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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Let's crow a little today. In the league in which it plays, Klamath was the first to go over the top in its UNITED FUND DRIVE.

That's worth crowing about. How did it happen? It's perfectly simple. The workers worked. The people gave. The workers worked because they are proud of their area. They want it to be the kind of area that people will want to live in. The people gave because they too are proud of their area and want it to be the kind of place people will want to live in. That's what put it over.

Let's go back three or four decades.

It was then generally believed that by 1960 all the timber would have been cut, all the sawmills would have moved on (if there was anywhere to move to) and the country would have been given back to the Indians.

It didn't turn out that way. We now have more merchantable timber than we had when the saws first went to work on the big trees in the pine forests of the Klamath Basin.

And— We no longer depend on the saws alone. FIBER is entering the picture. Fiber is a crop. It renews itself from generation to generation. It has limitless possibilities. Among other things, it puts an end to the old tragic cycle of cut and move on. Fiber is a PERMANENT resource.

We have plenty of water — thanks to a long and sometimes bitter battle to SAVE it. We now have more water than any other area from the Columbia river to Hoover dam. Water is a primary resource.

We have plenty of power (the Klamath river is the No. 2 power stream of the American Pacific Coast.) We have an established agriculture—and don't worry about the future of agriculture. In a world in which population is beginning to explode, food will be increasingly important.

Watch Klamath in the future. It's GOING PLACES.

In conclusion— It was awareness of all this that sent Klamath's United Fund first over the top in the league in which we play. Our people are proud of their region and are confident of its future. That tells the story.

Espee Request Refused By ICC

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Interstate Commerce Commission today refused to reconsider the permission it granted in May to the Southern Pacific Co. to reduce off-season runs of the "Shasta Daylight" passenger trains between San Francisco and Portland.

The company was authorized to operate the trains on a three-times-a-week basis during the winter months, except around the Christmas season.

A further hearing was sought by the California and Oregon public utilities commissions but the ICC said they had made "no showing warranting reconsideration."

Plane Hits Home; TWA Crew Killed

CHICAGO (AP)—A cargo plane, returning to Midway Airport due to a fire warning, plowed into a house in rainy darkness just before dawn today and sprayed a sleeping neighborhood with fiery death.

Killed were the crew of three aboard the Trans World Airlines Constellation and at least four residents of homes drenched with flaming airplane fuel.

The plane, from New York and Philadelphia, crashed three blocks from the southeast corner of the nation's busiest airport, a square network of runways and terminal buildings on Chicago's Southwest Side.

TWA in New York said the

plane had landed in Chicago, discharged cargo and taken off again when a fire warning flashed on the instrument panel. The pilot began circling to land again when the crash occurred, TWA said.

In a flash a string of houses and apartment buildings near 63rd St. and Cicero Ave. burst into flame. Firemen said 10 dwellings were set afire, some from the plane fuel, others from flames from those sprayed with gas.

"It seemed like the end of the world," residents of the neighborhood said.

"They come over the house all the time," a woman resident of one of the damaged houses said, "but somehow this one sounded different. Suddenly the entire house shook and I could hear glass flying everywhere."

Flights from all points of the compass were delayed. The rate of traffic is nearly a movement in or out every minute of the day and night.

Thomas Fracassi, 31, occupant of a house hit by the plane, said the aircraft caved the roof into

Eye Witness Tells Views Of Tragedy

CHICAGO (AP)—"They come over the house all the time. But somehow this one sounded different."

That was how Mrs. Ann Gerhas, trembling and ashen-faced, described the tearing, twisting crash of a Trans World Airlines Constellation cargo plane today at Chicago's Midway Airport. At least seven persons were killed at the flaming crash scene, including the plane crew of three.

Mrs. Gerhas, whose home was the first struck by the aircraft, continued:

"Suddenly, the entire house shook. And I could hear glass flying everywhere."

The plane tore a bite-sized chunk out of the steep gable-type roof of the Gerhas home, a two-story brick structure three blocks from the airport.

Mrs. Gerhas said the plane stayed in the attic and broke windows all over the house.

The plane peeled off part of the roof of a house across the street and all of the roof of an adjoining house. Then it ripped away the facade of a two-story apartment building and buried itself in a ranch-type house, completely demolishing it.

