

LIKE TELLS LEGISLATIVE PLANS

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
Let's start off on the frivolous side this morning. (Maybe it will serve as an antidote to the snow shoveling we had to do before coming to work.)

In England, the inmates of the grim old prison at Brixton are being treated to a series of holiday season entertainments. Considering all the circumstances, the choice of subjects seems a bit on the odd side.

Last night, the prisoners gave a professional strong woman a demonstration on HOW TO BEND IRON BARS.

The next scheduled attraction is to be a lecture by a society hostess on this theme: "OUT AND ABOUT IN LONDON."

Shucks! The entertainments are being put on by do-gooders, and nobody ever knows what a do-gooder will take a notion to do.

The teleplay goes on: In Charlotte, North Carolina, last night a YWCA group singing Christmas carols in the streets noticed something slightly off in the performance. A little investigation disclosed that one girl, perhaps from even deeper in the South than Charlotte, was adding a word to the opening line of the carol.

She sang it: "Oh, lil' ol' town of Bethlehem."

That's all right, honey child. It ain't "lil' ol' town of Bethlehem" makes what happened in the manger at Bethlehem seem more real and living to you. I reckon the angels that are listenin' will understand.

Now let's get serious.

The state of Israel announces today that she will release the Greek pilot and four out of nine Arabs being detained after their Syrian airliner was forced down yesterday by Israeli fighter planes near Tel Aviv. The dispatch doesn't explain why five of the Arabs are being held.

An Israeli spokesman says the plane, on its way from Damascus to Cairo, was intercepted by two Israeli fighters over a forbidden zone of the Israeli coast.

The plane's captain denies this and contends that he kept outside Israeli territory throughout the flight.

I suppose you must have noticed that in this controversial modern world whenever somebody on one side makes a statement somebody on the other side denies it and says it didn't happen that way.

Well, in these days of fabulous communications there is a worldwide forum, provided by newspapers, radio and television, and the importance of influencing PUBLIC OPINION is coming to be recognized by everybody.

Whenever anybody on one side makes a statement on a controversial subject somebody on the other side promptly gets up and denies it and claims the facts were otherwise.

That raises an important question: How are the common run of us to know what IS the truth and what is falsehood?

I think perhaps we'll all have to think of ourselves as jurors. In a trial, you know, the prosecution alleges that the defendant is guilty and summons witnesses to prove its contention. The defense alleges that the defendant ISN'T guilty and summons witnesses to prove ITS contention.

The jurors have to consider both sides and decide which set of alleged facts is true and which set isn't true. A good juror uses COMMON SENSE in arriving at his decision.

I think in this controversial modern world — if we are to avoid complete confusion — we'll have to listen increasingly to both sides and then use our own common sense in arriving at an idea of what is true and what is smoke screen.

I think that is especially true in the case of politics — where the ins and outs of what they ought to be KEPT IN and the outs contend that they should be PUT IN.

Cargo Ship Long Overdue

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — A freighter with a crew of 24 and a cargo of sulphur here was three days overdue Monday and unheard from for 19 days.

The vessel is the 1,337-ton Southern Districts, owned by the Southern Steamship Co., of Wilmington, Del.

She left Port Sulphur, La., more than a week ago, bound for Portland, Maine, and was last heard from Dec. 3 in the Gulf of Mexico.

The Coast Guard Monday searched for the vessel from stations at St. Petersburg, Fla., Miami and Elizabeth City, N. C. Previous searches and attempts to reach the Southern Districts by radio proved unproductive.

The Coast Guard estimated the freighter should have been off the South Carolina coast Dec. 7. A storm was reported in that area Dec. 8 and northward along the coast on the following two days.

Remember Safe Driving Day



U.S. Safe Driving Day To Be Observed By Millions

CHICAGO (AP) — The nation's mobile millions today headed for an extraordinary test of their ability to drive and walk safely for 24 hours.

The test comes Wednesday. It has been designated Safe Driving Day.

Motorists and pedestrians in communities across the country are being alerted by newspaper stories, radio broadcasts, modern parade floats in sound trucks, Pades posters and handbills.

President Eisenhower proclaimed S-D Day. It is sponsored by the President's Action Committee for Highway Safety.

