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The Weather
Clear to partly cloudy today, tonight and Thursday. Slightly warmer today. Low tonight 13 to 18 degrees, with 10 to 15 degrees in outlying valleys.
Sunset today 4:59 p. m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:44 a. m.

WHO DOES WHAT

By Paul Jenkins

GENE RICHARDSON, deputy surveyor for Douglas County, is sighting a line through his transit on a vacant lot on West Washington Street adjoining the railroad tracks. When I first saw him there he was waving his arms to direct an assistant with a plumb-bob, or so he says; I think he was doing it to keep warm. The temperature at the time was about 15 degrees under freezing.

Gene has been surveying for the county for the past 28 years in all kinds of weather, traveling all kinds of roads, in all manner of conveyances. He knows the county like a book.

SCOTT HITS BACK AT HALL

Oregon Treasury Bulges With Money, Credit Never Better, Ex-Official Says

PORTLAND, Jan. 12.—(AP)—Oregon's treasury is "bulging with money," ex-State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott asserted last night in challenging the farewell speech of Gov. John Hall.

Hall told the Legislature Monday that Scott's comments on the Oregon financial situation were "half truths."

Scott last night said he had presented a true picture: That the "finances and credit of the state were never so strong as on Jan. 1."

"There has been a working surplus of income taxes for six years. The public was entitled to know. The Legislature appropriated, for spending, up to the 6 percent limitation. And still the growth went on. Now, with income taxes bringing in $50,000,000 a year, the surplus is $24,000,000 on the plus side, less $8,500,000 on the minus side; next July it may reach $40,000,000 on the plus side, less no telling what on the minus side," Scott asserted.

"Yes, the treasury is bulging with money, with $27,000,000 in the bank on Dec. 1 and $7,000,000 in cashables, not to mention $67,000,000 in investments.

"Through the treasury passes a total of $200,000,000 a year, in and out each way. Mr. Hall may deprecate the publicity of these figures, may say they are misleading, but facts should never be misleading. I have never withheld them."

Warning Recalled

The former treasurer also said: "I gave out true reports and warned against too much spending. One good result was more necessary money for public schools. Another was more necessary money for state employes. A third was defeat of the income tax for 1947. Other results included the choice of the next succeeding governor.

"Mr. Hall was a part of the Legislature's income tax job. It was an inside job, adorned with deceits. Mr. Hall was speaker of the Legislature. He became gov-

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

ALL eyes these days are on President Truman. We want to know what kind of man he is now that he is standing on his own feet. We're particularly alert just now—when he is delivering a series of messages to Congress.

To these messages we all listen with acute attention—because we form our advance (and often inaccurate) opinions of men by WHAT THEY SAY.

Our REAL judgments, of course, are formed by what men DO.

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THE President has just delivered his economic message. Out of it, if we read carefully, we can piece together a picture of his thinking. The picture this writer gets is a rather favorable one.

If his words are any dependable guide to his thoughts, here is about what Harry S. Truman (now President in his own right) is thinking:

We are at a critical and poten-

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LARCENY CHARGED

Albert Glen Geer, 31, of Canyonville, arrested by State Police on a charge of larceny of personal property, has been committed to the Douglas County Jail. Arraigned before Justice of Peace A. J. Geddes Tuesday, his bail was set at $400 and the case continued.

NO 'SHACK TOWN' WANTED

Slankard, Moen, in Talks At Kiwanis, Explain Aim Of Proposed Building Code

By LEROY INMAN

The City of Roseburg can have the type of buildings it wants. It can have good buildings or be a shack town. This in essence was the word of City Manager Matt Slankard, who, with City Building Inspector Paul Moen, talked before the Roseburg Kiwanis Club Tuesday noon in the Hotel Umpqua.

Slankard discussed the proposed new city ordinance and steps leading up to its preparation, while Moen, describing his duties as "technical," discussed both the need for a building code and how it will be set in operation.

The proposed ordinance, embodying building, plumbing and electrical work, was presented and passed through its first and second reading at the last City Council meeting, and will be up for final adoption with possible minor revision at next Monday night's meeting.

Slankard said the city has been operating under obsolete ordinances dating back to 1912. Fifteen months ago, he said, he asked a hesitant council to adopt a building code. A first committee appointed to study the needs failed to function, and a second committee, consisting of city councilmen, contractors and members of the trade, was named. After many hours of study the matter was turned over to the city attorney to draft an ordinance, which has been presented in 13 single spaced, typewritten pages.

