

By FRANK JENKINS
From Washington:

The agriculture department's livestock inventory, just completed, shows that the nation's horse and mule population totaled 3,089,000 on January 1. It was down only two per cent from a year ago, which represents a considerable slowdown in the rate of disappearance of horses and mules— which, over the last decade, has ranged from six to 13 per cent.

The department's livestock experts report, however, that there isn't much likelihood that the downward trend in horse and mule numbers will stop, as on January 1 the count of horse and mule noses indicated that of the three million only 196,000 head were colts under two years. Department officials said this is not a sufficient number to provide replacements for older work stock.

That brings up some interesting agricultural history.

The horse and mule population reached its high point in 1918, at which time there were 26,723,000 horses and mules on American farms. That was about the time the tractor was beginning to come into use in a fairly big way.

The coming of the tractor posed a problem for American agriculture. These 26-odd million horses and mules were corn, oat and hay burners. The corn, hay and oats they consumed required some 90 MILLION acres of land for their production.

On the other hand, the tractors consumed GASOLINE, and gasoline isn't a crop. It comes out from UNDER the land. When the wells are drilled, the land is still there. The problem was what to do with the corn, oats and hay that had been grown on these 90 million acres.

It was argued, quite heatedly, that these gasoline-burning monsters would WRECK THE MARKET for corn, oats and hay. Besides, it was contended, the farmer who tilled his acres with horses and mules PRODUCED HIS OWN FUEL. Thus he got his fuel cheap.

So—

What would happen to him if, in addition to having to buy his fuel from the gasoline merchants, instead of producing it himself, he had to find markets somewhere else for all the corn, oats and hay that from time immemorial had been consumed by the horses and mules?

Well—

As everybody knows—

The tractor won out.

Why?

Here's one reason:

Horses had to be fed. That took labor. They had to be curried. They had to be harnessed. They had to be taken out and hitched to the plow, or other machinery. Come noon, they had to be unhitched, taken in to the barn and fed. Then, come 1 o'clock, they had to be taken back to the field, hitched up again and come evening it all had to be done over again. Including bedding down the work horses and the work mules.

The upshot of it was that if the farmer was to be in the field at the crack of dawn he had to be up far ahead of the crack of dawn to get his horses and mules ready to go to work. With the tractor, all he had to do was to eat his breakfast, stroll out to the tractor, crank it up, climb on the seat and he had it made.

Is it any wonder the tractor won?

The wonder is that there are still some three million horses and mules left in the United States of America.

Man Killed In Accident

DUNSMUIR—Elmer Hanson, 53, was found dead Tuesday in his wrecked automobile about three miles south of here on Old Highway 99 by a highway worker.

Highway Patrol Officer William Klingerman said Hanson apparently did not notice detour signs and drove his sedan into an eight-foot pile of construction material.

Officers said Hanson was moving from Portland to Marysville when the accident occurred.

Cuban Cabinet OKs Sugar Pact

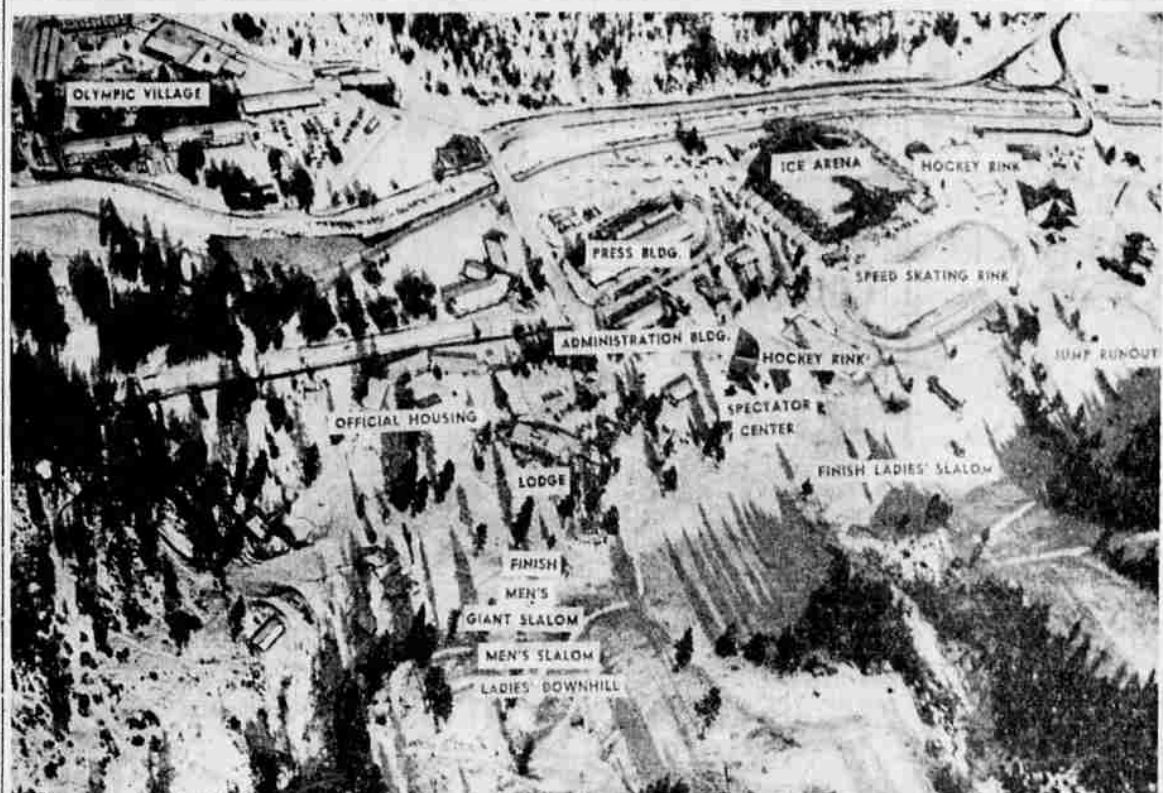
HAVANA (AP)—The Cuban Cabinet today ratified the big, sugar-heavy trade pact signed last Saturday by Prime Minister Fidel Castro and Soviet First Deputy Premier Anastas I. Mikoyan.

