

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

In an editorial that is reprinted on the editorial page of this newspaper today, the Salem Statesman says:

"Periodically for years persons in public life have cited the waste inherent in the 36 separate county governments in Oregon. Whereas once county seats were a day's travel or more from county hinterlands, few persons now are more than a few hours away from their home governments, mostly only a few minutes. But the 36 divisions persist.

"The same clinging to 'home rule' applied to schools for many years, and still does in many instances. But just as school districts are realizing more and more the necessity for merger, so eventually will counties. So Governor Hatfield certainly is not out of line in his suggestion for fewer counties, as voiced this week before the League of Oregon Cities convention in Portland."

The pendulum swings. The counties of Oregon were once immense. There is Wasco, for example. When it was created, January 11, 1854, it comprised all the area of Oregon Territory between the Cascades and the Rockies. The name, incidentally, is said to be derived from an Indian word meaning "small bowl of horn." Wasco county was anything but a "small bowl" a century ago.

Then there is Jackson.

When it was created, on January 12, 1852, it comprised all that part of Oregon west of the Cascades and between the south boundary of Umpqua county and the northern boundary of California. Most of present-day Josephine and Curry counties have been taken out of original Jackson. Later Jackson county's boundaries were stretched across the Cascades to include what is now Klamath and Lake. This eastern area was in time split off to form Lake county. Still later, Klamath county was carved out of Lake.

While we're on that subject, it is worth mentioning that on the very early maps all of Northwestern California was shown as Klamath county. This vast area included roughly the entire drainage basin of the Klamath river. Crook county once included an immense chunk of what is now generally known as Central Oregon. The glamorous seat of this mighty empire was Prineville, which shared with Lakeview the glory of being the big cow towns. In later years, Deschutes and Jefferson counties were carved out of Crook.

So it was in the beginnings. The counties were big—and the people were big. Their horizons were wide. They were accustomed to the wide open spaces. One guesses they thought big—at least so far as space was concerned. And, besides, GOVERNMENT wasn't a very big item in their lives. If they visited the seat of it two or three times a year, it was enough. Keeping government as far away as possible probably suited them.

There came then—some three or four decades ago—a change. More towns grew up. These new towns realized that county government was GOOD FOR BUSINESS. It brought people to the county seat. While there, they did a lot of trading. So these newer towns wanted to be county seats.

The result of that was a rash of county division proposals — of which the proposal to carve New Smith county out of southern Lane, with Cottage Grove as its seat, probably generated the most heat.

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EARLE WILCOX CROWNS QUEEN JANICE

Prisoner, 17, Said Solitary 'Successful'

MARSHALL, Mich. (AP)—"It was successful."

That's how 17-year-old Richard Lee Babie feels about spending 43 days in solitary confinement on a diet of bread, water, milk and vitamin pills.

Released from the Calhoun jail Friday, Babie thanked Circuit Court Judge Alfonso A. Magnotta, who had sentenced him, "for the break you have given me." He said, "I will go straight and not mess up again."

The judge called the punishment shock therapy and said it was an experiment to combat juvenile delinquency. A Juvenile Court officer, Babie had pleaded guilty to burglary on his first charge in an adult court.

Prosecutor Noble O. Moore called it "the best invention since spankings in the woodshed were abandoned."

The youth's father, Peter Babie, was less enthusiastic. But he conceded the treatment "has left an impression."

Young Babie will be on probation for five years. He plans to re-enter the 10th grade in Battle Creek.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Fair through Sunday. High near 65, low 36-43.

High Saturday 72
Low last night 43

Northern California: Fair today, tonight and Monday. Little change in temperature. Low humidity.

Capacity Crowds Witness Potato Festival Events

By RUTH KING

MERRILL — King Spud ruled and the weatherman smiled for the 1959 Klamath Basin Potato Festival that moved smoothly from the opening banquet Friday night through the Harvest Ball Saturday.

This year's festival drew capacity crowds to every event. More than 350 guests were seated for the opening banquet when lovely Queen Janice Lisk was whisked into the realm of royalty with the placing of a jeweled crown upon her dark curls by Earle R. Wilcox, manager, Indian Land Sales Office, Klamath Falls.

