

WILLIAMSON RIVER CRASH FATAL

In The
Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

On Page Four of this newspaper today, there will be found a letter from a Mr. Gene Oldham. To us of the Herald and News, it is a most interesting letter. In it, he charges us with being too much interested in the world at large and too little interested in our own community. He says — among other things —

"It is very interesting to be told that should the secretary of state inhale deeply Wall Street will crack and the Russians will march through the office trampling one another in the rush to shake hands with McCarthy. It proves to all of us that you have a firm grasp on world affairs and we should be heartily ashamed that we know so little about it. But it does not render immediate fodder for making this town a better place to live."

"We plead with you, sir, who have the means at your disposal to launch an aggressive campaign to bring Klamath Falls to the world's attention, not the world to Klamath Falls' attention."

I think our disappointed correspondent must be confusing in his mind such things as petty squabbling and bickering and name-calling with the LARGER interests of our community — such as saving our water by putting it to complete beneficial use here in our own river valley, making our city a more beautiful city so that more people will want to come here and make their homes, and attracting more job-providing industries by the fact that we have a pleasant place to live where their employees will be happy and contented and productive.

I may be wrong, but it seems to me that projects such as these can be quite useful in bringing our town and our area to the world's attention. MUCH more so, I'd say, than quarreling perpetually with each other over how our town could be run and who is a crook and who isn't, and so on.

There are several ways to run a newspaper. One of them is to hang a hide on the fence every day. That is a wonderful for a newspaper to draw attention to itself. EVERYBODY loves it. Until the time comes to hang HIS hide on the fence. Then he yells bloody murder.

Besides, new people are not likely to be attracted to a town by the prospect that sooner or later their hides will be hung, raw and bloody, on the town fence.

I presume Mr. Oldham is referring in his clever and sarcastic letter to the current unpleasantness over "Account No. 307." I'd like to repeat here that the Herald and News is quite sure, after fairly complete investigation, that there was no personal dishonesty in this transaction on the part of those who were responsible for it.

There may have been poor judgment. That is a matter of opinion. But the fact is that our city officials, aware of what was going on rather generally in these years, were merely getting money for good municipal purposes in ways that were sanctioned by custom and much precedent.

After all, you know, our great state of Oregon LICENSES RACE TRACK GAMBLING for a purpose. It is to get money for purposes it considers to be good. This in spite of the fact that the parimutuel betting machines used at race tracks are lotteries pure and simple and lotteries are forbidden by our state constitution.

And the state of Oregon long ago went into the saloon business to get money to finance its welfare program.

Let's get this straight: If the Herald and News thought there HAD been dishonesty and acceptance of money for personal profit in connection with this Account No. 307 business, we'd be hanging hides on the fence right and left. If at any time in the future we think there has been dishonesty and/or graft, we'll START hanging hides on the fence.

NO issue is more important than honesty in government.

Anyway, sir, I have tried to set forth here the guiding principles on which this newspaper is run. If you disagree with us, we are glad to have you say so. We maintain our letters column for that purpose.

But I doubt if you'll find us, even after you've become used to criticism, getting Korea into the discussion of petty village squabbling. I just happen to think the other way is better for our community.

Korea To Use U. S. Lumber

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Gordon (R-Ore.) says he has been agreed to the nearly half a proposed 21 million board feet lumber shipment for Korea will be purchased in the United States.

The 21,378,000 board foot order is to be used for reconstruction and rehabilitation work in Korea. Gordon aides said initial plans called for the lumber to be purchased without restriction on its source. But discussions with the military, they said, have resulted in agreement that at least 9,074,000 board feet will be purchased in the United States.

This portion of the shipment has been taken from present Army stocks and is to be replaced. Efforts are under way, they said, to place the same restriction on the remaining 12,304,000 board feet.

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Naguib Back As Egyptian President

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Gen. Mohamed Naguib returned to power as president of Egypt Saturday. Screaming crowds massed outside his home shouted "God Save Naguib. We will not accept any other president."

An Army officer from the headquarters of Lt. Col. Gamal Abdel Nasser had just announced that Naguib was being restored to the presidency and that Nasser will be his prime minister.

Guards controlled the crowds around Naguib's home, where he had been under house arrest since he was ousted Thursday morning. But he appeared on the terrace, grinning and wearing pajamas and a loud bathrobe.

