



ARTHUR F. PIGG plucks the strings of his banjo as he entertains inmates of the Klamath County Jail.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

At the primary election on Friday of this week, voters of the city of Klamath Falls will pass on a bond issue of \$185,000. If the bonds are approved, the money will be used to provide a truck by-pass route through the city.

Why should we tax ourselves to provide a truck route through our city? It's quite a story. This is the meat of it: UNLESS we provide a special route that will enable trucks to pass through our city, stopping here if and when and WHERE they want to stop, they will do either of two things:

1. They will pass through on the established Highway 97 route, which is as now in Main street.
2. They will go within the city where they want to go (in order to be able to stop where they want to stop) over streets that have to be MAINTAINED by the city of Klamath Falls.

If they go through (in whole or in part) on Main street, they will congest traffic unbearably in the downtown area, if they use streets that have to be maintained by the city of Klamath Falls, the cost of maintaining these streets under heavy truck traffic will soon equal and will ultimately far exceed the cost of providing a truck route.

That is about the long and the short of it.

But, you ask, if the West Side by-pass is built by the state won't the trucks use that route to get through our city? The answer is that PART of them will. How large a part? The best estimates available indicate that over the years to come at least half the trucks passing through our city will want to stop here either for cargo or for service. We're going to want them to do just that, for by stopping here for cargo or for service the trucks will bring us added business and added payrolls.

It so happens that the area of Klamath Falls where the bulk of the cargo and service for trucks will be available is across town from the West Side by-pass. So, in order to get to that area, they will have to use streets that will have to be maintained by the city of Klamath Falls.

That brings us back to the fact that it will be cheaper and far more satisfactory to provide a properly planned and heavily enough built truck route than to leave the trucks to find their way to where they want to go (for cargo and for service) over lightly paved streets that will be severely damaged by heavy truck traffic.

That leaves one more probable question in your mind: Why doesn't the state build this truck route? The answer to that is that the state doesn't build special truck routes through the cities. It expects the trucks to use the regular routes that the state provides. If they don't — for reasons based on getting cargo and service — the state requires the cities to maintain the streets that the trucks will need to use.

One more point: The bond measure title you will find on your ballot will sound vague and indefinite to you. The reason for that is that ballot titles have to conform to LAW. They can contain no more than 100 words. Their phrasing must be such as to conform to the requirements of the bond sale.

The simple purpose of this bond measure is to enable the city of Klamath Falls to build a properly planned and properly constructed truck route through the city so that the trucking needs of the future may be provided for with the greatest possible efficiency and at the lowest possible ultimate cost.

I'm going to vote for the truck route bond issue, and I urge everyone to study it carefully with the future growth of our city in mind.

CONFIRMATION
WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Tuesday approved the nomination of retired Lt. Gen. Joseph M. Swing of San Francisco to be commissioner of immigration and naturalization.

Pigg Plays Banjo To Pass Time

By LYLE DOWNING

Arthur F. Pigg, 73-year-old night club photographer held for second degree murder, has proven "stone walls and iron bars do not a prison make."

With a banjo on his knee and apparently without a care in the world, the aging cameraman is staging an almost continuous one-man floor show in the felony section of the county jail.

Pigg's plight resulted from a love feud with 48-year-old Roy Durham over the affections of Durham's ex-wife Eulah, 44. The photographer fatally wounded Durham on April 28. Pigg's trial is set for June 7 in Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg's court.

Sheriff Murray Britton describes the grey-haired Lothario, who is reported to have been the "boy friend" of at least three women, as the "happiest prisoner ever held in the county jail."

Not only does the accused slayer play a mean banjo but he is a proficient soft shoe and buck and wing dancer. In a deep baritone voice, while plucking his banjo, Pigg entertains the other prisoners with such favorite ballads as "Birmingham Jail," "I'm Bringing Home the Bacon to a Mama Down in Macon," and "Save the Bones For Henry Jones 'Cause He Don't Eat no Meat."

Although he is facing a murder charge, Pigg is not reluctant to talk about his past life. He says he was a deputy sheriff in Douglas County, Missouri, from 1932 to 1933. Subsequently, he served as constable in Ava, Missouri.

