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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Odd tale in the news:

In Los Angeles yesterday plain-clothes cops picked up a fellow who was begging on the streets and booked him on charges of vagrancy.

When they searched him at the station, they found in his pockets $8,300 in cash and a bankbook showing $500 on deposit!

Why was he begging?

One wouldn't know. But it's a safe bet that it looked to him like easy money. There were all those well-dressed, well-fed-looking people on the street. Surely they couldn't resist a plea of hunger. Anyway, it would be worth a try.

So he tried it. It must have worked the very first time. So, presumably, he kept on doing it. In time, it must have come to seem like an easy way to pick up a living.

So runs one's guessing.

Money!

What a strange thing it is!

Especially money that seems to come easy.

At this point, I'd like to relate a personal incident.

Coming to work a few weeks ago, I parked at what has come to be a habitual place. As I got out of the car and started to the office, my eye was caught by a shiny object on the pavement.

It was round and flat and about three-quarters of an inch in diameter. It was a dead ringer for a half-dollar. I pounced on it. It looked like easy money.

It wasn't.

It turned out to be a metal bottle-cap that had been dropped on the pavement sharp edge down and traffic had pounded it into the asphalt. I was acutely disappointed, of course—and also a little red in the face. I looked around to see if anybody had seen me. When one gets fooled, one doesn't like to get caught at it.

Fortunately, no one was looking, and I went on my way.

That was just the beginning.

Here's the real story:

At least twice since then I've got out of the car at this same place, with my mind running on something else, and have caught myself DIVING FOR THAT PHONY HALF-DOLLAR!

Easy money!

It has its appeal to all of us.

Let's close this piece on a serious note.

We do a lot of complaining about taxes. Every time we get our paycheck we look at the tax deduction on it and grind our teeth. If GOVERNMENT hadn't reached into our pockets and taken out the dollars represented by the deduction item we'd have that money to SPEND FOR OURSELVES.

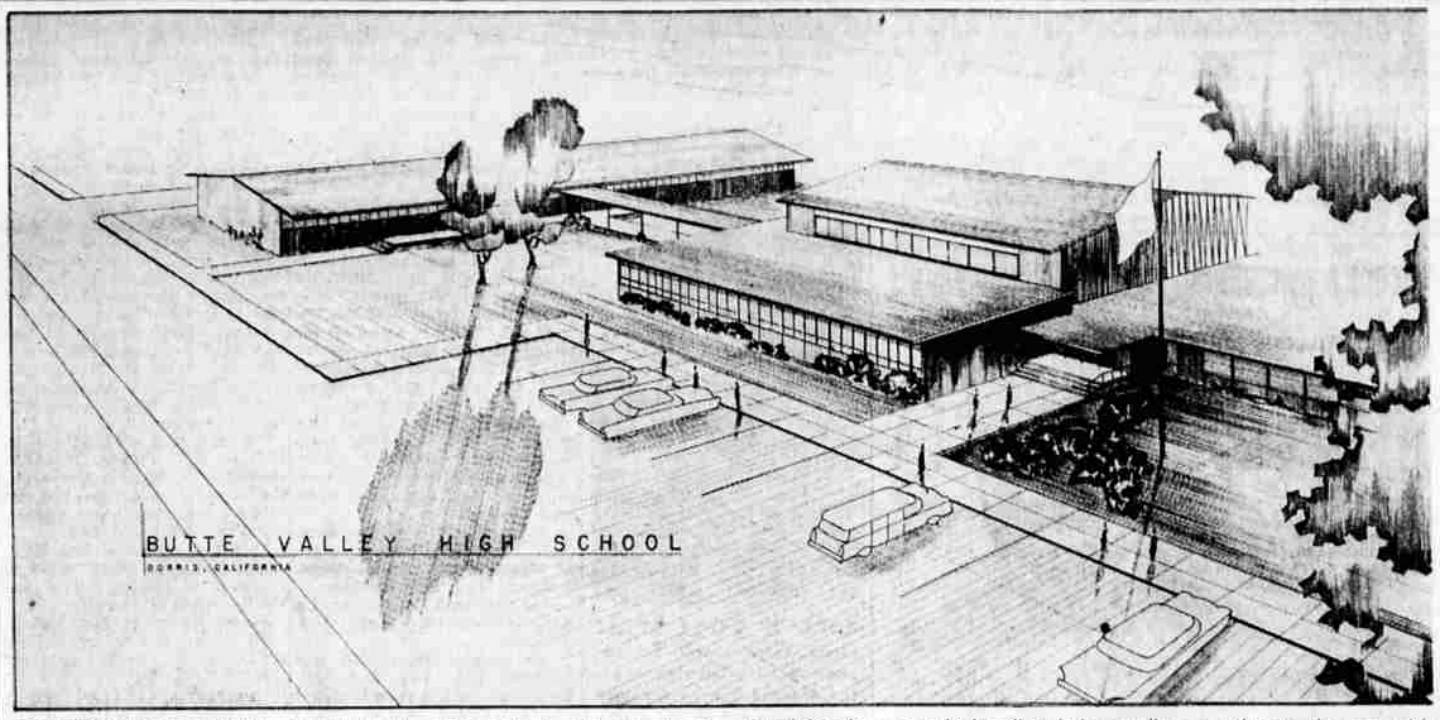
Gr-r-r-r-r-r-r-r!!!!!!

