

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

News item:

Our big neighbor California has 7.5 million automobiles. It is calculated that if they were all lined up bumper-to-bumper the line would reach around the world.

As to that, we'll have to take the word of the statisticians. There's a lot of water around the world, especially at the equatorial belt line, and one doubts if there is anyone willing to tackle the job of counting the cars that would be under water.

But this no one who has driven in California will doubt:

Lined up bumper-to-bumper, the cars reach FROM ONE END OF THE FREEWAY TO THE OTHER.

More statistics:

California has 7,500,000 automobiles.

California's population is roughly 17,500,000.

That means that in California there are 2.3 persons for each car.

Oregon has about 900,000 automobiles.

Oregon's population is roughly 1,800,000.

That means that in Oregon there are only TWO persons per car.

On a persons-per-car basis, you see, we're about even-Steven.

More figures:

In 1961, the latest year for which the figures are available (in my files, at least) Oregon had just under a million motor vehicles, divided as follows:

Automobiles 868,617

Buses 1,406

Trucks and trailers 118,302

Motorcycles 8,097

In 1961, the REGISTRATION revenue came to a total of \$13,541,640.

With chauffeurs and drivers licenses added, the total came to \$16,264,475 — or about enough at modern construction costs to build 15 or 20 miles of modern highways per year.

But—

The 1961 gasoline tax came to a total of \$38,445,218. It's easy to see where the money to build our highways comes from, (Oregon, by the way, has a good claim to the glory of having invented the gasoline tax, thus making modern highways possible.)

That's enough figures for one day.

So let's turn to the news about people.

From Naples, in Italy, comes this little tale:

Ex-King Farouk of Egypt, in one of his rare public appearances these days, showed up at the singing debut of his girl friend, blonde Irma Capece Minutolo.

The music was all classical. Farouk sat in the front row, beaming and leading the applause.

Who's this Farouk?

Well, he came to the throne of Egypt at the age of 16. He was in England at the time, being educated. His father died, and he returned to his native country to become king. His father came to the throne poor, but when he died he left his son a fortune of \$50 million.

When Farouk abdicated, under pressure, a few years later, he succeeded in taking the bulk of his inherited fortune with him and has lived the life of Riley ever since.

This king business is a pretty good racket—if you can abdicate and take the bankroll with you.

Winds Lash East Coast

By United Press International

Violent winds lashed the North Atlantic states today and heavy rains drubbed Texas.

The high winds fanned million dollar forest fires across the East. More than 24 inches of rain fell at Austin, Tex., and San Antonio was soaked with 14 inches. The rain belt extended from eastern New Mexico to central Arkansas.

Temperatures across the upper Midwest and in New England fell to wintry lows. Pellston, Mich., reported 12 above and Caribou and Greenville, Maine, had 13 above.

Wind gusts up to 76 miles per hour in the Northeast disrupted power, caused extensive property damage and claimed at least one life.

Falling trees and wind-lashed tree limbs tugged down power lines around Syracuse and Schenectady, N.Y. Service was disrupted to thousands of families.

Weather

Klamath Falls, Tulelake and Lakeview
—Variable cloudiness and mild with a few showers tonight and Saturday. Low tonight 34-36. High Saturday 48. Weekend weather will be unsettled and mild with a few showers.
High yesterday 57
Low this morning 44
High today 53
Low today 40
Precip. past 24 hours .07
Since Jan. 1 2.54
Same period last year 4.31

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AGRICULTURAL FORECAST
Cloudy tonight, partly cloudy Saturday. Seventy per cent chance of showers. Night and 40 per cent on Saturday. Temperatures: low 37 tonight and high of 40 on Saturday. Soil temperatures near 40. Sunday outlook partly cloudy with showers.



SCOUT EXPOSITION GUEST — Pedro the burro, symbol of Boys' Life Magazine, arrived in Klamath Falls recently to visit the Modoc Area Council and appear at the council's exposition at the fairgrounds from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday. Pedro is greeted by William Faught, exposition chairman, left, and Ralph Ovgard, promotion chairman.

