

FOUR DEAD IN ROSWELL FLOOD

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In The Day's News

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Today's politics note:
Dick Neuberger, Democratic candidate for United States senator from Oregon, will be campaigning in Klamath Falls and Klamath county over this week-end. He will appear, among other places, at a no-host luncheon at the Willard hotel at noon on Monday, October 11.

The luncheon will be sponsored by the Klamath Falls Central Labor Council, which recently invited Senator Gordon to appear before it for a friendly discussion of his views. He was given a courteous hearing.

My advice to everybody is to turn out and hear Mr. Neuberger — either at the no-host luncheon on Monday or elsewhere. He is entitled to a thoughtful hearing of his opinions — whether you agree with him or disagree.

A little more advice:
If, after hearing both sides, you think Neuberger will be a better senator for Oregon than his Republican opponent VOTE FOR HIM.

That's the American way.
President Eisenhower offered recently the interesting (and, at first thought, rather terrifying) statement that more than 50 billion dollars must be spent in the next ten years to modernize American highways and make them adequate for defense.

He followed up his statement by the appointment of a special Presidential advisory committee headed by retired General Lucius B. Clay. This committee is holding hearings in Washington this week in an effort to arrive at a solution of the all-important problem of how such a program could be PAID FOR.

As just one of our 160 million people, I'd like to offer the suggestion that if such a program is adopted it be PAID FOR AS WE GO and not added to the national debt.

Let's take a close look at this national debt of ours. As of now, it amounts to about 275 billion dollars and is still rising. Senator Byrd of Virginia pointed out a white sack that:

"The 275 billion dollar federal debt which we now owe is equivalent to the full value of all the land, all the buildings, all the mines, all the machinery, all the livestock — everything of tangible value — in the United States."

"We are mortgaged to the hilt."
But, somebody says —
What difference does it make?
WE OWE THE DEBT TO OURSELVES.

What if we NEVER pay it?
Wait a minute.
The debt draws interest.
Interest is paid with tax money.
Everybody pays taxes.

The annual bill for interest on the national debt of the United States is now six billion, 800 million dollars. That is more than it cost only a few decades ago to run the entire government of the United States for a year.

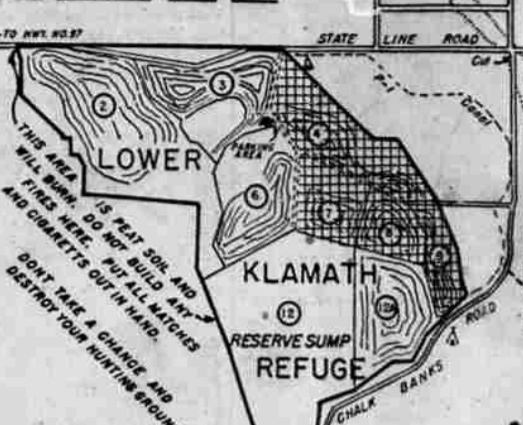
OREGON'S SHARE of the annual interest bill on the 275 billion dollar debt of the United States is approximately 74 million, 800 thousand dollars. That is three-fourths as much as it costs us to run our entire state government for a year. It isn't hay.

But —
Somebody says again —
WE PAY THE INTEREST TO OURSELVES.
So what difference does it make?
Again —
WAIT A MINUTE.

We don't just divide the annual interest bill on the national debt by the number of people in the United States and pay each person his per capita share.
The interest is paid TO THOSE WHO OWN THE BONDS.
That is to say:
The taxpayers pay interest to the bondholders.

So —
You see —
If you pay taxes but own no bonds, you are getting short-changed.
So it DOES make a difference.
All this is quite complicated, but I'm at least certain in my own mind that if we're going to spend fifty billion dollars in the next ten years to bring our highways up to where they ought to be we'd better pay for it as we go and not add it to the national debt.

BE CAREFUL WITH FIRE



1954 SEASON
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
PUBLIC HUNTING AREAS
TULE LAKE AND LOWER KLAMATH NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES

CALIFORNIA'S DUCK AND GOOSE SEASON opens at noon tomorrow and already the area is filling up with hunters from various parts of the Pacific Coast. The above map shows open areas on the two reserves. Hunters are warned to be careful with fire, particularly in the peat soil area, as a fire started here is next to impossible to put out. There are no brant in

the area and if you see a big all white bird, don't shoot. It's a swan and protected by law. Bag limit is 10 ducks per day and in possession, such limits to contain not less than three pintails or widgeons. You are allowed six geese, but only three of the dark variety. In other words, you must have three snow geese in a limit of six.

Love Nest Shooting Leads To Six Month Jail Term In Britain's Sensational Case

SALISBURY, England (AP)—Mrs. Mavis Wheeler, 39-year-old blonde divorcee, was sentenced Friday to six months in jail for the love nest shooting of Lord Vivian, 45, London impresario.

