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Third Icy Blast Grips Midwest

Picture by Gene Powell

MILE O' DIMES—Pictured are Roseburg Boy Scouts representing troops 4 and 34 who acquired $217.76 for the polio fund Saturday with their Mile o' Dimes program on Jackson St. They are from left: front row—Boyd Kelly, Tommy Keel and Ronald Graves; back row—Glen Scofield and James Gwilliam. The collection took place between 9:00 A. M. and 4:00 P. M. on Saturday.

Temperatures Near 30 Below In Wide Area

Freezing Rain and Sleet Fall in Southern States; Death Toll Reaches 150

(By the Associated Press)

The Midwest got a new batch of frigid weather from Central Canada today, the third cold wave in a week, a week in which 150 deaths were attributed to the cold and snowy weather.

The fresh mass of cold air centered in the Dakotas and Minnesota nad moved into other sections of the Central States and the Rocky Mountain region. The federal weather bureau in Chicago said temperatures across the country, except in Southern Florida, were below normal.

The continued cold weather throughout the Eastern half of the country found many communities curbing industrial activities as a measure to conserve fuel for domestic purposes.

The ice-clogged Ohio River was closed to navigation for the first time since 1940 and a dozen barges loaded with 405 new automobiles were caught in the ice 10 miles upstream from Evansville, Ind. The barges were en route from Cincinnati to Mayersville, Miss.

The death toll from causes attributed to the cold and snowy weather of the past week was counted in 26 states—in the East, Midwest and South. Pennsylvinia and West Virginia each reported 15 fatalities; there were 23 in the New England states· 10 in Texas and nine each in Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana.

Sub-Zero Widespread

Temperatures of near 30 below were reported in the icy regions of Northern Minnesota near the Canadian border today and they were near that mark in parts of North Dakota and Montana. The mercury also skidded to below zero in Wisconsin, Michigan and

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Clarification of Boundary Descriptions for Building Project Asked of City Council

Clarification of an ambiguous boundary description in the city zoning ordinance will be asked of the City Council by the City Planning Commission, as a move toward permitting construction of a commercial building on the former Earl Wiley property on Winchester St.

The property was purchased from Wiley by Dan O'Bannon who appeared before the commission at its regular monthly meeting last night to request a correction of the zone boundary which now bisects the property—making it half industrial, half residential.

O'Bannon says he plans to erect a new building for the Olympic Supply Co. on the property. He said Winchester St. residents who protested the possible establishment of a truck terminal there, would not object to a comercial building on the property, which lies directly north of the old cannery.

Mayor Albert G. Flegel, who attended the commission meeting, suggested that the City Council be asked to seek a legal opinion as to whether the zone boundary decription can be clarified, to include all of the propery in question within the industrial zone.

W. C. Holmes, chairman of the commission, was unable to attend the meeting, but his views

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Physical, Mental Exam Stand-Ins Don't Fool Law

DETROIT, Jan. 27.—(AP)—Tony Rea, who has been trying unsuccessfully for five of his 23 years to qualify for the Detroit police force, was accused today of hiring a browny friend to take a physical examination for him and a brainy one to pass the mental test.

Rea appeared in Traffic Court yesterday with 200-pound Robert Gilligan and student Joseph Sokolowski, identified by police as the brawn and the brain. Both, officers said, passed their tests with flying colors.

Judge John D. Watts placed each of the three on six months' probation after they pleaded guilty.

Police, who said they discovered the ruse when they became suspicious of the sudden jump in Rea's written exam rating, charged Gilligan was paid $15 for his part in the plan and Sokolowski did his share for free accordion lessons.

GOP Tax Cut Bill Gets O. K. For House Vote

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27—(AP)—The House Ways and Means Committee voted 15 to 9 in a straight party split today for the Republican $6,300,000,000 tax-slashing measure. That sends the bill to the House where a vote is expected next Monday.

The committee announced that President Truman's counter $40-for-everybody (with higher corporate taxes) plan was beaten 19 to 9.

Four Democrats were reported to have joined in opposing the president's plan.

But with committee Democrats taking a solid stand against the Republican bill in its present form, there was immediate renewed speculation that the size of the tax cut might be reduced before Congress completes action on it.

The House expects to take the measure up Thursday. After it acts, the bill will go to the Senate. Republican leaders forecast the House will pass the bill "as is" but say the Senate may reduce the amount.

What Bill Proposes

Chairman Knutson (R.-Minn.) of the Ways and Means Committee is sponsor of the legislation.

