

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

In its closing days — as mentioned in this space recently — the 83rd congress approved a project that is long overdue — pensions for ex-presidents and their widows. The bill was passed by both houses, and President Eisenhower has signed it. It is now the law of the land.

Under the law, ex-presidents will receive a pension of \$25,000 as long as they live. Their widows will receive pensions of \$10,000. In addition, there will be some trimmings. The trimmings include office space, free mailing privileges and a staff of assistants.

The pensions are a splendid idea. They will have been EARNED. The President of the United States carries a heavier load of responsibility than any other person on earth. He couldn't be paid during his term in office enough money to recompense him fully for the responsibility that he carries on his shoulders.

And—

When he retires from his office— He occupies a peculiar position. He is an elder statesman. From the day he goes out of office until his death, he is a part of the government of the United States. As such, he is inhibited in the making of a living. There are so many things he CAN'T do and still live up to the traditions of the Presidency. The same is true of his widow after he dies.

So look for the pensions.

Let's look now at the trimmings. In its fundamentals, our government is sound and reasonable. In these fundamentals, there is little room for criticism. It is the TRIMMINGS that really cost money.

For example:

A man is appointed to do a job. If he is to do a job, he must have an office. If he is to have an office, he must have a SECRETARY. Custom (especially in Washington) decrees that.

Let's start with the office. It must have a desk. It must have a chair for the man to sit in. There must be a chair for those who come to the office for interviews.

So far, so good. But, as time passes, it becomes evident that only ONE CHAIR is an indication that the man who has been appointed to the job ISN'T VERY IMPORTANT. If he were really important, more than one person would be waiting to see him.

So—

A DAVENPORT is required to make the man seem more important. In time, even a davenport doesn't imply enough importance. So a waiting room is added to his office. The secretary sits in the waiting room.

Then—

In time—

Just ONE secretary doesn't seem to connote enough importance. So the secretary gets an assistant. The assistants to the secretary get other assistants. That calls for MORE ROOM. So the office with one waiting room is expanded to a SUITE OF OFFICES. As time passes, a suite isn't enough to make the man seem important enough, so his quarters are expanded to include a whole floor. Eventually a WHOLE BUILDING is required to make the man who was appointed seem as important as he ought to be.

The trouble with government offices is that they PROLIFERATE.

So—

The pensions for ex-presidents and their widows are WONDERFUL.

But I hope somebody keeps an eye on the trimmings. Especially the staff of assistants. Otherwise, nobody can tell how far this new departure in government might spread.

Highest Court Finds U.S. Backs NAACP

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court opened an extraordinary integration session today—and found the government ranged firmly alongside the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People in urging "no delay" in the mingling of races at Little Rock Central High School.

The great maroon drapes behind the bench in the marble courtroom parted about noon and to the ancient cry of "Oyez"—Hear Ye—the justices walked to their seats.

It was the third crucial session on school segregation within half a decade, and specifically at issue was: Should integration at Central High resume forthwith, or be postponed 2½ years. That was the narrow issue but the decision could have profound effect on the whole, far-flung desegregation struggle.

The high tribunal in 1954 had outlawed school segregation, and in 1955 ordered it wiped out with "all deliberate speed." Now the big question was: "What is deliberate speed?"

The Little Rock School Board, through its attorneys, fought hard for the 2½-year delay granted by a U.S. District Court judge. The NAACP hotly opposed any delay—crying it would be a retreat before the kind of violence that led President Eisenhower to dispatch federal troops to Little Rock last year.

And to the surprise of some—because President Eisenhower spoke only yesterday of favoring a "slower" approach—Solicitor General J. Lee Rankin urged the tribunal to brook no delay. Rankin is the executive branch's official spokesman in the Supreme Court.

James C. Hagerty, Eisenhower's press secretary, said he saw no difference between the President's views and Rankin's. Asked whether Eisenhower himself sees any difference, Hagerty said he hadn't asked the President. He promised to do so later.

Technically, Rankin's no-delay brief, filed a few hours before the court opening, was addressed to the specific situation at Little Rock. But it contained a general do-it-now argument which could apply in any situation where public opposition to desegregation is the basis for efforts to hold off immediate mingling of the races in classrooms.

