

KLAMATH TALK STRIKES SPARKS

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Drifting homeward through the Southwest, I have come across three instances that convince me that the frontiers of opportunity are limited only by the frontiers of the human mind.

The first instance concerns a couple of young women who have a casual clothes shop for women in Santa Fe. They have been in business about a couple of years, and at the last Los Angeles show for market buyers they were invited to put in a display. That, I'm told is a REAL achievement.

How did they get into the business?

One of them GOT MAD! She went into an established shop to buy a dress, and the price quoted to her was well beyond what she wanted to pay. As she tells it, she said to herself: "I can make a better looking dress than that for half the price."

So she tackled the job. It turned out so well that all her friends asked her where on earth she got it. Considerably intrigued, she took pencil and paper in hand and started designing. Her designs were unusual and they caught on.

She interested a friend and they went into business. Now they have all the orders they can handle.

They started their shop in a 200-year old adobe building with walls three or four feet thick. It had been occupied by a thimble, and it was a mess. But they cleaned it up and made a charming shop out of it.

One of their minor troubles rose when they wanted to hang a picture on a wall and couldn't get nails to hold. They investigated and discovered that behind the wall had been a fireplace of the living room of the old Spanish house. At some time during the two centuries someone had wanted to get rid of the fireplace and had covered over the front of it with comparatively flimsy material. They solved that problem by hanging the picture somewhere else.

The second instance has to do with a woman who tired of life in New York City—although she held a glamorous job as a magazine editor—and with a hit magazine illustrator husband moved to the Southwest. For a time, they loafed and loved it. But eventually the creative impulses that had driven her to become a magazine editor began to torture her again. There is no more like a hit magazine editor that she denied expression.

For some time she had been casting an appraising eye on the dresses worn by the Navajo and Zuni squaws. It seemed to her they had a flair—A SOMETHING that if glamorized to just the right extent might be a hit among women of sophisticated tastes.

So she took pencil and paper and started designing. The result was a squaw dress that adapted itself to the casual way of life followed by the women of the Southwest.

She, too, is doing all right and no longer suffers the pangs that wrack the soul of an artist when a creative impulse is denied expression.

The third instance is of a different order. Perhaps it is more humdrum. It involves the case of a German family transplanted to the Southwest and rooted into a dry land farm that had a trickle of water.

The mother had a passion for useful work. So she was dead set against COMICS—both in newspapers and in these things they call comic books. Every time she caught her children poring over these abominations she lectured them vigorously.

Do something USEFUL," she told them.

The upshot of that was that the children started making things with their hands. One of the things they made was an old-fashioned German Christmas tree, about a foot and a half tall, and loaded with miniatures of every conceivable thing that could be put on a Christmas tree.

They made all these miniatures by hand. Eventually they mounted the Christmas trees (which also were made by hand, each tiny branch handmounted on the trunk and the foliage made of pine needles glued to the twigs) on a Swiss music box which when the tree

Polish Pilot Lands MIG On Bornholm

ROENNE, Bornholm, Denmark (AP)—Another Polish pilot crashed through the Iron Curtain today to land a Soviet-built MIG15 jet fighter on this Danish island 100 miles southwest of Copenhagen.

Roenne police, who immediately took the young pilot into custody, said he had asked for political asylum. The plane was surrounded immediately by military guards with strict orders to keep reporters and press photographers away.

An unconfirmed report said the plane was of a newer type than the one landed on this Baltic island in March by Lt. Franciszek Jarecki, the first Polish Air Force escapee to Bornholm.

Jarecki's plane was later returned to Poland after a thorough examination by Western air experts, Jarecki was granted asylum and since has gone to the United States.

An official announcement said the pilot today told police he broke away from a formation of MIG fighters flying over Polish territory.

Bornholm is 60 miles north—only a few minutes jet time—from the Baltic Sea coast of Poland.

According to eyewitnesses, the plane circled over Roenne for 75 minutes before landing on a training field at Almgard army camp, a few miles north of the city.