The purpose is to show that traffic accidents greatly to reduce that can be done. The reduction has not been specified. The goal, at least, is a big slash and, at best, no accidents at all.

The committee has let each community make its own how-to-do-it arrangements. Some seem to be doing very little. Others are making a major event of it. There never has been anything quite like it.

CONTESTS Many cities have challenged other cities to S-D Day contests. Thousands of bumper strips and stickers have been distributed. Plans have been made to ring church bells, voice "Be careful" pleas through loud-speakers—even to pause and pray.

An Associated Press survey shows what many communities have done and plan to do. Washington, D. C., put on a parade.

PORTLAND (AP) — A number of changes in Oregon public welfare laws were recommended Saturday by a legislative interim committee.

State Sen. Rex Ellis of Pendleton headed the committee which will submit its recommendations to the next session of the Legislature. Other members are Sen. George A. Ulett and Reps. Gust Anderson, Leon Davis and A. C. Goodrich.

Among recommendations: That laws be tightened to assure steady payment of support money for children of divorce or separated parents.

That additional legal help be provided to strengthen enforcement of non-support laws and that penalties be increased against parents who desert dependent children.

That the private responsibility act be amended to require married daughters to provide some support for their dependent parents.

That the home of a deceased person be subjected to the state's preferred claim if the person has been a welfare recipient.

That welfare recipients be permitted to earn small amounts to better their standard of living without losing welfare benefits.

That general assistance payments be retained at their present level.

That the administrative control be extended over the general assistance program at the county level.

That a 60-bed, \$600,000 convalescent hospital be built with the aim of rehabilitating crippled children so they will not become life-long burdens to the state.

SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

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Snow Covers Basin, Roads All Open

It was snowing this morning from Klamath Falls to the tunnel on Highway 96 with the thermometer registering 33 degrees at 8 a.m. at Chemult. There is packed snow on the highway. Plows are operating today and the Triple A advises carrying chains.

On Highway 97 it was snowing this morning from Warm Springs to Government Camp. Sanding crews were working.

Seven inches of new snow was reported at Weyerhaeuser Camp Four on Highway 66 from Klamath Falls to Medford. Chains were required this morning between Camp Four and Klamath Junction. Two inches of new snow was reported on the highway.

Six inches of new snow was reported on Highway 66 between Klamath Falls and Bly. Between Bly and Lakeview the highway was bare this morning in exposed areas where traffic has worn off the packed snow. Weather was overcast and it was advised that chains be carried.

Klamath County Chamber of Commerce reported that chains were required on the Dorris Hill and Mt. Hebron area at 9 a.m. today. It was snowing between Mt. Hebron and Weed.

Reports from Highways 139, 39 and 308 indicated snow falling, but roads were clear this morning. There was packed snow on the highways and chains advised. Roads were clear from Alturas to Likely; chains advised from Likely to Madeline; slick road conditions from Madeline to Sacred Valley; from Sacred Valley to Reno roads were clear this morning but motorists were advised to carry chains because road conditions could change in a matter of hours.

Six inches of new snow fell at Crater Lake National Park in the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today, bringing the total on the ground to 27 inches. This date last year there were 57 inches of snow on the ground in the park.

Highway 62 through the park is open but the rangers say chains or abrasive snow grip tires are needed. Annie Springs road to the rim is temporarily closed.

Skiing is still poor in the park.

Portland Plant Damaged By Fire

PORTLAND (AP) — The warehouse section of the Northwest Copper Works plant at North Portland was partially destroyed in a \$150,000 fire Saturday.

Reconstruction will begin immediately, L. R. Hussa, president of the firm reported. The loss was completely insured, he said.

Cause of the fire, which broke out about noon, was not determined immediately.

Semon Named To Tax Group

PORTLAND (AP) — The taxation committee of both houses of the next Oregon Legislature will be headed by men who have never served on these committees.

The chairmen will be Rudie Wilhelm of Portland, who will head the Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee, and Loran Stewart, Cottage Grove, who will head the House Taxation Committee. Both are Republicans.

