

Sound Firm In Los Angeles Announces Biggest Noise

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A Los Angeles firm is developing an out-of-this-world sound — but it won't be heard on your hi-fi set or anywhere else.

This sound can kill you, said William Thomas, president of James B. Lansing Sound Inc.

He explains the sound is so loud that: You can't hear it because you would be dead before you heard it. It's perfectly capable of destroying human tissue, and a human being subjected to such high frequency sound waves actually would be homogenized—or scrambled—in seconds.

Thomas described the firm's High Intensity Sound Simulator (HISS) as a major breakthrough in efforts to simulate tremendous vibrations encountered on a trip to outer space. Vibrations on such a trip are caused by high speed and shock waves.

Lansing Sound recently got contracts from two missile manufacturers to build similar noise-makers to test electronic components used in missiles. Thomas said HISS could be used in all fields of electronics to produce more reliable electronic components through testing by high frequency sound waves.

HISS sound waves develop high frequency vibrations capable of rattling a building with an intensity greater than an earthquake, he added.

But, Thomas noted, the noise-maker couldn't be used as a death ray in wartime because sound waves dissipate rapidly in the atmosphere.

He gave this description of HISS. It is housed in a concrete structure weighing hundreds of tons and containing many high-powered loudspeakers, powered by seven 10-kilowatt amplifiers. These devices emit sound from the small end. The sounds travel through a horn, bounce off a two-inch-thick metal plate and are dissipated in a sink containing sound-absorbing material.

How loud is this big noise? Can't say, said Thomas, because no one has ever heard it.

The only noise comparable to HISS, he added, is the close-up roar of a giant missile just as it thunders off a launching pad, powered by several hundred thousand pounds of thrust.

Miffed Senate President Breaks Two Precedents

SALEM (AP) — Senate President Walter J. Pearson, miffed because the House has voted a 17 per cent increase in the Higher Education Budget, broke two precedents Friday.

He sent the 5 million dollar appropriation bill to the Senate State and Federal Affairs Committee, a new procedure because the joint Ways and Means Committee always handles the appropriation bills.

Then Pearson met in a secret session with the committee to explain why he doesn't like the bill. Barring reporters from the meeting was a violation of legislative custom.

Pearson reportedly objected because the bill would give college and university faculty members an 11 per cent salary increase that would cost three million dollars.

The bill was prepared by the joint Ways and Means Committee before the House passed it Tuesday.

The action brought a quick report from Rep. Keith Skelton (D-Eugene), chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee.

He told the House the Senate State and Federal Affairs Committee does not know anything about higher education. He then explained that a meeting of the joint Ways and Means Committee, scheduled Saturday, had to be cancelled because the Senate closed up shop Friday until next Tuesday.

"I just want to advise all House committees to give Senate bills very careful scrutiny from now on," the angered Skelton said.

Speaker Robert B. Duncan replied that "all bills should be given very careful scrutiny all of the time."

Two weeks ago, Pearson sent the House-passed bill to the Senate State and Federal Affairs Committee, instead of to the Higher Education Committee. He opposes the increase.

The committee added a clause referring it to the people.

If the House accepts the referral clause, then the tax increase could not go into effect until after the November 1960 general election, if the people approve it.

If the House refuses the amendment, then there will not be any bill passed because the Senate committee said it would reject the bill without the referral clause.

Safety Record Best So Far

PORTLAND (AP) — Mill and woods workers on the West Coast experienced the most accident-free year in the 25-year history of the Forest Products Safety Conference during 1958.

This was announced by Frank White, Vancouver, B.C., statistician for the conference, at the group's annual meeting here Friday.

He told the session here four times more wood-working operations were free of accident in 1958 as in any other of the other 24 years since the conference was founded.

The figures, White said, were compiled from safety reports submitted by 225 woods and mill operations.

Some 360 delegates from 11 Western states and two Canadian provinces were attending the two-day meetings, which ended Saturday.

