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MANY STATES BATTLE WEATHER DISASTERS

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The Weather

Partly cloudy today and Friday. Low tonight 30 degrees.

Sunset today 4:53 p. m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:45 a. m.

WHO DOES WHAT

By Paul Jenkins

CLIFF COURTNEY is a plumber with the plumbing firm of Kier and Crooch, located at the West Coast Lumber Company or Mosher street. At the time the picture appearing above was taken, he was replacing a drain pipe in the engraving department of the News-Review which had been eaten away by the action of nitric acid.

Cliff has lived in Roseburg for the past two years, coming here from Sonora, Texas. He and Mrs. Courtney live at the Valley Hotal.

BANKRUPTCY THREAT SEEN

GOP Cry Fails, However, To Darken Prospects For Truman Plans' Adoption

By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 — (AP) — Democratic leaders shrugged off Republican cries of "socialism" today as they opened a drive to rush the bulk of President Truman's tax-welfare-labor program through congress.

Republicans saw threat of national bankruptcy in the Truman spending proposals. They blasted the president's idea for government-built steel plants as "socialism." They bemoaned his failure to ask for any savings in government costs.

The GOP will get another crack at this latter subject Monday when Mr. Truman submits to Congress a budget expected to reach $41,900,000,000 for the year beginning July 1.

But general congressional reaction indicated that Mr. Truman stands a good chance of getting many of the things he proposed yesterday in his personally-delivered state of the union message.

The chances for passage in some form looked good for:

A tax increase, but possibly not the full $4,000,000,000 he asked (largely from big business) and in a form that may suit Congress but not be fully pleasing to the president.

Taft-Hartley Labor Law repeal, with the modifications of the Wagner Act that Mr. Truman suggested and possibly some others—including the non-Communist affidavit in some form.

Economic controls, but possibly not the standby price-wage authority or the steel-plant building power he requested.

Some Plans Doubtful

Welfare legislation, such as

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

CASUAL gleanings from the news that clicks from the wires at the start of the new year of 1949:

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THE Dutch quit shooting in Indonesia. (One guesses they had accomplished about what they wanted to accomplish.)

Do you suppose the MASSES of Indonesia want to go on fightings Or would they rather have peace and Dutch rule as they have had for the past 300 years? As foreign overlordship goes, Dutch rule in the East Indies never has been too bad.

How much of the present fighting is caused by the ambitions of LEADERS to GET POWER?

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THE Soviet news agency Tass says: "Millions of Russians toasted the New Year in cities and villages, PROUD OF THEIR SOCIALIST POWER" (which, they say, is the torch of liberty and the hope of all progressive humanity).

Well, it's wonderful if they like it. If they'll just enjoy it themselves and refrain from trying to FORCE IT ONTO US, we'll be happy too.

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IN Portland on New Years eve, an argument started in a cafe.

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HEALTH HAZARD FACED

Sanitation Problem In Deer Creek Area Will Be Considered at Meeting

Deer Creek is "virtually an open sewer" during summer months, due to uncontrolled drainage into the stream from the heavily populated residential area east of the city. This fact was disclosed Wednesday by County Sanitarian Claude Baker. He said he had taken water samples below the confluence of Deer Creek and the South Umpqua River and the tests had shown "gross contamination."

With the backing of the County Court, health authorities will ask residents of the area (Brookside Addition) to attend a meeting where some solution to the sanitary problem will be sought. The meeting has been set tentatively for the week of Jan. 24. A similar meeting with residents of West Roseburg is scheduled the week of Jan. 17.

Baker took a News-Review staff member on a tour of the Deer Creek area Tuesday. In a neighborhood of 18 homes built in the last three years, in the vicinity of Patterson St. and Miller Lane, a "sample" of conditions was velwed.

Undeveloped acreage nearby is a virtual quagmire from the seepage and overflow of septic tanks serving the homes. Water rises to the surface of the ground from tanks without adequate drain fields, and collects in pools like springs. Then it drains off in open rivulets.