Wilcox, as banquet speaker, reviewed the efforts of the land management specialists who with the aid of United States congressmen, worked out termination procedures for the Klamath Indian Reservation. "A program," the speaker said, "of national significance, a program which will effect all people of the Klamath Basin."

Introduced to their loyal subjects as they approached the golden throne, were her majesty, Queen Janice, senior princesses, Claudette Pfeiffer, Bonanza; Sally Read, Henley; Norma Souers, Chilquin; Phyllis Derra, Malin, and junior princesses, Tillie Walker and Denise Fotheringham, Merrill. Clifford Ongman, president of the Merrill Lions Club, and festival chairman, and Dr. Frank E. Trotman, Merrill, banquet chairman, emceed the coronation.

Queen Janice was presented with a \$100 savings bond and Princess Norma, runner-up for the crown, received a \$25 bond.

Senior princesses, in identical green frilled net formals, carried arm bouquets of bronze chrysanthemums. The two 5-year-old junior attendants in ruffled white

frocks, carried miniature bouquets of the same flowers. Escorts were Dick Marks and Tom Chatburn.

The crown and royal robes were relinquished by the 1958 queen, Myrtle Barnes Russell, who came from Washington for the coronation.

THIS YEAR'S Oregon State potato champions in the several divisions, were presented with cash awards and trophies following the dinner by Robert Petrik, potato committee chairman.

Decisions of the judges, George Burger, San Francisco potato buyer; C. A. Henderson, Klamath County extension agent and Ken Baggett, Tulelake farm adviser, follow: Netted Gem Commercial, state champion, Haskins and Company, Bonanza; second, Bernard Jendrzejewski, Bonanza; third, M. M. Stastny, Malin.

White Rose Commercial, state champion, Robert Cheyne, Klamath Falls; second, Osborne and Sons, Tulelake; third, Don Lyons, Klamath Falls. Certified Netted Gem Seed, state champion, Bernard Jendrzejewski, Bonanza; second, Haskins and Company, Bonanza; third, Osborne and Sons, Tulelake.

Certified White Rose Seed, state champion, Robert Cheyne, Klamath Falls; second, G. W. Osborne and Sons, Tulelake; third, Don Lyons, Klamath Falls.

Least number of U.S. No. 1 Netted Gems in 100 pounds, Haskins and Company, Bonanza; U.S. No. 1 Bakers, first, Bernard Jendrzejewski, Bonanza; second, Haskins and Company, Bonanza; largest single U.S. No. 1 potato, Tommy Johnson, Merrill.

Freakest potato, Louise Stastny,

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Steel Strike Negotiations Renewed Keep-Talking Appeal Unanswered

Paper Raid On Havana Continues

HAVANA (AP)—Mysterious planes slipped past Cuban air force patrols and showered Havana with more antigovernment leaflets Friday.

The raids were the latest in a series that began Wednesday—a day that brought the most violent show of opposition to Fidel Castro since he took over the Cuban government New Year's Day.

Castro charged that counterrevolutionary planes based in the United States carried out the raids. He denounced U. S. authorities for failing to halt them.

He is expected to take quick advantage of a U. S. Federal Bureau of Investigation report Friday that former Cuban revolutionary air force chief Pedro Diaz Lanz admitted flying a leaflet plane over Havana Wednesday.

The disclosure is expected to bring new and stronger demands from Castro that Washington take action against Cuban refugees in the United States wanted by his government for trial as war criminals.

Diaz Lanz, now living in Miami, Fla., fled Cuba last July. He charged that Castro is a Communist and his regime is riddled with Reds.

Maj. Hubert Matos, the military commander in Canagney province, again raised the issue of Communist infiltration in resigning last week.

The scholarly, 40-year-old Matos, who fought with Castro in the mountains, was arrested and denounced as a traitor by his old friend.

Matos and 30 junior officers who resigned with him reportedly are being held at an army prison near here. There was no report on whether he had been formally arraigned on the treason charge.

