

# 'Build the Basin'

# Supreme Court Opens Case On Truman's Steel Seizure

## Presidential Spotlight On Klamath

By NALE SCARBROUGH

National politics—the presidential race—takes the spotlight here in Klamath Falls this week.

The Oregon primary election comes off Friday and the probable winners of the presidential popularity poll are Gen. Dwight Eisenhower on the Republican side and Sen. Estes Kefauver on the Democratic ticket.

Kefauver, Tennessee's junior senator and chairman of the highly publicized Crime Investigating Committee, is to be here Wednesday night for a talk at Fremont Auditorium.

He is after Oregon's 12 Demo delegates to the national nominating convention, and probably will get them.

Kefauver is scheduled to arrive here about 7 p.m., coming from his Prineville-Redmond area. He is traveling by private plane. Earlier the Tennesseean had been figured to arrive here about 5 p.m., but his schedule was set back when he decided on a short stop at Hood River in addition to other pauses at Eastern Oregon towns.

Local Democrats had to cancel out a banquet planned for him, but the public rally at Fremont Auditorium is scheduled for 8 p.m. Kefauver will stay overnight here. He probably will be accompanied by Les Josalin of Portland, for Demo state chairman.

Gen. Dwight Eisenhower is not campaigning for the presidential nomination, but has plenty of people stumping for him.

One of them is Gov. Sherman Adams of New Hampshire, and Gov. Adams is scheduled to be in Klamath Falls Tuesday night.

Local Republicans have planned a rally for him at the Willard Hotel, 8 p.m.

Gov. Adams probably will be accompanied by Ralph H. Calk, GOP national committee man from Oregon.

These candidates for delegate to the Republican national convention (there are eight of them) will have to be free to support whomever they please, regardless of the popular vote in the preference primary.

For delegate-at-large: Lowell C. Page, Mrs. Irene Gillingham, John R. LaTourrette, Jr., Irving Rand, Robert A. Bennett and Phil Metachan (nephew of the late Phil Metachan). For delegate from the second district: U. S. Baintine. For delegate from the fourth district: Ernest G. Swigert.

I have no objection to anyone being for Mr. Taft for President. Choosing your candidate and doing everything you can within the limits of good sportsmanship and good citizenship to get him elected is about as fundamental in our system as anything could be. And as Sprague says, it can hardly be labeled as a political trick because the significance of the vote is in choosing a candidate for delegate has been well publicized.

But I think it would have been much OPENER if these candidates had announced flatly that if they are elected they will support Mr. Taft, regardless of the outcome of the preference of the voters as expressed at the primary. It would have been even better if they had explained that they filed by petition in order to be free to vote for Mr. Taft and had added that they filed that way specifically in order to get, if possible, some Oregon delegates for Taft even though he had not chosen to submit his name to the Oregon primary.

For that matter, I think it would have been better still if they had circulated petitions and had filed Mr. Taft's name as a regular candidate, whether he wanted to come into the primary or not. If anyone is going to have "preference" primaries, now are the voters to express a real preference if the names of the candidates are not on the primary ballot?

Anyway, I shall take care not to vote for any of these candidates at the primary election on Friday. I am for Eisenhower. I'm not ashamed of it. So I don't want to vote for anyone who would thwart my desire to see Ike get ALL the Republican delegates from Oregon. On the other hand, I wouldn't want to discourage any Taft voter from writing in Mr. Taft's name on the ballot. I think all elections, including primaries, should be completely free and open. Even if Mr. Taft didn't choose to file as a candidate in Oregon, there is no reason why his supporters should not write in his name.

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# Brown to Quit at KUHS

## Timely Trio

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Mrs. Henry L. Goston celebrated Mother's Day Monday by giving birth to triplets.

A boy and two girls were born early in the day to the Buffalo woman, who exclaimed: "I was really surprised. Someone better tell my husband!"

The trio weighed in at four pounds, 2 1/2 ounces; three pounds, 13 1/2 ounces; and three pounds, 10 1/2 ounces.

The Gostons have three other children.

## Wreck Victim Ex-Film Star?

A man believed to have at one time been a Western movie actor, was killed early Sunday morning in an auto wreck at Worden, about 12 miles south of Klamath Falls on US 97.