Above the house fluttered a red, white and black flag inscribed "God Save Naguib." It was taken down just after his pre-dawn deposition Thursday by Nasser, then vice premier.

A spokesman at Army headquarters earlier had foreshadowed the swift change in events.

Naguib will return as chief of state, the spokesman continued, "and everything will be as it was before." Naguib seized power in Egypt with the aid of the Army in July 1952 and forced the abdication of King Farouk. He had been regarded as Egypt's "strong man" from that day, until this week.

Naguib was ousted and placed in virtual house arrest Thursday after the ruling Army council charged he was trying to become a dictator.

Saturday's sudden turn of events came near the end of a day marked by an outbreak of conflicting loyalties within the Army. The first indication that something was afoot came in a radio broadcast warning that all disorder would be severely crushed. There was no hint in this broadcast as to the source from which the disorder might come.

The split had been confirmed by Capt. Fuad Nasr, staff officer in charge of the revolutionary council headquarters.

"Col. Nasser is in full control of the situation all over Egypt," he said. "Later today everything will be clear."

Under the compromise agreement, Naguib will come back only as president. He will relinquish his old secondary title of prime minister to Nasser, the man who engineered his overthrow two days ago.

Reports current Saturday morning said Naguib, who had been closeted in his home since the coup d'etat two days ago, had been taken from there to some secret place, presumably for the meeting at which the compromise was arranged to settle the intra-Army dispute.

There was an air of tension throughout Cairo all day. Troops in battle kit were stationed in the city's main squares, jet military planes circled over the capital and the radio kept repeating its warnings against disorders.

Main center of activity was around the Abbassia Barracks. Sandbag gun emplacement were hastily erected around the area and a line of tanks took positions on the main highway leading to the area. Small field guns were fired around the barracks. Military cars moved in and out, apparently on urgent errands.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Fair Saturday night; partly cloudy Sunday with high of 49; low Saturday night 20.

High yesterday 33
Low last night 14

Returning POW Status Doubtful

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AP) — Army Cpl. Claude J. Batchelor arrived here Saturday enroute to his Texas home and declared, "I would like to do something to make up for what I did for the commies."

The lanky, 23-year-old soldier who led the pro-Communist American prisoners of war, said he had been told he probably would not be court-martialed for his aid to the Reds.

"I knew before I came back that there would be a lot of resentment, but I had to come back anyway," he said in an interview after he collected \$200 in back pay from about \$5,000 he had coming.

"I don't know what to expect in my home town of Kermitt, Texas. My mother wrote to me and says everything will be OK. But I don't quite know."

"All I can say about my future plans is that I would like to do something to make up for what I did for the Commies. I don't know yet what that could be."

"The important thing is that Americans fight Communism. I have given the matter a lot of thought, but I don't know yet how it can be done the most effective way."

Asked to explain why he originally went over to the Communist side, Batchelor said:

"The whole story would be almost a book. It's far too long a story to try to tell anybody now."

"The Communists did very well in their indoctrination at the start, but as time went on they did even better convincing us how wrong they were."

After a checkup at Brook Army Hospital at San Antonio, Texas, Batchelor probably will be given the usual 30-day leave. He said intelligence officers who interrogated him had told him they did not think he would be court-martialed.

"But that was just their unofficial opinion," Batchelor commented.

Missing Plane Search Goes On

CASPER, Wyo. (AP)—Combined air-ground rescue teams, aided by clearing skies, pressed the search today for a Los Angeles-to-Minneapolis air line plane missing in Wyoming or South Dakota with nine persons aboard.

The Convair 340 airliner, with a crew of three and six passengers, was reported missing late yesterday at Wright Junction, about 80 miles north of Casper.

Military and Civil Air Patrol planes from Wyoming, Colorado and South Dakota went aloft at dawn to trace the airliner's route over mountainous territory.

AVAILANCE
SPRINGAR, Kashmir (AP) — At least 30 people were killed in an avalanche which swept down on the Himalayan Mountain village of Manchil, 5 miles north of here. Many houses were destroyed and cattle killed.

Seattle To Reopen Old Sack Case

PORTLAND (AP) — Geo. Sack, 37, accused of first degree murder in the death of his third wife, again will be questioned about the disappearance in 1939 of Clifford Young near Seattle.

