

By FRANK JENKINS

The news today?
There's nothing much in the way of big news to blow your hat off.

So let's turn to the little news.

One of our numerous space robots sent back a message the other day to the effect that normal life on the planet Mars is impossible. There's nothing there, the message added, to support life as we know it.

Now if we could just get the same news as to conditions on the moon, we might be able to settle down to the serious business of making life better here on this planet that we call the Earth.

From Seaside, down at the mouth of the Columbia river, comes word that when Charles A. (Chuck) Smith got fed up a while back with government regulations in the dairy business, he turned to MINK RANCHING. He reported that he has never regretted it.

His judgment was probably good. There is considerable evidence that in these days MINK is getting to be more important than MILK.

Up Salem way, where the Oregon legislature is in session, there have been suggestions that if there were more SPANKINGS in the schools the quality of Oregon education might be improved.

That led to an inquiry, directed to State School Superintendent Leon Minear, as to what the law is on the subject. Dr. Minear reported that spankings are not prohibited by Oregon state law.

Nor, he added, does the Oregon State Department of Education have any rules or regulations on spanking. The state law, he says, recognizes the "loco parentis" (teacher in place of parent) concept, and so the teacher is legally presumed to be correct if a spanking is administered.

In response to the inquiry, Dr. Minear went on to say, spanking is no crime in Oregon unless it is maliciously administered or so severe that it causes permanent injury to the student.

In 12 years, he says, only one case of spanking has come to his attention. As a general rule, local districts have regulations, and usually require witness to observe spankings. Most of it, he reports, is done "by hand" or with a ruler and most spankings are confined to the primary grades.

So now you know all about spanking in Oregon schools. You are also probably aware that if a spanking program got started in some modern-day school a lot of fur would fly.

Talking the other day with Doug Puckett about doe shooting in Oregon and the official contention that it has been necessary in order to keep the deer population down to the point where there will be enough feed to go around, he told me the story of the colored boy who was caught on the top of a burning skyscraper with no way to get down.

There was a rubber boot factory on the upper floor, and so he put on a pair of the boots and jumped off the roof. The boot soles were springy, and when he hit the ground he bounced a n' bounced, going higher with every bounce.

The shoot of it was that they had to shoot him to keep him from starving to death. "That," Doug added, "is about all that can be said for these doe shooting licenses the game commission has been peddling."

Derailment Investigated

NORTHBRIDGE, Calif. (UPI)—Federal agents today investigated a tampered switch which sent a Southern Pacific train carrying 118 passengers careening down a spur track toward a warehouse containing flammable chemicals.

Eleven persons suffered minor injuries Monday when three coaches and one baggage car of the Los Angeles-bound Coast Daylight jumped the tracks.

Officials said the derailment halted the nine-unit train within 100 feet of the warehouse.

