

# Missionaries Freed

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### U.S. Clerics Cross Border In Hong Kong

HONG KONG (AP)—Dr. and Mrs. Homer V. Bradshaw, American medical missionaries in China for nearly 20 years and prisoners of the Communists for nearly five, crossed the Hong Kong border to freedom Tuesday.

Mrs. Bradshaw appeared to be suffering from acute malnutrition and a mental breakdown. "She doesn't realize even now that she is in free territory," the Presbyterian doctor told newsmen a half hour after an ambulance brought him and his wife to St. Teresa's Hospital from the frontier before the mainland.

Dr. Bradshaw said he himself had been subjected to slow starvation and suffered a complete physical breakdown last May but Red Cross food parcels he began receiving the next month helped him to recover partially.

He added that he plans to take his wife as soon as possible to her father's farm near Pittsburgh, Pa. "If we can get this fear out of her," he said, "she will start to eat again and slowly get her physical strength back."

Bradshaw, 54 years old and his wife is about the same age. The Bradshaws, natives of Pittsburgh, Pa., and medical missionaries in China since 1928, reached the border of this British crown colony aboard the daily train from Canton, on an ambulance brought them to a Hong Kong hospital.

Newsmen were shocked by Mrs. Bradshaw's pitiable condition as she turned a blank stare to their questions.

Dr. Bradshaw had been in a Canton prison since his arrest, but his wife was transferred to house arrest when she became ill in 1953. With the emergence of the Bradshaws from behind the Bamboo Curtain, 13 other Americans whom the Chinese had promised to free "expeditiously" were believed still in Red prisons.

Bradshaw was wearing an old GI long coat with knitted cap, earmuffs, and pink slacks. His wife wore a thin black coat, coarse brown cotton stockings, and a faded blue Chinese dress. Her face was drawn and a sickly white.

"It's good to breathe the British air again," he exclaimed as he crossed into the colony. The ambulance took them to the hospital compound, where more than 100 newsmen and photographers were lined up. Bradshaw was frightened by the photographers' flashbulbs and spoke incoherently about flashing lights.

The doctor said he and his wife were separated on March 3, 1951, the day after their arrest at their hospital home in Kwangtung province. He saw her again briefly—but could not talk to her—when they were brought to Canton the next January, and then did not see her for almost four years, until they were reunited two days ago.

At the reunion, he continued, "she recognized me and there were tears in her eyes. But she doesn't realize even now that she is in free territory. She doesn't realize anything."

Dr. Bradshaw said he was not told until last October that they were accused of espionage—of maintaining radio contact with stations in Hong Kong, Manila, Tokyo and the United States.

"I took quite a number of rolls of movie film during my 20 years in China," he added. "This was supposed to be espionage."

In 1952, he went on, the Communists hid him, and he was released fairly soon if he admitted that he was a spy posing as a missionary.

He refused to sign any such statement.

**Barnabas Church Plans Program**  
DUNSMUIR—Special Christmas services at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church will include an 11:30 p.m. choral service on Christmas Eve and morning prayer at 11 a.m. on Christmas morning. Rod Rasmussen, lay reader, will conduct the services.

**Dunsmuir Crews Finish Transfer**  
DUNSMUIR—About half of a circuit voltage transfer from 2,400 to 4,000 volts was completed here Sunday by a California Oregon Power Company crew which worked all day in the snow and rain.

Harold Baughman, local Copco manager, said completion of the \$35,000 conversion job will wait until better weather prevails.

Work on the new \$33,000 Copco warehouse at the North Dunsmuir subdivision is nearly completed and the building should be ready for occupancy early in January, Baughman said.

**ANNUAL PARTY**  
FORT KLAMATH—The annual Fort Klamath community Christmas tree and program will be held Friday evening, December 23, in the Fort Klamath Community Methodist Church. It was previously announced for Thursday evening in the Civic Improvement club house.

### Sixth Street Viaduct Bids Told Today

PORTLAND (AP)—The state Highway Commission Tuesday received three bids for a grade separation on South Sixth St. in Klamath Falls with each of the runs running close to a million dollars.

