

CHESSMAN GRANTED STAY OF EXECUTION



INTENSE INTEREST (but no tears) was the reaction of 18-month-old Ronald Chocktoot as he received his third inoculation for polio at the hands of Dr. S. M. Kerron, Klamath County health officer, at the free polio clinic for welfare recipients at the health department on Tuesday afternoon. Little Ronald was just one of a large number who received polio vaccine at the clinic. Dr. Kerron announces that March 16, starting at 1 p.m. at the health department, is the last opportunity this spring for persons on welfare (up to the age of 40 years) to receive free polio inoculations.



HAROLD L. NORTH

County Clerk Post Sought

Harold L. North filed today as a Republican candidate for county clerk.

North, currently office manager for the South Suburban Sanitary District, becomes the second candidate to file for the office held by Charlie DeLap who has not yet indicated his intentions.

North is a licensed certified public accountant in Oregon and California, and has had 22 years of administrative experience in municipal and public accounting.

He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

In filing for the office, North said, "I feel that I elected I have many years of experience coupled with professional training which will enable me to render a maximum amount of service with a minimum amount of expense to the taxpayers of Klamath County."

North resides at 1813 Ivory Street, is married and has two sons.

This will be his first venture into the political field.

She's Too Young

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — Sabine Sinjen, 17-year-old screen idol of thousands of German moviegoers, autographed her photos Thursday night, received the press and shook hands with fans — but she was not allowed to see the premiere of her own picture. The film is a comic criminal story, "No Angel is so Pure," and German law bars juveniles under 18 from attending such movies.

Thieves Get \$92,000

LONDON (AP) — Burglars cut through two steel doors with acetylene torches early today and made off with a payroll of 33,000 pounds (\$92,400) from the ship-building firm of Harland and Wolff Ltd.

Fliers' Bodies Tentatively Identified

WIESBADEN, Germany (AP) — A U. S. military team today tentatively identified the bodies of five crew members of the World War II ghost bomber Lady Be Good, found deep in the North African desert.

A diary found near the remains indicated the men had died after a trek of 85 miles and at least eight days in the sun-scorched Libyan wastes after bailing out of the four-engine bomber.

The latest report on one of the war's major mysteries was relayed to the U. S. Air Force's European headquarters here from Wheelus Air Force Base in Libya. The Air Force gave these tentative identifications of the five bodies:

- 1st Lt. William J. Hatton, pilot, Whitestone, Queens, New York City.
- 2nd Lt. Robert F. Toner, copilot, brother of Mrs. Gertrude O. Emerson, North Attleboro, Mass.
- 2nd Lt. D. P. Hayes, navigator, Lee's Summit, Mo.
- T.Sgt. Robert E. Damotte, crew member, Lake Linden, Mich.
- S.Sgt. Samuel R. Adams, crew member, Eureka, Ill.

Bulletins

VANDEMBERG AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AP) — The satellite rocket Discoverer X exploded today a few moments after it was launched. It veered to the right and the Air Force destroyed it.

It was the first post-launch blow-up of the trouble-plagued series.

Plans called for the 78-foot Thor-Agena combination to go into polar orbit, then later eject a capsule so it could be recovered.

SQUAW VALLEY (UPI) — Sweden's Sixten Jernberg, 31, a sporting goods salesman, became the first Gold Medal winner at the Winter Olympic Games got underway today when he won the grueling 30-kilometer cross-country race in one hour, 51 minutes and three seconds.

Soviet Premier Commences Tour

BOGOR, Indonesia (AP) — Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev set out today on his 1,400-mile tour of Indonesia with President Sukarno going along and leading the cheers for the Soviet Premier.

Leaving the sweltering heat of Jakarta, Khrushchev was lively and in good humor on reaching this cool mountain city in the west Java hills.



WILBUR HARNSEBERGER

Demo Files For Court

Wilbur Harnsberger, a Democrat, filed today for the four-year term as Klamath County commissioner, becoming the fifth candidate and the second Democrat to file for this post.

Harnsberger emphasized the need for better distribution of tax money throughout Klamath County, and also pledged himself to better public relations between the county and other county and city offices.

Harnsberger, 51, has lived in Klamath County for 25 years. For the past 17 years he has lived in the Henley area where he owns and operates a 325-acre farm with his two sons, Wilbur Jr. and Stanley.

