

FLOODS THREATEN CALIFORNIA

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
In this space yesterday I spoke of going to the old Tremont hotel in Red Bluff for dinner and the pleasant relaxation that comes with the dinner hour.

Why mention a trifle like that? Well, in this case, the situation is a trifle unusual. For nearly a hundred years, the Tremont has been the civic center of Red Bluff. In our youthful Western country, that doesn't happen too often.

When it does happen, it is interesting.

As to the Tremont of a century ago, one can only guess. Red Bluff was then the bustling, bustling head of navigation on the Sacramento. The riffles and the bars of the original discovery country, which lay eastward and northward from Sacramento, were becoming crowded. The waters, who were pouring into California in an ever-swelling stream, were beginning to spread out in search of new diggings. They found them in the upper Sacramento and the Klamath river country.

The easiest way to get there was by way of the river. Steamboats chugged up the Sacramento as far as they could get, and when they went aground they stopped. Red Bluff was that approximate spot. So they stopped there and transferred their cargo to land transport—pack animals at first and later freight wagons.

It was this traffic that built the town as Port Orford was later built on the Southern Oregon coast and later still, when Port Orford was destroyed by the great fire, old Scottsburg was built at the head of tide on the Umpqua.

Supplying the gold mines was big business in those days.

Red Bluff must have been a colorful place then, for the river men and the mule packers and the freighters were colorful characters by all accounts. Not to mention the miners, whose vivid traits have been told in song and story as long as gold has been mined.

But enough of the Red Bluff of the past. Its present is quite different. Different, but charming.

A century ago, the rush for gold was on in California. In these days a different kind of rush is over the rush for CLIMATE. All over America people are saying they're going to LIVE IN THE SUN or they're going to quit living. In the space of a few short decades this yen to live in the sun has changed California as completely as the gold miners changed it when in they peaked in the late 1800's and early 1900's.

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Like Requests Research Funds

President Asks \$126 Million For Five-Point Program

By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH
WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower asked Congress Thursday to vote \$126,525,000 for basic research to penetrate the "dark mystery" of cancer and to combat other leading killers.

The request was made in a five-point program laid before the legislators in a special message calling for "a renewed and reinvigorated attack on our health problems."

Eisenhower told the lawmakers: "The nation in recent years has made notable advances in the unending struggle against disease and disability. Human suffering has been relieved, the span of man's years has been extended.

"But in the light of the human and economic toll still taken by disease, in the light of the great opportunities open before us, the nation still has not summoned the resources it properly and usefully could summon to the cause of better health."

Eisenhower did not renew his request of last year for federal reinsurance of health insurance—a proposal which ran into opposition from the American Medical Association, on grounds it might be an opening wedge to socialized medicine. It got nowhere in Congress.

PERMIT POOLING
Instead, Eisenhower said the administration is considering legislation to permit pooling of risks by private companies.

He said this might offer "broader benefits and expanded coverage on reasonable terms in fields of special needs."

"But," he added, "if practical and useful methods cannot be developed along these lines, then I will again urge the enactment of the proposal made last year."

Eisenhower called for action in five general areas, providing for: 1. A 28 per cent increase in federal funds for basic medical research to a total of \$126,525,000.

2. A new program of grants—250 million dollars over the next five years—for construction of medical research and training facilities.

This money would go to state, local and private institutions with a provision that they must supply "at least equal amounts in matching funds."

3. Further steps to meet health personnel shortages. No specific amount was recommended here, but Eisenhower said the number of physicians being graduated from medical schools is barely keeping pace with the increase in population, and that the number of dentists and nurses is diminishing relative to population.

4. Action to strengthen certain other basic health services through out the nation.

His fifth point was that of meeting costs of medical care and embracing his plan possibly to submit legislation for pooling of insurance risks.

Under this item, the President also recommended that Congress authorize a separate program through which the federal government would match funds expended by the states and localities for medical care for the indigent aged, blind, taken shortly before lunch, and the permanently and totally disabled, and dependent children.



F. T. BOYD, 2512 Reclamation Street, proprietor of Boyd's Union service station at 1 Main Street, mugged for the 9 o'clock photographer this morning.

'Timber Grab' Accusations Denied In Sarena Hearing

WASHINGTON (AP)—Accusations of "timber grab" in the granting of 23 claims between 1897 and 1939, the company's application for patents in 1948, the Bureau of Land Management's rejection of 15 patents in 1950 on grounds of insufficient mineralization and the company's appeal from that decision which was pending when he became solicitor.

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He testified such matters have been up to the solicitor "for a very great many years." As a result, he said, Secretary of Interior McKay had no part in the decision and was "totally uninformed of any of those events" until after the decision was made.

City Dump Committee To Be Named

A four man committee will be appointed in the near future to study the problem of what to do about the Klamath Falls garbage dump, Councilman Lawrence Slater said Wednesday afternoon.

