

In The Day's News

BY FRANK JENKINS
If you were to make an off-hand guess, who would you say was the most distinguished son of the State of Jefferson—the state that never was and never will be but has lived in men's minds for a hundred years?

How about John C. Fremont—the Great Pathfinder, or, as Historian Allan Nevins terms him, the Great Pathmarker?

If you think of Fremont in terms of 1843, you will call him Lieutenant Fremont. If you think of him in terms of 1846, you will speak of him as Captain Fremont. If your memory picks out a later period in 1846, he will be Colonel Fremont.

In 1850, he was Senator Fremont of California. California's first senator. In 1856, he was the first candidate of the Republican party for President (he was defeated by James Buchanan). In the war between the States, he was General Fremont. At a later period, he was governor of the territory of Arizona.

Quite a distinguished citizen, wouldn't you say?

Where does Fremont come into the history of the State of Jefferson?

It's a long story and there is space here for only the barest outline of it. Fremont, son-in-law of Senator Benton of Missouri, one of the early American expansionists who saw the vision of a republic reaching from the Atlantic to the Pacific, held as one of the chief objectives of his 1843 expedition south from the Dalles, he got kicked off by the Klamath marsh, which he termed in considerable disappointment a "vast savannah," but nothing like the lake he was seeking.

He went south through Nevada and crossed the summit of the Sierra at an elevation of 14,000 feet in mid-winter—with horses. Quite a feat.

He returned to the Pacific Coast in 1846, with a strong armed party. His instructions were secret and the mystery of them has never been cleared. He is believed to have been sent here to be on the spot when the time came to take over California from Mexico.

It was here that he came most spectacularly into the State of Jefferson. He spent as much time as he thought he dared at and around Sutter's Fort, now Sacramento. When Mexican General Castro began to get querulous and threatening, he departed suddenly for Klamath lake, stopping en route at Peter Lassen's ranch on the upper Sacramento.

He was camped at Denny creek on Klamath lake when Lieutenant Gillespie of the Marines rode into his camp, presumably to tell him the hour had struck. He and his men talked far into the night when they turned in Fremont failed for the first time in 20,000 miles of Western exploration to post sentries. That night the Klamaths attacked and killed three of his men.

Pausing only to chastise the Klamaths the next day, he and his party departed for California—finding as they crossed Lost river the traces of a party of white men. The party was that of Jesse Applegate, who was pioneering the Old South Road. Applegate was another distinguished citizen of ours. He was seeking a route to bring immigrants into the State of Jefferson, being put out by the fact that most of them were coming into the Willamette valley of Oregon.

Fremont paused again at Peter Lassen's ranch to refit his party. Leaving there, he plunged into the dramatic series of events that included the Bear Flag War, with the raising of the Bear flag at Sonoma, the capture of Monterey, the Mexican capital of Alta California, and the eventual taking over of the California country by the United States.

So, you see, the State of Jefferson can lay claim to having been the birthplace of the American state of California—for it was here between the 41st and the 43rd parallels of north latitude that the decision was made in Fremont's mind to TAKE OVER from the Spaniards the remainder of the land that had been Spanish from 1542, when it was claimed for Spain by Bartolomeo Ferrello.

I use the word REMAINDER for the reason that the once-Spanish land lying between the 42nd parallel (the present boundary of Oregon and California) and the 43rd parallel (just south of Roseburg) was taken over from Spain by the Treaty of Florida, negotiated by President Monroe and his secretary of state John Quincy Adams.

It was thus it came about that the State of Jefferson, lying roughly (in men's minds) between the 41st and the 43rd parallels of north latitude, became the meeting and the mingling place of Spanish and American civilizations on the Pacific Coast.

Self-Help By Europe Urged By Ike

By D. HAROLD OLIVER
WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower told Congress today Western nations should strive for greater self-help toward collective security because American aid "cannot do the whole job."

His report reviewed the mutual security program for the six months ended last June 30. It said Soviet Russia continues a serious threat to peace and that U. S. aid to check Communist expansion now is shifting in emphasis from Europe to Asia and the Pacific.

