

S.P. Sabotage Wreck Heads 1951 Basin News Stories

A wreck on the Southern Pacific branch line at Malone siding May 8 was this area's top news story of 1951.

As train wrecks go, it really was not much out of the ordinary. But the cause of it was definitely sabotage.

How shall we go such leadership? The people themselves will have to provide it.

By forgetting political considerations, class considerations, selfish group considerations and voting more thoughtfully, more intelligently and more CAREFULLY than they have in the years in which our troubles have started.

This year, 1952 will be our year of decision. We have an undeveloped wealth. Believe it or not, we've only scratched the surface of even our TIMBER resources.

You know, of course, of the processes by which cellulose is converted into paper and other valuable products. It should know that lodgepole pine, always in the past regarded as a weed tree that merely cluttered the land, may be among the most valuable fiber resources.

Agriculture? Listen again: We have under water in the Basin now around 200,000 acres of rich land. The Basin's potential is 800,000 acres.

Now listen once more—this time attentively: ALL of these resources, resources that if intelligently developed can make Klamath Falls a city of metropolitan size and of the Klamath river watershed one of the richest in the Pacific Coast.

Time marches a. If we sit by and suck our thumbs, the time will come when it will be too late. NOW is the time set in motion the forces that will save our water by USING it.

That is why it will be our year of decision.

known... maybe it was a person with a beef against the S.P. maybe it was someone just wanting to see a train wreck; maybe it was someone doing his thesis work on transportation sabotage.

Don't think for a moment that last theory is far-fetched. It has been very much in the minds of persons investigating the wreck, and hasn't been discharged.

The year 1951 did not produce much news of a really sensational nature in the orbit of the Herald and News, but it was steady and often tragic.

1-The SP wreck.

2-The Korean war, local boys dead and wounded, missing or captured.

3-Record dry spell of last summer.

4-Farm prices and record farm income.

5-Auto wrecks, claiming 22 victims.

6-Water—the continuing threat of diversion.

7-Juvenile crime.

8-The 22,000-acre Modoc forest fire.

9-Death of cancer victim Charline Dover, aged 3.

10-Disappearance, probably some where south of here, of an Air Force C-47 transport plane.

in the Klamath Basin, through military service enlistments, call-ups and the draft, and in at least two dozen homes in a vastly more tragic way, Klamath county now has counted 13 men killed in Korea so far, and probably two dozen more wounded.

Last summer's dry spell was a record-breaker, lasting 173 days (from 11 middle of May until the tail end of September) in which there was a negligible amount of rain.

Temperatures were high this fall, with 40 barley and 54 spuds, clover and beef prices.

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will reach \$40,000,000, an all-time high.

Car wrecks took 22 lives on highways and roads in the county during 1951—a postwar record.

Klamath's water supply, ample and in danger from man rather than nature, was a continuing headline during the year and probably will be for a number of years to come.

The threat is that a federal agency may confiscate water originating here for distribution in central and southern California.

Juvenile delinquency and crime appeared to come near a postwar peak in 1951, climaxed last year with the sentencing of six teenagers to prison for long terms for strangling robbery.

Forest fires burned brightly in all directions from Klamath Falls during the dry summer, but the county actually got off light.

The 22,000-acre destructive blaze on the Modoc forest in July was the nearest and largest.

Charline Dover, 3 years old and suffering from cancer, died at Portland August 22. She was a Klamath Falls girl and late in 1950 had been taken to the hearts of local people who raised more than \$1000 for her treatment and comfort after her sickness had been diagnosed.

The No. 10 story hasn't been finished yet. The day after Christmas an Air Force C-47 plane flew over Klamath Falls, radioed in that it was all right and heading south. It hasn't been seen since. Aboard were five military passengers and three crewmen.

Several other top news events of the year have been left out of this tabulation. Among them:

Lumber industry advances made by Weyerhaeuser Timber company and Palmerton Lumber company, Weyerhaeuser announcing plans for a hardwood plant here and Palmerton bringing Philippine mahogany in for milling.

The death of Harold McPherson in a crop spray plane crash on the airport grounds.

Packaging of the Klamath Annex the long-time Hoophouse.

The shutdown of gambling which coincided nicely with the appearance on the West Coast of Senator Kenneth Keene's crime investigating committee.

WAR TEMPO STEPPED UP

Mercury Dips Below Zero In KF

The snow was crisp and "crunchy" this morning, the sky was clear, it was almost the coldest night so far this season, but it wasn't.

The Herald and News thermometer registered a chilling two below at about 8 a.m. this morning.

Lowest temp recorded in downtown Klamath Falls this season was three below on the morning of Dec. 10.