The Knutson proposal would:

1. Raise personal exemptions from $500 to $600.

Extend to all states the community property principle under which husbands and wives may divide the family income equally

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Ambassador, Solon, Budget Aides Listed

Farm Department Ousts Three Employes, Starts Probe on Twenty Others

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27—(AP)—A senator, an ambassador and the newly-appointed assistant director of the budget were listed by the Agriculture Department today as traders in commodity markets since Jan. 1, 1946.

A new list of speculators made public by Secretary Anderson included the names of:

Frank Pace, Jr., who has yet to take the oath as assistant budget director.

James Bruce, ambassador to Argentina.

Senator Elmer Thomas (D.-Okla.).

Mrs. Edith Thomas, his wife.

Miss Beth Gage, his secretary.

Harry C. Westphal, secretary to Senator Bushfield (R.-S. D.).

Walter S. Salant, an economist with the president's council of economic advisers.

His brother, William A. Salant, assistant chief of economic affairs for the State Department.

Their mother, Mrs. Josephine S. Salant, New York.

Winthrop G. Brown, chief of the division of commercial policy of the State Department and a former lend-lease official.

Three Employes Ousted

The list was released for publication a few hours after the Agriculture Department announced that it has suspended three of its own employes for speculating in commodities and is investigating about 20 others.

The announcement was made last night by Jesse B. Gilmer, administrator of the Production and Marketing Administration, which handles government purchases for foreign relief and price support purposes.

Gilmer said "none of the three suspended was in position to

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Board Created to Probe Pay Demands of Railroad Unions

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—(AP)—President Truman today created an emergency board to investigate a wage dispute between the nation's railroads and three unions representing about 125,000 operating workers.

Under the railway labor act the President is empowered to appoint a fact-finding board which has 30 days to hold hearings to report back to the White House. A 30-day "cooling off" period must elapse before a strike can be called.

A White House announcement included a long list of carriers involved in the dispute with the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Brotherhood of Fireman and Engineman and the Switchmen's Union of North America.

The order said the dispute threatened to interrupt commerce to such a degree as to deprive the country of essential transportation service.

As usual in such cases, the creation of the board will be followed shortly by announcement of its personnel.

Barneburg Seeks School Supt. Post

Kenneth Barneburg, instructor in mathematics at Roseburg Junior High School, announced his candidacy today for county school superintendent, a non-partisan office. He said he expected to file for the postiion Saturday with the county clerk.

Barneburg is a graduate of the Southern Oregon College of Education at Ashland. He has taken graduate studies at the University of California and University of Oregon, as well as business training at Armstrong College in Berkeley, Calif.

The candidate has been in school work for 13 years, including 10 years in Douglas County. He served as assistant county superintendent five years under Mrs. Lula C. Gorrell, who has announced her intended retirement at the end of her current term. He served as an instructor at Wilbur High School 2½ years and at Roseburg Junior High School for the past 3 years.

Barneburg is also chairman of the Wilbur School Board and a past president of the Douglas County School Board Association. In addition to his teaching duties, he is doing statistical work for the Douglas County Rural School Board.

Concurrently with his work in the educational field, Barneburg also served for five years as postmaster at Wilbur.

2 States in Dixie May Bolt Demos

ATLANTA, Jan. 27.—(AP)—Two Southern states—Alabama and Mississippi — are considering secession again over the Negro question, this time from the National Democratic party.

Both, in brief, say they will not stand by idly if the National Democratic party includes three pro-Negro planks in the 1948 platform.

Specifically, both states are against planks favoring an anti-lynch bill, any anti-segregation measures and the fair employment practices commission act.

Mississippi brought up the subject of secession first and on an unequivocal basis, while Alabama put the matter on the basis that the national party could go too far.

In his inaugural address, Gov. Fielding L. Wright of Mississippi accused national Democratic leaders of aiming to "wreck the South and our institutions" and declared "the South will no longer tolerate being the target for legislation which . . . would destroy our way of life."

Grange Seeks Vote On Timber Levy

PORTLAND, Jan. 27.—(AP)—An initiative measure to tax timber for conservation and research programs is planned by the State Grange.

Grange Master Morton Tompkins said a tax of 25 cents a thousand board feet would be asked and estimated the measure would raise $1,500,000 annually for reforestation, seeding, disease and fire control.

The tax would cover timber cut on federal forest lands as well as state and private tracts.