The upper low offer was by Tom Lillebo of Redmond at \$899,964. The figures were being analyzed and were to be presented at the afternoon session for possible award.

**NEXT LOW**  
Next low was Kuckenberg Construction Co., Portland, \$955,400, followed by Rogers Construction Co., Portland, \$942,278.

The project is for an 836-foot steel and concrete grade separation carrying the Klamath Falls-Lakeview Highway over the Southern Railway tracks on South Sixth St.

A condemnation suit has been filed to get title to some of the property and speed construction.

Defendant in the case is the Crater Lake Machinery Company, which owns land at the downtown end of the proposed underpass.

Stanley Miller, president of the company, said he has received no notification that the suit has been filed, and said he would withhold comment until later.

The suit was filed in Klamath Falls Monday.

In Salem, officials of the right of way department of the Highway Commission said that the suit will clear the way for the project, rather than delay it.

**ACQUIRE LAND**  
The suit was filed, it is because contractors cannot go ahead on a project until the land has either been acquired or is under a condemnation suit. Filing of the suit, they said, will allow the project to continue as planned.

At the end of the trial of the suit, the jury will determine the amount to be paid for the land, they said.

According to the complaint filed in Klamath Falls, a total of 5.82 acres of land is involved.

Bids on another Klamath County project were opened Monday. The apparent low bidder on a project to illuminate the intersection of the Willamette Pass and the Dalles-California highways (State 56 and U.S. 97) was the Steeck Electric Company. The bid was \$5,047.

**ARCTIC AIR BRIDGE SET**  
AUCKLAND, New Zealand (AP)—Two U.S. Navy planes, flying non-stop 2,000 miles from New Zealand's South Island, were believed today to have established the first air bridge between this country and Antarctica.

Latest reports indicated the planes, two Neptunes with the Navy's Antarctic expedition, landed safely on frozen McMurdo Sound, a channel between Ross Island and Victoria Land on the Antarctic continent.

Two Skyramets belonging to the expedition, which is headed by Rear Adm. Richard E. Byrd, were expected to reach McMurdo Sound late tonight.

Four other planes attempting the hop were forced back by strong headwinds. All landed safely near Dunedin.

The strong winds cut the fuel reserve of all four to the danger point.

All eight planes took off today after Rear Adm. George J. Dufek, leader of the advance party, reported weather prospects excellent and the Ross Sea landing strip ready.

Because there are no landing points between New Zealand and the Ross Sea, seven ships were spaced 250 miles apart along the flight route to assist the planes.

**Extension Agents Return From Meet**  
Officials of the Klamath County extension agents' office have recently returned from the annual extension agents' conference at Corvallis.

At the three-day meeting last week, agents from the state heard discussions of the various broad policies which will govern their work during the coming year.



Bruce Henry, treasurer, Roger Bennett, vice president, Carolyn Plymale, president, and Sonja Baxter, secretary, the group is inspecting librarian Roy Tidwell's globe for a geographical area on the planet covered in a recent current event assignment. Miss Hudson is senior English instructor at KUHS. — Photo by Dwayne Prather.

**MAINTAINING A GRADE** point average that must consistently hover around 1.5 is a difficult chore, but these Klamath Union High students have not only been able to remain in the charmed circle, but have also been elected as officers of this year's National Honor Society, Klamath Union High Chapter. Grouped with adviser Orpha Hudson (left) are (left to right)

### In The Day's News

**By FRANK JENKINS**  
Interesting news—in these days when the politicians are going all out to make farmers feel sorry for themselves—

In the first ten months of 1955, Oregon's overall agricultural revenue was \$309,956,000. This compares with over-all agricultural revenue of \$305,381,000 for the corresponding period of 1954.

That is a gain of \$4,575,000. The figures were announced this morning by the U.S. department of agriculture. The announcement adds that 17 other states showed a gain in over-all agricultural revenue.

It is true that in 1955 farm prices have slipped off—in Oregon and elsewhere. But in Oregon and 17 other states gross total yield has been increased enough to bring in more gross total income.

