

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
Red Bluff. Arriving about dark. After a rainy day. Head for the Tremont hotel for something to eat—as travelers in this part of the West have been doing for nearly a hundred years.

Red Bluff is now a quiet, pleasant, easy-going city, where life moves in comfortable, agreeable, not too tensely exciting way. It wasn't always thus. When the old Tremont was built, Red Bluff was the head of navigation on the Sacramento. Here the river boats stopped and put off their cargo destined for the mines of the upper Sacramento and the Klamath river country. Here the cargo put off by the river steamers was taken over first by pack horses and mules and later by freight wagons which carried it on to its final destination. Red Bluff was then a wild and woolly town.

It was in those days that the old Tremont got its start. It housed them all—miners, freighters, boat hands, adventurers, gamblers. It took care of their needs. It sheltered them. It fed them. Fire raged it once, but couldn't stop it. It was rebuilt, and went right on taking care of those who came.

It was the center of its community then, as it still is. It was in those early days that diversion of the Klamath river was first proposed. It was quite a scheme. The idea was to dig a channel down through the lava beds southward from Tule lake and by means of this channel to carry the waters of the Klamath to the Pit river. The Pit would then carry them on to the Sacramento, where in the summer season they would reinforce the Sacramento's dwindling flow and maybe enable the boats to come clear on up to Redding, thus shortening materially the land haul to the mines.

There was another string to this bow. By diversion of its waters into the Pit, the bed of the Klamath would be uncovered and the recovery of its placer gold would be made easy.

The project was embodied in a bill, and the bill was introduced in the first California legislature. But this first legislative assembly was a busy one. The lusty young state had a lot of business to be done and the session wasn't long enough to take care of all the bills that were offered. Many of them fell by the wayside, and the Klamath diversion bill was among those that fell.

Here in the valley of the Klamath river we've been laughed at repeatedly in recent years because of our fear that the waters of our river will be diverted and taken elsewhere if we don't see to it that they are put to complete beneficial use. We've been told that we're seeing things at night—that no such thing can ever happen.

Well, maybe not. But the fact remains that more than a century ago the idea of exporting the water of the Klamath river for use elsewhere was born. It has been revived at intervals ever since.

Personally, I'm glad we're getting the water of the Klamath NAILED DOWN. It's high time. If, here in Southern Oregon and Far Northern California, we leave ANY of our water lying around and unused, the time will come when somebody will come along and take it away from us for use elsewhere.

Engineer Set For Testing

LOS ANGELES (UP)—A complete medical and psychiatric examination was scheduled today for the train engineer who blamed his blackout for a Santa Fe railway wreck in which 29 persons were killed.

Dist. Atty. S. Ernest Roll also announced that the results of a coroner's inquest into the wreck will be presented the new county grand jury.

Roll requested the examination for Frank B. Parrish, 61, the engineer at the controls of the two-car diesel train when it upset Sunday night. Dr. Marcus Graham, county jail physician, will examine the engineer.

Second Bay Span Studied

SAN FRANCISCO (UP)—Mayor George Christopher has begun studying plans for the proposed southern crossing of San Francisco Bay.



THIS PICKUP TRUCK

will be won by some lucky participant in the Klamath Falls Lions Club's Polio Radio Auction beginning tonight from 9 to 10 p.m. over KFLW and running Thursday and Friday nights at the same time. Friday night the auction will resume at 10:15 p.m. and run until all the items to be sold are auctioned. The annual radio auction is one of the March of Dimes events and all funds collected by the civic club go to the anti-polio fund. The merchants, and individuals, of Klamath Falls have given many items to be auctioned over the radio show. The pickup truck, donated by Jim Olson (pictured) of Jim Olson Motors, will be given away on Friday night. Each person donating one dollar to the radio auction fund will be eligible to win the truck.

Radio Auction Aired Tonight

"Everything from hunting knives to camera sets and women's and children's clothing items are pouring in to the Klamath Falls Fire Station for the Lions Club Polio Radio Auction beginning tonight," said Roy Rowe, city fire chief, at press time today.

The Klamath Falls Lions Club will begin its annual Polio Radio Auction in support of the March of Dimes Drive tonight from 9 to 10 p.m. over KFLW. The auction will continue Thursday and Friday nights at the same time. Friday night it will resume at 10:15 p.m. and run until all the items offered are auctioned.

Merchants and individuals of Klamath Falls have offered the many items for auction with all the proceeds going to the anti-polio fund, said Deane Sacher, chairman of the event.

Chief Rowe said anyone having any item suitable for auctioning, either new or used, may drop it at the Klamath Falls Fire Station at Broad and Wall streets.

County Judge Post Sought

Jerry Rajnus, Klamath county commissioner, said he will announce Wednesday that he will enter the May primary election as a candidate on the Democratic ticket for county judge.

