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ONE DROWNED, TWO MISSING IN TRAGEDY ON UPPER KLAMATH

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The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

The road again. Stopped at a country postoffice to mail a [illegible]. The walls were plastered with pictures of men wanted by the FBI, for crimes ranging all way down from murder and robbery to assault with a deadly weapon.

I was pleased to note that they looked a hard-looking lot. Something upsets me to see a picture of a fine, clean-looking guy who has done a sordid or [illegible] crime. I just can't seem to stop thinking of all the wonderful possibilities he has wasted.

After all, this world IS full of opportunities for those who are [illegible] of taking advantage of them, contrary to the cynical opinion is rather widely expressed. There are more opportunities to succeed in the world today than at any time in all the long past.

Crime closes ALL the doors. It just aren't ANY opportunity for a criminal.

That's a tragic thought, but it's true.

The pictured faces plastered on the country postoffice wall aroused my sympathy. They were hard faced. They seemed to challenge you to tell them they didn't have done whatever they had done. With them, there was no trace of regret or sorrow or remorse.

I hate to have the faces of criminals plastered on our postoffice walls. I think I'd rather it be that way.

They were young, though. In each case the date of birth was given I am sorry to have to add that some of them were in their twenties and one was a teen-ager.

What a pity it all is!

They'll all be captured, of course, sooner or later. Unless, that is, most of them are killed in the process of being captured.

That too is a tragedy, for our prisons are tough places for people [illegible] to go to. They are hopeless places. I sometimes think we might as well write over the gate of all of them this motto: "Abandon hope, all ye who enter here."

Is this true?

For the large part, it is true, I think. There are in very, very few of our penal houses of correction is provided for those who are there the vital and salutary substitution of hard and constructive work.

In general our criminals are herded together either in idleness or what is worse than idleness—WORK MADE work.

Idleness rots human character and stamina away, but MADE work burns stamina and character [illegible] in the fierce resentment everyone feels who is compelled to do something useless and destructive.

Why do we have to do this to those who have sinned? Why don't we provide them with CONSTRUCTIVE work to do, instead of herding them together in idleness—worse still—giving them work jobs to do?

The answer to these questions is complimentary. We do it to those of us who are in no object to the trifling competition that would be provided by goods made products, and those who work for wages object to the trifling competition that would be provided by prison labor.

We refuse to provide constructive work, with all its healing [illegible], for those who have taken the wrong turn in the road and have been caught at it and sent to prisons.

It is about the long and the short of it.

It is certainly nothing to be proud of.

