

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS What to talk about today? Let's talk about WORDS. That thought is prompted by the fact that up to the time this is written the news today is JUST WORDS—words put together to fill space so that we who make newspapers may have something to fill them with.

How about SERENDIPITY? It's a word that has had quite a bit of play in these parts here in the dog days, when there isn't much of moment to write about.

It was sprung first by Bob Chandler, of the Bend Bulletin. It was picked up and given a whirl by the Eugene Register-Guard, which mentioned several recent users of it—among them Senator Richard Neuberger of Oregon. Senator Neuberger, back in Washington, spotted it and explains in a letter to this writer:

"I have read with interest and profit your recent column about 'serendipity.' I believe the word was originated by Sir Horace Walpole. He took it from a famous old proverb about the three migratory princes of ancient Serendip, which was Ceylon. Wherever they went, they had a happy faculty of making auspicious discoveries, always by accident.

"I applied the word to my own ordeal with cancer because this entire experience—frightening as it has been—has helped me to become a more effective and influential advocate of the medical research which is needed to save so many human lives. I thought the beginnings of the word might interest you."

Charley Sprague's Salem Statesman wasn't caught napping. It, too, was aware that the coiner of "serendipity" was Sir Horace Walpole, fourth Earl of Orford, who lived and wrote back in the 1700's. Incidentally, in his "little Gothic castle," as he described his residence at Strawberry Hill in Twickenham, he set up a printing press on which he printed several of his own works. That's one way to get books published.

The Statesman adds: "The word really fits editors who often stumble unexpectedly on ideas that make good grist for their Underwood mills. Walpole's coined word, however, seems to us a good example of what Herbert Spencer in his essay on Style calls the 'immense pomposity of sesquipedalian verbiage.'"

Hmmmmmmmmmm. Another form of what Herbert Spencer so aptly terms "sesquipedalian verbiage" is what is coming to be called EDITORIALESE, which is a form of written speech that sounds pretty, like the tinkling of a brook, but carries no punch. When a newspaper writer falls into the use of editorialese, it's about time to send him to the showers.

Octavius Roy Cohen, whose un-Walpolian and un-Spencerian style was far from editorialese, was fond of having one of his down-to-earth characters retort scornfully to another character who was indulging in high-flown language: "You says words, but they don't mean nuffin'."

That precisely describes editorialese.

GRIVAS BALKS AT PACT ATHENS (UPI)—Gen. George Grivas, a leader of Cyprus' fight for independence, announced Wednesday he would actively oppose the present international agreements by which Cyprus is to join nationhood. In so doing, the EOKA guerrilla chief openly broke with Archbishop Makarios who has given public support to the agreements reached earlier this year by Britain, Turkey and Greece.

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SOMETIMES IT SEEMS LIKE A LONG, LONG TIME AGO that scenes such as this were on every hand. As a sort of a public service the Herald and News presents this picture taken during a recent spring season along the Rim Drive at Crater Lake in the hopes that it will bring a faint flicker of hope to Basin area residents in the middle of the current hot season. The picture is at least proof that if we just wait long enough the heat will go away and the snows will come again. Such scenes offer hope to the weary firefighters for an eventual end to their labors, assure us all that there will be another water source for next year and prove again that "it can happen here."

Tale Of Terror Continues For Her, Man She Branded Strikes Again, Uses Knife

CANOGA PARK, Calif. (AP)—Four years ago a man slipped into a pretty housewife's kitchen and grabbed her as she stood ironing. Patricia Faye Smith smashed her iron against his face. The man fled, screaming, his face branded. Two weeks later she received a crudely written note. "I'll get you," it said. For Mrs. Smith it was the beginning of four years of torment.

Once the man appeared again at her home and tried to rape her — but fled when her children came home. Countless times her phone has rung. A man's voice would say: "I'll get you."

Three times the Smiths moved — from one Los Angeles suburb to another. They were beginning to feel secure in their home in Canoga Park.

Then, Wednesday the man returned. Mrs. Smith, 30, recognized him. A long, livid scar stretches from his left eye to his mouth, she said.

She said he forced her into the bathroom of the home, ripped off her blouse, and pulled a pehnknife. She said he told her: "Now you are going to know what it feels like to be ugly."

She said he slashed her on the ankle twice, then slashed at her shoulders, arms and thighs. Her oldest son heard her

screams and pounded on the locked door. Mrs. Smith said the man smashed her face with his clenched fist and warned: "I'll be back to finish the job."

Police put out an all-points bulletin for the scarred man, whose identity isn't known. Police reports verified Mrs. Smith's story of years of torment. Officers have been seeking her assailant since the first attack.

Confusion Has Its Full Day

RICHMOND, Va. (AP)—Virginia Gov. J. Lindsay Almond Jr. says he'd like to fill the request made by Nebraska Gov. Ralph G. Brooks, but he can't.

