



**COUNTY ACCEPTS SMITH RIVER BRIDGE**—Pictured above is the new county bridge across Smith river. Top view, looking east, shows the expanse of the 566-foot structure. A 10-foot fill will be made at the east approach and a road built across the flat to connect with a county road bordering the hill land. Lower view shows how the retractable span is telescoped by rolling on the deck of the adjoining span to permit passage of boats with tall superstructure. (Pictures by A. R. Andrews, assistant county engineer.)

**April 1 Is Goal For Passing Bill On Flood Control**

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Chairman Chavez (D-M) of the senate Public Works committee set April 1 as the goal for passage of an omnibus flood control and rivers and harbors bill. The legislation would add some 200 new projects to the nation's authorized program of flood protection and navigation improvements. Chavez told reporters he will strive for Senate approval of the \$1,546,814,825 authorization measure in January. "I expect to have the bill out of conference and agreed to by the first of April," he said. The bill, which passed the House this year, is on the senate calendar. Chavez pointed out that the senate already has approved tentatively the addition of more than two score projects recommended by the senate public works committee. He said he does not expect to open up the bill for committee hearings on new projects reported favorably by the army engineers since the committee report was drafted last October. Nor does he plan further committee action on projects for the Columbia River basin. The senate committee recommended the addition of projects costing \$142,000,000 to the \$108,000,000 worth approved by the House for the basin. Chavez said he would ask senators from the Columbia basin states to agree upon a construction program for the next three years before the bill comes before the Senate for action. After Senate action, the bill must go to a conference with house committee members for agreement on project authorizations added or increased by the

**Ducats And Diapers Loot In Portland Thievery**

PORTLAND, Dec. 13.—(AP)—The larceny front in Portland ranged all the way from robbers who picked out the wrong store to a thief who made off with 40 diapers. A pair of armed, masked bandits marched into a grocery store Sunday night flourishing silver-plated revolvers. "This is a stick-up," they said. The store proprietors, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Bander, showed them the till. The bandits were infuriated to discover it had only \$35 in it. They demanded Mrs. Bander's purse—but that was worse. It had only \$2. They finally tore out both store telephones, turned off the lights, and left. In another part of town, Mrs. Esther F. Fletcher's basement was ransacked. The take: 50 freshly-washed diapers.

**Slab Deals Death To Picnic Party**

VICTORVILLE, Calif., Dec. 13.—(AP)—Without warning, a 70-ton granite slab split from a cliff at Dead Man's point and crashed onto a holiday picnic, crushing to death four persons and critically injuring two others. Horrified children of the victims watched helplessly as the huge rock fragment brought a swift, tragic climax to the outing of 18 friends on the edge of the Mojave desert yesterday. The popular picnic site, overlooking the desert, is sheltered by the rocky prominence. Rescuers said the jutting rock broke free because a six-hour campfire heated it following the intense cold of the early morning. Killed were Robert Asper, 35; and Mrs. Jessie Isom, 45, both of Upland, Calif.; Harold Bovee, 40, Ventura, Calif.; and Mrs. Frances Morris, 38, Pomona, Calif. Critically injured were Mrs. Frances Long, 35, Upland, and Clifford Morris, 38, husband of Mrs. Morris. Rescuers tunneled for two hours to reach Mrs. Long, who was resting on a cot when the ledge broke off. She and Morris suffered internal injuries and face and head cuts.

**WINS SCHOLARSHIP**

PORTLAND, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Bertram Gale Dick Jr., Reed college physics student, has been awarded a Rhodes scholarship. He is among 32 named after 412 scholars took examinations Saturday. A son of Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Dick, Portland, he entered Reed in 1946 after navy wartime service as an electronics technicians mate 2nd class. The Rhodes scholarships to Oxford university, England, are worth about \$1,400 annually for two years.

**Girl Missing in Hunt For Christmas Trees**

KELSO, Wash., Dec. 13.—(AP)—A search party was working here today for a 15-year-old girl, who vanished yesterday noon on a Christmas tree hunt. Volunteers searched through the woods all night in vain for a trace of Ruth Aberie, West Kelso girl scout—who had gone out with some friends to gather trees. Deputy Sheriff Costa Watts said the girl became separated from the others—one of them her brother—about noon yesterday. They were in the Ostrander creek area about 12 miles northeast of here. When the others had hunted fruitfully for some time, they appealed to the sheriff for help.

**FIRE ROUTS FAMILIES**

BANDON, Dec. 13.—(AP)—A motor court fire south of here Saturday night left six families homeless.

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**Idaho Governor Lauds Pioneers**

PORTLAND, (AP)—Founders of an empire—"great beyond the hopes of any"—traveled the Oregon Trail, Idaho's Gov. C. A. Robins told the Old Oregon Trail, Inc., annual meeting here. The building of the new empire in the West was accomplished by the "missionary, the naturalist and the soldier" while "the soldier of fortune, the kept company, perhaps, on this pilgrimage with the religious zealot." Although virtually the full catalog of virtues is needed to tell of the people who made the trek, he said, the "full story is not told without some mention of the seamy side." Beside those who came west to build homes and

rear families, "strode him whose past would not bear the close scrutiny of the more settled communities of the East," he said. The governor—who later at the dinner meeting led the audience in old songs—paid tribute to Ezra Meeker who with others undertook to mark the old trail about 1916. He outlined some of Idaho's early history associated with the trail and said the empire founded by those who defied the hardships was "full of ever-widening promise." Many of the audience were in pioneer-day costumes. More than half the total area of Oregon is under federal control. This includes 13 national forests, two national park service areas and extensive grazing acreages.



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