

WOODS COMBED FOR KF HUNTER

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
FROM Portland this morning comes this interesting and pregnant dispatch:

"Oregon voters will be asked next year to put both state and legislative houses on a straight population quota.

"This would mean the end of the system in which lightly populated districts now gain representation.

"Both senators and representatives in the Oregon legislature would be elected ENTIRELY according to population."

Do you get the full drift of that proposal?

Here is what it would mean: The Oregon legislature would hereafter be dominated by the areas in which the BIGGEST CITIES are located. The more thinly populated counties would lose the commanding position in the legislature which they have always held in the past.

On its face, it sounds like just another scheme to juggle somebody out of a political job and juggle somebody else in. Such schemes are almost as old as the Republic. We even have a word for it. We call it "gerrymandering."

The political process is so old that the word is actually in the dictionary, which defines it thus: "To gerrymander: To divide a state, county, etc., into election districts or other civil divisions in an unnatural and unfair way so as to give a political party an advantage over its opponent."

THE word takes its name from Governor Elbridge Gerry of Massachusetts, whose party, back in 1812, divided Essex county, Mass., up into a DRAGON-SHAPED district whose boundaries were so drawn as to take in all the areas populated by Gerry's cohorts and to LEAVE OUT the areas that were antagonistic to him and his crowd.

THE founding fathers wrestled long and bitterly over this same issue. When the federal union that is now the United States was being put together, the thickly settled states with big cities wanted representation in congress according to population SO THAT THEY COULD CONTROL CONGRESS.

The battle finally ended in a compromise with members of the house of representatives elected according to population and members of the senate according to states—each state having two senators REGARDLESS of population.

BECAUSE of this compromise, the West has been able to hold its own against the heavily-populated East. I think nearly everyone in the West will agree that WITHOUT THE SENATE we of the Far West would NEVER have been able to make the gains we have made.

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No Big Navy Cut Planned, Says Johnson

ST. PAUL, Minn., Oct. 10 (AP)—Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson repeated today there is no plan afoot to reduce the navy to "a second class role" in national defense.

Johnson addressing the annual convention of the American Federation of Labor, said the navy has an "honorable role" to play on the army-navy airforce team.

"Vital Parts" Johnson took notice of mounting protests from navy partisans that it was about to be "unified" out of business. He assured the navy he intends to keep it and the marine corps as vital parts of the defense combination.

The defense secretary—declaring that the possibility the Russians would learn the atomic secret long has figured in defense planning—said he is "confident" this country still has the lead in atomic weapons.

Ten-year-old Larry Bailey, inmate for his California playmates, slipped off in the woods near Merrill yesterday morning and hanged himself, according to Sheriff Jack Franey.

The youngster was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Bailey, Porterville, Calif. The Baileys annually go to Merrill during potato harvest and Bailey, a haulage contractor, trucks spuds, Sheriff Franey said.

"Premeditated" The sheriff said that he, District Attorney Dayton Van Vactor and Deputy Coroner Clarence Ward made an on-the-spot investigation yesterday and decided the death was "premeditated."

This is the sheriff's story of the tragedy: Little Larry's mother and father went deer hunting early yesterday morning, leaving Larry to play with his brother and some neighborhood youngsters.

About 8:30 in the morning Larry was missed and a search was started but the boy's body was not found until about 11 o'clock last night. William Watson and H. D. Nicholson, both of Merrill, found the boy's body hanging from a tree limb about one-half mile north of the Theron W. Jones ranch near Merrill.

Evidence showed, the sheriff said, that the youngster had climbed the tree and crawled out some 12 feet along a high limb from which he hanged himself with a short length of rope.

At the Bailey home, the officers found an identical piece of rope from which the length had obviously been cut.

Sheriff Franey said neighbors of the Baileys told him that little Larry frequently voiced a longing for his hometown playmates in California.

The boy's body was removed to Ward's funeral home in Klamath Falls. Funeral arrangements are to be announced later.

STALEY NAME TACOMA, Oct. 10 (AP)—Call Fornia celebrated her 12th birthday today. Call is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Fornia and a student at Tacoma's Jason Lee junior high school.

Brave Talk Brave, bristling statements came from Nationalist leaders. A few officials even boasted they would yet defeat the Reds. Nobody mentioned the vast territory lost since a year ago—all the way from Mukden to South China. Nobody reckoned how long the Nationalists can hold onto what they have left.

Canton apparently was not in imminent danger, but the government packed its bag again. It was a signal to transfer to Chungking, the wartime capital.

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Truman Said Backing Big Farm Parity

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10 (AP)—Rep. Cecil F. White (D-Calif.) quoted President Truman today as saying he strongly favors 90 per cent parity price supports for the basic farm crops.

White said he called on Truman to urge him to support 90 per cent price props as against the flexible 75 to 90 per cent supports in the farm bill now before the senate.

Truman Support "The president informed me he has been supporting 90 per cent all along and will continue to do so in accordance with his promises to the people in the last campaign," White told reporters.