\$50,000 Slated To Study Klamath Algae Conditions

Congressman Al Ullman announced Friday that \$50,000 has been included in the coming year's budget to initiate a study of the algae conditions in the Klamath River Basin.

Statement Issued On Split Schedule For KUHS Students

The KUHS Parents' Committee headed by Mrs. Ted Hyde issued a statement today, April 5, concerning the committee's stand on the proposed split shift at the high school for the coming school year which was adopted by the high school board.

The committee formulated its position after a meeting, March 29, with Ray Hunsaker, superintendent of city schools, Willard McKinny, KU principal, and the administration staff.

On March 31 the Herald and News printed a story reporting the outcome of that meeting. The main point was that the administration decided to work out a modification to the split shift allowing qualified students to take a sixth subject.

The report of the parents' committee (comprised of Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Robert Chilcote, Mrs. Rex Hiatt, Mrs. Robert Veatch, Mrs. Lawrence Weinberg and Mrs. William Wales Jr.) stemming from last Friday's meeting follows:

"As the result of a meeting between our committee and Mr. Hunsaker, Mr. McKinny and his staff March 29, the administration decided to look into the following modification of the split schedule. If it proves workable it will be put into effect next fall. The changes would correct the most important educational objections to the split schedule as originally proposed, while providing a better administrative and teaching situation than exists under the extended schedule.

"The sophomores, juniors and seniors would attend school in the morning, and as many as possible of those with the interest and ability to handle a sixth subject would be scheduled to do so. The cafeteria would be open for the benefit of incoming and outgoing students desiring a noon meal and for those taking six subjects, during a half hour period between morning and afternoon sessions.

"The sixth period would follow lunch and the freshmen would also come to school at this time and go until approximately 5:30 p.m. The number of students overlapping at this point would still be well below the number now in school during peak hours. The freshmen would not get to take a sixth subject, but in the present freshman class very few students have been encouraged to do so.

"This plan allows for the sixth subject important both to those going on to college and those whose education will end with high school; provides a better disciplined environment; maintains our fine music, art and athletic programs; and keeps school morale and spirit up, since students

will be able to obtain budget approval for the financing of this research project in the budget that Congress is now considering. We had previously been advised that funds would not be available." Congressman Ullman stated.

"This water pollution problem has been a steadily growing hazard to both the health and livelihood of the inhabitants of the entire Klamath Basin. When the algae blooms on the water a poison is produced which is fatal to fish."

In pointing out that the implication of the algae problem extends much beyond the effect on fish, Ullman quoted from a recent field study, "These blooms cause a deterioration of water quality so that it's potential for municipal and recreational purposes is impaired."

The most recent survey of the algae problem in Upper Klamath Lake was completed in 1959 under the leadership of H. K. Phinney. This study, which covered a four-year period, was financed initially by a joint effort of the Oregon Klamath River Commission and the California Klamath River Commission. The second and third years of the study were supported jointly by the Klamath County Court, City of Klamath Falls and the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce. The period of study was extended through a fourth year on a reduced rate of support and concluded June 30, 1959.

The findings were thorough as to the nature of the algae, its effect and chemical makeup and several suggestions as to possible control measures.

It was not known whether the proposed study by the federal government would merely explore areas already covered to some extent by previous studies, or would be concentrated on finding a possible means of eliminating the algae.

Indications were the funds were for a study, and not for control measures.

'Hot Line' Phone Link Accepted By Russia

GENEVA (UPI) — The Soviet Union today accepted the American proposal for a "hot line" telephone or teletype link between Moscow and Washington to ease the threat of a nuclear war starting by accident.

Soviet chief delegate Semyon K. Tsarapkin said the acceptance was the "first practical result" achieved in 13 months of negotiations at the 17-nation Disarmament Conference.