Two of the committeemen will be appointed by the Klamath County Court and two by Mayor Paul Landry. Slater estimated that the appointments would be announced in approximately a week.

He made his statement after he, Councilman Walter Fleet and Don McDowell of the Klamath Disposal Company met with the court Wednesday afternoon.

The dump presently located on a side road a short distance off the Oretch Road, is owned and operated by the disposal company, but a provision in the company's franchise agreement with the city requires that persons using their own transportation to haul their garbage to the dump must be permitted to dump it without charge.

Slater said that a spot check recently showed that in one week's time about half the persons dumping garbage came from outside of the city limits.

"This makes the dump a community problem, not just a city problem," Slater said. He said that the court agreed to the appointment of the joint committee at Wednesday's meeting.

PRESENT DUMP
The present dump has been called an eyesore, but McDowell said that it could be cleaned up "so no one could see it." He added that a second dump and wrecking yard, located next to the Oretch road on the road leading to the garbage dump, was at least partially responsible for the complaints.

Slater said that one of the functions of the four-man committee would be to see if any controls could be set up for this dump.

Last Monday night, a delegation from the Lindley Heights district protested a city council proposal to move the dump to a site near that area, and Mayor Landry promised that it would not be moved there. Slater said Wednesday that any other proposed change in the dump location would sit up similar and equally hated protests.

Cancellation

The Polio Talent Show planned by the Teens Against Polio of Klamath Union High School for tonight in Mills Auditorium has been cancelled, announced Wally Wundberg, county Teens Against Polio chairman, today.

The cancellation was necessary due to conflicts with other activities at the school, he said.

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Burton Abbott Remains Calm

OAKLAND, Calif. (UP)—Burton W. Abbott, 28, facing a gas chamber death, continued today to shelter his ego in the same incredible calm he has effected since his arrest last July for the kidnap-murder of Stephanie Bryan, 14, a Berkeley schoolgirl.

This calm was broken only momentarily yesterday when the jury of seven men and five women brought in their death verdict. Obviously shaken by the verdict, Abbott quickly resumed his impassive pose.

"He doesn't seem worried a bit," said one of the deputies at the Alameda jail where the prisoner is held. "He slept all through the night. He didn't say anything about the verdict to anybody, and apparently doesn't even care about it."

Abbott played pinochle with fellow prisoners last night before retiring. The prisoners looked with amazement upon Abbott's apparent lack of emotion which Prosecutor J. Frank Coakley once branded as "psychotic ego" so great that Abbott could believe his own lies.

And it was Abbott's "white lies" which condemned him, one of the jurors revealed today. The juror said Abbott's testimony was weighed against that of other witnesses and the evidence for six days.

On the seventh day, five ballots were taken three in the morning and two in the afternoon.

On the first ballot, the vote was 11 to 1 to determine Abbott's simple guilt or innocence. The holdout juror listened carefully to arguments by the jury foreman and five jurors. The second ballot, taken shortly before lunch, was unanimously for guilt. Death was agreed upon in the afternoon, a verdict which shook Abbott for the first time since his arrest.

Mollet Named French Leader

PARIS (UP)—President Rene Coty called on Socialist party leader Guy Mollet tonight to become France's 22nd Premier since the end of World War II.

The President Summoned the 51-year-old former English teacher after two days of consultations with politicians in his efforts to decide who should try to form a new government.

Mollet has been favored since the national elections were held earlier this month. He and Pierre Mendes-France already had demanded power for their left of center Republican Front coalition.

The two Republican Front leaders do not have enough votes of their own to win confirmation for a new government. The right of center coalition group of parties headed by outgoing Premier Edgar Faure were their bitter enemies in the elections.

The Communists and the followers of anti-tax leader Pierre Poitrenaud are the other two major groupings in the assembly and, therefore, the balance of power.

Schrunk Not To Seek Post

PORTLAND (AP)—Terry Schrunk, Multnomah County sheriff, said Thursday he will not seek the Democratic nomination for secretary of state.

He had often been spoken of as a probable candidate although his only comment had been to say he would think about it.

Schrunk's removal of himself leaves Monroe Sweetland the only certain Democratic candidate for the office. He announced some days ago that he would run.

The Republicans have Mark Hatfield, Salem, as an announced candidate. The incumbent, Republican Earl Newberry, cannot run again because of the constitutional limitation of two terms in that office.

In addition to being mentioned for secretary of state, Schrunk recently was asked by friends to run for mayor of Portland. In saying Thursday he would not seek the secretary of state position he added, "I cannot say whether I will be a candidate for any office in the 1956 election."

Medal Given Dr. Jonas Salk

WASHINGTON (AP)—Dr. Jonas E. Salk received a congressional gold medal Thursday for "his great achievement in the field of medicine" in developing the polio vaccine which bears his name.

