

In The
Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Tragedy in the news:
Five members of a Winchester Kentucky family—a young couple and their three small children, ranging in age from two years to six—perish in a fire that swept their six-room frame house this morning.

The cause?

A member of the family got up early to start a fire in the stove. KEROSENE was used to hasten the job.

The kerosene EXPLODED, scattering flames in every direction. The home was a fiery furnace in a matter of minutes.

The lesson?

It is simple and grim.
The builder of the fire broke the NATURAL LAW that decrees that kerosene and other petroleum derivatives will explode when improperly handled.

Punishment was swift and merciless—as is always the case when natural laws are flouted. If you break the natural law of gravity and leap off a high cliff you must die or be mangled on the rocks at the bottom.

That brings to mind—rather disturbingly, one must admit—the aftermaths of three celebrated cases of law-breaking that are presently in the news.

There is Leopold, who with a companion now dead killed a little boy in Chicago in the long ago. It was a thrill killing. They wanted to know what it would feel like to take a human life.

After serving long years in the penitentiary, Leopold has been paroled.

There is Roger Touhy, a gunman and a hired killer in the old days of gangland wars. In gangland slang, he was known as a "torpedo." He mowed 'em down at so much per head. He may soon be paroled.

Then there is Hugh D'Autremont, who with his twin brothers Roy and Ray held up a train at the summit of the Siskiyou with intent to rob and in the course of the holdup shot down the defenders of the mail.

A parole for him is under consideration.

What shall we say of these evidences of mercy—one of them an accomplished fact and the others under consideration—for breakers of the law that says THOU SHALT NOT KILL?

That question isn't easily answered.

We must remember that vengeance isn't the sole purpose of punishment. We hope—and we must continue to hope—that rehabilitation of wrongdoers is possible. If our civilization is to be true CIVILIZATION and not merely the agent of savage vengeance, we must seek in every way possible to rehabilitate those who have departed from the straight and narrow road of rectitude.

But we must be sure, I think, that it is hope of rehabilitation and not mere maudlin sentiment that animates us when we show mercy to those duly convicted of law-breaking.

ICC Leader,
Pal Accused

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Harris (D-Ark.) suggested Tuesday that Communications Commissioner Richard A. Mack and Thurman A. Whiteside, a Miami lawyer friend, have both violated the law.

Harris, chairman of a House investigating subcommittee, lectured Whiteside after getting testimony from him that Mack has an interest in a Miami insurance agency that does business with the operator of the TV Channel 10 station.

Whiteside said the insurance stock was not registered in Mack's name but was held under verbal agreement and had paid Mack \$9,825 in four years. Whiteside said he himself has not drawn anything from the insurance firm. His stock interest is twice that of Mack.

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AF Missile
Sputs, Falls

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — The last of the Air Force Navaho missiles lost engine power 20 seconds after launching Tuesday and had to be destroyed.

It plunged into the ocean a few miles off the missile test center while hundreds watched from nearby beaches.

The missile was launched at 12:22 p.m. (EST) and was destroyed less than a minute later just before it plunged into the water.

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Stevenson
Issues Bid
To Russians

WASHINGTON (AP) — Adlai E. Stevenson challenged Russia Tuesday to join with the United States in a pooled effort to provide economic aid to underdeveloped nations.

Stevenson, addressing the Eisenhower administration's bipartisan conference on foreign aid, also urged a Free World conference to unite and enlarge efforts to build up backward areas.

President Eisenhower will speak Tuesday night and former President Truman at a luncheon session of the conference attended by some 1,200 persons from such fields as education, industry, labor, veterans and civic groups.

SHARE SPOTLIGHT

Stevenson, Democratic presidential nominee in 1952 and 1956, shared the platform with Secretary of State Dulles.

Stevenson described foreign economic aid as being "just as imperative, in my judgment, more so, than the defense appropriations."

He said military aid alone cannot "create strong, healthy states resolved to keep their independence and capable of resisting communism."

Stevenson proposed an invitation by the Eisenhower administration to Russia for coordinated U.S.-Soviet economic aid programs.

BID TO REDS

"We could invite Mr. Khrushchev (the Soviet Party boss) to coordinate his efforts with ours if he is really interested in the economic development and political independence of these less fortunate countries," Stevenson said.

"And if the Soviets are not interested in joining our international effort, such an offer would at least unmask the motives behind their assistance programs."