Eisenhower, in speaking of a slower approach Wednesday, added that he believed the Justice Department brief—the one filed today by Rankin—would not diverge greatly from his own views.

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IT TAKES A LOT OF PEOPLE to make any community endeavor successful. Here are some of the willing workers behind the promotion of the Lake County Roundup being held at Lakeview this weekend. From left, front row, Gordon Robin, Don Hotchkiss, Marvin Butler, Lane (Skip) Thornton, Marcus Partin, Louis (Red) Withers and Ernest McKinney; back row, same order, John Dick, Preston (Pat) Johnson, Chick Chaloupka, Glenn Harvey, George Carlon, Erwin Abramson, Ben Vernon and Ed Garrett. — Bennett Photo

Plane Crashes; All On Board Are Rescued

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—A North-west Orient Airlines DC6B with 61 persons aboard crashed in a farm field moments after takeoff today. All passengers and crew members got out alive before the big plane was consumed by flames.

At least 49 persons, among them the 4 crew members, were taken to hospitals. Most of them, including Rep. Don Magnuson (D-Wash.), suffered minor cuts or bruises.

The four-engine plane apparently developed trouble just after clearing the runway. It struck a wire fence, tore a path through a cornfield and smashed into three farm buildings. The wreckage was on fire as passengers struggled to safety through a hole in the airliner's side.

Eleven of the 57 passengers were Army men, most of them en route to Fort Lewis, Wash., for assignment overseas.

Airline officials said it was not clear what caused the crash.

Magnuson was not seriously hurt. He is no relation of Sen. Warren Magnuson (D-Wash.).

Smoke filled the plane as passengers crawled through a hole torn in the fuselage where a wing broke off during the big plane's mile-long skid through a cornfield west of Weld-Chamberlain Field, the Minneapolis-St. Paul airport. It had just taken off, at 3:40 a.m., on a flight to Oregon and Washington.

The flight had originated in Washington with stops at Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Detroit and Milwaukee.

"It's a miracle any of us got out alive, it seemed so bad," said Mrs. E. C. Wiesand, 48, Sandusky, Ohio, who was traveling with her husband and three children.

Flames consumed the airliner's interior after all aboard escaped. Rescue workers found men, women and children standing in the field, many of them dazed.

One crewman tossed a baby through the fuselage hole into the waiting arms of his mother.

An airlines spokesman said the plane was airborne when it clipped a fence rimming a construction project beyond the runway.

It bounced three times and slid along the ground for a mile, wrecking a garage, granary and shed on the Jerry Christian farm. The plane came to rest only 30 feet from the Christian house, about four blocks from the Metropolitan Stadium on Minneapolis' southern outskirts.

The plane landed on its left side, making it impossible to open the door there. But the crew directed passengers through the fuselage hole.

Among the hospitalized were the four crew members, Capt. James Wilkinson, Seattle, pilot; V. J. McGinnis, Seattle, copilot; A. R. Mielke, Minneapolis, engineer; and Marge Gallagher, Seattle, stewardess.

Most of the injured were taken to Northwestern Hospital here. Others were taken to Ancker Hospital in St. Paul and to Veterans Hospital near the field.

Nationalists Might Decide To Hit China

TAIPEI, FORMOSA (UPI) — The Chinese Nationalists warned today they will bomb the Chinese mainland "if necessary" to halt the shelling of the Quemoy Islands by the Communists.

Gen. (Tiger) Wang Shu-ling, chief of the Chinese general staff, made the statement, the first by a ranking government official although there have been other hints of drastic action. The incessant shelling went into the sixth straight day today.

Wang made the statement amid predictions of an early invasion attempt of the offshore islands by the Communists — possibly within the week.

The official Central News Agency said the conditions were favorable now for an attack—a full moon, high tide and a concentration of Communist navy amphibious forces at the north end of the Formosa Strait.

Where might the Communists strike was the big question. Red artillery pounded the Quemoy area without letup for a 16-hour stretch ending at 1 p. m. today. There also was sporadic shelling of Kaoting in the Matsu offshore island group 120 miles to the north.

The Central News Agency said the Communists had moved in two marine divisions from Chusan, where they recently held amphibious exercises, to Shan Tzu, a coastal village just north of the Matsu group, Wednesday. The Defense Ministry said the Reds had 4,000 to 5,000 assault boats converging on the Quemoy group.