Slankard emphasized that the uniform building code, which will be adopted with minor reservations, is not untried; that it is in operation in 700 cities of the nation, including most Oregon cities. The intention of the ordinance is not to increase the cost or to alter the types of buildings, except to insure that the city will not develop into a "shack town."

Fees Decided On

Fees of $25 for contractors, $3 for journeymen and $1 for apprentices was decided upon to guarantee against outsiders coming in for a job and then leaving. Permits for all types of construction will be required, he said. A person may do his own work, provided the work con-

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Winter Snows Still Chill Western States

Temperature In California Rises, However

West Texas, Panhandle Hard Hit; Northwest Power Remains Short

(By the Associated Press)

Winter continued to play favorites today. It slapped the Far West, the Pacific Northwest, West Texas and the Panhandle with chilling snows, sleet and cold. And it caressed the south with balmy breezes that brought flowers into bloom.

Snow—the fourth straight day of it—was predicted for onetime sunny Southern California. However, the forecast was that it wouldn't be so cold in the orange and lemon growing belt—a minimum of 26 in comparison with the frosty 19 of early Monday.

Most of the snow melted from Los Angeles' downtown area but there was eight inches of the white stuff in Orange County's Silverado canyon.

Sheets of ice and sleet gripped much of West Texas and the Panhandle and large sections of Eastern New Mexico also were coated. The ice—inches thick—felled telephone lines and closed all roads in the Amarillo area.

Schools were shut down and bus schedules canceled. Power and telephone lines by the hundreds were down in West Texas and two deaths attributed to the weather were reported there.

Power Shortage Grave

Prolonged cold brought a new problem to the Pacific Northwest—a power shortage.

A voluntary brown-out went into effect in Oregon for outdoor lighting to conserve electricity.

Floating ice clogged the Columbia River entrance to Portland, Ore., slowing upriver movement of ocean vessels.

Trucks loaded with supplies crashed through to the snowbound town of Gordon in West-

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March of Dimes Containers to Be Placed by Club

Members of the Roseburg Active Club will meet at 9 a. m. Thursday at Gilman's Hiring Hall on North Jackson to take out March of Dimes containers. Approximately 400 containers are to be distributed throughout the city of Roseburg, also as far north as Winchester and as far south as Dillard. The polio campaign officially gets underway Friday.

The Active Club at its breakfast meeting this morning in the Shallmar Room furthered plans for the President's Ball, which will be held under the club's sponsorship Jan. 28 in the Armory.

Chairman Arlo Jacklin said arrangements had been completed to secure the hall and that Lou Franco and his Happy Valley orchestra will play. The Junior Chamber of Comerce will decorate the hall.

Dick Gilman reported advertising and literature has been prepared ready for distribution. The Active club is to distribute window cards and polio campaign literature with the coin containers.

Other business of the club included approval of the sponsorship of two additional Camp Fire Girls troops. The club already sponsors other Camp Fire troops.

Bureau Here Issues 9,000 Auto License Plates

An approximate 9,000 automobile license plates for 1949 have been issued here to date from the Roseburg office of the State License Bureau, located on the second floor of the Courthouse, announced Allena Rose, manager.

The office was opened the first week in December and up until Dec. 31, 7,175 plates were issued. A large share of these were sold the last week in December. The demand for licenses continued high the first week of January, but has since tapered off considerably.

The office has been set up on a permanent basis, but will be moved to more permanent quarters as soon as a suitable place can be arranged.

City police have announced that citations are now being issued to persons driving without 1949 license plates.

Three Schools Closed By Frozen Water Pipes

Three Douglas County schools are known to be closed at latest unofficial reports because of the cold weather, according to Kenneth Barneberg, county school superintendent.

Winchester, Melrose and Riddle Schools were closed Tuesday and today because of frozen water pipes, Barneberg said. There may be other school shut downs in more remote areas but no further reports have been received.

BROUGHER CHARGED

Women Accuse Baptist Pastor Of Misconduct

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 12 — (AP) —Dr. J. Whitcomb Brougher Jr., 46, pastor of the Glendale, Calif., first Baptist Church, faces charges of misconduct with women members of his congregation.

The complaint was filed yesterday by Mrs. Sadie Williams and Fletcher Edgar Maxwell, who said they were suing for members of the church.

The suit alleged that Mrs. Williams and Maxwell sought to bring to the attention of the church membership evidence of "fantastic conduct" and "incredible peccadillos" of the pastor, but that Dr. Brougher removed deacons who favored presenting the charges.

