters of Medford and formerly of Klamath Falls, Don Rice, Van Thome, Chester Berman, Frank Douglas, all of this city, and Mrs. Harry Obenchain.

Douglas and Berman had joined the group early Sunday morning. Others had been hunting throughout the opening day, Saturday.

The dead hunter wore a red hat and a blue and red plaid shirt, officers said.

Charles Rose left the scene of the accident immediately and notified authorities from Weyerhaeuser Camp 6.

Two hours later officers reached the scene and conducted an intensive investigation. It took considerable time to pack the body out of the heavy brush to the waiting hearse and it was then brought to Ward's in Klamath Falls. The remains will be sent to Eugene.

Balcomb is survived by his wife and six-week-old daughter in Eugene.

Officers participating in the investigation were Deputy Sheriff Willis Pankey of Bly, Deputy Sheriff Murray Britton of Klamath Falls, State Police Mark Sullivan, Deputy Coroner Bill Mills was called to the scene as well.

The toll of human life in the third day of Oregon's deer hunting season stood today, Monday, at five: three deaths from bullets and two from over exertion.

In addition to the death of Frank Lee Balcomb of Eugene in Eastern Klamath county, another hunter was slain Sunday when his companion fired at a deer. Dead was Howard Thomas Breen, 27, of Talent.

Breen died near Gold Hill from a shot fired by Robert Fisher, 22, Gold Hill, Jackson County Coroner Carlos Morris said Fisher told of the two men separating and working along a mountain ridge. He had fired across a meadow at a deer.

The third gun victim was Elmer (Continued on Page 2)

# The Klamath Falls Daily News

WEATHER  
Klamath Falls and vicinity: Fair through Tuesday with occasional high clouds. High today 70; low tonight 30; high Tuesday 67.  
Max. (Oct. 3) — 70 Min. — 30  
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## Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

ARGENTINA sits tight and watches while 25 nations devalue their money an average of 30 per cent in relation to the dollar. Then she devalues HER MONEY 45 PER CENT in relation to the dollar.

A POST-GRADUATE course in economics isn't required in order to figure out that what Argentina (a dictator-ruled country) has done is to VOTE HERSELF AN ADVANTAGE IN SELLING GOODS TO THE UNITED STATES.

THERE is another little quirk to the Argentine deal.

Her peso is devalued MORE in relation to the dollar than in relation to the pound sterling. That is to say, Argentina is more anxious to sell goods to the United States than to Britain.

But wait.

You haven't heard the whole story yet.

By depreciating her peso more in relation to the dollar than in relation to the pound, Argentina makes it easier for her people to sell in the United States and to BUY IN BRITAIN.

What she wants is dollars. Once she gets the dollars she can spend them anywhere in the world. By means of her delayed-pass deal in international finance, she hopes to sell more goods at lower prices in the United States and BUY for still lower prices in Britain. Thus she would have her cake and eat it too.

OUR first impulse is to be proud of our dollar because it is something that everybody wants. When you have something everybody wants, it is usually something that is pretty good. Our dollar is good—because it is supported by heavy production of things.

But don't let yourself be fooled by all this rankinoboo about money and its "value." What it all means is that for years we have been selling more abroad than we have been buying from abroad. That is to say, our commerce has been pretty largely a one-way street.

Over the years, we have been selling more to other peoples than we have bought from them. They have been sending us their money in return.

That is the long and short of it.

HERE is what has happened:

Over these years, we have been shipping our goods to the people of other countries. They have been shipping us their money.

SO—

THEY NOW HAVE OUR GOODS AND WE HAVE THEIR MONEY.

LET'S spell that out.

What it amounts to is that they can eat, wear and shelter themselves with the GOODS they have been getting from us but we can't eat, wear or shelter ourselves with the MONEY we have been getting from them.

So, you see, they have been getting the best of the bargain.

**Senator Sees Farm Unions Try by Labor**  
WASHINGTON, Oct. 3 (AP)—Senator Robertson (D-Va.) said today organized labor has tried to influence farm legislation in order to draw farm workers into unions. Administration leaders promptly denied it.

This issue was injected into debate as the senate took up a compromise farm bill drafted by Senator Anderson (D-NM), former secretary of agriculture.

Labor Cost

The bill would include the cost of labor as part of the formula for figuring parity payments. Anderson said labor costs would increase subsidy payments to farmers by about 6 per cent.

(Parity is the price designed to give farmers a fair return on their crops in terms of what they must buy.)

Robertson told the senate the inclusion of labor costs in the parity formula "is part of a program to organize farm workers in unions."