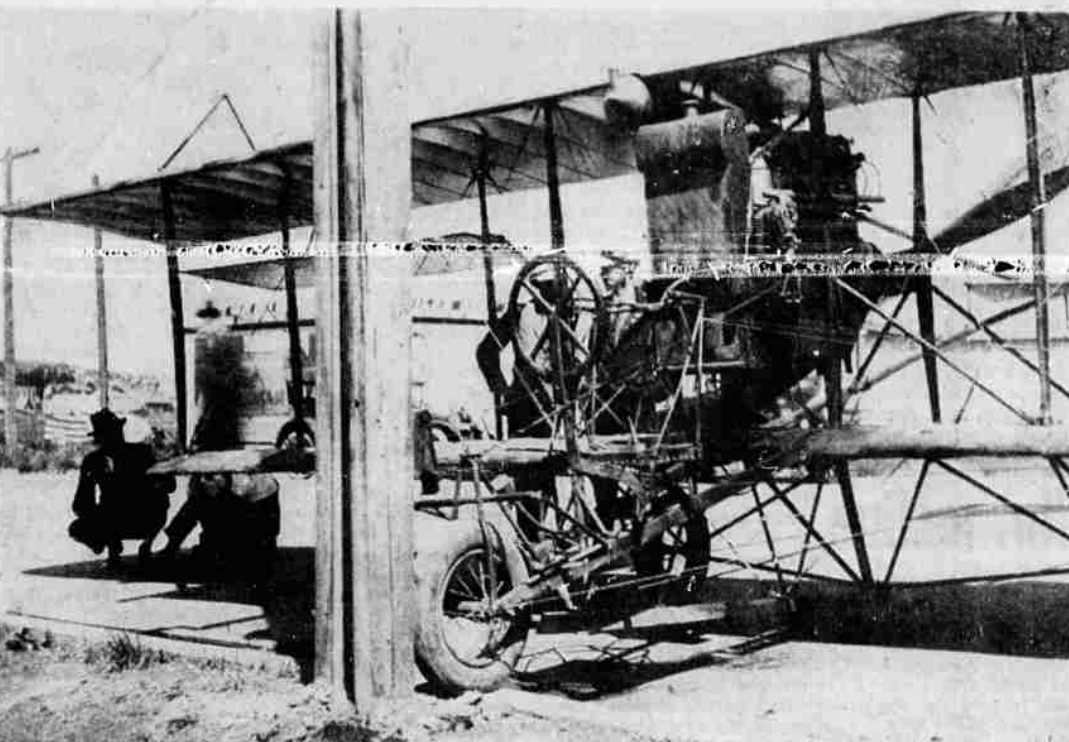
Engineer Frank C. Iverson, 63, said he was going 60 miles an hour when he saw the thrown switch on the outskirts of this San Fernando Valley community and slammed on the emergency brakes as he thundered over it.

"It was a deliberate attempt at sabotage," Iverson said. "Someone with a good working knowledge of the switch must have done it."

A Southern Pacific spokesman said Federal Bureau of Investigation agents were called in when it was discovered the "switch" was left open, but the signal was required to show a clear signal for the engineer.

Weather

High yesterday	45
Low last night	29
High year ago	52
Low year ago	32
High past 14 years	47 (1939)
Low past 14 years	34 (1931)
Precip. past 24 hours	.06
Since Jan. 1	2.19
Same period last year	5.42



FIRST AIRPLANE FLIGHT — The up-coming occasion of Old-Timer's Night at the annual Oregon Pilots banquet Saturday, March 9, at Reames brings forth this old photo from the collection of James B. Floyd. The photo is of Bud Mars and his pusher-type plane which arrived here on an SP flatcar July 1 or 2, 1911. Floyd recalls it was unloaded and assembled near the present Main Street underpass. In this view, the nose wheel is snubbed to a telephone pole to permit two days of tuning up and testing prior to a flight. There was only one flight and the

plane was towed back to the flatcar and shipped out. Mars was killed a short time after the flight here when his plane crashed, although details on the place and date are not available. All pilots who flew solo prior to Dec. 7, 1941, have been classed as old-timers and will be honored at the Saturday night banquet which gets underway at 6:30 with refreshment hour. The Saturday night program will review old-time activities around the local airport.

Board Okays County School Budget

The Klamath County School District Budget Committee approved a \$2,967,421 district budget for the 1963-64 school year at its budget meeting Feb. 22.

This includes a \$84,337 net operating expenditure increase over the previous year, but the increase is offset by a corresponding increase in the estimated receipts (other than taxes) of the district.

The committee also approved a new salary schedule for teachers calling for a \$500 annual increase for most teachers.

A \$200,000 annual serial levy for high school purposes for a period of five years was also approved for submission to the voters. It is intended that this serial levy be assessed against the high school tax base and the proceeds

be used for high school purposes only. A \$190,000 serial levy assessed against the elementary tax base expires in June.

The county citizens will get a chance to vote on the budget and serial levy May 6.

Due to the increase in estimated receipts, it is anticipated that the taxes for the operating budget may decrease over the present year's figures.

It is expected that the county district will get approximately \$100,000 in federal funds for educating students from the Kingsley Field Air Base.

