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In The Day's News

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Aboard the California Zephyr, eastbound. The Zephyr is an attractive and pleasant train. One of its talking points is that it provides all the comforts and most of the frills of modern travel without the added modern frill of an extra fare.

That's something in these days when one is supposed to have to begin to watch the pennies. I'd say that if watching the pennies involves nothing more drastic than riding the Zephyr, the future doesn't look too dark.

The real attraction of the Zephyr is its Vista Dome cars. I think they must have got the Vista Dome idea in the first place from the gun blisters on the old World War II Flying Fortresses.

The "vista domes" are streamlined glass cages perched up on top of a Pullman car. You reach them by a little winding stair that leads up from the car's first floor. As you climb up the stair, you cling tightly to the railing in order to keep from being scrambled when the train goes around a curve. Thus the spice of adventure is added to a visit to one of the things.

I think maybe I'll be able to tell you something later. So far, I have little if any actual information upon which to base a description. All I know is based on hearsay.

The idea seems to be that the early riders on the train — presumably those who have had consciences and can't sleep — park themselves in the Vista Domes, refrain from food and drink all day because if they depart somebody else will get their seats, and leave only when the porter finally gets their berths made down for the night.

Anyway, they're popular. There can be no doubt about that. A hasty count in the course of a constitutional this morning while the train has stopped yielded a total of four of them in a train about a half mile long. I suppose the business idea back of it is that people will keep riding the Zephyr indefinitely in the hope that if they work at it long enough they'll eventually get into one of the Vista Domes and find out whether getting in is worth all the effort.

The Zephyr breezes eastward from Oakland, then turns northward through Sacramento and Marysville to Oroville; where it turns up the Feather River canyon. Thus it follows the historic trail of the gold hunters.

One of the amazing things about the gold miners is the speed with which they spread over Northern California after the discovery. It was in midwinter of 1848 that James Marshall, digging a ditch for Captain John Sutter at day laborer wages, leaned on his shovel one day to rest his aching back. While so engaged, his eye fell on a pebble that glistened dully in the California sunshine.

He picked it up. It was GOLD. That was on the 24th day of January. By the fourth of July, General John Bidwell had discovered gold halfway up the Feather river

Housing Scandal Hearing Set



"SELL THEM TICKETS" says Buz Larkin (center) chairman of the Shrine Crippled Children's Dance, to committeemen Gus Vlahos, (left) and Ernest Gienger (right).

Windshield Busters Hit Seattle Area; Baffled Police Seek Vandals

SEATTLE (AP) — Baffled Seattle police and victimized car owners blamed vandals for half a dozen cases of flying saucers and men from Mars Thursday after their first encounters with the mystery windshield-busters of Northwest Washington.

Seattle had its baptismal Wednesday night as the wave of vandalism, which started late last month in Bellingham, continued to spread southward.

More than 100 cars, including police autos parked in front of a North End precinct station, were damaged in the initial assault Wednesday evening. Late Wednesday night there were scattered reports of damage in the downtown business section.

Earlier in the day, Marines at the Whidbey Island Naval Air Station at Oak Harbor made an intensive five-hour search of the base, stopping every automobile. But the only trace of the vandals was their trademark—scarred windshields.

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Wednesday night was a sand of the consistency ordinarily used in sand-blasting. It does not break glass but sears and pits windshields.

BB pellets, apparently fired by a pressure device, white rock and even slivers of steel were reported earlier in the week in attacks at Anacortes, Sedro Woolley, Mount Vernon and Oak Harbor.

The many theories advanced as to the origin of the attacks included one by Island County Sheriff Tom Clark that the peppering was the result of radioactivity released by the recent H-bomb blast in the Pacific.

The Whidbey Island investigation exploded that theory, however. Comdr. R. R. Hedrick, acting base captain, said a Geiger counter was used to test damaged windshields and persons who had touched the windshields. All were free of radioactivity, he said.

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Shriners Dance To Aid Children

The annual crippled children Shrine Hospital benefit dance, will be held at the Klamath Falls Armory, Saturday night May 1.

Under the direction of Buz Larkin, dance committee chairman, tickets are being distributed to club members for sale to the public.

This affair, due to its worthy cause, is expected to jam-pack the Armory with dancers who will hear the music of Baldy Evans and his orchestra.

