

LINE KILLED IN PLANT BLAST

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Speaking of items for the book, here's another one. It comes from the town of Durban, away down in South Africa.

"A carnival sharpshooter who fires at a line of bottles on a table from a speeding airplane (the bottles crash as the gun roars, and the spectators are googie-eyed with amazement) was hooted off the program at the Durban air week festival today when the crowd got an unscheduled look at the trick to his trade.

"The marksman fired and the bottles splintered twice in a row as the plane swooshed past at high speed. But the third time the airplane from the plane's motor whisked away the sides of the table REVEALING A MAN UNDERNEATH WITH A HAMMER IN HIS HAND."

The ploy of it is that if the guy had spent as much time actually sharpening up his shooting as he spent thinking up that scheme to FOOL PEOPLE, he might have been able to do the job honestly (as Annie Oakley used to do) and earn his money.

This one is from Seattle: Washington will be one of the first states to try out a new trick to keep motorists from getting lost in strange cities. Colored highway markers will be installed soon on an experimental basis in Seattle, Spokane and Olympia.

Northeast motorists will follow orange highway signs. Southbound routes will be green, eastbound brown and westbound blue.

The Washington highway department says that if the colored markers prove successful in the first three test cities they will be used throughout the rest of the state.

It isn't a wholly new idea. It was first tried out in the maze of subways under the Times building in Times Square in New York. Colored lines were painted on the ceilings, with charts on the walls explaining that if you wanted a certain route you followed a red line, if you wanted the shortest route you followed a blue line, and so on. It was (and I think still is) wonderful. You followed the right line and you got to the right place—just like that.

For quite a while Los Angeles—which before the days of the big freeways was the scariest spot on earth to get from where you were to where you wanted to be—followed the same system. Each route had its own colored stripe in the middle—the Foothill Boulevard blue, the Valley Boulevard red and so on through the list. It was fabulous. You got on the line of the right color and followed it through thick and thin and the first thing you knew there you were—right where you wanted to be.

I never was able to find out why LA abandoned the system. One theory is that the routes eventually became so numerous that they ran out of color. Another one is that the crews of the stripe-painting machines weren't able themselves to find the way to where they were going. I lean to the second theory.

Anyway, here's hoping the state of Washington luck. I foresee one pistol, however. In a real hilt of a Puget Sound fog, how are you going to be able to tell an orange-colored northbound sign from a green-colored southbound one?

Turning from the frivolous to the serious side, Speaker of the House Joe Martin (who, by the way, is a country newspaper publisher) told the Lions club convention in New York a while back that the free nations should use their HEADS AND THEIR HEARTS instead of their muscles to overcome the communist threat.

The greatest weapons on earth, he said, are truth, the will to win and moral stamina. "These," he says, "we've GOT. All that's needed is a true understanding of the struggle. Once that is understood, we can turn the tactics used by the commies AGAINST THEM."

Good for you, Joe. That's the kind of talk we ought to have more of.

Nobody in his right mind can believe that foul and awful communism can prevail over the long pull against the truly wonderful American way of life.

What we need, as you say, is more FIGHTING FAITH in our own system.

Explosion Hits Chicago Plant

CHICAGO (AP) — A series of blasts destroyed a small fireworks plant in Schiller Park, a western suburb of Chicago Friday. Police said three persons were killed and two injured.

The explosions and fire destroyed the factory near Lawrence Avenue and Mannheim Road. Fire departments from Park Ridge, Franklin Park and Schiller Park fought the blaze.

One of the injured persons was reported in critical condition in Resurrection Hospital on Chicago's west outskirts. The other was not hurt seriously, police said.

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French Seek Indo Peace Settlement

By SEYMOUR TOPPING
GENEVA (AP)—French Premier Pierre Mendes-France worked at whirlwind pace today, trying to get the Communists to agree to an Indochina cease-fire based on division of disputed Viet Nam at the 18th Parallel.

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Hitchcock Resigns Senate

PORTLAND (AP)—The resignation of Philip Hitchcock of Klamath Falls from the State Senate was effective Friday. As his final word as a senator, he told Multnomah County Young Republicans Thursday night to work for election of a Republican Congress.

Hitchcock, who will move here to join the Lewis and Clark College faculty, lauded Republican candidates, assailed Richard L. Neuberger, Democratic senatorial candidate, and said "we better get behind Sen. Cordon and give him a whopping majority."

Good Samaritan Act Rebounds

DETROIT (AP)—Joe V. Gonzales, 22, saw a car stalled on a busy Detroit thoroughfare.

He assumed it needed a push. So he drove his car behind it and pushed. Before they got far, the stalled car veered over and hit another car.