"Yes, and I was a member of the Ava school board for several years," he added. "This is the first time I have ever been in serious trouble. I don't worry about this shooting. In this country a man has a right to protect himself."

Although he was a worthy rival of his victim in affairs of the heart, Pigg admits he was no match for Durham in physical combat.

"Roy was drunk and fighting mad," Pigg explained. "He told people he was going to get me. The night of the shooting I'm sure he intended to kill me. When a 48-year-old man in good health takes after a man 73, it isn't fair. My gun equalized things."

Pigg's attorney, J. C. O'Neill is planning to fight the murder charge on the grounds that the photographer killed Durham in self defense.

ANTI - RED
VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Communist Czechoslovakia officials indicated Tuesday that weekend elections for local councils had met with some anti-Communist opposition.



ERNIE TAYLOR, PRESIDENT of the Klamath Falls Lions Club presents special reading glasses for bedridden patients to Mrs. Alva Griffin, business manager for the Klamath Valley and Hillside Hospitals. A patient, Hode Johnson, tries out a pair while Nurse Mrs. Dorothy Bennett looks on.

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Flash Flood Hits City

New Guard Armory For KF Approved

Klamath is in line for a new armory, to be constructed in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1955.

General Raymond F. Olson, assistant adjutant general, Oregon National Guard, and Colonel Paul L. Killever, director of armories and facilities in Oregon, will be in Klamath Falls tomorrow evening to discuss with municipal, county and local National Guard officials the proposed armory.

According to Mayor Paul Landry, the state will stand 25 per cent of the estimated cost of \$185,000; the federal government 75 per cent, and with the National Guard will provide maintenance. The only responsibility of the city and county will be to provide a land site for the building.

Mayor Landry met recently with the National Guard officials and succeeded in moving Klamath from 17th place on the waiting list for armories to 15th place. Since 14 armories will be completed in the state this year, Klamath will be first on next year's agenda.

Mayor Landry stated that the present armory was not built to accommodate heavy equipment, and so would continue to be used as a municipal auditorium.

TRUCK FORUM

In the interests of building the Basin the Herald and News and KFLW-CBS will present an hour-long forum tonight on the proposed truck route levy. The proposal will be on the ballot for next Friday's election.

Supporting the affirmative for the forum will be Greer Drew and Harry Boivin. Don Sloan and Lyle Kelstrom will speak for the opposition. Charles Mack and E. A. "Taxi" Thomas, city engineer, will be on hand as statistical consultants on all technical questions. Bud Chandler will be moderator.

The Herald and News' switchboard will be open and those wishing to do so may phone questions for the panel to discuss.

Time of the broadcast is 9 until 10 o'clock.

Council Plans Changes In Condemnation Ordinance

Just how much power does the present city condemnation ordinance have?

This was the question of several delegates who were present for the hearing the council held Monday night on the proposed condemnation of several buildings on Wendling and Alameda Streets, owned by Mrs. J. O. Divens.

After an overtime period of arguing among the two factions — council instructed City Attorney Henry Perkins to draw up an ordinance ordering Mrs. Divens to do what is necessary to make the buildings safe.

Based on the reports of the building inspector and the fire chief, this means to construct a continuous foundation under the central building on the Wendling Street property and under the rear building on Alameda, which faces the alley and Pacific Terrace.

School Bond Vote Planned

TULELAKE — Voters in the Tulelake elementary school district, who will go to the polls for the special school bond election, Friday, May 21, will ballot on two propositions, to secure the proposed elementary school building.

These are: a \$176,000 bond issue for the district's share of the cost of a new plant and authorization for the school board members to accept up to \$30,000 in state funds to complete the project.

A two-thirds majority vote is necessary.

With consolidation of the Tulelake and Winema Elementary districts, and closing of the Winema school, the present student enrollment will overflow the Tulelake building into one or two rooms of the old veteran's building at the high school. A prospective increase in enrollment in the high school is expected to cut use of this building to one room for the grade school students.

Plans for the modern new structure are ready and construction will get under way in the near future if the propositions are approved by the voters.

Part of the present elementary building was brought to the school site from the war relocation camp at Newell.