A large piece of the plane's tail section—white with red stripes and bearing the number 1232—plunged into the street about midway along the swath torn by the aircraft.

A clock in a nearby grocery was stopped. Its hands indicated 5:34 a.m., CST.

As police and firemen struggled through the still smoldering crash scene, inbound planes roared close overhead toward Midway landing strips. Residents shuffled dazedly through littered streets and yards and huddled in small groups, talking softly. Fear-cramped faces glanced uneasily at the sky as each plane droned monotonously overhead.

BEER DOUSES FIRE
BRIGHTON, England (UPI)—Emergency measures were called for when fire broke out in the Greyhound Hotel pub Monday. The bartenders and customers doused the blaze by squirting beer on it.



THESE YMCA OFFICIALS participated in the program at Monday night's ninth annual YMCA banquet to give recognition to volunteer workers and hardworking members of the staff. At left, Sam Raymond, board member and master of ceremonies, hears Lorne W. Bell point out the aims and goals of the organization on a world-wide scope. Paul Campbell, local general secretary, right, expresses obvious pleasure over projected plans for expansion of service in this community. Bell is executive of the Pacific Northwest Area Council YMCAs with nearly 30 years experience in the organization.

Man Killed In Collision

A truck-car collision on icy Highway 97 took the life of an Oregon man 63 miles north of Klamath Falls near Beaver Marsh at 7:30 a.m. today, state police said.

He was Stearl Price McReynolds, 63, of Milton Freewater, Oregon. Driver of the bread delivery truck was Louis Natale, 36, of Wocum.

Natale was brought to Klamath Valley Hospital by Peace Ambulance. His condition was undetermined. Natale complained of chest pains, hospital personnel said, and X-Rays were slated this morning.

State police reported the Natale vehicle northbound and the McReynolds car southbound. Natale told police the oncoming car skidded into his path, apparently having struck ice.

Natale said he swerved to avoid collision, but struck the car broadside. Both men were alone in their vehicles.

The victim's body was taken to Ward's Klamath Funeral Home where services are pending. Police are still investigating Klamath County's 17th traffic fatality of the year.

Big Three Reach Plan

GENEVA (UPI)—The United States, Britain and Russia finally reached formal agreement today on a work plan for a crucial East-West review of underground nuclear blast detection methods which will begin Wednesday.

The formal agreement ended East-West haggling on the exact scope of the review which started three weeks ago when Russia suddenly accepted such studies after 10 months of opposition to western pleas.

The reappraisal of hard to detect underground blasts, which both sides admit holds the key to agreement at the year-old nuclear weapons test ban talks, will begin Wednesday afternoon.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Fair through Wednesday with patches of morning fog. Low tonight 22-28; high Wednesday 36-62.

High yesterday	60
Low last night	32
Precip. last 24 hours	0
Since Oct. 1	0.56
Same period last year	1.05
Low in area, Chemult	23

Northern California — Fair through Wednesday. Temperatures above normal and humidity low. Variable coastal winds 8-10 miles an hour night and morning hours. Morning coastal fog.

Two Autoists Car Victims

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Two motorists driving alone were found dead near their cars this morning, victims of separate accidents in Northwestern Oregon.

Richard Allison Barks, 29, Oswego, was killed when his car left the highway a mile south of Oswego and clipped a number of trees before stopping.

The body of Robert E. Parr, Sheridan, was found three miles south of Sheridan this morning. Yamhill County Deputy Coroner Maurice Adamson said Parr's car skidded on a curve, Parr was thrown from it and it rolled on him.

Adamson said the accident evidently happened some time Monday night as the automobile engine was cold when the accident was reported to police at 12:30 a.m. today.

SHOOTING HOURS

DUCKS, GEESE		
OREGON		
November 25		
OPEN	7:05	CLOSE 4:40
CALIFORNIA		
November 25		
OPEN	7:08	CLOSE 4:38

Press Group Blasts Cubans

NEW YORK (UPI)—The Inter American Press Association accused Cuban Premier Fidel Castro Monday of increasing censorship by terror apparently in an effort to smother press criticism.

A statement issued by William H. Cowles, president of the IAPA and publisher of the Spokane (Wash.) Review, noted a warning by Major Raul Castro, minister of the armed forces and Fidel's brother, that the army would not protect Diario de la Marina if it were attacked by a mob.

