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SHERIFF JACK FRANEY

### Sheriff Jack Franey, 52, Dies Suddenly On Tuesday

#### In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

As a dramatic incident of this "worst storm in 50 years" as the big press services have been calling it, the Southern Pacific crack streamliner City of San Francisco, last word in modern ground transportation, is trapped in the snow in the high Sierra.

Art Hoppe, reporter, and Kenneth McLaughlin, cameraman, of the Chronicle staff, have just reached the marooned train after a trek on skis. Hoppe reports: "The engine is buried in the snow, and the cars stand like some permanent strung-out settlement of buried cabins. . . . A single dark tunnel in the snow marks the entrance to the baggage car and as we entered a musty, sour odor of stale breath, heating fumes and cold food hit us. . . . It was cold in most of the cars and everyone was wearing all the clothes he could pile on. . . . The 27 passengers who suffered nausea and diarrhea from backed-up butane fumes were getting along well in their more comfortable quarters aboard the roomette car."

Rugged? It certainly is—as we of the comfortable, well ordered, abundant-in-material-things modern world know ruggedness.

This present-day luxury streamliner is stalled at the summit of Donner pass, at or very near the spot where the ill-fated Donner party finally bogged down in the snow after going as far as they could go.

Privacy? We call it that—in these days. But there is FOOD on the train—cold, to be sure but even cold food will sustain life. And more is on the way. Behind powerful engines equipped with rotary snow-plows, with a good road bed under their heels.

Modern communications carried word of the stalled train's plight almost instantaneously, and help was started without delay.

The Donner party bogged down in holes in the snow reached by tunnels startlingly like that which Art Hoppe describes. They buried themselves in all the clothes they had. They ate their remaining animals—as long as the animals lasted.

Then—When every other scrap of food was gone, SOME OF THEM ATE SOME OF THE BODIES OF THEIR OWN DEAD.

It was just that stark and grim back in those days.

Word got across the Sierra to the settlements in California. NOT by radio or by wire. By men on foot. Men of the party who retained the strength to travel. When help eventually got back, it was the rescuers who were sickened—and not by the fumes of bottled gas.

They were sickened by the AWFUL sights they saw in those holes in the snow that held all that was left of the Donner party.

There were survivors—a pitiful few. Nearly all of them were got over the Sierra's summit to the settlements in the valleys. Some of these survivors lived to be among the ablest and most useful of early California's people.

It was thus that the West was built.

There are people who tell us the early pioneers HAD IT EASY—free land, game in the hills, gold in the gulches the life of Riley, Fate!

Tell the next person who springs that one on you to go down to the city library and read up on the Donner party.

### Grand Master Of IOOF Visits Here

George Lyons, Portland, Grand Master of Oregon Oddfellows, is visiting IOOF chapters in Klamath County this week.

Lyons and Herbert Munsell, Klamath Falls Grand Junior Warden, of the IOOF Grand Encampment, visited the Bonanza lodge Monday the Klamath Falls lodge yesterday and are to visit the Merrill chapter tonight.

Several Klamath Falls lodge members have been accompanying the visiting officials.

### 9 O'clock Special

**DIRECTOR**  
SALEM (AP)—Dr. G. Herbert Smith, Willamette University president, will continue as director of the Association of American Colleges.

Sheriff Jack Franey, one of the most widely known and best loved men in Klamath County, died unexpectedly at Klamath Valley hospital last night. He was 52 years old.

Franey had been admitted to the hospital about 10:30 a.m. yesterday for observation and later in the day underwent surgery for an abdominal obstruction.

He died shortly before 10 p.m. The body was taken to Ward's Funeral Home and funeral arrangements are to be announced later.

Franey was born at Plymouth, Wis., Feb. 18, 1899. He came West in the early 1920s and worked as a surveyor in Montana and North Dakota for a time and then came to Klamath county in 1924, doing survey work for the Southern Pacific at Kirik.

He moved to Klamath Falls in 1924, worked in engineering and also on the City Police force.

Franey was elected Sheriff of Klamath County in 1948, the winner of a race that had seen 19 candidates for the office in the primaries. He had been deputy under Sheriff Lloyd Low for about 13 years.

He was married to Miss Caroline O'Neill in 1922 at Forsyth, Mont. They made their home here at 2030 Fremont St. There were no children.

Survivors include the widow; his mother, Mrs. Frances Franey at Plymouth; four brothers, Harold of Gridley, Calif., Clive of San Francisco, Kenneth of Milwaukee, Wis., and Charles of Plymouth; and two sisters, Mrs. Marian Pokel, Milwaukee, and Mrs. Alice Horst, Chilton, Wis.

