

PLANES HIT, 54 BELIEVED DEAD



By FRANK JENKINS

HERE is an interesting question: How did the Hercules people come to settle on the Klamath country as the place to locate a pilot plant to further their study of the chemistry of western woods?

This is the story, as I have heard it: They decided at the beginning that they must have a location fairly well centered in the western pine area and served by two railroads.

That decision pin-pointed Klamath as a good spot.

SOMETHING else helped — immensely.

In the Ewanna property, Weyerhaeuser had a site that was practically tailored to measure. It was ample in size, it was admirably served by transportation. It had a big and quite modern power plant. It had plenty of buildings, some of which can be used.

On top of all that, Weyerhaeuser offered the site at a most attractive price. We must keep in mind the fact that in modern industrial practice pilot plants are expendable. That is to say, when they have served their purpose they have little further value. Their equipment is SPECIAL equipment. It is designed simply and solely to prove whether or not certain processes originated in the laboratory can be made profitable on a commercial scale. When that question is answered, the pilot plant is all through.

The price named by the Weyerhaeuser people was so low as to enable Hercules to carry through its pilot plant operation at a minimum of cost. Besides, it makes it possible to get the pilot plant into operation sooner—which is a consideration of some importance. When you want to find out something by TRYING IT OUT on a scale sufficiently large to prove the point, the sooner you can get going the better you will like it.

WHEN Weyerhaeuser bought Ewanna, the market for used equipment was still quite active. If the Ewanna property had been liquidated without delay, a much larger price could have been obtained. Instead of liquidating it immediately, the Weyerhaeuser people chose to hold it in the hope of securing a large industry whose location here would greatly improve the community's industrial outlook. The completion of the Hercules deal realized this hope.

It happens to know that the difference between the price that could have been obtained by immediate liquidation and the price finally made to the Hercules people is an inducement to bring their project here runs into a LARGE sum of money.

It is co-operation like that that builds cities. In giving credit for this splendid development in the industrial growth of the Klamath country, Weyerhaeuser is entitled to a large share for the enlightened policy of community development which it has pursued. The railroads also, through their industrial development departments, helped greatly.

IN the final washout, of course, it was the Klamath area's advantageous location with regard to western wood supply and transportation that probably tipped the scales in our favor. But the TEAMWORK displayed by everybody con-

Good Weather 'Till Sunday

PORTLAND, Nov. 1 (AP)—Fair skies and moderate temperatures are in store for the rest of this week, the weather bureau reported today.

By Saturday, however, some cloudiness is expected to develop and on Sunday rain is likely.

'Big Steel' Front Split; Bethlehem Firing Furnaces

CLEVELAND, Nov. 1 (AP)—Bethlehem Steel corporation left a wide hole in the once solid ranks of the strike-closed steel industry today and started firing up for business as usual.

Shattering a well worn precedent of waiting to see what the nation's No. 1 producer—U. S. Steel—would do, Bethlehem, No. 2, came to terms last night with Philip Murray and his CIO-United Steelworkers.

State Jobless Benefits Hit Monthly High

SALEM, Nov. 1 (AP)—State unemployment benefits during October were more than three times the highest previous October figure in the 12-year history of the state unemployment compensation commission.

The October total was \$1,369,715—and unemployment is expected to increase even more.

More than 60,000 jobless workers filed claims for benefits during the past four months, compared with 27,400 in the similar period of last year.

The commission blamed the big increase on slowdowns in the food processing, construction and lumber industries. More than one-fourth of those getting benefits last week were from the lumber industry.

Halloween Kid Parties Big Success

The city recreation department's planned Halloween parties for children last night was a bigger success than expected, according to Sam Smith, city recreation chairman.

The Halloween program received the finest cooperation from all schools, clubs and civic organizations, Smith said. No official count was taken of the attendance at the parties, but good crowds were present at all eight of the school gyms and the high school dance attendance was estimated at over 500.

'Veep' Can't Find Ring for Widow

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 1 (AP)—Vice President Barkley still hasn't found the kind of wedding ring he wants for his bride-to-be.

