

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
Let's talk today about the "common touch." There are some interesting examples of it in the news of this day after Thanksgiving.

President Eisenhower and his family ate their turkey on the glass-windowed sunporch of the Eisenhower cottage that stands beside a fairway at the Augusta National Golf Club. It was a simple family gathering. Around the table were the President and Mrs. Eisenhower, their son John and his wife and the four Eisenhower grandchildren, ranging in age from 10 down to two years.

It was just like millions of other Thanksgiving family reunions in America—with ONE EXCEPTION. The exception was that the turkey had to be carved under the glare of floodlights and the eyes of newsreel and TV cameras.

The President and his family bore up cheerfully under the ordeal, and when it was over they settled down to their meal.

The common touch? It came during the carving, which was done by Grandpa Eisenhower. The KNIFE WAS DULL and Grandpa had quite a tussle with the first drumstick. Son John had to hold the turkey steady while his father wielded the knife.

The moral? Presidents are just like OTHER people. Their families are just like other families. Somebody forgets at the last minute to sharpen the carving knife.

Vice-President Nixon and his wife Pat entertained Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip yesterday at the American embassy on Grosvenor Square in London.

Preparing for the dinner, our Veep put on his dress shoes and his black silk socks, wriggled his way painfully into his starched-front shirt, put in the studs (probably murruring a bad word or so when the darned things wouldn't go through the stiffly starched buttonholes) got his black bow properly tied and pulled on his pants.

At that point, he discovered that he'd gone off and left his dinner jacket HANGING ON ITS NAIL IN HIS CLOSET IN WASHINGTON. Pat was embarrassed. "This is the first trip he ever went on," she explained, "that I didn't do his packing for him. I'll see to it that it never happens again."

How was the emergency met? Well, Dick borrowed a tux from Jim Bassett, of the embassy staff. That left Bassett out on a limb. So he had to borrow a tux from one of the Scotland Yard men who was assigned to the Nixons for their protection during their London visit. What happened to the dick? He met the emergency by borrowing one from one of the waiters.

All in all, I think, a commoner touch would have been provided if Prince Philip had dashed over to Buckingham Palace, which isn't too far away from Grosvenor Square, and rummaged out one of HIS dinner jackets for his far-from-home host.

In conclusion—The teletype this morning bears the news that Crown Prince Akihito's engagement to 24-year-old Michiko Shoda, daughter of a wealthy Japanese flour-mill executive, has brought wild joy to all of Japan because it creates the prospect that she will be the first COMMONER to share Japan's throne since the world's oldest dynasty took it over in 660 B.C. This is truly, you see, the century of the common man.

Benson Seeks Farming Laws

WASHINGTON (AP)—Buoyed by the action of corn belt farmers in voting to do away with production controls, Secretary of Agriculture Benson is getting ready to prod Congress anew for new farm legislation.

Benson particularly wants new legislation for wheat and tobacco, which he was unable to get when the last Congress voted more flexibility for dealing with corn, cotton and rice.

Benson, long-time foe of government controls and high rigid price supports, feels the vote in favor of doing away with corn controls might prove helpful.

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CHILOQUIN'S \$150,000 THANKSGIVING DAY FIRE completely gutted the Gienger Building, the city's oldest and largest brick structure. A valuable collection of Indian trophies belonging to Roy Gienger was virtually the only property saved from the building, which housed three businesses and one family dwelling. The fire, apparently man-caused, exploded six boxes of shotgun shells at about 5 a.m. and thus alerted the Neil W. Neil-

son family, sole residents of the structure, to their danger. Firemen from Chiloquin, Klamath Agency, Klamath County and Oregon Tech fire departments fought the blaze for hours winning the gratitude of Gienger and other victims. Water from the fire hoses created a thick layer of ice on the street with icicles forming on the building as parts of it cooled off.

—Photo by Otto Ellis

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Fair through Saturday. Low tonight 18-23. High Saturday 38-43.

High yesterday	42
Low last night	17
Precip. last 24 hours	0
Since Oct. 1	1.07
Same period last year	4.52
Normal for period	2.64

Northern California: Fair tonight and Saturday except for fog on the coast tonight and increasing cloudiness Saturday. Little change in temperature. Variable coastal winds 5-10 miles an hour.

Sleet, Snow Spread East

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Swirling snow and sleet spread eastward today, putting motor vehicle travel on a dangerous footing from the Rockies almost to the Atlantic Seaboard.

The snowfall ranged up to 13 inches at Devil's Lake, N. D. It measured 6 inches in West Plains and Farmington, Mo., 5 inches in Olathe, Kan., and Evansville, Ind., 4 inches in Vandalia, Ill. and 2 inches in Amarillo, Tex.

As the storm pushed eastward the snow ended in eastern Colorado and Kansas and western Missouri. But the first flakes began to flurry in Buffalo, N. Y., and Washington, D. C.

A special snow warning was issued for western New York, western Pennsylvania, West Virginia and the Maryland mountains. Snow ranging from 3 to 5 inches were forecast by Saturday morning.

