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LOIS HUBBLE AND TERRY CHATTERTON, are the king and queen candidates for the freshman class at Bonanza high school. Lois is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. King Hubble and Terry's parents are Mr. and Mrs. James Chatterton, Bonanza.

### In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

In Berlin, the West (our side) has made proposals as to what to do with conquered and chopped-apart Germany. Our proposals are unacceptable to Russia. Russia has made proposals for German reunification that are unacceptable to us.

That, in capsule form, is the situation as this is written. We propose FREE German elections as a means of finding out if West Germany and East Germany want to come back together. That is OUR way. When two or more people want the same office in our country, we hold a free election and the people go to the polls and by their free and untampered-with ballots decide what is to be done. The candidate (or the issue) that gets the most votes WINS, and that settles it.

Our proposal doesn't sit well AT ALL on Molotov's stomach, and he opposes it bitterly. He says the WEST doesn't know how to hold a free election AND AT THE SAME TIME KEEP OUT CORRUPT ELEMENTS (in Molotov's thinking, any element that is opposed to communism is a corrupt element.) He argues that the communist way is the only SAFE (safe for communism) way to a democratic Germany.

The communist way is to put up ONE SLATE and tell the voters to take it—or else!

Our straight-talking Dulles reports: "Molotov rejects the West's plan for unification of Germany through FREE elections because he is afraid of the 18 million East Germans, if given the chance through a free election, would overwhelmingly reject the communist regime."

That would be a nasty jolt for the world communism and Molotov just CAN'T let himself get caught in any such trap.

Molotov's proposal is a screwball one, of course, but our diplomatic people who are doing the dickering in Berlin think he HAD to block free all-German elections AT ANY COST in order to avoid setting off a chain reaction in all the communist satellites—particularly Poland and Czechoslovakia, which are not at all happy under the Russian heel.

If Molotov should let himself get talked into free all-German elections, and if the communists should LOSE in these elections (as they certainly would) then Poland and Czechoslovakia and Hungary and Rumania and Bulgaria and Latvia and Estonia and Lithuania and all the other countries that have been brought by force under the harsh and grim rule of communism would want free elections also so that they too could get out from under the Russian heel.

That fact puts Molotov behind the eight-ball.

He just CAN'T let anything like that happen.

Personally, I think we're making progress at Berlin. We're dramatizing the fact that communism is a foul and stinking thing. Therein, I think, lies our hope for the future. All mankind LONGS TO BE FREE. If we can dramatize vividly enough for all the world to see how foul and awful a thing communism is, the time will come when communism will FALL BECAUSE OF ITS OWN FOULNESS.

If that can come to pass, Armageddon can be avoided in our day.

### Oregon Democrats To Hear Jackson

PORTLAND (AP)—Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D-Wash.) will be principal speaker at a Democratic political action meeting here Feb. 27. Chairman Frank Bauman said the talk "will launch the 1954 Oregon campaign to return the Democrats to power in the U. S. Congress."

### Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Fair through Sunday with high of 45; low Saturday night 25. High yesterday 44. Low last night 16.

## Big Four Winding Up Berlin Meet

By PRESTON GROVER

BERLIN (AP)—A Communist crackdown on East German workers speaking out against Vyacheslav M. Molotov's plan for the unification of Germany paralleled the final session today of the second week of the Big Four foreign ministers conference.

East German police made scores of arrests. Interior Minister Willi Slopp, directing the crackdown, warned at an East Berlin rally last night that the Red government "will sharply suppress every attempt to disrupt democratic development of the republic." The warning came as a caution against any German demonstrations during the weekend recess of the Big Four.

Outbursts of opposition, all relatively feeble, developed in five scattered East German cities in the past five days. They were simply shouts of protest against speakers lauding the declaration by Molotov that the best way to unite Germany and prevent a resurgence of Hitlerism was to pattern a new united nation after police-dominated East Germany.

The Molotov plan, pegged to the idea of forming a provisional government in which the Communists would have an equal voice with the West Germans, has brought the Big Four parley to a near stall.

The three Western ministers, with U. S. Secretary of State Dulles' leadoff man, declared that unless Molotov was ready to negotiate instead of lecture and denounce, there was little value in talking further at this meeting about uniting Germany.

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Today's final session of the conference was given over to the problem.