The deal makes the Soviet Union Cuba's biggest customer next to the United States.

In the wake of the agreement, U. S. Secretary of State Christian A. Herter announced in Washington that consideration is being given to cancellation of the system under which the United States pays premium prices for Cuban sugar.

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THIS AERIAL VIEW shows the layout of Squaw Valley, California, as prepared for the VIII Winter Olympic Games which began today. All events will take place at this site with the exception of the Cross Country and the Biathlon which will be held at nearby McKinney Creek. — NEA Telephone

School Chief Appointed

By NORM CARDOZA

Ray Hunsaker, 51, a lifelong Oregon resident, was selected this week as superintendent of the two city school districts.

The school boards made the announcement today. Hunsaker was picked on the strength of a letter to a special screening committee and interviews.

He said: "My contemporaries would class me as a conservative as to policy and philosophy as they apply to schools."

His experience in education goes far beyond the 13 years he has been superintendent of Coquille schools, and his supplementary experience goes even further.

He worked, he said, in logging and ranching, in a meat packing company establishment, restaurants, several auto repair and sales firms in Southern Oregon, including Klamath Falls; for the Oregon Journal and The Oregonian and the National Park Service during 1928 and 29, following graduation from Roseburg elementary schools and Portland High School of Commerce in 1928.

He said he was a two-year letterman in four sports, editor of the high school paper and class president.

Hunsaker attended Southern Oregon College at Ashland for two years with an athletic scholarship, was editor of the school newspaper and was married there. He got his first teaching contract at a Jacksonville grade school in 1931 as coach and eighth grade teacher and was subsequently appointed school coach.

In 1937, he and his wife took teaching positions in Medford's elementary system—he as physical education instructor and coach. He was transferred to Medford Senior.

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State Secretary Eyes Nomination

EUGENE (AP)—Secretary of State Howell Appling Jr. announced Wednesday night he would seek the Republican nomination to the office to which he was appointed 13 months ago.

He made the announcement at a testimonial dinner given in his honor here.

Appling owns a logging and farm equipment business in Portland.

He is the only Republican candidate to announce for secretary of state. State Sen. Monroe Sweetland (D-Milwaukie) has indicated he might run for the office, as he did four years ago.

Hereford Post Given Basinite

FENDLETON (AP)—Norman Jacob of Merrill is the new president of the Oregon Hereford Assn.

He was elected at the organization's annual meeting which was under way here today. Serving with him will be Bill Wolfe, Enterprise, vice president, and Ruth Adams, Enterprise, secretary-treasurer.

A bull entered by Don Bradshaw of Central Point won the organization's grand championship. Herb Chandler of Baker showed the grand champion heifer.

Weather

Klamath Falls and vicinity—Occasional snow flurries tonight. Partly cloudy Friday. Low tonight 20-25; high Friday 40-45.