Coldest spot in the basin this morning—and perhaps the coldest place in all Oregon—was Chemult, 18 miles north of here on U.S. 77.

The Southern Pacific reported this morning temperatures dropped there to a minus 14 degrees. It was three below zero at Crescent Lake.

A Grass Lake, south of here on the S.P. line, the thermometer registered minus four degrees at shortly after 8 a.m.

According to the Associated Press the only spot coming close to Chemult's chill in Oregon was Baker which measured 10 below zero during the night.

Temperatures ranged upwards to 11 above at Seattle, Bellingham and Olympia, and 22 in Portland.

The Weather Bureau predicted slightly warmer temperatures today, with increased cloudiness over the Northwest. However, forecasters predicted no early break in the cold wave.

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DOWNTOWN KLAMATH FALLS looked a little sad this morning, what with traffic this holiday very light in comparison with the jammed streets of the pre-Christmas days.

US Sabre Jets Tangle With Red Migs, Two Hit

and bombing raids by Communist planes on (left) Hanoi and Seoul. The Allies said the Red bombers escaped, but did no damage.

The Red said in a communique broadcast over Pyongyang radio Tuesday night that their planes—two formations of six night bombers—destroyed 21 U.N. aircraft at Kinoo and severely hurt 11 on ships at anchor and munitions warehouses and dumps at Inchon.

"Large fires were started" at Inchon, said the broadcast heard in Tokyo. "Great explosions resulted."

On the ground the U.S. Eighth Army said the only action New Year's Day up to noon was a 40-minute fight against a lone squad of attacking Reds northwest of Yoncheon in the Western Front.

Despite the twilight war the Eighth Army said, the Communists lost 2,866 men last week, including 2,305 killed, 1,502 wounded and 41 taken prisoner.

Government Cleanup Still Vague

WASHINGTON (AP) — One thing that appears certain to bring it some unusual action by President Truman to throw out any remaining fossils in his administration.

There was one other, however, from something Mr. Truman said during the week's conference at which he first disclosed his plans when he took office.

That was the President's administration, as he said, to clean up the government. He said it might come in a day or so.

Since then, however, details have been scattered, but the action as to when they may be taken.

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The President said he was waiting until he could take the time to go to the announcement. One possible occasion might be the State of the Union message which he will deliver to Congress, probably late next week.

He is likely to ask in that message for special legislation to help keep the government service honest. He may also want until then to disclose what housecleaning action he plans on his own.

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Suez Canal Battle Grows

CAIRO, Egypt (AP)—Heavy night fighting for three hours between British forces and Egyptian guerrilla fighters inaugurated the new year in Iamalia, trouble spot in the canal zone.

A British Army spokesman said the wild night battle began five minutes after midnight and continued to 3 a. m.

He reported no British were hurt and said there was no information on any Egyptian casualties.

The British said the Egyptians using automatic weapons, fired from slit trenches dug on the Arab side of the Sweetwater Canal. The British return fire came from a Bren gun carrier, rifles, and mortars.

The flare-up came after Premier Mustapha El Nashas Pasha again threatened to use force to throw the British out of the canal zone.

ON JOB SALEM (AP)—Gov. Douglas McKay, ill most of last week with a sore throat, returned to his desk at the State Capitol Monday.

Holiday Costs 436 Lives

Accidents had taken a toll of at least 436 lives Tuesday as the nation celebrated the four-day New Year's Day holiday, and there still was about half a day to go.

The traffic toll was 283 and still was short of the 250 predicted by the National Safety Council. Fires killed 44, and a variety of accidents of miscellaneous nature killed 119 more.

The miscellaneous total included 26 persons killed in a plane crash Saturday night in Upper New York State.

Cold Front Pours Over Much Of Nation Today, Mountain Passes Closed

A great cold poured across Northern and Central United States Tuesday in the wake of blizzards in the Rocky Mountains and Northern plains, drizzly fog in the Great Lakes midwest and unseasonable "heat" in the lower midcontinent.

The Weather Bureau said it would bring strong winds and sharp temperature drops but little or no snow. Chicago, for example, recorded a 32 degree reading Monday night and the forecast for Wednesday morning is for zero to five below.

The cold wave, which gave Havre, Mont., a -25 early Tuesday morning has gripped the Western Dakotas.

BAD STORM Colorado fought to free itself from the grip of one of its most severe storms. A storm which marooned hundreds is believed to have taken at least two lives, and wrecked a 32 degree reading Monday night and the forecast for Wednesday morning is for zero to five below.

Two truck drivers were all but given up for lost in an avalanche. A third was reported swept away by a thundering cascade of snow. Still another escaped, injured but alive.