"The situation has become worse since the meeting of the IAPA in San Francisco last month," the statement said.

The statement was issued after an IAPA executive committee meeting under the chairmanship of John R. Reitemeyer, publisher of the Hartford (Conn.) Courant.

The committee also said a reply by Nicaragua to charges of discriminatory censorship against La Prensa, of Managua, "in no way disproves the allegations...and the matter should be pursued further."

Official Mum On Firings

PARIS (AP)—A spokesman for NATO European command headquarters refused today to confirm or deny reports that 13 U. S. officers at Izmir, Turkey, have been relieved of their duties. The 13 officers comprise the entire American command at the Izmir base.

"We can neither confirm nor comment on the matter until the completion of the Turkish trial of four American enlisted men on black market charges," a spokesman said. He did not elaborate.

A spokesman at NATO headquarters at Izmir also refused to comment on the reports that the entire command had been relieved after an investigation of black market activities, and referred questions to NATO headquarters here.

Hopes For Relief Dim; Damage To Crops High

SEATTLE, Wash. (AP)—Rescue teams continued today evacuating persons stranded by floodwaters in northwest Washington. Thousands of acres of lowlands were under water, but there were indications some rivers were gradually receding.

The Snoqualmie River which had peaked Monday at 13 feet, dropped to 8.27 feet this morning.

The Green River was still on the rise, however, and the valley towns of Kent and Auburn, south of here, were still hard hit. Sheriff's officers and coastguardsmen were kept busy throughout the night answering calls for aid in the Green River Valley.

An Ellensburg, Wash., motorist was missing and it was believed he may have become the second fatality of the area's worst flood in 26 years.

A woman motorist was killed in a mountain pass car-truck accident Sunday night, the night the storm broke.

The State Patrol said the missing man was George Schaake who was to have returned to Ellensburg from Seattle via Snoqualmie pass Sunday night.

A wrecked car, registered to Schaake, was found amid mud and debris. The car was empty.

There was still no immediate relief in sight despite the lowering of some rivers. The damage to rich farmlands and homes was expected to run into millions of dollars.

Hundreds of persons have been rescued by helicopter, powerboats and amphibious craft from both the Green River Valley and the Snohomish River Valley to the north.

Many left reluctantly—unwilling to abandon homes and livestock. Some refused to leave.

Pearl Westerlund, 59, said she didn't intend to leave her home near Kent.

"But then I stood on a chair to get away from the water, and men in a boat spotted me."

"When they asked me if I didn't want to leave, I decided I did. That water was getting pretty deep."

Although only showers hit the valleys Monday, civil defense authorities reported heavy rains in

Industrialist Offers Plan To Aid Holiday

NEW YORK (UPI)—Walter Heiby, president of the Precision Instrument Corp., proposed Monday a way out for the cranberry industry — use the bright, red berries as Christmas tree ornaments.

Heiby suggested that the industry relay this message to the public:

"Would you like to help save the cranberry growers of America from disaster? You can help assure that they will have a happy Christmas if you will go out and buy just one pound of cranberries. Then, using a needle and ordinary twine, string them together and place the chain on your Christmas tree. This is the old fashioned tree ornament that Grandma always used. Use it again this year. It will add beauty to your tree and you will have that wonderful feeling that you have helped some cranberry grower have a merry Christmas."

the Stampede Pass area of the Cascades. The U.S. Weather Bureau said it lost communications with its Stampede station late in the day.

In Snoqualmie Pass, where a 300-foot section of the state's main east-west route was taken out by a slide, steady rain fell.

Cross — state highway travel, blocked by weekend slides on all passes, resumed today at curtailed rates. The state highway department said one-way traffic would be resumed on the Snoqualmie Pass highway Monday, but that rebuilding the four-lanes probably would not be attempted until spring.

\$100 Million Jeopardized In Swindle

NEW YORK (AP)—More than 100 million dollars in savings deposits are jeopardized by "a nationwide fraud," New York Atty. Gen. Louis J. Lefkowitz said today.

He said an almost insolvent insurance company operating out of a back room in Tangier, Morocco, is the insurer of savings accounts in eight savings and loan associations.

