

TYPHOON, FLOOD KILL HUNDREDS

In The Day's News

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AND interesting and, in its way, significant dispatch from Los Angeles this morning informs us that Hollywood's former child stars are having "nothing but trouble in the divorce courts." The dispatch adds:

Jackie Cooper, 27, who tugged heartstrings 20 years ago in "Skippy" and "The Champ," is the latest marital breakup victim. His wife of five years, actress June Horne, 30, won an uncontested decree yesterday, charging Cooper with cruelty. She said he came back changed from the war, thinking only of his career and not of his family.

Cooper's split-up, the dispatch goes on, follows divorce court experiences by Jackie Coogan, Shirley Temple and Deanna Durbin.

WELL, what can you expect? A career as a child star is not a poor preparation for fame. Life as a child star is normally a bit hard to get along with, but a youngster who has been a celebrity since babyhood—

That would be a tough situation!

HOLLYWOOD seems to be in the news spotlight this particular day. Another Los Angeles dispatch tells us:

"The third Mrs. Victor Mature, accusing her actor husband of threatening to burn their house down, has slipped him a legal hotfoot—a suit for divorce."

As to the house-burning business, that came about as a result of division-of-property discussions. The lady wanted a split, naturally enough, and Victor is alleged to have threatened to burn their \$25,000 joint to the ground rather than see her get it.

I'm not taking sides, of course. It is none of my darned business. But if I had lived with that conceited-looking hunk of man for the better part of a year, as this gal has, I'd be fit to be tied.

ALONG that line, I'm not too sure but what the "Veep" and his fiancée, who seem to have been having a swell time so far, may be in for rough water before the going ends.

A story from St. Louis tells us that a touch of flu and the need for some rest put the lady in the hospital yesterday. Her mother explains to the reporters that "the telephone and the doorbell have been ringing almost constantly since plans for the wedding were announced."

Getting ready to be married has its problems, under even the most normal of circumstances, but when it is done in a fish-bowl it must be SOMETHING. In their case, however, the uproar will subside when the wedding is over. Among actor celebrities, it goes on forever.

I've never known any actors personally. I've never felt that I wanted to. I'd rather just look at 'em from a seat in the audience—preferably a front halfway back. They're always appeared to me to be too exotic to wear well as friends.

Me, I have a fondness for men with whom I'm associated in business. Business men are a pretty good lot. They have to be to hold their own in the business world these days.

Also, I have a sneaking fondness for whiskey-drinking, dirty-story-telling men out in camp in the woods. If, that is, they do their share of the work and have the knack of getting along with the rest of the crowd.

They don't MEAN their various foulnesses. They are just putting on an act—reverting temporarily to the savages from whom we are all descended. They get it out of their systems out in camp and for the rest of the year they're fit to be lived with.

NEWS STRIKE ENDS

VANCOUVER, B. C., Nov. 5 (CP)—The longest labor siege in Vancouver's history ended last night with the settlement of the 14-month strike against The Daily Province newspaper by three allied printing trade unions.

No Evidence Russia Bossing China Reds, Says Press Observer

FORT WORTH, Nov. 5 (AP)—All dependable evidence indicates Moscow does not have direct control over the Chinese communists, an Associated Press foreign correspondent said today.

Seymour Topping told the closing session of the 16th annual meeting of the Associated Press Managing Editors association: "Peking obediently follows Moscow's lead but almost certainly not on direct orders but rather because of ideological faith."

"How important this distinction is has been amply demonstrated by Tito's Yugoslavia," Topping, former AP correspondent at Nanking, said in an address.

He added: "Nationalist End—Within the next nine months, we shall probably see elimination from the mainland of the last major Nationalist centers of resistance."

"So we must be prepared to accept as an accomplished fact, communist de facto control of China. While there is a good chance that Titoism will develop in China, certainly for the present, Peking is securely tucked away into Moscow's fold. The Chinese communists may not move westward in foreign policy before they are kicked in the face several times by the Russians."