County Judge U. E. Reeder has not indicated whether he will seek another term.

District Attorney Richard Bessley, who was appointed by Governor Paul Patterson to fill the unexpired term of Frank Alderson who resigned, also announced Wednesday that he will be a Republican candidate for that post.

It is expected that Sheriff Murray Britton and County Assessor Arthur R. Dixon will announce within the next few days that they will seek reelection.

County Clerk Charles DeLap said Wednesday morning that he has not yet decided whether to seek another term.

Abbott Jury Still Ponders; Judge May Ask For Report

OAKLAND, Calif. (UP)—Superior Judge Charles Wade Snook considered today asking the jury deliberating the fate of Burton W. Abbott for a progress report.

Snook said last night before the jury was locked up that he had not yet made up his mind to query the seven men and five women on their deliberations.

"But if I get tired enough by Wednesday, I may do it," he added.

The jury deliberated eight hours and 45 minutes yesterday before stopping for the day. Since last Thursday, when they got the case, they have spent 46 hours and 50 minutes on the case.

Abbott, 27, was tried for kidnapping and murdering 14-year-old Stephanie Bryan of Berkeley last April 28. Her battered body was found buried in a shallow grave near his mountain cabin on July 20. The prosecution claimed her death was the work of a "sexual psychopath."

Balliff Jack Fitzpatrick reported the jurors appeared to be getting on well and that they were conducting their deliberations in an orderly fashion.

"I believe Abbott is getting the fairest and fullest possible consideration by an extremely conscientious jury," Fitzpatrick said.

Courtroom observers noted that the jurors appeared tired as they filed in and out for meals, but that there appeared to be no evidences of hostility among them.

Judge Snook said it was "a good sign" that they were talking quietly.

Abbott, waiting in the Alameda County jail to hear his late, alternated between sorrow and high spirits. He was apparently unable to decide whether the jury's long debate was favorable or unfavorable to his chances. Conviction could mean death in the gas chamber.

The jury sent out last night for Abbott's gloves, the first time since Sunday it had asked for exhibits in the case. The fact that the jury asked for this particular exhibit caused some puzzlement.

Dr. Paul L. Kirk, a criminologist who testified for the prosecution, found the gloves in Abbott's car July 16, the same day that Stephanie's purse and brassiere were found in the basement of Abbott's Alameda home.

However, the gloves were never referred to in testimony, beyond Kirk's brief identification, nor were they mentioned in final arguments.

Russian Ideas For Peace Presented To President

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WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower Wednesday received a "friendly letter" from Soviet Premier Bulganin setting forth what the White House called "certain ideas" respecting world peace.

Soviet Ambassador Georgi N. Zarubin read Bulganin's letter in Russian to Eisenhower and to Secretary of State Dulles who received him in the President's office. An interpreter translated it as the ambassador read.

At the end of the 15 minute conference, Zarubin left the Bulganin letter for Eisenhower's consideration and possible reply. Its contents were not disclosed.

James C. Hagerty, White House press secretary, then told newsmen: "Intermittently since the Geneva conference the President and Premier Bulganin have been exchanging correspondence."

"The Soviet ambassador this morning brought in a friendly letter containing certain ideas which the premier has asked the President to study further in the interest of promoting world peace."

Hagerty said, in response to a query, he did not know whether the Bulganin letter would be made public.

Hagerty declined to say what ideas Bulganin had set forth or whether they were related to disarmament.

Zarubin himself declined to discuss the letter's contents.

The earlier exchanges between American and Soviet leaders had dealt with disarmament. The messages resulted from the President's proposal at the Geneva conference last July that Russia and the United States exchange aerial reconnaissance and military blueprints as a dramatic step toward disarmament.

Wednesday was the first time Zarubin had called for a business session with the President since he came to Washington in September, 1952.

One question which got through almost alone, Hagerty said, was: "How did you think the President looked?"

He replied: "Very good."

There was speculation in advance that the Bulganin message meant the Russians were ready to spring some new diplomatic maneuver.

Zarubin's appointment with Eisenhower was announced last Wednesday by James C. Hagerty, White House press secretary.

Hagerty said the record showed no comparable request for an appointment by the Soviet ambassador during the Truman or Eisenhower administrations.

Must Remain Strong—Lke

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower said Wednesday this country can do nothing but remain strong and hold to its concepts of honor and justice while hoping to reduce tensions that will pave the way for world disarmament.

Eisenhower spoke out at a news conference shortly before he received a personal message from Soviet Premier Bulganin.

At almost the same time, Harold E. Stassen, special presidential assistant on disarmament, told a Senate subcommittee studying disarmament problems that the United States never will disarm except on a basis of "complete reciprocity."