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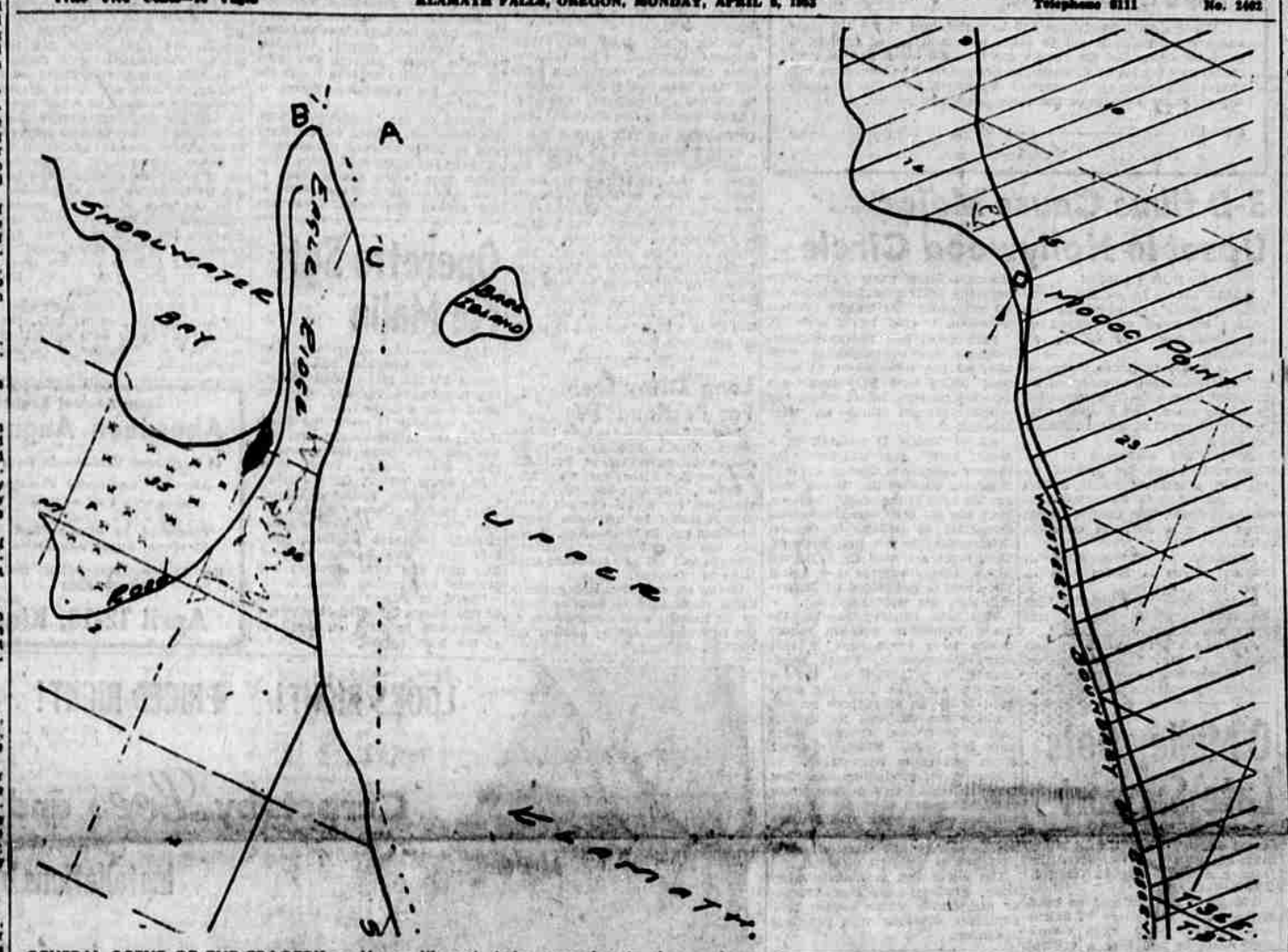

GENERAL SCENE OF THE TRAGEDY on Upper Klamath Lake yesterday is shown above. "A" marks the approximate point at which the Raymond Sikes cruiser was swamped by a big wave. "B" is where the overturned Sikes boat was found. The body of one of the victims, little Connie Ray Sikes, was found this morning in the vicinity of "C".

Cruiser Swamps In Wind Piled Waters

By WALLACE MYERS

Icy, white-capped waters of Upper Klamath Lake early this morning yielded the body of a 4-year-old girl and two other persons are still missing and almost certainly dead following a boating tragedy on the storm-lashed lake last evening.

The body recovered by a search boat about 6 o'clock this morning was that of Connie Ray Sikes, 4, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sikes, owners and operators of Harriman Lodge on the west shore of the big lake. Still being sought today were Connie Ray's brother, Leonard, 10, and Nils Nelson, about 70.

Mr. and Mrs. Sikes and their two oldest children, Mayvon, 12, and Wally, 11, escaped drowning about dusk yesterday evening when the Sikes' 16-foot cruiser was swamped about 75 yards off Eagle Point.

At the time of the accident, the Sikes were towing Nelson's empty aluminum skiff and Nelson was aboard the Sikes cruiser.

The waters off Eagle Point, usually the roughest in the lake, were particularly wild last night. As the heavy-laden Sikes boat wallowed toward home, a huge wave suddenly broke over the small cruiser causing it to turn turtle. Fishermen on the point aided Mr. and Mrs. Sikes and the two older children ashore but were powerless to do anything for Nelson and the younger children, who clung to the overturned boat as it disappeared into the gathering darkness.

