

Herald and News

Weather

AGRICULTURAL FORECAST

Warmer and drier conditions make having and harvesting outlook good for next few days. Slight chance for showers about midweek, indicated to be of little consequence and should not hamper any field work.

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Klamath Falls, Tulelake and Lakeview: Fair through Monday. A little warmer with highs today and Monday 75 to 78. Lows tonight 48 to 52, with 54 in the lower Klamath Basin. Winds westerly five to 12 miles per hour.

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Technical Problems Slew Rescue Attempt

Officials Hopeful Pair Will Be Freed Monday

HAZLETON, Pa. (UPI)—Efforts to rescue two miners trapped for 12 days in a damp, chilly chamber 308 feet underground received a "serious setback" Saturday because of technical problems.

Weary rescue crews worked to correct the difficulties and set Monday as a target date for bringing the entombed men to the surface. Drilling operations also continued for a third miner, trapped in a separate cubicle 18 feet away who has not been heard from since Tuesday.

State Mines Chief H. Beecher Charnbury said jagged rock and soft clay had hampered rescue teams trying to case a 26-inch opening drilled to a depth of 38 feet earlier Saturday. Workers hoped to line the hole with metal tubing, then drill a 17½-inch hole to the trapped men.

Despite their ordeal, miners David Fellin and Henry Throne were in almost jaunty spirits. The fate of the third miner, Louis Bova, 42, remained unknown.

Bova was last heard from on Tuesday, when he tapped three times on his chamber wall, signaling that he was alive. A separate, three-inch hole was being drilled to where he is trapped.

Charnbury said the "serious setback" concerned the upper part of the 38-foot hole. "We can't go ahead and ream at 17½ inches until we put casing in the upper part of the hole," he said. "It would be too dangerous. It might cave in and we would lose everything we have."

The mines official said the hole would be reamed at 38 inches, after which a 26-inch casing would be made.

The casing operation will not be completed until the pre-dawn hours Sunday. Another 30 hours would be required to drill down to Fellin, 38, and Throne, 28, Charnbury said, making it Monday at the earliest before they can be brought out.

The final 270 feet to Fellin and Throne now is 12 inches wide. When it is expanded to 17½ inches, attempts will be made to pull the miners to the surface in a torpedo-shaped escape tube which barely will fit into the opening.

Fellin and Throne remained in good spirits and even asked about the health of rescue teams.

They had plenty of food and other supplies and Fellin quipped at one point: "We have enough to open a shopping center. But I don't think our location would be too good."

Charnbury told newsmen the rescue workers were "tired, but they're not concerned with themselves—they're concerned only with the men underground."

It took four hours and 17 minutes to widen the first 38 feet of the escape shaft to 26 inches. Technicians said it was hoped that Throne and Fellin could be rescued by Monday at the latest.

In widening the 38-foot shaft, a 26-inch but weighing 2,000 pounds was used. It normally turns at 1,750 revolutions per minute, but was slowed drastically to prevent a cave-in. At the surface, workmen with shovels kept the face of the shaft clear of dirt and rock churned up by the bit.

United Mineworkers of America (U.M.W.) President W. A. (Tony) Boyle was at the rescue scene Saturday. He said he was "fully satisfied" with the operation, but added:

"This demonstrates we must have these shocks to awaken the people to the fact that coal miners in this country are dying—dying every day."

"If they can't make the mines safe enough to prevent things like this from happening, the mines should be shut down."

A metal and wooden temporary "plug" was lowered to the 297-foot level, almost the bottom of the shaft, to prevent dust or debris from falling on the trapped men. It was trimmed to exacting proportions to fit the hole.

About 900 pounds of quick-drying cement was placed atop the plug and, for double safety, a second plug was placed atop this.

The cement-filled plug will be reamed out when the time comes to make the rescue attempt, the officials said.

The bullet-shaped capsule which will be used to lift Fellin and Throne to the surface will be 6½ feet long and 15½ inches wide on its inside. It will be attached to heavy cables. The tube was designed by three of the rescue

Registration For Schools Set Monday

Children who will attend Klamath Falls elementary schools, grades 1-7, this year must register Monday from 1 to 4 p.m.

Parents of children who will attend the same school as last year may register by telephoning the particular school office. Others must register in person.

Eight graders who did not attend Klamath Falls city schools last year are to report to Fremont Junior High School with their report cards for the previous year on Monday at 1 p.m.

Children registering for first grade classes Monday must be 6 years old on or before Nov. 15. A birth certificate is required for first graders only and a medical examination for them is recommended by the schools.

School will open Wednesday, Sept. 4. Classes will begin at 8:40 a.m. at Fremont Junior High and at 9 a.m. at all elementary schools. Changes in this schedule will be announced to students on opening day.

All schools will operate the regular schedule of classes on opening day and there will be cafeteria service. Buses, with minor changes, will operate on the same schedule in use at the close of school in June.

