

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA NEWS

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

I hope you read the story by our Wally Myers in Saturday night's paper about the "Eight Street girl" and the little Chiloquin girl who narrowly escaped death by alcoholism and is now recovering in a hospital.

When they heard the poor little tyke had nothing much in the way of toys or books with which to while away the tedious hours of convalescence, these anonymous Eighth streeters could have shrugged their shoulders and left it all to Uncle Sam and the welfare. "Don't we pay taxes — and plenty of 'em at that?" they could have muttered to each other.

"They could have. But they didn't."

I expect they thought of it. The subject of taxes is never very far out of anybody's thoughts in these days. But if they did, I imagine something like this ran through their minds:

"Shucks! That's no way to take care of little Minda Mae. She wants something to play with NOW. By the time we get all the red tape unwound she'd be well and home again. Maybe she'd be half way through high school. Who knows? This red tape business is SOMETHING."

"Besides, things bought with tax money just somehow don't carry the Christmas spirit. Tax money in these days is dragged out of people like pulling a tooth. We all feel sour and sore when we pay it up. That's no kind of money to buy Minda Mae something to play with while she's getting well."

"Why, I'll bet she'd FEEL the untidiness of that kind of money when she was playing with the things bought with it. It could spoil everything for her. She needs to feel that somebody THOUGHT of her and wanted to do something to make the days a pleasant for her. That's what makes a convalescence gift mean something."

"So they didn't call up the welfare. They just went out and tapped each other on the shoulder and said: 'Hey, here's a chance to do a good deed. Come across.'"

They came across and in a matter of a couple of hours or so little Minda Mae wasn't lonesome any more, for on her hospital bed she had a big box containing packages of the things little girls love and was having a gay and happy time just like any child does when unwrapping packages.

And I'll bet when these anonymous, multi-loving Eighth Street "casslers" felt better and happier and fuller of the old joy of living than they'd felt in a coon's age.

There was a world like that once. Right here in this America of ours. There wasn't any welfare. There weren't any paid do-gooders. Nothing of that sort was left to Washington. Or to the state capitol. Or even to the board of aldermen, as we called the city fathers mostly back in those days.

Each neighborhood took care of its own. When somebody was up against it, we chipped in and did what was needed. Did it as NEIGHBORS. And, while there were lightwads then as there always have been, we mostly did it because we wanted to. And we had a NEIGHBORLY feeling while we were doing it.

And it wasn't charity. Those who were helped didn't feel that it was. There was no degradation in taking that kind of help.

It was a good world. I'll leave it to the few remaining angels who can remember that far back. It WAS a good world, now wasn't it? Better, in a lot of ways, than this politician-ridden age when we leave all such things to the paid workers.

Anyway, I'll bet little Minda Mae likes it better. And I'll bet my shirt these anonymous Eighth Streeters wouldn't take anything you could name for the way they feel about it.

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Reds Holding 55 Americans

WASHINGTON, (AP)—The state department has reported that 55 Americans are believed to be under some form of arrest in Communist China, 32 of them in prison.

The department issued its statement late Saturday after Senator Knowland (R-Calif.) had released the list of 32 persons reported to be in prison. The other 23 are reportedly under house arrest.

Knowland said in Los Angeles he had obtained the list from the department on a confidential basis but had decided to make it public "on my own responsibility as a United States senator."

"It is high time the public knew about it," he declared.

Most of the 32 are Catholic or Protestant missionaries. Five are women.

Knowland said he had been unable to obtain satisfactory information from the state department about its efforts to free the jailed Americans. He said their release should be made part of the general cease-fire agreement the U.N. is attempting to negotiate with the Chinese Communists and North Koreans.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity and northern California: Not quite so cold. High tonight 15, low tomorrow 30.

Low last night 7

Precip past 4 hours 0.0

Precip since October 1 5.75

Same period last year 7.31

Normal for period 5.33

SMOKE BILLOWED from the Hessig building for more than 12 hours Saturday from a fire which started in the Pioneer drug store. In top cut, Bud Parazoo, volunteer from Chiloquin, pours water into flames in the drug store, while Geno Gheller, Klamath Falls assistant chief directs him. At left below, black columns of smoke are seen pouring from Deffenbacher's barbershop and the drug store. At right, Asst. Chief Gheller is hauled from the building's basement. About \$75,000 damage was reported from the fire.