Martin Names On Jury List

PORTLAND (AP)—The name Ken Martin was among 5,000 named Friday for jury duty next year. Mrs. Martin's name was drawn on the Circuit Court jury list last May.

Neither was available. They and three daughters vanished Sunday, Dec. 7, after setting out in search of Christmas greens.

SHOOTING HOURS DUCKS, GEESE

OREGON

October 26

OPEN

6:30

CLOSE

5:15

CALIFORNIA

October 26

OPEN

6:25

CLOSE

5:12



FERDINAND — BROOK MANDORE

Mediation Board Keeps Close Touch

BULLETIN

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Top negotiators trying to settle the 102-day steel strike met for nearly three hours Saturday. They recessed with no report of progress. They will meet here again Sunday.

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Contract talks resumed late Saturday in the 102-day old steel strike but neither the United Steelworkers Union nor the industry would comment on President Eisenhower's plea that they continue bargaining until the strike is settled.

"We're going into collective bargaining, that's all," said David J. McDonald, president of the USW, who headed the union's four-man negotiating team.

"We're always hopeful, always striving," said R. Conrad Cooper, U.S. Steel Corp. vice president who heads the four-man team representing the country's 12 major steel companies.

Asked if the "Big 12" had any new contract proposal to put before the Steelworkers, Cooper declined.

"I don't feel this is the place to discuss that."

The President made his new plea through an aide at his vacation headquarters in Augusta, Ga. James C. Hagerty, White House press secretary, said of the President: "He sincerely hopes that when both sides renew their negotiations this afternoon in Pittsburgh, they realize fully the obligation they owe to the United States and that they remain in consultation and negotiation until they settle it."

The head of the President's three-man fact-finding board in the dispute said in Philadelphia that he has been in touch with Joseph Finnegan, chief of the Federal Mediation Service.

Dr. George W. Taylor said he and Finnegan talked over the matter of how they could best cooperate in the event the fact-finding board is reconvened.

Taylor and Hagerty both denied a published report that Taylor had requested Eisenhower's permission to resume mediation efforts.

The new negotiations were arranged under a federal court directive.

Neither the United Steelworkers Union nor the industry would comment on the possibility of new proposals being made.

FAITH RENEWED

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—Virginia Lee Vaughn, 26, and Dick Graser, 27, were issued a new marriage license Friday and planned to be married Saturday.

They originally planned their wedding for earlier in the week, but someone stole the marriage license from the bride-to-be's car.

Brassy British Tab Buys Will's Flower-Loving Bull

LONDON (AP)—Brook Mandore, whose prettiness and gentle manners didn't satisfy official British expectations of what a bull should be, has a new owner, a new name and a new lease on life.

The brassy tabloid Daily Mirror bought the 13-month-old bull from farmer Will Titcomb for 1,000 pounds (\$2,300) and whisked him away for a life befitting his new name—Ferdinand.

"That's the name to suit a gentle bull, a bull that wears flowers, drinks honey, loves dogs and likes people," the paper said.

Brook Mandore fits the pattern of Walt Disney's movie Ferdinand which loved flowers and detested fighting.

But heartaches may not be over yet for the bull-beauty branded an outcast by Britain's Ministry of Agriculture.

The ministry expressed fears if he was used for breeding—either as Brook Mandore or Ferdinand—he "would be liable to beget inferior and defective stock." He was ordered put to death.

The Daily Mirror said, "He stays alive—but to comply with ministry requirements, it is necessary to ensure that he can never have a family."

The new owners did not go into details on how this is going to be ensured.

Ferdinand won't be lonely but the Daily Mirror said "His career as a stock-raising bull is over and he won't be able to be a papa. That is the price for his reprieve."

His new home is in a grassy paddock near Benson, Oxfordshire. He is sharing a paddock with a goat named Joker—an accomplished television actor—and a lamb called Daisy May.

Other playmates for Ferdinand on the farm are 30 dogs, a fox saved from the hunt, a badger, several rabbits and ducks.

But no cows.

"He can just graze quietly," said the Mirror.

