

Explosion Probe Underway

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In The Day's News

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Dog Days stuff:
A friend (who is not a resident of Portland) writes me:
"I went into the new Trader Vic's restaurant in the Benson Hotel for lunch the other day. I was attired in sports clothes, having on a buttoned-up sports shirt, but no tie, and what do you know?"
"One of those sunburned Scotsmen they have in there told me I'd have to have a tie on and that he (a Jap) would be glad to lend me one of his! Needless to say, I picked up my hat and walked out."
"Imagine Portland going high-hat! Maybe that's what's the matter with the Centennial attendance."

Ah me. 'Tis a rugged world we live in, indeed.
But let's not lose hope. Let's look at the doughnut, and not at the hole.

If—
Only a few decades ago—
My friend had walked into any properly conducted restaurant in America attired in a properly starched shirt and a properly stiff and choking collar AND a necktie, but WITHOUT A COAT, he would have been told to put a coat on—or else!

Nor is that all.
The coat he would have had to put on would have been constructed of material about a quarter of an inch thick, and would have been LINED to boot. Thus attired, he would have had to sweat it out, even though the mercury was up toward the century mark.

In those days, they hadn't even invented THIN clothes. The point to remember is that the world is getting BETTER, rather than worse.

In defense of Portland, I'd like to quote a recent editorial in the Hartford Courant, published in Hartford, Connecticut. The piece reads:

"There is no cause at once so noble and so futile as the attempt to get the human male to act like a rational being during hot weather by doffing his conventional habiliments and adapting himself to the weather conditions.
... As these lines are read in homes, in barber shops, in offices and stores, it's dollars to dollars the man reading them has his legs encased in two hot cylinders of woven materials and has a binding strip of cloth around his neck."

"And, if he is a community leader, he will also be wearing a coat. For a civic leader would as lief be caught in downtown Hartford in his underdrawers as without a jacket to his suit."

So—
My friend—
You're at least better off in Portland than you would be in less progressive and more traditional Hartford. There you would have to have a COAT as well as a necktie.

ODD PLACE, ODD TALK
PASADENA, Calif. (UPI)—Amalgamated Flying Saucer Clubs of America today announced that Prince Neason, billed as a man from another planet, will give a public lecture Wednesday. The place: Odd Fellows Hall.

Medical-Dental Building Replaces Hospital In Weed

WEED — Groundbreaking ceremonies for a new, modern-design medical-dental building in Weed were conducted Thursday, August 6, at the site, corner of Alamo and Main.

The new center will replace the old Weed Hospital, built at the turn of the century as a rooming house for Long-Bell Lumber Company employees and converted to a hospital in 1903. It served in that capacity until 1956. Then facilities were moved to the Mount Shasta Community Hospital.

The new building is being constructed on the old hospital site. The old building was razed not long ago.

It will be the product of a joint **NIXON ASKED TO GAMES**
CHICAGO (UPI) Mayor Richard J. Daley Monday asked Vice President Richard M. Nixon to take President Eisenhower's place in opening the Pan American Games here Aug. 27.

Blast Dangers Mulled By Council

The holocaust that struck the city of Roseburg last Friday brought repercussions in the Monday night meeting of the Klamath Falls City Council.

Bert S. Rohu appeared before the council to inquire as to the status of the butane storage tanks maintained by the Klamath Gas Company near Link River bridge.

"These should be outside the city, not inside," Rohu said. "There are weeds up to five feet tall right up to and around these tanks, and the people in this area are up in arms over the situation," he said.

Mayor Lawrence E. Slater inquired as to what he wanted done about it, and Rohu replied, "We want it moved outside the city limits."

Mayor Slater consulted with City Attorney Henry Perkins who stated that the city did not have the authority to require the tanks moved now that they had been constructed inside the city limits.

However, Mayor Slater instructed that the city chief should check the tanks carefully and make a full report to the council next Monday night on his recommendations for improving the safety of the area. Meantime, Perkins was also instructed to check the ordinances to see what authority the city had in the matter.

The second matter arose at the end of the council session when Mayor Slater pointed out that the city does not have an ordinance covering dynamite trucks. "It covers a lot of things, but it doesn't cover the parking of dynamite trucks inside the city," Slater told the council.

He indicated that a letter had been written asking the city of Portland for a copy of their ordinance which appeared to be the best in effect in the state. "However," cautioned the mayor, "this will not preclude the same thing happening here that happened in Roseburg."

He went on to explain, saying, "Even if we have a city ordinance against it, the driver of such a truck won't necessarily know it. Suppose a dynamite truck driver from Tenino, Washington, passes through Klamath Falls and decides to park his truck somewhere and get something to eat and some sleep. He doesn't know we have an ordinance against it. Suppose his truck blows up half the town. We can haul him in, fine him \$50 or \$100, but in the meantime, he's blown up half the town. The problem is bigger than a city ordinance."