'Of All Sad Words - - -'

**Life Term Freed Long Enough to Hear His Music**  
BIG SPRING, Tex., Oct. 3 (AP)—A life term convict stood in the wings of a stage yesterday and cried. He was hearing—for the first time—his musical history of Big Spring.

Frank Grandstaff, on a six day furlough from the Tennessee state prison, then slipped quietly into a front row seat. But minutes later he was pushed to the stage—the center this time—to receive the applause of hundreds.

The one-time piano salesman in West Texas, a man described as having unusual talents, was given a warm, heart-felt ovation, for a work composed in a prison cell.

## Train Hits Bus; 17 Of 22 Die

ONTARIO, Calif., Oct. 3 (AP)—A racing passenger train ripped into a U.S. air force bus at the crossing last night, killing 17 of the 22 occupants.

Eleven of the dead were military or civilian personnel from March Air Base; five were members of the Ontario Hostess club—a service organization—the other was the chaplain, Mrs. Ruby McLaughlin, 45, mother of one of the dead girls, Juanita McLaughlin, 18.

Chief Deputy Coroner Edward P. Doyle said only five, including twin sisters sitting in different parts of the bus, escaped alive.

'Mangled Wreckage'

Acetylene torches finally cut away the mangled wreckage from the battered locomotive, and the train headed east more than four hours later.

The bus came from March Air Force Base, 40 miles east of here, and carried military and civilian personnel and girl friends homebound from a day at the beach. No one on the bus was uninjured, but no one was injured aboard the train, the Union Pacific's Pony Express eastbound to Chicago. The railroad said the train was traveling 70 miles an hour. Engineer Al Hall declared "I didn't see a thing" before the crash.

'Look Out!'

Survivors included Omega and Marquita Pearce, 18-year-old twins from Ontario. Omega received a broken ankle, Marquita cuts and bruises.

She said she was sitting on the rear seat with Charles Plevniak. "I heard a scream: 'Look out! The next thing I knew, some men were picking me up.'"

Marquita said her sister was several seats up in the bus.

Nearly a mile of the railroad right-of-way—some 30 miles east of Los Angeles—was strewn with bodies, some decapitated and many mangled. Torches were required to cut one body from the bus wreckage.

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## AFL Charts New Demands For Labor

By The Associated Press

One hundred thousand of John L. Lewis' coal miners went back to work today, but 400,000 remained on strike as did 513,000 CIO steelworkers.

There was optimism voiced that settlement of the 156-day strike of 1,200 CIO longshoremen at Hawaii may come soon. Tension relaxed in Detroit's auto industry as CIO auto workers planned to apply the Ford settlement pattern to Chrysler and other manufacturers.

Meanwhile, as the AFL convention began at St. Paul, Minn., the federation's officers recommended shortening of industry's work day and work week as an immediate economic goal.

The United Mine Workers sent back to their jobs today by the terse hint from union headquarters that their idleness "is not now vital to the pending wage negotiations" were 20,000 anthracite (hard coal) diggers in Pennsylvania and some 22,000 soft coal miners west of the Mississippi.

The UMW battle cry of recent years, "no contract, no work," apparently was discarded for a limited application of "no pension, no work."

CATTLEMEN MEET

PULLMAN, Oct. 3 (AP)—Beef cattle growers gathered here today from throughout the Northwest for the annual beef cattle type conference sponsored by Washington State college.

'Happiness is a town named Big Spring,' he told a crowd estimated at 2000 persons just before the program in the municipal auditorium began.

"Everyone here has gone out of his way to make my stay here one to be remembered."

"You need not worry about me while I am here," he said in a low, emotion-choked voice.

Shirley Phillips, the draguist who wrote the book, "Big Spring," that inspired Grandstaff to compose his music, introduced the convict to the crowd.

# OC&E Rail Strike Ends

## Peso's Value Heavily Cut In Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 3 (AP)—Argentina today devalued her money 45 per cent in relation to the dollar.

The effect was to make the U. S. dollar bring \$4.5 per cent more pesos than it did before for travelers and for certain services. The rates for exports and imports were re-aligned less drastically.

The rate was fixed at nine pesos to the dollar, compared with the old rate of 4.875. The peso was devalued to 25.20 to the British pound instead of the old rate of 19.37.

Imports Stopped

This South American nation also suspended all imports at least temporarily.

The Central bank put into effect the reshuffled exchange rates. It also issued a 30-page list of items which can be imported but said the method of asking for import permits will be set up later.

The peso adjustments were ordered Saturday by the finance ministry in view of the devaluation of currencies throughout the world touched off by Britain's cheapening her money.

25 Devaluations

To date, 25 nations have devalued since Britain started the ball rolling by cutting the value of the pound from \$4.83 to \$2.80 on September 18.