Baker pointed out a number of

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Taft-Hartley Act Repeal Speeded

Drive Started By Democrats To Erase Law

Labor Program Faces Battle, However, With Dissident Republicans

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—(AP) — Legislation to repeal the Taft-Hartley law and restore the Wagner Labor Relations Act was introduced in the Senate today.

Senator Elbert Thomas (D.-Utah), chairman of the Senate Labor Committee, offered it.

Thomas told the Senate that his measure would retain only one feature of the Taft-Hartley Act — the section which increased the National Labor Relations Board from three to five members.

Thomas said, however, that repeal of the Taft-Hartley law will call for enactment of other new labor legislation.

By MAL HALL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Leading Democrats, talking like men in a hurry, began a congressional drive today to rub out the Taft-Hartley Labor law as requested by President Truman.

Senator Elbert Thomas of Utah, new chairman of the Senate Labor committee, said he would introduce a repeal bill this afternoon and make a speech explaining it.

Rep. Lesinksi of Michigan, slated to head the House Labor Committee, said he expects to bring a brand-new labor bill to the House floor "by the end of the month."

Despite the fast start, Mr. Truman's labor program has a long way to go. Republicans are determined to save as much of the

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War Resumed By Chinese Commies

NANKING, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Communist troops, turning a deaf ear to Nationalist peace pleas, tonight reportedly poured shot and shell into besieged Tientsin in the north and into encircled government armies southwest of Suchow.

The firing broke a two weeks lull. Peace overtures, including a message from President Chiang Kai-shek at year's end offering to negotiate "if the Communists really are sincere," had flooded the country.

The independent Nanking People's Daily said that Gen. Sun Yuan-Liang, commander of the 16th Army Group under General Tu, had reached the Honan province temporary capital of Hsinyang on Jan. 4 after passing through the Communist lines in disguise. The newspaper said General Sun reported the encircled troops, numbering between 150,000 and 250,000, had eaten all of their horses and other animals and that hundreds of men were deserting General Tu.

An official government spokesman, Information Director Shen Chang-Huan, said here today that the Communists had "neither formally or informally" replied to Chiang's bid for peace.

Damages of $10,000 In Traffic Death Demanded

Harold C. Dow, administrator of the estate of Charles David Dow, has brought suit in Circuit Court asking for $10,000 damages as the result of the latter's death when struck by a car in Roseburg Oct. 3

Named as defendant in the suit is Charles Wayne Cramer, allegedly the driver of the car. The accident occurred at 9:30 p. m. on Highway 99 just south of the north city limits of Roseburg.

The complaint states that Dow, who was 57 at the time of his death, was walking in a northerly direction along the highway "on the left shoulder of the highway," when fatally injured by an automobile owned and operated by the defendant, who was proceeding southerly.

The defendant, the complaint alleges, was traveling at a "high rate of speed." Negligence on the part of Cramer is charged.

Filipino 'Huks' Slay, Burn in Raid on Town

MANILA, Jan. 6—(AP)—The Philippine Red Cross today reported 13 killed and 23 wounded in a raid last night by Communist-led dissidents on the town of Orani, 35 miles north of Manila.

The Red Cross said 70 houses were set afire and 400 were homeless as a result of the raid, which was blamed on Hukbalahaps (armed pheasants) who have been inactive for almost a month.

Copco Pushing Job At Toketee Falls To Meet Demands

PORTLAND, Jan. 6 — (AP) —Construction of the first two generating units at Toketee Falls on the North Umpqua River is being pushed by the California Oregon Power company.

A. S. Cummins, president of the company, said a third unit is scheduled for completion in 1950 to meet power demand in its Southern Oregon and Northern California service area.

The Toketee Falls plant is part of a $30,000,000 expansion program. It has been designed for a maximum capacity of 40,500 kilowatts. The two units due to be operating in October have a rated capacity of 27,000 kilowatts.

Cummins reported the company had a net income of $1,918,573 for the year ending Nov. 30, 1948, an increase of 29.53 percent over the previous fiscal year. He said the rising costs of business, however, may create a need for rate increases.

