

Accidental Shot Kills Hunter

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SPARKY, THE FIRE PREVENTION DOG, issued a reminder to citizens to be extra careful this week, National Fire Prevention Week, and every week. The record for low fire loss has been good this year, and has resulted in considerable fire insurance rate decreases recently for the majority of householders in Klamath Falls. But both Sparky and the assistant fire chief, Gino Gheller, know that only through continued effort can that record be maintained.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

What'll-France-do note: French Premier Mendes-France met with his cabinet for three hours today in Paris. . . . After the meeting one of the ministers disclosed that Mendes-France authorized the cabinet to stake the life of the present French government, if necessary, on approval of the London agreements.

West Coast Storm Blows Up Today

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Winds began to take the Southern Oregon coast Wednesday morning as a Pacific storm approached.

Storm warnings flew from Cape Blanco south to Pt. Arena on the Northern California coast. Winds were steady at 45 miles an hour across the lightship at Yreka.

The Weather Bureau at Portland said there were a few late morning sprinkles along the coast and more rain was expected as the storm moved toward land.

The barometer at the Portland airport stood at 29.63 at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, the lowest since June. It leveled off at that point but was expected to drop further.

Until the pressure patterns take shape in the approaching storm, it will not be possible to say what force winds will sweep inland, forecasters said, but they suggested at least gusts inland to Portland by evening. The forecast from Cape Blanco south was for winds from 30 to 50 miles an hour.

Rains are due in many inland sections Thursday.

Teenager Made Into Torch

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—A 13-year-old boy told police last night that two older teenagers poured lighter fluid on him, struck a match and ran.

Carl Robinson told the story shortly before undergoing surgery for second-degree chest burns which covered 10 per cent of his body. He related:

"He and a cousin were playing behind a furniture store.

"Two boys suddenly jumped out from behind a trash can and poured the lighter fluid on me, then struck a match and set me on fire."

Carl was wearing no shirt, and the fluid was poured on his face and chest. The fluid on his face failed to ignite. He saved himself from more serious burns by throwing himself on the ground and rolling to smother the flames.

"I'd never seen the two before," the boy said.

Holman On Bench Here For Session

Circuit Judge Ralph M. Holman of Oregon City, presiding here under a general assignment from the Oregon Supreme Court, dealt some fast justice during a brief stay in Klamath Falls Tuesday.

The Clackamas County jurist arrived on the southbound streamliner Shasta Daylight at 2:16 p.m. and left for Oregon City on northbound Shasta Daylight at 4:36 p.m. Tuesday.

Between trains Judge Holman handled five criminal cases.

Henry John Zehe, 47-year-old German alien, who pleaded guilty to a sex charge involving a 10-year-old girl, was placed on 10 years probation. He had previously, under court order, been examined by the Oregon State Board of Eugenics in Portland.

Judge Holman ordered the medical examination to determine whether Zehe was a degenerate. The board reported he was a normal person.

"You are the second person on a contributing to the delinquency of a minor charge to whom I have given probation," the judge told Zehe. "In those kind of cases, if there are no extenuating circumstances, I give the maximum penalty. In your case, if you show any indication of not obeying all the laws, I will bring you back and give you all the law allows."

John Floyd Thomas, 27, returned here from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on a bogus check charge, entered a plea of guilty.

Before sentencing Thomas to a year in the county jail, Judge Holman pointed out that apparently the defendant's trouble stemmed from excessive drinking. The judge suggested he contact Alcoholics Anonymous. Thomas was represented by Attorney Ben Goddard.

The court overruled a motion filed by Attorney Donald A. W. Piper, counsel for Charles Francis Clubb, asking the indictment charging larceny of poultry be dismissed. Piper said his client had not been served with a certified copy of the indictment.