Appointments were announced Saturday by Elmo Smith of John Day, who is scheduled to be president of the Senate, and Ed Geary of Klamath Falls, who will be speaker of the House.

The chairmanships of the powerful Ways and Means committees of both houses will go to men who have served in those positions before—Sen. Howard Belton, Ganby Republican, and Rep. Henry Semon, Klamath Falls Democrat.

Wilhelm, speaker of the House in the last session, will be serving his first term in the Senate. Stewart, who will be serving his third term in the House, was chairman of the Forestry Committee in the 1953 session.

The four chairmen were selected at a meeting in Portland.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Clearing Monday night; partly cloudy Tuesday, High Tuesday 42; low Monday night 22.

High yesterday 33
Low last night 22
Precip. last 24 hours 0
Since Oct. 1 1.72
Same period last year 5.29
Normal for period 1.50

December 12 weather — cloudy all during the day, no snow starting in the evening about 5 p.m.

Police Seek Murderer In Arkansas

BRINKLEY, Ark. (AP) — A strong possibility that the five-year-old daughter of Brinkley socialist Sue Fuller saw her mother murdered loomed Monday.

Police Chief Frank Henderson said that the little girl, Mary Helen told him that, "I saw the man hit momma."

However, the chief said that he had not questioned the child closely, and he seemed to think there would be only a small chance that the little girl could recognize the killer.

Mrs. Fuller, 33-year-old wife of Brinkley's Buick dealer Milton Fuller, was beaten to death with a stick of stove wood as she slept in her modest home shortly before dawn Sunday.

Her husband told police that he found his dying wife when he was awakened by the thud when she fell from her bed. Fuller was asleep on a couch in the living room at the time, he said. Mary Helen and her 18-month old sister Kathy, were in a bedroom adjoining their mother's.

A barefoot prowler is the number one suspect for the police search, Henderson indicated. However, that while making an intensive search for the elusive intruder, they still are checking other possibilities.

"There is only one man in town who I know didn't kill Mrs. Fuller," said the chief, "and that's me."

ROBBERY Henderson said all officers working on the case have become convinced that robbery was the motive for the slaying. Mrs. Fuller's purse was stolen by her killer, and thrown into a tree a short distance from the home.

The purse, a stick of stove wood and the apparent murder weapon—and a blood-stained shirt were sent to Little Rock Monday for examination by the state medical examiner and state police.

The shirt was taken, said Chief Henderson from one of "six or seven" men jailed in a general police roundup shortly after the murder was reported.



A TYPICAL WINTER SCENE: Jane Onstad, left, and Pat Healy, were on their way to Fremont School where they are both in the eighth grade when the early morning photographer stopped.

Alabama Attorney General Faces Murder Indictment

GALVESTON, Tex. (AP) — Alabama's attorney general, Silas Garrett III, Monday was served with a fugitive warrant charging he killed Albert L. Patterson, the man who would have succeeded him in office.

His attorney said Garrett would return to Alabama voluntarily when his treatment is completed.

"His doctors say it will take six to eight weeks to put him in shape, said Richard Thornton.

"When that time is up, he will go back voluntarily. But he is a very sick man and will fight any attempt to extradite him before his course of treatment is completed."

Garrett was placed under technical arrest on a first degree murder warrant. He is one of three men charged in the shooting last June of Albert L. Patterson, crusading candidate nominated to succeed Garrett.

DEATH It was Patterson's death that touched off the clean-up of Phenix City, Ala., notorious honky-tonk town on Alabama's Chattahoochee River.

Garrett reportedly was in Birmingham, Ala., at the time Patterson was slain.

The indictment against him, however, alleges he shot Patterson.

Galveston County Sheriff O. E. Henson served the fugitive warrant.

Jules Damiani, first assistant Galveston County Attorney, said the fugitive warrant charged Garrett "unlawfully and with malice aforethought killed Albert L. Patterson by shooting him with a gun."

Garrett is a central figure in the notorious Phenix City, Ala., clean-up.

ELECTION Patterson, who crusaded against vice in his election campaign, was killed last June 18.

Patterson, tantamount to election in Alabama, early last June. His son, John Patterson, was elected to the office in the November election by an overwhelming margin.

