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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

I suppose you followed, at least to some extent, the ruckus over the appointment of Lewis L. Strauss (formerly a member of the Atomic Energy Commission) to be secretary of commerce in President Eisenhower's cabinet.

Why the battle? I wouldn't know. But Strauss leans toward the conservative side. He doesn't believe much in extending the role of government in business. He believes in less government in business, rather than more government in business.

The senate, by a narrow margin, refused to confirm his appointment. Presumably, that means that by a narrow margin the senate of the United States believes that more government in business is a good political issue for 1960.

Personally, I doubt it. What do you think?

The chief of the U.S. Forest Service (Richard E. McArdle) told delegates to the Citizen's Conference on Northwest Forest Resources at Reed College in Portland the other evening that he is opposed to turning large additional areas into single-use wilderness areas.

He added: "The Forest Service is FOR a certain amount of wilderness and intends to preserve and protect its (existing) wilderness areas. . . . But there is a question of balance. The national forests can't absorb all the pressure for more timber, although we have doubled the cut and tripled the volume sold since 1950. . . . We must not overcut the national forests. Allowable cut is a ceiling, not a floor, and we will continue to practice sustained yield."

What he means is that if the national forests are to go on trying to meet the demands of the existing (and growing) lumber and fiber industries for timber and at the same time are to be compelled by legislation to set apart large additional areas as WILDERNESSES, in which NO industrial development will be permitted, there will be trouble.

There will be trouble because it happens there will be a DROP in the earning power of people living in the regions that depend on the national forests for timber enough to keep in production the industries that use timber as raw material to keep their plants in operation.

At the same conference, George Henderson, vice-president of the First National Bank of Oregon, told his hearers that three out of each ten persons in the Pacific Northwest owe their livelihood to the wood products industry.

One more word about wilderness areas. If we maintain them, I hope we maintain them as WILDERNESSES, pure and simple. No roads. Either roads constructed by the national forests or half roads, half trails permitted to be pioneered by jeeps or other rugged vehicles.

Just TRAILS. Trails to be used by wilderness lovers who are devoted enough to the wilderness to be willing to negotiate it with back packs or saddle and pack outfits.

And—No landings by amphibious planes on its lakes or by puddle-jumper planes on its open spaces. Just pure WILDERNESS.

If that is done, our existing wilderness areas will be ample to meet the demands made upon them.

Terminal Building Bid Given To Local Firm

The city council awarded a local firm the bid for construction of a new terminal building at the municipal airport during its Monday night session in city hall.

Bids for construction of the new structure had been opened and tabulated at 2 p.m. in the council chambers Monday. Five general contractors bid on the project. Low bidder was the Brostherous Construction Company, 1541 Elm Street.

The bids were divided into a basic bid with two alternates. The alternates were (1) omitting pum-

School Board Reaffirms Carlson Vote

By NORM CARDOZA

Charles T. Carlson, assistant superintendent of Klamath Union High School, lost the principalship of the school by a two to one vote of the District 2 Board of Directors Monday evening. Margaret Sheridan cast the dissenting vote. E. D. Hickman, board chairman, abstained from voting, and John Voth, convalescing from surgery, was not present.

Carlson also lost \$3,300 in annual salary. He did not indicate whether he will remain in the school system as a science teacher or leave the district.

Still to be resolved by the board are Carlson's duties as assistant superintendent, a title he still holds; who will succeed him as principal, and what the new man's salary will be.

Board members must pick a successor by July 1, when a new school year begins. George Filtrcraft and Dr. James Noel, the two board members who voted to demote Carlson, mentioned that they waited until the last minute to bring the long-brewing action to a head in deference to Carlson.

Both said Carlson had been warned as early as a year ago that criticism against his administration had been mounting. Last March, they said, Carlson was informed that if the "situation" did not improve to the satisfaction of the board, he would resign as principal and step down to classroom status or leave the system.

Carlson, they said, agreed. Board members agreed to hold up action until the end of the school year to give Carlson a chance to resign and to find a position elsewhere if he desired.