Three polling places will be open from 12 noon to 8 p.m. California time, at the Tulelake Elementary School cafeteria, Winema School and the Ed Osborne home on Road 104.

Several suggestions came out of the hearing: that a new ordinance be drawn defining more specifically the types of buildings that may be condemned; that all buildings in the city be classified and the owners instructed to bring them up to the requirements for their class.

Mayor Paul Landry and City Attorney Perkins were requested to revamp the present ordinance; until then, buildings in the city apparently may remain unsightly if they are safe. The only protection is application of a suggestion by Councilman Frank Tarr that building movers be bonded before they move a building so that council may control future potential problems.

Rain Causes Damage In New Mexico

ROSWELL, N. M. (AP) — Severe thunderstorms and heavy rains sent two rivers flowing through this southeastern New Mexico city out of their banks Tuesday, inundating large sections of the town and causing untold damage.

National Guard officials estimated 750 to 1,000 homeless. Estimates of the damage—none of them official—ran from \$100,000 to more than a million dollars.

The flash flood hit shortly after midnight, rolling in from the west in both the Spring and Hondo Rivers. The Spring River, normally dry, hit a crest of 16 feet and flooded the northern section of the city. The Hondo runs through the southern edge of the city.

Gov. Edwin Mechem declared the city of approximately 30,000 a disaster area and ordered all necessary national guard personnel and material to relief assignments.

Maj. Gen. C. G. Sage, adjutant general, flew here from Santa Fe to take personal charge of rescue and cleanup operations.

City police, sheriffs deputies, state police, the local guard unit and Walker Air Force Base joined with volunteers in fighting the rising water during the night.

All three rivers, which run through or near the city were bank full or running over. The Spring was hardest hit, with its waters lapping up to four feet in Cahoon Park in the western section of the city.

The Hondo was less dangerous because of a diversion dam which holds some of its runoff just as it comes out of Hondo Canyon. The Berrendo River east of the city also was out of its banks and reportedly flooded the highway and some stores.

The flood hit just a few hours after a tornado—rare in this state but the third officially reported in two days—hit at Lovington, followed by a heavy downpour which ran water into stores and some homes. It knocked out communications for a while.

Evacuees from the homes hit in Roswell were taken by rubber boats from Walker Air Force Base and trucks into the city hall, the armory and the fire station.

Another petition hit the council Monday night, this one urging removal of the barricade around the property on the northeast corner of Main and Ninth Streets.

The obstruction was built to allow demolition of buildings following the fire last fall and a permit taken out by Mrs. Angelo Dovers several months ago to build, the permit has since expired, with no construction in sight.

According to the petitioners, who include Charlotte Carmichael, J. Nelson and Al Lane, the barricade interferes with traffic to places of business along Main and Ninth.

Council instructed the building inspector to order the barricade removed and the sidewalk repaired unless construction is started by the first of June.



ON THE WAY to the doctor for a checkup this morning as the 9 o'clock photographer went by was Therese Selvidge, 1237 Front Street, pictured at the Klamath Medical Clinic on Esplanade.

Conference Hears Talks

Several local educators from Klamath Falls city and Klamath County schools were present for the 16th annual Inservice Conference on Exceptional Children, held May 14-15 at Salem.

Sessions, sponsored by the division of special education in the Oregon State Department of Education were held in the Marion Hotel. Over 200 special education teachers and administrators attended.

Speakers were Joy Huls Gubser, assistant superintendent of public instruction who spoke on the "General Policies Governing Special Education in Oregon," Dr. Ruth Jens, psychiatrist, Oregon State Hospital who spoke on "Love is Not Enough"; Dr. Pat A. Killgallon, director of the reading clinic, University of Oregon, "Problems of Special Education," and Frank Jenkins, publisher of the Herald and News who talked on "Our Last Frontiers."

Attending from here were Forrest Hawley, director of special education, city schools; Everett Feery, speech correctionist in the county schools; Mrs. Shirley Kopala, speech correctionist city schools and Betty-Marie Hunt, special education teacher at Mills school.

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Summer Heat Hits Oregon

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
More sweltering weather was in store for Oregon Tuesday, but forecasters said a westerly air flow will bring some cooling by Wednesday.