High yesterday 41
Low last night 21
Precip. last 24 hours trace
Since Oct. 1 4.35
Same period last year 3.60
Low in area, Chiliquin 15

Northern California—Clearing tonight. Fair Friday except partly cloudy in the north. Slightly cooler tonight. Northwestern coastal winds 12-25 miles an hour.

CRATER LAKE

High yesterday 39
Low last night 16
8 a.m. today 18
New snow 1.5
Snow depth 87
Skies were partly cloudy and wind calm in the park this morning. Chains were required for travel over Highway 62 through the park and to the rim.

Squaw Valley forecast: Moderate to heavy snow until near noon, then diminishing to occasional snow flurries in afternoon. Partly cloudy tonight and Friday. Temperatures near freezing today. Diminishing winds over higher elevations.

High Wednesday 50, low this morning 29. Four inches of new snow. Snow depth, 43 inches in valley, and 123 inches at Squaw Peak. Precipitation .22.

Flight By X15 Termed Success

EDWARDS AFB, Calif. (UPI)—The experimental rocketship X15 made a powered flight Wednesday in a rigorous test to see if its structure can withstand high acceleration forces.

The 11-minute test with test pilot Scott Crossfield at the controls was termed a success by North American Aviation. It was the sixth successful power test of the sleek 50-foot craft and the second successful flight in eight days.

Rousing Cheers Greet Red Boss

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)—Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev got a rousing, red-carpet welcome today from this neutralist nation, the best so far on his Asian tour.

He responded by warning President Sukarno not to pressure the Soviet Union too hard.

The Soviet Premier's cryptic remark was delivered in a half-joking, half-serious vein at a state banquet honoring his arrival.

"There are differences of opinion between us and President Sukarno," Khrushchev said as the Indonesian President sat nearby. "If you press me, these differences will grow wider."

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LAKEVIEW—The first bubble in the political pot for Lake County appeared this week with J. S. (Jim) Snider's announcement that he will seek the nomination for county commissioner. Snider, a Democrat, is owner and operator of a ranch seven miles south of Lakeview. He seeks the position now held by C. W. Ogle, also a Democrat. Ogle has not announced his intentions.

Promise Kept

MANILA (AP)—Dangal Guevara, candidate for mayor of the town of Suble, promised he would not hesitate to go after his own relatives if they broke the law. Guevara was elected last November. Wednesday he arrested his younger brother, Ernesto, on a charge of mauling a night club hostess.

Water Survey Given To Firm

TULELAKE—The engineering firm of Clair A. Hill and Associates, Redding, has been retained by the newly organized East Tule Water Company, to make a preliminary survey on the proposal of the company to provide soft, domestic water for rural homes near Tulelake.

Upon completion of the survey, the water company will determine the feasibility of making application to the Farmer's Home Administration for a loan to complete the project.

The law firm of Wilson and Robinson, Alturas, has been hired to set up articles of incorporation and bylaws for the new company.

Tentative plans would call for purchase of water from the city of Tulelake's two deep wells, pumped from a depth of more than 2,000 feet to be distributed to the ranches.

The homes that would benefit now use hard water from shallow wells with high mineral content.

The action of the board of the water company followed a recent meeting with FHA officials, Noel Clark, area supervisor, Reno; Don Cox, loan program officer, Berkeley; and Robert R. Reed, FHA state engineer for Oregon and California, also from Berkeley.

The East Side Water Company directors are Otto Haynes, president; Gilbert Osborne, vice president; Vern Hemstreet, secretary-treasurer; Robert Anderson and Pat McGlinley.

The area proposed to be serviced would be the ranches due east of Tulelake, along the "East West" Road and Modoc County Road 104 to the hill, south to Modoc County Road 102 and up the highway to the point of beginning.

New Orleans Preparing For Mardi Gras

NEW ORLEANS (UPI)—Thousands of workmen, businessmen and would-be revelers are scurrying about making last minute preparations this week for that special brand of carnival madness called Mardi Gras.

Work crews are putting up curb barricades along the parade route and multi-colored shades are being placed over street lights.

Taxi firms are advertising for additional help to drive gleeful visitors through jam-packed streets. Display windows are being boarded up as protection against the crowds.

It's all part of the carnival season, the nine days of unbridled revelry that will reach its climax March 1 with Mardi Gras Day. Kickoff for the carnival season begins Friday with the first of 24 costly, colorful parades.

Squaw Valley Opens Today

SQUAW VALLEY, Calif. (AP)—The \$20,000,000 Winter Olympics open today in traditional splendor with Walt Disney lending the Hollywood touch and Vice President Richard M. Nixon pronouncing the ceremonial opening words.

There was the usual last minute bickering and wrangling but it seemed likely this would disappear in the heat of competition.