U.S. delegate Charles C. Stelle "warmly welcomed" the move and called for informal American-Russian discussions to work out details of the communications link over which President Kennedy and Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev could confer directly to head off a war through error.

Acceptance of the U.S. proposal was the first conciliatory step made by the Soviets here in months.

"The Soviet Union is ready to accept a direct communication link, either telephone or teletype, between governments," Tsarapkin said.

His mention of "teletype or teletext" was in line with U.S. State Department thinking. A direct line telephone between Kennedy and Khrushchev was ruled out because of the translation problem, possibilities of misunderstanding in a tension-filled direct conversation, and other technical problems.

The Soviet move came just after Tsarapkin read to the conference a cable from East Germany offering to sign a disarmament agreement with West Germany which it said would "materially contribute" to the cause of world disarmament.

Neither East nor West Germany is a member of the conference. Furthermore, the West does not recognize the East German government. And observers felt that any such East-West German disarmament arrangement could only benefit the Communists. East Germany's army is relatively small, while West Germany's armed

forces form a substantial part of NATO's defense in Europe.

Stelle noted that the East German offer came "from a nongovernmental organization and should be treated in accordance with this fact." But he did not object to it being presented by the Soviet.

In Bonn, the West German government took no official notice of the East German proposal. But government sources there dismissed it as senseless.

The newspaper Clarin said the surrender agreement already had been signed. In addition to reducing marine strength from 6,000 men to 2,500 men, the navy agreed to dismiss draftees and end further call ups.

In exchange, Clarin reported, the government accepted maintenance of high seas fleet and the naval arm at present strength. Rebel leaders will surrender themselves for legal action. In the case of military personnel, it will be a court martial. Civilians will go before military or civilian courts.

The navy also put in writing its willingness to go along with the government on June 24 election plans, Clarin said. It was objection to the participation of Neopersonist elements in the forthcoming elections which led the navy to join the revolt first proclaimed by retired army generals.

At least 26 persons had been killed and more than 30 wounded in the revolt. Today's agreement was expected to avert a showdown battle which could have multiplied the casualties.

The department reported Thursday that the unemployment rate dropped in March from 6.1 per cent of the labor force to 5.6 per cent. It was the biggest monthly decline in more than four years.

The jobs total went down from 4.9 million in February to 4.5 million in March. The number of jobholders in the nation rose 800,000 to 67.1 million during the month.

Labor Secretary Willard Wirtz said the drop in the number of jobless merely put unemployment figures back where they were before the January and February drops.

But department expert Harold Goldstein said he found the trend "particularly heartening" because nearly all of the March decline in unemployment was among adult men and women who had been looking for full time jobs.

Wirtz said the report was "plainly...no cause for a broader satisfaction. My feeling is about what it would be if somebody's temperature dropped back from 104 degrees to 103 degrees."

"We still have to get at the cause of the trouble," he said.

A typical lumberman's reaction to the play as a whole was by Henry Kerr, manager of Klamath Lumber and Box Company.

"The play was exceptionally good," said Mr. Kerr. "And the loggers looked so real they could have come right out of camp."

A minor criticism of the evening was the lack of ventilation in the theatre. The air conditioning will be working tonight, the stage crew promised.

A few tickets for the Friday and last night performance are still available at the chamber of commerce. General admission tickets will be sold at the door from 7:30 p.m.

All proceeds from the show will benefit the Intercommunity Hospital fund.



THE GAVEL CHANGES — Mike Holland, retiring exalted ruler of Klamath Falls Lodge 1247 BPOE, handed over the gavel Thursday night to newly elected Exalted Ruler Robert P. Craig. Craig and other officers were installed during the meeting by Ed Hickman, who acted as deputy grand exalted ruler. The new officers will be honored Saturday night at the Inaugural Ball. (See Story on Page 4.)