The Red Chinese navy also moved 40 more motor torpedo boats into the Straits area and shipped in more than 300,000 heavy artillery shells to the shore batteries almost ringing Quemoy, the agency said. It quoted reports from the mainland.

U. S. concern over the situation was obvious. The Navy announced Wednesday night it had ordered the carrier Essex with 80 planes aboard and four destroyers to leave the Mediterranean and reinforce the U. S. 7th Fleet charged with guarding the Formosa Strait. The fleet now has four carriers and about 300 planes.

U. S. officials in Washington still were keeping an open mind on the possible use of American forces in the Quemoy — Matsu crisis.

Arkansas Set To Approve School Close

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP)—The Arkansas Senate today sent to Gov. Orval E. Faubus for his signature a bill to close the state's public schools in event of forcible integration.

But all attention in Little Rock was focused on the U. S. Supreme Court.

Gov. Orval Faubus even hedged on whether he would sign into law immediately the program he asked for to defy federal orders to admit Negroes. It appeared he intended to await the Supreme Court ruling.

"You know timing of things like this can have a profound significance and lasting effect," he told United Press International.

A reporter asked him if he had "anything else in the hole."

"I always like to have something in the hole," Faubus said.

The state Senate and House of Representatives Wednesday gave overwhelming approval to the school closing bills with only one dissenting vote to the basic program.

Little Rock was calm and hot on the eve of the Supreme Court hearing.

Mrs. Daisy Bates, local head of the NAACP, arrived Wednesday night from Washington with six of the nine students who entered Central High last fall under guard of Army paratroopers. All nine had received a \$1,000 scholarship from the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World in Washington.

Mrs. Bates said she considered the Negro children still enrolled as students at Central High.

Weather

FORECAST — Klamath Falls and vicinity: Fair through Friday. Highs 75-80. Low tonight 40-45.

High yesterday	83
Low last night	51
Precip. last 24 hours	0
Since Oct. 1	26.03
Same period last year	15.19
Normal for period	12.89

Fire Danger Today HIGH

Fires start readily from match or glowing cinders, spread rapidly and tend to crown in young growth.

Fun-Packed Weekend Set For County Fair Visitors

LAKEVIEW—Gala bunting street banners wave a welcome to visitors to the 39th annual Lake County Fair and Roundup which will provide a fun-packed weekend through Labor Day.

On Friday, 4-H, FFA and open class activities start at the fairgrounds. At 8 p.m. Friday the annual Lake County historical pageant will present the history of mining in the country from 1848 to 1958. Entertainment will include pre-pageant and finale activities, and oldtimers whose residence in Goose Lake Valley dates back to 1900 will be given special honor.

Queen's dances will be held Friday night, starting at 10 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday nights in the Memorial Hall of the courthouse. Music will be furnished by Herb Cary and his Dixieland band of seven members and a girl vocalist from Alturas.

Fair activities continue through Saturday afternoon. The roundup opens at 8 p.m. on Saturday under lights in the rodeo grounds. Allen Catterton of Burns is bringing the stock which includes 45 bareback buckers, 35 saddle broncs, 20 calves, 15 steers and 15 Brahma bulls. Famous names among the broncs are Tar Baby, Tumbleweed, Oregon Cougar and Draft Dodger. One of the bulls, Pale Face, has never been ridden in six years of performance. Saturday night is Family Night.

Lumberjack Field Day opens at 1 p.m. on Saturday in the arena. There is no charge for this activity or for the fair.

Following the parade of horses to the grounds, the Sunday and Monday arena performances open at 1:30 p.m. A new section of horsemanship contests will include four top contestants from the senior and junior horsemanship 4-H clubs which were organized in the county this year. About 50 young people are members of the clubs and the top four were picked prior to the opening of the fair. The senior contest will open the roundup program on Saturday night and the juniors open the Sunday performance.

A new contest lined up this year is a team performance in which a prize of \$50, Jim Ogle is in charge of entries.

Roundup events include bronc

Compassionate Judge Grants Prisoner Wish

MOUNT SHASTA—Judge, can't you gimme 60 days, too?" is the sales talk used by Charles E. Miller of Oklahoma City, to get Judge John Kinstry to not hold him for a short 10 days while his partner received for the 60-day jail. He got his wish.