Gonzales had failed to notice the driver of the stalled car was not in it. He had gone to buy some gasoline.

"Whenever I see a man in trouble I want to help out," Gonzales explained in Traffic Court yesterday. He was fined \$25 and agreed to pay damages totaling \$375.

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HANOI, Indochina (AP)—Ten thousand French Union troops, backed by tanks and warplanes, smashed Friday at Vietnam forces entrenched in two positions west and northeast of Hanoi. A French briefing officer said losses were appreciable on both sides.

US Aids In Drive For Asia Peace

WASHINGTON (AP)—Under Secretary of State Walter Bedell Smith leaves for Geneva today to throw American prestige into the crucial drive to negotiate with the Communists acceptable terms for ending the war in Indochina.

Administration leaders were convinced that misunderstandings threatening Big Three unity had been eliminated among the United States, Britain and France.

The decision for Smith to return to Geneva was taken primarily because Secretary of State Dulles obtained in Paris two days ago assurances from Premier Pierre Mendes-France that the French government will not make a peace of surrender, Dulles returned with that word yesterday.

Here in Washington, meanwhile, Dulles is pressing plans for a collective defense of Southeast Asia which may serve (A) to secure non-Communist parts of Indochina from further Red aggression in event of a settlement or (B) to pave the way for possible quick intervention if the war continues.

Highly authoritative sources said Dulles told President Eisenhower and the National Security Council yesterday that Mendes-France assured him France's final terms for an Indochina settlement would be terms which the United States could live with.

Dulles arranged to discuss the results of his quick Paris mission with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee today after Smith's scheduled takeoff.

Informants said the President and National Security Council had approved the results of Dulles' mission.

Difficulties began a week ago when Dulles decided there was great danger Mendes-France would seek peace at any price by the deadline of next Tuesday which he has set for himself. Dulles apparently concluded that the United States would have to denounce the prospective settlement and that this could be done with the least harm if the United States had no high-level representation at Geneva.

Nat'l Forests Consolidated

The Trinity and Shasta National Forests in northern California are being administratively consolidated July 19 into a combined Forest with headquarters located in Redding, according to a statement just released by Clare Hendee, regional forester of the California Region of the U.S. Forest Service.

The Gooseneck District of the Shasta will become a part of the Klamath National Forest with headquarters in Yreka, California. The balance of the Shasta and the Trinity will be combined into one administrative unit to be known as the Shasta-Trinity National Forest. Paul W. Statham, recently named supervisor of the Shasta will be in charge of the newly consolidated unit.

This consolidation is a continuation of a long established policy of the Forest Service directed toward providing better service to forest users, says Mr. Hendee. At the same time, economies and efficiency in management can be effected by reducing overhead costs. Resultant savings will be used to expand much needed field operations and services.

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The assaults began Thursday when 5,000 French Union troops in mobile infantry units barreled out of Luc Nam to hit Communist led rebels dug in on a river bank six miles west of the town. This area is 35 miles northeast of Hanoi.

Twenty-five miles west of Hanoi, mobile infantry rolled southward out of Son Tay behind a spearhead of tanks in a four-pronged attack against Vietnam attempting to pick off French points in that area.

The briefing officer said both assaults pushed the rebels from their positions although fighting still raged Friday.

The two attacks, the biggest French drives in weeks, were designed to relieve the ever-increasing Vietminh pressure in those two areas.

Committee Approves Tax Cut Bill

WASHINGTON (AP)—A House-Senate conference committee Friday approved a special tax cut for parents who pay child-care expenses while they work. It is estimated it will cost the government 130 million dollars a year in revenue.

The committee, settling differences between House and Senate versions of President Eisenhower's big tax revision program, accepted without change the more liberal Senate proposal for child-care expenses.

The House had approved a much more restricted plan cutting taxes only about 40 million.

Committee members said they saw little chance they could complete action on the bill Friday as they had hoped earlier. The final version of the revision program is expected to cut taxes about 1 1/2 billion dollars next year.

On baby-sitters, the approved provision permits working parents to deduct up to \$600 a year from taxable income for the expense of care for children under 12 while they work.

The provision applies without regard to income in the case of single heads of households—widows, widowers, divorced or separated persons.

For married couples, where both husband and wife work, the full reduction would be allowed if their combined income was no more than \$4,500 a year. The deduction would be reduced by the amount of annual income above \$4,500. Thus no deduction would be allowed for couples with \$5,100 income or more.

Heat Death Toll Rises

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
The death toll from heat and storms rose to 190 today as cool northerly winds routed the season's severest heat wave in most parts of the country.