The measure would enlarge the program adopted at the last legislative session which provided for a 5-cent severance tax on timber cut. That measure originally called for 25 cents but was scaled down in legislative discussions.

Tompkins said the measure would allot three-fourths of the money for reforestration, disease and insect control, fire protection and management of state and county forest lands. A fourth would go for research and for technical assistance to small lot owners, comparable to extension service aid to farmers.

Tompkins said petitions would be circulated by the 350 granges of the state to get the 18,600 signers needed to place the measure on the ballot.

Moclips Ravaged By $150,000 Blaze

HOQUIAM, Jan. 27.—(AP)—Two-thirds of the business district of the small coastal community of Moclips, 27 miles north of here, lay in ashes today and at least five families are homeless after sparks from a welding torch touched off a fire in the basement of a commercial garage, the state patrol reported.

The blaze started in the Percy Houghton garage about 8:30 p.m., the patrol reported, and were brought under control around midnight.

There were no casualties. Damage was estimated by property owners at $150,000.

Whipped by a strong east wind, the fire swept through the business district to destroy the post office, garage, a grocery, cafe and gift shop. Five homes were busned.

The razed post office housed the community's telephone exchange and the region still was shut off from outside communication early today.

Coast guardsmen from the Westport, Wash., station patrolled the area to prevent looting, and members of the Hoquilam and Aberdeen Red Cross disaster relief units prepared to establish headquarters for the homeless in the unused Navy training station at Paclife Beach, two miles south of Moclips.

Pumper trucks from the Coast Guard station and volunteer fire department at Westport fire de-Hoquilam and Aberdeen fire departments fought the blaze for nearly four hours after speeding to the ocean community under state patrol escort.

New Trial Granted In Murder Case

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 27.—(AP)—Forrest Wilson, sentenced to life imprisonment for first degree murder, won a new trial today because Circuit Judge Hanna of Jackson County failed to instruct the jury about the different degrees of homicide.

Wilson was accused of the fatal shooting of John B. Camden in Medford Nov., 1946. The slaying followed a poker game held in a garage, the state contending Wilson had lost money in the game and shot Camden to get his money back.

Wilson submitted an alibi in order to show he was not present at the time of the crime.

The state contended the murder was a first degree crime because it was committed during a robbery. Wilson's attorneys said that even if Wilson did commit the crime, it could not be first degree murder because it was not a robbery. They claimed it is not robbery for the loser in a gambling game to try to get back the money he lost.

The Supreme Court decision, by Justice Bailey, said enough evidence was submitted to sustain a first degree murder verdict, but that the lower court erred in not instructing the jury on second degree murder and other degrees of homicide.

Britain Takes Steps To Safeguard Pound

LONDON, Jan. 27—(AP)— Britain's pledge to protect the value of the pound brought a rally in givernment bonds today. Gold shares had a relapse.

The announcement by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, after the market's close yesterday that the British will not follow France's lead reversed price trends which followed the devaluation of the French franc.

France's action started a boom in gold shares on the stock exchange yesterday, but today short term speculators took their profits.

British treasury officials have worked out measures considered necessary to protect the pound from the results of French devaluation, which became effective yesterday. The pound is the standard for much of the world outside the dollar and ruble spheres.

Roseburg Liquor Store Sales Heavily Increased

Sales in the Roseburg store of the State Liquor Control Commission totaled $595,050.80 in 1947, it was reported in Salem by William H. Hamond, deputy administrator. The figure showed an increase of $53,144.30 over the liquor sales here during 1946. When store was established in 1934, liquor sales totaled only $34,004.95. Marked gains have been made each year.

Father Delivering Papers For Son Killed by Truck

GOLD HILL, Ore., Jan. 27—(AP)—Alvia Joseph Spence, 59, Gold Hill, was killed a mile north of here yesterday while riding a bicycle to deliver his son's Oregon Journal route.

Spence was struck by a truck driven by Ralph Hames, 22, Ashland. Hames reported he was unable to see the bicyclist.

California Promised No Relief From Drouth

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 27.—(AP)—No immediate relief is in sight for California, suffering from its worst drought conditions in 70 years.

Forecasters came up today with the monotonous prediction — "clear" — which for weeks has meant a succession of blue skies and an ever deepening worry to agriculturists.

Searing hot winds in Northern California further dried out land parched by lack of rain. Underground water supplies dropped. Some ranchers dependent on wells began to haul water.