The action contends further that Dr. Brougher, who has been pastor of the church for 21 years, "boasted" of his associations with 40 women church members.

Dr. Brougher declined to comment on the action, he said, "until I have an opportunity to see what the charges are in detail."

Another U. S. Airlift Plane Crashes; Three Die

FRANKFURT, Germany, Jan. 12.—(AP)—An American airlift plane returning from Berlin crashed near here today, killing all three crewmen.

The big four-engined C-54 Skymaster cut a swath 100 yards long through a forest two miles east of the Rhein-Main airport, bowling over foot-thick trees like tenpins.

Cause of the crash was not determined. A light snow was falling at the time but airport officials said visibility was fairly good.

Names of the victims were withheld pending notification of next of kin.

The accident raised the death toll on the airlift to 26 Americans since the operation to supply Russian-blockaded Berlin began last June.

Seven British airmen also have been killed in airlift accidents.

Orange Blossom Special Derailed; 19 Persons Hurt

Groveland, Fla., Jan. 12 — (AP) — The Orange Blossom special, Miami-to-New York streamliner, derailed near here last night and a score of persons were injured.

Nineteen were taken to hospitals, two of them seriously hurt.

The derailment was the second in two days for the Seaboard Airline Railroad's Pullman train. Twenty persons were hurt when another section of the Orange Blossom jumped the track at Milford, Va., Monday.

Three Pullman cars overturned in swampy muckland along the tracks at Bay Lake, 14 miles southwest of here, in last night's wreck. Rail officials said nine other cars also left the track.

Father Fined for Keeping Children Out of School

The first penalty imposed for not sending children of school age to school was assessed against Antone Traxler, Camas Valley, Tuesday, Justice of Peace A. J. Geddes reported. Traxler was fine $20.

Several reports have been made to the office of the county school superintendent of persons keeping children out of school without legitimate excuses. However, most of them complied with the law when required to do so.

HUNTER FINED

I. M. Dunn, Roseburg, arraigned in the court of Justice of Peace A. J. Geddes Tuesday, was assessed a fine of $100 on a charge of illegal hunting.

Progress Rapid At Session Of Legislature

Flood of Bills Starts, Key Committees Await Decisions on Revenues

By PAUL W. HARVEY Jr.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 12—(AP)—The Oregon Legislature, making much more rapid progress than usual, had enough hot issues before it today to keep it busy quite a while.

The session was only in its third day, but it already had bills to prevent employers and unions from discriminating because of race or religion; repeal milk control, provide for election of a lieutenant governor, add a cent to the gasoline tax, tax persons who take bets on horse races, and use income tax funds for state expenses.

The two key committees of the Legislature — Joint Ways and Means and the House Tax Committee — held their first meetings late yesterday. These two committees hold the answer to how long the session will last. When their work is done, the Legislature can fold up.

The Ways and Means Committee said it would make no big appropriations until it knows just where the money is coming from.

The House Tax Committee, which will largely decide where the money is coming from, said it would not take action until public opinion jells on whether income taxes should be used for state expenses. If the income taxes are not so used, then the state would have a $38,000,000 deficit.

Old Recommendations Eyed

But, just in case the state needs new taxes, the House Tax Committee resurrected the 1947 Tax Study Commission report.

This report, which was rejected by the 1947 Legislature, recommends a tax on business of ½ of 1 per cent of gross income, levies on illegal slot machines, and taxes on tobacco and soft drinks.

The 1947 law taxing horse racing bookmakers, vetoed by the late Gov. Earl Snell, was back before the Tax Committee today.

Sen. Thomas R. Mahoney's biennal attempt to repeal milk control was back in the Legislature today. Twenty-seven legislators introduced the Fair Employment Practices Bill.

New Committee Proposed

Rep. C. L. Lieuallen, Pendleton, said he is sponsoring a resolution for a four-man Legislative interim committee. It would prepare arguments for the voters' pamphlet on all ballot measures so the people would know what they were voting on.

The Revision of Laws Committee introduced legislation abolishing the $10,000 recovery limitation on wrongful death actions. The proposed bill contains no limitation.

Sen. Orval Thompson, Albany, introduced a bill which would make it legal to serve a summons on a designated attorney in fact.

FEP Bill Introduced

A fair employment practices bill was introduced in the Senate by nine senators and 18 representatives.

The measure, expected to be one of the hottest issues of the session, would prohibit employers and unions from denying jobs to persons because of their race, color or creed.

