

Car Wrecker In Plunge Off Cliff

By FRANK JENKINS This is a strange world, and the news it produces every day is a strange mixture.

Vicki's father is the head of the BIOCHEMISTRY unit of the Boeing Airplane Company, in Seattle.

That prompts another question: Why is Boeing, whose chief business is building airplanes (the bigger the better), interested in biochemistry to the extent of maintaining a biochemical unit headed by a distinguished biochemist?

It's a long story. We'll merely brief it here.

Boeing is also interested in missiles. Missiles (in addition to carrying warheads that can blow our enemies, if they get too brash, into Kingdom Come) are the vehicles by means of which space travelers hope eventually to reach the unknown worlds that spin in outer space.

This is the point: If mundane space travelers (mundane meaning of or pertaining to THIS world) are to reach these other worlds that spin in outer space, THEY MUST HAVE SOMETHING MUNDANE TO EAT ON THE WAY THERE AND BACK.

That's where Dr. Pilgrim and his Boeing biochemical unit come in. He thinks maybe ALGAE may be IT. Algae is not only a possible source of food for mundane beings. It is also a possible source of OXYGEN, which mundane creatures must also have if they are to go on living.

So he has been fooling around with it in his biochemical laboratory (we lowbrows call it fooling around; the scientists call it researching.) Dr. Pilgrim's research has made one thing plain to him: Algae has a drawback. Its drawback is that it looks like scum and tastes like hay. If space travelers are to take it willingly, it must be improved.

As nearly as one can gather from the souped-up story when a Seattle feature writer got through with it, Dr. Pilgrim blanched some of the green stuff under fluorescent lights, and it came out looking somewhat like ordinary white flour.

That's where Vicki comes in. She baked some of the green stuff and some of the white stuff into cookies. The green ones came out of the oven still looking like scum and tasting like hay, but the white stuff came out LOOKING LIKE COOKIES AND TASTING LIKE COOKIES.

So— You see— A long step forward in the conquest of outer space may have been taken—and all because of a little girl who liked to put on her apron and fool around in the kitchen. The next time YOUR little girl wants to fool around in the kitchen, don't discourage her. You never can tell what may come of it.

In conclusion—a thought: Here in our State of Jefferson, this algae business interests us. In Upper Klamath Lake and the lakes down in California's Lake county we have enough of it, it sometimes seems to us, to feed all the space travelers that may ever take off into the far reaches of outer space.

Giant Bulldozers Erect New Dike

HONOLULU, Hawaii (AP)—Fifteen giant bulldozers today were hastily erecting a new dike in an attempt to save another threatened area from erupting Kilauea's lava on Hawaii island.



A SPECIAL AWARD in the form of a permanent plaque, went to Carl W. Pendleton, longtime citizen of Lake County, at Monday night's annual banquet of the Lake County Chamber of Commerce.

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2 Survivors Continue Trip Via Ship

MONTEGO BAY, Jamaica (AP)—Two survivors of the Colombian airliner crash that killed 47 persons said today they will make the last leg of their jinxed trip to Ecuador by ship.

"I don't care if we have to go to Greenland to get a ship," said Jan Kelton, 47, a United Nations official traveling with his wife to a new assignment in South America.

The Keltons, two Dutch passengers and five crew members escaped virtually unhurt in the crash early Thursday of the Avianca airliner from New York. All 17 Americans aboard were killed.

There had been one interruption before the Super-Constellation of the Avianca Colombian National Airline met tragedy on this Caribbean holiday island. A coughing engine forced a 10-hour stopover for repairs in Miami. Four passengers quit the plane there.

Kelton, a Scotsman attached to the U.N. Food and Agricultural Organization, told relatives who telephoned that he and his wife were "both excellently all right."

"We are not even bleached," he said. "But I think we might dispense with planes for a while. We intend to wait for a ship if we can get one to Ecuador. We might have to go to Miami to get a ship. I don't care if we have to go to Greenland."

When the big plane overturned and exploded in flames after setting down here, the Keltons wrenched their way out through an emergency exit and splashed through a swampy lagoon to safety.

"There was absolutely no warning of the crash," said Kelton. "We came out of a rain squall at Montego Bay and started onto the runway."

Weather

Klamath Falls and vicinity—Partly cloudy through Saturday. Low tonight 22-28; high Saturday 40-45.

CRATER LAKE High yesterday 30 Low last night 23 8 a.m. today 25 New snow .3 Snow depth .51 Last year 34 Year before last 102 Sking before last Very Good Chains are advised for travel on Highway 62 and from Anville Springs to the rim.

WARNER CANYON Sking expected to be good this weekend with lows operating from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday; snack bar and warming hut open both days. Thirty inches of new snow fell this week.