Ballot Probe Set By Solon

WASHINGTON (AP)—Rep. Coya Knutson (D-Minn.) said today she is asking the House Elections Committee to investigate the election in which she was defeated.

The blonde Mrs. Knutson disclosed this at a news conference in which she refused to answer practically all questions—especially about her family affairs.

Her husband, Andrew Knutson, tried during the campaign to get her to abandon politics and come home.

He also filed, but later apparently dropped, a \$300,000 slander and alienation of affections suit against his wife's administrative assistant, William Kjeldahl.

Asked today whether she and her husband were reconciled, Mrs. Knutson replied: "It is not a matter of reconciliation."

Newsmen asked whether the committee was going into matters between herself and her husband, and Mrs. Knutson said: "I am sure it will."

Her Republican opponent, Odin Langen, has been declared elected and is scheduled to take the Minnesota 9th District seat when Congress convenes Jan. 7.

She and her husband got together with their adopted son, Terry, 18, for Thanksgiving dinner.

Court Weighs Strike Issue

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
A federal court hearing in New York City today may decide whether a third major airline will be struck, adding to labor difficulties which have grounded hundreds of planes.

Operations by Eastern and Trans World Airlines have been halted since Monday by strikes involving about 35,000 flight engineers and mechanics.

American Airlines will ask Judge Frederick vanPelt Bryan to extend a temporary injunction against a strike by its 1,500 pilots. The Air Line Pilots Assn. seeks higher wages, a shorter work schedule and other rule changes.

Eastern Air Lines awaits the outcome of its no-strike plea against its flight engineers scheduled to come up today before Federal Judge E. C. Choate in Miami, Fla. Even if an injunction is granted, however, Eastern will be unable to operate until a mechanics dispute is settled.

Meanwhile, nonstrike airlines have been filling the gap in air transportation, but not without some delays and confusion. Putting every available aircraft into service Wednesday, these lines handled the holiday crush. Trains and buses were jammed too.



SA Outlines Yule Program

Coins falling into the Christmas kettles of the Salvation Army will bring the eternal message of Christmas to more than 1,000 individuals in the Klamath Falls area.

Capt. Lewis Kendall of the Klamath Falls branch points out that assistance to the many individuals will come in the form of grocery orders, toys and clothing for children, as well as gifts for patients at the Klamath County Nursing Home and inmates of the jails.

Kendall also reports a great deal of activity going on to make Christmas more meaningful for many Klamath Basin people. Toys are being repaired and painted under the direction of L. C. Gilder. Over 700 children will be receiving toys, some of them repaired toys, others new toys.

Mrs. Nora Brown and her helpers have been working on this project for a number of weeks.

Approximately 100 families will feel the personal touch of Christmas in the form of food baskets for their Christmas dinner, and where there is a great need, the children of these families will receive clothing.

These items, Kendall pointed out, are made possible by Christmas kettle contributions.

Mark Outlines Legal Steps

SALEM (AP)—Gov.-elect Mark Hatfield announced today that no legal proceedings would be filed in the near future to claim his right to appoint a secretary of state to succeed himself.

He said his attorney, Lamar Tooze Sr., Portland, has advised him that it would be impossible to challenge Gov. Robert D. Holmes' announcement that he would appoint David O'Hara as secretary of state.

Hatfield said Tooze is continuing his research and would "advise me further as to what action, if any, should be taken."

Tooze believes that Governor Holmes' plan to appoint O'Hara can't be challenged under the declaratory judgment law until a definite act has taken place.

Thanksgiving Deaths Mount

Traffic	145
Fires	28
Miscellaneous	19
Total	192

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
The nation's accident death toll for Thanksgiving holiday weekend mounted today with severe weather an added hazard. Blinding snow figured in a number of traffic fatalities. Cold was a factor in fire fatalities.

The traffic death toll since the start of the count for the four-day weekend far exceeded the number killed in fires and miscellaneous accidents. However, it appeared to be running near or slightly below the average for a comparable nonholiday period.

The count, which started at 6 p.m. (local time) Wednesday, is to continue to midnight Sunday, covering a period of 102 hours.

Fires claimed the lives of nine children Thursday. Five died in a fire which destroyed a home for retarded and crippled children in Oklahoma City. Four children and their parents perished in a fire in the suburban area of Little Rock, Ark. Two 12-year-old Chicago boys drowned when they fell through the thin ice in a park lagoon.

Safety experts attribute the near normal traffic toll to the fact that highway travel over the Thanksgiving holiday is not as heavy as on other holidays such as Christmas, New Year's, Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day.

Prisoners Fete Girl

SAN QUENTIN, Calif. (AP)—A 10-year-old girl who lives in a remote mountain village in Greece will get a letter, gifts and money for a big Christmas party from her 5,000 "dads" in the United States—but no visit.

The "dads" are San Quentin Prison convicts.

The men "adopted" Diamanto Samartzis in September through Foster Parents Plan, Inc., a New York charity organization. They donated \$1,400 for her support, from which she gets \$15 a month.

For a Christmas party the little girl will get \$25 extra from the fund which will buy quite a bit in Greece.

"It's something like handing a kid \$25 to go to the candy store," a prison official said.

A Christmas package will contain presents, mostly handmade by the prisoners.