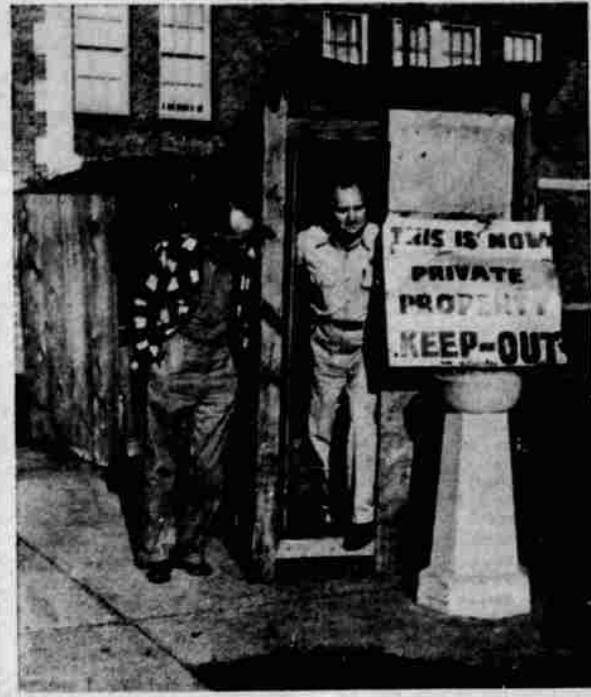
Barkley and Mrs. Carleton S. Hadley, 38, who announced their marriage date Sunday, shopped for a ring yesterday. But they were unable to find just what they wanted.

The 71-year-old vice president planned a flying trip to Washington, Pa., today for a speaking engagement. His plane was to leave this afternoon.

After filling the engagement, he will return to St. Louis and continue his search for a ring.

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decent basis—without their going to the poorhouse, public charity or relatives or friends for help.

"How much was expended in 1948 on the wear and tear of the human machine? Five million dollars.

"That is the issue, that is what we're fighting about."

A few hours later, at midnight, the first of Bethlehem's 80,000 workers gleefully started back. It will take about a week to get the plants into full operation.

The main feature of Bethlehem's terms was a minimum \$100 monthly pension for all employees with 25 years' service reaching the age of 65 or over. Those with 20 years will receive \$85. After 15 years, \$65.

Some, said Murray, will receive as much as \$250 a month.

Company Pays

With the exception of employee payments to federal social security, the company will pay all—about nine cents per worker hourly—of the pension costs. Unlike the other steel firms, Bethlehem has been financing a pension system for 26 years but at a lower rate providing for around insurance—death, sickness, accidents, hospitalization—employees put 2½ cents an hour into a fund and the company matches it. Employees had been paying all social insurance costs in the past but the exact figure was not announced.

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Fire Damages Postal HQ in Washington

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1 (AP)—Fire, accompanied by a rumbling series of explosions, caused heavy damage to the \$11,000,000 (M) postoffice department building today and sent hundreds of government employees fleeing to the streets.

The blaze was confined to the eighth floor. But before firemen brought it under control, they poured tons of water into the columned, limestone structure on Pennsylvania avenue between 12th and 13th streets, N.W.

Smoke and water damage was heavy. There was no immediate official estimate of the loss, but a somewhat similar fire in 1935—soon after the building was constructed—caused \$400,000 damage.

Three Injured

At least three persons were injured, either by flying glass from the explosions, or when a section of the seventh floor ceiling fell in.

Two were employees of the federal communications commission. They were Richard Jamison and D. C. Corrigan. Both suffered head injuries.

Robert Farrington, an Associated Press reporter, got a bad cut on the shoulder. A glass door behind him was blown out on the seventh floor while he was telephoning a report on the fire to his office.

Man Cuts Off Trapped Hand

NEW CASTLE, Ind., Nov. 1 (AP) Charles Rothrock, 65-year-old farmer, amputated his own right hand with a pocket knife after it became caught in a corn picking machine yesterday. Rothrock's wife lost both her legs in the same corn picker in 1942.

Rothrock, after freeing himself, ran a quarter of a mile to the home of a brother and was taken to a hospital. His condition was reported fair.

Rothrock's wife, Clara, was pulled into the machine seven years ago when her slacks caught in its blades. Both her legs were amputated.

After her husband had been taken to the hospital, Mrs. Rothrock said: "Lots of people have worse luck than we do."