There was some suspicion, however, that Ferdinand is contented with his present life and isn't anxious to change.

Lease Delayed Pending Quiz

PORTLAND (AP)—A decision on Humble Oil Company's bid for a lease on 4,400 acres of Lake County land near the California border was put off Friday until Nov. 20 by the Oregon Game Commission.

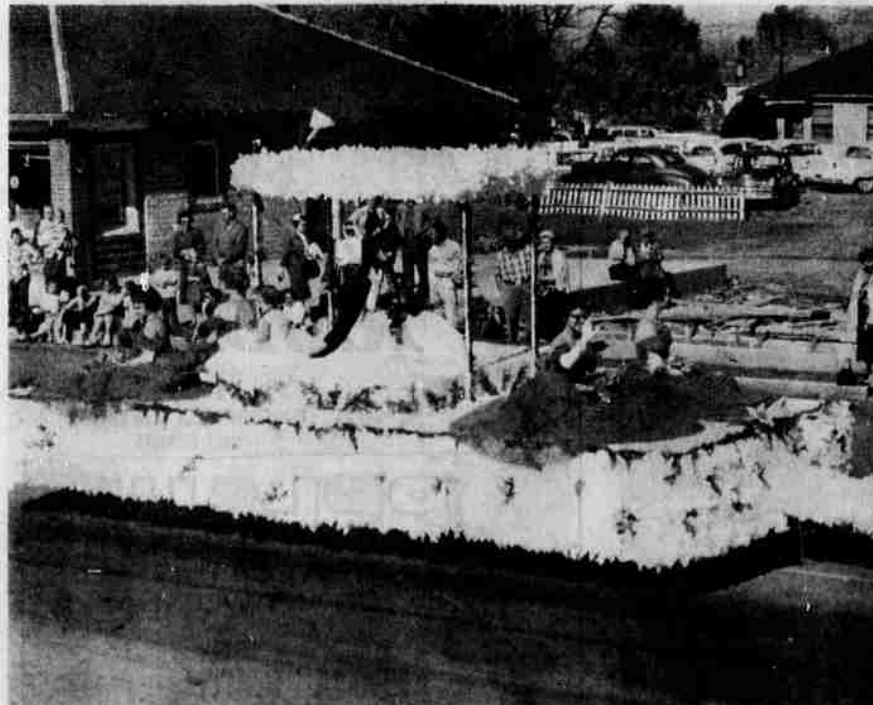
The commission invited sportsmen and conservationists to give their views on the company proposal to lease the area for oil and gas explorations and possible drilling.

The proposal contains adequate safeguards for the wildlife, said Hollis Dole, state Geology and Mineral Industries Department director.

The Summer Lake Game Management area acreage includes a migratory waterfowl refuge and public shooting grounds. It adjoins state land already leased to Humble.

RECORD NUMBER NABBED

TOKYO (UPI)—Motorcycle police in the metropolitan area arrested a record 318 drivers for speeding Friday night, it was announced Saturday.



AN ESTIMATED 4,000 PERSONS were on hand to witness the annual parade of the Klamath Basin Potato Festival when it moved out promptly at 11 a.m. with Lewis Kandra as parade marshal. Photographer Don Kettler snapped several floats in the well-organized parade. Far left is the float carrying Queen Janice Lisk and her four princesses, Claud-

ette Pfeiffer, Bonanza; Sally Read, Henley; Norma Souers, Chilquin and Phyllis Derra, Malin. Also on the float are junior princesses Tillie Walker and Denise Fotheringham, Merrill. In center picture, two young unidentified ladies compare notes on the parade, perhaps wondering if they will be a queen or a princess in the years ahead. One of the



many marching units is passing by. Musical units included the Klamath Falls Shrine Drum Corps, Klamath Union High School band, Henley High School band, and the Tulelake High School band. At far right, one of the many floats entered in the parade. This was the entry of the Merrill Library Club. The Malin High School float was selected as



the sweepstakes winner, with J. W. Kerns' entry adjudged tops in the commercial division. KUHS band won top acclaim for music. A number of other awards were made in the parade float division.