All funds, after music and hall expenses have been paid, will be turned over to the Shrine's Hospital for Crippled Children in Portland, Larkin stated.

As in past years, the Klamath Shrine Club will sponsor the dance. This club enjoys the honor of lending more support per capita to the Portland hospital than any other Shrine Club in the state and was the first club in Oregon to support the hospital with an all-out benefit program.

More than 200 Klamath Basin children, some almost hopelessly crippled, have been treated in the Shrine Hospital since the late '30's. Many of these children are now leading a normal life, thanks to the services of many of the Northwest's finest surgeons who donate their time at regular intervals to the hospital.

Any crippled child under the age of 14, regardless of race, color or creed, whose parents or guardians cannot afford to pay for hospital care and skilled surgical attention are welcome at the Shrine Hospital.

Serving with Larkin on the committee are: Gus Vlahos, Lyle Kellstrom, Ernie Gienger, Wes Gudarian, Maryvyn Wilde, Keith O'Hair and Carl Coulson Jr.

Search For Lost Plane Called Off

SEATTLE (AP) — Organized search for the plane in which Mr. and Mrs. Eric Coles disappeared Monday has been suspended.

Charles Chester, director of the Washington State Aeronautics Commission, said absence of any further clues to the whereabouts of Coles, vice president of Canadian Westinghouse, and his wife made further search futile.

He said any new leads which might develop will be investigated.

Weather

WEATHER—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Fair through Friday. High Friday 65, Low tonight 30. High yesterday 62, Low last night 25. Precipitation last 24 hours 0. Since Oct. 1 12.57. Same period last year 11.66. Normal for period 9.82.

Ex Chiefs To Appear On Monday

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Banking Committee Thursday set public hearings for Monday on multi-million dollar housing scandals.

Chairman Capehart (R-Ind.) said the first witness would be Albert M. Cole, federal housing chief; T. O. Holliday, resigned head of the Federal Housing Administration; and Clyde L. Powell, assistant FHA commissioner.

The Banking Committee thus moved in ahead of Sen. Byrd (D-Va.), chairman of the Senate House committee on reduction of nonessential expenditure. Byrd already had summoned Cole to appear before his group next Tuesday.

Shortly after Capehart's announcement, Byrd said his first witness Tuesday morning would be T. Coleman Andrews, chief of the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

The Washington Evening Star said Holliday, Baltimore banker who was eased from the FHA post Monday on grounds he "did not act" against home repair racketeers, was praised by his boss in January for the "straight-forward way" he was handling the problem.

Holliday's resignation was announced by the White House Monday. Later, Cole said the resignation was requested because Holliday "was aware" of abuses under Title I loans and "he did not act."

The Senate Banking Committee is considering President Eisenhower's new housing legislation, and has been reported generally sympathetic to it.

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PGE Stock Split Okay

PORTLAND (AP) — Portland General Electric stockholders approved a two-for-one split at their annual meeting here Wednesday.

Authorized shares were increased from 2 1/2 to 5 million shares, with par reduced from \$15 to \$7.50 a share. Thomas W. Delzell, board chairman, explained this would keep capital investment the same, and would not amount to a stock dividend.

He said the action should facilitate the raising of equity capital in the future.

The company reported net income for 1953 was \$3,821,464, or \$2.56 a share, compared with \$3,715,061, or \$2.48 a share in 1952. The company reported \$8,992,593 spent on construction in 1953, and said \$10,250,000 would be spent to meet growing demand in 1954. Directors were reelected.

Lake Lodge To Open May 1

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stevens, new owners of Harriman Lodge west side of the Upper Klamath Lake have arrived from Medford to prepare for the opening of the lodge May 1. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Lance Pitts, Rogue River Valley fruit growers who will be associated with Mr. and Mrs. Stevens in operation of the property at a later date.

The new owners are building a frame structure for use as a restaurant. New boats and motors will be available and a ground improvement program is under way.

Mrs. Stevens has been appointed acting postmaster to succeed Mrs. Gus Johnson.

Stevens has been manager of the Central Point Lumber Co.

The lodge property was purchased from the late Gus Johnson.