Wait a minute.

Why are taxes so high?

One reason is that we call upon government for so many SERVICES. At the time when we call for them, these services provided by government seem to be something we're getting FOR FREE.

So we go for them—just like I dived for that phony half-dollar.



ARCHITECT'S RENDERING of Butte Valley High School at Dorris shows the recently completed addition built by Duncan Construction Company of Klamath Falls. Cost of the addition, renovating and remodeling of the existing high school building and gymnasium-auditorium was $316,300, part of which was paid by funds supplied by the state of California under the State School Aid Program and part from a Siskiyou County Joint Union High School District bond issue. An additional program is contemplated for this year which will include installing a ceiling in the gym with new acoustical treatment and new lighting and ventilating systems. Also included is site improvement adding tennis courts and a softball and baseball diamond. This work is to be provided for by State Aid Funds for which $58,266 has been allocated. The rendering pictured is from the office of Howard R. Perrin, Klamath Falls architect, which prepared plans and specifications for Siskiyou County Joint Union High School District.

BANDIT HITS SUPERMART; LOSS VAGUE

By LAMAR HOOVER

A good-looking, smooth-talking 6-footer took an estimated $1,000 to $2,000 out of the Safeway store at Eighth and Pine streets Friday evening, thanks to the persuasive power of a .38 Luger he aimed at Assistant Manager Robert Coats.

Safeway authorities said the exact amount stolen would not be known until a full audit had been completed.

The audacious bandit had been "shopping" at Safeway for nearly an hour, picking up assorted items such as potato chips and fingernail polish, before he went up the back stairs to the manager's office, where he approached Coats from behind. It was about 7:20.

"This is a stick-up," the bandit said, in classical vein. "Turn around, and don't look at me."

The robber was holding the gun at trouser level.

"Feel this gun," he ordered Coats.

"Now hear it cock," he added, pulling the safety. "If you want to live, you'll do as I tell you."

The bandit told Coats the "place is covered" by an accomplice. Coats followed the instructions of the bandit, who watched him from the window opening out onto the store from the manager's office. The assistant manager went to the very front of the building, where he collected the contents of the tills at three check stands, and emptied the safe located at the entrance.

The Safeway employe placed the money in shopping bags, which he then carried to the bandit, who met him in the shopping area of the store. The robber consolidated the money into one sack and walked out of the store.

Coats immediately phoned city police and gave the alarm. There were about eight customers in the store, some of whom had noticed the bandit during his extended stay. Indeed, one customer, noticing what seemed to him rather peculiar behavior, called the man to the attention of the clerk on duty, before the robbery had actually taken place.

The bandit reportedly attracted the attention of two employes of the store as well, when he gave one of them a "dirty look" for no apparent reason.

