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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

This is Thanksgiving Day.

I suppose there are many people who are saying: "I'd like to know what we've got to be thankful for in these times."

At any rate, I've been hearing that statement every Thanksgiving Day since at least 1930, when the Big Depression really began to bite.

Wait a minute.

The first American Thanksgiving Day was celebrated during the second winter the Plymouth colonists spent in the New World. That first dreadful winter in Massachussetts had killed NEARLY HALF of the members of the colony. The Pilgrims, you will remember from your school days, landed at Plymouth Rock on DECEMBER 21, of the year 1620. Imagine landing on the bleak coast of New England in the bleak month of December, with nothing but the few personal possesions that could be brought in a small ship.

No hotels. No motels. Just the raw, freezing wilderness. In that raw, frozen wilderness they had to make their way. All they had to fall back on was what little they had brought with them in the tiny Mayflower.

No wonder the going was rough.

But eventually, spring came. They planted crops — with the aid and advice of the savages among whom they had landed. The harvest brought rejoicing.

So—

Governor William Bradford decreed that December 13, 1621, be set aside as a day of feasting and prayer to show the gratitude of the colonists THAT THEY WERE STILL ALIVE.

That was the BIG thing they had to be thankful for on that first Thanksgiving Day.

For them, it was sufficient occasion for joy and overflowing gratitude.

Look around you today. Let your mind run for a little while on your BLESSINGS. Forget your grievances. Compare your situation with the situation that faced the Pilgrim fathers and mothers when they landed that grim day on the grim winter coast of Massachusetts some three centuries ago.

I think you'll find you have PLENTY to be thankful for.

I suppose that in closing we should say a word about turkeys. How come that Thanksgiving Day has come to be known rather generally among us as Turkey Day?

It's an interesting story.

It wasn't just the Pilgrims that joined in the feasting on that first day of Thanksgiving. They were joined by the INDIANS. Fancy that! Here was an INVASION by a foreign expedition. It was an invasion that was to result in the taking away by the white man of a continent that had been owned by the red man.

Yet the red men joined heartily in that first celebration of the SURVIVAL of the white men who were to conquer and take over this new land. They brought wild TURKEYS (along with venison) as their contribution to the feast.

That was how turkey came into Thanksgiving Day.

It's a strange world, isn't it?

Cycle Crash Injures Youth

Nineteen - year - old Joe Cinkl, 2907 Bisbee, was painfully injured late this morning when a motorcycle he was riding plowed into the back end of a car on Shasta Way near Etna.

He was brought to Klamath Valley Hospital by Kaler's ambulance, and his injuries were not believed serious. He suffered various lacerations of the head and face.

Cinkl's Harley - Davidson motorcycle struck a 1941 Chevrolet sedan operated by John Henry Braezeale, 19, of Route 1 Box 92-A.

Braezeale told State Police he was coming into town on Shasta Way, and that the motorcycle was following the car. Breazeale said he slowed down as another car up ahead swung out to make a left turn, and that the motorcycle slammed into the back end of his car.

Czech Reds Draw Death Sentences

VIENNA (AP)—A Czech Communist court sentenced 11 former leaders of Czechoslovakia's Red government to death today and imposed life sentences on the other three defendants in the Prague purge trial.

Among the 91 who were named to die were Rivolph Slansky, former secretary general of the Communist party and once believed to be his country's Red boss, and former Foreign Minister Vladomir Clementis.

Those who received life sentences were Arthur London and Navro Hadju, former deputy foreign ministers, and Evzen Loebl, former deputy minister of foreign trade.

Slansky and the 10 other defendants were sentenced to the gallows, convicted of being traitors, saboteurs and spies in a plot, the prosecution charged, to overthrow the government of President Klement Gottwald.

ANNOUNCED

The sentences were announced by Radio Prague, which said all of the defendants accepted them.

Explaining the life terms, the broadcast said London, Loebl and Hadju "did not play a leading role" in the alleged conspiracy.

"They only followed the orders of Slansky and Clementis. They did not take any individual initiative. They were merely links," the announcement continued.