Dulles repeated many of the familiar arguments for foreign aid and added a new one: It creates jobs for American workers.

Speaking without a prepared text, Dulles said the Communists started with nothing 40 years ago and now control one-third of the world's population.

Soviet Farm
Drive Hinted

WARSAW (AP) — Nikita Khrushchev is reported unofficially to be seeking to increase private farmland in the Soviet Union to boost meat and dairy production.

This would be a reversal of communist doctrine and a partial return to rural capitalism. It would reflect a lesson taught by Polish Communist Party leader Wladyslaw Gomulka, whose greatest success since he won control of the Polish party in 1956 has been the upsurge in food production which has accompanied the cutting back of state and collective farms.

The Central Committee of the Soviet Communist Party will soon hold an important meeting to debate Khrushchev's proposal to eliminate tractor stations in Russia and distribute their equipment among collective farms, the Polish Communist Party organ Trybuna Ludu reported Monday.

But the Soviet party boss wants to go even further, unofficial reports say. He would trim down the size of collectives—the basic units of communism in the countryside—and turn the collectives into state-run grain farms.

The land pared from them would increase the private plots of farm workers who would concentrate on meat and dairy production.

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THESE BEAUTIES will vie for the title of "Little Miss Klamath" in a home talent show at Mills School auditorium, Saturday, March 8. The show, sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, is for the benefit of Dorthello Rose, 20, who has been paralyzed since she was 15 after being stricken with polio. The young woman is unable to operate her wheelchair without electric power, and while funds from the Klamath County Chapter, Infants Paralysis can be used for a chair, no provision is made by the chapter to include a motorized vehicle. Mayor Lawrence Slater, center, is surrounded by the dazzling pre-school contestants for the crown. Left to right, front row, are Sharen Campbell, Lynn O'Neil, the mayor, Suzanne Noel, Debbie Drew, Colleen Cole. Back row, some order, are Wynona Johnson, Sandra Caldwell, Vicky Carter and Kerry Megale.

Weather Board Okays Late Opening
Date For KF Area Schools

FORECAST — Klamath Falls and vicinity: Partial clearing with some snow flurries over mountains through Wednesday. Low Tuesday night 22-30. High Wednesday 40-46.

High yesterday	43
Low last night	27
Precip. last 24 hours	0.11
Since Oct. 1	12.83
Same period last year	8.36
Normal for period	8.20

CRATER LAKE

High yesterday	33
Low last night	21
8 a.m. today	23
New snow	5 1/2
Snow depth	11 1/2

It was overcast and still snowing lightly this morning at Crater Lake National Park. Chief Ranger Jack Broadbent reported that electrical power from Copco was interrupted at 8:45 p.m. on Monday and the park is operating with its own power system today. At least a half dozen trees were blown down by winds that reached gale proportions and a crew of six men worked all night clearing the roads. Highway 62 is open through the park, narrow in spots and chains are advised for travel. Chains are required from Annie Springs to Park Headquarters and the road from Headquarters to the rim will remain closed all day today.

Postal Pay
Hikes Backed

WASHINGTON (UP) — The House Post Office and Civil Service Committee today approved pay raises totalling nearly one billion dollars for about 1,500,000 postal and white collar government workers.

The proposed raises would be nearly double the boost the administration recommended.

Committee sources said the two pay bills, sponsored by Rep. James C. Davis (D-Ga.), were approved by sizable margins. The postal bill would give \$20,000 postal employees an average 15 per cent raise and would cost \$389 million annually. The raises would range from 18 per cent in the lowest pay bracket to 10 per cent.

The Klamath Falls elementary and high schools will begin the fall semester this year on Monday, September 8, one week following Labor Day. The calendar changing action was taken Monday evening by the joint school boards, with Chairman Jack Linman voicing the only opposition to the change.

A group of Klamath Falls residents appeared before the board to repeat its request for the change, and presented another petition asking for the opening date modification. The group previously presented a petition signed by 250 persons, and last night posed the board with another petition seeking the change and signed by more than 450 persons.

Service Held
For 'Hero'

COSTA MESA, Calif. (AP) — It's Taps today for Oki, Alsatian shepherd dog decorated for saving the lives of 151 Marines during the invasion of Okinawa.