It all started with Curtis Fairchild, also of Oklahoma City, being charged with drunken driving, and Miller accused of being drunk in and about a car. Both pleaded guilty; both claimed no funds. A jail term was indicated for both.

While drunken driving jail sentences are set at 60 days, the lesser charge is only a 10-day offense. But Miller was dismayed with the prospect of 50 days wait for his friend and chauffeur, and asked that he be given the same term.

The explanation offered by Judge Kinstry, who has before shown Solomon-like insight and compassion for unfortunate, is that had the lonesome Miller gotten into more serious trouble during the 50-day wait, the judge would have been partly responsible for not granting the two friends a stay together.

Jury May Probe Kierdorf Death

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP)—A hearing was scheduled today on whether to summon a grand jury to investigate the human torch death of Teamsters Union business agent Frank Kierdorf.

Michigan Atty. Gen. Paul L. Adams and Oakland County Prosecutor Frederick Ziem filed a petition for a grand jury inquiry yesterday, basing their case on the story of Mrs. Iris Harrelson, a 40-year-old divorcee. She told police her ex-husband, Leuan Harrelson, president of Teamsters Local 614, knew of Kierdorf's burning before he staggered into a Pontiac hospital with burns over 85 per cent of his body.

Biggest Fire Controlled

The Goose Egg Butte fire, biggest this season in the Klamath District of Rogue River National Forest, was brought under control at about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

About 100 men, four planes, many trucks and 25,000 gallons of "wet" water (water with detergent added) were brought into play to knock out this fire some 27 hours after it was first sighted Tuesday noon.

"We feel very fortunate that we were able to control this stubborn fire with the loss of only 10 acres of timber," Darrel K. Frewing, manager of the Klamath District, said this morning.

Goose Egg Butte is located in the Seven Lakes recreation area, in virgin timber, 10 air miles west of Fort Klamath.

The Forest Service, which still had 40 men engaged in mopping-up operations at the scene of the fire Thursday morning, 45 hours after it first began the fight, played the major part in the campaign. However, the Indian Service was the first to spot the fire, and it largely assisted the fire-fighting operation from Klamath Agency air strip, keeping the planes loaded with the needed water.

Other elements engaged in the battle included a former Navy bomber from John Day, which supplemented two Forest Service bombers throughout the fight. The ex-Navy plane flew in with a load of borax solution, then reloaded many times with new charges of "wet" water, both at Medford and Klamath Agency.

Mercy Air Service of Medford used a twin-engine Beechcraft to supply up to 80 men on the fire line with drinking water, hot meals, lunches, bedrolls and supplies.

Nobel Prize Winner Dead

PALO ALTO, Calif. (UPI)—Nobel Prize winner Dr. Ernest O. Lawrence, 57, inventor of the atom-smashing cyclotron, died in Palo Alto Hospital Wednesday night after an operation.

He died after surgery for ulcerative colitis, from which he had been suffering for several weeks. He entered the hospital Aug. 12. His condition had not been believed serious.

At the time of his death, Lawrence was director of the Radiation Laboratory at the University of California at Berkeley. He won the Nobel Prize in 1939 for developing the cyclotron.

Earlier this year, Lawrence had gone to Geneva for talks with scientists from the East and the West on means of detecting atomic tests. He had to leave the talks and return home because of a bronchial condition.

Lawrence leaves his wife, Mary. They had six children, John, Margaret, Mary, Robert, Barbara and Susan.

Lawrence produced a "gadget" he called the cyclotron about 1930, when he was a 23-year-old associate professor at Berkeley.

This "gadget" was to become the machine which sends two billion electron volts into solid matter separating the millions of minute particles which form all mass.

Verbal Road Bout Held

By TOM STIMMEL

Three Klamath Falls contractors had a spirited verbal bout with the county court and County Engineer William R. Canton Wednesday on the subject of roads.

Specifically, the contractors wanted to know:

1. Why private contractors aren't invited to bid on county road jobs.
2. Why county road crews work on public roads that don't belong to the county.
3. Exactly how much does it cost the county to build its roads.

Canton, the veteran engineer, who soon is to retire, was the object of most of the questions, and he provided most of the answers given.