The prosecution, completing its summary of the week-long trial Wednesday, had demanded the death penalty for all 14 accused.

Loebl was the first of the group to be arrested and disclosed vital information about the remaining members of the anti-Moscow conspiracy, the radio said.

The 51-year-old Slansky was sentenced to death on charges of high treason, military treason, espionage and sabotage.

PLOTTED

In his lengthy "confession" which he parroted with only occasional questions to cue him, he said he had plotted to kill Gottwald, overthrow the government, set up a "Titoist" anti-Moscow regime, and "restore capitalism."

Those named to die with him and Clementis were:

Bedrich Geminder, 51, once the Kremlin's agent in Prague and former head of the Communist Party's international affairs section; Andre Simon, 57, former editor of the party paper, Rude Pravo; Ludvik Frejka, 48, former party deputy secretary and government economic adviser; Josef Frank, 43, and Otto Sling, 43, two other former party deputy secre-

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Death Claims B. B. Ramsey

Word has been received here of the death of a former Klamath Falls resident, Bloomfield "Bloom" Byard Ramsey, 61.

Ramsey, resident of Medford, died at the wheel of his automobile while driving near Central Point Nov. 24 apparently of a heart attack. He had pulled to the side of the highway and turned off the ignition.

He was a cousin of Mrs. Howard Barnhisel, 622 Conger, Klamath Falls and Art Leavitt, Medford, well-known former Klamath Falls man.

Ramsey was a native of Dorris, Calif., and was owner of one of the first confectionary stores here. He moved to Medford in 1914.

Funeral services will be held Friday, 1:30 p.m. at Medford.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Hazel Ramsey, a daughter and three grandchildren.

SHOOTING HOURS

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Open ..... 6:43 A.M.

Close ..... 3:37 P.M.

Collier Park Wreck Fatal

Klamath County's 26th fatal traffic accident of this year was recorded late last night, on US 97 at Collier Park.

Frank Coy Nelder, 29, of 4224 Douglas, was killed.

He was struck by a car driven by Thomas Clay Blackwood, Route 1, Box 84, Prineville, and was killed almost instantly. His neck was broken and he suffered various other fractures.

The accident occurred about 10:25 p.m., after a car in which Nelder was a passenger had stalled on the highway. The 1948 Mercury sedan was driven by Gerald Stuart Earls, 26, of Route 1, Box 49, Lake Grove, Ore. In addition to Nelder, there were three other passengers, two women and a man.

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The Blackwood vehicle, a 1951 DeSoto sedan, was coming south and Nelder apparently stepped out from behind the stalled Mercury to try to flag down Blackwood's car.

But, State Police said, he stepped directly in the path of the oncoming automobile. The right front fender and headlight of the Blackwood car hit Nelder, knocking him to the pavement.

Kaler's ambulance was called to the scene, and Nelder was pronounced dead on arrival. His body was taken to Ward's Funeral Home.

State Police held Blackwood blameless in the accident, and reported that the persons in the other car apparently had been drinking.

HUKS IN RAID

MANILA, (AP) — Army headquarters reported Thursday two civilians were killed and three kidnaped in two separate raids by Communist Huks in Central Luzon.

Be Thankful You're An American

Barbed Wire, Armed Guards Mark German, Czech Frontier

HAIDMUEHLE, Germany (AP) — Two Czech frontier guards slowly across the hill horses stepping jerk deep snow.

At the Ge blacksmith and their drinks a window.

"There they go said one, "Look. Behind the are two more. On skis."

The four Czech soldiers had begun their evening patrol a thousand yards away.

"That brook just down there," said the blacksmith, turning to a stranger in the inn, "that's the German-Czech border. Inside it, about 50 meters, you can see the barbed wire. It is electrified, the fence. They set up a big transformer last summer."

The barbed wire stretched neatly along the hill, a pattern of dangerous black lace, beyond which the two horsemen disappeared. The skiers veered off into the twilight.

"Their border guard was made much stronger these past three months," interposed a man in a leather jacket.

