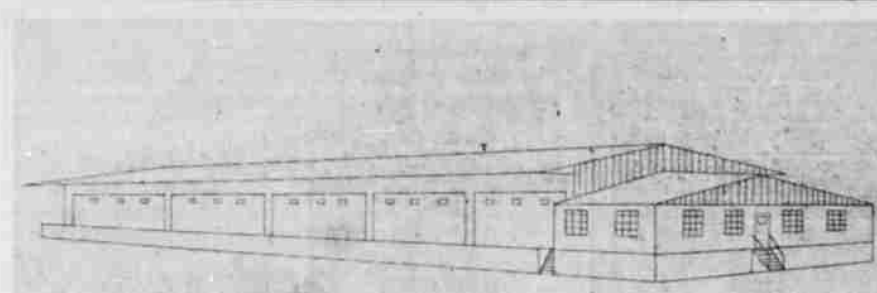


# TWO TEEN-AGERS DROWN IN AUTO PLUNGE



**NEW PIERCE TRUCK TERMINAL**—Above is a drawing of the new Pierce Auto Freight Lines terminal, which is to be erected south of the city on the Pacific Highway. Construction plans were announced last week. The building will be erected by L. W. Metzger, local contractor, on ground leased from M. O. Ream, real estate man.

## Fruit Growers to Meet Wednesday

Outlook for fruit and nut crops, production problems and new insecticides will highlight the meeting of fruit and berry growers in Roseburg, Wednesday, January 28. O. C. Rawlins, extension horticulturist, Oregon State College, is scheduled to present an outlook report and discuss production problems and recommendations for use of new insecticides. The meeting will be held at the Knights of Pythias Hall, starting at 10 A. M.

Rapid growth of population on the Pacific Coast, proposed increase in freight rates and development of quick freezing processes are factors in market outlets and production problems, states J. Roland Parker, county agricultural agent, who has arranged for Rawlins to meet local fruit and berry growers. The large number of new insecticides being offered to growers by manufacturers and distributors have not, in many cases, been adequately tested, states Parker, and should be used with caution until the state experiment station releases definite recommendations.

## Eugene Student, Fiancee Killed in Auto Crash

FOND DU LAC, Wis., Jan. 26.—(AP)—William Humphreys, 19, a University of Wisconsin student from Eugene, Ore., and his fiancée, Katherine Gronauski, 19, Milwaukee, were killed today when their car hit a culvert on a highway 11 miles north of here. The impact pushed the automobile's motor into the front seat and the car caught fire.

Miss Gronauski, a student at Mount Mary College here, and Humphreys were en route to Two Rivers, Wis. Her father, John, is a teacher there.

Humphreys and Miss Gronauski were to be married soon.

## In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS  
REMINDING is akin to the dope habit. The first step along the downward path leads to another step, and in time your friends begin to shun you, going around the block when they see you coming and behind your back pointing you out as a horrible example of what failure to control one's baser appetites can lead to.

But, having taken that fatal first downward step in this column Saturday, here goes for another shot in the arm.

THERE came one winter to our little town in the lush corridors of the Missouri river bottoms an evangelist named Barrett and his singer, bearing the name of Potts. Barrett was quite a figure along the sawdust trail, as the evangelist circuit was then referred to among the less godly, and his coming created quite a splash in the village. It was somewhat as if, in these days, Billy Rose's Diamond Horseshoe or the Stork Club should send out a road company to do the tank towns.

A word of explanation is really in order here, for it is probable

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## Stassen's Bid for Ohio Vote Causes Taft to Retaliate By Planning Nebraska Contest

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—(AP)—The decision of Harold E. Stassen to take on Senator Robert A. Taft in the Ohioan's home state found Taft supporters ready today to force an even earlier test of sentiment for the Republican presidential nomination.

They disclosed plans to make an all-out race in Taft's behalf in the April 13 Nebraska free-for-all. That test comes three weeks ahead of the Ohio balloting which Stassen announced he will enter.

Taft himself was silent on the Nebraska development, but he left no doubt that he welcomes the competition on his own grounds where, he insists, Stassen has "no chance for success."

The former Minnesota governor, not said in his weekend announcement that he has a high regard for Taft and would have preferred the test to come in some other state.

"But," Stassen added, "the dif-

## Emergency State Aid Asked By Myrtle Creek Schools For Fire Loss, Enrollment Boost

MYRTLE CREEK—Application for \$23,253.72 in emergency aid has been made to the state by the Myrtle Creek Public Schools, Superintendent Ivan C. Parker reported.