After Judge Holman refused to sustain the motion, Clubb entered a plea of not guilty to the charge. Delbert Stewart, 21-year-old ranch hand, who pleaded guilty to stealing cash and merchandise from Arthur (Pete) Jones, blind news vendor, was ordered sent to the Oregon State Hospital for psychiatric examination. The judge deferred sentence until the hospital reports on Stewart's mental condition.

When Allen Virgil Wharton, truck driver, appeared for pleading on a charge of entering an automobile with intent to steal. Defense Attorney Ben Goddard filed a demurrer to the indictment, which did not conform with Oregon law. The motion was overruled. A plea of not guilty was entered.

Attorney Goddard then pointed out that the State Supreme Court had before it a motion challenging the constitutionality of the change of judge law under which Judge Holman was assigned to Klamath County.

Goddard asked Judge Holman what would result if the change of judge law was declared unconstitutional.

"Then," the judge answered, "this case before me will be thrown out of court."



SCENE OF THE FATAL ACCIDENT near Currier's Camp northeast of Klamath Falls where Carl M. Koepfel was killed when he stepped into the line of fire of a fellow hunter's shot.

Albany Man Steps Into Line Of Fire

A 45-year-old Albany dental technician was instantly killed on a deer hunting expedition near Currier's Camp, 100 miles northeast of Klamath Falls Tuesday.

The victim was Carl Melvin Koepfel. According to Dr. George H. Adler, Klamath County coroner, the fatal shot was fired accidentally by Dr. Charles Arthur Woods, Lebanon dentist.

Here is Dr. Adler's version of the shooting:

Koepfel, Dr. Woods and another dentist, Dr. Floyd Maston Scott of Albany, were driving along the Trunk Road near Currier's Camp in a pickup truck when they saw two buck deer standing in underbrush a short distance away.

Dr. Woods, who was driving, got out on his side of the truck, and picked up his rifle. In the meantime, Koepfel had leaped from the truck on the opposite side with a rifle in his hands.

Koepfel fired one shot at the deer from his side of the truck. A few seconds later, Dr. Woods fired another shot over the truck bed from his side. The bullet struck Koepfel in the back of the head.

Dr. Woods was unaware that Koepfel had been in the line of fire. The tragedy was not discovered until Dr. Scott leaned out of the cab of the truck and saw the blood-spattered body sprawled on the ground.

Dr. Woods and Dr. Scott were brought to District Attorney Frank Alderson's office in Klamath Falls where they made formal statements. Koepfel's body is at Ward's Klamath Funeral Home. It will be sent to Albany for burial.

Hazel Building Up Off Coast

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—Hurricane Hazel showed signs of growing in size and intensity today as it churned into the Caribbean Sea about 1,500 miles southeast of Miami.

No land areas were in immediate danger from the eighth hurricane of the season, which was about 460 miles south-southeast of Puerto Rico.

Weather bureau forecasters, who named the hurricane Hazel for the eighth letter of the alphabet, said if it follows its present course it will pass south of Puerto Rico.

The hurricane, with winds up to 95 miles an hour near the center, was moving west-northwestward at about 14 miles an hour with gale force winds extending outward 75 miles to the north and east.

If the storm follows the pattern of previous October disturbances, there is a 50-50 chance it will come toward Florida.

City Vetoes Proposal It Participate In Armory Job

Klamath's opportunity to participate in the proposed National Guard Armory to be built locally got a negative vote from members of a mayor's committee which met Tuesday evening.

Mayor Paul Landry, who announced the decision of the committee Wednesday morning, said the judgment was based on the facts that, since the armory will be more or less militarily run, it would be better that the city not participate; and since the school system already has at least one sizeable auditorium and others in the planning stage, these facilities would be adequate to take care of most community needs. In addition, the community still has the old armory which can handle many social and athletic events.

The community was offered an opportunity by state guard officials last May and again last week to participate in a memorial type armory, in which there could be hardwood floors, kitchen facilities, additional auditorium, space, etc.

According to the guard officials, a strict military armory will follow plans supplied from Washington, D.C., with concrete floor auditorium 60 x 90 feet and other military facilities.