Southern California felt a touch of rain yesterday, but not enough. Other cities studied municipal water rationing measures already taken by Santa Barbara and Ventura. San Francisco and Los Angeles both reported temperature highs of 58 degrees.

Husband to Blame If Wife Poor Auto Driver

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Jan. 27.—(AP)—The "impatient husband" is to blame for the inferiority complex of women automobile drivers, according to Eugene Fanning, supervisor of driver education for the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles.

He told an accident prevention conference yesterday that wives should never allow their husbands to teach them to drive.

He said "husbands become impatient when wives fail to grasp in a half hour what it takes men several years to learn properly."

"The result," he added, "is that the husband usually classifies his wife and all women drivers as hopeless, which definitely is not the case."

Jap Poisons 12 Bank Employes to Get Booty

TOKYO, Jan. 27.—(AP)—Thousands of Tokyo police searched tonight for a monstrous, white-haired, big-nosed Japanese who murdered 12 bank employes with poison Monday in an effort to loot the Shiina branch of the Teikoku Bank.

Examiners were unable to tell how much, if any, loot had been obtained. More than 300,000 yen ($6,000) was left on bank tables, leading to belief that the poisoner had been frightened off before having a chance to gather up any funds.

The killer, posing as a public health doctor, entered at closing time and ordered the bank's 16 employes to drink a colorless liquid, which he said was prescribed because of dysentery in the area.

Twelve of the 16 died. One woman employee managed to crawl out the door and call for aid.

Gift to Christmas Ship Meets Appreciation

Acknowledgment of the $750 donation to the Northwestern Christmas Ship from Roseburg has been recieved from Ray Smith, state chairman. It was reported by V. V. Harpham, who headed the local committee.

"We want to express our sincere appreciation to all the fine people in Roseburg who helped put this drive over, as it was only with the assistance of people like yourselves that we were able to make the drive a success," Smith said.

The "Gretna Victory"— the Northwestern Christmas Ship—is expected to sail from Portland Feb. 2. Its destination will be Bremen, Germany, and the cargo of food and clothing will be distributed to hungry people in the American zones of Austria and Germany.

Public School Buildings' Use Granted N. Y. Reds

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—(AP)—Supreme Court Justice Charles W. Froessel has refused to order Communists and Fascists barred from after-hours use of New York city public schools.

William Stanton had sought to prevent use of school buildings by the Communist party or other groups that the superintendent of schools might believe to be Communist, Nazi or Fascist, or devoted to fostering religious and racial intolerance.

Justice Frossel yesterday declared that the Communist party is a legal organization under New York state law. He said therefore that he would not order the board of education to close the schools to Communists.

Lumber Union's Heads Accept Wage Hike Offer

EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 27.—(AP)—An operators' offer of 7½ cents an hour wage increase has been accepted by the Willamette Valley Council of the AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers and referred to locals for ratification.

Howard Hayes, president of the Willamette Council, said the offer by the Willamette Valley Lumber Operators' Association was substantially identical with the offer made to Puget Sound and Coast-Columbia Council workers. Negotiations for those union councils have also recommended member ratification.

The union had asked 30 cents an hour on top of the existing scale of $1.32½.

Lumber Prices Slated For Drop, Prediction

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—(AP)—Predictions that lumber prices will decline by as much as 20 to 30 per cent came today from the annual convention here of the Northeastern Retail Lumbermen's Association.

Experts attending the meeting agreed there would be little reduction as long as retailers are bidding up prices for short supplies of better grade lumber.

Roy Wenzlick, St. Louis, Mo., housing and building analyst, told the lumbermen he based predictions of a 20 to 30 per cent dron "in the not-too-distant future" on expectations of greater productivity of labor and on belief the present boom is at its peak.

Wife Divorces Mate Who Forced Apology Letters

SAN RAFAEL, Calif., Jan. 27—(AP)— After each family spat, Mrs. Harrison McNear, Lenora testified, her stockbroker husband forced her to write him a letter of apology.

The 30-year-old wife, seeking a divorce on grounds of cruelty, said she wrote 30 to 40 such notes between their marriage in 1941 and separation last August.

She asked Superior Judge Edward I. Butler to award her $1,050 a month alimony and custody of two children. Her 44-year-old husband is a Mill Valley councilman.

School Vote Right for All Citizens Move's Aim

PORTLAND, Jan. 27.—(AP)—Amendment of state election laws requiring property ownership as a qualification for balloting in school district bond and tax issues will be sought by a committee organized here.