It would be administered by a five-man Fair Employment Practices Commission, appointed by

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John D. Todd Elected President Of Roseburg Chamber of Commerce; Four New Directors Begin Service

John D. Todd was elected president of the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce last night to serve for the coming year. He was elevated from the vice presidency to succeed L. J. Fullerton, who headed the Chamber during 1948.

Harold E. Schmeer, manager of the Roseburg Branch of the U. S. National Bank of Portland, was elected vice-president—which by precedent, often leads to the presidency of the Chamber the following year. H. T. Hansen, automobile dealer, declined nomination to the vice-presidency.

N. D. Johnson, who last year became treasurer of the Chamber following the resignation of Phil Metschan, was reelected. Ivan Pickens was reelected assistant treasurer.

The annual election took place at a meeting of directors of the Chamber postponed from last week. Four new directors who took their places with the board include Roland West, jeweler; Tom Pargeter, insurance man; George Luoma, lawyer, and William A. Oerding, real estate broker.

The new Chamber president is head of the Todd Building Co. of Roseburg, which he organized here six years ago after coming from Astoria. The Todd Building Co., has been responsible for the construction of many new homes in this area, as well as of business and industrial buildings.

Todd has served the Chamber as chairman of the Civic Affairs Committee and member of the Housing Committee, as well as being vice president during the past year. He is a member of the Roseburg Rotary Club and is active in Boy Scouting as district commissioner.

JOHN D. TODD
Heads Chamber of Commerce

Two White Men Freed of Charge Of Killing Negro

LYONS, Ga., Jan. 12 — (AP) — A white farmer was acquitted of murder yesterday after two members of the all-white jury testified they did not believe the sworn testimony of the slain Negro's widow.

William L. Howell was found innocent of charges of murdering Robert Mallard, prosperous Negro casket salesman. The slaying was classed as a lynching by Tuskegee Institute.

Calling members of the jury to the stand as character witnesses is rare, but is sanctioned under Georgia's criminal code. Defense Attorney T. Ross Sharpe said such a maneuver by an opposing lawyer lost him a case 25 years ago.

"Today I pulled it, and won the case," he declared.

The jury was out only 25 minutes. The state prosecutor then asked that murder charges against Roderick Clifton, a codefendant, be nolle prossed. This was done.

The widow's testimony, interrupted when she became hysterical, followed the same line as earlier statement: That her husband was shot to death after their car was stopped by a mob of 20 or more white men who were wearing "white things." She pointed out Howell as one of the men in the group.

British Spinster Dies In Noose for Murder

MANCHESTER, Eng., Jan. 12 —(AP)—Miss Margaret Allen, 43, a spinster who dressed like a man, was hanged today for murder. She was the first woman to be executed in Britain in 12 years.

She was convicted of killing a 70-year-old Lancashire woman in a robbery. The jury rejected her plea of insanity.

Ex-Employee Of State Dept. Faces Charge of Treason

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12—(AP)—The Justice Department today announced the arrest in Germany of a former State Department employee accused of treasonous wartime collaboration with the Nazis.

He is Herbert John Burgman, 52, a native of Hokah, Minn., who worked for 20 years in the U. S. Embassy in Berlin as a clerk and economic statistician.

The Justice Department said that when the United States went to war with Germany in 1941, Bergman refused the opportunity to be repatriated to this country and took a job with the German short-wave radio, broadcasting in English to American armed forces.

Department officials said that since the war, he has shifted from one job to another in postwar Germany. The department plans to fly him back to this country later this month when a treason charge against him will be presented to a Grand Jury.

There are about a score of still-continuing investigations into alleged treasonous broadcasting for the enemy by Americans during the war.

To date, 24 persons have been indicted for treason to the U. S. in World War II—12 of them for enemy propaganda broadcasts.

From these indictments, 14 convictions have been obtained. Two of the accused persons died in Germany, prior to arrest; three cases were dropped for lack of evidence, and others await trial. One defendant, Ezra Pound, the one-time noted poet, alleged to have broadcast for the Italian government, is in a mental hospital here.

Out of all the cases tried, one death penalty has been assessed —that against Tomoye Kawakita, Japanese - American who was charged with operating a wartime factory in Japan and mistreating American prisoners employed there. Tried at Los Angeles, he is now appealing.

Mother Under Hospital Study for Infanticide

NEW YORK, Jan. 12 — (AP) — "I picked up the baby by the feet and hit its head against the table. I saw them do that in the hospital."