The camp has no airfield and military personnel there held their breath as the plane roared down onto the rough field. It swayed and bucked across the grass, then halted in a small group of trees in one corner of the training ground.

One of its wings collided with a tree branch but the damage was reported slight.

The young pilot, apparently unhurt, climbed out of the cockpit and greeted the camp commander with a smile.

The commander immediately notified Danish defense and Air Force headquarters in Copenhagen. Air Force jet fighter experts rushed immediately from the capital to examine the plane.

Western military experts generally consider a MIG15 a prize catch. About three weeks ago, the U. N. Command in the Far East offered \$100,000 to any Communist pilot in Korea who brought his MIG15 undamaged to the allied side. Thus far, there has been no announcement of any takers.

Modoc Timber Sales Listed

ALTURAS — Two major timber sales in Modoc National Forest were announced Wednesday.

Pete Laxague of Cedarville was the successful bidder on 8 million feet of white fir in the South Deep Creek drainage of the Warner Mountains. Lovenshew Logging Co. of Canby purchased 7 million feet of pine in Los Valley in the Hackmore Area.

The Lovenshew company obtained the timber at an auction in the Supervisor's office in Alturas.

Tree planting was completed on the Modoc last week. Approximately 1,200,000 pine seedlings were planted by 130 convicts in two San Quentin honor camps.

Planting took place on the Mears, Mowit, Plum Ridge, Blue Mountain and Porcupine burns.

Officials reported that the Porcupine Camp has been reduced to 25 men and moved to a new location near Long Bell Camp. This crew will work on timber stand improvement projects and will be available for emergency fire fighting. The Hackmore camp also has been reduced to 25 men and will be moved to Quaking Aspen.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity. Cloudy with occasional rain Wednesday night; showers, partially clearing Thursday. High Thursday 58; low Wednesday night 42.

High yesterday 57
Low last night 32
Precip last 24 hours .34
Since Oct. 1 13.16
Normal for period 10.88
Same period last year 15.17

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USBR Staff In Klamath Cut By 35

Reclamation Bureau staff in Klamath Falls is being cut by 35 percent, according to a directive from the Bureau in Sacramento.

In a directive to E. Layton Stephens, Klamath Project manager, Richard L. Boke, Reclamation Bureau regional director in Sacramento, said this region would lose a total of 35 employees in the cut-offs.

The cut-offs, effective June 30, come as a result of the appropriation cuts made by Congress. The House has approved the cuts and there appears little likelihood the Senate will not concur.

The Reclamation Bureau funds cut nipped plans for new construction work. On the Klamath Project, this work consisted of additional flood control and irrigation projects, which were to make the remaining non-homesteaded land on a project suitable for some steading.

All the jobs being cut off here are in the construction field. The cut-offs range from clerks to engineers and administrative employees, according to Project Mgr. Stephens.

Regional Director Boke listed these other total job cuts in the Sacramento region: Sacramento, 86; Chico, 41; Stockton, 77; Fresno, 88; and Coletta, 24.

Patterson Due Saturday

Governor Paul Patterson, invited here to address the meeting Sunday, May 24, of the Modoc Area Boy Scout Council will have a busy weekend.

Klamath Basin residents will have an opportunity to meet and "chat" with the Governor and Mrs. Patterson, Saturday afternoon, 3 to 5 p.m. in the Balsiger show-room.

Later, at the 7 o'clock banquet in the Willard Hotel, the governor will speak on the dinner program.

Both Saturday meetings are sponsored by the Klamath County Republican Central Committee, 3 Klamath County Republican Club and the Young Republicans.

Everyone interested is urged to "come as you are" to the afternoon meeting.

Governor Patterson is expected to discuss, among other things, at the dinner meeting, the recent conclusion of governors in Washington, called by President Eisenhower.

Reservations for the banquet should be made not later than Friday afternoon with Mrs. Murphy at Herman's Men Store, phone 5471. The House Brother's quartet will feature the entertainment at the dinner.