Brooks wrote Almond asking him to urge his congressman Frank M. Karsten to try to work out a suitable financing plan for the federal interstate highway system.

Trouble is, Virginia has no congressman Karsten. And Democrat Almond's home district representative is (gulp) a Republican—Richard Poff.

Rep. Karsten is from Missouri, like the Congressional Directory says.

Plant Blast Rocks Town

PORTLAND, Conn. (AP)—Exploding chemicals shook two communities early today and lit up the predawn sky as flames destroyed a chemical distributing depot. No deaths or injuries were reported.

Thirteen tanks of industrial chemicals exploded in the blaze, which a fire official said apparently had started accidentally. The biggest blast, which knocked sleepers from their beds here and in Middletown across the Connecticut river, came when a 13,000-gallon tank of alcohol went off.

The flames at times burst like rocket blasts 500 feet high. Flaming debris was scattered over a wide area.

C. Albert Mugford, manager of the company, Phillips Bros. Chemical Co. Inc., estimated the loss at approximately half a million dollars.

The firm, which employs 14 persons, is in effect a warehouse. It receives chemicals, recuts them and reships them. The depot housed about 1,000 drums of industrial chemicals.

Fort Rock Area Fire Finally Corralled In Junipers

By HELEN PARKS FORT ROCK — A 35-man crew remained on the line Monday afternoon in what was hoped to be the mop-up stage of a 25,000-acre fire 20 miles northeast of Fort Rock. A stiff wind kept Bureau of Land Management personnel from relaxing their vigil. The fire started more than a week ago following an electrical storm.

More than 95 per cent of the burn thus far is in juniper-forested lava beds. The 29 square miles of lava surround Lava Mountain, an area inaccessible to equipment.

The isolated spot is a great distance from highways and five hours were required to move equipment in when it was needed.

Early Sunday morning an all-out effort was made to stop the blaze by backfiring. Sixty five men took part in the operation. With eight tractors and dozers and the county road grader, 40 miles of double fire break 20 feet wide encircled the lava beds. This was a safeguard against shifting winds.

The fire burned and endangered much rangeland and several ranches in the area needed protection. Bill Leavell, range manager for the Lakeview BLM grazing district, indicated that lack of telephone communication was the biggest handicap. It was necessary to rely entirely on radio. Main difficulty



Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Fair and warm through Friday. Low tonight 60-65. High Friday 90-96. High yesterday 86. Low last night 54. Precip. last 24 hours 0. Since Oct. 1 5.82. Same period last year 19.47. Northern California — Fair through Friday, scattered thunder-showers in high Sierras.

REPAIRMAN TOO LATE

RAEFORD, N.C. (UPI)—A defective television set that already had given shocks to several members of a family Wednesday electrocuted nine-year-old Linda Furrage. A repairman was to have picked up the set to fix it today.

Steel Strike End Sought

NEW YORK (AP)—Federal mediators continued efforts today to break the steel strike deadlock. They also kept an eye on the aluminum industry where scattered strike threats remain.

Contract extensions have been agreed upon in the bulk of the aluminum industry, but contracts expire Friday midnight in some segments where no extension has been made.

Joseph F. Finnegan, director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, flew from New York to Washington Wednesday to confer with Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell. The secretary is serving as President Eisenhower's fact-finder in the 16-day-old strike which has shut down almost 90 per cent of the nation's steel production.

Federal mediators met with leaders of the United Steelworkers of America Wednesday and scheduled a session with industry leaders today.

Neither side gave any evidence of making a concession. The industry continued its resistance to any labor cost increase, on the ground that it would spur inflation.

The union, which seeks an increase of 15 cents an hour in each year of a new contract, contends that the industry could pay the increase out of rising profits and increased productivity.

Firefighters Pour Into Pollard Flat Area Blaze

By PEGGY WALSH DUNSMUIR — Firefighters from all parts of California as well as New Mexico Hopi Indian firefighters were converging on a blazing 2,600 acre fire in the Pollard Flat vicinity about 21 miles south of here.

Approximately 1,000 men have been able to build a fire line around only about 30 per cent of the blaze which is burning about one-half mile west of U.S. 99 in very rugged country.

Present indications are that the blaze cannot be contained under 5,000 acres and officials predict it will be Saturday night before it can be considered controlled.

In addition to the army of men on the fireline, there are 13 bulldozers and eight tankers on the line. Aerial activity includes borate spraying and a helicopter to move men to vital spots.

Damage has been estimated at \$500,000 in timber and \$28,000 to the watershed area. Crews from almost every Forest Service area in California are on the scene. The Ralph L. Smith Lumber firms in Castella and Mount Shasta have closed down and sent both their mill and log crews to battle the blaze. McLeod has also sent 200 men to the scene. Soldiers from the National Guard at Red Bluff have set up camp at Pollard Flat.