His questioners were Don Miller of W. D. Miller Construction Company, Herbert Graham of Graham Brothers Oregon Ltd., and Ray Byrnes of Asphalt Paving Company.

Miller opened the session by asking if he could bid on rock on the county needs to complete work on roads in Klamath Falls. He said he could sell the county rock for less than the county now spends to haul from its quarry. He said he hadn't been asked to bid on the job, but decided now was the time to bring up the subject. Canton agreed to discuss a bid Thursday.

"Now, to prevent this thing coming up again," Miller said, "is there any way, when the county is working near our operations, for us to get an opportunity to quote prices?"

Byrnes followed that question by citing the rock paving on Quarry Street, which he said the county hauled from Poe Valley, "at least 20 miles away."

"We have a plant right on that street—right there," he said, "but you didn't ask us to bid on it. I could have given you a bid for rock here in town for less than it

cost you just to haul it in from Poe Valley.

"Now, if you elect to pave Quarry Street, I'd like to bid on it," he challenged the court.

"I feel that we're entitled to take bids (under the law) when it's feasible and when private contractors petition the county to pave roads," County Judge C. M. Mack said, emphasizing it as a personal opinion.

"I'd like to, you bet," Byrnes said.

County work on public roads was the next topic. These are roads the county has paved in subdivisions and such places, but are not county roads.

Byrnes again had the floor, and he said such roads were the business of private contractors. "I'm opposed to this, not as a contractor so much as a taxpayer. I don't believe the county should be in the private construction business."

"We're forced to, under the law," interjected Commissioner Jerry Rajmus.

"Well, under the same law, you can operate a sawmill if you want to," Byrnes said, "but you don't do it."

Mack explained that "that business started 30 years ago." It is the policy of this court, he said, to prepare streets for subdivisions before the subdivisions are occupied whenever possible. "We do what we can to force them to accept you fellows, instead of the county," he said, "but when they don't, we have to do the work."

Canton agreed. "Always, when it is possible, we send them to private contractors. Why, every day somebody calls me and wants us to put in a driveway for."

"We can't live on driveways," Byrnes snapped.

Canton was almost an exclusive target on the subject of road ex-

Beating Charges Under Scrutiny

VENICE, Italy (UPI) — Police today investigated charges of assault against two British sailors accused of beating and severely injuring an American tourist Monday night.

American Henry Bunkerly, 50, of New York, was reported still in a coma as a result of head injuries. Police said Bunkerly's relatives reported a \$1,600 sapphire and diamond ring which he wore had disappeared following the beating.

TV Quiz Shows Probe Continues

NEW YORK (AP) — Dist. Atty. Frank S. Hogan said today there is not enough evidence to warrant presentation of allegations of fixed quiz shows to a grand jury, but his investigation is continuing.

"It is fair to indicate that this is not a burgeoning scandal," Hogan told newsmen.

He said, however, his office had received many telephone calls complaining about quiz shows.

FIREWORKS PLANT EXPLODES

TAIPEI, Formosa (UPI)—Twenty-three persons, most of them teen-age girls, were killed and 13 other persons were injured Tuesday when a fireworks factory exploded in Chiayi in central Formosa, reports reaching here Wednesday night said.



WILLIAM O. KURTZ, right, principal of the Merrill Elementary School, is shown receiving the Certificate of Commendation from the Oregon Journal for "unusual and meritorious acts of good citizenship." Presentation was made in informal ceremonies by Ross Ragland, left, president of Klamath County Council of Churches. The specific field of service for which the award was made is the educator's work with the children of migrant labor families in the county. In accepting the award, Kurtz disclaimed personal credit, saying that the fine community spirit at Merrill and the cooperation of all authorities, especially including Carrol Howe, Klamath County School superintendent, has eliminated most of the problems in his area.



A FISH STORY with the fish to prove it. Mayor Lawrence Slater managed to pull in this 35 pound Chinook Salmon last weekend while on a fishing trip out of Astoria. He reports that it took almost an hour to land this whopper. To make certain that nobody would doubt his story, he arranged to have the fish shipped to Klamath Falls instead of canned as is the usual procedure. The 35 pounder is the largest salmon caught in the Astoria vicinity in the past six years. The shovel? Well, it happened to be handy to better illustrate the size of the prize catch.