The cooler air extended from Kansas and Oklahoma eastward over Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio to the North Atlantic coastal states. Daytime temperatures in that area yesterday were 10 to 25 degrees cooler than on the preceding day.

Temperatures in the 90s and 100s still covered most of the southern half of the nation, with Little Rock, Ark., recording 107. Fort Worth, Tex., and Springfield, Mo., reported 102.

But the temperature reached a high yesterday of only 92 in St. Louis compared with 113 the preceding day. More than a week of scorching heat was blamed for 46 deaths in St. Louis.

Kansas City fell from a high of 112 Wednesday to 93 yesterday and New York City airport from 99 to 84.

Missouri was hardest hit by the heat wave counting 60 deaths. Oklahoma had 44; Kansas, 34; Illinois, 11; Kentucky, 8; Pennsylvania, 5; Colorado, 4; West Virginia, 4; Ohio, 3; Arkansas, 3; New Hampshire, 2; Nebraska, 2; Massachusetts, 2; New York, Iowa, Indiana, Louisiana, Connecticut, Virginia, Tennessee and Maryland, 1 each.

'53 Spud Crop Shipments Told

Total potato shipments from the Klamath Basin for the 1953 crop was 11,629 cars. This compares with 11,426 for the previous year, according to final figures compiled by the county extension agents office.

Tulelake was the heaviest shipping station with 1,448 cars, followed by Hatfield with 1,066 and Malin with 994 cars.

TREATY
ROME (AP)—The European Defense Community treaty passed another hurdle Friday. It won approval of the Italian parliament's defense committee, 30 to 19.



FRENCH PREMIER Pierre Mendes-France (center) greets United States Secy. of State John Foster Dulles (right) and British Foreign Secy. Anthony Eden (left) in Paris. They met to map a "united policy" for Indo-China negotiations. NEA Radio-Telephone

UF Executive Group Vote Approves Full Time Aide

By PATI O'CONNOR
In late March of 1953 Klamath County launched what proved to be a highly successful United Fund. The first such drive in the County last October netted well over the \$109,863 goal in pledges and payments.

At a United Fund Executive Committee meeting Thursday evening, to which all directors were invited, another important step in their responsibility to charities was taken by residents of the county when their UF representatives cast an affirmative vote for hiring an executive secretary.

The outcome of last evening's meeting will be presented as a recommendation to residents of the county in a mass meeting to be held in the near future which all members of United Fund are urged to attend. Payment of \$1 or more to the Fund constitutes membership.

The executive approved last night, Jim Shelton, Salem, is currently serving with the Oregon Coast, an agency of United Fund. He was scheduled to a post as head of Oregon Chests in Eastern Oregon, with headquarters in Pendleton, but declared his interest in the local job if directors approved the plan.

A committee from United Fund, which included Andrew Collier, Truman Runyon, Nelson Reed, Rex Dye and Elton Smith, president of the Fund board, interviewed the prospective applicant on his brief visit to Klamath Falls Wednesday.

UNANIMOUS
Smith, of the 12 board members present at last evening's meeting that it was the unanimous recommendation of the committee that Shelton be employed in an executive capacity.

Shelton's qualifications include several years as volunteer chairman of the March of Dimes drive in Grants Pass, in which time receipts were doubled. Following his term of service, according to recommendations from Grants Pass, receipts decreased by 50 per cent.

Before accepting his present Oregon Chest position a year and a half ago, Shelton had been in advertising and public relations work in Grants Pass. The 34 year old executive attended Portland University, is married and has one daughter.

Ernie Taylor, the first president of the United Fund board and a staunch supporter since it was first suggested in Klamath County, reminded the group that the employment of an executive, who will give year round interest and attention to the job, may mean more extensive cooperation in contributions to the Fund drive which will more than pay the executive's salary.

Board members have for some time been concerned about the difficulty in contacting the entire county to give everyone an opportunity to donate at his most convenient time. A full time executive in the office will mean that United Fund may be set up on a year-round basis, with complete follow-up on pledges and payroll deduction promises, so that the campaign itself will be limited to just one week; perhaps one day.

A report from Treasurer Harold Ashley shows a total income to United Fund of \$99,000; expenditures other than to agencies, including salaries, \$11,167; payments to agencies, \$87,833. Agencies have been paid a little more than 80 per cent of their budgets to date, according to Ashley.

Shelton's flat salary will be \$1,000 per year; less than the amount paid executives in many Oregon cities. Smith quoted Shelton as saying that an office secretary would be needed during the pre-campaign period, the campaign and about a month following at \$225 per month.