Need of Boost In Polio Fund Goal Stressed

Following one of the worst infantile paralysis epidemics in the history of the United States, strong emphasis upon increased goals for the 1949 forthcoming March of Dimes drive was stressed at a meeting of the Douglas County Chapter, National Foundation for Infantile Parlysis, Wednesday night in the Rose Hotel.

Bringing closer to home the problem encountered, are the report of six active cases at the present time in Douglas County, and the approval of hospital and doctor bills for the month of December alone of roughly $900 by the chapter. More than $5,000 has been spent on Douglas County cases alone since the first was reported in late summer, reported Al Henniger, county chairman.

Last year Douglas County

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Senators Cordon, Morse Introduce Measures

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Sen. Guy Cordon of Oregon has introduced bills to authorize construction of a multiple purpose reservoir, principally for flood control, on the Pend Oreille River in Idaho, at a cost of $35,000,000; to direct federal payments to states based on the fair value of forest lands within the states; to authorize establishment of additional naval and military academies—in Washington, Oregon or California.

Senator Morse has introduced a bill to require federal officials to disclose their sources of outside income and any dealings in securities.

Picture by Paul Jenkins

POLIO ORGANIZERS — Plans for the forthcoming Infantile Paralysis campaign were launched at a meeting of the above group of Roseburg and county organizers, who gathered last night in the Rose Hotel. Pictured are, front row left to right, Mrs. Mary Barrett, county health nurse; Mrs. Ted Rohr, Oakland; Del McKay, Roseburg, chairman; Mrs. R. D. Coen, Roseburg; Al Henniger, county chairman; Mrs. V. V. Harpham, Roseburg; Dr. E. J. Wainscott, county health doctor. Back row, left to right, Lyle E. Smith, Sutherlin; Mrs. John Edwards, Oakland; Mrs. Kittie Jobe, Yoncalla; Arlo Jacklin, Mrs. Don Helliwell, and Leroy Inman, all of Roseburg.

Housing Bill on Truman Plan Introduced By Democrats in Face of Republican Criticism

Three Stolen Cars Recovered; Four Youths Arrested

A field day on recovering stolen cars was reported today by State Police Sgt. Lyle Harrell. Four arrests were made with two of the cars and the third was recovered after being abandoned in Roseburg.

Recovered at 12:50 a. m. near Roseburg, headed north, was a Chevrolet coach, reported stolen two-and-a-half hours earlier from Medford. Arrested in possession of the car, the officer stated, were Eldridge Robert Littlejohn, 18, Rochester, N. Y., and Fred Marshall Burris, 18, Redding, Calif.

A 1948 Studebaker, was recovered near Myrtle Creek at 10:30. The car had been reported stolen at Grants Pass at 8 p. m. Arrested with the car were Gerald Harry Shay, Rodondo Beach, Calif., and William Albert Holliday, 24, Bayonne, N. J., Sgt. Harrell reported.

The third car, a 1948 Chevrolet panel, reported stolen in Grants Pass, Jan. 3, was recovered in Roseburg last night. The car had been abandoned.

Sgt. Harrell also reported the arrest of Alfred Wood Brewer, 35, Eugene, who has been charged with drunk driving. He was arrested south of Drain after his car went into the dicth, said the officer.

Diamond Lake Reports Snow 62 Inches Deep

Snow at Diamond Lake is 62 inches deep today. Speaking by radio with the caretaker at Diamond Lake Lodge, employes of the Umpqua National Forest here learned the depth of the snow there, and that the temperature was 14 degrees below zero this morning. Diamond Lake is frozen over, with two feet of snow atop the ice.

Poison Liquor Kills Nine Persons as Party Sequel

GLASGOW, Jan. 6—(AP)— A detectives' report said today poison liquor killed nine persons who died here after two parties held early this week.

The latest victim, a woman, died yesterday. Two other persons were new hospital cases. They went to a party Monday night.

The other eight fatalities followed a Sunday night neighborhood farewell party.