A SHORT CUT TO FREEDOM, via hacksaw and window, is surveyed by Dean (Coyote) George, one of two prisoners in the time tank at the city jail who did not take advantage of the means of escape which took two other prisoners to freedom some time Friday night, only a day or so before their release was scheduled. The escapees, Richard Roy Logan, 23, and Kenneth (Dusty) Wells, 25, saved their way to freedom with a six inch hacksaw blade which was found outside the window this morning by Al Brotherton, city meter maintenance man. Their escape was reported to Desk Sgt. Leonard Clark by a trustee, Russell Pennabaker, after he went up to feed the prisoners about 7:15 this morning. Both Logan and Wells had been sentenced to 30 days in jail or \$100 fine; Logan on January 6 for failure to stop at the scene of an accident; Wells on January 8 for disorderly conduct. The police report on Logan states that he is out of the penitentiary after three years on a hit and run charge. Wells was to be remanded to the county jail on a charge of furnishing liquor to minors when his city sentence was concluded, according to District Judge D. E. Van Vactor.

## Controversy Still Rages On Bricker

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. George (D-Ga.) said today that any move to avoid a Senate showdown in this session of Congress on the controversial Bricker treaty—power amendment would merely "perpetuate the issue" in politics.

George, who told the Senate yesterday President Eisenhower cannot defend his opposition to a provision giving Congress a check on executive agreements, said in an interview he is going to continue to work to get a constitutional amendment passed. He has offered his own version.

The Senate, in recess over the weekend, will resume debate Monday on a proposal by Sen. Bricker (R-Ohio) with the understanding it will not attempt to reach any votes on the measure until the week of Feb. 15.

There are so many conflicting proposals pending that George said it seems doubtful to him that any could now get Senate approval by the necessary two-thirds of those voting.

"But maybe after we have mulled this thing over for a while, it may be possible to get some agreement," the Georgia senator said.

He added that he believes he may get a majority of the Senate to approve substituting his plan for the Bricker proposal. George's version would nullify any treaty or international agreement which conflicted with the Constitution and would prevent executive agreements from becoming effective as internal law except by act of Congress. A majority vote would be enough to revise the pending Bricker proposal along these lines, but final passage still would require a two-thirds approval.

### Opposition

George in a Senate speech yesterday emphasized that his substitute proposal was intended to make sure international agreements negotiated by presidents without Senate confirmation would not override state constitutions and laws. "I have great difficulty in explaining a stand in favor of such executive power, which George contended might lead to one-man rule.

But he predicted "The President will never support that proposition when he understands it."

### Ike Names Oregon Postmasters

WASHINGTON (AP)—These Oregon postmaster nominations have been sent to the Senate by President Eisenhower:

William A. Rees, Fairview.  
Clendora V. Smith, Grass Valley.

Walter E. Sneddon, Lowell.  
Robert R. Ireland, Milton-Freewater.  
Herbert R. Parker, Oakland.  
James H. Grieve, Prospect.



ROY MURPHY

## Roy Murphy Eyes Office

Roy Murphy, 42, local business man, yesterday announced his candidacy on the Republican ticket for the office of county treasurer.

Murphy has been active in many civic organizations including president of the Klamath Falls Merchants association, vice president of the Klamath Basin Roundup association and vice president of this year's United Fund Drive.

In filing for the office Murphy said:

"I have been associated with many civic and political activities in our community, and believe that the future of Klamath county holds great promise. It is my earnest desire to be able to serve the people of this county wherever possible.

"I feel that my many years in the field of business have qualified me particularly for this office, and that I shall be able to handle it in an efficient, business-like manner.

### Slasher Strikes Montreal Again

MONTREAL (AP)—Montreal's slasher, following a lull of several days, struck again Friday night, slashing an 18-year-old girl's leg.

The girl, Claudette Adam, told police she suffered four deep gashes on her right leg as she was attacked by a man on a dark street.

One man is being held by police in the case. He is to be arraigned Monday.

More than a dozen women have been slashed on the legs since the slashings started several weeks ago. A number of other slashings also were reported but police said some were imaginary others self-inflicted and still others the work of publicity seekers or crackpots.

KLAMATH BASIN POTATO SHIPMENTS	
Shipped Today	Same Day Last Year
34 cars	30 cars
Total For Season	
1952-53	1953-54
7031 cars	7997 cars

## Red German Police Act To Hold Down Worker Unrest

BERLIN (AP)—Jittery Red Gestapo agents moved into major industrial plants in the Russian zone Saturday with orders to grab any German who demands free elections and clap him into jail.

Chief Ernest Wollweber issued the decree of his secret police to smash a wave of unrest that started as soon as Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov stilled the Big Four parley on German unification.

Fearful of another June 17, the East German Communist regime girded its forces to avoid the embarrassment of an outbreak at this critical time. It was clear the Russians were leaving this policing job to their zonal underlings.

Rumors sped thick and fast that the Soviet Army, which shattered last June's workers' uprising, had moved again as a precautionary measure. Thorough checking by Western agencies in position to make such checks indicated the rumors were false.