The governor and other visiting dignitaries will be present for the 2 p.m. potluck dinner Sunday at the armory to which all Scout parents are invited.

Here also will be O. D. Sharp, Portland, regional Scout Executive and William Phillips, Portland, regional chairman, a volunteer executive.

Local Boy Scout adults leaders will receive awards for outstanding service in the council.

BULLETIN

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House did an about-face late Wednesday and boosted the 1954 agriculture conservation program 55 million dollars over the 140 millions recommended by the Eisenhower administration.

Kiwanians Seek 4-H 'Spud Champion'

Klamath Kiwanians and 4-H'ers last night drew a bead on a national potato championship for the Basin. They hope to have a Klamath 4-H boy this fall proclaimed Kiwanis 4-H national potato growing champion.

The Kiwanis Club here has for many years sponsored 4-H potato growing interest and the Herald and News has given an annual cash prize for the best spuds grown by a 4-H'er. Last night, Herald and News Publisher Frank Jenkins, who is also a Kiwanian, agreed that the paper's prize would become a part of the big potato show and sale to be sponsored by the Kiwanians. Jenkins also said that the \$50 prize would be doubled if the champ grower managed to produce 90 per cent of No. 1 spuds.

A potato show and sale is not new here. The Kiwanians sponsored something of the sort years ago



A BIKE TIRE needed fixing this morning so William Manning and his dad (kneeling) of 1745 Lakeview, called on Ed Shoa at his Texaco station.

Crater Lake Park Marks 51st Birthday This Week

Crater Lake National Park is 51 years old this week according to a statement by John B. Wosky, Superintendent. May 22, 1902 is the date

Ike Tells Of 'Mess Left'

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower, sending to Congress his program for maintaining tax levels, said Wednesday the Truman administration left behind "a critically unsound state of financial affairs."

In a special message, the President told the lawmakers that except for the economies he is making in spending it would be impossible to have a reduction next Jan. 1 in individual income taxes.

He added: "I believe a reduction in personal income taxes can and should be made effective next Jan. 1. This reduction will amount to about 10 per cent on the lower and middle incomes, graduating down to between one and two per cent on the highest brackets."

This reduction is to be made under existing law and does not require further congressional action.

However, putting across the national park idea was another matter. That took 17 more years of dogged, punishing, hard work with the aid of civic groups in Oregon and the Oregon Delegation in Congress, to see the goal accomplished on May 22, 1902. Steel later became the second superintendent of the Park, serving from 1913 until 1916, when he became U.S. Commissioner for the Park, holding this position until his death in 1934. "Oldtimers" still refer to him as "Judge Steel."

The Park Library contains a priceless collection of scrapbooks which in his lifetime clips and manuscripts record the details of the long history of the area, including the accounts of the discovery by Hillman, June 12, 1853.

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West Side Bypass On Skids Today

By WALLACE MYERS

Idea for a westside bypass to channel through traffic around Klamath Falls has been virtually abandoned according to Ben Chandler, chairman of the State Road Commission.

This surprising news came out of a conference in Portland yesterday on Klamath Falls traffic problems. A Klamath delegation of 11 city officials and business men, headed by Mayor Paul Landry had an audience with the Road Commission to discuss a proposed city traffic master plan.

Biggest fly in the traffic ointment here has been a state proposal for one-way traffic along Main and Klamath. And nothing was accomplished yesterday to settle that question.

Several weeks ago, the City Administration on recommendation of a Traffic Study Committee appointed by the mayor, agreed to go along with the one-way traffic idea on condition the state would provide a truck route through the city. The Traffic Study Committee argued and the City Administration agreed that it would be very undesirable to have the heavy flow of big highway freight rigs rumbling down Main Street.

The city proposed that the truck route be along 2nd, Plum, Oak and Spring streets. The Road Commission yesterday said it would cost some \$250,000 to make this a suitable truck route and said the money was not now available.

However, the commission did not completely close the door on the proposal. The commissioners are to come here July 18 to look over the situation. They said money for the truck route might be available at some later date.