Middle Path—In any case, it is improbable that such a split will come about for the next few years. It would seem to me that American policy towards China should walk the middle path of attempting to encourage Titoism but should not be based on the assumption that it is certain to develop.

The APMEA held its annual dinner last night.

Oregon GOPs Elect Lindas, Oppose CVA

SALEM, Nov. 5 (AP)—The Oregon republican clubs took an expected swipe at the CVA and elected Leonard Lindas, Oregon City, president today.

Earlier a contested fight for the presidency, which Lindas had filled for several months by appointment, was hinted with some groups backing E. E. Boring of Salem for the post. It didn't develop.

In the unanimous balloting, Lelen Lamond, Portland, was re-elected secretary; Boring was elected treasurer; and Don Eya, Portland, sergeant-at-arms.

CVA Rebuff—In assailing the Columbia valley administration, the republicans took advice given by speakers yesterday and endorsed the corps of engineers' 308 report for Columbia basin development.

Existing agencies, the resolution said, have proved their competence in starting and in completing projects. The republicans called for orderly development of the basin "by these agencies in conformance with the coordinated 308 report."

Sport Bulletin

FIGHT FIX?—DETROIT, Nov. 5 (AP)—Boxer Kid Gavilan was taken to police headquarters today for a lie detector test in the disputed Gavilan-Felton fight.

Police Commissioner Harry S. Toy said new evidence supporting rumors of a fix in the October 31 bout here had been uncovered. The evidence was obtained in a raid on a gambling club.

Toy said there were strong evidence that a betting coup may have been planned several months ago.

The votes of two fight officials giving Felton the decision aroused widespread protests. The officials—Referee Morris Sherman and Judge Sam Pearlstein—were later suspended by the boxing commission.



THE CHIEF RETIRES—Hank Aiken, (left) who retired October 1 as Klamath Falls fire chief, was honored last night by fellow workers and city officials at a dinner at the fire hall. Left to right, Aiken, Acting Chief Jack Corkery, Arthur T. Tappan, chief engineer, and Al Houchins, engineer and driver. They are admiring gifts presented Aiken during the evening.

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Mother Sees Baby Stolen From Crib

UTICA, N. Y., Nov. 5 (AP)—Six-week-old Stephen Komorek, son of a \$100-a-week paper mill worker, was kidnapped last night by a man in a black coat, the infant's mother reported.

Mrs. Henry Komorek said a man with a hat down over his eyes stole the baby from his crib near the kitchen stove in their modest home in suburban Clayville. The couple's only other child, a seven-year-old son, was struck and killed by an automobile four years ago.

Search—State police broadcast an alarm and patrolled roads. Woods near the village were being searched.

The 29-year-old mother told a reporter she didn't "know of any reason for the kidnaping."

"The only possibility would be a money angle," she said. She added that she and her husband "have a new 1949 Pontiac and it has been rumored that we have money."

Komorek, 34, "averages \$100 a week in wages" as a machine tender at a paper plant near their home.

Unknown—Mrs. Komorek said she did not recognize the man who, she reported, fled with the child in a black sedan. She described him as of normal height and weight.

She said she had fed the baby shortly before 11 p.m. and had put her husband's return from work. He was on the 4 p.m. midnight shift. She left the kitchen door unlocked for him.

She told police that: "Rustling"—A few minutes later she heard a rustling in the kitchen but thought it was her husband. Then, hearing other movements, she called out, "Who's there?" When there was no answer, she investigated and saw the man running out with the child.

She said "no one has tried to get in touch with us" after the child was taken.

Teen-Agers May Be Under Recreation

The city recreation department may soon take over supervision of activities of the Klamath Falls Teen-Age club, according to an announcement this morning by Matt Finnigan, chairman of the board of directors of the youth agency which shares in funds raised by the annual Klamath County Community Chest campaigns.

Finnigan, also a member of the Klamath Falls city council, said that a petition will be presented to the recreation committee on Tuesday asking that the committee accept full responsibility for administration of the club's entire program of activities. This would remove the necessity of the club hiring a director on a full-time basis, Finnigan declared.