Parker said that under the state school laws, any school which has suffered a recognized emergency, such as flood, fire, or hurricane damage, or experienced a 25 per cent increase in attendance over that of the previous school year, is entitled to emergency aid funds.

Myrtle Creek has had both a disaster and an increased enrollment, Parker explained. Last Oct. 25, fire which started in the school basement caused damage that forced the Myrtle Creek school to discontinue use of the main building for several weeks. Classes were held in public buildings about the town. The fire and its resultant damage alone entitled the school to emergency aid, Parker said.

Attendance heavily upped. In addition, he pointed out, the school has had a 40 per cent increase in attendance since school closed last spring. This has made it necessary to hire additional teachers. The emergency aid would cover the salaries of additional teachers, as well as rent for use of the public buildings, and

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## Legion Post Aims To Boost Roster

Aiming at a membership quota of 700, members of the Umpqua Post, No. 16, American Legion, will conduct a canvass of the business district tomorrow morning to enlist all members who are not on its roster. The drive will be directed by Carl Felker, first vice commander of the post.

Felker said that all members of the Legion who are able to devote part of the day to the membership canvass should meet at the Rainbow Grill at 8:30 for coffee before starting out.

The teams will also call upon all members of the post who have not paid their 1948 dues, Felker reminded.

Although the present goal is 700, the Umpqua Post eventually hopes to have a membership of 1,000, Felker said. The post's present enrollment is approximately 400.

"There are 2,200 veterans within a 15-mile radius of Roseburg, while Douglas County has more than 6,000, or more veterans per capita than any other county in the state, he added.

## Home Fire Kills Child, Mother Badly Burned

PORTLAND, Jan. 26.—(AP)—A 4-year-old girl perished and her mother was critically injured in a fire which swept through their suburban house today.

The child, Marilyn Gibson, suffocated in her bed. The mother, Mrs. Delma A. Gibson, 39, was found unconscious on the floor of the child's room, and taken to a hospital in critical condition with burns and smoke fumes.

Fire Investigator Norman Howard blamed a defective fuse, for the blaze. The father, Darrell Gibson, had built a fire and left for work shortly before the flames broke out.

## Beer-Drinking Cow Sets Milk Production Record

LONDON, Jan. 26.—(AP)—Bridge Birch, a beer-drinking Friesian cow, is the world's biggest milk producer, her owner says.

R. A. Pierson, of Moortown Farm, Rinerwood, said that on a diet including a half gallon of stout a day, Bridge Birch gave 41,952 pounds of milk for 329 days ended last night. Pierson said the record for 365 days, held by an American Holstein Friesian, was 41,943.

The Weather

Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday; heavy frost tonight.

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## Cold Wave Death Toll 60

### Sub-Zero Blast Still Clutches South and East

Texas Chills in Freezing Rain, Snow; South Dakota Coldest at 27 Below

(By The Associated Press)  
The third cold wave within a week moved into the north central part of the nation today as the death toll of the second, still gripping the South and East, reached 60.

A weather bureau forecaster said the new sub-zero air mass, which moved southeastward from Canada into the great plains—farther west than the first two—would keep the Midwest and upper Atlantic coastal region frigid at least until midweek.

The new wave's effect was not expected to be felt in the southeastern part of the country, however, and probably will not bring lower temperatures than already have been experienced in the cold wave series.

Watertown, S. D., had the nation's lowest official temperature this morning—27 below zero. The Ohio Valley had a second successive bitter sub-zero night with the official low of —6 reported at Columbus, O., and Louisville, Ky., and much lower unofficial readings in hilly southeastern Ohio. The northeastern states had a low of —20 at Binghamton, N. Y., with —12 at Albany, N. Y., —11 at Portland, Me., and —8 at Hartford, Conn.

Moderating of temperatures in the still chilly South was reported today.

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## Hayton, Slayer of 2 Wives, Now Questioned in Regard To Mattson Boy Kidnap-Murder

SEATTLE, Jan. 26.—(AP)—Grizzled, balding Roscoe Lee Hayton, who confessed after 96 hours of almost incessant questioning to slaying wives No. 2 and 3, faced new quizzes today for possible connection with the 1937 kidnap-murder of 10-year-old Charles Mattson.

The startling new turn in the investigation of the elderly matrimonial club Romeo was disclosed by County Det. Chief Adam Lyskoski, who said that Hayton bears a resemblance to a character sketch drawn of the kidnaper's face.