Mayor Landry said the commissioners would be very pleased if the city would agree to go ahead with one-way and chance getting the truck route later. But the mayor said he and his delegation made it plain the city wanted the truck route and one-way to start at the same time.

As for the proposed new railway overpass on S. 6th, the commission has scheduled construction to begin on that in 1955. This will also entail one-way traffic, with S. 6th one-way for outbound traffic and S. 7th for inbound. The additional overpass will provide 4-lane traffic over the tracks instead of the present two lanes.

The commission also plans to go ahead with the eastside bypass. This will see Alameda and other streets improved with a S. 6th hook-up just east of the former Klamath Gems ballpark.

Attending the session in Portland yesterday with the mayor were City Councilmen Frank Tarr, City Engineer Taxi Thomas, Traffic Study Committee Al Hatton and Greer Drew, Chamber of Commerce Mgr. Frank Tucker, Roy Murphy, N. B. Drew, Arthur Dye, George Morgan and Keith Cobo.

Richard Shore Smith, prominent Oregon attorney and resident of Klamath Falls prior to 1900, died Tuesday afternoon in Eugene following a heart attack. Word of his death was telephoned here last night by a son-in-law, Dr. Don Slocum. He was born in Mt. View, Calif., Dec. 11, 1877 and educated at the University of California, and Columbia University. He was admitted to the Oregon bar in 1904.

Mr. Smith was also identified with the banking industry, serving as president of the First National Bank of Eugene for several years. His daughter, Margaret Ann Slocum, Eugene, survives.

Funeral services are to be held Friday, May 22 in the Poole-Larsen Funeral Home, Eugene.

Thornton Not In Governor Race

SALEM (AP)—Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton said Wednesday he will not be a candidate for governor of Oregon in 1954.

Thornton was the only Democrat to win a state office in the 1952 election. There have been rumors that he would seek his party's nomination for governor.

Tough Fight Seen In Congress Over Excess Extension

WASHINGTON (AP)—Congressional leaders today forecast a quick and bitter battle over President Eisenhower's request for extension of the excess profits tax on corporations for another six months.

The President outlined this and four other tax steps in his nationwide radio speech last night. He snuffed out hope for immediate tax cuts and called instead for continued high revenues to keep "our nation secure and our dollar sound . . . in an age of danger."

His plea brought a mixed and wary reaction in Congress. Some leaders said the outcome appears

in doubt, but that Eisenhower might get what he asked for after a tough fight. Detailed recommendations will be sent to Congress shortly, perhaps today.

The President requested a six-month extension of the excess profits tax, now scheduled to die in exactly six weeks. And he asked Congress to repeal cuts of three billion dollars in regular corporation income taxes and excise (sales) taxes on scores of items which are scheduled to take effect automatically next March 31.

He spoke strongly against a drive in the House to cut personal income taxes 10 per cent starting July 1. He called instead for letting the 10 per cent rate cut take effect Jan. 1, as scheduled under present law.

The President offered to forego one minor tax increase. He proposed to keep social security taxes at the present rate of 1½ per cent of payrolls on both individuals and employers. Present laws call for a stepup to 2 per cent for both groups Jan. 1. Since social security taxes are levied on only the first \$3,600 of income, this would benefit a worker no more than \$18 a year.

His over-all program would provide an additional billion dollars in revenue for the year starting July 1, but still leave an estimated deficit of about \$12 billion dollars for the first full fiscal year of his administration.

Eisenhower said he would cut at least \$1½ billion from the spending plans left by former President Truman.

If the tax rates the President proposed are maintained, they would provide 2½ to 3 billion dollars more than present law for the fiscal year starting in mid-1954—the year his administration plans to attain what Eisenhower called a "vital" goal of a balanced budget.

Immediate tax reductions would increase and prolong federal deficits and thus bring more inflation, he cautioned.

And that, he said, would "cheat every family in America. It would strike most cruelly at the poorest among us."