It was learned that several Red Army housekeeping units have been shifted around on the Berlin perimeter in the past week, particularly in the Potsdam and Babelsberg areas. This was described by Western informants as a purely routine maneuver which did not bring one Red Army soldier closer to East Berlin than he was a week before. There were no tanks involved.

## "We Said 'Slightly' Improved"

VATICAN CITY (AP)—Pope Pius XII shows symptoms of a very slight improvement, but "the state of general weakness persists," his private doctor announced today.

The doctor, Prof. Riccardo Galeazzi-Lisi, said the Pope passed "a moderately fair" night.

A Vatican spokesman, Msgr. Angelo Dell'Acqua of the secretary of state's office, said there was hope the enfeebled pontiff, 77, might be able better to take some nourishment.

The Pope's trouble keeping down food has caused anxiety. To help maintain his strength, he has been fed intravenously.

The Rome newspaper Il Tempo said the Pope, the spiritual leader of 400 million Roman Catholics throughout the world, had not left his bed in his third floor apartment in the Vatican Palace since he was stricken Jan. 25. He tried to rise once or twice, the newspaper said, but was too feeble to do so.

Prof. Galeazzi-Lisi, in issuing yesterday the first bulletin he had ever released on the Pope's health, revealed a hope that it would be possible soon to "repeat particular x-ray examinations" of the stomach and other nearby organs.

Prof. Galeazzi-Lisi hurried to the pontiff's bedside early this morning. He had left at 10 p.m. last night to get some sleep.

Throughout the night Dr. Paul Niehans, a Swiss specialist in disorders and diseases of the aged, apparently remained in the Pope's apartment.

Another physician, called in yesterday, is a noted Italian general practitioner, Dr. Cesare Frugoni.

## Mud Slinging Seen In Fall

NEW YORK (AP)—Mrs. Agnes E. Meyer, co-owner of the Washington Post, said Saturday the next political campaign will be "the dirtiest, meanest one this nation has ever seen."

"Reactionaries under Senator McCarthy's (R-Wis) leadership" are going to make it that way, she said in an address prepared for a Barnard College forum. She added:

"The smear campaign will begin in the primaries. Any candidate, whether Republican or Democratic, with the slightest liberal tendencies, will be labelled a left-winger, a pink or a Communist."

Mrs. Meyer is a writer, civic leader and wife of Eugene Meyer, board chairman of the Washington Post Co.

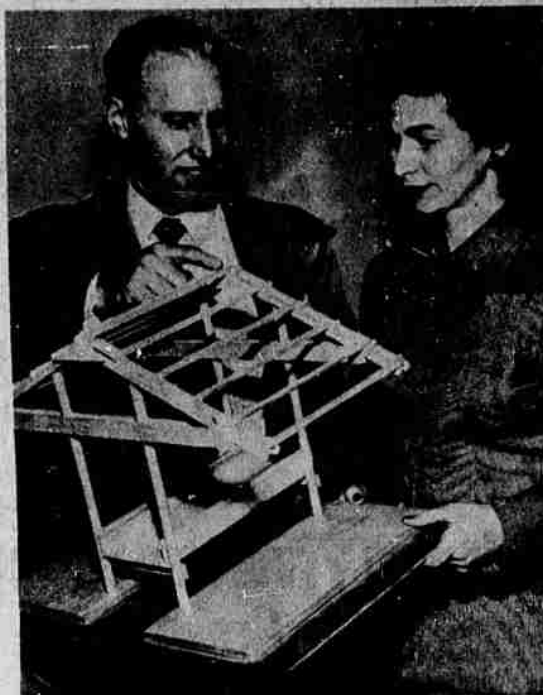
## Logging Mishap Crushes Man

GRANTS PASS (AP)—A logging accident on a farm some 35 miles southwest of here claimed the life Friday of John Harry Estes, 20, of Cave Junction.

A log which he was pulling with his tractor rammed into a standing oak tree. As the tree began to fall, but he ran directly into the path of part of the falling tree and was fatally crushed.

The accident occurred on property owned by Estes' father, Harry M. Estes.

The widow, the parents and several brothers survive.



FEED RACK for hay, designed by M. G. Huber, extension farm building specialist, OSC, was explained at Klamath's first Home and Farm Building Exhibition held Friday at the Fairgrounds. Examining the model were Ray Petersen and Dolores Bracken, from the Klamath Extension Service, in charge of the exhibition. The day-long show drew an attendance of more than 300 persons. Capacity crowds heard Huber discuss farm building and Paul C. Campbell's practical talk on home building and remodeling. Ten local firms in the building materials field had displays in the heated exhibition room with personnel on hand to explain new techniques and facilities during the afternoon. The exhibition served as a prelude to the first housing tour to be held in this area, dates to be set sometime in May. Housing specialists will come from OSC in March to select about a half dozen houses to be inspected during the housing tour.