Estimated to cost approximately \$188,000 (the amount allowed by the government for a two unit, military type armory) the structure will be built within the present fiscal year.

Site for the building is on Victory Drive, where the public housing units stood. When waivers have been obtained from residents within 200 feet of the location, a deed will be turned over to the state. The county, for its share in the

Sack Wins Death Delay

PORTLAND (AP)—George Sack, sentenced to be executed Dec. 19 for the slaying of his wife, was on the way to the death house at the state prison Tuesday when a judge ordered him returned to the Multnomah County jail.

Judge Frank J. Lonergan, granted a request from Sack's attorney, John Patrick Hamon, that Sack be held in Portland while a petition for a new trial is being prepared.

Officers were taking Sack to the prison at Salem when Lonergan signed the order. The Multnomah County sheriff's office contacted the car at Woodburn and Sack was returned to jail here.

Fancy Excuse Is Not For Judge

DETROIT (AP)—Claude Berry, 54, had this defense when he appeared before Traffic Judge John D. Watis on a drunk driving charge yesterday.

"Three masked men grabbed me, pulled a knife and dragged me into an alley. Then they forced a lot of whisky down my throat."

The judge said he couldn't swallow that story. Ten days in jail.

Sam Coon Slated For Fort Speech

Sam Coon, U.S. Congressman from Oregon will be the guest speaker at an open meeting, October 12 in the O.I. Clubhouse, Fort Klamath. Ray Looney will be program chairman.

Other speakers will be Floyd Wynne, alternate chairman of the Klamath County Republican Central Committee and George Proctor, Klamath Falls attorney and member of the central committee. Wynne will speak on "What is the Truth." Proctor will explain the measures on the ballot for the coming election.

All candidates of both parties will be welcome.

BULLETIN

A small fire, apparently started by a hunter's warning fire, broke out at 11:05 today on Lower Long Creek near the Indian reservation line, according to Hal Ogle, KPFA superintendent.

The blaze, about a mile below the creek, was checked by WTC crews in the area. KPFA crews are on the way to the fire, which is thought to be well under control.

The high winds which rose this morning led to fear of further outbreaks in the dry area.

Gotham Dock Strike Ends

NEW YORK (AP)—A day-old strike of 25,000 longshoremen will end Thursday at 8 a.m., an International Longshoremen's Assn. official announced Wednesday.

Patrick J. Connolly, executive vice president of the independent union, made the announcement after a meeting of the union wage scale committee.

Along the paralyzed waterfront it had been believed the men would return immediately following the meeting of the committee called to ratify a peace formula reached Tuesday night by union and shipping representatives with the help of federal mediators.

Connolly said Thursday was chosen for resumption of work because union locals also had to ratify the agreement. He appeared certain they would, asserting "it's 100 per cent sure everybody will be back to work Thursday morning."

He said he was advising John V. Lyon, chairman of the New York Shipping Assn., that the 25,000 dock workers would be on the job Thursday morning.

In the meantime, waterfront pickets remained on duty.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Cloudy through Thursday. Few showers tonight and Thursday. High Thursday 63, low tonight 50.

High yesterday 56
Low last night 46
Precip. last 24 hours 0
Since Oct. 1 0
Same period last year 0.03
Normal for period 17

Good for you, Doug! I'm glad to see somebody stand up for the taxpayer now and then. He's the poor devil who carries the whole load of government on his back.

What the average taxpayer wants, I'm pretty sure, is just enough federal employees to conduct the business of the federal government efficiently — and NOT A SINGLE ONE MORE.

That seems to be what you're trying to bring about in the case of Bonneville.



EARLY ON THE JOB at Dugan and Mest this morning were Tom Pierce, who lives at 1417 Worden, and Bob Wirth, 2430 Orchard Way.

New Airlift May Speed Up Mail Deliveries On Coast

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Post Office Department Wednesday marked the first anniversary of the airlift for ordinary first class mail by announcing plans for a major extension of the operation to the West Coast.