How come?  
There are many reasons. Machinery enables the farmer to increase his total production. Fertilizer is another reason. Intelligent use of fertilizer enables the farmer to increase his total production.

So do better farming methods, better crop varieties, etc.

There is another reason for the situation in this particular year. It appears from the department of agriculture's report that 1955 has been what we call a GOOD crop year. Total crop production over the country as a whole has almost equalled the all-time record made in 1948. It is considerably above the yields of any of the last six years.

That is to say, growing conditions have been generally favorable.

In total agricultural production, that is highly important. Let's cite an example: In the 20 years of the Klamath county 4th potato growing contest, AVERAGE gross production by the winners has been 439.8 sacks per acre. But in 1940 Paul Fairclough of Henley soared up to a fabulous gross total yield of 625 SACKS PER ACRE—nearly 200 sacks above the 30-year average.

He employed skill and good methods in growing his crop, of course. But he must have been aided by good growing conditions. My memory of that year fails me, but it MUST have been a good growing year to produce a crop that far above the average.

To justify the use of the word "fabulous" in describing Paul's 1940 crop, I'd like to cite a comparison. I don't remember the exact year, but it was well ahead of 1940. As I recall it, Zuckerman Bros. conducted an experiment in that season down in the San Joaquin delta whose purpose was to find out how large a tonnage of potatoes could be grown on an acre of rich ground.

They narrowed the interval between rows in order to get more rows in an acre. They poured on the fertilizer without regard to dollar economics. They used all the water justified by experience, again without regard to dollar returns. As I remember it (the written record isn't available at the moment) their gross total yield was around 1140 bushels from an acre of ground. It was a world record.

Reducing sacks to bushels, Paul Fairclough's 1940 yield was about 1640 bushels—or just under the world record established in a non-commercial experiment designed to achieve maximum production at any cost. Paul used strictly commercial methods, with standard width of rows, standard use of fertilizer, water, etc.

Among other things, his record is a tribute to the richness of Klamath Basin soil. But he must have been considerably helped by a good growing year.

At any rate, Oregon and 17 other states have apparently had a good growing season this year and with the help of a good growing year they have been able to increase their gross agricultural income over last year.

### Weyerhaeuser IW Union Accept New Company Pact

PORTLAND (AP)—Weyerhaeuser Timber Co. CIO International Woodworker's employees accepted a new contract by a margin of more than 9 to 1. The balloting committee reported Tuesday. It includes a company-paid pension plan, one of the first in the industry.

The committee said, too, that the plywood section of the union had also accepted a new contract. The Weyerhaeuser settlement,

covering some 7,000 men in Oregon and Washington mills, is retroactive to Dec. 1. It is a package of money and benefits which the union values at 22 1/2 cents an hour. The company has announced no cash value for the fringe benefits.

This is the Weyerhaeuser settlement, one of the series proposed by various employer groups well in advance of the spring contract expiration: A pay increase of 4 1/2 per cent for all employees, a company-paid pension plan which becomes effective June 1, 1957; reduction of 200 hours in the requirement for vacations; improved holiday clause; expiration date of June 1, 1958 with wage reopening June 1, 1957.

The union estimates the 4 1/2 per cent pay increase at 9 cents an hour, on an industry-wide average. The committee said 92 per cent of votes cast favored acceptance. The plywood settlement extends the contract to April, 1957, calls for more pay, job classification increases and a re-evaluation program for all jobs in the industry. The union puts a value of 10 cents an hour on this package.

### Snow Vehicle Gets Showing

BOISE, Idaho (AP)—A vehicle that "screws" its way over deep snow is scheduled to show its stuff Saturday at Wallawa, Ore.

The machine—called a "spiral-track snow tractor"—is likely to revolutionize military tactics in the arctic, the Idaho Military District says. It was invented by Leonard Ferguson of Wallawa and financed by M. Sgt. Junior Carper of the IMD in Boise.

Most snow-traveling vehicles utilize tank-type tractor treads, which distribute the weight of the vehicle and tend to keep it on top of the snow. But, Carper says, tread vehicles will still in snow more than five feet deep—something the "snow-screw" won't do.

