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ROSEBURG, OREGON, TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 1948

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Widening of E. 2nd Ave. South  
Will Commence About May 1,  
Contractor Informs CouncilWidths for Streets Recommended  
By City Planning Board; Lone Bid  
On Proposed Sewer Turned Down

Widening of E. 2nd Ave. S. is expected to start May 1, according to word received from the contractor, and the street right-of-way must be cleared of buildings and other obstructions by that date, Councilman Percy Croft told the City Council last night.

A legal phase of the E. 2nd Ave. S. project was brought up at the meeting by City Attorney A. N. Orcutt, who said that property deeds to the strip along the south side of the thoroughfare have been secured by the State Highway Department for the widening.

Clear title to the property must now be established and the two local abstract companies have been assigned this task, he said. In most cases the strip was donated by south side property owners for the street widening, the deeds being secured by Croft's committee.

Several other street and traffic matters were also taken up by the City Council last night. Recommendations of the City Planning Commission concerning city street widths were read. The commission's recommendations were requested for the hearing in Coquille later this month, of the legislative interim committee investigating the state's highway needs.

**Widths Recommended**  
The commission recommended that all short residential streets be 30 feet wide curb to curb; through residential streets, 40 feet wide; and all business streets and those in heavy industrial areas, 50 feet wide. The council modified the recommendations to suggest that all residential streets be 40 feet wide.

City Manager M. W. Slankard was instructed to base his estimates of the city's needs, to present to the interim committee, on the total number of blocks needing improvements to bring all streets above the recommended

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## In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

IN Bucharest (Romania's capital) Communist Premier Petru Groza says:

"The resignation of King Mihail and the proclamation of a Romanian republic have made this country an active factor in the anti-imperialist and democratic camp in the battle for lasting peace and popular democracy."

THOSE are fine words. But words depend on their MEANING.

In the communist dictionary, a "popular democracy" is a COMMUNIST country. A "lasting peace" is a peace enforced by universal communist rule.

On this New Year morning, a professional yegg and housebreaker might say piously: "I'm going to work hard and have a good year in 1948." It would sound nice. But he would MEAN: "I'm going to rob your house and

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Cost of Polio Victims' Care,  
Danger of Disease Increased,  
State Director Points Out

Increase in the cost of caring for polio victims and the increased danger of the disease due to congested housing make need for stronger effort in the 1948 March of Dimes campaign, Felix Montes, state director of the National Infantile Paralysis Foundation, pointed out Monday evening at a dinner meeting preliminary to opening the campaign to begin January 15.

Montes, speaking to the Douglas County chapter officers and community chairmen, announced that the number of polio cases has been higher during the last five years than at any other time on record.

There have been 110 polio cases in Oregon during 1947, he added. Dr. E. J. Wainwright, Douglas county health officer, announced that the average cost of one case of infantile paralysis is \$2,000.

There were five new cases in Douglas county last year. In addition to the eight previous cases requiring continued treatment. Two of the new cases were at Roseburg, one at Oakland, one at Glendale, and one at Myrtle Creek, Dr. Wainwright added.

Douglas county citizens last year contributed \$13,648.60, half

Substation Fire  
Costliest of Year

Greatest fire loss to property protected by the Roseburg Fire Department in 1947, resulted from the blaze which crippled the California-Oregon Power Co. substation at Dixonville early in the year, Fire Chief Glenn H. Taylor reported to the City Council last night.

The Dixonville fire damage amounted to \$40,000, the chief stated in his annual report. Fire losses within the city during the year amounted to \$20,215 of a total property value of \$1,873,650. There were 139 alarms as well as two emergency calls to which the rescue boat was dispatched.

In the Roseburg Rural Fire Protection District, the department answered 31 alarms during the year in which property losses totaled \$22,290 of a total property value of \$60,650.

Value of property not in either the city or rural district to which fire protection was extended was valued at \$177,500, with a total loss of \$48,000, most of which was accounted for by the Dixonville fire.

Fog Snarls Traffic in  
Southern California

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Heavy fog blanketed Southern California's coastal areas today, snarling traffic, causing scores of auto accidents and almost completely tying up maritime operations in the harbor.

Commercial planes and mail helicopters were mostly grounded at Municipal Airport, although the Burbank field was clear most of the night, and operated almost normally. The Weather Bureau forecast that the fog conditions, which started yesterday, will continue tomorrow with some alleviation Thursday.

Deceived Poles Bring  
Food to United States

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Many food Poles who arrived today aboard the liner *Ernie Pyle* brought food with them because Russian agents had told them there was a food shortage in America, a ship's officer said.

Agricultural Department agents confiscated soiled meats and bologna as passengers filed ashore, but permitted them to keep dried mushrooms. The ship's officer also said there was a widespread rumor in Poland the American dollar would soon be devalued.

Days Creek Road, to the east of the city, was also reportedly flooded.