Garrett, member of an aristocratic Alabama family, also faced trial under a vote fraud indictment in connection with the primary election in which Patterson won the nomination.

Garrett also is under lunacy commitment filed against him by Emmett Perry, state circuit solicitor at Birmingham.

The fugitive warrant which paced the way for serving of the indictment was signed by Bernard F. Sykes, Alabama Assistant attorney general. It was returnable to Russell County, Ala.

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Indian Group Plans Appeal

NEW YORK (AP) — The Assn. on American Indian Affairs said Monday it is supporting an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court in an Idaho case involving violation of a state law against sale of intoxicants to Indians.

The association, a private organization, said in connection with the case that the federal in 1953 of the "antiquated federal Indian liquor law has not actually ended racial discrimination against Indians in this matter."

The appeal is to be from an Idaho Supreme Court decision in the case of Idaho V. Rorvick, the association said. The case, the group added involved prosecution of a non-Indian for selling beer to an Indian in violation of an Idaho law.

The association said it was joining the Nez Perce tribe of Indians in support of the defendant, who was not further identified.

Attorneys for the association and the tribe contended in a "friend of the court" brief filed with the Idaho Supreme Court that the law is "racially discriminatory" and in conflict with the 14th Amendment to the United States Constitution.

The State Supreme Court split 2 to 2 on the decision. A district judge placed on the court to break the tie ruled for the state and against the defendant.

Warner Ski Area To Open

Official opening of the Warner Canyon ski area will be Saturday, December 18, according to George Iremonger, president of the Fremont Highlanders Ski Club.

Iremonger reported the skiing area has been increased this year and the two towers extended up the hill. Also the parking area has been enlarged. Preliminary runs were made by Highlander members December 12 in order to check the area before the official opening.

If weather conditions permit, the Highlanders will operate the tow daily during Christmas vacation, December 25 to January 2.

Serving with Iremonger as officers of the Fremont Highlanders Ski Club are Don R. Lindsey, vice president; Mrs. Robert Ogie, secretary treasurer; and Clair Smith, James Howard and Robert Adams Jr., members of board of directors. Don Peters served as president last year.

Condition Of Pope Told

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Reliable informants in the Vatican said Pope Pius XII was somewhat weaker Monday, but a later official statement said his condition showed a slight improvement.

Any change for the worse in his condition would be the first since the collapse which brought him near death on Dec. 2. He has made a slow, but steady, gain ever since.

The report, unofficial but reliable, from within the Vatican said the Pope was having difficulty in getting food down and seemed to be feeling the strain of Sunday's big event—consecration of his good friend Msgr. Giovanni Battista Montini as Archbishop of Milan.

Teachers Suffer Skunk Attack

OCOQUAN, Va. (AP) — Any shortage of teachers in Prince William County high school Monday can be blamed on a skunk, or skunks.

One or more of them made a weekend visit at a rooming house where five teachers live. As a result, at least four of them expected to remain home Monday.

"We've sent our clothes to the cleaners," Richard McMaster, one of the four explained. He said the fifth, Joseph Patterson, may venture out—if high school pupils are agreeable.

McMaster said the skunk—or skunks—got under the house and left his offspring calling cards. In some quarters one could get a whiff of suspicion that high school pupils might have had something to do with the odorous affair.

Shooting Hours

Oregon
December 14
OPEN 6:58 CLOSE 4:18

California
December 14
OPEN 6:55 CLOSE 4:34

DRUM CLARK of Nubieber, Calif., has been named as "Beau Brummell of the Klamath Basin" in connection with the showing of the movie, "Beau Brummell," at the Pelican Theater now. Clark was picked by H&N Photographer Don Kettler Saturday afternoon. Kettler used the "formula" of turning his camera on the tenth man he passed on the street after 3 p.m. Clark will be presented a Beau Brummell "oscar" by Dick Reader's at the show Wednesday evening and will be guest of the theaters for a month.

ACCIDENT
PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Firemen, responding to a call from Isaac F. Berrong's wife, broke into a market yesterday and found the 61-year-old butcher dead, his head cut off by a power saw he had been using to cut rolls of paper. He had apparently fallen while operating the saw.