Secretary of Welfare Folsom presented the medal to the University of Pittsburgh scientist at the request of President Eisenhower.

Government officials, members of Congress and officials of organizations interested in the Salk vaccine program were invited to the ceremony.

Folsom told Salk his "successful research is a great landmark in the war against polio."

The secretary read a letter from President Eisenhower to Salk saying that "through dedicated and selfless effort in the best traditions of medical research, you have brought new hope to mankind in the continuing battle against the dread disease."

"I am confident that the entire nation joins me in lasting gratitude and appreciation, and in best wishes for many years of continued service," the President added.

Last April at a White House ceremony the President presented Salk a citation for his achievement and last summer Congress authorized presentation of the gold medal, voting \$2,500 for that purpose.



PEANUTS FOR POLIO will be sold by the Girl's League of Klamath Union High School Saturday on the streets of Klamath Falls. The girls will sell bags of fresh peanuts with all the proceeds of the event going to the March of Dimes anti-polio fund. This is one of the many events staged by the Teens Against Polio in Klamath County this year. Klamath County Sheriff Murray (Red) Britton looks over the product the girls are going to sell Saturday. Nancy Clark and Bev Overen, members of the Girl's League Peanut Day group, are shown with the sheriff.

Ruling Frees IBM Patents; RCA Pending

WASHINGTON (AP)—Pretrial settlement in freeing patents of two corporate giants in electronics left pending today only one government antitrust case in the field.

This case, involving Radio Corp. of America, is currently on the trial calendar of the Federal District Court in New York City.

RCA attorneys were reported to have been in Washington recently for conferences at the Justice Department, and a trip to New York City late yesterday by Asst. Atty. Gen. Stanley N. Barnes led to speculation that negotiations for a settlement of this litigation also might be in progress.

SECOND SUIT
The second antitrust patent settlement in as many days was announced late yesterday by Atty. Gen. Brownell in the case of International Business Machines Corp. (IBM). The first, announced Tuesday, involved American Telephone and Telegraph Co. and its affiliate Western Electric Co.

The attorney general said a consent judgment entered in the New York federal court, will require IBM to make all its present patents, and those obtained in the next five years, available to anyone wanting to use them for manufacturing in the United States.

The ruling relating to tabulating cards and card-making machinery will be on a royalty-free basis. Those covering tabulating and electronic data processing machines—sometimes called "electronic brains"—must be supplied to all applicants, along with IBM know-how at reasonable royalties.

TERMS 'SEVERE'
In New York, Thomas J. Watson Jr., who heads IBM, called some of the terms accepted by his company "severe." He said IBM's consent "is not an admission of any violation of the antitrust laws, which we continue emphatically to deny having violated."

In addition to the patent freeing, the IBM decree also requires that company to offer for sale its tabulating machines, now restricted to rental use, and to continue to service machines so sold.

The company agreed also to sell its unique high-speed card-making presses to competitors.

The original monopoly action against IBM, filed in 1952, asserted the company then had 90 per cent of the tabulating machine business in the United States.

Fluoridation Asked Here

Glenn Bowen, manager of the Oregon Water Corporation, said Thursday that his office has received 50 requests in the past week for fluoridation of the municipal water supply.

The water company manager explained that although fluoridation was approved by the city council in 1952, it was not accomplished because the utility firm was unable to determine whether a majority of the residents of Klamath Falls wanted it.

Since that time, according to Bowen, fluoridation has been recommended by leading medical and dental authorities. It is supposed to prevent tooth decay up to 80 per cent.

Bowen did not say when fluoridation of city water will be effected.

Heavy Snow Hits Crater

Six inches of new snow fell in Crater Lake National Park in the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today, bringing snow depth to 128 inches compared with 67 inches last year and 135 inches in 1954.

The dry powder snow was drifting this morning, according to the rangers, and the road from Annie Springs to the rim was temporarily closed. They hoped to reopen it later today. Highway 62 is open, with chains advised.

Maximum temperature Wednesday was 25 degrees; minimum last night, 16, and 22 at a.m. today. Skiing conditions are fair. Heavy fog this morning made visibility poor and the snow was blown into deep drifts in spots.

Heppenstall Dies In Portland

PORTLAND (UP)—Thomas E. Heppenstall, 57, vice president of Long Bell Lumber Company at Longview, Wash., died in a Portland hospital yesterday of injuries suffered in an auto accident Jan. 17.

Heppenstall was injured when his car went out of control here, straddled a divider and crashed into a concrete light post.

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Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Cloudy Thursday night and snow changing to rain Friday. Highs 35-40; lows Thursday night 28-32.

High yesterday — 34
Low last night — 20
Precip. last 24 hours — 0.14
Precip. since Oct. 1 — 15.99
Snow period last year — 3.37
Normal for period — 6.37