Northern California—Scattered showers through Saturday. Slightly cooler tonight and occasional light snow in the mountains. Southerly coastal winds 20-35 miles an hour from Point Reyes northward with smaller craft warnings.



REPUBLICAN PROSPECTS for 1960 were given a thorough review by Peter Gunnar, third from left, Republican State Central Committee chairman, who spoke to Klamath County Republicans Thursday night at the Winema. Shown here are Ed Geary, left, Ben Adair, Klamath County Central Committee chairman; Gunnar, and Anne Watters, central committee vice chairman.

Wife Tells TV Audience Mate Didn't Bomb Ship

DALLAS, Tex. (AP)—Mrs. Frances Spears said today she wouldn't have accepted insurance money knowing her naturopath husband was not aboard a crashed airliner. She admitted the possibility Robert Vernon Spears had hypnotized another man into taking his seat on the doomed plane.

The 36-year-old mother of two, at a news conference at her home, said she told her husband during his secret visit to Dallas two weeks ago she wouldn't touch a penny of \$100,000 in airline insurance he carried.

Authorities have speculated that Spears hypnotized an "old friend," William Allen Taylor of Tampa, Fla., to take his place on the National Airlines-operated plane which fell Nov. 16 in the Gulf of Mexico, killing 42 persons.

Cold Spell Grips East

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS One of the winter season's coldest spells held an icy grip across the eastern two thirds of the country today. A fresh surge of Arctic air from central Canada dispelled any hopes of immediate general relief.

Most of the southland shivered with other cold spots. The mercury dropped to below freezing along the Gulf Coast and into northwest Florida.

Miami was chilled with one of the coldest mornings of the season with a reading of 40 above. It was 27 at Tallahassee and 32 in Jacksonville. New freests and Atlanta each reported a frost and it was 29 in Mobile, Ala.

The coldest weather was in the northern plains as the new supply of cold Canadian air moved into the north central region.

Below zero readings were reported in the Dakotas and Minnesota. Temperatures moderated in Texas, with readings in the 40s along the Gulf Coast compared to the 30s Thursday.

GOP Leader Of Oregon Raps Truman

By FLOYD L. WYNNE Peter Gunnar, Salem attorney and chairman of the Republican State Central Committee, leveled an accusing finger at the Democratic administration of Harry Truman as responsible for the missile lag behind Russia in an address to Klamath County Republicans at the Winema Thursday night.

"The Democrats say we're behind Russia in the development of surface-to-surface missiles because of the present administration," Gunnar said, "but this is not true. The U.S. stopped work on surface-to-surface missiles in 1947 under Harry Truman and did not resume work on them until 1951, a lag of almost five years."

"As a result of this Democratic failure," he continued, "we are behind Russia in this field and have been unable to catch up to date despite a tremendous effort by this administration."

Kicking off the political year for Klamath County, Gunnar praised the Republican administration as one of "peace and prosperity with justice and freedom."

While labeling Vice President Richard Nixon as the obviously best qualified man for the presidency, Gunnar also listed such Republicans as Fred Seaton, secretary of the Interior; Thomas Gates, secretary of defense, and James Michell, labor secretary, as well qualified to hold the office.

He listed only Democratic Senator Lyndon Johnson as having sufficient experience to be able to handle the task of President.

Turning his fire on the state level, Gunnar accused the Democrats of being deeply divided and praised the dynamic, experienced leadership of Gov. Mark Hatfield. "His appointments reflect the excellent type of government that the Republicans are bringing to the state," the chairman stated. The assembled group of about 100 persons applauded reference to the Hatfield appointment of Howard Belton as state treasurer. Gunnar intimated that both Bel-

Hopes Dwindling For 400 Miners In South Africa

COALBROOK, South Africa (AP)—Rescue teams worked against dwindling hopes tonight to save about 400 men trapped deep in a coal mine.

The miners were trapped Thursday by two rock slides at the Clydesdale Colliery, 35 miles south of Johannesburg.

Loss of 400 men would make this the second worst mining disaster in history. There was a loss of 1,549 men at Henkeiko Colliery in Manchuria in 1942.

A report by a mine official that rescuers had made contact with some of the trapped men stirred hope momentarily today, but the contact was denied later by the Department of Mines.

Canaries were carried into the Clydesdale shafts by rescue teams as a precaution.

Canaries are often used in mine disasters to test the air, because they are more susceptible to gas than human beings.

The Mines Department said there was no evidence of a gas explosion. A fresh air base can now be established not far from the rock barrier and efforts to reach the trapped men are being carried out from this area, the department said.

Originally 500 African Negroes and 6 white men were believed entombed. But the Department of Mines and mining officials agreed late today on a new estimate—about 400.

Mixed rescue teams of whites and Negroes worked side by side to get an emergency supply of air to the men. But 20 hours after the miners were trapped the rescuers still had not reached them. "It's sheer hell down there," said one rescue worker who emerged from the pit after digging through the night.