It has been pointed out by Fund members that the local United Fund, which has grown to be a \$10,000 business needs one person to give it full time attention.

Explosion Rocks Maryland Town

BULLETIN
CHESTERTOWN, Md. (AP)— Authorities reported that one more body has been recovered from the fireworks and munitions plant which exploded here Friday bringing the death toll so far to ten persons killed.

CHESTERTOWN, Md. (AP)— An exploding fireworks and munitions plant shook Chestertown for 90 minutes Friday and nine bodies were recovered from the flaming ruins.

Two were found in an assembly line building at Kent Manufacturing Co. when firemen finally were able to fight their way into the ruins almost three hours later.

Kent-Queen Annes Hospital reported 30 injured there. Some of the less serious cases lay on stretchers on the front lawn.

The fire, which burst out with the first explosion, was confined to the 20-acre plant site on the west edge of Chestertown.

All houses in the immediate area had been evacuated and authorities were in the process of moving everyone out of town when the explosions slackened off shortly after noon.

Lillie Mae Miller, 54-year-old worker on the assembly line in "B" building, apparently the site of the first blast, said she started to run but was knocked down by falling timber.

She said she saw another woman worker lying outside the door, apparently dead.

"I couldn't stop," she said. "It was terrible."

Mary Younger, working in another building 15 feet away, said she and five others escaped by fleeing into a marsh back of the plant "but we kept getting knocked down."

The first six bodies included two women and a man, plus three others so badly torn and burned their sex could not be determined immediately.

About 275 were at work in the sprawling plant at the time. Firemen and police cleared all houses in the area in fear the explosions and fire would reach large stores of lead azide and other high explosives.

Sheriff Bartus Vickers moved to clear the whole town but the explosions seemed to diminish after noon.

Firemen decided to try to move in and wet down the center of the explosion and fire at 1:15 p.m. (EDT) they succeeded in getting two hose lines into play.

The fire had been confined to the plant site and did not endanger the business section of Chestertown.

There had been no panic despite the rush to leave town. Hundreds, including mothers wheeling baby carriages, streamed across the Chesler River bridge into neighboring county.

Chestertown has a population of about 3,100. It is directly across



CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME—1822 Earle Street—where little Jane Killmeyer gives daddy, Hugh, a lick of her sucker—but the limit is one! Killmeyer is employed with Southern Pacific Co.; mother, Edna, is in the classified advertising department of the Herald and News.

Father, Son Die Together

HAGUE, N.Y. (AP)—A father died with his infant son last night in a futile attempt to save the boy as he rolled in a runaway automobile down an embankment into Lake George.

Witnesses said the man, Carl Vaux, 39, of Phillipsburg, Pa., chased the car on foot and followed it into the water.

The bodies of Vaux and his son David 20 months, were recovered from the lake shortly afterward. Dr. Hilton H. Dier of Lake George, a Warren County coroner, issued verdicts of accidental death by drowning.

Elmer Hoffman, a desk clerk at the nearby Island Harbor House, said Vaux, his wife and four older sons had gotten out of the car to view the scenery around the lake. They left David in the automobile.

Hoffman said the car rolled down a rocky embankment and into six feet of water.

Airport Funds Approved

WASHINGTON (AP)—A proposed \$4,127,000 Air Force project at Klamath Falls moved a step nearer today. It was one of the military construction jobs approved in congress by the House Appropriations Committee.

The program is included in the overall emergency appropriations bill which now awaits action by the house, to be taken probably early next week.

Oregon Bar Meet Slated

A conference between representatives of the Oregon bar and members of the state supreme court on Klamath county's courthouse battle was tentatively slated for late Friday in Salem.

Glenn R. Jack, of Oregon City, president of the bar association, told the Herald and News he was awaiting a call to go to Salem from Chief Justice Latourette of the supreme court.

Jack refused to say whether Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg and District Attorney Frank Alderson would be summoned to Salem. He added, however, that he did not believe it would be possible to hold a hearing on the court feud without the principals being present.

June Hill, administrative assistant to Justice Latourette, told the Herald and News Friday morning that he had requested a comprehensive report on court operations in Klamath county from County Clerk Charles DeLap. DeLap's office said the report had been forwarded to Salem Thursday night.

Justice Latourette's office reported he was at his summer home in Gearhart but was expected back in his office Friday afternoon.



ROBERT A. (BOB) THOMPSON has been named District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler of Oregon, Southeast, of BPO Elks by Grand Exalted Ruler William J. Jernick. This honor was conferred at the national convention of the Elks at Los Angeles held July 4 to 8th. Thompson is a past Exalted Ruler of BPOE 1247, Klamath Falls.