The fire broke out about noon Tuesday and is said to have been triggered by a burning deserted house in the area. Officials are still investigating in an effort to

lay blame for the loss. Joe Elliot, Sonora, timber management officer for the Stanislaus National Forest is directing operations. Kenneth Webb, Chester, Lassen National Forest, is acting as safety officer. Webb reports that so far only one injury has been reported among the fire crew.

The huge crews on the fire line have now left southern Siskiyou County and northern Shasta County without forest service standby fire protection. All fire districts and community volunteer fire departments have pledged themselves to fight fires outside their normal district while the condition exists.

Redmond Spuds Hit By Freeze

REDMOND (AP)—Freezing temperatures in the Redmond area caused an estimated \$130,000 damage to the potato crop, officials said Wednesday.

The mercury dropped to 32 Monday night at Redmond, 20 at Lapine and 22 at Alfalfa, a community 20 miles east of Redmond.

The damage estimate came from Jim McAllister, Deschutes County agent, who toured the region's nearly 1,500 acres of potato fields.

Many potatoes still will grow, but have lost their size and quantity, he said. Damage, he added, varied from 10 to 80 per cent in various spots.

Board Of Higher Education Tours Prospective OTI Sites

By TOM STIMMEL The State Board of Higher Education visited town yesterday to look over the potential site for a new OTI campus.

Or that's what the board thought it was here to do. Instead it learned from OTI Director Winston D. Purvine that:

1. Rather than one site having been selected already, three sites are under consideration.

2. It's the board's job to make the final choice.

Board President Henry F. Cabell of Portland said he was under the impression that a site had been selected. Purvine said this was not so.

An OTI Site Fund Drive was launched in mid-June at an early morning breakfast at which time Vern Owens, drive chairman, said OTI wanted a 130-acre site off Alameda Avenue, including the present Klamath Hardtop Race Track. Cost of the site was estimated at \$50,000 and a campaign was launched to raise that amount of money by public subscription.

Owens said about \$30,000 of the amount had been raised, including pledges.

But yesterday Purvine led four members of the board on a brief, dusty tour of three sites. One was the much-publicized site by the race track, but the other two Purvine did not wish disclosed at this time.

The board first discussed the business at a luncheon in the Winema Hotel. Then it made its quick tour.

Purvine said he would tell the board all about the three sites under consideration. "We don't want a rubber stamp thing here," he said. "We'll tell all, good and bad, so the board can make its independent judgment."

Cabell said he thought the board was looking at a site already chosen. He said the board had planned a regular meeting at Southern Oregon College in Ashland, a board-operated institution. It decided at the same time to come to Klamath Falls to look over the Klamath Experiment Station, which is operated by Oregon State College, a board charge. While in

Klamath Falls, Cabell said, the board decided to look at the new OTI site.

The site it had in mind was the site publicized through the fund drive. That was the 130 acres examined by a legislative Joint Ways and Means Committee during the 1939 Legislative session; it was the site looked over by Dr. John R. Richards, chancellor of the State System of Higher Education, and it was the site recommended by three members of the State Board of Education, under which OTI will continue to operate until July 1, 1960 when it becomes a charge of the State Board of Higher Education.

The board spent most of its tour time at the Alameda Avenue site, was driven by Purvine past another of the three sites, and stopped again at the third possible site where the location was sketched out with the help of hastily-drawn plans.

When the board will make its choice isn't known yet, Cabell said. It has no pressing deadline to meet.

The luncheon discussion inevitably wandered to the subject of OTI's transition from its present status toward a curriculum with more emphasis on technical training. Purvine told the board:

"It is my opinion that 80 per cent of the people who have formed an opinion about the transition of OTI are pleased with the direction it is going."

Board members had few comments on either the possible sites or the curriculum change. The school isn't officially in its charge yet, and the change in authority happened rather suddenly.

Earlier the board did visit the Klamath Experimental Station.

Members here were Cabell; board members J. W. Forrester Jr. of Pendleton, Allan Hart of Portland and Dr. Ralph E. Purvine, a distant cousin of the OTI director.

Also present at the luncheon were Dr. A. L. Strand, OSC president; Dr. M. Popovich, OSC dean of administration, and Dr. Eugene Palette, board secretary.



PUMPER TRUCKS such as this one sprayed countless gallons of water on the big Fort Rock burn this week and last in an effort to keep flames from gobbling more than the 25,000 acres it has already burned.



FOUR MEMBERS of the State Board of Education looked over three possible sites for a new OTI campus yesterday. This shot was taken from the publicized location on Alameda Avenue. From left are Allan Hart of Portland; Winston D. Purvine, OTI director; Dr. Ralph E. Purvine of Salem; Henry F. Cabell of Portland, board president; J. W. Forrester Jr. of Pendleton, and Vern Owens, OTI Site Fund Drive chairman.