Heavy Equipment Digs Pendleton Rancher Out of Well After 18 Hours

PENDLETON, (AP)—A 51-year-old rancher, trapped for 18 hours in an 18-foot well while heavy digging equipment churned about him, was brought to safety today.

At the Pendleton hospital where he was taken after the dramatic rescue in subfreezing temperatures, doctors described his condition as "good."

The rancher, Norma Vina Ford, 51, was pinned to the well bottom with his foot under a plank when the walls caved in at 1:30 a.m. (PST) yesterday. At 5:30 this morning he was lifted to the surface.

Ford's 18-year-old son, Leon, was the hero of the rescue operation. He was helping his father sink the well but was working on the surface when the walls collapsed. Leon jumped in and began digging his father out with his hands. Neighbors who had been called lowered buckets to the youth.

Leon had his father uncovered down to the knees when the walls caved in a second time. Leon, spotting another section of the wall

Pearson Blasts Bennett Stand

PORTLAND, (AP)—State Treasurer Walter J. Pearson has criticized the Portland city council and Jack Bennett for the council's stand on pinball machines in taverns.

He said the council was arbitrary and capricious in denying license and recommendation for taverns where owners have refused to sign a pledge banning the machines.

In a statement Saturday Pearson said that if the conduct "of the city council is allowed to go unchecked, it will have departed from the sound rule of administration by law to the use of intimidation and coercion by forcing its will upon all applicants."

Tax Probe Goes Deeper

WASHINGTON, (AP)—House tax investigators developed testimony today that T. Lamar Caudle was told last August of an alleged attempt to shake down Abraham Abraham Telitelbaum for \$500,000 in a "tax fix" case.

I. T. Cohen, an Atlanta attorney, testified he got the story from Telitelbaum and passed it on to Caudle, then an assistant attorney general, on August 20.

He said he gave Caudle such details as Telitelbaum's account of getting a mysterious telephone call from a man who in a guttural, German accent advised him he had better pay the \$500,000.

Cohen quoted Caudle as commenting: "That might be Grunewald. He is a Dutchman."

Henry Grunewald, a will-of-the-wisp private investigator here, is scheduled to be a witness later in the hearings by a house ways and means subcommittee on charges of irregularities in the tax collecting service and in the handling of tax fraud cases.

Cohen's testimony was the first indication that high government officials had any knowledge of the alleged attempt "shake down" before Telitelbaum, a former Al Capone lawyer, spilled his story to the subcommittee last Tuesday.

Truce Talks Still Stalled

MUNSEON, Korea, (AP)—Allied truce negotiators today demanded that the Communists quit stalling on a U.N. proposal to begin immediate discussion of plans for exchanging prisoners of war in Korea.

The Reds were told that an Allied liaison officer will be in Panmunjom at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday (8:30 p.m. EST Monday) for their answer.

And a one-man U.N. subcommittee will be ready to start negotiating for the exchange of prisoners 2 1/2 hours later.

Joint subcommittees working on arrangements for enforcing a Korean armistice met only 41 minutes Tuesday. They quit as far apart as ever but they scheduled another session for 11 a.m. Tuesday (9 p.m. EST Monday).

While the Allies moved to force a decision on the prisoner of war issue, Communist negotiators insisted the U.N. answer their proposal for behind-the-lines inspection by representatives of neutral nations.

They were told the matter still is under serious study because of its many ramifications.

Sports Bulletin

CLASS A COLUMBUS, Ohio, (AP)—The Western International league is now a Class A baseball circuit and the W.I. president says it's about time.

"A long overdue move," said Fred Robert Abernethy, the national association of professional baseball leagues (the minors) approved the jump from Class B at a meeting here.

Fire Razes Businesses In Chiloquin

Chiloquin yesterday began the long, cold process of cleaning up after Saturday's stubborn fire that burned out the Hessig building in the town's business district.

After more than eight hours of fire fighting in near-zero weather, firemen from three communities brought the smoldering flames under control.

Loss from the blaze was estimated unofficially at \$75,000 most of which was covered by insurance.

Worst hit, outside of M. F. Keller of Portland, owner of the building, was Guy Staiger, owner of the Pioneer drugstore.

Staiger lost over \$25,000 worth of stock in the blaze. The greater part of it was insured, but Staiger said yesterday he won't attempt to go back into business. He had run the store for 25 years in various locations.

Firemen reported the blaze started from an overheated oil stove in the basement of the drug store about 11:30 Saturday morning.