Funds—Financing of the club will continue to be done through the Community Chest. The budget for 1950 operations, as included in the current Chest campaign, has been set at \$3840.

The Teen-Age club will still maintain its identity as a Chest agency and separate corporation operating under a non-profit charter issued by the state of Oregon at the time of its inception.

Finnigan and Community Chest officials predicted this morning that the merger of the Teen-Age club with the city recreation department would not only affect a considerable financial saving each year, but would tend to bring a more satisfactory teen-age program for boys and girls who benefit through the activities of the organization.

Three Men En Route To Prison

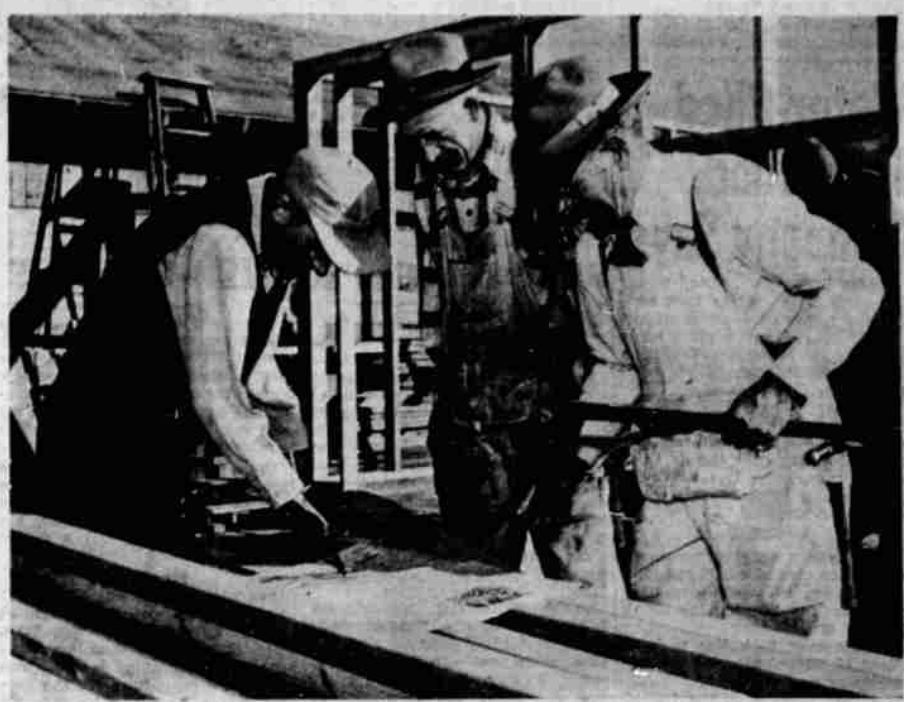
Three Klamath county prisoners were en route north today, destined for three different lockups.

William Henry Nagel, 43, went to Salem to begin serving a two-year term imposed two years ago—and confirmed yesterday—for contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Virgil B. Woodrum, 24, went to Portland to enter Multnomah county's Rocky Butte jail to serve a one-year term imposed on conviction for indecent exposure. Woodrum was sentenced yesterday afternoon in circuit court.

Jay Ewing Dobbs, 31, went to Albany where he is wanted to face a misdemeanor charge of defrauding an innkeeper.

Deputy Sheriff Murray Britton escorted the three.



PEOPLE ARE SWELL—So thinks James A. Lee, (left) who found out Saturday that things are never quite so bad even though a fellow has lost both arms. Today a crew of Klamath Falls carpenters pitched in and built Lee a chicken house on his property at 1845 Cary. Labor was donated as well as materials which came from local firms. Ray Hill was chairman of the carpenter crew which went on duty early this morning. It was a cooperative deal between the local carpenters union and the Oregon state rehabilitation department. Lee lost both arms 18 months ago while operating a shovel. He had attempted to release a line on the crane, when the big shovel struck him to the ground, inflicting injuries which necessitated the loss of both arms. In this picture, with Lee, are A. E. Johnson and Ray Hill, holding the square.