Prior to moving to the Henley area, he resided in suburban Klamath Falls and was employed as a mechanic, then foreman of the Oregon State Highway maintenance shops.

He is a director of the Klamath Production Credit Association where he has served a three-year term, and was reelected to a second term in January of this year. He is also chairman of the Henley Farm Bureau and vice-chairman of the Klamath County Farm Bureau; is a past master of Henley Grange and a member of Klamath Lodge 77, Scottish Rite and Hillah Temple.

Harnsberger indicated that he can spend as much time as the office needs since he has two married sons who handle the operation of his farm.

Crosses Pilfered

MANILA (AP) — Scrap metal scavengers have stolen some 1,500 cast iron crosses from graves at the military cemetery at Clark Air Force Base, north of Manila, base officials reported today. The cemetery contains the graves of 7,000 Americans and Filipinos, many of whom died in World War II.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Cary Chessman, condemned to death 12 years ago as a perverted sex kidnaper, won his eighth reprieve from the San Quentin gas chamber early today after an appeal from the U.S. Department of State.

Gov. Edmund G. Brown, acting against all odds and in the face of a California Supreme Court recommendation opposing clemency, ordered a 60-day stay less than 10 hours before Chessman was scheduled to die.

The governor said he ordered the stay because of a State Department telegram warning that execution of Chessman might lead to hostile demonstrations in Uruguay and Brazil against President Eisenhower during the President's forthcoming visit to South America.

The governor, an avowed foe of capital punishment, also said he would make a special call to the state Legislature, which reconvenes Feb. 29, to consider abolition of the death penalty.

WORLDWIDE ATTENTION Chessman, the most notorious American prisoner of modern times, had excited worldwide attention by his long struggle to escape death through legal technicalities.

With little knowledge of the basic evidence, hundreds of thousands of persons in scores of countries had demonstrated and petitioned that Chessman be spared.

Ironically, the State Department telegram which saved him was al-

most lost in the thousands of telegrams pouring into the governor's office, urging clemency.

Cecil Poole, the governor's clemency secretary, happened to open it, and the stay was ordered shortly after midnight.

Chessman, scheduled to enter the gas chamber at 10 a.m., Pacific Standard Time, was whisked out of the "waiting room" cell, next to the green-painted gas chamber and returned to the death row cell on San Quentin's sixth floor—the cell which has been his home since July 3, 1948.

NO COMMENT

He had no comment, and Ward-en Fred R. Dickson announced that no one would be allowed to see the 38-year-old convict "for at least a week."

Only two hours before, Chessman had bade goodbye to George T. Davis, his chief counsel, with the words, "George, you're shaking hands with a dead man."

Gov. Brown declined any oral comment but issued through his secretaries an announcement of the stay, in which he quoted the following telegram from Roy R. Rubottom Jr., assistant secretary of state for inter-American affairs:

"Through our embassy in Montevideo, the national council of the government of Uruguay has tonight (Thursday) brought to urgent attention of State Department grave concern of council over anticipated hostile demonstrations of student elements and others to Chessman execution

when our President visits Uruguay March 2."

In Washington, Rubottom said he sent the telegram after conferring "with my superiors" and, "there were other expressions of concern about the case, I think from Brazil."

Gov. Brown's announcement also said, "I want to give the people of California an opportunity, through the Legislature, to express themselves once more on capital punishment."

"During this 60 days I will put the issue on a special call concurrent with the Legislature's budget session."

The governor noted that the state supreme court had divided 4-3 against clemency and said that Californians were "clearly divided" on the issue of capital punishment.

Chessman, convicted of unpublishable crimes against women as the notorious "Red Light Bandit" of Los Angeles' "lovers' lanes" in 1948, is the author of "Cell 2455 Death Row."

Written in prison, that book, plus two others which did not sell so well, provided funds for his long legal fight.

His fight included 15 appeals to the U.S. Supreme Court and innumerable appeals to the whole gamut of state and federal courts.

Admittedly a habitual criminal, the hawk-nosed Chessman, now 38, was first arrested as a car thief at the age of 16. He served terms in reformatories and California prisons for robbery and other

crimes. He had been on parole only a month when he was arrested in January 1948 as the "Red Light Bandit," so called because he used a red cloth over his car's spotlight to simulate a police car.

He was convicted in Los Angeles Superior Court of abducting two young women, and forcing them into acts of bestial depravity.