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Earlier in the day, at the afternoon bid opening, Charles Drew, district director for the Federal Aviation Agency, indicated that the Klamath Falls terminal was possibly the last terminal building in which the federal government would participate.

The award of the bid calls for completion of the building within 180 days. That would make a tentative completion date of January 1, 1960.

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Patients Hold Five Guards Captive



FIRST BANK to contribute to the OTI New Site Fund campaign was First Federal Savings and Loan Company of Klamath Falls. Here, George McIntyre, president, hands a \$1,000 check to Vern Owens, campaign chairman. Workers hope to make all their rounds this week and present a financial report next Monday, Owens said.

Government Surplus Truck Given To Fire Department

WEED — Sen. Randolph Collier, Yreka, presented the key of a government surplus fire truck to Rolland Riley, chief of the Shastina Fire Protection District Volunteers, Monday night, following a dinner for the volunteer group and numerous honor guests, held in Lou's Lounge.

Senator Collier was one of three senators who, several years ago, promoted the appropriation of funds for purchase of 100 government surplus trucks for California state-wide civilian disaster units.

This truck is one of the 100 assigned to various cities in the state and was placed in Weed largely through the efforts of the organized civilian disaster unit, here, and the active volunteer fire department. It will be available not only in the county for fires and local emergencies, but also for emergency calls outside the district.

The truck was driven to Weed Monday by Mel Reiley, field representative for the California Disaster office at Sacramento.

Speaking to the group of over 50 people, Senator Collier termed the added equipment here as increased insurance to the community of Weed and surrounding area and expressed his gratitude at being instrumental in its placement in the county.

Harold Robinson, director of California Disaster office in Sacramento, elaborated on the state-wide fire net program and praised Collier for his efforts in helping obtain this surplus fire equipment.

Harold Bowhay, chief of fire services for the California Disaster office in Sacramento, accompanied Robinson to Weed for the presentation of the truck. He said the truck is to be used to answer multiple fire alarms. It is on call for use anywhere in the state and can also be used for training purposes.

The truck is a GMC 630, with a 1,000 gallon-a-minute pumper and will be added to the Volunteer Department and the International Paper Company.

The purchase of this truck was possible through the federal and state money-matching program.

According to Bowhay, property valued at the two million dollar figure has been saved throughout the state under the fire program using the government surplus equipment, which has been equally distributed state-wide instead of original placement in large areas such as Los Angeles, San Francisco and San Diego. The trucks are assigned to localities on a mutual aid agreement.

Christmas decoration plans were also discussed as well as the distribution of a new shipment of Centennial coins which are now available.

Noel Flynn is chairman of the Bargain Carnival Street Bazaar.

Things Won't Be The Same At Shasta Fish Hatchery

By J. O. McKINNEY
MOUNT SHASTA — There was a catch in the voice, and mist in the eyes of Mrs. Carl Hill Sunday morning while she watched a dead fish being loaded into a pickup truck to be taken away for burial. She is the wife of the superintendent of the state fish hatchery here, and the fish was a giant sturgeon slashed by a vandal on June 18.

But to Mrs. Hill, and the others at the hatchery, it was almost like losing an old friend. The big fish had been an inmate of the hatchery for 19 years. It was the chief attraction among the countless thousands of fish there. Many people never had any other opportunity to see a sturgeon.

This one was a fine specimen. About eight feet in length, its weight was estimated to be between 125 and 150 pounds. Twice it had been taken to the California State Fair and it attracted thousands of visitors to the plant.

When the sadistic crime was discovered Thursday evening, the fish was thought to be dead. It was still alive Friday morning, and Dr. Jack Tucker, local veterinarian, was called in. He administered antibiotics and antiseptics to the wound, and sewed up the slash — a good five inches long, three inches deep. It exposed the backbone.

The big fish was confined in a circular pool, but it was unable to remain upright. A net was wrapped about the wounded giant to keep it right side up, and a check was kept on its condition. It appeared to be gaining strength. But the shock was too great. It died, and was buried on the ground where it had been an attraction for nearly two decades.