He suggested that it called for legislation by the state, or perhaps by the Interstate Commerce Commission which regulates such trucks.

A council discussion swirled around the terms of the new franchise for Consumer's Heating Company. The old franchise, in effect for 40 years, expired on August 4. John W. Merryman, manager of the firm, appeared before the council with four objections to the proposed new franchise.

He objected to the length and terms of the franchise, took issue with a clause stating that the company should not in any manner cause a nuisance to residents in the area, and questioned the clause regarding relocation of lines when asked by the city to do so.

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Grand Jury To Ponder Law Violation

ROSEBURG (AP) — Two investigations begin here today of the explosion that ripped through Roseburg.

One seeks to determine the facts about the causes of the disaster, the other to assess the damage in the stricken portion of the city.

Dist. Atty. Avery Thompson said the grand jury would probe the blast, and probably would call a number of witnesses. "This is an investigation to find out the facts," he said.

In addition, Thompson said, the jury will seek to determine if there were any violations of law.

The Klamath County United Fund and Red Cross met Monday noon to plot an appeal for aid to blast-stricken Roseburg.

Although the National Red Cross has \$50,000 made especially available for assistance to Roseburg residents, more can be used handily and the local office is asking for donations from local residents.

Red Cross and United Fund members learned that most rehabilitation work done by the Red Cross in Roseburg will involve financial help to people whose property was destroyed.

Mrs. Virginia Dixon, in outlining Red Cross capabilities, said the organization's income is budgeted annually to cover about 200 disasters.

This year, however, Red Cross funds are stretching thin, due to unexpectedly large outlay. Assistance given Roseburg victims now will help the organization meet needs during the remainder of the year.

Donations may be made at the local Red Cross office, 126 South Third Street.

In the manner in which an explosives truck was parked on a city street.

A fire in a nearby building touched off the explosives in the truck early Friday morning. The blast and consequent fire reduced eight blocks of the business district to rubble.

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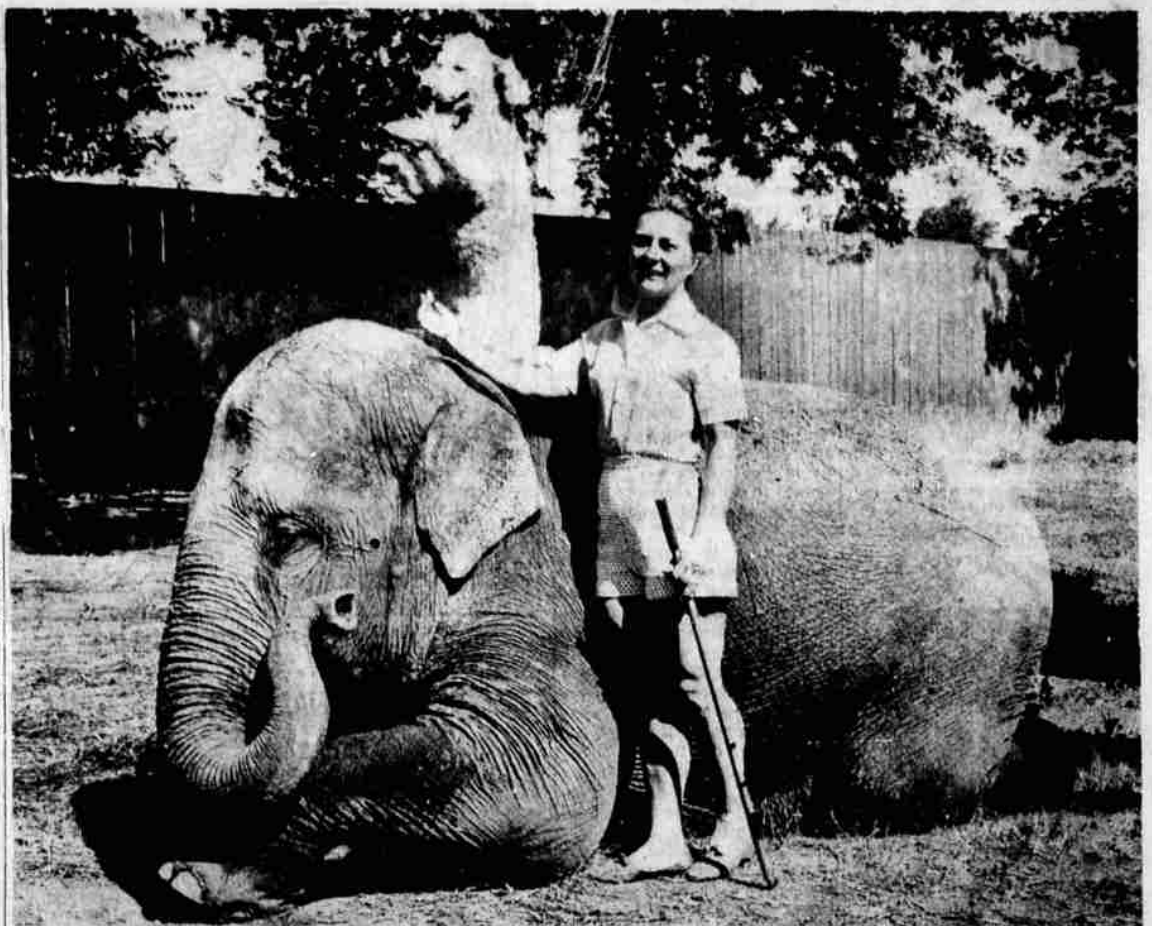
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PEGGY McDONALD, appearing today and Wednesday in the Shrine Club-Polack Brothers Circus at the Klamath County Fairgrounds, is celebrating a birthday anniversary today. Shown here with Baby Opal, youngest of five elephants in the McDonald elephant act and Kippy, the French poodle, Peggy McDonald said today will be like other days, she will help put the five elephants in the act through their paces during afternoon and evening performances. They will

