

PROBABLE SHIP'S CREW SAVED

In The News

By FRANK JENKINS
The news today is still on the little side, which is all right with me—although it could mean that the volcano that the modern world is building up to another explosion.

That, unfortunately, is the kind of world we're living in.

Speaking of this modern world, a college professor at Emory University in Alabama says we need more time for reading, relaxing and SINGING IN THE BATH.

He adds:
"Present-day bath methods and manners are such as to take us away from the physical and spiritual comforts of the lazy, timeless restful immersion of our bodies in tubs of warm water."

Yeah! And just about the time one was making the welkin truly ring with song, or was getting his teeth really into Plato or Aristotle the plumbing would go wrong and it would take three weeks to get a plumber on the job.

I fear this reading, relaxing and singing stuff (in the bath or elsewhere) WENT OUT when all these modern gadgets came in. It's getting so it takes all the time any normal person can get away from his job to keep the darned things in repair.

More on this modern life:
When this man Humphrey, of Cleveland, was notified that Ike had announced his appointment as secretary of the treasury, he commented to the reporters:

"It will be an important family, business and financial sacrifice for me, but I COULDN'T SLEEP NIGHTS IF I DIDN'T DO IT."

"I expect nothing but headaches and a plenty of them."

The mess in Washington being what it is and has been, I reckon he's right.

Which prompts another thought: Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could get the finances of our federal government into such a condition of safety and sanity and solvency that the secretary of the treasury of the United States of America could relax and sing in his bath every day?

While we're on that subject, I can think of something that would be STILL MORE WONDERFUL.

Getting the finances of our federal government back into such a condition of safety and sanity and solvency that taxes could be reduced to the point where along about the last of March I COULD READ AND RELAX AND SING IN MY BATH.

Each of you, you know, is interested in HIMSELF first.

Seriously, though, I was pleased to hear Mr. Humphrey, who is one of our top industrialists, say he couldn't sleep if he refused to tackle the terrific job Ike has dared him to tackle.

It takes big men to get away with BIG JOBS, and if the time ever comes when they are unwilling to face the responsibilities involved in giving the best they have to the public good we'll be sunk.

I hope you're as happy as I am that three of our Klamath country youngsters have been named as members of the University of Oregon's Senior Six—who are selected each year as the University's outstanding students SCHOLASTICALLY.

Down here in the State of Jefferson we're looked upon generally as being rough and rugged and close to the grass roots—which we refuse to deny. But we like to have it known that our young people are of such intellectual caliber that they can capture HALF of the State of Oregon's top intellectual honors.

Ike Plans Meet With MacArthur
NEW YORK (AP)—Arrangements were being made Tuesday for a meeting between President-elect Eisenhower and Gen. Douglas MacArthur, sources at Eisenhower's headquarters said.

There was no immediate indication of the time or place of the meeting.

Skating Pond Opens Tonight
The Park Department said today that the Moore Park skating pond will be open tonight.

"The ice isn't ideal, but it's satisfactory," a spokesman for the Park Department said.

Seven-Year-Old Blonde Latest of Texas Heroines
SPERMAN, Tex. (AP)—To everybody who ever wanted to "tell off a cop," and to people here and in nearby Amarillo, Tex., blonde Nancy Owenby is a real heroine.

Nancy is 7, she and her brothers, Jim Steve, 5, and Robbie, 4, were riding down an Amarillo street with their mother, Mrs. Robert J. Owenby, a spokesman for the Park Department said.

A pickup truck hit the car. The jolt threw Mrs. Owenby out. The car rolled on. Nancy had a sprained foot. But she grabbed the wheel, stood on the brake and brought the car to a stop. She picked up her mother's purse.

At the hospital, while Mrs. Owenby was being examined, an officer asked to see her driver's license.

"It's in my billfold in my purse," she said, "but I don't know where the purse is."

"You little girl has it," said officer and went to see Nancy. Nancy looked him in the eye. "My mama's hurt. You can't have her purse."

Ike Starts Study Of Pacific Defense

By RELMAN MORIN
NEW YORK (AP)—Questions relating to the Pacific defense alliance, in which the United States is a partner, come before President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower today as he meets with the Prime Minister of New Zealand, Sidney Holland.

Holland has been in London for a conference on the alliance with Prime Minister Winston Churchill.

It is composed now of three nations, the United States, Australia and New Zealand. However, observers saw indications that a communiqué issued by the British Foreign Office yesterday—that Britain may be included in the arrangement, it has been called "the NATO of the Pacific."

The New Zealand Prime Minister is on Eisenhower's appointment list for this afternoon, Leslie K. Munro, New Zealand ambassador to this country, is scheduled to accompany him. When the appointment was announced, newsmen asked James C. Hagerty, Eisenhower's press secretary, whether the defense alliance would be discussed.