Nation's Football Results

Notre Dame	34
Michigan State	21
Princeton	33
Harvard	13
Dartmouth	35
Columbia	14
Wake Forest	27
Duke	7
Rutgers	14
Lafayette	0
Brown	0
Yale	0
Ohio State	14
Pittsburgh	10
Michigan	20
Purdue	12
Cornell	33
Syracuse	7
Virginia	26
Penn	14
Florida	28
Georgia	7

49 Horses Die In Stable Fire

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 5 (AP)—Forty nine riding horses perished and a fireman was injured early today in a three-alarm fire which swept the San Francisco riding street from Golden Gate park.

The park police station across the street estimated the number from the bodies counted in the flames. Only one horse was saved. Four had to be shot.

Lt. Bert Millsich of the fire department was treated at Park Emergency hospital for minor injuries.

Bang-Shooting Hours



November 6 Open: 6:17 a.m. Close: 3:30 p.m.
November 7 Open: 6:18 a.m. Close: 3:49 p.m.

Ho, Hum More Hollywood Marriages Crack Up on Divorce Rocks

Jackie Cooper Single Again

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She was granted custody of their son, Joyn Anthony, three, and \$50 a week for his support.

Cooper is currently on tour in Ohio with the stage play, "Mr. Roberts."

Reclamation Group Against Valley Deals

SALT LAKE CITY, Nov. 5 (AP)—The National Reclamation association ended its annual convention late yesterday by adopting 28 of 29 resolutions, tabling one, re-electing all officers, except two who resigned, and choosing Spokane, Wash., as the 1950 convention city.

The one resolution upon which the delegates from 17 western states could not agree would have approved the principle of limiting the size of reclamation farm units—but would have asked that the present 160-acre legal maximum be repealed or modified to meet present-day conditions.

Differences—Nevada wanted outright repeal of the limitation without approval of the principle. Colorado proposed a compromise limiting the effects of the resolution to privately-owned land which get only part of their water from reclamation projects.

The motion to table the resolution carried 11 states to six, with California, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, South Dakota and Texas voting for 160-acre-limit repeal.

A resolution asking congress to give states absolute title to submerged lands was opposed by Kansas, Nebraska and Oklahoma on the grounds it did not directly affect reclamation. The 14 other states, however, led by Texas and California, approved the measure.

The convention voted disapproval of valley authorities and of the transfer to other agencies of any functions now performed by the reclamation bureau.

NAVY TO AIR FORCE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5 (AP)—The navy has agreed to let the air force have 25 per cent of the Annapolis graduates as they finish their schooling, naval officials said today. The increase goes into effect next year. Previously only 7 per cent of the naval academy graduates were allowed to volunteer for the air service.

Victor Mature Gets Hotfoot

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 5 (AP)—The third Mrs. Victor Mature, accusing her actor-husband of threatening to burn their house down, has slipped him a legal hotfoot—suit for divorce.

Mrs. Mature, the former Dorothy Berry, contends in her complaint filed yesterday that ever since their 1948 Yuma, Ariz., marriage, the big actor had caused her great suffering. Listing his salary as \$2750 a week, she asked \$1000 monthly alimony and a division of extensive community property.

She also filed an affidavit stating Mature had threatened to set their \$25,000 home ablaze if she asked for property. The court granted her a restraining order forbidding him from disposing of any assets pending trial.

Czech Plotters Hanged Today

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, Nov. 5 (AP)—Six Czechs convicted as ring leaders of an alleged armed plot to overthrow the communist-led government, were hanged today, it was announced officially.

The men were accused of preparing to lead a coup last spring. The government charged that they were "just at the point of executing a well prepared revolt" when the police caught them.

Coffee Price Hike Arrives

PORTLAND, Nov. 5 (AP)—The expected coffee price increase arrived today.

The wholesale price rose to a range of 68 to 71 1/2 cents a pound after two major distributors raised their prices 7 and 10 cents.

Meet the People



THE MEET THE PEOPLE photo caught O. E. Thompson, Klamath Falls insurance man, in a meditative pose today as he checked through the files in his office.