He was variously described as being from 35 to 45 years of age, but in other details witnesses tended to agree upon a description. His weight was estimated at 190 to 200 pounds. He had a long, pointed nose and prominent, high cheek bones. He was clean shaven and had a round adhesive bandage on his right cheek. He was clad in dark blue trousers with a blue and white checkered shirt, covered by a tan or light brown trenchcoat style raincoat, with a hat, apparently of plastic, of similar color. The gun was reportedly an automatic of World War I type.

Neither the description of the criminal, who made no attempt to conceal his face, nor the mode of operation, suggested that this crime was linked with the three "stocking mask" robberies which were recently committed in Klamath Falls. These robberies were committed on January 11 at Durrell's Flying A Station, 1130 Main Street; on January 15 at Fran's Grocery, 147 East Main Street; and on January 21 at Idella's Grocery, 2846 South Sixth Street.

In all three instances, the head of the bandit was covered by a woman's stocking. In the two instances where the victims were able to furnish some further descriptive details, these roughly coincided, giving a picture of a shorter, slighter and younger man than the one who perpetrated Friday's crime.

Integration Stay Appeal Gets Rebuff

WASHINGTON (AP)—Chief Justice Warren refused Saturday to delay the admission of four Negroes to a white junior high school in Arlington, Va.

The four Negro pupils are scheduled to enter Stratford Junior High Monday morning.

Counsel for the school board had asked the chief justice to issue a stay. They contended it was not to the best interest of students and teachers to permit transfers in the middle of a school year.

Warren took the board request under consideration about 11 a.m. He had promised prompt action on the request and announced his decision less than three hours later.

Warren said the school board had not shown a need for extraordinary action and: "The motion for recall and stay of the mandate of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit is denied."

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Senate supporters of Gov. J. Lindsay Almond said they believed they had enough votes to pass Saturday his program to ease the impact of school integration.

In Norfolk, school officials said "everything is in readiness" for integration Monday of six schools closed last fall.

The Almond program — granting tuition payments to those who don't want to attend integrated schools and repealing compulsory school attendance — already has passed the House of Delegates.

It now is before the Senate Finance Committee, whose membership includes most of the senators who had been seeking stronger action than Almond sought from the special session.

Arlington school officials said plans were complete for enrollment of the Negro children and that no trouble is anticipated should a delay be denied. To make certain no incidents occur, police will block off an area of a half mile surrounding the school Monday morning.

Rescuers Find No Trace Of Iceberg-Struck Ship

HALIFAX, N. S. (AP) — Three rescue ships reached the spot where the Danish ship Hans Hedtoft struck an iceberg off Greenland and found no trace of her, search and rescue headquarters said Saturday.

The U. S. Coast Guard Cutter Campbell and two other ships reached the area where the small German trawler Johannes Kruess had been searching fruitlessly through the day in stormy seas. The Hans Hedtoft carried 55 passengers and a crew of 40.

Search headquarters said the three ships had to plow through heavy ice and rough seas to reach the spot, about 37 miles south of Cape Farewell, at the southern tip of Greenland. It did not name the other ships.

There were growing fears that the Hans Hedtoft had sunk. She had lost reported Friday that her holds were filling and she was slowly sinking.

A U.S. Navy radar patrol plane circled above the 20-foot waves in the North Atlantic and found no trace of the ship or lifeboats.

Ice packs were closing in from the north, adding to the hazards for other ships steaming north from the North Atlantic shipping lanes to join the search.

In the van were the U.S. Coast Guard cutter Campbell and the German fishing vessel Poseidon.

Several other vessels were en route but with little hope of reaching the scene before darkness closed in again.

Denmark's Greenland Department said there were 55 passengers and a crew of 40. The U. S. Coast Guard reported 130 aboard. The ship was registered to carry a maximum of 60 passengers and 40 crewmen.

The Greenland Department said the Hans Hedtoft carried three light alloy metal lifeboats that could accommodate 100 persons. Each was equipped with hand-operated radio transmitters. There were, in addition, four rubber liferafts able to carry 24 persons each. The rafts were equipped with "Sarah Beacon" radios sending out a continuous beacon signal. None of the ships in the area reported hearing such signals.