be in the ring again Wednesday. Mrs. McDonald, wife of Mac McDonald, trainer, has been in the entertainment business most of her life. Elephants have just had a beauty treatment with an ordinary carpenter's rasp to remove excess skin and will be in fine fettle for tonight's performance. Tickets for afternoon and evening performances, 2:15 and 8:15, are on sale at circus headquarters, Klamath Auditorium, and at the gates.

Fidel Slates Major Speech On Air Today

HAVANA (AP) — Fidel Castro was expected to take to radio and TV today to tell all about the first major conspiracy to overthrow his revolutionary regime and how his forces smashed it.

It was generally agreed the bearded leader would lump together big landowners affected by his land redistribution law and holdovers from Fulgencio Batista's army as the nucleus of the conspiracy. He was also expected to accuse anti-Castro forces, from the Dominican Republic to Miami, of helping.

Officials said the plot had been crushed. Unofficial reports said some 1,500 persons had been arrested. But a telephone blackout continued over Las Villas Province, in central Cuba.

Remnants of an armed band that clashed with Castro's army Sunday reportedly took to the hills in the southern part of the province, where a number of conspirators have been reported arrested.

Observers also considered it significant that Castro suddenly changed his mind about going to the Inter-American Foreign Ministers Conference in Santiago, Chile. They looked on this as a measure of the gravity of the situation in Cuba.

From reliable sources both in and out of the government, these were developments:

1. Camp Libertad on the edge of Havana where the bulk of the conspiracy suspects were reported being questioned, remained cut off to all but officials with special permits.

2. The telephone blackout to Las Villas was government-ordered with supervisors monitoring other calls inside Cuba and from abroad.

3. A large number of those detained are being held for precautionary purposes and will be released soon.

Housewife Drops Apron For Role In Polack Circus

By RUTH KING

A young lady from Minnesota, who charms circus crowds from Florida to British Columbia and points in between, is celebrating her birthday in Klamath Falls today.

Peggy McDonald, who has spent most of her lifetime in the sawdust ring, emerges from her role as housewife in a mobile trailer home to the glittering world of fantasy as a circus performer with no more than the flicker of eyelashes that match her blonde hair.

Today, as she has worked every circus day since the Polack Brothers Circus left quarters last January, she will step from her kitchen across the way from the grandstand at the fairgrounds and help her trainer husband put their five Basalou elephants and French poodle Kippy through their paces during afternoon and evening performances. Wednesday she will repeat and the days after that until nearing winter months when the circus people will take a brief rest before another season.

Mrs. McDonald came from a circus family. Her family played

in the old repertoire shows that circled the country in vaudeville days.

She has been with Polack Brothers since 1934.

Elephants are easily trained, say the McDonalds. Baby Opal, youngest of the quintet, will appear November 8 on the Ed Sullivan Show on television, making her sixth bow to the public on TV.

The McDonalds travel with two dogs and a Maltese cat on collar and chain.

Far flung travels do not prevent circus people from pursuing hobbies. Mac McDonald has a valuable collection of guns, goes in for target practice and trap shooting and Monday was putting the finishing touches to a hand-made gun stock of Circassian walnut.

