Big Fish Out of Sky Creates Plane Mystery

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (U.P.) — The first "mysterious aerial bombing" to occur on the Pacific coast occurred here when what is believed to have been at least a 10-pound fish hurtled down through a tree and struck the rear trunk of Francis McCarthy's automobile, inflicting a large dent.

Although the fish is believed to have fallen from or been thrown from an airplane that was heard flying overhead about the time the "bombing" occurred, a police investigation revealed no clews.

Phone 444 For Ad Service

LAW FIXING TAX RATES ADOPTED

Adoption of Ordinance No. 305 as an emergency measure to establish the city tax rate for the coming year formed the principal business transacted at an adjourned meeting of the city council Tuesday night. The rate as fixed is the same as had been forecast last week, for District No. 1, $1.10, and for District No. 2, $1.07.

Budget figures are based on an assessed valuation of $20,500,100, an increase of $1,545,505 over last year's total.

One other ordinance, establishing a set-back line on Arlington avenue between Redondo Beach boulevard and 190th street was adopted. Before proceeding to the main business of the session the council cleared the decks of written communications involving requests for action on various matters.

MATS MISSING . . . First on the list was a complaint from the proprietor of the Dolley Drug annex, who informed the council that the city pick-up man had carried away (by mistake) three rubber mats, 40 inches wide by seven feet long. The mats had been placed outside to be cleaned and when wanted later were missing. "Shouldn't this be referred to the bull fiddle department?" Councilman Hitchcock asked when the motion was adopted to put the matter in the hands of his street department.

DIPLOMACY WINS . . . An oral plea by Rev. M. E. Nicholls, pastor of the Foursquare church, for permission to use an amplifier system on his car to advertise twice a week services at is church, was granted. Earlier in the evening, during the absence of the pastor the written request had been discussed but a motion to grant the permission was lost for want of a second. Rev. Nicholls diplomatically pointed out that the city has no ordinance covering the matter, and assured the council that they did not propose to "make a nuisance of themselves." The permit was granted for 30 days, at the end of which time if there are no complaints from citizens an extension of time may be allowed.

WANT LIGHT . . . Window peekers and burglaries in the vicinity of Columbia Court moved 25 residents of that street to send a petition to the council asking for a light to be placed at the intersection of Columbia Court and Dominguez. Investigation will be made of the needs of the neighborhood, and also of the need for lights at the ends of Acacia and Beech avenues.

LOCATE SIGN . . . A request by the Chamber of Commerce for permission to locate one of the new highway signs advertising Torrance at Western avenue south of Torrance boulevard was granted.

ASK REZONING . . . A request from Tom Waters, representing the owner of lots 1 and 2 in Block 19 for rezoning under business classification was referred to the city engineer. The lots, located across from the Safeway store on Carson street, are now zoned under the apartment house classification. Waters, in his letter to the council, pointed out that other lots in the same block have already been zoned for business and are occupied by stores, and gave as the owner's rezoning request the increased possibility of disposing of the lots at a fair figure, or of using them for business purposes.

REFUSE EXTENSION . . . An oral plea by the proprietor of Grey's tailoring shop, recently opened at 1621 Cabrillo avenue, for an extension of time to pay his business license was refused. Under the city ordinance the council has no power to make such a concession.

FOR QUICK ACTION

—If you lose something, call 444 and insert a classified ad in The Herald. The cost is small.

'Static' Adopts KNX Transmitter Personnel Here

The crew at the new KNX transmitter here has a mascot whether they like it or not.

Last week a skinny little pup wandered up while the men were eating lunch. James Middlebrooks, Hallsson engineer for CBS, fed the pooch, and the next day he was still there. Even accidental contact with a live wire failed to drive the dog away. Middlebrooks named the dog "Static," and he now sleeps royally in a crate that contained one of the $1,750 tubes used in the transmitter. Since his adoption, "Static" has gained weight, and has learned to distinguish official visitors from prowlers.

Legion Hears Geyer Branded Un-American

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objectives of breeding class hatred." He recalled an incident in which a Gardena mother upbraided Geyer for "taking high school boys off the school grounds and holding private classes in what he termed 'were the true interpretations of social problems of today'."