"While it is clear that the strength needed by other free nations cannot be developed and maintained without substantial American assistance, the report declared, 'it is equally clear that the mutual security program alone cannot do the whole job.'

"Other measures are necessary, and it is important that the mutual security program and our foreign relations as a whole be conducted in such a way as to facilitate the taking of these measures."

Refutation of the European Defense Community Treaty, trade expansion, and greater investment of private capital in underdeveloped countries were three steps the President mentioned.

Eisenhower limited his own remarks to a two-sentence letter of transmittal saying America's safety is "inextricably tied in with the security and well-being of other free nations." By forwarding the report to Congress, however, he endorsed it in effect.

The report said during the current fiscal year ending June 30, 1954, the Foreign Operations Administration (FOA), which recently absorbed the Mutual Security Agency, will have \$6,600,000,000 to spend or obligate, including 4 1/2 billions of new money.

"In drawing up the new fiscal year's program," it said, "emphasis was shifted more toward Asia and the Pacific. Including the special assistance for Indochina, about 37 per cent of the new funds for the 1954 program will be for Asia, compared with 14 per cent in the previous fiscal year. The European program will drop from 73 per cent of the total funds in 1953 to 50 per cent in 1954."

Pleasant Icebox Yarn: Cat Steps Out, Thaws Out
SALISBURY, Md. (AP)—When Phillip C. Widdowson of nearby Princess Anne opened his refrigerator door, his cat fixed him with an icy stare and leaped stiffly from the box.

Widdowson said the cat apparently had remained in the refrigerator all night. He thawed out after a few hours in the sun.

Weather
FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Fair through Tuesday. High 86; low tonight 43. High yesterday 88. Low last night 43. Precip last 24 hours Since Oct. 1 Normal for period Same period last year

A year ago today in Klamath Falls was a perfect day with a gentle breeze and warm sun. High and low readings were 85-47.

2nd Hurricane Death Told
NORFOLK, Va. (AP)—Hurricane Barbara claimed a second life here Saturday—a day after it had roared past the Virginia coast.

Joe Lane, 55, stepped out of his garage truck to pick up a wire which had been knocked across the road by the hurricane's winds. The wire turned out to be an electric power line and Lane was electrocuted. It was his first day on his new job with the Princess Anne County sanitation department.

Norfolk's first hurricane victim died on the day of the big blow, Friday, in similar fashion. Talbot Duffy Barrow, 42, a Norfolk county policeman, was killed when he came in contact with a high-tension wire while answering an emergency call.

ACCUSED FACES RETURN
Sheriff Murray Britton was notified Monday that Weldon Parker wanted here for issuing a series of bogus checks, is held by police in The Dalles. The sheriff said the accused man would be returned to Klamath Falls for prosecution.

Dying Boys Visitor Bigger, Better Man Than Hopalong Cassidy Himself

By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH
DENVER (AP)—To 8-year-old Paul Henry Haley, who is dying of cancer, President Eisenhower is "a bigger and better man" than Hopalong Cassidy.

Now, to those who aren't parents of small boys, that may sound incredible.

But ordinarily a president doesn't cut much ice when children match him up with Hopalong.

Not so with Paul. Dwight Eisenhower is the hero of his tragically shortened life.

That's the result of a surprise

visit the President paid Paul yesterday.

It started when Eisenhower picked up the Rocky Mountain News before church. There was a picture of cowboy-outfitted Paul. His arm around his mother Jean. The story was in the form of a letter by reporter David Stolberg.

"I'm writing this story to you, Mr. President, for a young fellow who hasn't learned to write," it said in part.

"He wants to see you, Ike, and although he doesn't know it, that's his dying wish. . . . He may live as

long as two months, at most 18, doctors say."

The reporter said Paul is ill of cancer.

Eisenhower decided to see Paul. And he did, unannounced.

Maybe there has been a more astonished man than Paul's stepfather, Donald Haley, when he answered the door wearing dungarees, but it's doubtful.

As Paul wide-eyed and unbothered walked into the living room, the President flashed his smile and said, "Paul, I understand you wanted to see me." Paul was flabbergasted.