The fairgrounds buzzed Monday with activity, as other performers arrived to prepare for their acts. Equipment for highfliers was going up, food had been purchased for the chimpanzees and the lions; horses and dogs were groomed and bedded; missing spangles were sewn or costumes of performers. There was an air of expectancy and the usual flock of small boys.

Fay Alexander, one of the few flying trapeze artists of circus history, capable of the triple somersault, who played in Cecil B. DeMille's "Greatest Show on Earth," is back. He did the triples Tony Curtis, film star, appeared to be doing in "Trapeze," and he was Gilbert Roland's double in a new picture, "The Big Circus."

Oscar and Patricia Konyot have bought bananas, a bushel of oranges, a crate of lettuce, a peck of peanuts and a dozen bunches of onions for the chimpanzees; the Afghan hounds in the Frank and Janet Burger act are ready; the Tong Brothers are in trim for their balancing and contortion act; the Hunneford bareback riders are here and the Aerialvelles and Princess Tajana, "Indian Goddess of Flight," has fluffed her feather headdress. The clowns, too, have dug down deep in circus lore to bring new and funnier acts.

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Stock Decline About Over, Brokers Say

NEW YORK (UPI) — Stock brokers generally agreed today that the worst of the stock market's most severe decline in almost four years is over. The shakeout Monday wiped about seven billion dollars from stock values.

Brokers agreed that the selling which sent the industrial average down 14.78 points Monday was principally the result of profit-taking following the market's recent surge to new all-time highs.

The feeling is that the selling will set a new base from which the bull market can resume its advance. Martin Gilbert, analyst for Vanalstine, Noel & Co., summed up the thinking of the majority with the observation: "The worst is over."

"The market has experienced a good technical correction and now is at a support level from which it can rally," he said.

However, economist Elliot Janeway termed the correction a "significant interruption" in the bull market and said the pause may be more protracted than many now anticipate.

The big drop was "long overdue and the market was extremely vulnerable," Janeway said.

He said the weakness of the market was evident in the spread of the decline from defense stocks and so-called glamour issues to stocks in such basic industries as steel, copper, auto and aluminum.

Brokers were pretty unanimous in discounting the proposed exchange visits of President Eisenhower and Russian Premier Khrushchev as a cause of the decline. But they said the meetings could have been an excuse to sell.

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Watered-Down Driving Restrictions Tentatively Approved By Ed Board

A watered-down version of a plan to restrict parking and driving at Klamath Union High School was tentatively approved by the High School Board of Education at a meeting Monday night.

Final approval will depend on conferences between the new principal, Willard Charles McKinny, when he arrives from Minnesota.

Under the plan the school board would cooperate with the city in restricting parking adjacent to the school and in its perimeter.

Alameda Street, winding along "A" canal and fronting the school, would be open to parking by students and teachers with permits.

The unimproved portion of the street, from the Modoc Field footbridge northward, would be closed to parking.

Barricades would be placed at the main entrance to the campus, on Wall Street and Alameda Avenue, and at the footbridge. The school board would supervise traffic at the Wall Street en-

trance at approximately 8 a.m., noon and 3:30 p.m.—hours when students are arriving for class, going to lunch or returning home.

The parking ban might reach out into perimeter streets to prevent students from parking with easy walking distance, thus nullifying the purpose of parking restrictions.

The restrictions were proposed at first by Lakeview Circuit Judge Charles H. Foster in response to a call for suggestions by the board.

The judge said he is convinced much juvenile delinquency and poor scholastic achievement can be traced to students owning cars. He stated further that few students really "need" to drive to school.

He outlined a stiff series of rules that would govern driving on campus. They would require students to get special permission to drive to school. Those with permits would have to leave their cars parked during school hours.

Students failing to comply would receive penalties up to expulsion.

Board members who drew up the revised plan, George Filtercraft and John Voth, said they thought that Judge Foster's recommendations were a "little severe." They met with city officials and Chief of Police Charles Howard.

The board agrees unanimously that students with cars are a problem for the school and the city. Traffic chokes Main Street at noon and when school recesses.

Members hope to enlist aid of teachers and students in putting the parking restrictions in working order. If the Filtercraft-Voth plan is adopted, parents will be asked to cooperate in restricting general automobile traffic to and from school.

A student body organization to participate in enforcement of the program might be set up.

If the plan is okayed, it will go into effect when school starts in September.



A MEDICAL-DENTAL BUILDING will rise where these men turned the first spadeful of dirt in Weed Thursday. From left they are Dr. H. L. Vidricksen, a physician; Dr. L. L. Johnson, a dentist; V. J. Thompson, M. D.; James Mallory, president of Weed Chamber of Commerce, and Joe Quadros, contractor who will build the plant.