The jury of nine men and three women acquitted Mrs. Wheeler of trying to murder Lord Vivian, married and the father of three children. But it convicted her of unlawfully and maliciously wounding him and illegal possession of a gun.

Mrs. Wheeler had testified the shooting took place July 30 in her secluded cottage in southern England, in the climax to an evening preceded by drinking and merriment.

Mrs. Wheeler said she was "muzzy" (muddled or confused in mind) from drink and Lord Vivian was "three sheets to the wind."

Lord Vivian, who met attractive Mrs. Wheeler 18 months ago and has been living with her told the court earlier he was certain the shooting had been "a pure accident."

The bullets from the .45 caliber U.S. Army pistol gravely wounded Lord Vivian, striking him in the abdomen and wrist.

The case was a sensational one in England because of the prominence of those involved. The Eton educated Lord Vivian, who once worked as a call boy in a San Francisco theater, has had a varied career. He was a partner of the late Sir Charles Cochran, famed British showman and producer.

He worked as a newspaper reporter and critic in Edmonton and Vancouver, Canada, and in London as a theater publicity man.

Mrs. Wheeler is the former wife of the archeologist, Sir Mortimer Wheeler. They were divorced in 1942 after three years of marriage. Her first marriage was to Horace de Vere Cole, brother-in-law of the late Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain.

SHOOTING HOURS California October 9

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Blind Lawyer Takes Post

SALEM (AP)—When Frank J. Healy, 32, was named Oregon corporation commissioner Thursday, it was the result of much swifter than usual action in filling state vacancies.

But the unusual has marked much of his life in recent years. While playing football on the Columbia Prep team he suffered a head injury which led to blindness.

His family moved here from Portland so he could enter the Oregon State school for the blind. There he finished his secondary school education, then went on to Willamette University which graduated him with honors in 1944. His law degree there followed in 1947.

It was just a coincidence, Gov. Patterson said, that the appointment was made during National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week. The governor called him "exceptionally qualified," after four years as chief security examiner in the corporation department.

Gunman Shot By Police

NEW YORK (AP)—A berserk gunman battled more than 100 police for 90 minutes in a Harlem apartment house yesterday before he was fatally wounded.

Dozens of the building's residents huddled terror-stricken in their apartments while Robert Ricks, 47, Negro cook, led police a running chase and finally shot it out with them at a stairwell of the top floor of the six-story structure. He was riddled by bullets.



A MORNING CONVERSATION was under way when the 9 o'clock photographer dropped around and caught Merion Lang of Consolidated Freightways and Walt Wiestendanger, food distributor, this morning.

9 Missing As Waters Drop Down

ROSWELL, N. M. (AP)— Search crews in boats and on horseback slogged through the mud and debris of the most devastating flood in years in the rich irrigated Pecos Valley for traces of nine missing persons.

The savage waters, pouring off the eastern slopes of the Sacramento Mountains, also left four known dead. It hit, to some degree, half a dozen communities and an untold number of farms and ranches.

One of the missing is Frank Thomas, general manager of the New Mexico Transportation Co. which operates in New Mexico and West Texas. One of the dead is James McCutcheon, nephew of the owner of the firm.

They were swept away Thursday as they attempted to aid overdue buses.

The other known dead are Willie Salo, 68, and Manuel Hernandez, 55, and Ben Tolliver, 8-year-old Negro boy from Salina, Tex. Still missing are Mrs. Minnie Juarez and her three children, 11-year-old Eva, 5-year-old Tony and 3-year-old Helen, all in the same house with Salo and Hernandez; the three-month-old brother of Ben Tolliver, Tony Tolliver; and three Mexican national farm workers.

Except for McCutcheon and Thomas all the dead and missing were in the Hagerman area south of here.

A sheriff's posse is probing the Berrendo River area northwest of here for traces of Thomas and the pickup. More than 150 men have joined the Hagerman search. Both were launched as waters continued to recede over the 20-mile stretch of the valley and the flood appeared over.

The damage cannot yet be estimated, but it will run in the millions.

Prolonged heavy rains sent the waters tumbling into the Pecos Valley, bringing swollen rivers, creeks and arroyos bubbling into parts of Roswell, Carlsbad, Dexter, Hagerman, Artesia and Lake Arthur.

By nightfall last night, the flood threat had eased considerably and the streams of muddy water began to subside. But fresh rains in the mountainous area to the west of here were reported late last night and officials continued a close watch.

Severed communications, washed out highways and bridges, broken rail lines and livestock missing remained today for the cleanup.

The normally placid, and in recent days dry, Rio Hondo crested at 22 feet at its peak yesterday afternoon, pouring into the west end of Roswell up to seven feet in depth. An estimated 200 families were forced to leave their homes here.

To the south, in the Dexter, Hagerman and Lake Arthur areas, it picked up momentum from waters pouring off the watershed into other streams and arroyos, but confined its damage mostly to the agricultural areas. At Artesia, further to the south, it forced partial evacuation of one residential area but failed to touch downtown Artesia.