They visited, Paul and the President, about five minutes. Then Paul got to inspect the presidential limousine.

The President told him he had a grandson about Paul's age — 8-year-old Dwight David Eisenhower, II.

"Afterward, Paul talked about the car."

"It was nice and cool," he reported. "There was something to put your feet on, and there was a chair, I think it was for a baby."

Mrs. Haley wasn't home when Eisenhower called. Later, she said there just aren't "enough ad-

jectives to describe how grateful we were."

"The President came in and shook my hand," Paul said, a smile on his wan face.

"I'm going out and buy a picture of the President and put it on the wall."

"I've got pictures of Roy Rogers and Hopalong Cassidy, too."

Later Paul went on the radio and paid Eisenhower his supreme tribute: "He's a bigger and better man than Hopalong Cassidy."

The President, if he were listening, must have liked that a great deal.

Nationalists Said Subject To Ho Chi Minh

NEW YORK (AP)—The New York Times today said that Chiang Kai-shek's government has decided not to step up military action against the China mainland without first consulting the United States.

Herald Tribune Correspondent Marguerite Higgins reported the "hitherto undisclosed" agreement in a dispatch from Taipei, the Formosan capital.

She said it meant the Nationalist government "will not increase for the present time the tempo" of its operations against the Chinese Communists "without specific consultation and, in effect, prior approval of the United States."

In practice, important operations like the Nationalist paratroop and amphibious assault in July on Communist-held Tungshan Island had to be cleared in advance with the U. S. Navy Pacific command at Pearl Harbor, which is responsible for helping to defend Formosa.

The U. S. government feels since it is furnishing a lot of all of Chiang's military equipment it should have a voice in saying how it is used. The Chinese Nationalists "stress that they understand and fully acquiesce in this position."

However, they feel "America should be informed of the inhibitions under which they operate as the result of Washington's own policy," since there has been so much talk about "unleashing" Chiang's forces following the U. S. announcement in February lifting the previous ban on Nationalist attacks against the mainland.

"OLD MAN" CITED
PONTREMOLI, Italy (AP)—Ernest Hemingway's latest novel, "The Old Man and the Sea," was awarded Italy's 1953 Bancarella literary award today.

Fire-Swept Buildings Once Looked Like This



IN HORSE AND BUGGY DAYS the corner of 9th and Main was a bustling area. How the buildings swept by fire there early Sunday morning looked in that era is shown above. The old photograph is the property of Mrs. J. P. McFarland. Fire Chief Roy Rowe claims the structures should have gone the way of the horse and buggy long ago. In recent years the structures have been given "new faces." Attempts to have the buildings condemned a year ago failed.

US Printing Office Man Said Ex-Red

WASHINGTON (AP)—A Government Printing Office employee identified a fellow worker, Ed Rothschild, face-to-face Monday as a longtime member of the Communist Party.

James Phillips, a bookbinding machine operator, told Senate investigators that Rothschild has no direct access to secret material in the government printing plant but could easily get such material from other workers.

Phillips confronted the slightly built, pipe-smoking Rothschild at a hearing by the Senate investigation subcommittee, which is looking for evidence that secret material in the Government Printing Office has leaked to the Communists.

Phillips testified he first met Rothschild in 1938. He identified Rothschild as one of 25 or 30 persons who attended a meeting in a private home to organize a Communist cell in the Government Printing Office.

Later, Phillips said, Rothschild and a Fred Billers approached him on the street and asked him in a "threatening and belligerent" attitude whether he was for or against their efforts to organize such a cell.

Phillips said he thought it over and gave them their answer by going before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, then headed by Rep. Dies (D-Tex.), and testifying about the whole affair.

Phillips also testified he once saw another fellow worker, Bertha Lomax, try to leave the Government Printing Office with secret material in her pocket.

That employee continued to work at the printing office for three months after she was caught, Phillips said.

Pilot Races Gulls Against His Will

BOSTON (AP)—Bill Boone, 31, a stunt pilot from Hollywood, Calif., received unscheduled competition in a low-level flight yesterday during an air show at Logan International Airport.