FLAMES UP

It was brought under control enough at 7:30 p.m. that night to let the Oregon Tech and Klamath Falls airport pump-type fire trucks return to their stations, but flared up later Saturday night and again Sunday night.

Chiloquin firemen fought the blaze for three hours before asking for help from Klamath Falls Fire Chief Roy Rowe, and Asst. Chief Geno Gheller.

They brought several gas masks and a "cellar nozzle" to get at the flames smoldering in the building's basement.

About 2:45 p.m. the blaze got hotter, igniting hundreds of rounds of shotgun and rifle ammunition in the Pioneer drugstore. The bullets whizzed and popped for over half an hour.

When attempts to quell the flames were fruitless, Chief Rowe, under the civil defense mutual aid plan, called upon help from OTI, the airport and also his own department.

The OTI and airport pumpers were used to pump water over 1200 feet to the fire from the Williamson river. A hose leading from the river and OTI truck to the airport truck was tunneled under SP tracks to prevent unclogging every time a train went through town.

Yesterday Chiloquin firemen started pumping out hundreds of thousands of gallons of water thrown into the fire.

Entrances to the four street level stores were boarded up to prevent persons stumbling into the basement through the fallen-in floor.

FURNITURE LOST

Suffering damage from the fire besides Pioneer drug store was Deffenbacher's barbershop, and the Masonic hall. Roy Deffenbacher saved his equipment on the first floor, but suffered uninsured loss to furniture stored in the basement belonging to his daughter.

Further down the street, smoke and water damage was reported done to the Chief theater and Indian Art and Gift shop.

Firemen feared the whole building would collapse when the ground floor caved in. But even though flames crept into walls of the building at the second story level, stood fast.

Official estimate of damage done to the building was to be made today by insurance adjusters. M. F. Keller, owner of the Hessig building, built in 1928, could not be contacted in Portland to determine if the place would be rebuilt.

Keller bought the place about three years ago.

There were no injuries reported to firemen and volunteers battling the fire. One volunteer was partially overcome with smoke and many others chilled to the bone by the six-hour weather.

Drunk Pilot Has Police Baffled On Many Counts

DALLAS, Ga., (AP)—"He's got us stumped," said Police Chief Lottie Smith, referring to the flier he arrested for drunkenness after a plane crash yesterday.

"He missed the airport by nearly two miles," Smith related. "As a matter of fact, he was so drunk he didn't even know we had an airport."

The chief said the flier's name is Bob Cabaniss and he cracked up a small plane in a plowed field a half a mile from the Paulding county courthouse and just beyond a residential area.

"He had a gash on his forehead it took two stitches to close, but he wasn't complaining of pain," Smith continued.

"We aren't sure where he's from. He told me he was from Atlanta. He told the sheriff he was from Macon, Ga. He told the state patrol he was from somewhere else. In all, I think he's given about 15 different home towns."

Did he have a pilot's license? "Nope," replied White. "He didn't have a pilot's license. He didn't even have a driver's license."

No liquor bottles were found in the wreckage.

"Guess he either was polluted when he took off, or else he tossed out his bottles when he got through with them," Smith surmised.

Oil May Go To Russians

TEHRAN, Iran, (AP)—Iran threatened indirectly today to offer 2.5 million tons of oil products for sale to Russia or her satellites unless western buyers take it off Iran's hands almost immediately.

Deputy Premier Hossein Fatemi told a news conference that Iran's diplomatic representatives abroad will deliver notices within the next three days giving the western buyers 10 days to buy the oil, now in storage tanks at Abadan.

This action was announced as 33 opposition deputies and newspaper editors remained camped inside the parliament building. They claim "government gangsters" are threatening their lives. They have drafted a formal appeal to the United Nations charging the government of Premier Mohammed Mossadeq is violating their fundamental human rights.

The opposition has charged Mossadeq with plotting last Thursday's bloody rioting in order to crush all resistance under guise of an anti-communist crusade.

Fort Klamath Meets Off

FORT KLAMATH—Several contributing factors made it inadvisable to hold three important meetings originally scheduled for the week ending December 8. No definite dates have as yet been set for the meeting of the Klamath County Historical society which was to have been an event of Wednesday evening, December 5, nor for the monthly get-together of Fort Klamath Scout Pack No. 34, slated for the following evening, December 6.

The regular monthly meeting of the Civic Improvement club which was to have been held on Friday afternoon, December 7, has been set ahead until Friday evening, December 14, at 6 o'clock in the C.I. clubhouse. This date marks the annual Christmas party and gift exchange given by club members for their families, to be preceded by a buffet style dinner.