"Yes," said the clerk, "it was right after the maneuvers. I watched them with my binoculars, maneuvering. A Russian officer seemed to be leader of the whole affair. It was the first Russian I had seen in months."

A handyman, who had been listening in a corner, walked to the window.

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house just this side wire, just inside he asked. "That my house. Now there ing left but the walls. It in the dead zone, so they wrecked it. Wasn't that a nice thing to have happen to me after four years in a Russian prisoner of war camp?"

The men were quiet a few moments, then the blacksmith spoke:

"Nobody has escaped to Germany in months. Impossible. But we know there is some smuggling along the border."

The town clerk stuffed tobacco into his pipe, lit it and puffed silently. Then he leaned forward.

"I wonder when they'll ever stop improving the dead zone. They burned down the last two houses this fall. Such a waste.

"I do not forget that those people just over the border are our own Sudeten Germans."

A solitary light winked yellow far up on the frontier slope.

"That's their headquarters," said the handyman, "That and another house right by it."

A noisy gabbing of geese broke out in the barnyard.

"Those geese," the innkeeper's wife said, "you'd think they were watch dogs. And they'll be up before we are in the morning and down to the border brook. They don't care whether it's a frontier."

"That's right," said the handyman. "Only a goose wouldn't care."

From New England to Korea Americans Feast and Pray

By The Associated Press

Americans from Plymouth Rock to Korean foxholes paused this Thanksgiving Day to celebrate their nation's heritage with feasting and prayer—and hope for more joyous holidays to follow.

At Plymouth, Mass., where the Pilgrims landed 332 years ago, the community mirrored the nationwide reunions, turkey dinners with all the fixings, traditional football rivalries and special church services.

But only at historic Plymouth is witnessed the annual trek of Pilgrim descendants up Leydon Street for a memorial service in the old burial ground.

In the bleak Korean hills, with the battle lines comparatively quiet, troops relished their turkey dinners complete from shrimp cocktail to nuts.

The Americans shared their holiday fare with United Nations comrades and Korean war orphans. Army chaplains of all faiths conducted services for soldiers behind the lines.

Gen. James A. Van Fleet, Eighth Army commander, told the troops:

"Last year at this time we thought that peace would be here before Thanksgiving came around again. Let us thank God that we have allies to fight with us and that we have a united team in Korea."

Gen. Mark Clark, U. N. commander, messaged from Tokyo:

"Despite the pain and tragedy inflicted upon so many of us in this battle for humanity, we have much for which to be thankful"

In Washington, President Truman, like millions of his fellow citizens, planned to attend Thanksgiving church services, then sit down to his turkey dinner.

In New York President-elect Eisenhower was to carve the holiday bird at his Columbia University home. Missing from that family scene was a son, Maj. John Eisenhower, stationed in Korea.

From Western Germany and other European outposts, American soldiers ate hearty holiday dinners. And with their Thanksgiving services the troops on that side of the world offered special prayers for their buddies in Korea.

At Heidelberg, Germany, U. S. Army authorities recalled many units in the field for a holiday meal in base barracks.

Big parades highlighted the holiday doings in many communities.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls an vicinity and Northern California: Fair through Friday. High Friday 33. Low Thursday night 11.

High yesterday	31
Low last night	9
Precip last 24 hrs.	0
Since Oct. 1	.92
Normal for period	2.54
Same period last year	3.50

Death Toll Reaches 16 In Midwestern Blizzards

By The Associated Press

The nation's Midlands, hammered by a destructive snow and wind lashing, got belted with a second wintry punch of icy blasts today.

Temperatures plummeted during the night as skies cleared over much of the snow-covered midcontinent, which counted 16 deaths in the late November storm. Hundreds of others were injured and property damage was extensive.

The snow and cold prompted thousands to put planned Thanksgiving Day travel plans into the deep freeze along with the cold turkey. It looked like a chilly holiday for the eastern two-thirds of the nation, with the most severe cold in the Plains and Rocky Mountain region.

Winds diminished from the near gale-like force which swept the region Tuesday and Wednesday. The wind-swept snow dealt a knockout blow to traffic from Colorado eastward to Minnesota.