"That's one of the things they are going to talk about," Hagerty replied.

Eisenhower spent a long day at his New York headquarters yesterday.

He appeared to be in top physical condition, smiling and full of vim when he came out of the elevator and started toward his offices. He said he was "feeling fine."

During the day, he saw John J. McCloy, former American high commissioner in Germany, together with John Foster Dulles, his designate to be secretary of state. McCloy said later they talked about "the steps that might be taken in relation to European unity, a subject we have all been engaged in and interested in for a number of years."

Earlier, the President-elect had a conference with Harold E. Stassen, whom he has designated to head the Mutual Security Administration, which handles the flow of aid to Europe. Stassen declined to disclose details. He said it was premature to discuss publicly either the future policies of the MSA or the amounts of money likely to be earmarked for any given purpose.

Later in the day, Eisenhower saw Sinclair Weeks of Boston, who is his choice for secretary of commerce. Hagerty reported they discussed some top appointments in the department, adding they would not be announced immediately.

Eric Johnston, head of the Motion Picture Association of America, the producers group, called on Eisenhower late in the day. Johnston answered "No comment" to all questions by newsmen, except to say that wage and price controls had not been discussed.

In the conference today with Prime Minister Holland, the details of the London talks about the defense alliance may be placed before Eisenhower. The background of the situation is this:

Annus—Australia, New Zealand, United States—originally was formed as a barrier against any resurgence of Japanese militarism. Neither Britain, nor any Far Eastern nation, came into the picture, although the British several times suggested they should be included.

Churchill, particularly, has been represented as extremely anxious that Britain become a partner. A report from London said yesterday that an attempt would be made to discuss the situation soon after the general's inauguration Jan. 20.

Following the Commonwealth Economic Conference recently held in London, the United States and New Zealand governments, a brief communique issued yesterday said the three "reached complete understanding with regard to certain fundamental propositions which will be in due course, be the subject of friendly discussion with their allies, the United States."

Several minor changes in traffic handling were approved by the City Council last night, on recommendations of the Council's traffic safety committee.

A no-parking zone will be established on Orchard Street adjacent to Mills School from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., with the exception of bus loading, to clear out traffic congestion around the school.

A no-parking zone also will be established on the Wall Street hill adjacent to Standard Cleaners.

The traffic safety committee vetoed a request for a loading zone at the Greyhound Bus Depot.

The State Highway Department again will be asked to install a flashing yellow or red beacon at the Main and Riverside intersection. Some months ago the department was asked for such a signal, and replied that it would install one if the city would put in two big luminaire lights at that corner.

The traffic committee decided that two big lights aren't needed, but that the city should install one. City Engineer Taxi Thomas was instructed to ask the highway department if it will install the beacon if the city puts in one big street light.

Weather
FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity and Northern California: Fair, Tuesday night, cloudy Wednesday with afternoon snow flurries. High both days 43, low tonight 26.

Low temp yesterday 41
High temp yesterday 49
Precip yesterday 4.32
Since Oct. 1 4.88
Normal for period 3.58
Same period last yr. 5.75

SHOOTING HOURS
DECEMBER 17
Open 7:00 A.M.
Close 3:36 P.M.

AWNING FIRE
Fire damaged the awning at the Derby Restaurant, 816 Main, a little before one o'clock this morning. City firemen controlled the blaze.

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THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM—The famed Christmas play, was presented at Riverside School at 2 p.m. today. Shown above are Geraldine Fitzgerald, Diana Ramos, Laurie Fleet and seated is Darrell Barrett, the littlest angel in the play.

City Studies Swimming Pool Financing

By HALE SCARBROUGH

A plan to borrow \$114,000 from the city funds, so that the swimming pool approved by Klamath Falls voters last May can be constructed next Spring, was broached by the City Council last night.

But because the method of financing might be a little tricky, it will be gone over Thursday night with incoming Mayor Paul Barnes and the two newly-named councilmen, Jim Barnes and Oliver Spiker.

The Landry administration, rather than the administration of Mayor Bob Thompson, will have to follow up on the swimming pool construction, and so will be given an opportunity to study the financing proposed.

Here, briefly is the situation. Klamath Falls voters at the primary election last May okayed a one and one-half mill levy, to run the city's water, and to pay for a municipal swimming pool. The levy is expected to bring in \$150,000 over the seven year period.

The site for the pool already is settled on, city-owned property at the back of Main Street in the vicinity of Hillside Hospital. The type of pool also is settled upon, a semi-circular construction, wedge-shaped

outdoor pool, 40x60x120 foot dimensions.

A contract is pending giving the architectural job jointly to the Howard Perrin-Morrison and Howard architectural firms, and the planning is to have construction bids called early next Spring.