Boone was joined at the halfway mark of his one-mile flight at about 65 feet by some 1,000 sea gulls. They swooped down on the plane, apparently eager to make a race.

"The birds were a little too close for comfort, but I gained on them," the pilot said later.

'Thanks,' Says Mute Willie For Hand-Out

WALCOTT, N. Y. (AP)—Willie Redding asked for money and got it by showing a deaf-mute's card, police report, until he spoiled his pose by saying "Thanks."

Peace Justice Carl L. Katz sentenced the migrant farm worker to 90 days in a penitentiary on a disorderly conduct charge and a 30 days on a public intoxication charge.

Main Drag Yuled-up For Advance Look

RICHMOND, Va. (AP)—Hey, kids, Santa Claus has come to Richmond. That's right—in August.

One block of the city's main thoroughfare, Broad Street, is all decked out in Christmas decorations—colored lights, gaily ornamented trees, reindeer and figures of Santa and his helpers.

The out-of-season yuletide is the work of local merchants and ornament manufacturers. They just want to have an early look at their wares before December rolls around.

Crews Busy Cleaning Up \$75,000 Fire That Swept 8 Downtown Business Houses

By LYLE DOWNING
Cleanup crews were busy Monday removing the debris from a \$75,000 fire which swept eight business houses at Main and 9th Streets early Sunday morning.

Harmon Cress, 21-year-old truck driver, is under treatment at Klamath Valley Hospital for injuries suffered when he plunged 20 feet from the roof of one of the flaming buildings. Physicians said he incurred multiple cuts and bruises.

The flames raged for nearly two hours before they were brought under control. Firemen were hampered by Saturday night crowds which flocked to the scene. Police Chief Orville Hamilton called all

available policemen to control the spectators.

Fire Chief Roy Rowe said Monday morning that a 24-hour investigation had failed to reveal the cause of the conflagration. He said it was one of the most devastating fires in the downtown area in many years.

A combination of fire, smoke and

water destroyed stock and fixtures in the following business establishments: Princess Dress Shop, Binkley's Fountain Lunch, Jeff's Barber Shop, Quality Shoe Repair Shop, Klamath Bakery, Jennie's Lunch, Mars Barber Shop, and the Gift and Book Nook.

Chief Rowe said the fire apparently started in a storage loft which extends for half a block above the eight business houses. Defective wiring may have caused the flames, according to Rowe.

Investigators said all the structures were in a dilapidated condition. They also said that attempts to have the property condemned

failed a year ago.

Mayor Paul Landry who arrived at the scene shortly after the first alarm was turned in at 11:53 p.m. Saturday, declared the structures should have been demolished long ago.

"Now," he added, "new buildings which are credit to Klamath Falls

may be erected there."

The accident involving Cress, who had volunteered to aid firemen, was the only mishap. Cress and a city fireman were manning a high pressure hose. The fireman suddenly let go of the line and the force of the water hurled Cress from the roof.



FLAMES ROARED THROUGH eight Klamath Falls business houses early Sunday morning leaving damage estimated at \$75,000. The fire started in a storage loft extending over the eight business establishments at Main and 9th Sts. Shown above are graphic scenes snapped at the height of the conflagration by Don Kettler, Herald and News photographer. (1) Flames can be seen shooting from windows at the Princess Dress Shop. (2) Fire is rapidly eating its way through the doomed buildings. (3) Fire fighters were unable to make much headway for nearly an hour as they trained high-pressure hoses on the flames. (4) Quick action saved stock in Carmichael's News Stand on the edge of the devastated area. Magazines and newspapers were piled in front of the adjacent Shanghai Cafe. (5) Saturday night crowds flocked the scene and within a few minutes after the first alarm, the street was packed with spectators. (6) Firemen are shown spraying the interior of the Gift and Book Nook which was gutted by the flames.

Pull-Back Nickel Fails On Machine

DENVER (AP)—Some frugal soul caused a Denver soda pop firm repairman trouble with his unsuccessful attempt to get a free drink yesterday.

The vending machine was jammed with a nickel, to which had been soldered a long, thin wire. Apparently it was to pull back the nickel once the bottle had arrived.

The machine was located in the police garage.