Opening his address, Dr. Lechner stated that Communist and Fascist forces were the gravest dangers confronting America at the present time. Thousands are working thru subsidiary organizations controlled by the Communist party to the detriment of American ideals and institutions, garnering votes thru mass hatred and building up political power in one form or another, he pointed out.

Candidates Present

"These people are using their power of class hatreds to stir up the seeds of Communism. California is being used as a 'proving ground' for such influences," he declared. Dr. Lechner concluded his address with his definition of American society:

"It is a sacred compact between the dead, the living and the unborn whereby the living take from our ancestors a heritage of loyalty, courage and determination to preserve our American ideals and institutions and pass it on to generations yet to come—unspoiled, and untarnished. This is our duty as citizens. We have no room in this country for destruction, dishonesty and class hatreds and we must strive to bring men to public office who uphold our heritage."

Commander Grant Barkdull, presiding for the last time over the series of dinner-meetings open to all men of the community which he instituted last year, introduced the guests present, including Dr. Charles W. McQuarrie, Gardena Legionnaire and Democratic candidate for Congress, and James J. O'Toole, well-known local resident who is campaigning for the Democratic nomination to the state assembly.

Burkholder Entertains

In accordance with Legion policies of refraining from political issues as such, the local post took no action in regard to Legionnaire Lechner's comments about Geyer. However, it was noticeable that those present gave McQuarrie and O'Toole a burst of spontaneous applause when they were introduced.

Rattling off a score or more humorous stories and anecdotes, L. O. Burkholder of the public relations department for the Cudahy Packing company, delighted the gathering with his wit and novel manner of interspersing facts about the meat industry with some excellent yarns.

Torrance Home Appearing in 432 Newspapers

Appearing today in 432 newspapers thruout the state (including The Herald) is a Bank of America advertisement featuring a picture of a Torrance home built with the aid of a F.H.A. insured loan.

This residence, completed last September for Mr. and Mrs. Micheal Straszer at 1004 Acacia street, was selected by the bank for this publicity shortly after a similar picture and a floor plan appeared in a new booklet, "Inspirational Homes," issued by the financial institution.

Receive Many Visitors

Because more inquiries were received about the Straszer residence than any other in the booklet, the bank asked and received permission of the owners to feature it in the advertisement calling attention to the fact that "Here's proof that you can own your own home for little more than $1 a day."

Since their home appeared in the Bank of America booklet, the Straszers (he is The Herald's city editor) have received more than 50 visitors who came from as far away as San Diego to inspect their home. Two families, now living in Sacramento, have written asking permission to see the residence next month when they come south for their vacation.

Pensioner Proves Age By Showing Family Tombstone

HOLDENVILLE, Okla. (U.P.)—His name carved on a marble tombstone proved to authorities that Henry J. Etchison of Holdenville was eligible for an old age pension. Etchison brought the stone from Nebraska to prove his age.

Carved on the face of the marker, taken from his mother's grave, were the names and ages of Henry and his brother. The boys' names were carved on the stone by the grief-stricken father who was afraid he would forget his boys' ages and birthdays.

Tropics Want Light Autos

TOLEDO (U.P.)—The automobile evidently is replacing the camel as a means of transportation. An unusual demand from Egypt, South Africa and South America is noted by Toledo light car manufacturers.

Bonelli Wins Endorsements

Unsolicited endorsements from every section of Southern California for William G. Bonelli to succeed himself as Fourth District member of the State Board of Equalization, may be attributed to Bonelli's firm pronouncement of strict law enforcement, according to his friends.

Industry and labor, merchant and housewife, by their resolutions and endorsements are backing Bonelli's program of law enforcement. He has shown no favors in the matter of the liquor industry or in the many matters which are handled by the Board. There are regulations governing the industry and Bonelli insists on their strict observance.

Just a few days ago, reports Bonelli's headquarters, more than 55,000 retailers in organizations engaged in many lines of business in the eight counties comprising the Fourth District, unqualifiedly endorsed Bonelli. His law enforcement program has met with the approval of a great majority of the citizenry and his election to the office he now holds is generally conceded by them.

Lomitan Files for Sister's Estate

Beatrice Leaycraft of 24465 Moon avenue, Lomita, petitioned Los Angeles county superior court this week for special letters of administration to the estate of her sister, Altha Fitch, who died several years ago leaving personal property in Los Angeles county. Value of the estate to be probated in this county was given as $3,000.

The Herald—3 months, 50 cents.