Program For 1,000,000 Low-Rent Dwellings In 7 Years Too Big, Taft Says

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6—(AP)—Senator Taft (R-Ohio), a leader of the fight in Congress for public housing, today called President Truman's program for 1,000,000 low-rent dwellings in seven years "too big." So did another Republican advocate of public housing, Senator Flanders (Vt.).

But seven Democratic Senators put their names on an administration bill designed to give Mr. Truman just what he asked for on housing in his state of the union message. They introduced the measure 15 minutes after the president outlined his program to a joint session of Congress yesterday.

Besides public housing, the bill calls for slum clearance, construction of 300,000 low-cost farm homes in the next 10 years, and housing research to trim building costs.

Senator Ellender (D-L.A.), the chief sponsor, said the program would cost the federal government about $18,000,000,000 over 40 years, mainly for long-term financing of public housing. Those units actually would be built and operated by local housing authorities.

As Mr. Truman specified, the bill contemplates solving the housing shortage by turning to private industry for "most of the houses we need." In other words, the 1,000,000 public housing units Mr. Truman is seeking are only a small fraction of the total requirement.

Two Previous Bills Fail

In the previous two Congresses Taft was a co-sponsor of the Taft-Ellender-Wagner long range

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Racial Discrimination Ban is Portland Plan

PORTLAND, Jan. 6—(AP)—An ordinance prohibiting racial discrimination in restaurants, theaters and other businesses licensed by the city has been proposed here.

A citizens committee for civil rights said it was advocating the measure, violation of which would bring revocation of license for a second willful offense.

The committee claims support from the Oregon Civil Rights Congress, American Legion Post 155, the Guild's Lake Tenants League, the CIO Marine Cooks and Stewards Union and the Progressive Party.

Teacher Ousted At Canyonville Sues For Damages

Declaring he was discharged "without cause" from the position of principal of the high school at Canyonville, School District 8, Lawrence J. Boyle has brought suit in Circuit Court against the district asking damages of $4,200, the full amount of his year's contract.

Boyle states in his complaint that on April 7, 1948, he entered into a contract with the school board for the position of principal of the high school for one year, beginning July 1, 1948. The specified salary was $4,200, to be paid at the rate of $350 per month.

The contract, allegedly signed by Boyle and by I. N. Gray, district chairman, and Laura M. Goodell, clerk, was registered in the county school superintendent's office May 28, 1948. Boyle states he has a life certificate to teach, issued May 27, 1942.

The compaint claims that Boyle on July 1 entered upon discharge of his duties under the contract and continued until July 19, at which time he was "wrongfully and unlawfully and without cause discharged and summarily dismissed;" that the defendants "refused to allow him to continue in the performance of his contract and refused to pay the salary contracted or any salary whatsoever."

Boyle claims that at all times he has been and is now "ready, able and willing to perform all his obligations under said contract, but has been prevented from doing so by reason of the said breach of said contract by the defendant and the refusal of the defendant to allow the plaintiff to proceed with the performance of said contract."

'Mercy Killings' Have Clergymen's Approval

NEW YORK, Jan. 6—(AP)—New York State Protestant and Jewish clergymen, 379 in number, united today in urging enactment of legislation to legalize "mercy killings" under proper safeguards.

In a petition mailed to state legislators, the clergymen advocated a law which would permit physicians to "end the physical existence of an individual at his request when afflicted with an incurable disease causing extreme suffering."

The petition specified that "mercy death" should be administered only with court approval following investigation by a court-named medical committee.

Over-Working Women Punished by Fine

Wesley Neas, arrested on a charge of working women more than 44 hours per week, pleaded guilty in the Justice Court of Clarence Leonard at Drain Dec. 28 and was fined $19.00 plus $4.50 costs.

Child on Mission For Sick Relative Killed by Auto

DETROIT, Jan. 6—(AP)—Twelve year old Clara Ann Jodoin tripped off to a drug store last night to buy a "get well" card for a relative who was ill. On her way home she was struck and killed by an automobile.

SPREE LEADS TO JAIL

Leona Belle Thompson, arrested by city police and arraigned in the court of Justice of Peace A. J. Geddes, Thursday, pleaded guilty to a charge of being drunk on a public street, and was committed to the county jail in lieu of a $25 fine, reported Police Chief Calvin Baird.