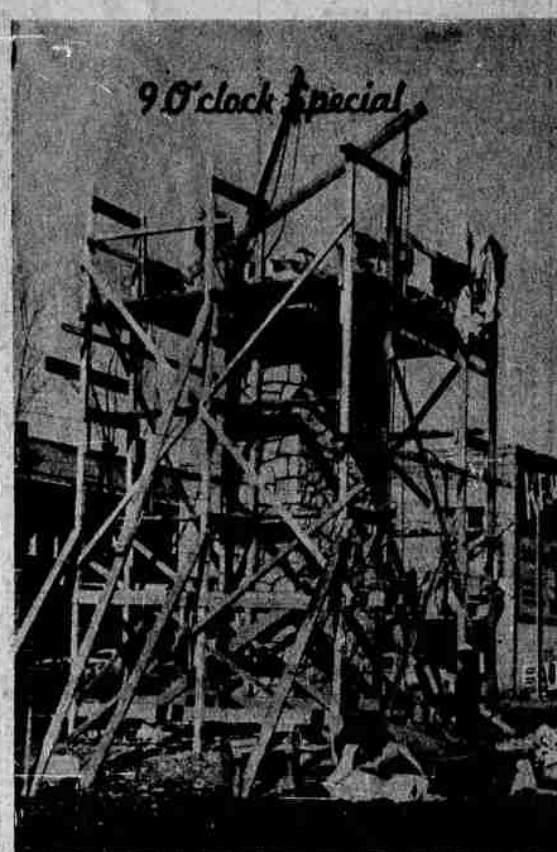
Paul Brattain Death Learned

PAISLEY—Word was received here today of the death late Wednesday, April 14 of Paul J. Brattain Sr., one of the early cattlemen and ranchers of the Paisley area. He was 84 years old.

Mr. Brattain was taken to St. Helen's, California, about three weeks ago for major surgery from which he failed to rally. He was a victim of cancer.

Six children, including the two sons, Paul Brattain Jr. and Thomas, will run the home ranch, survive him.

The body is being returned to Paisley for burial in the family plot.



GOING UP on the courthouse lawn these days is the new stone veterans' memorial shaft. The nine o'clock photograph made it the subject of this morning's study.

Dulles Pushes Ahead With Plans for European Army Defense Against Russians

PARIS (AP) — Secretary of State Dulles flew home today with plans to push ahead rapidly on his plan for a 10-nation defense wall against Communist expansion in Indochina and the rest of Southeast Asia.

American sources in Paris conceded formal negotiations probably could not get under way before the Geneva conference on Korea and Indochina meets April 28. State Department aides in Washington said "working parties" would be set up within a few days to chart specific steps toward forming the united front.

Dulles was reported anxious to get talks on the Pacific pact started as soon as possible to help counter any expansionist ambitions the Russians and Communist Chinese might bring to Geneva.

The Americans aimed for concrete progress toward an alliance before the Geneva talks get around to Indochina, perhaps several weeks after the conference opening.

The American secretary's agreement with British Foreign Secretary Eden and French Foreign Minister Bidault to "examine the possibility" of a NATO-type alliance for the Pacific produced rumblings as well as praise around the globe.

The Eisenhower administration's leader in the U. S. Senate, Sen. Knowland (R-Calif.), told the upper chamber in Washington that if Nationalist China and South Korea were left out, "you have a paper pact and not an effective alliance."

Several Democratic senators also challenged the administration's Pacific policy. Sen. Mansfield (D-Mont.) said the "examination" Dulles, Eden and Bidault had announced "might take a long time

and maybe there isn't enough time for it."

However, Chairman Ferguson (R-Mich.) of the Senate Republican Policy Committee and Chairman Wiley (R-Wis.) of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee praised the results of Dulles' mission.

"This may be the answer to our troubles in the Pacific," Wiley said.

Britain's opposition labor party split wide open over possible British participation. Aneurin Bevan, fiery leader of the faction's left wing, quit the party's high command group because its moderate leadership had not opposed the project. British observers figured most of his followers would join him in the revolt against former Prime Minister Clement Attlee, the party's leader.

In France, already almost over its head in the Indochina war, the proposed alliance seemed likely to stir little heavy opposition except from the Communists.

Indian newspaper bitterly criticized the Dulles-Eden-Bidault proposal as a blow to any chances of progress at the Geneva conference. The three foreign secretaries envision that Australia, New Zealand, Thailand, the Philippines and the three Associated States of Indochina would join them in the projected alliance.