The Pecos River, into which the creeks and streams feed, ripped through Carlsbad, taking boat docks, diving towers and other similar structures with it. But it stayed within its banks and started subsiding.

Jacobsen Death Told

FORT KLAMATH — Word has been received here of the death October 7, in San Francisco of Mrs. Karen Jacobsen former resident of Fort Klamath. Her death resulted from injuries in an automobile accident. No details were learned. She was the widow of the late Hans Jacobsen.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacobsen lived here for several years operating a dairy. They left for the bay region about 1925. Mr. Jacobsen died in 1946 and is buried in the Fort Klamath cemetery.

Klamath Television Inc. Drops Out Of KF Picture

Klamath Falls Television, Inc. today withdrew its proposal to operate a Channel 2 TV station from the summit of Hogback Mountain northeast of Klamath Falls.

The KFTV application has been in contest with a television proposal submitted by KFJI Broadcasters, and a comparative hearing before the FCC has been in progress in Washington, D. C. since April 30.

It is expected that the now unopposed application of KFJI Broadcasters will be recommended for approval within a few days and made final within a few weeks according to Washington, D. C. legal counsel for both corporations.

The application is not expected to settle the case locally and eliminate the necessity for personal appearances in Washington and additional extended litigation.

Bud Chandler, president of Klamath Falls Television, said this morning KFTV, Inc. has now exhausted every means of making a high elevation station feasible and found the chances of success too slim to attempt under existing circumstances.

"This definitely does not mean, he continued, that we have lost confidence in the Klamath country. On the contrary, we believe coming developments will enable KFJI Broadcasters to expand their television service within a few years to reach the entire area we had hoped to serve immediately.

Mr. Miller has promised to build and operate a good television station and all of us who have been associated together in KFTV, Inc. certainly wish him and KFJI Broadcasters every success."

W. D. Miller, president of KFJI Broadcasters, who is in Yreka today, was unavailable for a comment.

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Deer Hunting Said Good

PORTLAND (AP)— Deer hunting in the first week of the season has been good in all parts of the state, the Oregon State Game Commission reported Friday.

It gave this summary by districts:
Northwest—Hunting good in Tillamook and Clatsop counties on the opening weekend but fog and stormy weather in the Tillamook Burn reduced visibility and made success only fair. Good success should continue in the south Willamette Valley this weekend if rain continues to dampen the woods.

Prison Strike Still Going

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind. (AP)—The Indiana State Prison was functioning normally Friday in spite of a guards' strike, and a bid for support of the strike by other unions apparently had failed.

William Jenkins, business agent for a teamster local, said all trucks driven by teamster members would cross the picket line. He accused the independent guard union of raiding the AFL state county and municipal employees union, which claims a membership of about 30 of the prison guards.

The guards struck early Wednesday, demanding recognition of their union in order to bargain for a 48-hour week, better working conditions and reinstatement of four guards dismissed last week.

Con Didn't Flee, Just Fled Dentist

SALEM, Ore. (AP)—An 18-year-old life term convict surrendered to Oregon State Prison authorities last night, saying he had not planned to escape, but merely hid to keep from going to the dentist.

The youth, Elmer Harland Belcher, was missed at mealtime Wednesday night and it was believed he had walked away from his job at the dairy barn outside the walls. A statewide search was started.

But Belcher said he hid in a hay mound because he did not want to keep an afternoon dental appointment behind the walls.

Neuberger To Meet With Klamath Businessmen Soon

Business and professional men of Klamath Falls will be given an opportunity to hear the views of Richard L. Neuberger, Democratic nominee for United States senator at a no-host luncheon Monday noon in the Willard Hotel.

C. D. Long, president of the Central Labor Union, whose organization is sponsoring the luncheon, said Friday Neuberger, who now is an Oregon state senator will answer any questions put to him by the luncheon guests.

"Arranging such meetings," the labor union executive explained, "is in keeping with the policy of our organization. We want to give all segments of the population a chance to hear all sides of all issues."

TV Can Lead To Home Dissension

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Dinner will always come before TV in the Howerton home, honest Judge.

That was Mrs. Marie M. Howerton's promise to the court yesterday as she dismissed her husband's knife attack that just missed her heart as "a slight scratch."

Larence G. Howerton promised to keep his temper, even if supper should be a trifling late.

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Long pointed out that United States Senator Guy Gordon, whom Neuberger is seeking to unseat, recently appeared at an informal meeting of the Central Labor Union.

"We have just received a letter from Senator Gordon," Long said, "in which he expressed his approval of such meetings. At the luncheon for Senator Neuberger, it is our desire to have as many businessmen as possible present."

"We believe," Long continued, "that no one should be denied the opportunity to express views on public problems. A better understanding of vital issues can be had if the public is given an opportunity to hear all sides."