He said any disarmament would have to be under "rigorous, unremitting, thorough, forward international inspection and control."

At his news conference, Eisenhower said any progress toward disarmament will be slow and tortuous at best.

He said he tried at the Big Four conference in Geneva last summer to promote mutual confidence between Russia and the West.

But as of now, he went on, this country's only recourse is to remain strong and true to its own principles while doing the best it can to reduce tensions and pave the way for future disarmament.

Mrs. Smith Faces More Questioning

SAN JOSE, Calif. (UP)—Mrs. Marjorie Smith, Portland, faced further questioning today by attorneys attempting to prove that her irregular personal life made her an unfit mother for her three-year-old daughter.

The 34-year-old mother agreed yesterday to leave the child, Susan, with the little girl's aunt pending the outcome of guardianship proceedings. The aunt, Mrs. Ellen Hightower, refused to give the child up, even in the face of a court order.

Mrs. Hightower took Susan last April after Mrs. Smith was arrested for complicity in the murder of her husband, attorney Kermit Smith.

Mrs. Smith was tried and acquitted of conspiring with Victor Laurence Wolf, 45, to commit the murder. Wolf was convicted of murder in the second degree.

Yesterday Mrs. Smith was called to the stand as an adverse witness by Mrs. Hightower's attorney, John M. Burnett, who said he would prove that Mrs. Smith is not a fit mother.

Under questioning by Burnett, Mrs. Smith said that in 1946 she was raped and subsequently had a child, which was put up for adoption. Her first husband, Merrick Hersey, got a divorce in 1946 on grounds of adultery.

She said she married Michael L. Brant in Portland in July, 1949, and divorced him a year and a half later.

Mrs. Smith then testified she had an affair with Smith, but left to take a trip to Miami with Hersey before she found out she was pregnant. She said the child was Smith's, but that she did not tell Hersey, who was remarried, that he was not the father.

She said Hersey paid the hospital bills when Susan was born in Placerville, Calif., April 20, 1952. After the birth, she married Smith, divorced him in 1954 and remarried him in February, 1955.

In April, 1955, Smith was killed when his car was shattered by a bomb.

Water Bursts Into Tunnel

NEW YORK (AP)—Water burst into a small construction tunnel on the Hudson River bank Wednesday, leading to fears, later proved groundless, that the 100 million dollar third tube of the Lincoln Tunnel was endangered.

The Port Authority said the leak occurred in a tunnel "completely independent" from the main third tube of the Lincoln Tunnel which is being built to lighten the traffic load now carried by two other adjacent and parallel tunnels between New York and Weehawken, N. J.

The leak was discovered at 4:20 a.m. Workmen attempted to close an emergency door to seal off the independent tunnel but were unable to do so. A diver was summoned to go down to close the door.

There was no immediate explanation as to the confusion over what tunnel was affected by the leak.

Woolgrowers Meet Today

FORT WORTH (AP)—Dr. Gerald Laxer, technical director of the Wool Bureau, was to be the principal speaker Wednesday at the 91st annual convention of the National Wool Producers Assn.

More than 400 sheep raisers from over the nation are here for the convention which opened Tuesday.

Other speakers on Wednesday's program were to include G. N. Winder, president of the American Sheep Producers Council, which will handle the promotion program planned by the industry this year.

Alert promotion and merchandising were stressed by J. H. Breckridge of Twin Falls, Idaho, association president, in the main address Tuesday.

Committees of the association met Tuesday afternoon to draft policies for the coming year. Their reports will be heard at the closing session Thursday.

Democrats Come Out Ahead In Pennsylvania Election

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Democrats claimed a bright 1956 omen today from their party's 3-1 victory in the first congressional election of the year. Republicans, however, saw no such significance in it.

State Sen. Elmer J. Holland, elected to succeed the late Rep. Vera Buchanan (D-Pa.), told reporters the special election result "points out very clearly that the Democratic party is on the march back to the presidency."

And State Sen. Joseph M. Barr, Democratic state chairman, said in a statement at Harrisburg: "The great victory of Rep. elect Holland, a staunch supporter of Adlai Stevenson, is a significant indication of Pennsylvania's prominence in an important presidential election year."

Holland's Republican opponent, David J. Smith, McKeesport confectionery store operator, commented after the votes were counted that "Republican leaders refused to enter this contest."

"The vote is the result of their fear or timidity," Smith added. Allegheny County GOP chairman Edward Flaherty said the result was "a personal victory for Holland."

Complete unofficial returns from the 30th Pennsylvania District, a heavily industrial area including five Pittsburgh wards and adjoining sections of Allegheny County, showed:

Holland 36,019.
Democrats held a 2-1 lead in registration—128,493 to 63,436—and have represented the district in Congress continuously since the present boundaries were defined in 1942.