Elementary school workbooks are available at F. W. Woolworth Co., J. J. Newberry Co., Ganong's Variety, Jones Office Supply and Shaw Stationery. School officials urged students to buy workbooks and other supplies before the first day of school. These stores have lists of supplies needed for each grade.

Pupils in the three classes for mentally retarded children at Mills School will report Monday, Sept. 9, for the first time.

City Fireman Saves Infant From Death

A Klamath Falls fire captain, Ed Betch, crawled from between 25 and 30 feet through a room filled with dense smoke and rescued a 5-month-old infant from probable death Saturday afternoon.

The baby is Angela Keeler, daughter of Dixie Keeler.

Substation firemen received a call to the Keeler residence Saturday at 3:23 p.m. When they arrived, the house was full of smoke.

Several men in the neighborhood had attempted to enter the upstairs bedroom and save the infant, but were driven back by the smoke. One fireman started back for a mask, but Captain Betch dropped to his hands and knees and crawled in and snatched the baby from its crib.

The smoke was coming from a burning cardboard box underneath the sink. The fire caused some damage to the kitchen floor and sink and there was smoke damage throughout the house.



RESCUE HARNESS — Officials check proper fitting of a parachute harness that will be used in the rescue capsule to bring up the two trapped miners in the shaft opened by the giant 12-inch drill. The miners will be strapped into this harness, then lifted into the capsule, which will lift them to freedom. Despite technical setbacks, rescue officials at Shepperton, Pa., expect to bring the men to the surface sometime Monday. This picture was made available exclusively to UPI by the Independent Miners Association.

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An arbitration decision would be required within 90 days after enactment of the legislation. If the two sides failed to settle other issues by negotiation within 30 days, those issues also would go to the arbitration board for settlement within 60 additional days.

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New Symbol Suggested

PRATT, Kan. (UPI)—State Democratic Chairman Jack Graves said last week the Democrats of Kansas should exchange their traditional donkey for a coyote.

"All we Democrats have been doing," Graves said, "is sitting on our rear ends and howling at the moon."

Graduate Librarian Appointed

The Klamath County Library Board Saturday announced the appointment of Mrs. Edna R. Karczag, registered librarian, to handle the affairs of the Klamath County Library effective Tuesday, Sept. 3.

Ted DeMerritt, Malin, chairman of the board, was not available for comment on the move. However, it was indicated by other members of the board that the move was necessary in order to proceed with future plans to eventually merge the city and county libraries into a single unit.

One member commented, "The position of head librarian of the combined city and county libraries would require a graduate librarian. To be able to successfully put these two libraries together will require a person who has a degree in librarian work."

Mrs. Karczag was considered the top applicant from a large group of applications for the post. She has had 14 years experience in library work.

Mrs. Karczag comes here from the Kauai Public Library, Lihue, Kauai, Hawaii, where she has been librarian for the past six years.

She has a BA degree from Maryville College, Maryville, Tenn., and an A.B.S. bachelor degree in library science from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor.

Prior to her service in Hawaii, Mrs. Karczag was assistant librarian at the Traverse City Library in Traverse City, Mich., for a three-year period. She also has been with the Wayne County Public Library in Detroit, the Royal Oak Public Library in Royal Oak, Mich., and the Mary Grove College Library in Detroit.

Mrs. Karczag is married to Dr. Leo Karczag, an accomplished musician who is also a piano and voice teacher. The Karczags have two children, Paul, 16, and Shari, 11.

In 1962, the city and county library boards hired Coit Coolidge, city librarian at Richmond, Calif., to conduct a survey of the library situation here and recommend future action. His summary recommended merger of the two units.

The board indicated in November, 1962, that such a merger would require the hiring of an outside accredited librarian.

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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

This space today will be devoted to the story of Vern Owens, Don Kirkpatrick and the Little Old Lady.

I think maybe you'll like it.

The Little Old Lady lives in New Zealand—and, like many of us, she has an itching foot. And she had long wanted to see the U.S.A.

A little while back, she took off.

She came by ship to San Francisco. From San Francisco, she came by stage to Klamath Falls. The stage paused here for a brief rest period, so she took off for a walk on Main Street.

In the window of Vern's store she saw an electric appliance that was just what she wanted. It was a fry pan with a coil in the bottom and another coil in the lid. She went in and Vern demonstrated it.

But—

She was starting on a long trip. And the fry pan would be bunglesome to carry. So, reluctantly she passed it up.

From here she went — by stage—clear around the perimeter of the U.S.

Up the coast to Vancouver, B.C. From Vancouver she wound back and forth along the Canadian-U.S. border, clear back to Quebec and New England. Thence down the Atlantic coast to Florida, then along the Gulf to New Orleans.