Most of the devaluations in Britain and the other countries have been by about 30 per cent in relation to the dollar.

What Argentina has done is to cut the value of her money sharply in relation to the dollar but only moderately in relation to the devalued pound.

The new rates apply to the transfer of money to and from Argentina for travelers, profits and for services. The rates do not apply to merchandise exported or imported.

## Baker Deer Hunters Get Cougar, Bear

BAKER, Oct. 3 (AP)—Hunters who bagged deer over the week-end don't need to feel so set up about it.

Three hunters here came in Sunday with the following prey: one buck, one cougar, one bear and one coyote, all from the Big creek area of Baker county.

The hunters were Floyd Williams and Truman Carter of Baker and Jay Carter of Ordinance. Jay Carter, who shot the cougar, will collect a fifty dollar bounty.

## Honeymooner Dies in CNW Flier Wreck

AMES, Ia., Oct. 3 (AP)—Ernest Riggs, 35-year-old Oakland honeymooner, was killed and four other persons were injured severely here today when the streamliner City of San Francisco left the rails. A coach filled with sleeping passengers on the westbound flier was sheared open. Five cars were derailed.

All of the injured were on a coach which left the rails and was ripped open as it jack-knifed into a box car on a siding. Broken glass, baggage and seats which had been torn from their moorings flew through the coach.

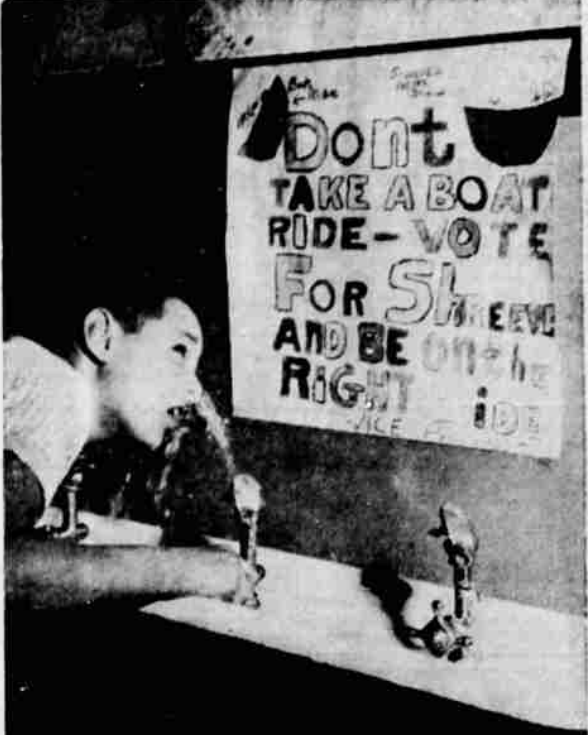
The coach's side was ripped open for a distance of about 30 feet and the coach immediately behind it scissored off the tracks as the crack Chicago and North Western passenger train came to a stop within 200 yards.

## Committee OK's Minton

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3 (AP)—The senate judiciary committee today approved the nomination of Federal Judge Sherman Minton of Indiana to be an associate justice of the supreme court.

The committee voted nine to two to send the nomination to the senate for confirmation with a favorable recommendation.

Approval came after the committee reversed a previous decision to link Minton before it for question.



CAMPAGNING FOR student body offices at Fremont Junior high hit a peak today, as signs and slogans filled the halls. Election day is Wednesday. David Mathis, candidate for vice president, tries to take a drink and at the same time read a poster put up by one of his opponents, Marjorie Shreeve.

## U. S. Justice W. O. Douglas Gravely Hurt

YAKIMA, Oct. 3 (AP)—Justice William O. Douglas, one of the leading liberals of the U.S. supreme court, was injured gravely yesterday in the Cascade mountains he loved as a boy. He suffered 13 rib fractures and a punctured lung when his frightened horse fell and rolled on him.

His chances of full recovery, however, appeared excellent today. Doctors attending him at a Yakima hospital said his condition was not critical. The stamina gained from

an active, outdoor life away from his judicial duties stood him in good stead.

Good Night

Doctors said the justice rested well throughout the night and got some sleep despite the obvious pain of his injuries.

The 50-year-old jurist responded well to blood transfusions and emergency treatment given on his arrival from the accident scene, 77 miles away.

But for several days, his doctors said, the danger of pneumonia will be acute. As soon as his improvement permits, further examinations are planned to check against the possibility of other internal injuries.

Mrs. Douglas, who was in the east, and their daughter, Mildred, a student at her father's alma mater, Whitman college at Walla Walla, Wash., are on their way here to be by his side.