Yesterday's election was concerned only with the unexpired congressional term. No other office was on the ballot. Holland and Smith were the only candidates.

Closest parallel in the district came in 1951, at a special election held in connection with a regular primary when nominations were made for other offices. Mrs. Buchanan won then, 36,896 to 23,474, approximately a 3-2 margin. In 1954, when Pennsylvania elected a Democratic governor, Mrs. Buchanan was elected by 98,218 to 44,157 for Smith.

Holland, a member of the United Steelworkers, had the backing of the powerful Allegheny County Democratic organization and was endorsed by every major union in the area.

In contrast, Smith campaigned almost alone. He operates a confectionery store in McKeesport and has never held elective office. He said last night he had written for help to GOP National Chairman Leonard Hall, Sen. James H. Duff (R-Pa.) and Rep. Richard Simpson (R-Pa.), chairman of the GOP Congressional Campaign Committee.

"I didn't even get an answer," he told a reporter.

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Motorists Get Chain Advice

Motorists were advised to carry chains for travel on any highways out of Klamath Falls today, according to the local Triple A office.

Chains were required by the California highway patrol from Alturas to the Nevada line on Highway 395 this morning and on the Nevada line as far south as Bishop, California.

Highway 62 was open through Crater Lake National Park this morning with chains advised. The road from Annie Springs to the rim was drifting and visibility was poor at the lake as skies were overcast. Chains were required.

An inch and a half of new snow fell during the night bringing snow depth to 127 inches.

Some Demos Ignore Appeal

WASHINGTON (AP)—A number of Senate Democrats signaled unwillingness today to label specific foreign policy issues out of bounds for political campaign discussion.

Chairman George D-Ga of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee said there must be room for "constructive criticism" of Eisenhower administration actions. He added both parties are in basic agreement on the objective of preserving peace.

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Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Occasional snow through Wednesday night. Rain or snow Thursday. Highs 33-35 Thursday. Lows Wednesday night 28-33.

High yesterday	28
Low last night	30
Precip. last 24 hours	.04
Precip. since Oct. 1	14.95
Same period last year	3.57
Normal for period	6.38

Ike To Make Decision Soon

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower, still not saying how he feels about seeking a second term, spiced a discussion of the issue Wednesday with warm praise of Vice President Nixon and a trown at Friling politics and the Supreme Court.

His remarks about the court were in response to a question about a possible "draft" of Chief Justice Warren for the GOP nomination.

In a news conference exchange, Eisenhower also said no member of his family is opposed to his running again, and that he plans a full-scale medical check earlier than the mid-February date mentioned in the past.

PLANS TRIP
Eisenhower said he was arranging for the earlier check up because he is planning a little trip to the South. He didn't elaborate.

In a somewhat jocular mood, the President said he will not dilly-dally over the second term question, and when he makes a decision he probably will announce it in as dramatic a fashion as he can.

With a smile, Eisenhower said he thought he ought first to make up his mind about his own future before tackling that one.

As to whether he will announce before or after the new physical if he will bid for another four years in the White House, Eisenhower laughed heartily and replied that he couldn't say what his impulses might be.

ISPOKE WARMLY
Eisenhower spoke warmly of Vice President Nixon as he has several times in the past.

Nixon, he said, has his admiration, respect and deep affection. At one point, Eisenhower said there has never been a vice president so well versed in the activities of government.

Also in the political field, the President indicated opposition to the idea of any Chief Justice of the United States getting into politics to run for president.

At this second Washington news conference since his Sept. 24 heart attack, the President dealt again with many subjects, including:

FOREIGN AID—Eisenhower said he sincerely believes his request for authority to make long-term foreign aid commitments is in the best interests of the United States. He added that he is going to stand by that request as long as he feels he has a chance to get it through Congress.

House Okays Farm Gas Bill

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House Ways and Means Committee Wednesday approved a bill to exempt farmers from the 2-cent-a-gallon federal excise tax on gasoline used on the farm. The savings to farmers is estimated at around 60 million dollars a year.

The bill will be sent to the House Thursday as the first concrete piece of legislation requested by President Eisenhower in his farm message earlier this month. The House may vote on it next week.

The bill also exempts fuel used on the farm from taxes, but not lubricating oil. Members of the committee said the saving from exempting lubricating oil would be inconsequential and less than the cost of administering it.

Farmers would pay the tax when buying gasoline, but could claim a refund.

The bill is retroactive to Jan. 1, with first refund claims due June 30.

Exemption from fuel taxes would apply to customary cultivating and farming activities, and also to such farm uses as handling, drying, packing, grading and storing. Although not specifically stated, it would also apply under the definitions to fuel used for heating orchards to protect trees from frost.

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