

Christmas Here Not White but Cold

It may not have been a "white Christmas," but it was a cold one for Roseburg.

The Weather Bureau reported minimum temperatures of 29 on Saturday and 25 Sunday. Both days of the Christmas weekend here were crisp and sharp, with occasional sunshine and no rain.

The city's observance of Christmas opened Friday, with many offices and business establishments holding Christmas parties for employees in the afternoon. Stores were crowded with shoppers doing their last-day gift buying.

There were Christmas eve worship services in some churches, honoring the birth of the Christ child 1,900 years ago. Groups of carolers sang the Christmas story, both Christmas eve and early Christmas morning. There were family gatherings to open gifts under decorated trees.

Many homes were decorated with outdoor lights. There were two outdoor trees downtown—that of the Junior Chamber of Commerce on Cass Street, and of the volunteer firemen in front of the City Hall.

At the Roseburg Veterans Hospital, gifts were distributed to patients by the various veterans' organizations and the Red Cross.

One traffic accident involving four persons to Mercy Hospital with serious injuries marred the Christmas observance here.

Climax of a week of parties preceding Christmas was the 66th annual Christmas Ball of the Roseburg Volunteer Fire Department. Tony Shukle, president of the volunteer firemen, today expressed appreciation for the support given by the public to the Christmas night affair at the Armory.

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. reported delays of two to four hours in long distance calls, as families were united briefly with relatives across the country by thin strands of wire.

Deliveries of Christmas mail were to resume today, as postal employees were given a respite over the weekend from duties that have crowded their days since the early part of this month.

Medical Aid to Vets Arouses Controversy

(Continued from Page One)

another agency. Dozens of federal hospitals could be closed and the patients transferred to other quarters, the committee added.

The committee said Congress should "clearly define" the beneficiaries of federal aid and added "too large a part of the medical resources of the armed forces are devoted to the care of civilians, veterans and dependants of military personnel."

Rep. Albert Thomas (D-Tex.), who may head the House Appropriations Subcommittee handling veterans' funds in the next Congress, was among those who cautioned against economizing at the possible expense of ex-service men.

And Rep. Rankin (D-Miss.), who will head the House Veterans' Committee, commented: "Once before we economized at the expense of our veterans when we passed the so-called economy act (the depression era law which trimmed veterans' benefits, among other things)."

"Since then we have come a long way and our veterans now are receiving the finest attention that the medical professions can give. I would oppose taking away any of the needed services regardless of the cost."

Hoover Explains Stand
In his own statements, Hoover emphasized that "we all want our veterans and members of the armed services to have first rate medical care."

But the problem, he added, "is to provide such care without overtaxing our limited number of trained physicians and other medical resources."

The committee suggested among other things that a health insurance system be set up to care for veterans with temporary ailments not a result of their service. The government would pay the premiums for veterans unable to do so.

Another proposal was that the government either provide similar health insurance for many of the dependents or arrange to pay for their care in community, rather than federal, facilities.

Among suggested "remedies," the task force proposed that all government medical activities be integrated into two major systems: one military, the other non-military.

The non-military system would embrace a national health bureau, which also would deal with education and security. This bureau would take over all medical functions of the veterans administration as well as many general and station hospitals of the armed services.

Chinese Reds Blast Chances of Peace

(Continued from Page One)

miles northeast of Nanking. There was no mention of the situation of Gen. Tu Li-ming's trapped armies near Pengou. Tu's men are without food and had weather kept planes from air-lifting them supplies.

'Gentlemanly War'

(A dispatch from Spence)

Foot Comfort Starts Here WITH TRIMFOOT

Clark's

535 S. Stephens
at Stringer's Shoe Repair

Moosa, Associated Press correspondent in Peiping, said the siege of that old Chinese capital had settled down to patrol clashes. He added that National troops sometimes open up with mortars and artillery to give the impression some serious action was being fought "but it was more sound than fury."

"In fact," wrote Moosa, "there are several signs that the siege and defense of Peiping are being conducted along gentlemanly lines. The whole city is convinced some plan is being discussed for Peiping to have regular light and water from plants already in Red hands. The biggest stumbling block is how this can be done without anyone losing face."

Earlier National headquarters at Peiping confirmed the loss of Kalgan, gateway to Mongolia 100 miles northwest of Peiping. The city's arsenal and industries were left intact by the departing National troops.

2 Suspects in Sex Murder Sought

BRISTOL, Conn., Dec. 27.—(AP)—Bristol police today were searching for two men in connection with the rape slaying of Mrs. Lillian Rich Brackett, 42, of Plainville.

Mrs. Brackett's body, clad in another woman's clothes, was found Christmas Eve in the rear yard of a home owned by Mrs. Rose Lombardi.

Police Chief Edmund Crowley identified the men being sought as Joseph W. Therrein, 22, and George St. James, 18, both boarders in Mrs. Lombardi's home. Crowley said he held warrants against each man charging manslaughter and aggravated assault. Crowley quoted Mrs. Lombardi as saying Therrein and St. James told her that they met Mrs. Brackett in a tavern Friday night and took her to a barn behind the Lombardi home where, after raping her, they had strangled her. Then they buried her body in a nearby wooded area.

Mrs. Brackett's body was identified by her estranged husband, Harold 29, who said he had been separated from his wife since October. Crowley said Brackett was "in no way involved" in the death of his wife.