He was identified as Julius Quinton Fowler, 54, who came here only two weeks ago from Coos Bay and had a job as a cat skinner for Tula Farms.

But cards and newspaper clippings found on the body gave the stage name of Gene Howard and mentioned Western pictures in which Howard had appeared. Recent membership cards in the Screen Actors Guild were among his effects, and a picture of Howard which attendants at Ward's Funeral Home said was a picture of the dead man.

Fowler was killed outright when a car in which he was a passenger smashed head-on into a parked transport truck.

The driver of the car, Archie Hughes, 36, was seriously hurt and was Klamath Fatality Valley Hospital where attendants reported his condition as satisfactory.

State Police said the truck was pulled 12 feet off the highway and stopped. The driver, Kenneth Walter Larson, Sun Valley, Calif., was asleep in the sleeper compartment. The impact threw Larson out of the truck.

Hughes' car apparently crossed the highway and went off the road into the front of the big truck. Hughes was driving a 1937 Plymouth.

He was an employe of the Horton Ranch in Poe Valley, and apparently had only a casual acquaintance with Fowler, meeting him Saturday night in a downtown bar. The accident occurred at 12:56 a.m. Sunday.

Cards in Fowler's pocket asked that his wife be notified at Phillipsville, Calif., just north of Garberville. Ward's Funeral Home was unable to locate her Sunday.

FISHERMAN LOST VANCOUVER, Wash. (AP) — Sheriff's officers Monday dragged the Columbia River for Floyd Fursberg, Ridgefield, Wash., fisherman missing since Sunday.

## Fiery Sky Blast Laid To Meteor

SEATTLE (AP) — U.S. Air Force investigators and astronomers, after checking hundreds of eyewitness reports, said Monday a fiery object which exploded with violent force over Seattle and the surrounding Puget Sound country early Sunday probably was a meteor.

They continued questioning witnesses from Olympia, 50 miles south of here, to Bellingham, 80 miles north, however, and started a search for "strange" materials they said might have come from a meteor.

The object flashed across the sky at 1:26 a.m., PDT, Sunday.

CONCUSSION Airline pilots and ground observers said it exploded with a blinding flare and burst into flaming streamers. The rumbling concussion that followed rattled windows and shook doors.

Col. T. Allan Bennett, commanding officer of the 25th Air Defense Division at McChord Air Force Base near Tacoma, and Dr. J. Hugh Pruett, University of Oregon astronomer and Pacific Regional Director of the American Meteor Society, agreed it probably was a meteor.

Bennett said none of the radar installations in the Pacific Northwest picked up the object on their screens and he doubted the object could have been an aircraft or guided missile.

"If it was a meteor, it was probably coming nearly straight down," Bennett said.

"That would make it very difficult to track (on radar) . . . if it was an aircraft or guided missile we would have picked it up."

Some observers said the object appeared to be as low as eight thousand feet. However, Dr. Pruett said meteors usually cease to glow at 25 to 30 miles.

## Howls, Yelps Stir Memphis

MEMPHIS (AP) — Howls and shrieks from hounds, humans and raccoons echoed over Lake Meiguel and brought the Memphis Humane Society up in arms.

The uproar Sunday came from a controversial sport which the society calls vicious and inhumane.

George R. Bates, society president, said he would seek a court injunction to prevent any similar competitions in the future.

The contest was for the "southern Championship." Forty hounds were entered. About 500 spectators attended.

It works like this: The contest with a handler nearby holding a tether, is placed on a log floating about 50 feet from the bank.

The eager hound is sent to drag him off.

If the swimming dog succeeds in getting a grip on the spitting, scratching coon, the tangle is broken up by the handler, who pulls the coon out of danger by the tether.

## Principal Takes Job At Redmond

James L. (Jim) Brown, now in his fourth year as Klamath Union High School principal, is to tender his resignation at a School Board meeting tonight.

Brown says he has accepted the post of superintendent of the Redmond Union High School district and will also serve as principal of the Redmond school.

Nelson Reed, chairman of the joint elementary and high school boards here, said last night he had no idea who might succeed Brown here.

Paul Angstad is assistant principal at KUHS. At Redmond, Brown is to replace M. E. Larive who resigned after differences with the School Board there.

Brown came to Klamath Falls from Parkrose where he was principal of that Portland suburban high school three years.