There was only silence after the Danish government - owned ship sent out its last signal late Firday.

In Copenhagen, King Frederik IX summoned Premier H. C. Hansen to report on the progress of the search. Then Hansen called his Cabinet into extraordinary session.

It was snowing heavily when the 2,875-ton Hedtoft hit the iceberg. Four hours later she radioed: "Slowly sinking and need immediate assistance."

Snow flurries persisted Saturday and seas remained high, the U.S. Coast Guard reported. But winds began falling off, a hopeful factor.

Visibility varied widely, ranging up to 8 or 9 miles, then lowering to a mile in the rise and fall of the storm.

The 650 ton Kruess reached the area only about an hour after the Hans Hedtoft sent its last SOS.

But the wind was 60 m. p. h., icy waves were 20 feet high and fog cut visibility. Then darkness fell.

The German trawler combed the area through the night. Just before daylight there was still no trace of the missing Danish vessel.

The Kruess radioed the approaching U. S. Coast Guard cutter Campbell:

"Have searched, nothing found or seen, no lights, or lifeboats or ship.

"Plenty ice from northwest...We must go. We are becoming ice bound...It is dangerous for the ship and we can do no more."

The Campbell radioed later, when about 50 miles from the scene:

"No further contact with Hans Hedtoft. Trawler Johannes Kruess still searching. Conditions poor due to weather and darkness. No evidence of (Danish) motor vessel sighted. Trawler reported ice closing in from northwest, however, continuing search. Navy aircraft arrived at 4:30 and searching area."

The Navy Superconstellation was sent 1,000 miles from Argentia, Nfld., to circle over the area and try to direct the search ships by radar.

The continuing search was being directed from the Royal Canadian Air Force search and rescue center in Halifax.

Construction Firm Finishes School Project

The remodeling of the original Butte Valley High School and gymnasium and the construction of a 12,100-square foot addition to the facilities was completed recently by Duncan Construction Company of Klamath Falls for the Siskiyou County Joint Union High School District.

The project was developed as a result of cooperation and planning between the office of Dr. J. E. Hurley, district superintendent, the division of school planning and the office of Howard R. Perrin, architect, Klamath Falls, who drew the plans and specifications and supervised the construction.

A. V. Humphrey of Dorris was the job inspector serving under the district inspector, Carl Yates of Yreka.

The project consists of a one-story structure including a classroom wing containing a general office, principal's office, nurse's and teachers' room, two restrooms, lobby, corridor and two science and one homemaking room. This unit joins the original high school building and the gymnasium-auditorium and includes the addition of a one-story unit on the north side of the gym.

Connecting these units with a covered passageway is a second unit which includes kitchen, music-cafeteria and office, a metal and auto shop with office and classroom. Also included in the contract was renovation of the gymnasium building and renovation and remodeling of the original classroom unit. This renovation was extensive and consisted of new vinyl tile flooring, moving of partitions, installation of acoustical treatment and redecorating. This unit, as remodeled, includes four classrooms, a commercial unit with workroom, library and bookroom and corridor and two student restrooms.

All new construction was of wood framing for exterior walls, interior partitions and roof structure. Interior room finishes generally consists of gypsum wall board with plywood and hardboard wainscots.

Hatfield Would Replace State Tax Commissioner

SALEM (AP)—Gov. Mark Hatfield said Saturday he would replace state Tax Commissioner Carl Chambers with a "man schooled in accounting and appraisal procedures."

He said Chambers, who soon will be 65 years old, is retiring. He has served on the commission since 1947. He was Umatilla County judge before that.

When the new appointment is made, Hatfield will have replaced all three tax commissioners.

The governor already has appointed Dean Ellis, Tax Commission lawyer, and Charles H. Mack, Klamath County judge and former assessor, to the commission.

"We'll have the strongest, most well-balanced tax commission in the history of the state," Hatfield said in an interview.

His appointment of Mack, he said, will end "the open warfare between the commission and the county assessors."