Thermometers rose to mid-summer levels over most of the state Monday. It was the hottest day of the year in Portland at 86 degrees. Medford reported the state's highest reading of 94 degrees. It was 93 at The Dalles, 90 in Roseburg, 87 in Salem and 84 in Eugene.

The heat and low humidity brought the first real fire danger in the forests. The State Forestry Department urged loggers and campers to use extreme caution in the woods.

RESTRICTION
NEW DELHI, India (AP) — India announced easing of restrictions Tuesday on French settlements in this country. A government statement said the relaxation is designed to promote good will and "to create a better atmosphere for the negotiations now being held in Paris" on the future of the French enclaves.

New Charge Levelled At Geneva Meet

GENEVA (AP) — Indochina's Vietminh rebels charged Tuesday the French sabotaged an agreement to get French Union wounded troops out of fallen Dien Bien Phu. They said French bombers killed 15 French prisoners of war the rebels were leading away from the fortress.

The charges were made at a news conference by Hoang Van Hoan, Vietminh ambassador to Red China. He said the French alone were responsible for the breakdown of the plan to evacuate the seriously wounded from the northwest Indochina bastion which fell to the Communist-led rebels May 7.

(Dispatches from Hanoi said, however, the Vietminh released 18 more wounded from Dien Bien Phu Tuesday. At the same time, the dispatches said American-supplied bombers had resumed powerful attacks on rebel troops streaming along a main highway from the fortress toward the French-dominated Red River delta surrounding Hanoi. The highway had been neutralized to permit the Vietminh to remove their own wounded, but the French charged the rebels also were moving heavy military equipment for a possible attack on Hanoi.)

Hoang said the bombardment of the main road out of Dien Bien Phu—in which he said the 15 prisoners were killed—was in violation of the wounded evacuation agreement. He said resumption of the evacuation hinged on whether the French would again make the highway immune from bombing attacks.

Hoang rejected the French demand for neutral supervision of the highway as "not realistic."

He denied an earlier French charge that the Vietminh had discriminated against Vietnamses soldiers and planned only to evacuate the French wounded soldiers they had captured in the fortress.

The new Vietminh charges were made as the second day of secret East-West negotiations on an Indochina peace got started.

It was generally expected that either Russia's Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov or Red China's Premier-Foreign Minister Chou En-lai would reply to yesterday's Western proposals for a quick cease-fire to be followed by political talks.

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Bank Changes Reported

TULELAKE — Hugh Mullin, manager of the Tulelake Branch, Bank of America, will leave his post here to become manager of the Woodland, California bank. He will succeed F. L. Sandrock. Kenneth Clarke, assistant manager under Mullin will be promoted to manager.

Mr. and Mrs. Mullin will leave about June 1.

The announcement followed his recent trip to the bank's headquarters at San Francisco.

TL Recreation Program Told

TULELAKE — This year's Tulelake recreation program will run from June 14 to August 14. Harry Santos will direct the activities with Nancy Jenkins assisting.

The recreation committee has adopted a budget of \$1,170 to carry out the various projects which will include the usual Red Cross "swim to live" lessons, that will get under way June 8 with free instruction at the Mallin pool. Free instruction at the Mallin pool. Free instruction at the Mallin pool. Free instruction at the Mallin pool.

Three groups, girls, 7-11, boys, 7-11 and boys and girls 12 years old and up will get 12 lessons during the program.

Baseball and softball schedules are also being worked out.

Otis Roper is chairman of the committee this year; Charles Craig is vice chairman and Mrs. Louise Thompson is secretary-treasurer.

KLAMATH BASIN	
POTATO SHIPMENTS	
Shipped Today	Same Day Last Year
26 cars	16 cars
Total for Season	
11,390 cars	11,420 cars
2002-54	2002-53



TELLER SERVICE at the Klamath Falls branch of the United States National Bank of Portland has been extended from 3 to 5:30 p.m. by opening of this window in the vestibule, just off the street. William A. Huggins, left, local manager, greeted first depositors on Monday afternoon, Clark Blair and Ed Maurmann of Sears Store. Mrs. Agnes Ruth will be regular teller for this new off-street service.