MAROONED

Hundreds of travelers were marooned and power and communication lines were ripped down in many parts of the storm belt. Hardest hit areas were from the mountain regions of Wyoming and Colorado through Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa and Minnesota.

But strong winds whipped across other parts of the mid-continent—Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Oklahoma, Texas, Missouri and the Dakotas.

The cold air from the Rocky Mountains spread westward across the prairie lands and dipped into the South. It was subzero early today in sections of six states — Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Montana, Kansas and Nebraska.

Readings of 15 to 20 degrees below were reported in the Rockies and up to seven below in Western Nebraska and Western Kansas.

Temperatures were subfreezing in other mid-continent areas. The cold blasts hit Northern Texas. A low of 13 was reported early today in Amarillo, the same reading as in Rapid City, S. D. The chilly air touched into the Southland as far as Northern Florida.

FORECAST

U. S. Weather Bureau forecasters said temperatures will drop gradually during the day and tonight over most of the Eastern states. Subfreezing readings were in prospect for most of the midcontinent.

Today was no holiday for the highway crews and thousands of snow shovelers who continued to dig out from the Midwest's heaviest snowfall of the season. The falls measured more than a foot in some places, but the strong winds caused much drifting. Most trains kept moving but were running behind schedules.

Snow continued early today in Eastern Minnesota and parts of Michigan. There were flurries in other sections of the North-Central region.

Much of Iowa and Nebraska remained snowbound as the fresh mass of cold air moved in to add to the discomfort. Six deaths were attributed to the storm in Nebraska. There were four in Iowa, four in Kansas, one in Oklahoma and one in Texas.

Mostly clear weather and seasonal temperatures were reported in the Pacific Coast states. Rain fell last night over Eastern New York and south as far as Maryland.

Klamath Has Driest Fall

Klamath Falls currently is undergoing its driest fall of recent years.

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, which keeps the figures on the weather locally, reports that less than an inch—.92—of precipitation has been recorded here in Klamath Falls since Oct. 1.

The bureau's weather records are kept on a "stream year" basis, dating from Oct. 1 through the next Sept. 30.

Since the beginning of this stream year Klamath Falls has had just .92 inches of moisture in rainfall and water content of snow, the latter coming Nov. 14 at the beginning of the current cold snap. Some of the snow is still on the ground.

Normal precipitation here for that period of time is 2.54 inches, and the total for last year—a wet one—was 3.50 inches.

The precipitation figure for this date in previous years was:

In 1950, 5.38 inches; in 1949 (a dry year) 1.11 inches; 1948, 2.58 inches (just about normal); and 1947 2.28 inches.

Normal precipitation for an entire year here is approximately 13 inches, and the Klamath country is acutely dependent upon rain and snowfall in the fall and winter months to store up water for spring and summer irrigation.

The production of hydroelectric power also depends upon the natural flow of water, and the California Oregon Power Company recently announced that it anticipated no power shortage here—dependent on normal precipitation in the watershed.

Some parts of the Northwest are already feeling the effects of a prolonged drought. Drastic cutbacks in the use of hydroelectric power have been ordered in the area of the Northwest power pool.

Harlan Funeral Slated Friday

LAKEVIEW — Funeral services are to be conducted from the Presbyterian Church here tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock for Mrs. Ray E. (Marie) Harlan who died here Tuesday.

Mrs. Harlan was well known throughout Southern Oregon. She was born in Salt Lake City and came to Oregon in 1908 when her parents moved to Klamath Falls. She grew up in Klamath Falls and taught school there prior to her marriage in 1926 to Rae E. Harlan. The Harlans moved to Lakeview from Bray, Calif., in 1929.

Mrs. Harlan had won wide acclaim with her water colors. Her pictures of historic scenes in this general area have been exhibited many times.

She was a member of the Presbyterian Church and active in both Sunday School and Girl Scout work. She was a past-president of the Parent-Teachers Association here, of the Lakeview Saddle Club and also the Western Retail Lumbermen's Association Auxiliary. She was a past secretary of the Elks Auxiliary.

