

Tulana Tells Their Side Of Story

Dick Hensel, president of Tulana Farms, today issued a statement in support of his firm's effort to re-lease 2214 acres of Tulana crop land.

Granting of the two-year lease is being strongly opposed by some persons and organizations in the Tulana area. This opposition holds that the plot of land should be broken up into small units for lease on a veterans preference basis.

Following is the statement issued by Hensel today:

"There still seems to be considerable misunderstanding of the facts involved in the matter of the extension of our Tulana lease. Briefly they are as follows:

"We were the successful bidders for Lot 6 which is the lot in question.

"Other parties obtained Lots 1 to 5.

"Our contract with the United States contained the following provision:

"Paragraph 14, Lines 6 and 7: 'If additional Sump area is needed the land included in Lots numbered 1 to 5 inclusive will be first flooded.'

"We relied on this provision when we entered into the contract. It is a violation of the agreement that the United States flooded Lot 6 and did not flood Lots 1 to 5 at all.

"We had expended approximately \$68,000 on the lease when the flooding took place, \$29,000 of which was a total loss. Furthermore, we lost the use of the land for 1945, and took the further loss incident to having to change on short notice all of our farming operations for the year 1945.

ADDITIONAL LOSS

"We took an additional loss of \$8100 on construction work which should have been performed by the United States in this connection."

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Pinball Law In Klamath Revised

The city's so-called "pinball ordinance" which is supposed to govern the distribution and operation of coin-in-slot amusement devices is being rewritten today by City Atty. Henry Perkins.

The decision to redraw the ordinance was made last night at a meeting of the council's police committee, and the ordinance probably will be ready for presentation to the city council next Monday.

Earlier this week a situation arose which made the present ordinance slightly inadequate: the question of whether bowling alley machines, such as are operating now in various taverns around town may be classified as shuffleboards, which are also in vogue in several amusement places.

The city council decided they (the bowling alley machines) aren't shuffleboards but are pinballs and must be so licensed. The license fee for a pinball distributor has been \$1500 a year.

Shuffleboard licenses have been \$50 per location.

The Southern Oregon Music Co., which distributes the bowling devices, was of the opinion they were the same as shuffleboards and backed up its contention with proof that the state and federal government also think so—for license purposes.

The city ordinance didn't make the point clear.

But under the redrawn ordinance bowling alley devices will be considered pinball machines, as will all other coin-in-slot amusement devices with certain exceptions. Excepted are vending machines, scales and shuffleboards.

The license fee for a distributor will be \$1500 for the first year licensed, \$1000 per year subsequent.

Sports Bulletin

NEW YORK, (AP)— Judge Saul S. Streit today gave suspended sentences to three former Bradley University basketball stars in the bribery scandal and assailed David Owen, Bradley president, whom he said gave "university sanction to their moral debasement."

The former players were Gene Melchiorre, George Chianakis and William Mann.

Klamath Watershed Association To Put Up Stiff Battle Against Plan To Divert Waters Of Trinity River

By HALE SCARBROUGH

Opposition to the bureau of reclamation's plan to divert water from the Trinity river into Shasta dam for use down the Sacramento valley will be voiced at a public hearing slated for January 11 at Eureka, Calif.

Frank Jenkins, board chairman of the Klamath River Watershed Development Assoc., said the association would be represented and would put up a stiff fight against the diversion.

The plan is to construct a dam across the Trinity at Lewiston, Calif., to build up 1,800,000 acre feet of water storage, and then let water downstream from behind which water would be diverted into two tunnels which would take it through mountains to enter the Sacramento behind Keswick dam below Shasta dam.

The water would be diverted from its natural course — roughly from northwest from Lewiston — to a southeasterly course into the Sacramento system.

The Trinity is a tributary to the Klamath river, joining the Klamath in Del Norte county, Calif.

Jenkins said the position of the Klamath River Watershed Development Assoc. is that it opposes any diversion of the waters of Southern Oregon and upper Northern California until such time as beneficial and complete use is made of the waters of the Sacramento watershed and rivers in that area.

The Feather, Mad, Eel, American and Russian rivers and other watercourses are included in that category.

The winter runoff of those rivers, the association feels, is not being conserved and used.

When, after Southern California and the Central Valley area makes complete use of its own natural water and still needs more, the association probably will be inclined to go along with some diversion.