Summer Welles Victim Of Outdoor Exposure

(Continued from Page One)

family believes he suffered a heart attack while walking. He was stricken with a heart ailment 18 years ago and has been under treatment for it since then.

Friends also reported that Welles has been deeply upset by the death in New York December 20 of Laurence Duggan, a close personal friend. Duggan, a protégé of Welles in the State Department, was killed when he fell or jumped from his 16th floor office window.

After Duggan's death it was disclosed that his name had been linked with the current investigation of Communist spy activity in the State Department 10 years ago. Welles thereupon issued a statement in which he called Duggan an absolutely loyal public servant. Former Secretary of State Cordell Hull and Attorney General Clark, among others, also vouched for Duggan's loyalty.

Discovered by Boy
A 10-year-old boy, Robert Kerby, first saw Welles lying in the field about a mile from the imposing Welles' manor house. Robert was returning from mass with his family.

The father, Brooke Kerby, summoned three neighbors to help carry Welles to a nearby farm house. His face was scratched and puffed from the cold.

Kerby said Welles' clothing was "frozen to his body" and covered with mud, sand and ice. This led Kerby to surmise that Welles must have fallen into a small stream about 100 yards from where he was found.

An ambulance summoned from Oxon Hill took Welles to a hospital here. He was given oxygen during the 10-mile ride.

Dr. Huffman said there was no evidence of violence. Scratches on Welles' face and hands apparently came from rocks and bushes, the doctor said.

He added that the fur-collared coat which Welles wore "probably saved his life."

Fatal Crash Ends For Car Driver Chased by Police

SEATTLE, Dec. 27.—(AP)—An 18-year-old marine based at the Sand Point naval air station here was injured fatally early this morning when a car which he was driving hit two utility poles. Police were pursuing the car at an 80-mile-an-hour clip when the crash occurred.

Traffic patrolman identified the dead marine as Pfc. Jack Mulryan. Hospital attendants said he is survived by his mother, Mrs.

Vivian Mulryan, of Salt Lake City.

Mulryan's companion, Robert L. Montoya, 18, also a marine, suffered a scalp cut. The car was owned by the Autobanc Finance Company. E. E. Reichert, an executive of the firm, said he had parked it for a few moments last night in front of the home of a friend with the lights on and the ignition keys in it.

When he came out, the car was gone.

The Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Office
Roseburg, Oregon

Forecast for Roseburg and vicinity: Partly cloudy today and Tuesday with scattered snow, showers in mountains.

Sunset today 4:44 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow 7:45 a.m.

Highest temp. for any Dec. 70

Lowest temp. for any Dec. 5

Highest temp. yesterday 38

Lowest temp. yesterday 25

Precipitation yesterday 0

Precipitation from Dec. 1 5.83

Precipitation from Sept. 1 12.94

Excess from Dec. 1 1.44

LOCAL NEWS

Visit in Corvallis—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Phillips and two sons of Roseburg spent the Christmas weekend in Corvallis visiting Mrs. Phillips' relatives.

At Savage Home—Mr. and Mrs. Berkeley Freeman and baby son of Mayville, Ore., are in Roseburg visiting Mrs. Freeman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Savage, on Claire street. Mrs. Freeman is the former Miss Patricia Savage of this city.

Flying to Honolulu—Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth L. Gilkeson will leave Friday for Medford, where they will take the plane to San Francisco to witness the East-West football game New Year's Day. They will leave San Francisco Sunday by Pan-American plane for Honolulu to visit with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Henbest, and their grandson, Richard Jr.

Oregon's Road Program Calls for Extra Taxes

(Continued from Page One)

load of the proposed program. But, it said, it could not say now how much of the load properly should bear, pointing out property already is heavily burdened.

The committee said it hoped that the public, after studying the committee's recommended road program, would make the final decision as to how the program should be financed.

The legislature is asked to continue the committee for at least another two years to enable the committee to finish its job.

St. George's Church Sets Confirmation Services

Confirmation services at St. George's Episcopal Church will be held Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. The bishop of the diocese, the Rt. Rev. Benjamin D. Darrow, will confirm the class and preach the sermon. The class will be presented by the rector, the Rev. William L. Blaker.

Bus Overturns, But 16 Passengers Not Hurt

NACHES, Wash., Dec. 27.—(AP)—A chartered bus overturned on an icy highway near here yesterday, but its 16 passengers, the State Patrol reported, escaped without serious injury.

The bus was chartered by skiers for a trip to American river.

PHONE 307
FOR
SAWDUST and
WOOD
FUEL
Single or Double
Loads — Ph. 307
YOUNGS BAY
LBR. CO.



NOTICE

... To Our Customers

Inventory time again, on December 31, and this year we are trying something new. We will be closed all day for our inventory which may mean some inconvenience but in doing so we will be able to start the New Year right by giving you better service.

We would also like to take this opportunity in wishing you a belated Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

The M & M Printers

(Me and Ma)



Miller's
This is no ordinary
Clearance
read all about it...
NOW IN
PROGRESS

Up to 39.95 Values
DRESSES 19⁸⁸
REDUCTIONS ON MANY MORE DRESSES
Miller's
212 No. Jackson
WHERE ALL DOUGLAS COUNTY SHOPS AND SAVES

Our Entire Stock
FUR
COATS
CAPES
STOLES
SCARFS
1/3 OFF