Police said this is what Mrs. Rosalind Reine, 21, told a neighbor last night as her seven-week-old daughter lay on a couch with a head injury. The baby died later at a hospital of a fractured skull.

Mrs. Reine was booked on a homicide charge and taken to a hospital for psychopathic observation. Police said she had been ill and acting strangely for some time.

Sportsmen Bag Most Fish in Oregon Waters

PORTLAND, Jan. 12 — (AP) — The value of fish taken from Oregon waters in 1948 is estimated by the Oregon Fish Commission at $40,000,000.

Arnie J. Suomela, master fish warden, said commercial fisheries brought in 70,000,000 pounds of food fish. He estimated sports fishermen netted several million more pounds.

Combination Of Opponents Taking Shape

Democrats, Republicans Unite in Demand For Expense Reductions

Washington, Jan. 12 — (AP) — A strong combination of republicans and democrats was taking shape today for a drive against the $4,000,000,000 tax boost requested by President Truman.

Senator Byrd (D-Va), a long-time economy advocate, predicted the president will get less than half of what he asked for—if he gets any increase at all.

"With reasonable economies no tax increase at all would be necessary," he told a reporter. As a step in that direction he proposed dropping 210,000 of the 2,100,000 federal workers from the government payroll.

Senator Robertson (D-Va) expressed a similar view. "I feel the more prudent course would be to balance the budget by economy in spending rather than through an increase in taxes," he said.

And Senator Sparkman (D-Ala) told a reporter "It is going to be very, very difficult to get as much of an increase as the president requested. We either have got to cut the amount of spending or raise taxes. We simply cannot afford in these lush times to have deficit financing."

GOP Says Need Not Shown

Rep. Taber (R-NY), who was chairman of the House Appropriations committee in the Republican 80th Congress, said in a statement he was certain the president's spending estimates can be shaved "very substantially."

And Taber's Senate counterpart, Senator Bridges (R-NH) echoed that view with a call for "sound cuts in government spending."

Summing up, a Senate GOP leader who asked anonymity said he believes Republicans, who cut taxes when they controlled congress, will stand solidly against an increase until the need is proved. And he added: "Up to now we haven't been shown."

The President submitted a $41,900,000,000 federal budget estimate for the year starting July 1. Predicting a deficit of almost $1,000,000,000, Mr. Truman asked congress to cover it and help pay off the $252,000,000,000 national debt by passing the $4,000,000,000 tax boost.

Fire Destroys S. P. Depot At Myrtle Creek

Fire of undetermined origin completely destroyed the Southern Pacific depot at Myrtle Creek Monday evening.

The fire was discovered by passersby about 6 o'clock. By the time fire fighting equipment arrived, the flames were beyond control.

Fire Chief Frank Starr of Myrtle Creek said he had not determined the cause of the fire nor the amount of damage involved.

According to J. E. Clark, agent of the Southern Pacific Co. in Roseburg, there was no one at the depot at the time of the fire. Dan Slyke, acting agent in charge, had gone home to dinner when the blaze started.

Clark said he understood all current records in the office were saved, but that old records were lost and all goods stored in the depot warehouse were destroyed.

A temporary depot has been set up in a train caboose. No plans have yet been announced for construction of a new depot, Clark said.

Twelve Children, 2 Nurses Perish in Fire at Camp

CHATEAU D'OEX, Switzerland, Jan. 12 — (AP) — Twelve children—six boys and six girls—and two nurses died today in a fire at the Les Oisillons children's camp, where they had been spending a holiday.

Most of the boys and girls were from 7 to 14.

Persons living near the Chalt said one nurse, Anne D'Martini, 25, was trapped while she was trying to help some of the children to safety.

Famous Rodeo Clown Killed in Truck Upset

FORT WORTH, Jan. 12—(AP)—Ralph (Jasbo) Fulkerson, 44, nationally known rodeo clown who survived "more broken bones than he could count," was killed instantly yesterday when his pickup truck overturned two miles east of Watauga, Tex.

Pictures by Paul Jenkins

SALVATION ARMY CHAPEL RISES—Here is a view of the new Salvation Army Chapel on Winchester Street, which will be completed by spring. Funds for this building and a recreation hall to be erected were raised through a fund drive last usmmer. Charles Poirot, contractor, is directing the work. Activities of the Salvation Army in Roseburg are to be centered here on completion of the building.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Some persons are born lucky, some acquire luck and others, in homes, survive a winter without bursting water pipes or water heaters.