Two other smaller sturgeon are in the same pool. They have tried to get away from the place since the outrage. Whether or not they will be retained has not been decided by the Department of Fish and Game. They may suffer the same fate.

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Official Fears Plot For Escape

BULLETIN

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., (UPI) — Federal officers launched an all-out tear gas and bulldozer offensive on 106 mental patients at the U.S. Prison Medical Center today, succeeding in freeing five guards held hostages for 16 hours, city police reported.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (AP) — Rioting prisoners — all mentally unstable and some considered desperate — were reported attempting to hammer their way to freedom today through a 36-inch brick wall at the U.S. Medical Center here.

The 106 inmates seized five guards as hostages Monday night when they took over three buildings in a section of the prison known as "10 North," and were holding them at knife-point.

Guards, state troopers and city policemen formed three separate rings around the "10 North" wing of the federal prison system's general hospital, known as the "country club" because it looks like one from the outside.

The officers, armed with riot guns and gas grenades, were spaced only 20 feet apart to guard against the possibility of a break. But the officers made no move toward the wing. Dr. Russell O. Settle, warden of the center, ordered his staff to avoid provoking the rioters.

The "10 North" wing is a prison-type building with barred doors and windows and individual cells. It is divided into three wards, each housing about a third of the 106 inmates.

Homosexuals are in one ward, "young aggressives" in the second ward, and "older aggressives" in the third. All are neuro-psychiatric patients and they are among the most dangerous of the hospital's 1,046 inmates.

Of the center's inmate population, 239 are trustees. About 60 per cent of the 787 patients suffer mental illnesses.

None of the rioters has been identified by the warden.

One inmate was seen holding a knife to the back of a hostage. A rioter told the center's control room by telephone: "Don't try to come in here or your men will get hurt."

Another inmate said in a second call: "We mean business."

Questioned by Settle on what started the riot, the man said: "We have our demands almost ready but we will call you."

That was at 10:20 Monday night. Nothing since has been heard from the prisoners.

There has been no sound at all from the wing. There are no lights. The prisoners smashed the lights when the uprising began.

Only one newsman, Jim Billings, city editor of the Springfield Daily News, was allowed inside the center.

"There is no rioting in the general sense — no shouting and all that," Billings reported.

He said officials were "sitting around, sweating out" the riot and added, "There is not much anyone can do except sweat."

First indication of the riot came when a guard peered through that door in a routine check just before "lights out."

The guard told Dr. Settle he saw inmates milling in the long corridor. The five guards in the wing were stripped to their shorts. Some inmates were wearing the officers' uniforms. An inmate was holding a knife against the back of a guard.

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Chris Herter To Outline Geneva Policy

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of State Christian A. Herter today showed no optimism in inquiring congressmen about chances for agreement with the Soviets sufficient to justify a summit meeting.

This was the summary given newsmen by Chairman Thomas E. Morgan (D-Pa.) of the House Foreign Affairs Committee after a two-hour closed-door session with the secretary.

Morgan said Herter's report on six weeks of negotiation with the Soviets at Geneva added up to this — "There was a complete deadlock."

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The hillside in back of the 900 block on Castle Avenue was well spaded in the next four days but no more money was found. If there is anymore, it will be hard to find because the area is in the path of a new freeway and now under tons of fill.

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THE LAST TRIP for this giant sturgeon at the Mount Shasta hatchery is being taken in the back of a pickup. The sturgeon, nicknamed "Wilma," had been a featured attraction at the hatchery for two decades. The fish was attacked by vandals last Thursday and succumbed to a five inch gash on the side. Several smaller sturgeons still remain at the hatchery.



PATIENCE PAID OFF for these three Dunsuir youngsters last Friday when they were awarded \$80.30 which they had found a year previously on the western outskirts of Dunsuir. Left to right are Wayne Youtsey, Jerry Yates, David Dains and Judge A. A. Smith who made the presentation in the form of checks to the youngsters.