Flee Artist Bid Failure

SAN QUENTIN (UPI) — San Quentin Prison could not hold long-time convict Eliza Edward Mead, but the veteran escape artist admitted today that time had caught up with him.

In the pre-dawn darkness Sunday, the 62-year-old seven-time loser, out of prison only four years since 1916, attempted to pull one last escape. He has tried to break out of almost every major prison in America and often succeeded.

In the classic manner, he sawed in half the bars of a window in the prison hospital. He crawled through and then, with the help of a pole with a hook on the end, he hauled his emaciated 110-pound frame 12 feet onto the roof. He left a pajama clad dummy in the bed.

It was an impressive escape, but it was too much for Mead, a hospital patient for the past six months.

"I busted a cavity in my lung," he said. "I spit half a pint of blood. My left arm was paralyzed. I had 72 feet of rope in my pocket—I braided it out of bed-sheets—so I could get to the ground. But all I could do was call for help."

Prison guards hustled him back to his bed and he turned over his hacksaw to them, but declined to say where he got it.

He said he was delighted to learn that no one planned to press escape charges against him.

"I'm serving three life sentences now," he said. "Two because I'm a habitual criminal and one for armed robbery."

Burglars Strike During Services

MIAMI, Okla. (AP)—The Rev. J. C. Harris was preaching at the First Methodist Church Sunday when a loud noise and vibration was heard behind the choir loft.

Rev. Harris continued untroubled. The congregation, including Ottawa County Sheriff Ben Standley, soon forgot it.

After the sermon Deacon Clyde Barkett said he had caught a burglar rifling purses of choir members. He tussled with the man, falling down two flights of stairs. The burglar escaped with about \$350.

House Defeats License Bill

SALEM (AP) — The House defeated 27-25 Friday a Senate-passed bill to permit counties to license and regulate businesses outside of cities.

The purpose of the bill is to enable counties to keep out certain types of business, and to make them conform with health and other standards.

Opponents feared the bill might eventually lead to passage of legislation that would enable the counties to use it as a revenue-raising measure.



Basin Pupil Heads Lodge

Orrin Ormsbee, Klamath Falls, a student at Willamette University, is the new state master counselor of the Order of DeMolay. Ormsbee was elected at the state DeMolay convocation which concluded in Corvallis Saturday night.

Three other offices filled by election were deputy master counselor, Val Shultz, Portland; senior counselor, Howard Ollis, Cave Junction, and junior counselor, Gary Berger of Hillsboro.

Appointive offices in the organization went to Jim Griffith of Lebanon, senior deacon; Stephen F. Roise, Portland, junior deacon; Willis Williams of Medford, senior steward; Alvin Jacobson of Salem, junior steward, and Tommie C. Window, Milwaukie, chaplain.

In another highlight of the convocation, Lynn Johnson of Grants Pass was selected "State DeMolay Sweetheart."

Other officers were Jack Norman, Bend, marshal; Clark Smith, Ashland, orator; Richard Sitchfield, Newport, sentinel; Charles Tate, Independence, standard bearer; Dan Cottingham, Portland, B. O. Washburn, Eastside, Dick Tilden, Garibaldi, Jeff Roehm, Seaside, Bruce Storer, Portland, Richard Ronk, Salem, and Dave Fleming, McMinnville, selected as preceptors.

Pat Backing Toil Benefits

SACRAMENTO (UPI) — Gov. Edmund G. Brown has given his support to proposals before the Legislature calling for boosts in unemployment and disability insurance benefits and workmen's compensation payments.

"I think they may safely be characterized as offering the greatest advances in this area in recent California history," Brown said Sunday.

Bills before the Legislature this session would:

- Increase maximum weekly unemployment insurance payments from \$40 to \$55.
- Allow a jobless worker to earn \$12 a week, rather than \$3 and still be eligible for unemployment benefits.
- Extend unemployment insurance payments from 26 to 39 weeks whenever statewide unemployment passes 6 per cent of the work force.
- Boost maximum temporary workmen's compensation benefits from \$50 to \$65 a week and maximum permanent benefits from \$40 to \$32.50 a week.
- Raise maximum disability unemployment compensation — paid for off the job injury or illness — from \$50 to \$65 a week.