However, the financing hasn't been cleared up. The tax levy will bring in some \$22,000 this year, leaving a considerable deficit to be made up somehow if the construction is done in the coming year. The city has authority to borrow against the future income of the tax levy, but banking houses won't make loans like that. They'll loan against the levy for one year, but not for the whole seven.

In other words, the city doesn't have any way to get the whole \$150,000 or any major part of it right now.

City Attorney Henry Perkins has decided that it may be legal for the city to borrow money from other city funds to put in the swimming pool fund, and that was the plan he put before the City Council last night.

The city charter declares this illegal. But a state law superceding the charter, says that it legal. Perkins said the law has never been tested in court, and that other

municipal lawyers he has talked with are about evenly divided on the legality of the borrowing. But he is willing to give it a try.

His plan is to borrow \$60,000 from a mausoleum fund, which has been idle for a number of years and for which no immediate use is foreseen, \$5,000 from a property bond, and \$49,000 from a bond and bond interest sinking fund. All of it is city money. The borrowing would be repaid, with 2 per cent interest, from future income from the swimming pool and bath house.

The borrowed \$114,000 added to the expected \$22,000 accruing this year from the tax levy, would give the city \$136,000, which should be enough to pay for construction of the swimming pool and bath house.

Since it has been this present administration which got the tax levy passed and promised the people of Klamath Falls a swimming pool, some members of the Council feel this administration should go ahead with the borrowing plan.

But since it will be the next administration that will have to get the pool constructed and pay back the loans, it was decided to get Landry, Barnes and Spiker into a huddle at City Hall Tuesday night to acquaint them with the financing problems.

Helicopters; Small Boats Rescue Men

By STAN SWINTON
LEGHORN, Italy (AP)—Four Navy helicopters rescued the last crewman from the U. S. Navy ship Grommet Reefer Tuesday, 30 hours after she ran aground and broke in two off Leghorn.

The helicopters brought off 32 men. Previously 26 had been rescued by breeches buoy and boat. Originally the Navy said 40 men were aboard, but this was revised to 39.

The four windmill craft circled the stern of the wrecked refrigerator vessel.

Then one after another they hovered above the broken off section, lowered a seat, pulled it up with a man aboard and flew to a Leghorn soccer field.

The helicopters were from the U. S. aircraft carriers Midway and Layte. They landed briefly at Pisa before starting the rescue operation.

The operation was completed at 4:30 p.m.

Until the helicopters took over, the Navy's rescue crew depended mainly upon a breeches buoy to get off the Grommet Reefer's men.

The breeches buoy took three men off Monday, and then the line parted. It was re-rigged Tuesday, Henry Saukant of Brooklyn, master of the Grommet Reefer, was the last member of the crew to leave her.

All 39 members of the crew were in good health, although they were kept in the U. S. Army hospital here for examination and rest.

Savage wind gusts of up to 118 miles an hour lifted the 3,800-ton Grommet Reefer on the harbor reef and split her in two early yesterday morning.

Three men were hauled to shore by breeches buoy yesterday before a rescue line snapped.

SMALL BOAT
Awaiting the small boat the rescuers hoped to bring alongside the wreck, the men aboard the stricken stern hopefully flung two rope ladders over the side. The ship's crew also shot another line to aid in the re-rigging of the breeches buoy used yesterday.

Barely a stone's throw from the shore, the ship's abandoned prow lurched heavily against the rocks with every swell. No one was aboard it but American sailors heard there was \$20,000 worth of whisky there.

In London, the Military Sea Transportation Service, operators of the ship, reported the pliers in the stern were beginning to buckle but the morale of the men aboard was still high.

With the engine room still operating and furnishing power for lights and heat, they had bacon, eggs and fried potatoes for breakfast.

The high winds subsided last night, removing immediate danger to the stern and her crew, and operations were suspended until dawn.

Sports Bulletin
ODELL OUT?
SEATTLE (AP)—The Seattle Times said today that Howie Odell is through as football coach at the University of Washington.

Times Sports Editor Gen. Bussell said Odell hinted that Athletic Director Harvey Cassill would recommend "that I not be retained for next year." Odell mentioned "personal differences" between himself and Cassill. Cassill had no immediate statement to make.

SHOPPING DAYS LEFT
BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS

PORTLAND (AP)—The district Office of Price Stabilization said Tuesday it would start checking milk prices in Southern Oregon to see that they conform to ceilings imposed this week.

Willis West, district enforcement officer, said the checking began Tuesday. The counties of Jackson, Josephine and Coos will be covered, he said.

A special order Saturday from the State Milk Marketing Administration set new minimum prices, which in some cases were from one to three cents under the market price for standard milk. The new minimums became the ceiling price Monday.

5 Injured In Train Wreck

ST. MARIES, Idaho (AP)—Five persons were still hospitalized Tuesday with injuries suffered in the derailment of a Milwaukee Railroad streamliner near here early Monday morning.