Postmaster General Sumnerfield said the department is filing a petition with the Civil Aeronautics Board to start the airlift on an experimental basis between major cities in California, Oregon and Washington.

He estimated that the service, involving use of the air lines on an available space basis, will mean delivery up to 48 hours quicker between some 19 points in the Pacific Coast area.

In addition, he asserted that hundreds of other cities adjacent to those key points also would benefit through faster delivery on an estimated million pieces of first class and other priority mail daily. Airlift service embraces 3-cent letters, 2-cent postcards and daily newspapers, which are assigned a priority status even though mailed second class.

Sumnerfield said the benefits should be felt in more than 300 first class post offices and several hundred smaller offices in Washington, Oregon and California west of the Cascades and Sierras.

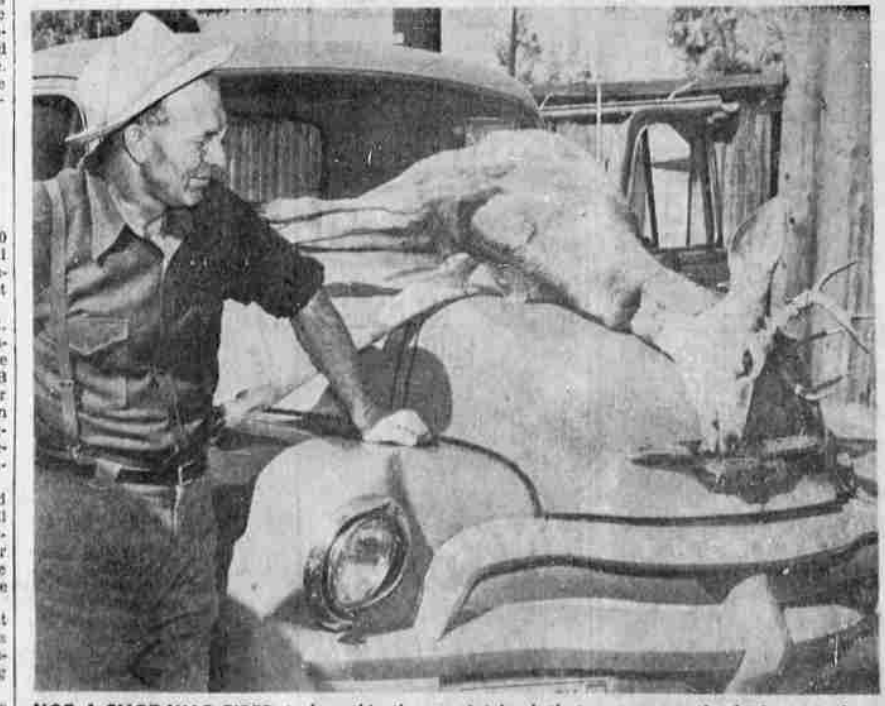
It was just one year ago, Oct. 6, 1953, that the department inaugurated the airlift for surface first class mail by obtaining CAB authority to contract with major airlines for the service between New York, Chicago and Washington. This operation was subsequently extended to include major Florida cities.

Only last month, CAB extended the experimental period for still another year. It also authorized the use of about 14 feeder airlines, which now handle the service for smaller cities in more than a dozen additional states.

The department estimates that in these operations slightly less than 6 per cent of the total non-local first class mail is being moved by air.

The 19 cities between which the West Coast airlift will operate include:

Seattle, Wash.; Portland, Salem, Eugene, Medford, Bend, Redmond and Klamath Falls, Ore.



NOT A SHOT WAS FIRED to bag this three point buck that ran across the highway in front of a pickup driven by Bill Badorek Sr., Klamath Falls. The animal was killed outright. The collision will make venison steaks come high. Badorek's pickup truck received a damaged right front fender and broken headlight. The deer was tagged by a companion. Badorek will return to the hunt to get his deer in the traditional way.