Thailand already has announced she is willing. Australia and New Zealand said immediately they would be glad to discuss a pact. France presumably could anchor participation of the Indochinese states.

The 10th candidate — the Philippines, is still studying the proposal.

Airstrip Held Down By Vietminh

By LARRY ALLEN

HANOI, Indochina (AP) — The French high command announced Thursday night that Communist Vietminh troops succeeded in snatching themselves in the northern part of the main airstrip of the fortress of Dien Bien Phu, only 2,400 feet from the heart of the bastion.

An earlier announcement said the rebels had been driven off after blowing up the northern end of the airstrip in a night attack. A high command spokesman said he believed the entrenched Vietminh were not in particularly heavy strength.

He said attacking French infantry had succeeded in filling in part of trenches dug into the airstrip by the Vietminh, but that the rebels still held onto a long section of the strip.

The obvious intention of the rebels was to use the trenches to cut off the supply line and communications between eastern and western sectors of the fortress defenses.

From the remaining trenches, the Vietminh are now posing the closest threat ever since the battle started to the heart of the fortress, the command headquarters of Col. Christian de Castries.

The Vietminh maneuver was regarded as a prelude to the launching of the rebels' third massive attempt to crush the fortress and win their first big victory of the war.

The French were trying desperately to blast the Vietminh out of the trenches with grenades, heavy machinegun fire, artillery and air force attacks. Meanwhile the Vietminh continued violent barrages against key French strongpoints.

There seemed little doubt that Vietminh Gen. Vo Nguyen Giap's third attempt to crush the fortress would be launched shortly.

He again moved thousands of fresh troops into the hills around the bastion and sent out strong patrols which tried to infiltrate the French positions and pave the way for a massive infantry assault.

The Communist-led attackers got within 100 yards of the French defenders in the hard-pressed northwest corner of the fortress where the airstrip lies. With Bangalore torpedoes—high explosives on the end of bamboo sticks—they managed to rip up a big hunk of the airstrip's steel matting.

In Tokyo, the U. S. Air Force announced the temporary transfer of a squadron of American C-47 Flying Boxcars to the Philippines for airlifting supplies to Indochina. The Air Force said the squadron personnel would not normally travel the Indochina run, but would serve in maintenance, supply and administrative capacities.

The rebels have poured tons of artillery shells onto the Dien Bien Phu airstrip and put up a curtain of antiaircraft fire to keep planes from landing with supplies or evacuating the wounded. Thus far, the French have continued to repair the field each time it is hit in the hope of eventually being able to get planes in.

The French did not reveal either their own or the enemy's losses in driving off the infiltrating Vietminh from the airstrip last night.

The high command said the Vietminh still was putting heavy pressure against positions in the northwestern corner. They have dug trenches close to the barbed wire barricades and have sown anti-personnel mines throughout the area to hamper French counterattacks.



LUTHERAN MINISTERS in Klamath Falls have planned joint Easter sunrise services to be held at 6:30 a.m. Easter Sunday, April 18, at the Shasta Drive-In Theater. The ministers, left to right, the Rev. Kent Spaulding, Klamath Lutheran Church; the Rev. John Recher, Hope Lutheran Church; the Rev. Richard Graef, Zion Lutheran Church, have invited Dr. Charles B. Foelsch, president of Pacific Lutheran Seminary at Berkeley, California, to be guest speaker. The public is invited.



MRS. ED GEARY AND MRS. ADDIE MAE NIXON give a final check to a gift of money made by the local League of Women Voters to the Carrie Chapman Catt Memorial Fund in memory of the late Mrs. Twyla Ferguson. Mrs. Geary, a member of the League, was also a close friend of the deceased member, who was for many years active in the League. Mrs. Nixon, city librarian, is accepting contributions to this memorial in memory of Mrs. Ferguson. At the time of her death, Mrs. Ferguson was vice president of the local league, and a past director of the state board. The Carrie Chapman Catt Memorial Fund Inc., was created by the League of Women Voters internationally to honor the memory of the founder of the League. The fund was established in 1947 to extend to citizens here and abroad a fuller understanding of citizen's responsibility and role in relation to government.