Picture by Paul Jenkins

KNIGHTS INSTALL — Bob Harvie, on right, the new Chancellor Commander of the Roseburg Knights of Pythias, receives the gavel from retiring Chancellor Commander John Hess, on left, during installation ceremonies Wednesday night in the K. of P. hall. Walter H. Gleason, center, grand secretary of the grand domain of Oregon, from Portland, installed the officers.

Floods Rout Thousands In Dixie Region

More Sub-Freezing Hits California and Arizona Dealing Heavy Losses

(By the Associated Press)

Distress signals flew over wide areas today on the nation's weather map.

The worst victims of weather's elements were the Rocky Mountain and Western Plains states; four southern states and the rich citrus area of California and Arizona.

The snow-bound Rocky Mountain and Plains States struggled against seemingly insurmountable odds in dramatic manner in attempts to recover from the winter season's worst blizzard.

Flood waters spilled from rain-swollen rivers in four southern states — Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee and Georgia — forcing thousands from their homes and isolating several communities.

More sub-freezing weather hit areas in the California-Arizona citrus belt and losses in the industry were estimated at $20,000,000.

There also was the threat of new floods in the northeastern section of the country. Heavy rains fell from the Carolinas northward along the Atlantic coast to New England.

Utah, Nevada Coldest

The blizzard had finally blown out of the Dakotas and western Nebraska. No fresh snow fell, winds diminished and temperatures were in the 20's. The coldest areas in the country today were in Utah and Nevada—10 below at Milford, Utah, and -10 at Ely, Nev.

The cold air from Utah-Nevada spread into Arizona and California and sent the mercury to below freezing in some areas for the third straight day. Sub-freezing marks were reported in Phoenix, Ariz., Fresno, Calif., and the mercury headed for the 32 mark in Los Angeles after yesterday's minimum of 31.

Red Cross officials said than 2,200 persons fled their homes in the Colum Miss., area by flood waters two rivers. Columbus was virt ly isolated. Fifty thousand ac of land were flood.

Another thousand persons w driven from their homes in A bama and Tennessee. Rivers ro

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Boys Rescue Trucker From Flaming Death

PORTLAND, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Two 13-year-old boys were credited today with saving the life of a truck driver whose clothing was set afire by exploding oil.

Police said E. L. Rader had tossed deisel oil onto an incinerator near a parochial school playground.

Homer Medico and playmate, Jimmy Walters, ran to the driver, stripping off their heavy jackets as they ran, and smothered out the flame.

"Everybody was just looking at him and watching him burn and not doing anything," Jimmy said. "Sister Dorina always told us, and the firemen told us too, to smother fire with a blanket or coat or something."

Rader's employer has replaced the jackets the boys used to put out the flames.

Community Hospital Architect Confers Here

Wednesday afternoon, Cleo Jenkins, Corvallis, the consulting architect for the Douglas Community Hospital, held his second conference with members of the hospital building committee at the Chamber of Commerce office. Mr. Jenkins submitted several preliminary plans and sketches for comment by the committee, and several hours were spent in open discussion of the various phases of the proposed building.

The architect will be in Roseburg for further meetings in the near future, and it is anticipated the final plans will be submitted and approved very shortly.

Benefit Dance Held For Home-Fire Victims

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. McDonald were the recipients of $90 in cash, donated by the large crowd attending the benefit dance held Saturday by the Rice Valley Grange at the Community Hall. The McDonalds, who were "burned out" of the home recently, are now at the home of Mrs. McDonald's mother at Los Angeles.

THEFT RUMOR FALSE

Chief of Police Calvin Baird today dispelled reports of a burglary at the Safeway Store Sunday night. He said he and the officers investigated a rumor, and a radio call was sent out to contact the manager so that the building could be searched, but nothing out of the way was revealed.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Have you room for another new year's resolution? May we suggest one, prompted by the weather disasters ravaging less favored sections of the nation: That you'll give liberally to the Red Cross when the drive comes your way.