Instead of tracks, the vehicle is mounted on two revolving drums. Each of these is 11 feet long and 30 inches in diameter. Welded to the drums are spiraling cleats which make each cylinder look like a giant screw.

The drums are mounted parallel to the direction of travel. Then, as they revolve toward each other, they "screw" the vehicle forward.

The IMD says an experimental model weighing 2,600 pounds has operated at maximum efficiency in snow more than five feet deep. It travels 12 miles an hour and can climb a 20 per cent grade, Ferguson says.

Because the drums are hollow, the vehicle will float on water. On snow, the drums sink about six inches below the snow's surface.

### Workers Give Israel Gifts

NEW YORK (AP)—The International Ladies' Garment Workers Union has pledged \$1,100,000 for projects in Israel, a gift which union President David Dubinsky believes to be the largest in labor history.

Dubinsky announced yesterday the union will give one million dollars in four yearly installments for a 200-bed hospital near Beer-sheva in the Negev. Two other immediate payments of \$50,000 each will go to complete a sports stadium at Haifa and to replace out-worn equipment at the International Trade School there.

Dubinsky said he expects union locals and joint boards, representing 440,000 workers in the United States and Canada, to provide about half of the money from their treasuries. The rest is to come from voluntary contributions by union members.

### Girl Takes First Steps

WEST ORANGE, N.J. (AP)—The little blonde girl toddled slowly toward the gaily decorated Christmas tree her first steps with her artificial legs.

And with these steps, the future looked brighter for 2-year-old Cynthia Ann Inman of Sherman, Texas, who was born without arms or legs.

The lesson in learning how to use the artificial limbs was a special present for Cindy, as she is called, and for her mother, Mrs. Vida Inman, 31. At most, Cindy took only four or five steps at the Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation here yesterday.

But it was enough for a start, and enough to spark the hope that she won't grow up helpless.

The people of Sherman have the gratitude of Mrs. Inman for their contributions to a "See Cindy Walk" fund.

This is Cindy's fourth trip to the institute. She'll return with her mother when Cindy is 3 1/2, to be fitted for artificial arms by the rehabilitation experts.

Mrs. Inman said she was anxious for her husband, Lloyd, a power company lineman, to see the progress made by Cindy.

### K Straits Bids Revealed

Tentative bids for calendar year 1956 on land in lease area "K" (Klamath Straits) were announced Monday by J. Phil Elmore, manager of the Klamath Falls office of the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation.

The high bidders were Abe L. Boehm for lot number three, 480 acres, \$3,427.20; Verland L. Hunt, lot eight, 360 acres, \$3,871; Lester C. Urbach, lot 12, 290 acres, \$1,509; and Michael D. Robinette, lot 15, 380 acres, \$2,117.

The USBR office said that final awards are subject to the high bidder submitting an acceptable statement of fact within 14 days after the bid opening. This statement must show his plans for financing and operating the lease.

### Weather

**FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity:** Mostly cloudy with showers through Wednesday. High 45; Low yesterday 28. High tonight 45; Low tonight 31. Precip. last 24 hours 7.3. Precip. since Oct. 1 1.25. Same period last year 1.83. Normal for period 3.97.

### Stores Open

To aid Christmas shoppers all the downtown stores of Klamath Falls will remain open through Saturday until 9 p.m., according to an announcement from the Klamath Merchants Association.



"THAT'S WHAT I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS" was obviously the thought that was running through young Esten Hansen's mind when Herald and News photographer snapped him at the Payless Drug Store Tuesday morning. Esten, four-years-old, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Burton Brouillard, 2013 White Avenue.

### Forty Parcels Of Indian Land Offered For Sale

The Klamath Agency office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs announced that 40 parcels of Indian land will be offered for sale by sealed bid on January 13. Bids will be received until 2 p.m. the opening time, on that date.

The land for sale consists of approximately 3,330 acres of pasture, farm and timbered land. The bid opening will be public and bidders, or their designated

representatives, may be present at the opening.