PORTLAND (AP)—Harry Bridges, president of the International Longshoremen and Warehousemen Union, was here Saturday for a meeting of the union's executive board.

The board approved a policy statement reaffirming ILWU support of East Coast longshoremen who recently were booted out of the American Federation of Labor.

The AFL has formed another union to take over the membership of the longshoremen's organization but this new union was defeated by the older faction in a recent National Labor Relations Board election. Results of the election have not yet been certified, however.

The board's statement will be presented to the caucus of Coast Longshoremen and Shipbuilders at Bellingham, Wash., next week.

The executive board continued its session Saturday.

## Halleck Wants GOP Postmasters

WASHINGTON (AP)—Rep. Halleck (R-Ind.) said Saturday he'd like for Congress to order a general firing of postmasters.

He told a meeting of the Republican National Committee that most postmasters were holdovers from Democratic administrations which blanketed them into the civil service. He said:

"I'll vote for a bill to throw them all out. They were blanketed in, it's a pity they were."

Halleck said the Republican administration is having "a little trouble getting our team on the field," although most top posts in the government are now held by Republicans.

WALTER COOL, Jr., a partner in the Klamath Meat Center, was caught this morning in his shop at 710 Pine. Cool lives at 2343 Gettle.

## Four Towns Wrecked; No Details Yet

MEXICO CITY (AP)—A strong earthquake wrecked four towns in the tropical, coffee-growing state of Chiapas yesterday, killed many persons and spread damage and terror over an area 80 miles in diameter, a dispatch from Tuxtla Gutierrez said today.

Mercury planes were reported flying doctors, nurses, medicines and other supplies to the stricken zone, in the rugged jungle country centered 70 miles northeast of Tuxtla Gutierrez, the capital, and about 100 miles west of the Guatemalan frontier. Communications were a disrupted.

The first word to reach Mexico City came in a delayed telegram from a newspaper correspondent in the state capital. He offered no estimate of the total casualties or damage, but said the towns of Yajalon, Tita, Petalingo and Chilon were hard hit by the mid-morning quake and hillside crumbled.

RECORDED Seismographs in New York, Boston, Cleveland, Pasadena and elsewhere in the United States had recorded a tremor at about 10:24 a.m. (EST) in the area of Mexico. The correspondent's account gave this picture:

Yajalon, center of a corn, sugar and fruit belt, suffered most. Markets and other buildings in that town of 2,000 were leveled. Petalingo, pop. 1,500, was virtually destroyed, many were killed there and hundreds were injured. In Chilon, pop. 600, 24 houses were destroyed and 90 per cent of the feet were damaged seriously. The villagers, fearful that other quakes would follow, fled into the open.

The town of Tita, pop. 1,165, was reported "virtually destroyed."

## Roosevelt Court Fight Recessed

PASADENA, Calif. (AP)—Intimate details of James Roosevelt's complex financial affairs and his family's lavish standard of life have been aired in a court fight over temporary support for his wife and three children.

Lawyers will delve further into his income and expenditures when the support hearing is resumed Feb. 15.

Proceedings were recessed Friday night after an attorney tried to question Roosevelt about one of 12 women with whom, his wife charged, he committed adultery.

Superior Judge Curtis Kaufman ruled such questions proper only when Mrs. Romelle Schneider Roosevelt's suit for \$2,500 monthly separate maintenance comes to trial.

## GI Dies Of Polio Aboard Transport

SEATTLE (AP)—Death by polio claimed an officer from Georgia on a homebound troop ship early Saturday while the Coast Guard was preparing to fly an iron lung to the ship.

A 6th Army officer here said the ship identified the victim as Capt. Joseph Kormylo of Columbus, Ga.

His wife, Betty, and two children were coming home from the Far East with him.

The captain died of an acute attack of poliomyelitis aboard the Navy transport Gen. M. Patrick at about 2:30 a.m. en route to Seattle.

### ADVICE

MOSCOW (AP)—The government newspaper, Izvestia said Saturday West Germany could develop from what it called American dictation and overcome "obstacles" raised by the Bonn government.



THREE IMPORTANT PERSONS in Camp Fire Girls activities, chatted last night following the dinner that preceded the annual meeting of the Klamath Falls Council in the Winema Hotel. Here, left, Truman Runyan, newly elected president of the Klamath Falls Council, Mrs. Warren C. Hunter, Portland, president of the National Council and Charles Mack, retiring president of the local group.