The games have drawn 740 athletes from 30 nations.

Carol Heiss, pretty American figure skating champion was chosen to take the oath on behalf of all participants, first time a woman has been given this honor in the Olympics.

Disney, in charge of the opening ceremonies which must conform in the main to Olympic protocol, brought together a chorus of 2,645 voices, designed fire works displays of the flags of the winter and summer Olympics and the United States, and arranged for 20,000 balloons to float out of the mountain rimmed valley at the climax of the ceremonies.

Andrea Mead Lawrence was chosen to ski the Olympic torch down from Little Papoose Peak and Ken Henry to skate once around the rink before lighting the big flame that will burn throughout the games. Both won gold medals at past games.

3 Americans On Missing Plane

SAIGON, Viet Nam (AP)—A U. S. Navy plane and three Americans are missing between Saigon and Hue, central Viet Nam.

The missing men are Lt. Cmdr. Roger H. Mullins of Auburn, Ala., who was piloting the RAD plane; Lt. Cmdr. George Wood Alexander of Glendale, Calif., the copilot; and chief electronic technician William Wallace Newton, whose wife lives in Clinton, Mass. Newton was a graduate of McMinnville, Ore., High School.

Life Extension Requested By Chessman's Attorneys

SAN QUENTIN, Calif. (UPI)—Caryl Chessman today faced— with slim hopes — the final 24 hours of his 11½ year battle to escape execution for the crimes of robbery, kidnap and rape.

His attorneys, blocked at every legal turn in the past week, sought to win an extension of life for the 38-year-old convict-author, who broke seven previous appointments with the gas chamber.

Attorney George T. Davis said he would seek a rehearing today before the California Supreme Court, which rejected a plea for clemency Wednesday by a vote of 4-3.

"Any time a man's life hangs in the balance by one vote in a case as important as this, he deserves the benefit of the doubt," Davis said.

County Names New Engineer

Jack Kalinski, city superintendent at Prineville, has been hired as Klamath County engineer. The county court announced Kalinski's acceptance Wednesday.

Kalinski is a civil engineer and was certified May 10, 1957, by the State Board of Engineering Examiners. He is 32, and was graduated from the University of Washington in civil engineering.

The new engineer was the successful applicant from a field of four persons. Other applicants interviewed by the court were Bob Thompson, Klamath Falls, logging engineer for Puckett and Shearer; Don Hall, Klamath Falls, instructor in highway technology at OTI, and C. T. Darley, West Stayton, Klamath County engineer from 1918 to 1929.

Kalinski replaces Warren D. Rodgers, appointed by the court last July. Rodgers resigned December 3. He had been named engineer after veteran engineer Bill Canton retired in May.

Kalinski is married and the father of three children. After graduation from the University of Washington, he became assistant city engineer, and later city engineer of The Dalles. He has been city superintendent at Prineville since April 1957.

The court said Kalinski was expected here about March 15.

Fire Fighters Escape Tomb

CLIFTON, N.J. (AP)—A big factory that came within seconds of being a tomb for scores of firemen was a smoking ruin today.

Only blackened elevator shafts protruded above the first floor of what had been a four-story factory Wednesday.

A deputy fire chief who had stepped outside the Velveray Corp. building probably saved the lives of about 45 firemen who were inside the plant.

"Everybody out," yelled Deputy Fire Chief Romolo Zangrando, 65, when he saw flame burst through a window and a crack appear in a wall.

The men scurried to safety down a protected stairwell just before the upper stories collapsed. Zangrando was injured by falling masonry and was taken to Passaic General Hospital in fair condition with back and hip injuries.

Another fireman, William S. Jackson, 32, lost his leg. Two other fire fighters were hospitalized.

Gov. Edmund G. Brown, to whom Chessman made a "conscience" appeal Wednesday, said he was standing firm on his decision to take no further action in the case.

Assessor Aide Is Candidate For Court

Ray D. Brackman, chief deputy assessor for the past three years, filed today his candidacy for a two-year term on the county court.

Brackman, a Democrat, chose as a slogan: "Fair, Impartial, Economical Administration — My Pledge to the Klamath Basin People."

Brackman became the fourth person to seek the two-year com-



RAY BRACKMAN

mission term presently held by Frank Ganong, a Democrat who filed for reelection. Other candidates are Donald McGee of Bly, a Democrat, and James Barnes of Klamath Falls, a Republican.

There now are 11 candidates for three positions on the county court. Brackman, 42, joined the assessor's staff three years ago as a personal property appraiser. He rose to personal property supervisor, and then to chief deputy assessor.