Franey was a member of Sacred Heart parish, of the American Legion, Elks, Sheriff's Posse and many other fraternal and social organizations.

### Train Still Trapped In Donner Pass

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Passengers on the snow-trapped streamliner City of San Francisco, high in the Sierra, are on short rations, bundled against the cold, but complaining about spending their night aboard, the Chronicle reported Wednesday in a copy-righted dispatch from the train.

The Chronicle's Art Hoppe and Photographer Kenneth McLaughlin, after a 2½ hour trip on skis, reached the marooned Southern Pacific train in Donner Pass at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Hoppe reported: "The train is intact. Its passengers are on short rations, but they're bundled up against the cold, their morale is high and they are not complaining about the prospect of another night before rescue."

"We found the train 200 feet beyond a short tunnel. The engine is buried in the snow and the cars stand like some permanent strung-out settlement of buried cabins."

"A single dark tunnel in the snow marked the entrance to the baggage car and as we entered a musty, sour odor of stale breath, heating fumes and cold food hit us."

"It was dark in the tunnel, dark in the baggage car and dark in the other baggage cars beyond. Only an occasional red lantern glimmered as we groped toward the passenger cars."

"In the first coach, we found the passengers, their feet wrapped in torn sheets, huddled on facing seats."

"The passengers told us of their high regard for the train crewmen who battled the snow to make them comfortable, of the untiring efforts of volunteer nurses and doctors, of their own determination to keep their spirits high while rescuers fought to reach them."

"It was cold in most of the cars and everyone was wearing all the clothes he could pile on—extra trousers, sweaters, hats and scarves."

"The 27 passengers who suffered nausea and diarrhea from backed-up butane fumes were getting along well in their more comfortable quarters aboard the roomette car."

Some reports said at least 60 persons were sickened by the fumes.

### Pay Phone Rate Hiked

Nickel telephone calls are going the way of nickel cups of coffee and nickel cigars—to a dime.

Next Monday pay phones in Oregon will cost 10 cents under provisions of a rate increase granted the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company.

The mechanical switchover on the boxes is now being made on about 200 pay stations under the jurisdiction of the Klamath Falls office of the company, so that instead of taking one five-cent piece for a local call they will operate only with a dime, or two nickels.

Other authorized rate increases are to be effective March 1, and are still being worked out, according to Chuck Seavy, local phone company manager.

### Thieves Steal Meat, Pass Cash

QUINCY, Mass. (AP)—Thieves who broke into a meat market during the night were after something more precious than money.

Owner Harry Dreyfus listed to police as stolen:

50 lbs. of top-of-the-round steak.

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A cold cut loaf, and a string of pork.

Dreyfus said an undetermined amount of money was left intact in the cash register.

### It Was Worse In 'Good Old Days'

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Sporadic Californians had this spate Wednesday—it was far worse in the "good old days."

In the 1889-90 winter, 13 trains, with 900 passengers, were snow-bound in the Sierras.

As many as 3,300 men shoveled snow from the tracks.

It took the railroads almost a month to restore normal service.

### Gifts Honor Birth Of Child

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### Bright Future For Speakers At Annual Chamber Meeting

A full house at the Willard Banquet hall last night heard Hillman Luuedemann and Edgar W. Smith outline a distinctly bright future for the Klamath country.

The occasion was the annual dinner meeting of the Junior and Senior Chambers of Commerce, and Luuedemann and Smith are considered experts in industry and industrial promotion.

Luuedemann is vice president of the Pope and Talbot interests, and Smith, rancher and stockman, is president of the Portland Chamber of Commerce as well as something of an authority on world affairs.

Luuedemann's talk stressed the need of this area and the Northwest for harnessing "the two great waters—water and wood."

Columbia River development, the lumberman said, is of utmost importance to the Northwest. The dams now operating, under construction or authorized by Congress potentially will give this area a sixth of the nation's electrical power, the equivalent of 20 Bonnevilles.

Utilization of wood wastes, Luuedemann said, can make the Northwest the chemical center of the nation. He brought with him samples of materials that are being made now out of rotten or waste wood—cellulose, nylon, paper, paperboard, hardboard, stock food, alcohol derivatives and plastics.

The lumber industry, he declared, is beginning to wake up. Within the next few years it will be going the packing industry one better.

That industry, he said, is reputed to use everything but the squeal. . . . The lumber industry will be using everything, including the bark.