## Property Tax Kicks Heard

The Board of Equalization began its three weeks of hearings on protests concerning the Klamath County property tax roll today, with only a few minor assessments and tax protests, filed up to this morning.

The board is composed of Judge U. E. Reeder, Alfred Collier, who is chairman of the county budget committee, and Charlie Mack, businessman and former employe of the County Assessor's Office.

Representatives of the Klamath Merchants Association had taken out a large number of blanks used for filing protests, but had returned none this morning.

Many merchants in Klamath County were involved in a wrangle with the Assessor's office and the State Tax Commission over valuation of personal property and were expected to protest raised assessments to the Board of Equalization.

## Trio Injured, Recovering

Mrs. and Mrs. Orville Kirkpatrick, Malin, critically injured in an early Sunday highway smash-up near Mt. Shasta, were reported "out of danger" at Mt. Shasta Hospital today.

Also critically hurt in the wreck was Mrs. Kirkpatrick's brother, Don Enloe, Mt. Shasta. He, too, was reported as recovering today.

A truck driver who witnessed the accident about 1:15 a.m. Sunday, told California State Patrolmen the car in which the trio was traveling left the highway at a high rate of speed and overturned, throwing Mrs. Kirkpatrick through the windshield.

The crashup occurred on Spring Hill, just north of Mt. Shasta.

## Wilson's Lose Legal Battle

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court Monday refused the second time to grant a hearing to Truman G. Wilson and Utah E. Wilson, brothers who are under death sentences in Washington state for a kidnap-murder.

The Wilsons were convicted in the Clark County (Wash.) Superior Court of the abduction-slaying of JoAnn Dewey, Miss Dewey, then 18, was abducted on a Vancouver, Wash., street on March 19, 1950. Her body was found a week later in Wind River, 55 miles away.

The Wilson brothers were arrested March 30, 1950, in Sacramento, Calif. Fingerprints on a beer bottle found near the scene of the abduction were said by authorities to be those of Utah Wilson. Truman Wilson was convicted of rape in 1942.

Execution dates for the brothers have been set twice, but each time they were saved from the gallows by last-minute stays.

The Supreme Court on Oct. 15, 1951, refused to review trial of the Wilsons. They then asked the Washington State Supreme Court for a writ of habeas corpus. This was denied Dec. 1, 1951, and they again appealed to the highest tribunal.

This time the question was whether the denial of the habeas corpus writ was proper.

The Wilsons have contended the evidence against them was circumstantial.

Justice Frankfurter asked his views on "a holding operation" by the President to give Congress time to act.

Davis said he would discuss that after completing his review of the President's powers under the constitution.

## Mill Strikers Offer Terms

Striking employes of Klamath Basin Pine Mills today offered to go back to work if the company would agree word for word to the settlement CIO woodworkers reached with Weyerhaeuser Timber Company last month.

Klamath Basin Pine Mills has been shut down by the CIO union for two weeks.

The Weyerhaeuser settlement gave employes a 7 1/2-cent hourly pay raise, three additional paid holidays, a 10-cent raise in the night shift differential, and the wording of the agreement made the effective dates of the various concessions more favorable to the union than previously was offered by the same Industrial Relations Committee.

The union also asked that local negotiations be continued regarding payment for the union's health and welfare plan, removing settlement of this issue as an obstacle to resumption of production at the mill.

The offer was made this morning to Ivan Kesterson, manager of Klamath Basin Pine Mills. About 225 employes of that plant are out because of the strike.

The Weyerhaeuser settlement provides a 7 1/2 cent raise effective April 1, if approved by the Wage Stabilization Board; three more paid holidays at straight time pay as of the time of the holiday and certain eligibility requirements for the paid holidays and an additional 2 cent hourly shift differential.

Mill employes met Sunday and decided to make the offer to Kesterson.

The question of who would pay for the health and welfare program, and how much, would be left up to further negotiation.

This morning's talks were recessed until afternoon.

Meanwhile, CIO woodworkers and the Willamette Valley Lumbermen's Association resumed negotiations at Portland, and negotiations are scheduled with the Lumbermen's Industrial Relations Committee Tuesday and the Plywood and Door Manufacturers' Industrial Relations Committee Wednesday.

Also on the labor scene here, employes of the Southern Pacific and Klamath Pine Mills, represented by the AFL lumber and sawmill union, were reported taking a strike vote today.