The El Toro Marine Air Station assigned two men in dress uniform to blow Taps over Oki's grave. Oki died last week of old age. He had lived 15 years.

Oki came into his own on Okinawa when his master Bob Harr, then a first lieutenant, and a party of seven other Marines were ordered to penetrate Japanese lines and blow up a command post.

The enemy hemmed in the patrol and other units for two days. Oki was sent back through the lines with a note to the U.S. command post. A short time later, Harr said, "our artillery fire began pouring in and we were rescued."

President Truman later tied the War Dog Medal on Oki.

The boards had previously withheld action on the request until learning what opening date would be used by the county system. During its February 20 meeting the county board members voted against changing the opening date, and indicated that the county schools would open the day following Labor Day as usual.

However, at the last meeting of the county board, the group indicated its willingness to meet with the city boards or other groups to discuss possible alternate opening dates.

Under the newly adopted calendar, the in-service training period for city teachers will be September 2-5 inclusive. School will open on September 8, and classes will be recessed November 11 for Veterans Day and November 27 and 28 for Thanksgiving. School will be recessed at the end of the December 23 school day for the beginning of Christmas vacation, and will reconvene January 5. Spring vacation will be between March 14-22 inclusive. The summer vacation will begin at the end of the school year on June 5.

Persons advocating the change maintain that the late opening in the fall will permit the incorporation of the Labor Day holiday with vacations, will permit students to attend the State Fair, and will permit all students to take advantage of the remaining summer weather of the early fall.

In other matters, High School Principal Charles Carlson discussed with the board the recent flare-ups of juvenile violence in the vicinity of the high school.

Carlson said the core of the problem lies with youths who are not students but who persist in hanging around the high school while "just looking for trouble."

Both Carlson and the school board took exception to a recent statement attributed to county Ju-

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U.S. Living
Costs Climb
To New High

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government reported Tuesday record high food prices pushed the nation's living cost to a new peak in January.

The jump in grocery prices was blamed on repeated freezes in Florida and excessive rains in Texas, which boosted fruit and vegetable costs, and also on short and consequently expensive meat supplies.

The Labor Department index of consumer prices rose six-tenths of one per cent between December and January to a new high of 123.3 per cent of the 1947-49 average.

LARGE GAIN

This was the largest monthly rise since July 1956. The living cost level has risen steadily in 15 out of the past 17 months.

The latest living cost jump means a pay raise for some 1,350,000 workers whose wages are partly geared to the index.

About one million workers in the auto industry get a three-cent hourly raise. Some 350,000 other workers in the farm implement, electrical and aircraft industries get a boost of two cents an hour or, in some cases, one per cent of present pay.

The total payroll hike will go to about 80 million dollars.

LIVING COSTS

Evans Clague, labor statistics commissioner, told newsmen he could hold out no hope for any drop in living cost in the next few months. He pointed out that there have been new crop freezes in Florida since the January data were collected.

Clague, however, said declining prices for materials such as wool, hides, leather, gasoline and fuel oil, rubber and metals eventually will mean lower prices to consumers in the summer or fall. He said the food price situation ought to straighten out somewhat, too, by then.

The January living cost level was 3 1/2 per cent higher than a year ago. The food index was nearly 5 per cent above a year ago and three-tenths of one per cent above the previous high for food alone in August 1957.

Oregon Job
Figures Listed

SALEM (AP) — The state Unemployment Compensation Commission estimated Tuesday that 140,900 persons were working in non-farm jobs in Oregon in mid-January.

That compared with 464,200 in mid-December, and 455,400 in mid-January of 1957.

Loggers and sawmill operators employed only 40,900 workers in the middle of last month, a drop of 4,100 from mid-December, and 18,800 fewer than last summer.

Employment in retail trade was 73,600, down 5,000 from a year earlier.

Other industries showing declines from a year earlier were construction, food processing, transportation and shipbuilding.

The commission received 44,500 claims for unemployment compensation last week, a decline of about 6,000 from the January peak. But payments continued to total 1.5 million dollars a week.

The unemployment trust fund is expected to fall to 32 millions by the end of this week. By the end of March, it will shrink to 29 millions.

Winds Rake State;
Tree Kills WorkerPNW Clobbered
By Heavy Storm

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Winds raced across western Oregon and Washington with gale-force gusts late Monday night, felling trees, disrupting electric power service, breaking windows and driving an ocean-going tug onto a sand bar.