A change will be made this year in the payment of school cafeteria cooks, Cliff Robinson, county school superintendent, indicated.

Cooks will be paid by the county district this year with each school sending part of the cafeteria receipts to the county to be included in a joint fund.

Previously the cooks received two separate payments, part from the school and part from the county. The new system is intended to expedite bookkeeping at the county school district office.

The members of the budget committee are: Earl Wilson, chairman; Dwight Kircher, secretary; Paul Fairclough, Don McGee, Dick Jessup, Lawson Kandra, B. M. Andle, Lou Kellison, Dave Campbell and Ben Adair.

Critical Time Faced By Quads

LIMA, Ohio (UPI)—Doctors said today that quadruplet daughters born here Monday were in good condition but the next two weeks would be critical for the smallest of the four.

The four girls were born to Mrs. Barbara Aye, 28, who watched their delivery at St. Rita's Hospital.

Doctors said the first two girls each weighed 4 pounds 2 ounces. The third was the smallest, weighing 2 pounds 5 ounces. The fourth weighed in at 3 pounds 13 ounces.

Dr. Vernon Noble, who delivered the children, quoted the mother as saying she was "overwhelmed" that all four were girls. Previously she had given birth to two sons and a daughter.

Pilots' Wives Paid By Anti-Castroites

MIAMI (UPI)—A Central American anti-Castro group is paying \$1,800 a month to the wives of four American fliers missing in the ill-fated Cuban invasion, an attorney revealed Monday.

Alex E. Carlson, attorney for the unidentified group, said the money was from a trust fund set up by Castro foes "after all hope was abandoned" for the American pilots flying for them.

The fund gave the four Birmingham, Ala., women \$225 each every two weeks since their airman husbands were missing and believed killed April 19, 1961, near the end of the Bay of Pigs invasion.

Flying Cargo Plane
The checks, drawn on Bankers Trust Co. of New York, have been received by Mrs. Riley W. Shamburger Jr., Mrs. Wade C. Gray, Mrs. Thomas Willard Ray and Mrs. Lee F. Baker.

Mrs. Gray told United Press International earlier she received the checks but did not know the sender. Mrs. Shamburger said she knew the sender, but declined to disclose the origin of the money.

Carlson said several fliers were recruited to fly against Castro during the invasion, and the four Birmingham airmen were flying a C-46 cargo plane converted for light strafing when they began having trouble and were presumed crashed.

Were Losing Altitude
"The last we heard from them they were losing altitude with one engine out," Carlson said.

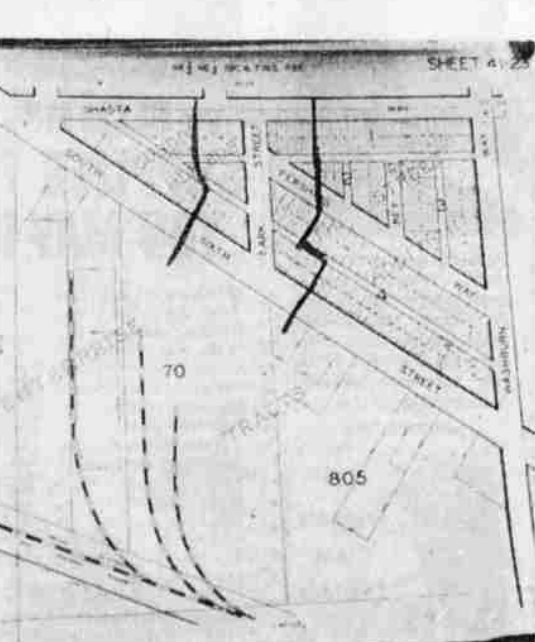
The wives said the airmen were recruited in January, 1961, and left in February saying their destination was classified.

Several of the women have said they believed the men were working for the Central Intelligence Agency or some other government unit. The CIA, however, said it adheres to a policy of silence regarding the invasion.

Carlson said Monday the Central American group authorized the Double Check Corp. of Miami Springs to set up the trust fund. The attorney refused to identify the Central American group. But he did say that several wealthy Cuban exiles were contributors.