None was critically hurt and one, Mrs. Edith Fish, Seattle, was to be released later Tuesday from a Spokane hospital. Fifteen persons needed first aid.

Meanwhile, the main line track was back in service. About 350 feet of rail was torn up as seven of the 13 cars in the train jumped the track. Two cars loaded with Christmas mail were still overturned Tuesday but were expected in Spokane Tuesday night.

Mrs. Mavell Brown and her daughter, Helen Furies, both of Seattle, were treated at a Spokane hospital and then released Tuesday.

The wreck was apparently caused by a broken rail.

USBR Reveals Water Plan

WASHINGTON (AP)—In a generation or so, if Southern California and the waters of the Klamath River in Northern California might be moved south.

It would cost around 3 1/2 billion dollars to divert the water upwards of a thousand miles, under an estimate made by the Reclamation Bureau and made public Monday.

The secretary of the interior got the report and relayed it to Western Governors.

The Reclamation Bureau pointed out that this is no proposal for an early program of construction, but only a study for future consideration.

"Even to plan such a development in detail sufficient for congressional consideration would require many years," the report said. The chief point it made was that the project is possible from both an engineering and economic point of view.

The study considers using only an engineering and economic point of view.

The study considers using only water that would not be needed in the Klamath Basin, the report said.

The Sacramento River would be used as the means of transporting the Klamath River water part of the way.

The general plan calls for the world's highest dam—813 feet—near the Klamath's mouth. Canals and tunnels would carry the water southward. Giant pumps would be used where needed.

No cost figures were given out by the Reclamation Bureau, but S. P. McCasland, who formerly was with the bureau and who was project engineer for the study, wrote recently that the project would cost 3 1/2 billion. Repayment could be expected in a hundred years.

A House committee resolution authorized the study.

Bulletins

APPOINTMENT
WASHINGTON (AP)—Michael V. DiSalle was appointed today by President Truman as economic stabilization administrator, succeeding Roger L. Putnam.

INDICTMENT
WASHINGTON (AP)—Owen Lattimore was indicted today on charges of lying under oath to the Senate Internal Security subcommittee. Justice Department attorneys said the indictment contained seven specific charges of perjury.

REPUBLICANS TAKE RADIOS
NEW YORK (AP)—A member of President-elect Eisenhower's staff said Tuesday that none of the 52 portable radios, missing since the campaign, has been returned.

The radios were among 60 lent by Radio Corporation of America for use by the people aboard Eisenhower's special campaign train.

A memo circulated Monday by James M. Lambie, Jr., business manager of Eisenhower's staff, asked members to examine their effects and consciences.

Lambie commented wryly that none of the stray radios, with a retail value of \$49.95 each, had turned up yet and that he probably "nobody have stood in bed," instead of writing the memo.

An RCA spokesman said the firm was not prodding anybody for the return of the sets.

Late Store Hours

Downtown stores participating in the Klamath Merchants Christmas shopping schedule will remain open until 9 p.m. next Friday night and Tuesday, Dec. 23rd, for the convenience of local shoppers.

Arguments Mark Trial

The trial of Keith Edson Peck, 33, on an indictment charging negligent homicide, was moving laboriously along in its second day in Circuit Court today, and probably will last through tomorrow.

Peck is accused of negligent driving resulting in an accident in which three persons were fatally injured last Sept. 6. The accident occurred on US 97 about four miles south of town.

Specifically, Peck is charged in connection with the death of Lowell Eugene Wilson, 45, of Dorris, one of the passengers in his car. Wilson was killed outright.

Members of the jury selected yesterday to hear the case are LeRoy Giegler, Merle Looley, Marie Oltman, Bob Ellingson, Walter Stastny, Jesse Z. Smith, John McNeill, Robert S. Adams Jr., Herbert Hadley, Ted Durment, R. E. Jeschke and James Cavanaugh.

The prosecution's first witness was George Anderson, a state patrolman who was an eye-witness to the accident, and as soon as he started testifying yesterday afternoon Defense Attorney Ben Goddard made an objection to the admission of any of Anderson's testimony on grounds that something was wrong with the indictment, that the facts it alleges don't constitute a crime.

The indictment charges that Peck operated his car unlawfully and feloniously at a speed greater than reasonable or prudent, at the time and place of the accident in which his car slammed into the rear end of a flatbed truck.

Speed alone, Goddard argued, doesn't constitute negligence.

The jury recessed until this morning while that was argued out, and this morning Judge David R. Vandenberg overruled Goddard's objection and Anderson's testimony went on, amid frequent other objections by Goddard and interjections by Judge Vandenberg to keep Anderson's questions pertinent to the subject of the indictment.

9 O'clock Special

DANNY HAMBLIN, 499 Spring Street, paused for the 9 o'clock cameraman while en route to his fifth grade classroom at Fremont School.