In view of the senate's rejection of the 90 per cent supports last week, White said the battle for them will probably have to be carried over into the next session of congress beginning in January.

He said Truman told him he "is not going to attempt to interfere" with congress's action on the pending farm bill.

Not Now, Later The Californian added that both he and the president hope to get a farm law carrying out their ideas, "if not at this session, then in the next."

Senator Lucas of Illinois, the democratic senate leader, has backed the pending bill of Senator Anderson (D-NM), former secretary of agriculture, which provides for flexible price supports at 75 to 90 per cent of parity. Parity is a price designed to give the farmer a fair return for what he grows in relation to what he buys.

In Respect The senate is to renew debate on the farm bill tomorrow, following a one-day adjournment in respect to Senator Miller (D-Idaho), who died Saturday.

It will consider an amendment by Senator Magnuson (D-Wash) to keep our foreign agricultural products if their entry would conflict with U.S. farm-aid programs.

China Marks Birthday In Red's Path CANTON, Oct. 10 (AP)—Nationalist China observed the 38th anniversary of the Chinese republic today with a communist gun in its back.

This provisional capital celebrated the "double tenth" amid preparations for a last-ditch stand against the Reds.

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RED EMBRACE PARIS, Oct. 10 (AP)—The entire staff of the Chinese embassy and consulate-general here today deserted the nationalist regime and declared their support for the new Chinese communist government at Peking.

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Tulelake Rape Charged To 3 'John Does'

TULELAKE—Three John Doe warrants have been issued against a trio of Tulelake men charged with rape of a 23-year-old woman, Mary Jo Polk, whom she charges with abducting her Thursday night of last week from a Tulelake service station as she attempted to enter a rest room.

Mrs. Polk, wife of Carl Polk who has lived here for several months and working on ranches in this area, told this story to Assistant District Ellis Filene of Yreka who was here this past week-end to take her statement.

Abducted She said she had gone to a service station but found the rest room door locked. As she walked toward the office to obtain a key, three men stepped from a "dark car" and clamping a hand over her mouth, carried her into the car.

The machine was driven into the homestead area, several miles from Tulelake, and there Mrs. Polk charges the three men with rape. They stripped her of clothing, and later pushed her from the car and tossed her clothes out on the ground before leaving the scene.

Hysterical Mrs. Polk said she dressed and then started walking to her home, arriving in an hysterical condition early Friday morning.

The men were young, between 25 and 30 years of age, but that was the only description which could be given officers here by the young woman.

Train Wrecks; 3 Known Dead, Child Missing

MEADE, Kas., Oct. 10 (AP)—Four cars and a diesel unit of a Chicago bound Rock Island train were derailed by a washout today, killing at least three persons and injuring approximately 50 to 70 more.

A fourth person, a two-year-old girl, was missing, and rescue workers feared she was trapped in a submerged passenger coach. She was Crystal Lee Dutton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Dutton of Port Huron, Mich.

The known dead were: Mrs. Clarence Moon, 57, Liberal, Kas.; Joe Robinson, 62, negro chef, Los Angeles, and one unidentified woman. All were brought to Meade.

Navy Claims B-36 'Setting Duck' For New Air Defenses

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10 (AP)—A navy electronics expert told house investigators today that radar can track rockets and reach the moon, so it certainly can spot a big high-flying bomber like the air force B-36.

Lt. Cmdr. E. W. Harrison continued before the house armed services committee the navy's attack on the giant, six-engine bomber that is the pride of the air force.

Admiral Arthur W. Radford led off for the navy last week with a contention that the B-36 construction program must be labeled a "billion dollar blunder" unless the plane can, as the air force contends, carry out bombing missions without detection and heavy losses.

Radford said the claims are not true.

Funds Fend Now other navy men are giving supporting testimony on the general theme that too much of limited defense funds are going into the B-36 and too little into naval aviation.

Harrison, who is attached to the electronics divisions of the bureau of aeronautics, told the committee: "We have, and can expect any potential enemy to have, radar equipment and interceptor aircraft capable of detecting, intercepting and bringing about the destruction

of large, very heavy bombers regardless of how high they fly."

Johnson's Plan Members of the committee have indicated deep concern over reports that Secretary of Defense Johnson plans further cuts in spending for the navy and its air arm.

Rep. Bates (R-Mass.) urged that Johnson be called before the committee and asked to give his detailed reasons for the cuts which Secretary of the Navy Matthews has said would damage national security.

Chairman Vinson said that "of course we are going to get Johnson up here."

Secret Equipment Harrison told the committee that this country even has secret equipment that determines whether aircraft is friendly or enemy. Radar, (Continued on Page 2)

WEATHER

Klamath Falls and Vicinity: Fair this afternoon and tonight. Tomorrow increasing cloudiness with showers during afternoon. High today 57. Low tonight 41. High Tuesday 56.
Max. (Oct. 9) 47 Min. 30
Precipitation last 24 hours 4.15

Denny Creek Area Scene Of Manhunt

By HALE SCARBROUGH
A 20-year-old Klamath Falls deer hunter, Jack Hargrove, failed to return to his car last night at Denny creek and searching parties are out today in an effort to locate him.