The bids will be awarded to the highest responsible bidder, complying with the conditions of the invitation for bids, provided his bid is reasonable and it is to the interest of the Indian owner and the United States to accept it. If the winning bidder is not present at the opening he will be notified at the earliest possible date.

The Indian Bureau Area Director reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in bids received whenever such rejection or waiver is in the interest of the Indian owner or the United States.

The government appraisals of the property offered for sale are confidential and will not be made available prior to the sale.

For any further information, or for copies of the bid advertisement, contact the office of A. W. Galbraith, superintendent, Klamath Indian Agency, Klamath Agency, Oregon.

### Kiwanis Club To Install

New officers of the Klamath Falls Kiwanis Club will be installed on January 7 at a dinner-dance for members and their wives, to be held at the Willard Hotel.

Stalling officer will be Lt. Governor E. Ronald Rice, Division 15, Pacific Northwest Kiwanis District, Medford.

Officers are Stanley Miller, president; Greer Drew, vice president; Bert Thomas, secretary-treasurer. Members of the board of directors are Ben Goddard, Marion Grant, Dale Hewitt, George Proctor, Frank Drew, George Dugan, Gene Favell, Dr. Harry Fredricks and Dick Gallagher.

Willard Ward, Klamath Falls, a past lieutenant governor of District 15, is planning arrangements with Joe LaClair, retiring president of the local club and various committees.

The affair will be formal for the ladies.

### Venture Club Holds Meeting

Klamath Falls Venture Club members were entertained at a Christmas party Tuesday evening, December 15, at the home of Mary and Theresa Sinner, 416 Pine Street.

Guests sang Christmas carols and were served refreshments from the snack bar at one end of the room. Later in the evening they opened gifts from their Soroptimist sponsors.

In attendance were Vera Powell, Mrs. Vivian Owens and Mrs. Ernest Mullis, Soroptimist advisers to the Venture Club; Mrs. Robert Riggs, Sue Seaborn, Jan Alexander, Pearl Chapman, Barbara Howard, Mrs. Robert Dover, Mrs. Art Altorfer, Dona Horton, Mrs. Clayton Hanson, Doralyn Parlon, Ellen Murphy, Barbara Mauch, club members and Mrs. Edmond Mahan and Kathleen Gallagher.

### Union Accepts Wage Proposal

The recent wage increase recommendation of an Employers Committee and the Lumber & Sawmill Workers, AFL, is being accepted, according to the PIRC office.

Local union and individual employer action has placed the graduated increase in effect at Tygh Valley, Medford, Prineville and Hines, in Oregon, and at Weed and Redding in California.

C. L. Irving, PIRC managing vice president, says reports have reached his office that most local unions are ratifying the recommendation by "generally overwhelming votes."

The proposal was approved by a "92 per cent favorable" vote by employees of Alexander-Shaw's Lumber Company, Prineville, with only 10 dissenting votes in the big Weed local union at Long-Bell Lumber Company, and without a vote against it by plant employees of the Medford corporation.

Other lumber operations in the area where the recommendation is accepted and in effect are Tygh Valley Lumber Company, Tygh Valley, the Edward Hines Lumber Co. plant, Hines, and the B & D Lumber Company, Redding. Meetings are arranged throughout the region before Christmas at various other operations, according to Irving.

### Langell Valley Slates Program

LANGELL VALLEY—The community Christmas tree and program will be held the evening of December 23, starting at 8 p.m.

Gifts and treats will be contributed by Mrs. Bob Brett's 4-H class, the Langell Valley Out Tops. The girls made a set of dish towels for the Bonanza Women's Club Library benefit bazaar as one project and a dance held the evening of December 17 provided funds for the Christmas tree. The class also made a Santa Claus suit of red corduroy and white fur for the annual Christmas program.

### 4 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

Help Fight TB  
Buy Christmas Seals



NORMA FAUGH, 2611 Scott Street, knelt to adjust the trimmings on the family Christmas tree this morning when the 9 o'clock photographer came by. Norma is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Paugh.