But right now the Klamath watershed needs its own water, certainly more than is being used presently. Around 30,000 acres are under irrigation now. The potential is around 750,000 acres.

Diversion of water from the Trinity might not materially hurt irrigation and power possibilities in this watershed, but it would be a foot in the door for the bureau of reclamation to make larger and more painful diversions from this watershed, the association feels.

Mercury Hits New Low Here

Edge of the red line on The Herald and News recording thermometer touched zero a few minutes past eight this morning but the line centered on the one-above zero mark and that goes in the book as the new low temperature of the season.

Previous season's low was yesterday morning's eight above.

As usual, coldest spot in the Klamath country last night was Chemult, with a frigid 14 below zero. It was six below at Blay and an even zero at Merrill.

Keno observers could not be argued out of their contention that it didn't go below 15 above there last night.

The U.S. weather bureau in Portland, which predicted a low of eight above for last night, is forecasting the same low temp tonight.

Which means we might be in for another chill visit with the zero mark tonight.

In the Eastern and Gulf states today, the Associated Press reported a continuation of spring-like weather. Cincinnati had a comfortable 70-degree reading, an all-time high for this date.

The cold air extended over most of the West and into California. A storm was centered over southern Minnesota with snow and high winds.

Allies Give Truce Ground

MUNSAN, Korea, (AP)—A Communist correspondent hinted today that no more than half of the 10,000 Americans reported missing in Korea are prisoners of war.

The report came from a Chinese newspaper at Pannunjom, where Allied troops negotiators today opened a major effort to reach agreement on a compromise program for policing an armistice.

The Allies dropped their demand for joint U.N.-Communist inspection teams. They also told the Reds the question of withdrawing troops from Korea could be "brought up and discussed later."

But they said troop withdrawal early in the armistice definitely is out.

Chu Chi-ping, a Communist correspondent covering the armistice negotiations, told Allied newsmen he knew of no war in which more than half of the soldiers listed as missing were prisoners.

Chief Legal Officer Asks For 'Delay'

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Charles Oliphant, after demanding an immediate public hearing by house tax investigators, failed to appear today at a committee session called to hear him. He sent word he wished to delay his appearance "several days."

Oliphant, 42, resigned two days ago as chief legal officer of the scandal-hit bureau of internal revenue. He said then he felt unable to endure any longer the "vilification" to which he had been subjected at hearings by a house ways and means subcommittee. The group is looking into charges of irregularities in the tax collecting service.

Oliphant blasted particularly at the "scurrilous charges" linking his name to an alleged "clique" of Washington officials which a witness had sworn he was told was on the lookout for "soft touches."

The story came from Abraham Teitelbaum, Chicago attorney, who said two men tried to shake him down for \$500,000 on the representation that they would save him from "tax troubles" through their connection with the alleged "clique."

He named the two men as Frank Nathan, Pittsburgh promoter and man-about-town, and Earl K. Nater, Hollywood, Fla., businessman.

ANGRY DENIALS

Teitelbaum's story was followed quickly by angry denials from officials. Nathan took the committee's witness chair and swore, under oath, that it was a "dirty lie."

Attorney General McGrath yesterday ordered that the whole matter be placed before a federal grand jury.

Only last night, Oliphant "demanded" the right to reply from the committee's witness chair to the bringing of his name into the hearings.

In a letter to King, Oliphant said he had "no disposition" to accept a subcommittee invitation to a closed hearing. He added: "The time for close sessions has passed. What I am entitled to is that your committee afford me an opportunity to repair the damage done by my reputation before your committee."

Adrian W. Dewind counsel for the house ways and means subcommittee investigating tax scandals, said Oliphant would be questioned on a number of matters.

One of these, he said, was a \$1300 loan Oliphant listed as owing Henry Grunewald, Washingtonian who describes himself as a public relations man. Grunewald was an expense-paid "fixing" trip in the plane of a man with tax difficulties.

Grunewald, whom investigators thus far have failed to locate figured as a reluctant witness in 1950 before a senate committee investigating wiretapping in the District of Columbia. The committee recommended a contempt citation, but it was not pressed.

Tribal Meet Lacks Quorum

KLAMATH AGENCY — For the second time in a row, lack of a quorum yesterday postponed a meeting of the Klamath Indian tribal council.

Only 38 adults or heads of families showed up here for the scheduled meeting. A quorum is 100.