Representatives of 30 Oregon groups heard Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction, report that 39 per cent of the population is disfranchised by the property ownership requirement.

C. W. Posey, representing the Oregon Education Association, said Oregon voters would be asked to amend the consitution so that high school elections would be open to all eligible citizens now balloting in general elections.

Vet Dies 80 Years After Doctor Predicted End

LEWISTON, Idaho, Jan. 27—(AP)—Thomas J. Williams, 106-year-old Civil War veteran, died yesterday, more than 80 years after a doctor predicted his death from war wounds.

Williams served with the Union army and was told by an army doctor that he would not recover from a hip wound suffered in battle.

"I outlived that doctor by a good many years," he said recently.

Better, Systematic Service Follow Reorganization Of Police Dept. Under New Chief

On the job less than a month, Roseburg's new police chief, Calvin Baird, has already effected many changes in the administration of the Roseburg Police Department and more are on the way, City Manager M. W. Slankard said today.

The new police chief has the backing of the City Council as well as of the city manager in his enforcement of state and local laws, Slankard said.

The department has been reorganized, with many shifts in personnel being made and two police officers being replaced. Other shifts are being planned, the city manager added.

"The City Council is well pleased with the new chief and the interest he has shown in his position," Slankard said.

The statements concerning the police department were contained in a press release from the city manager's office, which continued:

"Traffic control is being organized throughout the city. Courtesy is being taught the officers in issuing citations. Schooling of the officers is proceeding in all branches of police work, so that each officer understands his job.

Teen-Agers Have Friend

"The teen-agers are learning that the new chief is a friend and not just a cop. It is the younger generation who have to be taught that the officers are trying to help each and every one of them. The police department knows that the youngsters want fun, but the police have to see that everyone works together so that this fun does not endanger others.

"Thought has been given to the cleaning up of the jail and the police offices. A new record system has been installed. New fingerprint files have been started. The local police have good contact with other law agencies of the state and county.

"Prisoners are being worked on the city streets through cooperation of the street department. Street lights have been painted, sidewalks have been cleaned and numerous other jobs have been done with these men.

"The Police Department wants and needs the cooperation of each and every one of the citizens of the city to make the Police Department function as it should."

The Weather

Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday.

Russia Lists Five Conditions For Peace Pact With Austria, Giving New Hope for Success

VIENNA, Jan. 27.—(AP)—Russia was reported here today to be ready to deal on a peace treaty for Austria.

An Austrian government spokesman said hope for a settlement of his occupied country's future, long blocked by an East-West deadlock, now appeared "brighter."

The Austrian press agency said five conditions had been laid down by the Russians for discussion at the Big Four deputy foreign ministers conference in London next week:

1. That Russian demands regarding the big Zistersdorf oil fields, northeast of here, remain unchanged. Russia wants two-thirds of the field's production and an equal share of the equipment.

2. That the oil field concessions remain effective for 50 years.

3. That Russia be paid $200,000,000 within two years for all other German assets in Austria now controlled by Russia. (One of the toughest questions in Austrian negotiations to date has been an exact definition of what constitutes German assets in Austria.)

4. That Russia be given from 20 to 40 per cent of the Danube Shipping Company.

5. That all profits obtained under these conditions may be taken from Austria free of restrictions.

Other Problems Ignored

An American spokesman, informed of the Austrian press agency report, commented that these terms do not mention political problems, displaced persons, demilitarization, denazification or border changes, all of which caused deadlocks previously in Austrian negotiations.

He commented that the report "is certainly interesting, but just as certainly is not a solution to all the problems that have to be met."

An Austrian government spokesman said, however, that he believes Austria's hope for a peace treaty "is certainly much brighter than ever before."

The fact that Russia made exact mention of figures, the Austrian spokesman said, can be regarded as meaning that Russia is ready to come to an agreement.

Dynamite Stolen From Flegel Co.'s Magazine

Seven cases of dynamite and an undetermined number of electric caps were stolen last night from the Flegel Transfer and Storage Co. powder magazine southeast of Roseburg, it was reported today by Al Flegel, manager.

The burglars were forced to saw through two heavy locks on each of two buildings, Flegel said, apparently working several hours to force entrance. It is believed the powder was hauled away in a light car. The theft was reported to the state police.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Ratsenastein

Matching similar forecasts on Hank Wallace, political wiseacres declare Harold Stassen hasn't a chance. That's what was said about Jersey Joe Walcott.