Revisers Eliminate Disputed Portions From Constitution

SALEM (UPI)—In a series of decisions sure to please lawyers, the House and Senate Committees on Constitutional Revision Thursday stripped away nearly all controversial parts of the judicial article of a proposed new state constitution.

Key sections deleted were the "Missouri Plan" for appointment of judges, and the granting of court rule-making power to the State Supreme Court.

Effect of the group of decisions was to restore virtually the same judicial system that Oregon's present constitution provides. Language in the new document, however, will be simpler.

The judicial articles has been one of the two most controversial. The Constitutional Revision Commission had called for appointment of judges who later would run on their records, and for the Supreme Court to write procedural rules for all state courts.

The Oregon State Bar opposed both provisions.

The legislative committees decided judges will continue to be elected as at present. (In fact, however, most Oregon judges at present are appointed to fill vacancies before ever running for election).

The committees also decided the legislature will keep the job of writing procedural rules for the state's courts.

Sen. Edward Fadeley, D-Eugene, author of the proposal, was the only witness.

Committee Chairman Harry Boivin, D-Klamath Falls, said a hearing for opponents would be held April 23.

Boivin added a "third hearing would be held at a later date if necessary."

Fadeley commented, "that just about takes care of the bill, doesn't it?"

"Oh," Boivin replied, "we might be here until July."

Predictions are the legislature will adjourn about mid-May.

Fadeley said his bill would require lobbyists to register, list who they represented, the area of their interest, and the amount of money spent while lobbying.

He termed his proposal a "preventive measure." He said there is no lobby scandal in Oregon, and that "Oregon is cleaner than most states."

Fadeley's bill is similar to one he introduced in 1961. It got nowhere, but was the focal point of controversy when Fadeley commented some lobbyists were receiving high fees for pushing certain legislation.

Other Highlights
Railroads — The Senate gave railroad unions a victory by voting to keep Oregon's present full crew law.

Audience Enjoys Eliza Musical Production

Approximately 900 people composed the audience at the Klamath Players' first night performance of "Eliza and the Lumberjack," at the OTI Little Theatre.

The performance, which began promptly at 8:30, ran for about two and a half hours.

Audience comment was generally most favorable, with the music, the production numbers, the costumes and the dancing provoking the most comment.

A new experience for Klamath Falls, this original jazz production which no one in the past had seen performed, the musical provided not only entertainment, but a creative venture for both cast and audience.

Performed in Washington in 1953 by the Abbey Theatre as an experimental workshop production, the play was written by Helen C. Davis based on a novel by Patricia Campbell, with orchestration by Dr. Leroy Ostransky, author of "Anatomy of Jazz."

Presented for the production and introduced at the finale were Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Campbell, and Father William Dickerson, O.S.B., of St. Martin's College, Olympia, Wash., director of the first production, who drove down for the show. Accompanying Father Dickerson was Ken Stevens, assistant professor of music at St. Martin's.

Commented Father Dickerson, "I enjoyed the play...I came

Cash Raised For Hospital

It was a huge success. The bidders were willing and the goods were there.

Community cooperation and the coordination of effort of members of the Klamath County Women's Medical Auxiliary combined to raise over \$3,000 for the Intercommunity Hospital fund at an auction Wednesday night in the Klamath Falls Armory.

John Argetsinger cried for bids from 7:30 p.m. to 12:45 a.m. until every item was sold, paid for and taken away.

Dr. Mark Kochevar was highest bidder for the used car sold, which he donated to the city airport for a courtesy car.

Among other unusual sales was a "dinner for eight," donated by Mr. and Mrs. Murdo D. Morrison and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ehlers to be served in the Ehlers home.

High bidders were Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Kellstrom.

Hundreds of other items including oil paintings, household appliances and furnishings, guns and toys were sold.

A baked food sale netted \$223. Mrs. Lorraine Kochevar, general chairman, was assisted by all members of the auxiliary. The auxiliary will meet April 8 to decide on a specific endowment.