S. E. Kirk, council chairman, elicited a promise from those present to bring along another person Monday, and rescheduled the meeting for that day.

The Indians are trying to take some action on several important matters including a proposal to allow voluntary withdrawals from the tribe.

Lakeview Chest Goes Over Quota

LAKEVIEW — The community chest went over the top December 1 and by Wednesday evening of this week donations totaled \$942.50 it was announced by Phil Quisenberry, county chairman.

The post was \$8965 in the 1951 drive. Quisenberry said that a few known donations are still outstanding and he expects to have them in and the 1951 campaign wound up sometime next week.

Plane Lost Over France

MARSEILLE, France, (AP)—A U.S. air force cargo plane with 10 persons aboard disappeared last night after radioing in only 40 miles—6 minutes—from its destination—Marseille.

The plane, a twin-engine C-47, was believed to have crashed in a mountainous terrain along the French Riviera, east of here, or perhaps in the Mediterranean. It was coming in from the U.S. air field at Tripoli.

A C-47 normally carries a crew of four, and the other six aboard were presumed to be passengers. The plane was attached to the U.S. third air force base at Bentwaters field, Eng.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity and northern California: Sunny and continued cold through tomorrow. Low tonight 8, high tomorrow 31.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Ten years ago this morning Japan attacked us without warning at Pearl Harbor and in the course of a couple of hours destroyed the bulk of our defenses in the Pacific.

Within a few hours, we were formally at war with Japan and with Germany, who was Japan's partner in what we then called the Axis.

In these modern days, war can and usually does move swiftly. Korea is a recent example. One never knows in any one hour whether we will be at peace or in war in the next hour.

The moral?

Well, in the wild days of the Old West nobody ever knew when the shooting might start. So the wise ones WENT HEADED, in readiness for whatever might happen.

It's that way with nations now.

The war with Japan and Germany was long and bloody.

Now—

Ten years later—

Japan is our best friend in the Pacific. It seems altogether probable that she will be our strongest and most useful ally. In Europe, we look definitely upon Germany as a friend and a probably indispensable ally.

RUSSIA IS OUR ENEMY!

Isn't war strange — and fundamentally silly?

Oregon's governor McKay recalls this morning that on Pearl Harbor he was in Honolulu with the Williamette University football team, which the day before had played the University of Hawaii.

Where were you on the morning of December 7, 1941?

I ask that question because I can remember with crystal clarity where I was. I have an idea that of every 100 adult Americans living today at least 98 can remember exactly where they were and what they were doing on that fateful morning.

At Eureka on January 11 there will be a meeting at which the much-discussed proposal to DIVERT a considerable part of the flow of the Trinity river from the Klamath watershed to the Sacramento watershed will come out into the open.

The Sacramento story telling of the meeting says:

"There will be discussion, bureau of reclamation spokesmen said today, of other streams in California's north coast, but the emphasis will be on the Trinity, a tributary of the Klamath which reaches the Pacific in Del Norte county bordering Oregon."

"The bureau has a plan to DIVERT some 800,000 acre feet a year from the Trinity. The project is still in the planning stage, however."

It is an interesting situation, because of all the water diversion schemes under discussion the Trinity could be the most useful and the least harmful.

But it could SET A PRECEDENT and precedents can be dangerous. If the waters of the Trinity can be diverted out of the Klamath watershed into the Sacramento watershed, the waters of the Klamath can be diverted to some other watershed. If the waters of the Klamath can be diverted, the waters of the Rogue can be diverted, the waters of the Rogue can be diverted, the waters of the Rogue can be diverted.

Water diversion involves the principle of ROBBING ONE REGION OF ITS NATURAL GIFTS for the upbuilding of another region.

That is a DANGEROUS principle. It seems to me that all of Southern Oregon and Northern California should oppose this precedent-setting diversion of water from one watershed to another — at least until the time comes when we KNOW POSITIVELY whether or not there will be SURPLUS water anywhere.

Up here in Southern Oregon and far Northern California we feel strongly that OUR water is OURS to use for OUR OWN DEVELOPMENT—that it should not be taken away from us for the benefit of some MORE POPULOUS area.

If people elsewhere want to share in the benefits of our water, let them come here, where the water is, and join with us in the development of this Southern Oregon and far Northern California country THAT THE WATER BELONGS TO.

RAID

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