Ransom of \$28,000 was asked of the boy's parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Mattson, after he was taken from his Tacoma home Dec. 27, 1936. The money was not paid and 15 days later the boy's badly-beaten body was found in the woods six miles south of Everett.

Lyskoski said he would confer today with Jack B. Wilcox, special agent in charge of the Seattle FBI office, on the similarity between Hayton and the sketch.

The sketch was drawn from descriptions provided by three young people in the same room with the Mattson boy when he was abducted from his Tacoma home 11 years ago.

During four days and nights of almost constant questioning, the 62-year-old retired merchant admitted in signed confessions that he killed his second and third wives, and led officers to the shallow forest graves.

Hayton was returned yesterday to the Seattle home where he has admitted strangling his third wife, Mrs. Ellen Buckingham Coville Hayton, Jan. 8.

There he turned over to au-

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## Riverside Home Destroyed by Fire

Fire from an overheated wood stove destroyed the home of Mrs. Vera Hall on Cedar St. in the Riverside Addition yesterday afternoon. Fire Chief Glenn H. Taylor reported.

Mrs. Hall made an attempt to extinguish the flames before turning in the alarm, giving the fire a "head start" before the arrival of fire-fighting equipment. Taylor said he did not know extent of damages nor whether the house was covered by insurance.

Mrs. Hall was taken to Mercy Hospital for treatment of burns and was later released.

Firemen this morning extinguished two fires brought on by cold weather. The first was at 7:45 at the home of Mrs. H. R. Ferguson, 1473 Riverside Drive. The second alarm occurred at 7:50 at the home of Dr. Bruce Hetrick, 930 Winchester St. No damage resulted from either fire.

## Philippine Earthquakes Kill 27, Deal Damage

MANILA, Jan. 26.—(AP)—Many terror-stricken families fled to the Central Philippines today as intermittent tremors spread fear of a recurrence of the Sunday earthquake that killed 27 persons and caused widespread damage. A total of 47 shocks had been counted there by noon today and sent frenzied residents rushing out of homes and other buildings.

Possibility of a higher fatality toll was indicated.



**CHICAGO TEACHERS STRIKE**—Teachers at Tilden High School in Chicago sign petitions to their union demanding a strike unless pay checks due January 23 are released by January 27. Checks were held up because City Council failed to legalize 1948 school budget. Men teachers at two high schools staged sit down strikes, and the Teachers' Federation (AFL) threatened general strike of city's 14,000 teachers unless they are paid. (NEA Telephoto.)

## Franc Value Slash Averts French Crash

PARIS, Jan. 26.—(AP)—Premier Schuman declared today that without devaluation of the franc France faced economic ruin and widespread unemployment.

More and more deputies, meanwhile, expressed disapproval of the monetary operations and dismay that they were carried out despite strong opposition from Great Britain and the international fund.

Schuman was asking the national assembly to authorize creation of a free money market and permit the free movement of gold in France.

The devaluation does not require parliamentary approval as it was done Saturday by cabinet decree.

Despite protests in Parliament veteran political observers believed the cabinet would gain approval of its two measures with a majority of a few votes.

Move Explained  
Schuman said that if the government had not devalued the franc and decided on creation of the free market, France would have been thrown back on American aid alone as a source of foreign exchange.

"Thus the exhaustion of our currency reserves and the halt of our exports would have led to a diminishing of our imports, our supply in certain raw materials would be lowered, French production would decrease, factories would close and workers would be thrown out of work."

In cheapening the franc, this country enabled her exporters, in theory at least, to sell abroad at about half the old prices. Prices at home are due to rise, however.

More Francs Per Dollar  
The devaluation amounts to about 44 per cent for French exporters. They now will get many

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## Congressman Is Stricken at Sea

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—(AP)—Rep. J. Parnell Thomas (R-N.J.) stricken seriously ill at sea, was being rushed to Cristobal, Panama, today aboard the SS Ancon.

An army bomber dropped two kits of blood plasma alongside the ship last night but Capt. David Swinson, the master, radioed the plane crew that it was decided not to stop the ship to pick it up. Bad weather already had delayed the ship.

The plane was ready to take off again today from Balboa, Canal Zone, if plasma still was needed.

Dispatches from the Panama Line steamer said the ship's doctor tentatively had diagnosed the 52-year-old congressman's illness as "massive gastrointestinal hemorrhage," or bleeding in the stomach.

Thomas, chairman of the House un-American activities committee, left here Wednesday with Mrs. Thomas. While he did not announce the purpose of his trip, there has been discussion in Washington of alleged subversive activities in the Canal Zone.