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## Junior High Youngsters In Politics

Thirteen Fremont Junior high students are getting their first sweet taste of politics as they campaigned today for student body offices. A general assembly with speeches by the candidates is slated for Tuesday at 1 p. m., followed by an all-day election Wednesday.

Named by the nominating committee for office are, president, James Craig, Jack Prock and Sara Stewart; vice president, David Mathis; Marjorie Shreeve and Patricia Taylor; secretary, Patricia Collins, Sylvia Gerber, Ann Henderson and George Knight; secretary-treasurer, LaRayne Weed, Rudy Westin and Donald Williams.

Posters and signs, cards and campaign enticements were being circulated in the school where all eighth graders in the city system are students.

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## Vandenberg Under Knife

DETROIT, Oct. 3 (AP)—The Detroit Times reported today that Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.) was taken to the operating room of University hospital in Ann Arbor for lung surgery.

The Times quoted surgeons as saying the senator would be under the knife for two to four hours.

The senator entered the hospital for a checkup early last week. The nature of his illness was not disclosed.

## Truce Voted While Case Is Mediated

Striking conductors of the Oregon, California and Eastern railway voted 11 to 2 yesterday to return to work pending the outcome of negotiations with the national mediation board which has taken jurisdiction of the 36-day-old strike.

G. W. Lange, representing the Order of Railway Conductors, said that the 65-mile Klamath Falls-to-Bly road would be in service as soon as equipment can be assembled.

The road may be in operation within 24 hours.

Dispute Items

The road has been idle for more than one month, due to dispute over pay claims, pay for an injured employe and rest periods between shifts.

Lange reported developments this morning after a telephone call to M. C. Anderson, an assistant to the vice president of Great Northern railway in St. Paul.

The OC&E is owned jointly by Great Northern and Southern Pacific but is currently under management of GN.

Request Honored

The national mediation board had asked that the workers go back on their jobs while mediation is in progress. The striking employes agreed to the request yesterday at a meeting in the Winema hotel at 1 p. m.

Continuance of operations on the road will depend on the outcome of negotiations, Lange said. He added that it was not known when a mediator from the national mediation board would arrive in Klamath Falls.

## Demos Drop Civil Rights Hot Potato

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3 (AP)—Democratic congressional leaders and President Truman agreed today that congress should drop off consideration of civil rights measures until the session starting in January.

Senator Lucas of Illinois, democratic floor leader, said after a conference with the president that "it seems doubtful that a prolonged discussion of any civil rights bill at this session would be helpful."

Lucas said a fair employment practices commission measure probably would be the first to be considered in January.

## Texas Braces For Hurricane

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex., Oct. 3 (AP)—A 100-mile-an-hour hurricane moved slowly toward the industrial-studded Texas gulf coast today.

All along the crescent shaped coastline from Corpus Christi to Galveston, about 250 miles, preparations were made for a big blow late today.

Tides already were running high and torrential rains drenched the whole area. Nearly four inches of rain had fallen at Galveston.

Bombers Moved

Corpus Christi site of the big naval air training center, ordered schools closed. Thirty-five four-engine bombers took off in a rain squall for a safe haven at Good fellow field at San Angelo, in West Texas.

Merchants were busy boarding up plate glass windows. Low land dwellers were ordered away from the coast line.

## Clark Death Ride Probed

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 3 (AP)—The civil aeronautics board was investigating today whether the plane which crashed in a busy midtown boulevard, killing Crooner Buddy Clark, may have been overloaded.

Five others, including Sam Hayes, top west coast NBC newscaster, were injured in the crash Saturday night. The plane was returning from the Stanford-Michigan football game at Palo Alto when its gas supply ran out.

## Meet the People



PACING THE PAVEMENT while he waits for the stork to arrive at Klamath Valley hospital is George Demetarakos, Klamath resident who encountered the Meet the People photographer early this morning.

## World Series Facts

By The Associated Press  
Contenders — New York (AL) vs. Brooklyn (NL).  
Place — At Yankee stadium Oct. 5-6; at Ebbets field Oct. 7-8 and 9 (if necessary); at Yankee stadium Oct. 10-11 (if necessary).  
Time — All games at 10 a. m. (PST) except Sunday when they start at 11:05 a. m.  
Odds — Yankees favored at 5 to 9 to win series.  
Radio — Mutual Broadcasting System.  
Probable Starting Pitchers — Ed Lopat (15-9), New York, vs. Preacher Roe (15-5), Brooklyn.

## 1223 EXECUTED

ATHENS, Oct. 3 (AP)—The government reports today that 3150 persons have been sentenced to death since June 1, 1946, for taking part in Greece's communist-led revolt and 1223 have been executed.