FUN AND A BIT OF rascality highlighted 1949's celebration of Halloween last night. Above, left, Mrs. Melvin Howie fits up daughter Vicki for a round of trick-or-treat. Right, Walter Hamblin and Al Angel, KUHS custodians, were kept busy this morning moving off two little "houses" from the high school lawn. Below, the Moose sponsored Teen-Age party at the armory was well attended. Mary Mills is serving doughnuts to a group of KUHS students who found the snack bar a popular place.

Electricians Apparently Leaving CIO

CLEVELAND, Nov. 1 (AP)—The United Electrical Workers, spearhead of the CIO's rebellious left wing, today announced it was withholding any further dues to the CIO—a certain first step toward its ouster.

In a defiant statement accusing CIO leadership of following a "program of raiding, union-busting and red-baiting hypocrisy," UE President Albert J. Fitzgerald said the next step "is up to the CIO."

Walkout

UE delegates walked off the convention floor shortly afterwards.

Fitzgerald said they were going home. UE officers have not been attending the convention although delegates were there.

There was little doubt that President Philip Murray of the CIO would accept the challenge quickly.

The groundwork for removing the UE, with approximately 375,000 members, was laid by constitutional changes approved last night for action by the CIO convention today or tomorrow.

Bang—Shooting Hours

November 2
Open: 6:11 a.m.
Close: 3:55 p.m.

Community Chest Set for Kickoff; Big Meet Tonight

Finishing touches were being applied this morning to plans for a meeting of Klamath Falls business and industrial executives at the Klamath Union high school auditorium at 7:30 tonight. The session has been called in the interest of the current \$65,541 Klamath County Community Chest campaign.

Leaders of the 1949 Community Chest appeal pointed out that in addition to a general discussion of the Chest and its objectives, volunteer workers who have pledged themselves to help raise the \$65,541 goal, will attend the meeting this evening and will get their final instructions and soliciting supplies.

"Vital Interest"

"We have promised one and all that we will have a meeting that is of vital interest to every citizen of Klamath county, but the session will not be long and there will be no solicitation of funds during the assembly," Campaign Chairman Chester H. Hamaker declared this morning.

The brunt of the speaking assignment this evening will be borne by Frank Jenkins, Herald and News publisher.

"We want everyone in our county to feel that they will be most welcome at the meeting at the high school," Hamaker declared. "Although personal invitations have been mailed only to heads of firms which employ five or more people, in addition to the various committee workers who comprise our campaign division, this does not mean that the meeting will not be of real interest to everyone," he added.

Committee workers were busy today personally urging the heads of the firms assigned to them to be on hand at the high school this evening.

Those resigning were Vice Premier Giuseppe Saragat, leader of the Italian socialist labor party (PSLI), and two other PSLI representatives, Minister of Industry and Commerce Ivan Matteo Lombardo and Minister of Reconstruction Roberto Tremelloni.

ASTORIA WARM
ASTORIA, Nov. 1 (AP)—Surf bathers had warm temperatures on Clatsop beaches over the week-end, with unofficial readings going up as high as 80 degrees.

Washington, D. C., Scene Of Tragedy

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1 (AP)—A little Bolivian fighter plane and a big airliner collided in the air near the Washington airport today with a probable death toll of 54.

More than two hours after the crash only one person was known to have come through it alive.

He was an unidentified man who babbled deliriously in Spanish and was believed to be the Bolivian pilot, Eric Rios Bridoux, 28.

There were believed to have been 49 passengers and four crewmen aboard the Eastern Air Lines DC-4 which was inbound from Boston and New York. One of them was Rep. George J. Bates, Massachusetts republican.

River's Edge

The airliner crashed at the Potomac river's edge. Bodies of the passengers were flung over an area of 150 yards. Many apparently were lost in the river.

Military authorities and airport police said 25 bodies had been recovered.

The only body definitely identified in mid-afternoon was that of Helen Gilbert, stewardess.

Hit at 300 Feet

The two planes came together about 300 feet in the air. Airport control officials said Rios Bridoux had been instructed by radio to permit the airliner to land first, but that he let down his landing gear and headed in for a landing without acknowledging the instructions.

Officials of the civil aeronautics administration said Bridoux understood English and was regarded as a good pilot.

His plane was a P-38. Bolivia recently contracted to buy it from the United States. Rios Bridoux has been testing it before taking final delivery.

Worst?

If the death toll should eventually prove to be 54, it would be the worst airline disaster in history in the United States. There were 33 killed in a crash near Port Deposit, Md., in May, 1947.