PROLIFIC NEWSMAN
MANILA (UPI)—The Philippine National Press Club Monday cited Angel F. Bolton as the "most prolific newspaperman of the year" for having 16 children.

City Council Initiates Policy Change On Street Improvements



MAP OF PROJECT — This stretch of Lark Street, from South Sixth to Shasta Way, is the area to be paved under a project initiated by the city council. The black lines indicate the properties to be assessed for the improvement, roughly 135 each direction from the street.

By FLOYD L. WYNNE
A new policy on street improvements was launched by the city council Monday night when it initiated a paving project for a portion of Lark Street on its own.

In past years the policy of the council has always been to launch paving projects at the instigation of a petition from residents of the area to be paved.

Under the new policy, the council approved a resolution directing the preparation of plans, accepted the filing of the plans and specifications, along with the estimated cost and adopted a resolution declaring its intention to improve all in one meeting.

Previously, the council first moved to consider the request for paving, and then directed the preparation of plans and specifications which were presented at a later meeting.

Apparently, the new policy was approved by the council at one of the informal off-the-record council sessions and the decisions made there reaffirmed for the official record at the on-the-record council meetings which are now held only twice a month, the first and third Monday of each month.

Effect of the new policy is to put the burden of opposition against such an improvement strictly up to the property owner who will be assessed for the improvement.

According to City Attorney Henry Perkins, expressed at last night's council session, it will require two-thirds of those to be assessed to be present at the official hearing to successfully oppose the project.

Rail Strike Threat Posed By Anti-Featherbed Ruling

CHICAGO (UPI)—The nation's railroads and five key unions will resume negotiations over "featherbedding" March 13 in what could result in a paralyzing, countrywide strike.

The U.S. Supreme Court ended months of legal maneuvers Monday by ruling the railroads had the right to impose sweeping work rule changes.

The unions have said repeatedly they would strike if such work rule changes, designed to eliminate "featherbedding" or unnecessary jobs, were put into effect.

The agreement to resume negotiations headed off what could have been an immediate strike over the years-old question of automation and job displacement in the rail industry.

Actually, the talks in Chicago initially will take up only the elimination of 40,000 firemen on freight and yard service.

J. E. (Doc) Wolfe, chairman of the National Railway Labor Conference, said work rule changes would not be discussed until the firemen's issue was settled.

He said that if the firemen's issue was not solved, then the railroads "would proceed to make our rules effective."

The proposed work rule changes would eliminate between 65,000 and 85,000 jobs during a five-year period. Wolfe said featherbedding was draining \$600 million annually from America's economy.

Wolfe said it would take about 25 days for the formal Supreme Court ruling to go into effect. He said the railroads would impose the changes five days after that date.

Youth Dies Of Exposure

DETROIT, Ore. (UPI)—A Detroit High School student died in the snow near here Monday after spending Sunday night lost with his brother on a slope of Dome Rock, four miles northwest of here.

The body of Dale Guy Staler, 16, was found beside a logging road.

Terry Staler, who hiked out for help, was in good condition despite 21 hours in the freezing weather.

Terry said he and Dale left for a hike Sunday afternoon and reached the top of the 4,843 foot rock before dark.

He said they started back down a logging road, but decided to descend the ridge instead. He said they spent the night on the slope.

At dawn, Terry said, they started hiking again, but Dale complained of sore feet and said he would wait while Terry went for help.

Terry estimated it took him about four hours to get home. By the time he had returned with his stepfather, George Bowman, Dale had died of exposure in the freezing temperature.

During the same 40 years, rail productivity, as measured by the number of man-hours involved in handling a given volume of traffic, increased "significantly."

Peace Hopes Soar In Clerks' Hassle

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—Hopes of a settlement in the lengthy dispute between railway clerks and the Southern Pacific Railroad appeared brighter today with reports that a "broad area of agreement" had been reached.

Federal Mediator Frank O'Neill got negotiators together Monday for the first time in a month and predicted a settlement could be reached "in two or three days at the outside."