Smith pointed out the benefits of an active Chamber of Commerce and the type of cooperative effort that organization can give a town in progressing industrially. He declared that Chamber of Commerce contributions are a most important investment for any industry and profession.

Most of Smith's talk concerned world affairs and he prophesied that the very best this country can look forward to is 10 more years of world tension and strenuous preparedness at home.

Dick Maguire, KFJ manager, acted as master of ceremonies for the meeting, introducing the speakers as well as the new officers of the two chambers—Jim Kerns Jr., president of the senior group, and Art Treibwasser, new president of the Jaycees.

### L. Alva Lewis Dies At 72

L. Alva Lewis, 72, resident of Klamath Falls, for 63 years, died at the family home last night, 615 Washburn Way following a lingering illness.

During his lifetime he was closely associated with public service in this county and throughout the state.

He served as Klamath county's youngest treasurer was employed on the old Klamath Falls Republican as a typesetter, owned one of the first jewelry stores here, served as a U.S. game warden and Deputy U.S. Marshal in his early life, filled other responsible public positions, farmed and was probably best known for his unflinching interest in grange work. In addition to offices in subordinate grades he served as master of Pomona Klamath County Grange for two terms.

He played a prominent part in the development of the South Suburban area and was active in organization of the Suburban fire department.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Elva Broyles, of this city, Mrs. Vivian Pozar, Oakridge, Ore., two sons, Fred and Austin Lewis, Klamath Falls; a brother, Leon Lewis, Ashland, Ore.; also nine grandchildren.

The body is at Wards Funeral home and funeral arrangements will be announced later.

The story of his life will appear in Thursday's paper.

### KPCA Meet Set Jan. 26

Unsettled conditions in the agricultural industry have made the annual meeting of the Klamath Production Credit Association, scheduled for Jan. 26 at the Arden Hotel, one of the more important conventions in the organization's 18 year existence, Secy-Treas. Lee McMullen said today.

Notices were sent into the mail yesterday, announcing the annual stockholders' meeting, one of the larger farm events of the Klamath Basin.

Bill Kittredge is president of the group, and has been for the past 18 years.

Two directors will be elected to fill expired positions; present directors are E. M. Hammond and A. R. Campbell.

The meeting will begin with a registration at 11 a.m. Jan. 26, and an Ed Miller Smorgasbord has been scheduled for 11:45.

Paul Matson, president of the Intermediate Credit Bank of Spokane, will be principal speaker.

The meeting will allow free parking in downtown Klamath Falls throughout the day.

### Bob Smith Outstanding Young Man

Bob Smith, registrar at Oregon Technical Institute, was Klamath County's outstanding young man of 1951.

His selection by a special committee of the Junior Chamber of Commerce was announced at the Chamber banquet at the Willard last night.

Smith was the outgoing president of the Jaycees, serving the 1951 term, and was also active in such community works as the Community Chest, Red Cross Blood Bank and in bringing the Horace Heidt youth opportunity show here.

He is 33 years old, a graduate of the University of Oregon and an Army veteran of the Pacific area during World War II. He has been at Oregon Tech since before the school was officially opened—about five years.

Smith and his wife Savarina have two daughters, Mary Catherine 3, and Donna Marie, 1.

Presentation of the honor was made by Darrell Miller, 1950 winner of the distinguished service award.

Smith made some presentations on his own, also. He gave "key man" awards to George Proctor, Duane Baker and Gale Osborne for their assistance to him during his term as Jaycee president.

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FEATURED AT LAST NIGHT'S Chamber of Commerce banquet were (top) the speakers, Hillman Luuedemann and Edgar Smith, both of Portland, shown with Mrs. Dick Maguire. (Middle photo) Darrell Miller presents the Jaycee distinguished service award to Bob Smith, and (lower photo) Jim Kerns Jr., new Chamber of Commerce president, receives the congratulations of Arthur Rickbeil, 1951 president.

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### Inflammable Sweaters Show Up In KF, Test Show Garb To Be Highly Volatile

Flaming death or painful injury may be hanging in your closet or resting on your back.

If you have a long-napped rayon-like sweater or jacket, particularly one labeled "Esquire Exclusive Sportswear," it may be highly inflammable.

Hang the garment on a line outside the house and test it with a match. Be careful for it may go up in flames in a matter of seconds. If you don't have a safe place to test the garment, take it to the City Fire Department.

A set of brushed rayon sweaters, labeled "Esquire Exclusive Sportswear," and treated with acetate, was checked yesterday by Fire Chief Roy Rowe at the fire station. Within 35 seconds, a contype sweater was a flaring torch. Intense heat crumbled it to ashes in about a minute.