Another said that the chances of getting any out seemed hopeless.

An explosion damaged the mine's surface ventilator and cut off the air supply for a time but it was restored this afternoon.

Recipe By Dad Provides Girl With Space Food

SEATTLE, Wash. (AP)—A 14-year-old girl popped a batch of sugar cookies into the oven and came up with, guess what? Sugar cookies for space men.

Don't give Vicki Pilgrim too much credit, though. She used her father's recipe.

Vicki's father, Dr. Arthur J. Pilgrim, is head of the biochemistry unit of the Boeing Airplane Co.

The baking assignment was part of papa's work on an algae experiment.

Green algae, a kind of seaweed, long has been considered a likely source of food and oxygen for space travelers. One drawback: The stuff looks like scum and tastes like hay.

Boeing scientists tried blanching some under fluorescent lights. It came out looking sort of like flour.

Encouraged, Pilgrim asked Vicki to do the baking bit. She used algae in place of flour—green algae in one batch, white algae in another.

Then, like Alice in Wonderland, she took a bite of each.

The green algae cookies tasted like baked hay.

And the white algae cookies? They tasted like cookies.

"This represents considerable progress," said Dr. Pilgrim, "in providing a possible food for space travel. With all of the myriad other problems facing a space traveler, it will be important to make his meals as palatable as possible."

There was fear of a spread of deadly methane gas.

The mine is operated by Clydesdale (Transvaal) Collieries Ltd., a firm with mining interests in the Orange Free State and the Transvaal.

First warning of impending disaster came Thursday afternoon when the earth began splitting on the surface near the Clydesdale mine.

Relatives and friends of the trapped workers rushed to the pithead as soon as they received news of the rock fall. They stood in hushed groups as the rescuers prepared to go down into the mine.



Carrol Howe, School Chief, Quits Post

Carrol Howe resigned Thursday as supervisor of county schools after 12 years on the job.

In a prepared statement, Howe said he has found it increasingly difficult to shake the anxieties caused by the many and varied responsibilities which are part of the superintendency.

"I'm just tired, that's all," he told reporters.

Howe also said that the schools of the county district can best be served by a new administrator "who can take a new look at the problems of our district and work toward the continued improvement of the schools."

He stated emphatically that no animosity exists between him and the Board of Education, Board members, present at the conference, said they tried to discourage Howe from resigning when he first notified them of his intention to do so last March.

"I hope we can find another man as good," said a board member. The man has not been selected. Board members said they have contacted a man or two, but declined to elaborate.

Howe will continue as supervisor until his contract expires June 30. Then he will work for the district part time for the next fiscal year, at a salary to be decided, to help the new supervisor in the job, to help supervise the district's building program and to help select a staff for the coming fiscal year.

Major project in the building program is construction of the projected Falcon Heights Elementary School.

Howe, in his written statement, thanked supervisors and all certified and non-certified school personnel for their cooperation and loyalty. "My years as superintendent

Honor Given Lake Resident For Service To Community

LAKEVIEW—Carl W. Pendleton, longtime citizen of Lake County, was recipient of a permanent plaque as a special award for his many years of service to the community. He received the honor at the annual installation banquet of the Lake County Chamber of Commerce Monday evening at St. Patrick's Parish Hall. This is the first time such an award has been made.

Named as senior citizen was Mrs. Anne Sprague, county school superintendent, and junior citizen was Thomas J. Flynn, local insurance man. Awards were made by Don Maxwell, outgoing president.

Flynn, master of ceremonies for the occasion, introduced new officers of the chamber. R. C. "Bud" Burgess, president; Richard Proebstel, vice president; and Ed Casto, treasurer. The new directors were also introduced.

Guest speaker on the program was Michael Drury, Irish vice con-

sul in San Francisco, who filled in for the Hon. Kevin Rush, consul, who was unable to be present as planned because of illness in his family. Drury, in an informal talk, told of the parallel between Ireland and the state of Oregon, where so many Irish people emigrated. In Oregon, land and resources were plentiful and people were few in the early years. Land and resources of Ireland were scarce and people were many. It was a natural state of events that the resourceful people of Ireland should make their way to the land of promise in Oregon.

Drury also told of rapid progress being made in air travel in Ireland through service to Europe and to the United States. He urged travelers planning to visit Europe to make their first stop Ireland where there was no language barrier and the people were European in thinking, providing an easy transition to even a temporary way of life.



NEW OFFICERS of the Klamath Falls Kiwanis Club were installed recently. Joe LaClair, at left, is new lieutenant governor. E. Ron Rice, lieutenant governor for Southern Oregon and Northern California, watches while the outgoing president, Bob Kent, right, presents the president's pin to new president, Gene Favell. (See Story on Page 4.)

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