The four survivors were taken to the Don Alexander ranch house 2 and ¾ miles from the point, where they were given first aid by Mr. and Mrs. Leo Woods for exposure and shock. Later they were treated by a doctor. The Sikes returned to Harriman Lodge this morning.

When the tragedy was reported from the Alexander ranch, Klamath Falls boats were quickly manned to search for the swamped craft and any possible survivors.

A Coast Guard amphib plane flew in from Medford to drop flares for the search boats. Five boats put out from here. Handling their own boats, volunteer crews were Charlie Schuss, Ed Bell, Jerry Short, Al Sheridan and Will Woods.

It was the Sheridan boat, with Willis Robinson, Jack Rockwell and [illegible] aboard, that found Connie Ray's body this morning. The child's body, wrapped in a life jacket, was bobbing along the west shoreline about ¾ of a mile south of Eagle Point.

BOAT FOUND

About 1 o'clock this morning, the overturned Sikes boat had been found scraping against the rocks just a little to the west of the tip of Eagle Point. The rough water prevented close inspection of the stricken cruiser from search boats but Ed Bell managed to work his small boat inshore at a nearby cove. Bell and two State Policemen, Jack Downs and Larry Wills, went ashore and examined the wreckage. They found a life jacket but no sign of the missing trio.

Veteran lake observers said they had never seen Upper Klamath rougher than it was last night. This reporter was aboard Charlie Schuss' big 28-foot cruiser, the "Donna Lee", one of the biggest boats on the lake. Frequently, waves broke completely over the big cruiser as Schuss and Herb Graham worked together at the helm.

It was hazardous and cold work for all the search craft and it is surprising that none of them came to grief.

Klamath Air Search and Rescue planes were sweeping over the lake this morning looking for signs of the two persons still missing.

Welfare Roll Bill Leaves Press Out

By PAUL W. HARVEY Jr.

SALEM (AP) — The bill opening up welfare rolls to public inspection went to Gov. Paul Patterson's desk Monday after strong objections that it violates freedom of the press.

The vote approximately came up in the House, which was considering Senate amendments to the bill.

Rep. Monroe Sweetland, Milwaukie Democrat, moved to send the bill back to committee on grounds it violates press freedom.

The bill declares the welfare rolls open to inspection by any registered voter, but it forbids newspapers and magazines from publishing the names.

Sweetland, asserting the bill sets a bad precedent by refusing newspapers and the radio from printing public records, predicted that newspapers would publish them, anyway. He doubted that any court would convict a newspaper of using the names.

His move failed, with 43 of the 60 House members approving the bill and sending it on to the governor.

When the governor signs it, it will become law immediately.

The Legislature's seven-man building committee resumed its sessions monday, taking the unusual action of excluding the press. It met with the State Board of Control.

This committee will decide which college and institution buildings should be built in the next two years.

The Senate passed and sent to the House a bill revising the regulations on log trucks, but Senate Highway Committee members admitted the bill was so complicated they aren't sure what's in it.

This bill would let the Highway Commission issue permits to let trucks up to 13½ feet high use the highways. The present limit is 12½ feet. This would apply to any type of truck.

The measure, prepared by the Highway Commission, also would ease the fines on overloaded log trucks.

Another bill passed by the Senate and sent to the House would permit closure, as a public nuisance, of any place where abortions are performed.

Son Coming Home For Father's Rite

Edward Young, U.S. Army in Berlin, is enroute home by air to attend funeral services for his father, the late Charles Henry (Harry) Young, who died here April 3.

Other surviving children are Mrs. Cora L. Taber, Klamath Falls and Charles Harold Young, Medford.

Funeral services originally announced for Tuesday, April 7, have postponed until Thursday, April 9 from O'Hair's Memorial Chapel.

Bloody Skirmish Flares Near Truce Talk Site As US, Chinese Patrols Meet

SEOUL (AP)—U. S. Marines slugged it out with 175 Chinese Reds today just east of Panmunjom, where United Nations and Allied liaison officers opened talks on an exchange of sick and wounded prisoners of war.

The bloody skirmish erupted a scant half-mile from the neutral corridor—the route which Allied armistice officers took to Panmunjom a few hours later.