A vest type of sweater blazed up into nothingness in the same manner.

Both articles were brought to the fire station by A. W. Ruff, 1242 Owens St., a conductor for the Southern Pacific.

He read about them in yesterday's Oregonian.

Ruff said he got the sweaters from his daughter in Las Vegas Nev. She bought them from a peddler in Las Vegas or Salt Lake City, Utah, Ruff said.

Other similar type sweaters were turned in to Chief Rowe by Vic Glackus, 4319 Altamont, who bought them from a peddler here last fall for \$6.

Frank Book, employe of Pade and Holland Sheet Metal Works, said he bought a coat and vest sweater combination from a peddler who came into the company office last fall. He paid \$8 for the articles. Book said he got rid of the sweater when he read about them in the paper.

According to an article in a recent Montana paper, there is no federal law banning interstate shipment of such inflammable material.

California's Health and Safety code carries a maximum penalty of \$250 and six months in jail for sale of such material.

The State of Oregon code of laws carries no penalty for such a violation according to the district attorney's office here.

Several proprietors of cleaning establishments around town expressed alarm yesterday at what would happen if they tried to clean one of the sweaters.

Chief Rowe quoted them as saying it would be dynamite.

Rowe urged anyone having such a sweater to bring it to the fire station for examination.

### Snow Piles Deeper In Canyon Area

As snow continued piling up in Northern California today, search continued for a Dunsmuir man who disappeared into deep drifts south on Soda Creek, Sunday afternoon.

William Dunn, Dunsmuir taxi driver, has not been heard from since he left Dunsmuir late Sunday in an attempt to find his way through deep snow to his summer home on Soda Creek some five miles from U.S. Highway 99.

Dunn operates a small ranch on Soda Creek during the summer and drives a taxi in Dunsmuir during the winter.

A caretaker, Bud Rolfe, was supposed to be staying at the ranch home during the winter.

Snow in the Dunsmuir area was approximately eight feet deep this morning and it was still snowing.

Monday, Gene Corson tried to reach the ranch with a bulldozer but had to give up the trip about a mile short of the homestead.

### TRY MADE

Yesterday, no attempt was made to cover the remaining mile but today Shasta County Sheriff John Basha took over and directed a group trying to reach Dunn's ranch.

The Herald and News correspondent in Dunsmuir, Pauline Heibner, reported this morning that the city had become a mass of tunnels and ditches as the snow continued mounding.

Schools have been closed at both Dunsmuir and Mt. Shasta all this week but Mt. Shasta was trying to open schools today.

Traffic was still moving through Dunsmuir this morning but it was one-way travel on most highways and convoys were being used in many areas.

Southern Pacific railway lines were still open in the area today. A great deal of the S.P.'s East-West freight traffic was being rerouted through Klamath Falls as snow continued blocking the railway's Sierra line.

The Western Pacific, with lines snowbound was also routing perishables through here for delivery to the S.P. by the Great Northern.

With little new snow in the immediate Klamath area, traffic conditions were improving. Chains were still necessary on most highways out of the city but packed snow and wider lanes made traveling easier than it was earlier this week.

Highway 139 was closed between here and Alturas but Highway 199 to Alturas by way of Lakeview was open.

### Crater Tow Shuts Down

The Crater Lake ski tow has been closed down for the season.

Mr. Ed Chubb, operator of the Knob Hill tow at the national park for the past three winters, said this morning he was forced to close the tow down due to the depth of the snow, the road conditions and lack of skiers.

Crater Lake officials reported this morning 151 inches of snow at park headquarters, with "much more" snow at the rim.

They said that at present the warming hut would remain open at the Rim Village on days when the road was open. Motorists in the area are required to carry chains, as they may be required for road travel in the park at any time.

### Sabres Tangle With Red Migs

By GEORGE A. McARTHUR

SEOUL, Korea (AP)—Out numbered U.S. F-86 Sabre jets damaged two Communist MIG-15s Wednesday in two flashing air battles high over North Korea.

The U.S. Fifth Air Force said the first fight involved 36 Sabres and 80 MIGs. Later, 22 F-86s battled the same flight of Communist planes. One MIG was damaged in each battle.

Infantrymen huddled in their foxholes as subfreezing weather covered the 145-mile battlefield. Action was confined to a few small raiding operations by the Allies and probes by the Reds.

Any Allied losses or damage will be reported only in a weekend summary.

U.N. carrier-based pilots reported they cut raids in 98 places. Warships pounded Communist targets on both the east and west coasts.