Gov. Hatfield indicated that his budget would exceed the 299-million dollar budget proposed by ex-Gov. Robert D. Holmes.

He said the Holmes budget omitted such necessary items as the unemployment and social security taxes that state departments have to pay. That budget did not include the almost 30 million dollars worth of buildings requested for higher education and state institutions.

Hatfield said he wants to include a reasonable building program within the budget.

Asked if he would favor Holmes' proposal to submit a bond issue to the people for building construction, Hatfield replied:

"My first inclination is to include the building program on a pay as you go basis."

Hatfield said he would try to have his budget and tax recommendations ready in a week.

He added that he no longer is afraid that the Legislature, controlled by Democrats, might pass the Holmes finance program before his own is ready.

"I will have a realistic budget. We won't rush into it lightly, and I won't yield to political pressure to hurry it up. I don't want to have to call a special session of the Legislature," he asserted.

Hatfield still wants a convention called to write a new state constitution. This is better, he said, than to have the Legislature draft one, as was proposed in the House this week.

A constitutional convention could do a better job because it more broadly would represent the people and varied interests of the state, he asserted.

Gov. Hatfield, opposing a move to put the state police under civil service, said he wants to "protect the outstanding state police system in Oregon. It is the envy of most states because it has been kept out of politics."

Hatfield noted that some opponents of State Police Supt. H. G. Maison describe the system of having an appeals board of three officers as a "kangaroo court." Maison appoints the whole board, which hears appeals from officers who are dismissed or reprimanded.

Hatfield said he doesn't believe it is a kangaroo court. But he added that criticism would be alleviated if the chairman of the appeals board were the chairman of the civil service commission. The other two members still would be police officers.

Democrats May Speed U.S. Spending

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Democratic attempt to accelerate defense spending appeared likely Saturday after Senate testimony that more money is needed to match Soviet space and missile advances.

Two days of a wide ranging Senate inquiry into the status of U.S. preparedness touched off speculation that Senate Democrats may try to expend President Eisenhower's defense budget.

Eisenhower is recommending slightly over 40 billion dollars in defense spending for the fiscal year beginning July 1. Both he and Secretary of Defense McElroy contend this is adequate to cope with any Soviet threat.

As the Senate inquiry went into recess until the middle of next week, Chairman Overton Brooks (D-La) of the House Space Committee announced hearings paralleling the Senate's will begin Monday.

A possible hint to Democratic plans for defense spending came Friday as Majority Leader Lyndon B. Johnson (D-Tex) recessed the inquiry by the combined Senate Space and Preparedness subcommittees.

Johnson, chairman of both groups, said public testimony so far by top defense, space and missile officials indicate there are deficiencies which must be explored behind closed doors because of military secrets involved.

Johnson said the next phase will cover "information as to the aggressive forces that might be thrown against us."

Referring to what he called the decision by McElroy to slash funds and forces for the various military programs, Johnson said "The key considerations that he took into account could be discussed only behind closed doors."

Roy Johnson, director of the Pentagon's Advanced Research Projects Agency, which handles military missile and space programs, said he could use an additional 300 million dollars above budget estimates.

He said this would speed up development of powerful booster engines needed to put bigger payloads up for space vehicles and satellites.

Dulles Plans Major Talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Dulles will fly to London, Paris and Bonn this week for conferences with Allied leaders on German issues, including Berlin.

Dulles will begin his far-ranging trip on Tuesday.

The State Department announcing the trip Saturday indicated that Dulles took the lead in setting up the consultation, which probably will involve talks with Prime Minister Harold Macmillan of Britain, President Charles de Gaulle of France and Chancellor Konrad Adenauer of West Germany.

Nursing Home Fire Kills Nine

GLEN ELLYN, Ill. (AP)—Fire which ripped through the Glen Ellyn Acres nursing home Friday took the lives of eight elderly patients and led to the death of a volunteer fireman.

Passersby, firemen and nursing home employes risked their lives to save 12 other patients, two of whom were injured seriously and hospitalized.

Scene of the tragedy was a Du Page County landmark built in 1934 and modeled after an Italian villa.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Fair tonight and Monday. High 40-48; low tonight 20-26.