He was convicted on 17 counts, two of kidnapping with bodily harm, which carries the death sentence under California's Little Lindbergh Law. The 15 others ranged down to robbery, attempted rape and car theft.

No one died, but one of his victims is today in a mental institution.

GUILT OVERWHELMING

Gov. Brown, who was state's attorney general during much of the time the Chessman case was in the courts, said at a special clemency hearing last October that the evidence of Chessman's guilt was "overwhelming." Brown refused clemency then.

Chessman himself insisted over and over again that he was not the red light bandit—a criminal, yes, admittedly, but not the sex terrorist.

Chessman acted as his own attorney in his trial, and through most of his early appeals. He taught himself enough law in prison to bring his case repeatedly before appellate courts.

With the money from his books, he managed to employ professional counsel in later years, although

Davis said only Thursday that he personally had spent \$5,000 on Chessman and never collected a dime.

The past four days were days of successive defeats for Chessman.

NO INTERVENTION

On Monday a three-judge panel of the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals refused to intervene. On Tuesday, an appeal to Justice Felix Frankfurter of the U.S. Supreme Court was rejected.

On Wednesday the California Supreme Court voted 4-3 not to recommend that the governor extend clemency.

Only Thursday, the California Supreme Court by the same vote rejected a new plea for mercy.

The governor said that this put it entirely out of his hands. For under California law clemency to a previously convicted felon cannot be given without the high court's consent.

However, Brown still retained the disputed power to stay the execution, and this he did.

Chessman, seemingly assured and self-confident, had sent a telegram to the governor, urging him to do as his conscience dictated, and he sent a secret letter to the governor Thursday night. But to reporters at a press conference Wednesday he conceded that he believed there was nothing left for him but the green wall gas chamber.

He was in his bunk next to that chamber this morning when the word came—a 60-day reprieve.

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Hurricane Winds, Snow Paralyze Parts Of East

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Winds up to hurricane force and smothering snow paralyzed sections of the East today.

Thousands of motorists were stuck in drifts which closed 175 miles of the Pennsylvania Turnpike. A plane plummeted down on a Paterson, N.J., front lawn with the thick snow, killing two occupants.

Telephone and power lines were snapped, cutting communications and electricity in more than 100,000 New Jersey homes.

At Long Branch, N.J., wind gusts varied from 78 to 94 m.p.h. New snow strata reached 20 inches west of Cumberland, Md. It fell 18 inches deep in the up-

per Catskills of New York State and at Somerset, Pa., where hundreds of motorists jammed turnpike restaurant-service buildings.

The violent late winter storm, second to sweep the Southland and the East in a week, churned heavy seas off the Atlantic Coast.

The Coast Guard reported a fishing vessel ran ashore in blinding snow on Ram Island Ledge, off the harbor mouth at Portland, Maine.

Blinding rain lashed Boston, but inland New England caught a heavy, wet snow flung on gale force winds. Thousands of workers failed to reach their jobs this morning.

The stormy weather, erupting in the Southland, swept northward into the East, following the pattern of the blockbuster which ripped across the eastern quarter of the nation last weekend.

Snow piled up more than a foot high in Kentucky and Tennessee and Virginia.

Tornadoes skipped across sections of Louisiana, Florida and North Carolina. Winds up to 80 m.p.h. pounded western Virginia, piling huge drifts of heavy, wet snow.

Sections of Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina and Virginia were virtually paralyzed by the heavy snow.

Weather

Klamath Falls and vicinity — Mostly fair through Saturday. Low tonight 16-25; high Saturday 38-46.

High yesterday 38

Low last night 28

Precip. last 24 hours trace

Since Oct. 1 4.35

Same period last year 3.63

Low in area, Chemult 6

Northern California — Fair through Saturday. Slightly colder tonight, but warmer Saturday. Northwestern coastal winds 10-22 miles an hour.

CRATER LAKE

High yesterday 26

Low last night 12

8 a.m. today 21

New snow trace

Snow depth 85

Ski conditions Excellent

Chains were advised today for travel over Highway 62 through the park and were required from Annie Springs to the rim. Warming hut is expected to be open on Saturday and Sunday. Cumulative snowfall this season is 243.5 inches compared with 264 inches on this date last year.

WARNER CANYON

Skiing is excellent over three foot snow pack topped by new powder snow. A third tow will go into operation this weekend and lows will operate from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. The warming hut will be open.

TOMAHAWK

Skiing is expected to be good this weekend with "good snow cover" on the slopes, according to Don Divens. All facilities will operate.