Mill operations affected include the large plywood plant and sawmill of the Fir Manufacturing Co., which ceased operations when the electric power failed.

Roseburg School Classes  
Will Resume Tomorrow

All classes in the Roseburg schools, which were dismissed at 10 o'clock today, will be resumed as usual tomorrow morning. Superintendent of Schools Paul S. Elliott stated. Classes were dismissed when it was learned the power interruption would probably continue most of the day. The schools' heating plants were unable to operate and there was no electric lighting for classrooms.

Father of Largest Family  
In United States Dies

THERESA, N. Y., Jan. 6.—(AP)—George N. Davis, 65-year-old farmer who two years ago was honored as the father with the largest family in the United States, died yesterday after suffering a heart attack.

Davis was the father of 24 children, 20 of them still are living. He also is survived by his second wife.

## Congress Meets, Girt for Battles

Senator McKay,  
Candidate For  
Governor, Visits

State Senator Douglas McKay, above, aspirant for the Republican nomination for governor, spent Monday night in Roseburg en route to Grants Pass and Medford in his first political trip since announcing his candidacy. McKay, who has served as senator from Marion county since 1935, has been active in state politics for many years. He is a former mayor of Salem, is serving as president of the citizens committee on the Willamette Valley Project, is a member of the interim committee studying Oregon's highway system, and holds many other important civic, fraternal and political posts.

He is engaged in business with the McKay Chevrolet Co. of Salem.

He is a native and life-long resident of Oregon.

Art Exhibit To Be  
Held at Armory

The first arts and crafts exhibit to be sponsored by the Roseburg Woman's Club will be held Wednesday, January 7, from 10 to 10 P. M., at the Armory. The public is invited. There will be no admission charge, but a silver offering will be taken to defray expenses for sponsoring the affair.

Materials for the exhibit are to be brought to the Armory Wednesday morning between the hours of 9 and 11 o'clock. Mrs. Kenneth Ford and Mrs. Jack West are co-chairmen, assisted by Mrs. O. S. Chambers, Mrs. Scott Layman and Miss Margaret Carr, for the art exhibit; Mrs. Roy Bellows, for the needlework; Mrs. W. H. Carter, needlepoint, and Mrs. H. C. Berg, for crafts.

All artists in the vicinity are asked to make an exhibit. Junior and Senior High School students, Scouts, Cubs, Camp Fire Girls, Bluebirds and 4-H handicraft clubs are cooperating by having exhibits.

Myrtle Creek Flood  
Routs Tent Dwellers

Ten to 12 families at Myrtle Creek were made homeless early this morning when their tent houses were flooded, and large mill operations were shut down when the power break occurred.

The Rev. C. E. Henry, pastor of the Church of Christ, said the evacuation of the tent houses started at 4 o'clock this morning, when the waters of Myrtle Creek started to leave the banks of the stream. Doors of the church were opened to the homeless families. A trailer camp at the south end of Myrtle Creek was also flooded in the storm and trailer homes evacuated.

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TOKYO, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Hideki Tojo, the premier-dictator who engineered Japan's sneak attack on Pearl Harbor, completed his cross examination before the international war crimes tribunal today with the assertion "I feel that I committed no wrong."

Tojo's stay on the witness stand was not immediately terminated, however, when, after three and a third days, Chief Prosecutor Joseph E. Keenan completed his questioning.

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Tax Reduction  
Will Be One Of  
Major Issues

Cost of Living Action  
Also Slated; Truman Will  
Read Message Tomorrow

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Congress convened today in a hush-before-the-storm atmosphere.

There was no fanfare and only routine formalities in the Senate and House. But off the floor the talk was of battles ahead in an election year over weighty domestic and foreign issues.

Traditionally, Congress undertakes no business until it receives the President's annual state-of-the-Union message. Mr. Truman will deliver that in person at 1:30 p. m. (EST) tomorrow.

It is expected to draw clearly the lines between the White House and the Republican-controlled national legislature on many matters. Mr. Truman may give his views—say, what he wants—on tax reduction, foreign aid, military training, powers to use against high prices.

Congress' answer will come bit by bit in debates and the votes of the months ahead while the November elections draw closer.

G. O. P. in Full Control  
Since Congress adjourned Dec. 19, Rep. Patrick Dewey, Virginia Democrat, has died.

Dewey's death and the resignation of Earle Clements, Democrat elected governor of Kentucky, left the political line-up in the House at 245 Republicans, 186 Democrats, one American Laborite, and three vacancies. The other vacancy was caused by the resignation of Evan Howell, Illinois Republican.

The Senate started off with no vacancies and a lineup of 51 Republicans and 45 Democrats.

The gulf which divides the President and the Republican-controlled legislative branch was pointed up perfectly by a new report that Mr. Truman might propose higher taxes on corporations.