From there across Texas, New Mexico and Arizona and eventually back to San Francisco—whence, when the time came, she would take off for her New Zealand home.

But—

She still wanted that fry pan. She simply HONED for it. And it couldn't be had in S.F. So she TOOK OFF AGAIN FOR KLAMATH FALLS.

And, as soon as she arrived, she headed for Vern's store. Meanwhile, however, Vern had sold out of the fry pan gadget. But Don Kirkpatrick had one in stock, and Vern knew it.

So, as a good merchant should, he sent the Little Old Lady down to his competitor — and Don closed the sale.

The Little Old Lady then hastened back to Vern's store to thank him for his courtesy and to tell him how proud she was going to be when she got back to New Zealand and showed her friends and neighbors what she had found in her travels.

At this point, it occurred to Vern that in New Zealand their electric current is different from ours—As many an American has discovered to his sorrow when he first tried to shave with the foreigners' electricity. So he explained the situation to her.

It didn't faze the Little Old Lady. "Oh," she said, "my electrician can fix that in a jiffy. But it's nice of you to tell me about it. You Americans are wonderful."

This thought in conclusion: Here in Southern Oregon, we are eager to stop more tourists. Something like a million tourist cars go through our area every season. On the average, each car spends \$23.60 each day it remains here. But most of them stay only about one day.

How can we induce more of them to STAY LONGER?

Well, if EVERY tourist who pauses in Southern Oregon were treated as courteously as Vern and Don treated this Little Old Lady from New Zealand, it wouldn't be long until we were stopping MILLIONS of tourists here in our amazingly beautiful area.

Annual Roundup Set At Lakeview

LAKEVIEW—The welcome mat is out, and Lakeview, the tallest town in Oregon, is prepared to extend to its visitors wishes for a tall time at the 44th annual Lake County Roundup and Fair during the Labor Day weekend, Aug. 31 and Sept. 1-2.

Bucking horses, calves, steers, and Brahma bulls are furnished by the Dick Hemsted rancher of Anderson, Calif., to try the riders for approximately \$2,500 in purses. A special attraction is \$500 in cash offered by Hemsted to the rider who compiles the highest number of points in saddle bronc and bareback riding in three rodeos, Susanville, Cedarville, and Lakeview. As Lakeview is the final one of the three, the award will be made at the close of the local show.

The arena events include bronc riding, bareback riding, Brahma bull riding, bull dogging, call roping, team roping, NCHA open cutting horse contest, boys' call riding, girls' barrel race, and Lake County girls' barrel race.

On the track will be the Lake County cowboys' relay race, Lake County kids' ¼-mile race for children 12 and under, Lake County kids' ½-mile race for 13 to 18, Lake County men's watermelon race, Lake County men's chariot race, and open girls' pole bending race.

Ted O'Connor is president of the Roundup Association (this year, and serving with him are Ed Garrett, vice president, Chick Chaloupka, secretary, and Pat Cosgrove, treasurer. Directors are Don Hotchkiss, Walter J. Schumann Jr., Ernest Messner, Marcus Partin Jr., Louis Withers, Marvin Butler, Glenn Harvey, Preston Johnson, Bob Howard, Berry Taylor, John Dick, Mearle Leemann, Ben Vernon, George Carlon, Bill Messner, Lane Thornton, and Garrett and O'Connor.

Serving on the various committees are advertising, Tom J. Flynn; arena, Marcus Partin Jr.; Walt Leemann Jr.; John Dick; arena grounds, Ted O'Connor; Pete Johnson, Marvin Butler.

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Hoffa Eyes New Pact

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Teamsters' President James R. Hoffa prepared Saturday to draw up demands for a nationwide trucking contract covering 450,000 drivers, mechanics, warehousemen and clerks starting early in 1964.

More than 200 teamsters' officials were called to a two-day meeting at union headquarters here this week to confer on the wage-benefit package to be sought from an estimated 14,000 employers.

Hoffa, who had conducted arduous negotiations for the past three years to get greater uniformity, was said to be optimistic this time about obtaining a single national pact.

—stop arresting and terrorizing Buddhists.

—Grant all freedoms to the people.

Police roughed up some of the demonstrating students but avoided a direct clash with them.

A speaker at the student rally said the law school campus was former Foreign Minister Vu Van Man, who shaved his head like a Buddhist priest and submitted his resignation Thursday in protest against the government's anti-Buddhist policy.

"My position as foreign minister ended with my shaved head," Mau told the students who cheered thunderously.

The official Viet Nam news agency, however, reported that Diem refused to accept Mau's resignation and, instead, offered the foreign minister a three-month "official leave" to make a pilgrimage to India.

The official agency added that Truong Cong Chu, secretary of state for social and cultural affairs, who is a Roman Catholic like the president, had been appointed acting foreign minister. Mau announced his approval of the students' anti-government declaration after it had been read to a student rally in the main conference hall.

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