Some witnesses said there was apparently an explosion after the Bolivian plane struck the airliner.

The plane was in pieces when the wreckage came to rest—part in the Potomac river and part on the ground.

In the search for bodies, a big motorized crane belonging to the air force was brought to lift the mangled tail section from the river bank.

Lost

A search was still going on for the fore-part of the big air liner, believed to have submerged in the river.

The Bolivian plane and pilot landed in the river, but an air force sergeant rescued the pilot.

Captain William Lookadoo, Bolling air force base information officer, gave this account:

"The base sent crash boats to the scene. About 1000 yards out from the shoreline, a man was seen treading water.

Rescue

Tech. Sergeant Dorris J. Faoullacker, 27, of New York City, who was aboard one of the crash boats sighted the man and dove in after him. He was sinking.

"The man was pulled into the boat. He identified himself as the pilot of the P-38 and then fainted."

Beck Still In Serious Condition

Bill Beck, retired employe of The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company who was critically injured in an automobile accident on the Merrill highway Sunday morning, remains in a serious condition.

Beck, 69-year-old resident of 329 S. Lewis, had a "poor night" at Klamath Valley hospital where he has been a patient since the accident. He had been with the telephone company here for 21 years prior to his retirement several years ago.

Jack Barbour, driver of the car which state police said sideswiped the Beck machine in front of Henley school, entered a plea of not guilty to charges of failure to yield right of way and failure to stop at a stop sign. He was released on his own recognizance.

Mild Weather At Crater

Indian summer weather has hit Crater Lake national park in one of the mildest seasons despite several mornings of extreme cold, according to Chief Ranger Louis Hallock today.

There is very little snow in the park and only a small amount is left on the rim. Ranger Hallock said. Ski enthusiasts will have to wait a long time before they will have a chance to try out their skis.

Temperatures have ranged in the 50's and 60's the past 10 days, and maximum temperature Monday was 64 degrees.

LUKAS UNDER KNIFE
ATLANTA, Nov. 1 (AP)—Paul Lukas, veteran stage and screen star, underwent a throat operation today. Doctors at the Ponce de Leon infirmary said a small growth was removed from Lukas' vocal cords.

Halloween Quiet; Treat Boom Noted

Believe it or not, comparative quiet reigned on the Halloween scene last night.

City police claimed last night was one of the quietest they have experienced in many a year.

Few incidents of vandalism were reported outside of three fire hydrant-crackings that occurred about 7:30 p.m. a prowler was called out on that case, and it appeared that the pranksters concerned were scared off the streets.

Hydrants Cracked

The city fire department stated that approximately 12 hydrants were cracked open prior to 11 o'clock last night. But no false alarms or fire calls were turned in.

State police reported that the phone was jangling on its hook most of the night. Most popular sport in the outlying districts was the tearing down of mail boxes.

Kaler's ambulance was expecting to receive several false alarms, judging from experience in previous years. However, no calls were received as of late last night.

Parties Popular

City Recreation Director Sam Smith stated that all school parties were well attended.

Attendance at the armory teenage dance was not so great as expected, but nevertheless the refreshment booth stationed at the rear of the armory was doing land-oilier business early in the evening.

The "trick or treat" trade seemed to be most popular of occupations for small fry.

Treat Boom

One lady reported to the Herald and News that four youngsters came up to her door with empty shopping bags. When she remarked that it seemed as though business had not been good so far one little cherub chirped up, "Oh yes it has, mam. We've got 14 bags full hid in the bushes."

Judy Too Plump, May Lose Job

HOLLYWOOD, Nov. 1 (AP)—Judy Garland must shed some poundage or else lose another top role.

MGM bosses huddled yesterday to discuss the possible removal of the singing star from her role in "Summer Stock" and even possible suspension.

A studio spokesman said Judy is some eight pounds overweight and was up for possible suspension because she had ignored another order to reduce.

Chance

However, she pleaded for "just one more chance" and it was given her.

Last spring, her role in "Annie Get Your Gun" was given to Betty Hutton when MGM said Judy failed to report on a set after lunch. She was suspended for several months then and was reinstated after some time at a Boston clinic.

Meet the People

A STOP LIGHT held up Bud Wood, Klamath Falls paper salesman, who smiled right into the lens of the Meet the People cameraman today.