First In Line For Marriage

COLUMBUS, O. (AP)—A young Columbus couple who wanted more than an ordinary wedding ceremony sat in a bit at the first bride and groom of 1952 early Tuesday.

Final vows were said by Rev. and L. Hallett and Miss Evelyn Mae Hackett, both 22, were said at 12:45 a. m. EST by the Rev. A. T. Bradley.

Hallett, with the 27th division of the Ohio National Guard, is going on active duty with the Army Jan. 15. The two decided they wanted their wedding ceremony to be the first of the New Year. The Rev. Bradley, with an eye on the clock, obliged.

Plane Search Area Spreads

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP)—A search armada began covering a 24,000 square mile section of Central Arizona Tuesday seeking a clue to the fate of a missing military transport plane with 28 aboard, including 19 cadets from West Point.

A report of wreckage on Iron Mountain in the Superstition range was proved unfounded Monday morning when clearing skies gave pilots the opportunity to give the area complete check.

False Arrest Charge Filed

OREGON CITY (AP)—The guardian of Charles Spink, 15, has filed a \$30,000 false arrest suit on behalf of the youth against police and neighbors. The suit stems from a dispute over a driveway.

Defendants are Sheriff Fred Reasecker, Deputy Sheriff E. J. Williams, Sandy City Patrolman Clifton Massey, Orville Scheels, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Scheels, Paul Dove and Wayne Limbaugh.

The youth claimed he was held in jail overnight Nov. 20. Reasecker Monday said the dispute came about this way. The Scheels family posted a driveway with no trespassing signs. The Spink family, contended, was a public use driveway and young Spink parked his car on it.

The Scheels called police and in the argument that resulted the youth was taken to jail. Reasecker said the boy was too young to have an operator's license. That point was not raised, however, he said.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity and Northern California: Fair Tuesday and Wednesday; continued cold. High both days 29, low Tuesday 5 degrees. Low temp last night -2 high yesterday 20 (Additional Weather Page Five)

Holiday Shot Kills Mother

WASHINGTON (AP)—A 15-year-old boy celebrated New Year's by firing his rifle, Washington police said Tuesday. A block away the mother of the children fell dead of a bullet wound.

Homicide Capt. Richard Felber identified the woman as Mrs. Olive Estep, 41.

Captain Felber said the youth was being held by a coroner's inquest Wednesday. He quoted the boy as saying he had his .22 caliber rifle, a gift of Christmas a year ago, through an open window of his bedroom.

Mr. Estep, director of the radio in the living room, took a bullet through the floor, Captain Felber said.

Stork Lays Off For Day

The New Year's flight of Stork Airlines Inc. and itself without passengers in a Klamath Basin today.

The only possible flight reservation was cancelled by an earlier bird delivered a 7:45 a. m. plane at Klamath Falls on Russell and Anna Mae Brown, 1435 Pleasant St., about 11:55 a. m. last night.

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Sled Dog—Tippy the dog must have a Husky somewhere in his family tree.

The youngsters above put Tippy in sled harness yesterday and the small dog hauled them along with happy yips. Standing behind Tippy is Wiley Van DeGrift, 620 Martin St. On the sled are Kathleen Wood (front), Tippy's mistress, 513 Division St., and Freddie Joe Henderson, 2309 Home St.

Two Years For Spud Stealing

Kenneth Mack Anderson, 26-year-old Coast Guard deserter, formerly of Merrill, gained the dubious distinction of being the last person to be sentenced in 1951 from Klamath County Circuit Court to the Oregon State Prison.

Shortly before court closing time yesterday afternoon Anderson was sentenced to two years in prison on conviction of burglary, not in a dwelling.

He was arrested Nov. 28 with Robert Dawley, 18, Merrill, in connection with theft of 50 sacks of potatoes from a Great Northern freight car at Adams Point.

Dawley waived preliminary hearing and is free under \$200 bail. Anderson pleaded guilty in court last week to the charge. He also admitted deserting from the Coast Guard in January of 1950.

9 O'clock Special

WHOOPS—Still celebrating several hours after the new year arrived, Bud Murray, Herald and News machine operator, gives co-worker Johnny Henderson a review of how he blew the whistle and rang the bell last midnight.

Wallan Rites On Thursday

Funeral services for Mrs. Cy Wallan, 39, who died Wednesday at her home here last night, will be held at 2 p. m. from Wallan's church.

Mrs. Cy Wallan had lived in Klamath Falls 21 years, most of that time at 1745 Wall. For many years she worked at the Superior-Troy Laundry. She was a native of San Jose.

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