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Weather Halts Plane Search

GRANTS PASS (AP)—Search planes covered a part of the rough Rogue and Illinois river valleys early Wednesday in quest of a missing plane. Then heavy clouds began moving in and rain came behind them.

George Douglas of Salem, director of the state Board of Aeronautics' search division, said a dozen planes "saturated" the region in view of the unfavorable weather. More, he said, could not be used safely.

The plane they sought left Gold Beach Monday morning at 7 a.m., and headed into thickening weather. There were four aboard.

At 7:45 a.m. Monday a plane was heard circling over Agness, center of some of the wildest country in America. Douglas said Wednesday he was satisfied that was the missing plane. And he added, he thought it possible that because of the bad weather in which it was flying, the pilot might have followed the Illinois Valley rather than the Rogue Valley which he had intended to take on his flight to Grants Pass.

Lincoln Air Strip To Be Constructed

The State Board of Aeronautics has agreed to construct an emergency air strip at Lincoln, about halfway between here and Medford.

At the invitation of Ivan Kesterson, director of the Chamber of Commerce Aviation Committee, State Board Chairman W. M. (Jack) Bartlett and two other board members were here to inspect the proposed strip several days ago. Today, Kesterson was notified by Bartlett that the board had given its OK to construction of the strip.

The strip has already been started by Ned Putnam, member of the Puckett and Scherer lumber firm, for use in connection with operation of the firm's mill at Lincoln.

Before the state can take over the strip, the land on which it is located must be turned over to the state on a warranty deed. Puckett and Scherer have agreed to do this.

The strip as now roughed in is 3,200 feet long but Putnam says he plans to rough it out to 4,000 feet. Bartlett said the state would gravel the runway for the time being and that it would be surfaced as soon as a state crew is in the area.

Fliers in this area have long stressed the need for such a strip. Because of frequent bad weather squalls, fliers on the Medford-Klamath Falls route often have need for an emergency field. Only yesterday, Putnam was flying along the route and landed on the still rough strip when he was caught in a hard rain fall.

State Board Members Ralph Scroggins and Lee Eyerly came here with Bartlett to inspect the strip site.

R. S. Smith Death Learned

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Louisiana Streams Flood, Wind-Whipped Tides Rise

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP)—Louisiana's coastal lowlands faced a new crisis from the Gulf of Mexico today as rising streams to the north forced 15,000 persons from their homes in a 100 million dollar flood.

While swollen bayous and rivers poured tons of water toward the Gulf, the coastal residents braced against the possibility of inundation from wind-whipped tides.

Streams were higher at some points than in 1940, when high tides blew into already flooded sections and covered several coastal communities with six feet of water.

Observers believed the crisis would come today. If tides remain moderate another 24 hours, they think there is a chance that streams and backwater areas can handle tidewater.

The threat centers around Crowley, in Southwest Louisiana. Crowley flowing bayous have forced evacu-

ations at Mermentau, Evangeline, Midland and Esterwood and sent the flood lapping into the outskirts of Crowley.

The Weather Bureau predicted winds from the south, putting the area in extreme danger if tides are high.

The stricken area was a broad belt arching from the southwest corner of the state, near the Texas border, through Central Louisiana to the east central boundary with Mississippi. The belt is more than 200 miles long and 100 miles wide at points.

Four big Air Force cargo planes flew to the quartermaster depot at Carswell AFB near Ft. Worth, Tex., to airlift 27,000 pounds of tents and cots to flood victims.

Agriculture Commissioner Dave Pearce placed crop damage alone at 100 million dollars. Damage to highways and private property would run into more millions.



A BIG SPUD FAIR was in the making when this picture was snapped last night. Kiwanians were hosts to 18 4-H boys at a dinner meeting to plan an annual potato show and fair. In the picture are (front, l to r) H. O. Juckeland, Rex Porterfield, Lowell Kaup, and (rear, l to r) Dave Lyons, Chris Lemler, Henry Williams, Stanley Miller and Dick Miller.