## President's Action Held Unnecessary

WASHINGTON (AP) — John W. Davis argued to the Supreme Court that President Truman's failure to use the Taft-Hartley law in the steel crisis "points up our claim of usurpation of powers when he seized the steel industry."

With the T-H law on the books, Davis contended, there was "a lack of necessity" for the action taken by the President.

Davis, white-haired New York attorney, opened arguments for the steel industry on the momentous issue of whether the President had "inherent" powers to seize the steel mills as he did on April 8 to head off a strike.

Davis has long been recognized as one of the country's top constitutional lawyers.

He was the Democratic party's unsuccessful nominee a quarter century ago for the presidency.

OTHER SIDE Waiting to reply for the government was Philip B. Perlmutter, solicitor general and acting attorney general.

With his references to the Taft-Hartley law, Davis apparently was developing a contention that the President should exhaust statutory authority in any event before drawing on any claimed inherent powers.

Instead of doing that in the steel case, Davis said, Truman sought "to forge a new and different weapon."

The T-H law contains a provision permitting the government to seek a court order, good for 90 days, to bar a strike which threatens a national emergency.

Truman has said in this connection that the CIO steelworkers voluntarily withheld a strike for a longer period than that.

Specifically, the steel industry asks the highest tribunal to uphold a ruling by U. S. District Judge David A. Pine that the seizure was unlawful.

ERROR The government asks for a reversal, contending Pine erred in holding that Truman's powers as commander-in-chief, and other authority conferred by the Constitution, were not broad enough to permit seizure of the mills under the circumstances.

Davis argued that the constitutional provision making the President commander-in-chief of the armed forces was "a military power, not a civilian power."

He said neither this nor anything else in the constitution gave the President authority to seize the steel mills.

Davis spoke for almost an hour before being interrupted from the bench.

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## Thieves Get Guns, Money

Safe crackers made off with an undisclosed large amount of money and three guns from the Dix Y Market over the weekend.

Sheriff Murray (Red) Britton reported early this morning that the market, located at the intersection of highway 66 and 39, by forcing a back door, Saturday night or early Sunday morning.

Ronald Phair, market manager, this morning said the amount of cash taken from the office safe and a cash register, had not been determined. Sheriff Britton said a considerable amount of money had been taken.

The safe was broken open by knocking pins from three hinges and prying off the door with a bar.

More than one person was involved in the job, Britton said. The safe was moved some 18 feet from the area in the office to a dark corner.

In addition to the money, two pistols and a rifle were stolen from the store.

Members of the panel include: Mark Smith, member of the City Council; Charles (Bud) Larkin, insurance man; O. D. Matthews, member of the Park Board; Russ Marshall, member of the Park Board; and Sam Neslin, clothing store operator.

Bud Chandler, KFLW manager, will be moderator.

## Youths Admit Petty Thefts

Four youths pleading guilty to petty theft charges in District Court Saturday, were placed on five months probation each by Judge Nick Carter.

They were Tom Schubert, 19; William Wender, 18; Roger Bliss, 18; and Dan Cobb, 18.

District Attorney D. E. Van Vactor said the boys admitted taking various articles such as automobile hubcaps, floor mats and the like, but apparently without thought of profit.

Nesdel and Bill were involved in a car prowl Friday night and the other two not implicated in that instance. But they admitted removing hubcaps from another vehicle a couple of weeks ago. All the articles taken have been returned.

SCHUMAN SPEAKS SARREGUEMINES, France (AP) — French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman said Sunday "we are farther from a war than we were a year or two ago."

He called for political and economic union of Europe "as was done in the United States of America."

SEATTLE (AP) — A kidnaped 13-year-old girl, whose abduction left a crude ransom note demanding \$4,000 in her parent's mailbox, was found terrified but apparently otherwise unharmed north of the city limits early Monday.

She was Linda Lambeth, daughter of Mrs. William L. Carlin. She was lying on a roadside, dazed and hysterical, when sheriff's deputies located her about 4:30 a.m. Her mother returned home Sunday night to find her missing.

In the mailbox was a crude-scrawled note which read: "Your daughter has been taken into captivity. For her we wish \$4,000, delivered to this address, 1373 Lake Washington Boulevard. Both of you wish to see her again ever."

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