The tug, the 87-foot Columbia Queen owned by Sause Bros. Towing Co. of Portland, was pulled free from imprisoning sand at the mouth of the Siuslaw River at 3:30 a.m. Tuesday, with only a lost rudder as damage.

Far to the north, Puget Sound ferry schedules were disrupted when the wind began nearing its peak at 11:30 p.m. Monday.

It was a brief blow, but high winds continued to rush through Cascade Mountain passes. The Weather Bureau said they would be at gale strength until late Tuesday afternoon.

STORM FRONT

Sudden deepening of a storm off the northern California coast brought the wind.

The barometer began falling at mid-afternoon Monday and at 10 p.m. at Portland it reached 29.92, lowest there in five years. As the barometer started up again, the strongest winds hit.

Portland's peak was a 70-mile-an-hour gust at 11:30 p.m. but the Naselle Air Force Station on a bald knob in southwestern Washington between South Bend and the Columbia River was raked by a 92-mile-an-hour blow.

At the height of the storm an empty sawdust barge broke loose in Portland Harbor and drove down the Willamette River, crashing into the Morrison Bridge, but was corralled by the Harbor Patrol before any damage was done.

TREE DAMAGE

Falling trees took their toll. One crashed down on the front of an automobile on U.S. 30, east of Lebanon, Ore., but no one was hurt. Another smashed the bedroom of a South End Seattle home where Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Dulos slept. They were unhurt. Another house in the north part of Seattle was similarly damaged by a falling tree.

Numerous streets and highways were littered with tree branches and other debris. Some roads were blocked for a time. North of Aberdeen, near Ocean City, a car ran into a felled tree.

Radio and television stations from Eugene to Portland and Seattle were hit by power failures that came when wind-whipped wires shorted or poles were blown over.

POWER OUTAGES

Power outages spread all up and down the western sections of the two states, from Grants Pass northward.

In addition to tree blockades, there were some reports of mud slides occasioned by heavy rains in southern Oregon. There was one-way traffic on a short stretch of U.S. 101, north of Gold Beach. The Pacific Highway near Grants Pass, a mile south of Canyonville, had one-way traffic around a slide.

Many telephone lines went down. A Eugene street was barricaded near the new Lane County Court house construction job when steel metal forms were blown to the ground. Crews were called to secure them in place.

FIREMEN BUSY

The Albany fire department was kept busy answering calls occasioned by sparking power lines. St. Peter Hospital at Olympia turned to its own generating plant when current from the power lines failed.

Spokane, too, felt the blow with gusts of 58 miles an hour, and nearly an inch of rain accompanied it.

At Gold Beach on Oregon's southern coast the rain was less severe than it had been earlier, but all over the southern part of the state the fall was heavy—2.39 inches at Roseburg was typical.

The Rogue at Grants Pass appeared to be cresting below flood stage Tuesday morning, although rain still fell.

Falling Tree Kills
Highway Workman

A general storm of unusual severity took the life of one man and disrupted electric power and telephone service over a wide area Monday afternoon and during Monday night.

Dead is Walter Ray Powell, 51, resident of Chiloquin and an employee of the Oregon State Highway Department. Powell, according to investigating state police, was attempting to remove a tree which had been blown over, blocking Highway 97, when a second tree fell, killing him instantly. The accident happened at 9:30 p.m. on Monday, just north of Spring Creek. The body was taken to O'Hair's Memorial Chapel for funeral arrangements. The highway was blocked for two and one-half hours.

LINES DOWN

Truman Runyan, assistant California Oregon Power Company manager here, said today that 19 Copco poles were down north of the Tulelake substation on transmission line No. 5. Power was interrupted at 8:05 p.m. in the southern part of Klamath Basin.

At Malin, the power outage interrupted the annual Malin Chamber of Commerce crab feed which was attended by some 400 guests from all over the area. The lines were energized from the Klamath Falls end and most of the power in the Merrill-Malin area was restored by 9:25 p.m.

More trouble was experienced by the power company in the Tulelake, Alturas and Lakeview areas. Some 35 distribution poles were down in Northern California. Transmission line No. 9 to Lakeview went out at 9:05 p.m. because of trouble over Quartz Mountain. Power was restored to the Dairy-Bonanza area by 9:32 p.m., Sprague River by 10:03 p.m. and Bly at 11:53 p.m.