It has been decided to hold a short business meeting prior to the beginning of the evening's festivities, at which time only important matters will be on the agenda, including the annual financial report to be given by the club treasurer, Mrs. William A. Page. Standing committees for the ensuing year will also be appointed at this meeting by the president, Mrs. Harold L. Wimer, and all club members and their families are reminded of the date and invited to be present.

Korean War Front Quiet

SEOUL, Korea, (AP)—United Nations threw back nine minor Red probing attacks along the frozen Korean war front yesterday and today.

U.S. eighth army communications said five of the feeler strikes were made on the eastern front, three in the center of the line, and one on the western front.

The communications reported no other significant ground activity.

A North Korean broadcast by radio Pyongyang said "on the eastern front our artillery is pounding enemy positions, inflicting serious damages on the enemy personnel and material." It added that a lull prevailed on the central and western fronts.

U.S. fifth air force jets sighted 10 Red jets over northwest Korea Monday but failed to make contact. The U.S. planes failed to see a Red plane in sweeps over the area Thursday.

The air force said an F-84 Thunderbolt and an F51 Mustang were shot down by Communist ground fire Saturday.

Shooting Hours

December 11

Open 6:56 Close 3:35

Cold Winds Hit Orange Grove Areas

LOS ANGELES, (AP)—Freezing winds up to 75 miles an hour shrieked across Southern California today, imperiling lives and crops.

Long stretches of highway were closed. All but the largest vessels were warned off the seas. Airports were closed. Powerlines fell, plunging cities into darkness.

Two young students in a skiff were believed blown out to sea in the Malibu area and feared lost.

Gale-whipped desert sands scoured the paint from automobiles caught on the roads in the San Bernardino area. In the San Fernando valley, palm trees were stripped of fronds, and the litter clogged the streets.

Ontario International airport was closed when great sand clouds cut visibility to one sixteenth of a mile. Burbank, San Bernardino and Riverside airports also shut down for a time.

Along the beaches, winds raged up to 50 miles an hour. At Zuma beach a gust lifted an 18-foot dory from its moorings and hurled it into the surf.

POWER DOLLY

Parts of the cities of San Bernardino, Ontario, Sun Valley, Canoga Park and Reseda were blacked out temporarily by power failures.

Crop damage was believed running high but there were no estimates of cost yet. Smoke from orchard smudge pots billowed high tures that dropped as low as 15 degrees above zero.

Yesterday was the coldest December day in Los Angeles. The official 32 in the bureau here. The lowest since the record of 27.9 in January of 1944.

Three Treated At Hospital

Three persons, victims of various type accidents, were taken to Klamath Valley hospital yesterday evening, and two kept in the hospital overnight.

Mrs. Ruth Witherspoon, operator of Roosevelt apartments, 2006 Le Roy street, is still in the hospital with a broken right shoulder suffered in a fall on an icy spot near the apartment last evening.

A Hanford, Calif., woman, Mrs. Ellen Burton, suffered dog bites and scratches of the right arm. She was released after treatment to the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. M. McKemie, 2363 S. 6th, where she is visiting.

Kept overnight for treatment of carbon monoxide poisoning was 19-year-old Richard Gillin, Klamath Livestock Assoc. employee.

Giffin has been ill since Friday night when he took on too much gas fumes, result of a broken car muffler, while parked at Parkmore driveway on S. 6th.

Giffin's companion, 16-year-old Jane Green, of Hager, was kept in the hospital Saturday. Giffin, according to ambulance attendants, refused medical attention Friday night.

He became violently ill last evening while visiting the Greens and was rushed to the hospital by Kaler's ambulance.

TO CONFAB

SALEM, (AP)—Gov. Douglas McKay was on his way to Washington, D.C., today for a conference with federal officials on how to speed up the nation's defense program. The governor left yesterday. Governors of most states are expected to attend.

APPOINTED

SALEM, (AP)—Charles H. Heitzel was sworn in today as new state attorney general. The 37-year-old Salem attorney was appointed Saturday by Gov. Douglas McKay. He succeeds George H. Plags, who resigned to take a public relations job with the trucking industry.

Hands Up!



HANDS UP! And no wonder what with the frigid nip in today's early morning air. Mrs. Billie Eikes, 925 Jefferson, made her woolen gloves double as ear muffs this morning en route to her job as mistress of the Crater Lake lunch room fountain.