Adam W. Lyskowski, captain of King County detectives in Seattle, told the Oregonian Friday he planned to reopen the case.

Sack, who had rented a chicken ranch from Young, was questioned about the 1939 disappearance but was released when Young's body could not be found.

Meantime officials here reported that Sack had nothing to do with the death in 1951 of Roger A. Sherman.

Sherman died in an apartment house which Sack owns here. The case was reopened after Sack had been jailed on a charge of asphyxiating last week his wife, the former Goldie Goodrich, 58.

On Friday, however, county authorities reported that a review of the case confirmed an original finding that Sherman had died of natural causes.

Sack's two previous wives met violent death at Chicago in the 1920's—one in a fire and one shot. Sack was accused of first degree murder in the 1925 shooting and was committed to an Illinois insane asylum. He was released in 1932.

Sack also was questioned in 1939 about the disappearance of a Monroe, Wash., housekeeper.

Revolution Churns Syria

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP)—Thousands of demonstrators supporting the rebel army forces who ousted Syria's dictator president, Gen. Adib Shishkly, swept through Damascus today and seized the House of Parliament, advising to Beirut.

The demonstrators demanded the resignation of the new temporary president, Hashimun El Kusbi, speaker of the house who took over yesterday after Shishkly fled the country.

Usually reliable sources said the demonstration appeared aimed at installing one of the rebel leaders in the presidency.

Warplanes belonging to the military command of Aleppo were reported flying over Damascus as crowds swarmed through the city. The informants said the Damascus army garrison withdrew to its barracks.

Kuzbari, who took over in the natural line of succession, had announced he would stay in office until constitutional elections could be held to choose a new president.

TV Watching Out For Lenten Season

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—The Roman Catholic archbishop of Philadelphia has suggested that eastern Pennsylvania Catholics turn off their radio and television sets during the lenten season.

The Most Rev. John P. O'Hara noting his suggestion was not made for the glory of God, but they may also be a means of destroying both our spiritual and intellectual life.

The lenten season lasts 40 days, beginning with Ash Wednesday, next week, and ending Easter Sunday.



TOO MUCH SPEED was blamed for a fatal head-on traffic crash 20 miles north of Klamath Falls on Highway 97. The victim, William Gordon Bruce, Portland salesman, who was instantly killed, tried to pass a Greyhound bus on a railroad overpass and crashed head-on into a lumber truck. Pictured at top State Policeman Bill Roach examining victim's wrecked hard-top. Below is the lumber truck with the front badly damaged.

Car Roars Into Truck On Bridge

William Gordon Bruce, 31, Portland salesman, was instantly killed shortly before 9:30 a.m. Saturday when his Buick hardtop crashed head-on into a lumber truck, 30 miles north of Klamath Falls on Highway 97. It was the county's second traffic fatality for 1954.

According to state police, the accident happened when Bruce, who was traveling north, tried to pass a northbound Greyhound bus. He drove his car into the path of the southbound truck on a railroad overpass.

The victim's body was hurled from his demolished automobile. It landed against the side of the truck. After the crash, Bruce's car was hurled 300 feet and came to rest against a post on the overpass.

The victim's body was reduced almost to a pulp, one of the investigating policemen declared. "The convertible was reduced to junk."

Billy J. Davidson of Springfield, driver of the truck, said it all happened so quickly that there was nothing he could do to avert the collision. He said he saw the bus approaching. Then suddenly Bruce's car swung into his path from behind the bus. Davidson was not injured.

Bruce's body was taken to Ward's Funeral Home in Klamath Falls.

Missing Girl Found Dead

VANCOUVER, Wash. (AP) — A blanket-wrapped body found by a state highway crew Friday afternoon was identified Saturday as that of Diane Hank, 16, a Portland high school girl missing since Jan. 6.

Identification was made by Dr. Bert A. Johnson, a Portland dentist, from a dental chart. Coroner Paul Mylan said here. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Hank.

Sheriff Clarence McKay said after investigation, "It couldn't be anything but murder."

Road workers found the body, badly decomposed and wrapped in a sheet and blanket and tied with rope, down a grade off the Evergreen Highway about 20 miles east of here.

The body was clad in a sweater and dress. There were no shoes or stockings. Mylan said she had been dead for some time.

The body was taken to Portland where Dr. Homer Harris of the Oregon State Crime Laboratory was to perform an autopsy Saturday.