SUBSTATION FIRE

A fire at the Chiloquin Market substation forced crews to cut everything north of Pelican City at 11:17 p.m. Service was restored to the Modoc Point area by 11:56. Chiloquin and Fort Klamath received power again by 2:53 a.m. today after damage done by the fire was cleaned up, Runyan said.

Crater Lake is operating on its own power system today.

"The big job ahead," Runyan said, "is rebuilding the transmission line. Many poles were broken by the high wind and at least a mile and a quarter of line will have to be rebuilt."

A fresh crew was coming from Medford this afternoon to work through the night and the regular Klamath Copco crews will return to the job on Wednesday morning. It was estimated that it will take 48 hours to put 19 poles back into service and repair other damage caused by the storm.

Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company crews worked all night in the area. Lines were down between Klamath Falls and Bly and the men were hampered by heavy snow and strong winds.

TRAINS DELAYED

To the south, there was snow, rain and wind. Chain signs this morning were up over Mt. Hebron. Both the north and southbound Shasta Daylight trains on the Southern Pacific were delayed for three hours in the Dunsuir area. The Sacramento River, which heads between Dunsuir and Mount Shasta, rose six feet in a nine-hour period, cresting late Monday.

In Southern Siskiyou County, gales reaching 80 miles an hour were accompanied by heavy rain which washed out power poles below Dunsuir at Little Castle and in other portions of the county. Electrical power service was interrupted at Mount Shasta and Dunsuir from 4:48 until 11 p.m. on Monday.

Mount Shasta reported 4.85 inches of precipitation during the storm which started at 4 p.m. on Sunday and slackened by 8:15 p.m. on Monday. Weed reported 3 1/4 inches of rain during the period. Boles Creek has risen, impairing traffic on Weed's main street today.

Traffic was cut to one way at the bottom of 99 Hill north of Weed on the highway from Yreka at 4 a.m. today when the Weed

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Cuban Rebels Free Fangio;
Tragedy Halts Racing Event

HAVANA (AP) — Rebel kidnapers freed world champion automobile racer Juan Manuel Fangio today after Cuba's \$10,000 Gran Premio race ended in tragedy and suspicions of foul play.

While Fangio, unshaken by his 29-hour experience, talked with reporters, authorities disputed claims by other drivers that someone poured oil on the course of the race in which the 46-year-old, five-time world title holder was to have been the star attraction.

A racer driven by Armando Garcia Cifuentes of Cuba skittered into the crowd along Malecon Boulevard, killing four Cubans and injuring 34. Cifuentes was among those critically hurt.

Drivers said the track had been slicked down with oil, presumably in a rebel attempt to wreck the race. Officials at first agreed, but later the National Sports Commission said Cifuentes' car "supposedly" went out of control. The commission contended its technicians had "eliminated absolutely all suspicion of sabotage," and claimed the oil on the street had seeped from the 27 racing cars.

Fangio told newsmen his abduc-

tors made clear they had grabbed him in hopes his disappearance would force cancellation of the race and encumbrance President Fulgencio Batista's regime.

The veteran driver showed no bitterness toward his captors, who seized him at gunpoint in his Havana hotel on the eve of the big race.

"If what the rebels did was in a good cause, then I as an Argentinian accept it," said Fangio, whose own country threw out dictator Juan D. Peron in September 1955.

He refused to identify the kidnapers or to give any description of them.

He said his captors had confined him in three different houses and used three different cars to transport him. At one house he saw two women.

Fangio said his captors treated him decently, fed him well and spent much time explaining why Castro's revolutionary movement wants to throw out Batista's regime.

Brig. Gen. Fernandez Miranda, head of the sports commission, said that despite yesterday's tragedy, the Gran Premio would be held again next year.



LOOKING OVER ONE OF THE SAVINGS BONDS which will be given away at the Fifth Annual Klamath Basin Home Show which opens Friday noon at the fairgrounds are, left to right, Joe Mercer, sales director for the Klamath County Savings Bond Committee; Mike Shannon, manager of the South Sixth Street branch of the First National Bank and Fred Ehlers, chairman of the home show. Two \$50 bonds will be given as door prizes each day of the show and winners do not have to be present at the time of the drawing. The show will be open from noon to 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and will feature "everything it takes to make a house a home."