Besides the widower, She is survived by: two sons, Rodney R., Lakeview, and Bruce L., with the armed services; two sisters, Mildred Sweeney, Klamath Falls and Blanche Motschenbacher, Medford; and two nephews and one niece.

14 Killed As Holocaust Hits Asylum

HUNTINGTON, W. Va. (AP) — Roaring flames and syrup - thick smoke killed 14 women and children last night in an old three-story building at the Huntington State Hospital, a mental institution.

Ten others—seven patients and three firemen—were hospitalized.

Flames sprang from the basement of the 56-year-old building shortly after 7 p.m. and spread rapidly through the first and second floors. Firemen had to burn through thick wire mesh over the windows with acetylene torches to fight the blaze and rescue the near-helpless victims.

The dead ranged from 89-year-old Ada Carger of Huntington, who was burned to death, to little Lena Wentz, 11, of Cabell County, one of the five girls under 16 who smothered on the third floor. All those who died were from West Virginia.

SMOKING

The only hint to a cause for the blaze came from a staff doctor who refused to be identified. He said some patients, against strict orders, sometimes slipped down to the basement and smoked.

State officials indicated they blamed the state itself for the conditions that prevailed at the obviously antiquated structure—and the 13 others that nestled around it on the 35-acre tract atop a hill overlooking Huntington from the southeast.

President Joe E. Burdett of the State Board of Control, which supervises the state's institutions, was brutally frank.

"I can't say I was surprised," he said. "If something isn't done it won't be the last."

And State Fire Marshal C. A. Raper said the burned building was found to be "inadequate" as to fireproofing when inspected a year ago. He said another inspection was due next Monday.

FIREPROOF

Burdett said a request for one million dollars to fireproof the hospital was shelved during the last legislative session. He said a request for funds to fireproof Huntington and two other state hospitals had been approved by the budget director for the Legislature meeting next January.

Associated Press reporters on the scene said the nearly 300 patients in the three-story building didn't seem to know what was happening.

Elderly women were on the ground floor, many unable to get around. Psychotic women were on the second floor. The young ones were on the top floor.

There were three exits. But the regular front entrance became a raging inferno that defied approach. A back exit was a wrought-iron circular stairway that was so tight stretchers couldn't be used.

The third was the fire escape—a sliding pole similar to those in fire stations. But apparently few of the inmates knew how to use it.

PACKED

After firemen managed to get to the third floor where the children were trapped, they wrapped them in blankets and packed them down the circular stairway on their backs.

All the patients were taken to a hastily devised receiving station in the kitchen, located in a separate building nearby.

Santy Coming, Big Show Due

By LITTLE AUDREY

Santy Claus is coiming to town. He will be here tomorrow. He is coming by hellycopter.

He will land on Modoc Field at about 4 o'clock.

He will follow a big padgant. The padgant is to be put on at 7:30.

All the kidses are supposed to put letters to Santy Claus in mail boxes which are being put by the entrances to Modoc Field by the firemens. The firemens want to give 50 prizes to the kidses who have the best letters, so the kidses should put their names and addresses on them.

Santy will pick the letters up and take them back to the North Pole with him. He is using a hellycopter because his raindeer must rest before the big Christmas trip when they have to carry a lot of toys.

The padgant is a story called "Christmas is For Giving," and it will also tell the story of "Why the Chime Rang." Three senes are going to be used, including a cathedral scene, a forest scene and a living room scene. Many local people will play parts.

People will be able to sit in the grandstand and the bleachers to see the padgant. But it will be cold, and they should put on real warm close so they won't catch colds. That way they will be able to enjoy the show, and will be comfortable.

Santy will talk to the kidses when he comses down after the padgant. Then he will take the letters with him.

Be good, and you may get what you rite for.

Grandmother At it Again

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Grandma has struck for the third time, pulled another bank holdup and made a clean getaway.