The Marine patrol which encountered the Red company called immediately for Marine tank, rocket and artillery fire. The blazing 1½-hour battle left 19 Chinese counted dead, 16 estimated killed and 28 estimated wounded.

The Reds pulled back after fresh Marines rushed forward to join the original patrol.

Fiery patrol actions flared elsewhere on the Western and Central Fronts.

Bad weather grounded most Fifth Air Force warplanes, but some swept through overcast skies and blasted Red positions.

On the Western Front, Allied soldiers threw back 60 Chinese Reds who attacked a U. N. outpost east of T-Bone Hill. The Allies killed an estimated 19 Reds.

On the Eastern Front Sunday night, counterattacking troops of the 3rd Republic of Korea Division failed to recapture an outpost east of the Pukhan River which the Reds had captured Saturday night. The ROKs were forced to fall back after a thundering, four-hour battle.

In aerial action Sunday night, 14 Okinawa-based B29 Superforts dumped 140 tons of bombs on two Red supply areas, one 18 miles southeast of Pyongyang, North Korean capital, and the other 10 miles north of Sariwon on the Korean west coast.

Store Hours Talk Planned

Summer store hours will be the principal topic for discussion at the April meeting of the Klamath Merchants Association this Wednesday, it was announced by Pres. W. W. Patterson.

The meeting has been scheduled for the Winema Hotel, refreshments at 6:30 and dinner at 7:00, and merchants are urged to bring their wives, he said.

A committee will report on plans for summer hours in industrial plants and the thinking of various organizations. The question of the stores opening and closing a hour earlier for the summer came up at the last meeting and was postponed until the April meeting for further study.

Merchants are requested to phone reservations for themselves and their wives, $1.35 a plate, to the Chamber of Commerce by Wednesday morning.

Skewered Gull Packing Arrow

SAN PEDRO, Calif. (AP) —Sammy the skewered seagull is attracting crowds here to see him in flight, his body transfixed by an arrow.

Fishermen have been feeding him daily. But he refuses to be caught to undergo medical treatment.

The Federal Fish and Wildlife Service Monday is attempting to learn who shot the arrow, the head of which protrudes for several inches out of his right side.

Weather Experts Forecast Snow

PORTLAND (AP) — April snow was forecast Monday by the Weather Bureau for the higher regions of Oregon.

The state had a taste of snow Easter Sunday, a few of the flakes even invading Portland and other Western Oregon points. They melted fast in the lowlands, but clung to the peaks.

Bend reported a low temperature of 23 degrees Monday morning, Klamath Falls and Medford 25, Burns 27, Baker and Redmond 28.

Freezing temperatures will be common east of the Cascades Tuesday, and frost in many parts of Western and Southern Oregon, the Weather Bureau said.

W. D. ROBINSON

W. D. Robinson Passes At 70

W. D. (Dave) Robinson, 70, died at his home, 421 Washington, at 9:20 this morning. He had been confined to his bed following a stroke 9 years ago.

A native of Buffalo, N.Y., where he was born Jan. 24, 1883, he came to Klamath Falls in 1926.

A sawyer and millwright by trade he was associated with Pelican Bay Lumber Co., for 10 years, and Klamath Lumber and Box until his illness.

Survivors include his widow, Minnie Barnum Robinson, member of a Basin pioneer family, whom he married Sept. 1, 1942 in Reno; four children by a previous marriage, two sons, Jack W., Seattle; Cyril D., Fresno; two daughters, Roberta Bailey, Fresno; and Thelma Stevens, Burbank and five grandchildren. He also leaves two brothers and three sisters, George A., Toronto, Canada; Herbert F., Butte, Mont., Clara Myers, Butte, Mont., Nellie Hayden, Troy, N.Y., and Louise Robinson, Toronto.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, and high priest of Royal Arch Masons in Bogoluso, LA. Date of funeral services under direction of Masonic Lodge will be announced later by Ward's Klamath Funeral Home.

KASRU Planes Join Search For Missing Airship; Four Passengers Said On Board

Klamath Air Search and Rescue planes yesterday joined a widespread search for a missing light plane carrying a man, woman and her two small children.