A Panama dispatch said Thomas was expected to make a one-man investigation of the reports while here.

The Ancon, originally due at Cristobal this morning, was expected to arrive there this afternoon.

## Malarkey Plywood Co. Buys Santiam Operation

MILL CITY, Ore., Jan. 26.—(AP)—Blowout logging camp, largest timber operation in the North Santiam Canyon, has been sold to Malarkey and Malarkey Plywood Company of Portland.

Willis Porter, general manager of the Mill City Manufacturing Company, reported that his company disposed of all its timber holdings in the Blowout watershed, both government and private, in the transaction, but retained a stipulation that the local mill would be supplied its normal log quota by the new owners of Blowout.

## State Highway Funds Received by Douglas

Distribution of \$35,290.51 in state highway funds to Douglas County was announced in Salem today by Secretary of State Newberry. The distribution represents 10 per cent of the collections from motor registrations, gasoline taxes, motor carrier fees, and fines for violations of motor vehicle laws during the last three months of 1947.

## Car Goes Into River Near Days Creek

Rosemary Wright, Elmer Watts Tragedy Victims; Driver Escapes Death

Two teen-agers, Elmer Edward Watts, 18, of Drew, and Rosemary Wright, 16, of Days Creek, drowned in the South Umpqua river at 1:30 Sunday morning, when the automobile in which they were passengers left the Tiller-Trall road three miles east of Days Creek and submerged.

State Police Sgt. Lyle Harrell reported that William Ernest Watts, 24, driver of the car, who escaped, was taken to Mercy hospital in Roseburg suffering shock. He added that the automobile containing the girl's body was raised from the river at 10 o'clock. They boy's body was recovered at noon by dragging.

Sgt. Harrell said the accident apparently occurred when the automobile skidded on the road and the driver lost control of the machine. The car was traveling west toward Days Creek.

When the car submerged, the driver told police yesterday, he escaped by opening the door of the car and rising to the surface. He said he futilely attempted to dive to rescue his companions. Making his way to the road, he was brought to Roseburg by a passing automobile.

Girl's Funeral Set  
Bodies of the two victims were removed to the Long & Orr Mortuary, where funeral services for the girl were announced.

Services will be held Tuesday at 2 P. M. in the Methodist Church at Canyonville. The Rev. Levi White, pastor of the Days Creek Church, will officiate. In-

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## Sewage Problem Riverside Topic

County health authorities have called a meeting of Riverside residents at 7:30 tomorrow night at the Church of God to discuss sanitary conditions in the area, it was announced by County Sanitarian T. Claude Baker. All persons dispossessed of sewage by means of outside toilets or septic tanks are invited to attend, Baker said.

Speakers at the meeting will include Dr. E. J. Wainwright, county health officer; County Judge D. N. Eusebark and John Ketchum, motor court inspector for the Oregon State Board of Health.

The authorities will seek an expression from the people as to how to dispose of sewage in the congested Riverside area, Baker said. Riverside is included in the area north of Roseburg which rejected annexation to the city in a recent election.

The County Health Department is attempting to find a means for providing a central authority to control sewage disposal methods, Baker added.

## Senator Says Truman Tendered "Phony" Budget

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—(AP)—Senator Bridges (R-NH) declared today that President Truman sent Congress a "phony budget" covering the foreign aid program.

The New Hampshire lawmaker told reporters the presidential budget "covers up" \$2,300,000,000. He talked with them immediately after a meeting of the conference of all Republican senators. He said he had called attention of the conference "to the phony budget set up as far as foreign aid is concerned."

Bridges is chairman of the Senate Appropriations committee which will pass on actual appropriations for the so-called Marshall European Recovery program. If Congress votes for the United States to undertake the huge aid program.

## Unpaid Teachers in Chicago Threaten Strike

CHICAGO, Jan. 26.—(AP)—A teacher strike threat hung over the city council's finance committee in its scheduled meeting today on approval of a record \$97,972,000 public school tax levy for 1948.

The committee deferred action on the school budget in a meeting Thursday with the result that the board of education was unable to issue salary checks to the 14,000 teachers and 9,000 other employees for the two week period ended Jan. 26.

## Lofty Fact Rant

By L. F. Robinson

Discriminating tastes of Roseburg folk were manifested at three attractions last week by attendance of the following sizes:

Prohibition presidential candidate speaker—50.  
Community Assn. concert—900.  
Man vs. alligator wrestling bout—1,200.