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Chinese Pirates Demand  
Ransom for Captives

HONG KONG, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Pirates who looted the Dutch steamer *Van Heutz* and kidnapped six of its wealthy Chinese passengers Dec. 14 today demanded 100,000 Hong Kong dollars (\$50,000) ransom for each.

The pirates took charge of the ship four hours out of Hong Kong on the way to Swatow, held it nearly 15 hours and leisurely robbed the 1,600 passengers of cash and jewelry amounting to approximately \$500,000.

Cascade From Mt. Nebo  
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Pratt said his truck suffered approximately \$300 damage. The automobile with which he avoided a collision was traveling too fast for him to note its license or description, Pratt asserted. The accident occurred while Pratt was on a trip from Seattle to Medford.

WOMAN HOTEL GUEST  
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SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 6.—(AP)—A masked gunman early today forced his way into an eleventh floor room of the St. Francis hotel and robbed a young New York widow of \$600.

The victim was Mrs. Shirley L. Lendwig, 27, whose husband died in a Japanese prison camp. Mrs. Lendwig told police that her 9-year-old daughter, Lynne, who opened the door when the robber rang the bell, was flung aside roughly by the gunman but was not injured.

Copco's Transmission Line  
In Days Creek Vicinity Snaps;  
Most County Circuits Stymied

City Given Emergency Hook-Up  
With Coos Bay Plant; Heavy Rain  
Produces Slides, Slows Traffic

Roseburg activity was at almost a complete standstill for several hours this morning, as an unexplained break occurred in the main transmission line of the California-Oregon Power Co. near Days Creek, H. C. Wells, manager, reported.

Trouble crews were in the Days Creek area attempting radio contact with the Roseburg office soon after the break occurred, but word had not been received during the early afternoon, Wells said.

Emergency service was provided the central business district at 9:30, by a diversion of power from the Coos Bay steam plant of the Mountain States Power Co. Wells said that that meant cutting down the city of Coos Bay to emergency service, since the steam plant there is not operating at capacity.

The power break occurred at 6:18 a. m. in the main transmission line between Prospect, Ore., and Roseburg. Except for the emergency service provided in the city, the Copco circuits throughout most of the county were without electricity.

The city's electrical blackout came during a rainstorm which started early yesterday afternoon and continued through the night. Observers in the Weather Bureau office said almost a 24-inch rainfall had been recorded this morning.

Although the main front of the storm moved inland from the coast last night, observers predicted that the rain would continue through tomorrow.

**Sewage Tanks Flooded**  
City Manager M. W. Slankard said that treatment tanks at the city sewage disposal plant were flooded during the night, for the reason that storm sewers drain into the plant. James Miller, plant superintendent, was on duty during the night to guard against possible overflows.

Gushing torrents from hillside streets created large lakes at intersections in the lower part of the city, and street department crews were standing by to clear gutters and debris wherever necessary.

**Slide Near Scottsburg**  
The Pacific Highway remained open to traffic flow this morning, but rising water was threatening to block the road in a number of spots, partially in the Eugene area, according to a report from the State Highway Department office in Roseburg.

The Drain-Reedsport road was closed early this morning when a slide a mile west of Scottsburg covered about 400 yards of roadway and trapped two freight trucks. One truck reportedly was hit and overturned by the slide, but the driver escaped injury. A crew and power shovel were sent to the scene and expected to have the road open later today.

Numerous small slides were reported on the Roseburg-Coos Bay highway, but traffic was moving. However, crews were kept alert in the event of a major slide.

**Highway Awash**  
Water was over the roadway in four spots between Roseburg and Sutherlin and also in the vicinity of Dillard, but cars were negotiating the flooded areas, aided by guide posts placed by the Highway Department.

In the southern part of the state, highway crews were working industriously in the Skidway region, where warm rain melted an early 17-inch snowfall, bringing dangerous slide and flood conditions.

The Douglas County Court had its highway maintenance crews and equipment on an emergency basis, anticipating much trouble. Many small slides were reported on county roads, but no major conditions.

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Flood at Sutherlin  
Shuts Schools; Power  
Lack Closes 6 Mills

Rising waters of Sutherlin Creek flooded several streets in the city of Sutherlin and caused one family there to be evacuated from its home. Mrs. Brittain Slack, News-Review correspondent, said that Howard Stacey, his wife, and two children removed their belongings to the homes of friends when the water threatened to flood their house today.

The schools at Sutherlin were closed today, when school buses were unable to pass the flooded road east of the city. Lack of electric power caused six mills in the Sutherlin area to shut down this morning, Mrs. Slack reported. At the Taylor Bros. mill, the boiler room was reportedly flooded.

The Pacific Highway immediately south of Sutherlin was also reportedly flooded by the waters of Sutherlin Creek, Mrs. Slack said.

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Lovely Fact Rant

By L. F. Rosenzweig

Reliably reported to be afflicted with cancer, Joe Stalin, who smokes his pipe in the Kremlin, may soon be smoking instead at a reunion with Adolf Hitler.