Crew Extinguishes Ship's Fire

SEATTLE (AP) — A fire that burned in the No. 2 hold of the Coastwise Lines' Liberty ship James Lick since Wednesday has been extinguished and the Lick is continuing its trip to Valdez, Seattle and Whittier, Alaska. The Lick put into Dundas Bay while the crew fought the fire.

Seniority In Senate Eyed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Knowland (R-Calif.), the majority leader, left unanswered today a challenge to try to deprive Sen. Langer (R-Ind.) of his Judiciary Committee chairmanship.

Langer, whose handling of Earl Warren's nomination to be chief justice had drawn sharp criticism from Knowland, said he would like to see the Californian put before the Senate a plan to overhaul its time-honored seniority system of electing committee chairmen.

It would give him a chance to show Knowland, he said, that "the senator from North Dakota has some friends" in the Senate.

Knowland, in talking with newsmen two days ago, said it was time for the Senate to "free itself from being shackled by the seniority system" and work out, perhaps for next year, a more flexible method of selecting committee chairmen so that they would be more in sympathy with the majority.

While Knowland did not call any names, Langer told the Senate yesterday there was no doubt the majority leader had him in mind in proposing a change in the present system, under which the chairman of a committee always is the senior member from the majority party. Knowland did not contradict Langer.

Hometown 'Buzzing' Cause Of Fatal Air Force Crash

HUNTINGDON, Tenn. (AP)—An Air Force "flying boxcar" exploded yesterday while its pilot was carrying out a hometown tradition of buzzing the courthouse and the crew of four died in the crash.

The twin-engine C119, on routine flight from Lawson Air Force Base at Ft. Benning, Ga., blew up directly over the courthouse on its second, thunderous tree-top level pass over town.

Burning gasoline and bits of wreckage sprayed a four-block area before the big plane smashed into a field at the edge of town where Homer DeMoss and Freeman Taylor were plowing a garden.

Both men, splashed by fiery gas, leaped into a nearby creek. The two terrified mules, trailing flame, ran wild down a highway.

The dead pilot was identified as Lt. Jack Jenkins Jr., 24, son of Mrs. Mabel Jenkins of Huntingdon, well known here before he joined the Air Force in 1951.

The others: 2nd Lt. J. C. Peachey, 26, of near Prescott, Ark.; Airman David A. Probus, 24, of Hammond, Ind.; and Airman Franklin D. Levy, 24, Lake Arthur, La.

Residents said since World War II it had been tradition for pilots from Huntingdon to buzz the courthouse if they ever got within 100 miles of the town.

J. H. Williams, justice of the peace, said the pilot definitely was "buzzing" Mayor R. M. Murray when the plane crashed.

Polio Group Polio Lesson

W. A. Huggins has been elected Klamath County chairman of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis in Klamath Falls.

Mrs. Paul Buck, who announced her resignation at the polio foundation meeting Friday evening.

Gene Talbot, state representative for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, was present at the meeting to install Huggins. The new local chapter chairman

served as county campaign chairman in the recent March of Dimes drive.

Joe Litwiler, treasurer, reported that pledges from the March of Dimes drive totaled almost \$12,500. Cash received to date totals \$11,019.03. The treasurer issued a final plea to Klamathites who still have not turned in color collectors or personal contributions to do so now, so that books for the 1954 drive may be closed.

Litwiler also reported that the local polio chapter has \$5,600 as a carry-over from previous years.

Results of this year's March of Dimes drive will be split two-thirds to the National Foundation for national emergencies; one-third to the local chapter. The National Foundation will take care of any local cases which cannot be handled by funds remaining in the local treasury.



NEW CHAPTER CHAIRMAN for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis in Klamath County is W. A. Huggins, standing. Huggins was elected to replace Mrs. Paul Buck, left, who announced her resignation at the meeting Friday evening. Here for installation was Gene Malecki, center, National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis representative for the state.



CAUGHT BY THE SHUTTER of the 9 o'clock photographer this morning was E. G. Cleary and his English Setter Star of the Richfield Station at 2335 Bienn Street.

KLAMATH BASIN	
POTATO SHIPMENTS	
Shipped	Same Day
Total	Last Year
55 cars	64 cars
Total For Season	
1953-54	1952-53
7930 cars	8738 cars