Lefkowitz obtained a State Supreme Court order to examine 46 witnesses in his investigation of the international operation.

He said at a news conference that the savings and loan associations solicited deposits through mail and newspaper advertising offering a 5 per cent return.

He identified the Tangier firm as the International Guaranty & Insurance Co.

The court order, signed by Justice Jacob Markowitz, named three institutions in Chicago, two in Idaho and one each in Utah, Washington and Maryland.

Lefkowitz contended that the insurance company does not have sufficient assets to insure the depositors' accounts. He said the savings and loan associations "knew or should have known that false and fraudulent statements were contained in their own promotional literature and in the promotional literature of International Guaranty."

Among those ordered to appear for questioning were:

Stewart B. Hopps, Belvedere, Calif., described by Lefkowitz as the "masterful planner" of the operation; and J. Howard McGrath of Washington D. C., former U.S. attorney general and former governor of Rhode Island.

Lefkowitz said an International Guaranty & Insurance Co. news release in April 1958 identified McGrath as chairman of the firm's trustees. He said a letter from McGrath's attorney stated that the former attorney general "never had any financial interest in this company."

Lefkowitz said the eight savings and loan associations were endangering the funds of their depositors by not insuring with an agency of the U. S. government.

To obtain such federal insurance protection, a savings and loan association or institution must present a portfolio of assets and collateral.



IN FOND MEMORY of Ufie, the United Fund burro, UF Chairman Paul Cruikshank, right, and Jim Monteith, associate chairman, drank a toast at the start of the UF victory celebration today in the Pelican Cafe. The community is invited to come and add good wishes already showed upon the mascot, now in the care of a Merrill family.

Victory Party For Public Celebrates Reaching Goal

At last report only one other United Fund drive in the state had equalled the percentage mark set by "over the top" Klamath County—today celebrating with a public no-host victory party in the Pelican Cafe.

Josephine County, including Grants Pass, with a \$28,000 goal, went over the top by two per cent.

A few of the other drives around the state showed these results: United Medford, \$138,782 goal, \$109,593 collected, 78.9 per cent; Lane County, including Eugene and Springfield, \$397,492 goal, \$287,947 collected, 72.4 per cent; Salem, \$263,070 goal, \$239,041 collected, 90.9 per cent; Umatilla County, including Pendleton, \$97,093 goal, \$32,000 collected, 32.9 per cent.

Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington counties, including Portland, \$3,276,287 goal, \$2,918,854 collected, 89 per cent. Lane and Umatilla counties began their drives in October. Others began in September.

Lake County, with a \$12,830 goal, has collected 91.3 per cent of the total. Ashland-Talent, \$23,750 goal, has 63.1 per cent. Both drives began in September.

Fifteen other UF drives range from 31 to 93 per cent of goal so far collected or pledged.

Locally, Paul Cruikshank, drive chairman, says three divisions have exceeded quota. The public service division with Mike Shannon as chairman, was the first to do so and stands at 104 per cent. Allied construction, directed by Chairman Rube Larson, has 100 per cent. The lumber and industry division, chairmanned by Larry Wetter, has 106 per cent.

Of the 50 business division units, 20 have reached or exceeded quota. Many letters of thanks and congratulations have been received, Cruikshank said, from child care agencies outside the county and aided by the local UF. Representatives from local youth agencies, the Red Cross and the Salvation Army will be on hand at the party today to congratulate and thank drive workers and donors.

Crowds of well-wishers were expected to attend. They will be able to examine all campaign records and share in congratulations during the coffee, punch and cookie klatch from 2:30 until 4:30 p.m.



A CHECK in the amount of \$7,500 from the Knights Templar Foundation, Inc., was received recently by Elvin Earl Phillips, Klamath Falls, R. E. grand commander, Grand Commandry Knights Templar of Oregon, to be used in the free humanitarian work of restoring sight and giving other medical aid to needy patients of the Portland area. The check was turned over to the University of Oregon Medical School, Department of Ophthalmology, Portland. Present for the presentation, left to right, were John W. Givens, Portland; R. E. Allen, Eugene; R. Tusan, Portland; M. W. Frisbie, Eugene; E. E. Phillips, Klamath Falls, and Dr. R. Burns, ophthalmologist, Portland.