High yesterday	**40**
Low last night	**28**

Northern California: Fair through today with slightly rising daytime temperatures.

CRATER LAKE

High Friday	**26**
Low Friday night	**21**
8 a.m. Saturday	**22**
New snow	**Trace**
Snow depth Saturday	**64 in**
Last year	**147**
Year before	**69**

Saturday was a beautiful day in the park with clear skies, calm wind and deep powder snow for skiing. Chains advised for travel on Highway 62 and required from Annie Springs to the rim.

MT. SHASTA

There was no new snow at Mt. Shasta Ski Bowl on Friday night and all facilities were operating on Saturday. Chains were not being required for travel from Mount Shasta to the ski bowl lodge. Snow pack was 135 inches and skiing good to excellent. Temperature at 8:30 a.m. Saturday was 26 degrees. Early morning fog burned off and visibility was unlimited and wind nearly calm.

New Support Figures May Slash Farm Income Deeply

WASHINGTON (AP) — Farm income may be cut hundreds of millions of dollars over the next few years by new changes in figuring agricultural price supports.

Secretary of Agriculture Benson announced the changes in a surprise administrative action late Friday.

President Eisenhower had told Congress in a special farm message Thursday that price supports were too costly and were encouraging production of farm surpluses.

The change was expected to have repercussions in the Democratic controlled Congress and in some farmer groups.

Cotton producers were the first affected. Their income from the 1959 crop faced a potential cut of almost 60 million dollars.

Other products which are likely to feel the impact this year include tobacco, peanuts, rice and dairy products.

The development may well influence this year's returns from such other crops as soybeans, cottonseed, flaxseed and dry beans.

In 1960 and following years, it could affect income not only from all these crops but from wheat, corn, oats, barley and sorghum grains as well.

The action involved a revision in the department's formula for determining parity prices of farm products, which are price standards declared by law to be fair to farmers in relations to prices charged them.

Under farm law, price supports for most products are based on the parity prices. This new formula had the effect, officials said, of reducing parity prices about 3 1-3 per cent and the actual price supports for most supported products from about 2.25 to 2.75 per cent.

In times of surplus supplies such as at present, price supports tend to fix market prices. Usually any reduction in supports is reflected in a somewhat similar reduction in market prices.

The prospect of lower farm returns is based upon the assumption that market prices will continue to be determined largely by price supports and the further assumption that the revision in the parity formula will be kept in effect.

Engine Bears Ex-Fireman's Body To His Grave

HISTORY WAS MADE when this fire engine bore the body of Arthur Tappan, a retired city fireman with 31 years' service, from Sacred Heart Church to Klamath Memorial Park.

The Klamath Falls Fire Department paid special tribute to the memory of a companion of 31 years' service Friday morning. For the first time in the department's history, one of its engines served to bear the body of a former member to its final resting place.

This was the department's last farewell to Arthur T. Tappan who died on January 26 at the age of 65, slightly over a year after his retirement.

Firemen served as pallbearers at the requiem mass celebrated by Msgr. T. P. Casey at Sacred Heart Church. Fourteen department members, headed by Chief Roy Rowe, accompanied the flag-draped coffin aboard truck No. 5 to Klamath Memorial Park. There, military rites were performed by Pelican Post 1383, Veterans of Foreign Wars. A volley was fired by an honor guard from Kingsley Field.

Mr. Tappan, who served in the Navy during World War I, worked as an electrician and served as a volunteer fireman before joining the force on July 1, 1927. He retired on January 1, 1958.

Mrs. Tappan survives, as do two stepchildren: Mrs. Marcella Benassini of Portland and Harvey Rand of New York City.

Hopeful Cancer Discovery Made

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — A University of Texas research team searching for cancer causes has developed a chemical compound which greatly slows down growth of tumors in mice.

Drs. Charles G. Skinner and William Shive and scientists George F. McKenna and T. J. McCord developed the compound, called S-Carbamylcysteine, described as similar to the amino acid glutamine. It was described as the "most promising" of three agents produced at the university.