"These proposals do not represent the top levels requested by labor this year," the governor said, "but I regard them as a good 'bread and butter' approach to our social insurance problems.

"They are among the high priority items in my legislative program. I hope the Legislature will approve them and I have good reason to believe that it will."

Divorce Plea Based On Face

DEDHAM, Mass. (AP) — Miss Massachusetts of 1951 has filed a petition for divorce on the ground her husband didn't think she was beautiful enough.

Mrs. Ralph H. Eriksen, 29, declared in Norfolk Probate Court that her husband, a sailor based at Newport, R.I., ridiculed a birth mark on her face so much that she underwent an operation to have it removed.

The Eriksens married in 1952 and have three sons. The couple has been separated for nine months. She works in a Boston night club as a photographer.

Thief Used Darts To Fish For Mink

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Now police can tell the one about the burglar who fished for mink.

Sunday night, they said, a burglar went to a Wilshire Boulevard shop armed with a toy pistol and shoots darts. He had fish hooks on the darts. He aimed through a package drop, police said, fired a dart into a stole on a manikin, then used a line to pull out the garment.

How did they figure it out? One hook-equipped dart—apparently a near miss—was found hooked in the manikin's dress.

4-H Schooner Due June 20 At Oregon State College

MEDFORD (AP) — A covered wagon train carrying 4-H Club members to help in the Oregon Centennial celebration, Glenn Klein, Jackson County 4-H Club agent, said Josephine County 4-H Club members will provide a barbecue feed; Yoncalla Rodeo Association, a horse show, and the Corvallis Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a short parade and luncheon the day the train arrives there.

The train will carry club members from Coos, Curry and Douglas counties, who plan to join the trek as it travels north on the Old Applegate Trail. Wolf Creek will be the meeting place for a pack train coming over the coast range from Coos and Curry counties, and a covered wagon with Douglas County 4-H members will join the train at Roseburg, Klein said.

Future Farmers of America chapters in Eagle Point, Phoenix and Central Point are reconditioning wagons for the trip.

Campsites along the way will

be the Francis Krouse farm in Applegate, Merlin Junction, Sunny Valley, Wolf Creek, Canyonville, Roseburg, a rest area along Highway 99, Yoncalla, Cottage Grove, Eugene, Benton Lane park near Junction City, and Willamette park in Corvallis.

Allies Near Agreement On Germany

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Western allies are reported 50 per cent agreed on what their proposals and strategy should be when they meet with the Soviet Union in two weeks to discuss Berlin and Germany's future.

Diplomats are confident, however, the remaining 50 per cent of differences will be resolved and a united negotiating front forged at a Western Big Three meeting beginning in Paris Wednesday.

A team of American, British, French and West German officials, however, have failed to reconcile diverging views, particularly on European security offers, at a meeting which ended in London Thursday.

The main conflict appears to lie in Britain's continued insistence on proposing some kind of central European arms control plan, not necessarily linked to progress in achieving German reunification.

The British are understood to be continuing to press for Western agreement on a plan to ask the Soviet Union to accept a ceiling on troops and weapons in a small area covering both parts of East and West Germany.

American, West German and French authorities are reported insisting that any such plan be tied to step-by-step progress in merging the Western and Communist zones of Germany into a single democratic nation.

Church To Note Fellowship Day

The United Church Women of Klamath Falls will observe May Fellowship Day Friday, May 1, at First Presbyterian Church at 12:30 p.m., beginning with a potluck luncheon.

United Church Women throughout America will study economic facts about American economy and reevaluation of the Christian tradition for the concern for others.

Subject of the meeting will be "How Much Is Enough?" There will be a panel discussion with Mrs. Ross Ragland as moderator. Participating on the panel will be Mrs. Jack Hopkins, Mrs. Norman Guyer, Mrs. Paul Breithaupt, Mrs. Ben Kerns, Mrs. E. M. Colley, Dr. Dallas S. McNeil, pastor of the First Methodist Church, and the Rev. Robert C. Grove, pastor of the Klamath Falls First Presbyterian Church.