Los Angeles' gray-haired, cap pistol-totin' bandit shoved a note into a teller's cage yesterday. It read: "I have a gun and I'm not afraid to use it. Put 10s, 20s and 100s in this sack." And Grandma added, orally: "Put in more 100s; I'm not afraid to use this gun."

Teller Josephine Rubin complied. Grandma escaped to a waiting taxi and disappeared. The driver, Burman Bodel, said she hailed his cab, directed him to go to the bank and wait. She was "nervous and excited" when she returned. He drove her five blocks and she got out, gave him $5 but waited patiently for her change. She got $267 in the holdup.

An hour later police found a cap pistol which they believe she used. They say she's the woman who robbed a bank of $1,212 Oct. 17 and another of $2,600 Nov. 12.

Governor To Study Situation

By WALLACE MYERS

Oregon's Gov. Douglas McKay slated to become U.S. secretary of the interior in Pres. Eisenhower's cabinet, is going to acquaint himself with the situation concerning the Reclamation Bureau's stoppage of practically all crop land leases in the Klamath Project.

McKay told this reporter in a long distance phone talk late yesterday that he was "surprised" at Reclamation Bureau Commissioner Michael Straus' action in killing the leases.

The governor, talking from his Salem office, said it was not advisable for him to make any further comment concerning the situation at this time. He pointed out that he would not be chief of the interior department until confirmed by the U.S. Senate. And then added that if and when he did become secretary, he would "take orders from Gen. Eisenhower."

PARLEY

Newell rancher Sam Anderson talked to the governor and arranged for the Salem parley. He told McKay that rancher Ivan Rose and State Rep. Henry (Hank) Semon would head the group.

Commissioner Straus has ordered that 122 leases covering a total of 19,056 acres of rich crop land in the Klamath Project not be renewed. The leases are granted for one-year periods and expire each year on Dec. 31. However, the leases all carry options for renewal and their renewal in past years has been almost automatic.

In September, 30 other leases covering 2,290 acres of crop land were killed by the bureau on the grounds the land was being farmed in violation of lease provisions. The violations had to do with lessees not participating to the required degree in farming of the land.

Only three crop land leases are to be renewed. Those are the 2,314-acre lease of Tulana Farms, a 35-acre lease held by Leonard Meshke and a 28-acre lease held by Dale Sprout.

The two small leases were evidently exempted from the stoppage order because they are on land not considered suitable for eventual homesteading.

EXPLANATION

There has been no official explanation offered as to why the Tulana lease was not quashed along with the others. As a matter of fact, Commissioner Straus offered no reason for any of the 122 stoppages.

The Tulana lease was the subject of a bristling battle several months ago, a battle finally stopped when Interior Secy. Oscar Chapman reversed the Reclamation Bureau and ordered the lease renewed. The new lease was for one year with an option for an additional year.

Tulana based its fight for renewal on a contention the government owed the firm an additional two years' use of the land because the government had violated the original lease and caused Tulana financial loss. The violation charged by Tulana concerned flooding of the land in 1946. Tulana held that its lease stipulated the Southwest Sump Area would be flooded before Tulana's acreage and said that was not done.

Plymouth Rock Said Migrant

PLYMOUTH, Mass. (AP) — Plymouth Rock, on which the Pilgrims landed 332 years ago, was once 25 or 30 miles from its present location.

Prof. Kirtley Mather, head of the Harvard University Geology Department, says the now - enshrined rock was dragged by a glacier perhaps 50,000 years ago from what is now the bed of the Atlantic Ocean.

It was in Plymouth that the Pilgrims celebrated the first Thanksgiving Day.

AFTER THE STORM. Druggist William Norman clears a path through three feet of snow piled against his store at Amarillo, Tex., after a prairie blizzard hit the Texas Panhandle. The storm blown by winds of up to 76-miles-per-hour, turned the sprawling territory from the Texas Panhandle to the Minnesota lake country into a frozen, glistening wasteland and killed at least a dozen persons.

IT'S JUST PLAIN MURDER what Jack Bezoff (left) is going to do to the Thanksgiving turkey today. His partner in Jack and Andy's Shell service, Andy Andersch, looks on askance.