The plane, a Piper Cruiser, was piloted by Forrest Wright, 30, his sister, Mrs. Ray Wilhelm and her two children, Leonard 2, and Katharine, 7 weeks. They were en route to their home in Kalispell, Mont., from Crescent City.

The plane took off from Crescent City at 6:57 Saturday morning on a flight plan calling for a fuel stop at Redmond. The plane was never reported after leaving the California city.

At Crescent City, acquaintances of Wright said he had flown a route from Kalispell to Crescent City that would have taken him over the general vicinity of Lake O' the Woods, thence through a draw into Medford. That was the principal reason for the State Board of Aeronautics yesterday morning putting KASRU on the search. Five KASRU planes were in the air yesterday afternoon. Early this morning, the KASRU fliers were sweeping Upper Klamath Lake on the search for three missing persons from last night's boating tragedy. They were expected to rejoin the plane search later today.

An Air Force Unit from McChord Field was based at Redmond yesterday and a Coast Guard air search crew was working out of Medford. There were also private planes from both Redmond and Medford on the search.

The area being searched here by KASRU is along the same route taken by Everett Logan and his bride, Pat, 19, of Yakima, when they crashed to their death atop a ridge between Blue Rock and Rustlers Peak Oct. 20.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity and Northern California: Partly cloudy with occasional snow flurries through Tuesday. High Tuesday 48; low Monday night 24.

High yesterday	52
Low last night	19
Precip last 24 hours	T
Since Oct. 1	11.65
Normal for period	9.53
Same period last year	14.15

US Truce Officers Report Cooperation From Very Objective Reds In Prisoner Of War Exchange Talk

By ROBERT B. TUCKMAN

MUNSAN, Korea (AP) — United Nations liaison officers Monday proposed a quick exchange of sick and wounded seven days after agreement is reached on procedure and the Communists offered a plan which might return far more Allied prisoners than expected.

The U. N. command at the first meeting of liaison officers at Panmunjom also announced they were ready to return prisoners at the rate of 500 a day.

The number of prisoners on both sides would be returned was not known. But U. N. command officers wondered if the Communists were offering to exchange those prisoners who are so slightly disabled that they would be ineligible for repatriation now under the Geneva Convention.

The Communist liaison group said it was prepared "to repatriate all the sick and injured prisoners of war entitled to be directly repatriated or accommodated in a neutral country" under the Geneva rules.

These rules provide that sick or wounded prisoners who might be able to return to the fighting within a year would be "accommodated in a neutral country."

What the Communists seemed to be saying was that they also were willing to surrender the slightly injured or ill. Or they might be insisting on a neutral nation as a sanctuary for some of the sick and wounded, which might form a stumbling block to any quick action.

Allied liaison officers expected to get more information on the Communist plan at a second meeting at 11 a.m. Tuesday (6 p.m. Monday, PST).

The Allied plan for speedy exchange of prisoners was part of a nine-point program handed the Communists at Monday's 45-minute session at Panmunjom. Allied officers said "distinct progress" was made and the Communists were "very objective."

The U. N. also asked the Reds for the number of Allied prisoners they are willing to return. The Reds said they would supply the number but they took no action immediately on the U. N. nine-point plan.

Rear Adm. John C. Daniel, chief U. N. liaison officer, said of today's meeting:

"The attitude of the Communists was very objective. I'd say distinct progress was made in that we met and exchanged views. I feel that we have made progress."

But the Reds raised two points that were not fully explained.

North Korean Maj. Gen. Lee Sang Cho said that before the Reds supplied the number of Allied POWs to be returned both sides "must establish the category of prisoners who may be exchanged before an armistice." U. N. officers said he did not explain what he meant.

The Reds also indicated they may want some prisoners returned to their homeland and some sent to neutral countries. There was no elaboration on that.

The Allies have assumed that all disabled prisoners would be sent back to their own countries as a matter of course—providing the prisoners themselves wanted it that way.

While Daniel said distinct progress was made he would not say the talks were off to a good start.