Women are requested to take table service and a dish for the luncheon. Rolls, butter and coffee will be furnished. Child care will be provided.

Pair Injured In Air Crash

OREGON CITY (AP)—A pre-World War II vintage single-engine plane Sunday plowed into an open field, apparently after the engine failed. Two aboard were injured, one critically.

Three persons who saw the plane go down said the motor sputtered, the craft nosed up and then it circled over a row of trees into the open field.

The impact demolished the plane, threw out the two men and snapped off a wing, which was hurled into a nearby tree.

The critically injured man was a passenger, William A. Hendrickson, 30, Portland, described by Portland Sanitarium officials as in critical condition with two broken legs.

The pilot, Arnie Jeppesen, 31, was hospitalized at Oregon City with cuts and a possible concussion.

Exhibit Set By KF Artist

Vern Swansen, former Klamath Falls artist who has gained wide recognition for his water color paintings in Europe and in this country, is showing his most recent art work at a month-long exhibition at the Little Gallery 135 East Carrillo Street, Santa Barbara. The showing will run continuously from May 1 through May 29. A private pre-showing party was held for friends of the artist on April 26 at 275 Olive Mill Road.

The artist was a resident of Klamath Falls for many years working with the late Sheldon Brumbaugh, architect and as a free lance artist. He was active in forming the Klamath Art Association and was its first president.

He taught many painting classes for this group, and has been influential in encouraging many local persons to become interested in painting. He has exhibited his work several times in Klamath Falls, the last showing being held in the winter of 1957-1958.

Following his art studies in this country he studied for four years at the University of Nice on the French Riviera. Returning to the United States he worked with the Third Army Headquarters teaching painting in Chicago and the mid-west. His paintings were shown in Chicago, and traveled in exhibit about the central part of the country in 1955-1956.

Mr. and Mrs. Swansen live at 2008 State Street, Santa Barbara.



PVT. JERRY B. ALLEY

Local Soldier Attending School

Private Jerry B. Alley, 18, of Klamath Falls, arrived Friday at the Army's quartermaster school in Fort Lee, Virginia, for an eight-week advanced training course.

He arrived in Klamath Falls April 12 on leave after graduating from basic training at Fort Ord. He left for Virginia April 21. Alley will attend one of the Army's paratroop schools after his schooling at Fort Lee.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. Alley of 4437 Onyx Street. He enlisted January 28 for a three-year term. His wife, Barbara Jean, of Klamath Falls, plans to join him when he receives a permanent station.

Alley was graduated from Klamath Union High School in June, 1958.

PUSHES VACCINE PROGRAM

NEW YORK (UPI) — The National Foundation announced Sunday night it will launch a half-million-dollar campaign to wipe out "polio soft spots" by vaccination of the four out of seven Americans who have received no shots of Salk vaccine.

Music Groups Win First Place

The Klamath Union High School music groups made a clean sweep of first division ratings at the annual Southern Oregon Competition Festival held on the Southern Oregon College of Education campus Friday and Saturday, April 24-25.

The freshmen chorus, conducted by Stephen Stone, appeared on Friday morning with the orchestra, a cappella choir and concert band performing Friday evening in the new gymnasium. All groups received straight I's from the judges.

The orchestra was conducted by Dale Hallack, the band by LaMar Jensen and the choir by Andrew Loney Jr.

On Saturday morning the junior high orchestra, also conducted by Dale Hallack, received another first division. The elementary orchestra, directed by Kristian Gippo, received a second division rating.



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Store Chain Breaks Record

PORTLAND (AP)—Total sales of \$51,771,092 for the year ending Jan. 31 were reported Friday by Meier & Frank Co., which operates department stores in Portland and Salem.

The figures surpassed a previous record high of \$50,000,740.

The firm's annual report also said net profit in the past year was \$1,438,689, compared to \$1,299,083 the previous year.

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