"It would now appear that the parties to the dispute have reached a broad area of agreement on the principles involved in the particular issues," he said, adding that certain matters already have been reduced to writing.

U.S. District Judge Stanley A. Weigel vacated a temporary restraining order against the clerks Monday when both sides agreed to resume negotiations.

The restraining order was obtained by the railroad in San Mateo County Superior Court last week, just hours before the 11,000 SP members of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks were scheduled to walk off their jobs in seven western states.

Under Monday's agreement, O'Neill said both sides reserved the rights they had before the restraining order—the union can strike on 72 hours notice, and the company can again go to court for another order.

O'Neill entered the dispute Feb. 6, when the union threatened to strike over a long-standing dispute concerning clerks displaced by automation.

Legislators Defend Ways, Means Budget Stand After Hatfield Slap

SALEM (UPI)—Legislative leaders stood up for the Ways and Means Committee today and said if Gov. Mark Hatfield wants to fight, they are ready to "take him on."

"If he wants bare knuckles, if he even wants brass knuckles, we'll take him on," said Senate President Ben Musa.

"It's the old Mark talking... back in form," said House Speaker Clarence Barton.

"I think that committee is doing a good job, and I'm standing up for them," he said.

Hatfield Monday accused Ways and Means of taking a "meat cleaver" approach to his proposed budget. The governor said

he will fight for his full proposed budgets for higher education and Civil Defense.

Barton and Musa accused the governor of talking out of two sides of his mouth.

Barton said Hatfield "plays all kinds of hocus-pocus" with his own budget figures, making several adjustments after it is announced. "But the minute it's put into printed form it becomes holy writ," he said.

He challenged Hatfield to "list the accomplishments" of the Civil Defense Agency, which a Ways and Means Subcommittee wants to reduce to a staff of three in the governor's office.

"I didn't hear Mark Hatfield taking credit for any accomplishments in the Columbus Day storm," he said. The CD agency has been accused of falling apart during the storm.

Hatfield doesn't want the agency in his office because he wants to "dodge complaints... it's par for the course," said Barton.

Musa said Ways and Means is doing an "excellent job... the state will be eternally grateful to them in the long run."

Both men defended Ways and Means proposal to increase the student-teacher ratio in the higher education system. Barton said the governor knows in actual fact the ratio is even higher now than Ways and Means has recommended.

As for Hatfield's protest that Ways and Means was virtually eliminating the Council on Aging, Musa said, "we've got too damn many councils as it is. All they do is counsel one another."

"Ways and Means is not going to butcher for butcher's sake, but they're going to have to be sold that these increases are justified and not just to please any certain minority."

Both commented on new estimates that the governor's income tax proposal would bring in more money than expected, and on Hatfield's agreement to keep deductions in the income tax law.

"As usual, he's folding under pressure," said Barton, who wants deductions eliminated.

CD Fund Loss Seen

SALEM (UPI)—Oregon would lose federal matching funds if it cut its Civil Defense Agency to three men, and it might lose the money if it was cut back to a 10 man agency, a federal Civil Defense official warned Monday.

Region 3 CD Director Charles C. Ralls addressed a one-hour session of the Ways and Means Subcommittee which recently rejected the governor's \$410,000 Civil Defense budget.

At the request of the committee, the Finance and Administration Department has submitted an alternate plan for a three-man

agency which would cost \$32,000 for the 1963-65 biennium.

Gov. Mark Hatfield told a press conference earlier today he was prepared to wage a "bare knuckled" fight to save the Civil Defense Agency.

The subcommittee did not seem too impressed by Ralls' support of Civil Defense.

Subcommittee Chairman Rep. Beulah Hand, D-Milwaukie, said "I don't think he added much to our knowledge."

Ralls explained, "I do not intend to inject my feelings into the sovereign state of Oregon. I only interpret the rules."



EXPLAINS PLAN — City Manager Robert Kyle is shown as he points out details of the Lark Street paving project to the members of the city council at their Monday night meeting.

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