San Quentin officials said the biggest problem was to keep the convicts from going overboard on Diamanto's Christmas.

"A lot of them wanted to send their own money," said Associate Warden Walter Achuff, and a good many asked if they couldn't have their families send money.

Shooting Hours

OREGON	
November 29	
OPEN 6:42	CLOSE 4:37
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CALIFORNIA	
November 29	
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Solons Urge Use Of Force

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Meetings Banned By Korea Police

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—Metropolitan police today banned outdoor gatherings and demonstrations of all kinds. Police chief Lee Kang hak said police have uncovered and are investigating "a serious North Korean Communist subversion plot against the Republic of Korea."

Berlin Officials Deny Soviet Offer To Evict Allies

BERLIN (AP)—West Berliners dug in today for a six-month cold war siege. Their officials spurned the Soviet proposal to drive the Western Allies back beyond the Iron Curtain by converting West Berlin into a demilitarized "free city."

West Berliners clearly saw the next six months as a period of uncertainty.

A shopgirl gave a typical reaction: "I'm afraid that if the Allies leave, the Communist people's police would come marching in one day. If the Big Four turn West Berlin into a free city, I'll start looking for a job in West Germany. Yes, the exodus to West Germany would start immediately."

"We in West Berlin say no," Mayor Willy Brandt declared in a radio and television broadcast after an emergency meeting of his Cabinet to study Soviet Premier Khrushchev's proposals. All West Berlin parties, newspapers and ordinary citizens seemed to back him up.

The 44-year-old Socialist mayor, appealing for the support of the Western world, promised that West Berlin's 2,200,000 citizens would not panic as the six months proposed by Khrushchev for negotiations run out.

"We are not afraid," he said. "We will not be shaken. We will not get panicky. We will go on reconstructing. We will continue to have faith in our friends."

The Western powers withheld their final word on the Soviet proposals, but the preliminary reaction indicated they would turn thumbs down.

The U.S. State Department said the United States would never agree to anything that would mean abandonment of the people of West Berlin to hostile domination.

The British government also served notice it intends to stay in West Berlin.

West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer said he was sure the Western Allies would "reject every suggestion that aims at making Berlin defenseless and endangering its freedom."

Adenauer and French Premier Charles de Gaulle had already announced Wednesday that the West's promises to maintain the occupation must be kept.

West German Socialist leader Erich Ollenhauer, Adenauer's chief opposition, assured West Berliners that his party also stands firmly behind them.

All the Western governments indicated, however, that the 24-page Khrushchev note would be carefully considered before they come up with their replies.

Khrushchev proposed that West Berlin be turned into a "demilitarized free city" with U.N. observers keeping watch over its neutrality after Western troops pull out.

He gave the West six months if it turned down the proposal, to negotiate the switch but said the Soviet would go ahead and transfer to East Germany the control of Allied supply lines to the isolated city.

In a news conference, Khrushchev called West Berlin "that cancerous tumor" in the center of East Germany. But he denied

the six months for negotiations was an ultimatum.

Allied officials welcomed the six months breathing space. They had feared the Russians would waste no time in giving control of Allied supply lines into West Berlin to the East German regime, which the West refuses to recognize. But ultimate East German control would still present the West with the necessity of dealing with the German Communists on some basis.

West Allies Map Strategy For Harangue

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States and its allies began mapping strategy today for a long diplomatic battle against the Soviet Union's "free city" campaign to oust them from West Berlin.

The State Department gave stern notice Thursday night that the U.S. government does not intend to "enter into any agreement with the Soviet Union which, whatever the form, would have the end result of abandoning the people of West Berlin to hostile domination."

The statement promised careful study of the Soviet proposal to convert West Berlin into a free city protected by some kind of United Nations watchdog operation. It also promised consultations with Britain, France and West Germany as well as the rest of the NATO allies.

But officials said privately today that while the statement did not specifically and immediately reject the Soviet proposition, there was no doubt that in the long run, probably late next month, it would be turned down.

Some Western counterproposal calling for a solution of the Berlin problem as part of an all-German settlement may be put forth at the same time.

Law Wrong, Court Says

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—A special three-judge federal court today declared unconstitutional a portion of Louisiana's segregation laws which forbid interracial athletic contests.

The order was signed by Judge John Minor Wisdom of the U. S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals and District Judges Herbert Christenberry and J. Kelly Wright.

The ruling today knocks out that portion of the 1956 law dealing with mixed athletic events. However, it deals only with the section governing participants and does not alter separate seating facilities for the races. That issue was not before the court.

The court also issued an injunction nullifying enforcement of the law pending an appeal.



CHRISTMAS KETTLES of the Salvation Army will be in operation beginning Saturday on the downtown streets. Here, Capt. Lewis Kendall, in charge of the local Salvation Army office, rings the cheerful Christmas bell to remind others to share their Christmas joy with persons not so fortunate. Over 1,000 individuals in Klamath Falls will receive assistance in the form of grocery orders, children's toys and clothing, a special gift for patients at the Klamath County Nursing Home and gifts for county jail inmates. The kettles will remain in operation until December 24.