SQUAW VALLEY

Squaw Valley (UPI) — Partly cloudy today with a few snow flurries. Clearing tonight. Fair Saturday. Easterly winds 5-15 m.p.h. in the valley, 10 to 30 m.p.h. at the peaks. High today, 32. Low tonight, 0. Outlook is for fair skies during the weekend.

Annual Trek

The annual trek to Hart Mountain by members of the Order of the Antelope has been set for July 29-31, according to word from Walt McIntyre, assistant grand herd sire. The later than usual date was set because of previous commitments by Chief Whitetail John Blair.

Queen Liz Gives Birth To Prince

LONDON (AP) — Queen Elizabeth II today gave birth to a boy, her second son.

Both the Queen and the infant prince were doing well.

Bells rang out the joyful news across a country which had waited tensely through the 33-year-old Queen's long and somewhat anxious confinement.

The birth came more than 30 hours after she had called in her doctors.

A carnival air swept through London. The great bells of London's churches pealed out the news. Crowds began to swarm to the palace in increasing numbers.

Outside Buckingham Palace a crowd of more than 2,000 cheered wildly as a palace official pinned up a handwritten bulletin giving the news of the birth.

The child's weight was not announced immediately.

Ex-County School Chief Candidate For Assembly

The circulation of petitions to place the name of county school superintendent Carrol Howe on the ballot for the Republican nomination for representative to the Oregon State Legislative Assembly has been started throughout Klamath County.

Petitions required to place Howe's name on the ballot are being circulated by members of a committee headed by Paul Cruikshank of Klamath Falls.

Howe announced recently that he planned to resign as county school superintendent in June, after 12 years in the post. He plans to remain with the school district for several months after his resignation, in an advisory capacity. Howe's candidacy has been approved by the county school board, but he will do little active campaigning until after his contract expires on July 1.

"A matter of concern to me is the extent to which local governmental agencies are allowed to control their own local operations, free of state regulation," Howe said, when announcing that he had consented to the plans for putting his name on the ballot. He feels that the problem of local versus state control is particularly important in the way it affects the financing of public schools.

The people of Klamath County, and their representatives in the



CARROL HOWE

because of the location of Oregon Technical Institute in Klamath County, the many problems facing higher education in the state as a whole, and because of the needs of elementary and second-

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Granddaughter Of Winema Is 78 Today

By RUTH KING

The granddaughter of one of the most famous women in Indian history, Winema, celebrates her 78th birthday today, February 19, at her home in Bonanza.

Mrs. Anna May Copperfield, granddaughter of Winema, in a reminiscent mood, this week recalled the beauty of her ancestor, a handsome woman of the Modoc tribe who played an important part in the Modoc Indian War when she sought to prevent the conflict that marked the end of an era for her tribe.

As proof of Winema Riddle's beauty, Mrs. Copperfield cherishes a large framed photograph of her grandmother, taken at the time that she was called to Washington, D.C., with her husband, Frank Riddle, a white man, to testify about her first-hand knowledge of what transpired on that fatal day that she sought to prevent hostilities that flared into open warfare in the lava beds of Southern Oregon and Northern California.

The picture is one of the few in existence which shows Winema, gowned in a fitted dress of the time, her heavy dark hair piled upon her head.

During that visit she was a guest of President U.S. Grant.

Mrs. Copperfield was born near

the present town of Olene in Klamath County. Her father was Jeff Riddle, son of Winema and Frank Riddle. Her mother was Amanda Schonchin Riddle, daughter of the head Modoc, Chief Schonchin, who history relates, remained true to the treaty he signed with the white man and stayed quietly on the reservation, though others of his family went into battle.

She is one of the few of the older generation of the Modocs who know of those early days when the tribe lived on Tule Lake in frame homes, put up hay, raised their cattle, and worked to buy groceries. She recalls, too, that the Modocs expected obedience in the young.

This, she remembers, was all changed when the tribe was sent to the Klamath Indian Reservation to live.

In the years since, Mrs. Copperfield has had 17 children, two still living, a daughter, Mrs. Alice Chipps of Sprague River, and a son, Nathan Copperfield. She has over 70 descendants, among them great-grandchildren.

She is supported in her later years by a deep religious faith. She has "raised many children," and right down to the last small newcomer, she has tried hard to make them good American citizens.



MRS. ANNA MAY COPPERFIELD