Hope of finding him unharmed dwindled as the hours passed.

The boy was on his first hunting trip and his party had gone up on a ridge between the Lake o' the Woods road and Upper Klamath lake, just south of the Rock Creek ranch. The terrain is rough and wooded but not considered difficult.

Last Seen Hargrove was last seen by a member of his party, his brother Max Hargrove, about 10 o'clock yesterday morning and at that time he was headed down the slope of the ridge toward where the car was parked at a cattle guard on the road entering the Rock Creek ranch. His brother bagged a deer and returned to the car about three hours later but the youth was not in sight.

Search Started Max said he came back to the cattle gap about 5 o'clock and his brother still had not showed up. He and the other members of the party, including Mrs. Max Hargrove and son Jimmy, and Paul Hamilton waited until late last night, firing shots and searching through the timber for the missing youth. Other relatives came out to join the search.

They broke off the search about 10:30 and went back to the ridge at daybreak today, scouring the ridge from where Jack Hargrove was last seen.

Shot Heard Later this morning B. F. Stott, Moore park caretaker, reported he had been hunting in the area yesterday and last night just at dusk he heard several shots fired in a quick succession which may have been a distress signal. The shots seemed to come from a 400-acre burn area south of Eagle Ridge and west of Squaw Flat.

Stott guided a party into the burn this morning. The sheriff's office and the Klamath Air Search and Rescue unit also took a hand in the search, a plane piloted by Chet Stinson with Joe Steele aboard was flying over the area in an effort to spot the lost hunter. Pilot Al Mocabee returned at noon after a 3-hour flight over the area. Max Meenti accompanied him.

Vic Douglas, Forester Clarence Williams and Deputy Sheriff Murray Brown went in on foot, equipped with a walkie-talkie. Several other persons volunteered to help in the search.

Anxiety Heightens Young Hargrove was wearing a red felt hat but had on a dark green jacket and levis. He was carrying a 30-30 calibre rifle and had an almost full box of shells. Last night's cold rain heightened the anxiety of his hunting companions for his safety.

The youth is an employe of Kalmpine Plywood company and resides with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hargrove, at 3335 Independence.

Rain Slows Spud Harvest; Mild Tonight

Harvest of the big spud crop throughout the Klamath basin received a temporary setback this week-end when Sunday's rain totaling 1.5 of an inch, sent equipment and pickers out of the field.

By mid-afternoon, aided by clearing skies and higher temperatures, crews were expected to be going full blast today in order to overcome the loss of exceedingly valuable time at this period in the harvest.

Little Harm County Agent Charles Henderson said he did not think the brief layoff would materially affect the outcome of the harvest.

Spud growers were hoping for a spell of warmer, dry weather but Tuesday's official forecast of increasing cloudiness and showers was not encouraging.

A minimum temperature of 28 degrees, equaling the seasonal low, was reported early Monday morning. Low for the next 24 hours is forecast at a mild 41 degrees.

Mud Victims Summer home owners of mountain cabins weathered the storm Sunday and at least one party was stuck in the mud crossing the flat at Lake o' the Woods and forced to abandon the machine.

Alturas sources advised a "good snow storm" Saturday followed by rain and clearing Monday.

2 Million Strike Idle, Possibility

By The Associated Press
The steel and coal strikes continued today and the prospect was for more widespread idleness this week. The nation's strike idle may reach two million this week.

John L. Lewis planned to go back to the bargaining table with operators Wednesday on behalf of his 380,000 striking soft coal diggers.

Austrians Reject Reds In Election

VIENNA, Oct. 10 (AP)—Austrian voters kept their nation lined up with the anti-communist countries of Europe in a weekend parliamentary election marked by a decided upsurge in rightist sentiment.

Final unofficial returns today revealed that Chancellor Leopold Figl's anti-Red coalition government had remained firmly in the saddle despite some loss of strength. That coalition, composed of the conservative people's party and the socialists, will continue to run the new government.

Big Majority Figl's people's party held its rank as Austria's biggest party, winning 77 seats in the 165-member lower house of parliament. The socialists won 87 seats, to give the government coalition an overwhelming 144-vote bloc in the chamber.

Communists, who won only four seats in the 1945 election, added one more in Sunday's voting. But their failure to make any appreciable gain led Chancellor Figl to proclaim that the voting gave "clear and unmistakable proof that Austria is an outpost of the western democratic world."

'Joe Palooka,' Actress Wed LAS VEGAS, Nev., Oct. 10 (AP) Joe Kirkwood Jr., the "Joe Palooka" of the movies and pro golf star, is honeymooning today with actress Cathy Downs, much to the surprise of the couple's Hollywood friends.

Meet the People



ALL IN THE DAY'S work, says Earl McCaughey, Klamath Falls grocery store clerk, snapped by the Meet the People photographer as he prepared a display of cigarettes in a Main street store.