"The past three years spent in the county assessor's office," he said in a formal statement, "have given me an insight into county government and the issues involved. I have become familiar with county and school budgets through checking them for extension to the assessment rolls. I find the work challenging and very interesting."

Brackman has spent 18 years in local garages, welding and machine shops, and still owns a hydraulic specialty shop, Basin Hydraulics. He has worked on road construction jobs, worked for almost two years as a maintenance machinist and layout man on construction of Shasta Dam, and during the war was a swing shift foreman at a shipyard in Richmond, California. There, for more than two years, he directed eight departments with 45 employees.

The candidate moved to Klamath Falls from Topeka, Kansas, in 1929, and attended Klamath Basin schools. He is married, the father of two daughters, and lives at 4604 Cottage Avenue.

He is master of Shasta View Grange, past chairman of Shasta View Community Building Association, and belongs to the Suburban League and the Klamath County Democrat Club. He has worked with the Klamath Falls Boxing

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"Unless the court takes some further action, I have no power to grant clemency under the Constitution — and the question is closed," the governor said.

California law provides that both the governor and a majority of the state Supreme Court must approve clemency in the cases of persons convicted of two or more felonies. Chessman was convicted of 17 as the Los Angeles Red Light Bandit.

However, Brown said he would remain in Sacramento rather than attend today's opening of the Winter Olympic Games at Squaw Valley as scheduled.

The governor's office said the decision was made specifically because of the Chessman case.

Tap Changer Fizzle Cause

A power interruption of varying lengths of time occurred at 11:01 p.m. Wednesday in Klamath, Lake, Medoc and northern Siskiyou County areas served by California Oregon Power Company.

Sam I. Ritchey, local Copco district manager, said the power failure had a mechanical origin.

"Last night, Bonneville Power Administration at Redmond was carrying out some tests. We were tied in with them and the tests caused the three tap changers on the big transformers at the substation to operate at more frequent intervals than usual," he said.

For some reason, one of the tap changers, an automatic device which is a means of controlling voltage coming out of the transformer, did not function properly. This upset the voltage balance among the three transformers.

Ritchey explained that there is another automatic safety device, a reactor, which goes into operation to open switches when anything goes wrong with the tap changers. This device cuts the circuit and prevents damage to equipment. When it went into operation last night, the entire area was blacked out.

"The operator on duty had the job of putting things back together," Ritchey said. "Within eight minutes he had closed in Dorris, Tulelake and Alturas because he could use energy coming in from the old Copco plants down the river, independently of the Klamath Falls substation."

"Eighteen minutes after the outage occurred, the operator had closed in the west side and had the town back in service. Then in 19 minutes, he got the suburban area including St. Francis, Altamont, Hot Springs and OTI into service. Within 20 minutes, he had the transmission line to the east in service to Bonanza and Sprague River."

"Lakeview is on a new line which comes out of Chiliquin," the utility manager explained, "and it required 28 minutes to get service restored to Chiliquin, Bly, Beatty and Lakeview."

Pinball Official's Car Destroyed

SEATTLE (AP)—A bomb exploded in a quiet residential street here Thursday morning, destroying a car belonging to an official of a local pinball industry organization.

The automobile was completely destroyed. No one was injured but windows in a home across the street were shattered.

Officers said the car belonged to Fred Galeno, who described himself as secretary-treasurer of a Seattle pinball group.

KU Art Students To Receive Awards



AWARD WINNERS at a recent Portland exhibition of high school art were, from left, Pat Carney, Larry Logsdon, Carol Baker, Sharon Ward, Sheila Dunlap, Severt Hudson, Merlena Ferebee and Dave Sibbet of Klamath Union High School.

Eight Klamath Union High School art students are among 200 from the state who will receive awards for work entered in the 12th annual Scholastic Arts Exhibition held recently in Portland.

Four, Merlena Ferebee, Severt Hudson, David Sibbet and Pat Carney, won blue ribbons with their gold key awards, thus automatically entering their work in National Scholastic Art Juries competition in New York.

The other four were Carol Baker, Sheila Dunlap, Larry Logsdon and Sharon Ward. They received gold keys, but not blue ribbons.

Of the 200 winners, 100 received blue ribbons. The awards will be presented Saturday.

Friday, 35 members of the KUHS Art Club will leave by bus to view the scholastic exhibits and tour art museums in Eugene, Salem and Portland. They will also visit the art department of Reed College, Portland, watch a sculpture class in session and take a tour of the Museum Art School.

The club finances the annual trip by sales of posters, Christmas cards and other art work.