

Death Toll In Three Days' Christmas Holiday 568

WHO DOES WHAT

By Paul Jenkins



WHAT'S THIS, GIRL? Trying to ring up cherries on the cash register? I'm afraid the boss won't like that.

A bit of reflection tells me that he won't mind it, though. I've an idea anything NONA PIPER, who is doing the ringing, and JUNE MCGREGOR, with the cherries, care to do it is likely to be all right with him; or anyone else, for that matter.

Nona is the bride of Gary Piper and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Royd Bruton. June is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. McGregor of Wharton avenue, home from University of Oregon (she is a freshman there) for the holidays. Both girls are employed at Fairhaven market, Nona as a regular.

The Weather
Mostly cloudy today with rain in afternoon. Little change in temperature.
Sunset today 4:44 p. m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:45 a. m.

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Yule Tree Fire Levels 3 Blocks, Takes One Life

HYNDMAN, Pa., Dec. 27.—(AP)—The fire which leveled this mountain community's business section has forged a new spirit of civic pride in Hyndman.

That became apparent today as merchants, town officials and businessmen started to lay plans for a new and better town.

The Christmas eve fire burned out three blocks of the center of town. The bank, 12 other business buildings, about 20 homes and the postoffice were reduced to twisted, charred wreckage.

An unofficial estimate of damage compiled by businessmen placed it at around \$1,000,000—a staggering amount for a town of about 1,500 population.

But Hyndman has not bowed to fate.

"We are going to build a better town than we ever had before," Charles O. Burns, cashier of the burned-out bank declared.

"The fire has bound the community together," George Keller, principal of the local high school said. "It is really amazing. Everyone is helping."

The high school was not damaged by the fire. Emergency relief headquarters were set up there.

Food, clothing, furniture and other items to help the town back on its feet are being distributed by Red Cross workers.

The fire started when a Christmas tree in the home of Somers Fisher blazed up. Fisher's wife, Corrine, 60, was trapped and died in the fire. Fisher was burned badly and is in serious condition at Memorial hospital in nearby Cumberland, Md.

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London In Grip Of Train Strike

LONDON, Dec. 27.—(AP)—The second day of a wildcat train stoppage stranded thousands of holiday travelers in London and the south of England today.

Less than a score of 268 motor-men slated for duty reported work on the south region electric lines of the state-owned British railway system. The strike began yesterday because of dissatisfaction with the holiday duty roster.

Soldiers and sailors due back at their stations after holiday leave piled up at Waterloo station, main terminus of the lines. Other travelers waited for trains in vain at stations strung out between London, Portsmouth and Southampton. A big crush on the bus lines was expected tonight when the bulk of the holiday travelers tried to reach London.

Today is a banking holiday, the last of a long workless weekend which began Christmas day.

The motor-men are expected to go back on the job tomorrow. Their union has denounced the strike as unofficial.

Rich Cattleman Held In Slaying Of Wife

SAN JOSE, Calif., Dec. 27.—(AP)—Thomas F. Talle, 37, wealthy retired New Mexico cattleman held in the slaying of his wife, remained unresponsive in his jail cell today while officers considered what action to take.

Talle was booked on suspicion of murdering pretty Margaret Lee Edwards Talle, 29, former Denver hotel cashier whom he married four years ago. Her bullet-pierced body was found Saturday at the couple's new \$75,000 home in exclusive Montecito heights.

A friend of the Talles said the two "fought like cats and dogs." Mrs. Talle once sued for divorce but had dropped the action.

Restaurant Is Santa, Gives 400 Free Dinners

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Restaurant-owner James R. Hightower doesn't have a family with which to spend the holidays, so yesterday he decided to play host to his customers.

He put a sign in the window of his Rose City cafe in the downtown district offering free chicken dinners to the first 400 persons to come in between 10:30 a. m. and 2 p. m.

It didn't take him long to drum up trade. In a short time his small cafe was filled and there was a long line on the sidewalk outside.

By 2 p. m. the 400 winners were gone and Hightower and his seven employees closed the doors. They then had to go home to get something to eat—all the food in the cafe was gone.

"It wouldn't have seemed like Christmas without giving something," Hightower said.

Burr, Oregon Fugitive, Caught At San Diego

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Robert Melvin Burr, 22, one of the men who escaped the Oregon State hospital Dec. 3, was captured here yesterday by the FBI.

The FBI reported Burr was seized without a struggle at an armed services YMCA after they received a tip from Portland relatives on Burr's whereabouts. He had sent word to Portland for the relatives to forward him some money.

It was the second time Burr had been arrested in Southern California after escaping Oregon. In the previous flight, he was with Marion Watson, 21, who is still at Liberty after the escape with Burr Dec. 3.

The FBI said Burr has given them no clue to the whereabouts of Watson.

\$60,000 More To Be Sought For Hospital

Drive For Community Project Completion To Be Planned Tonight

Douglas Community hospital trustees and a group of local business men will meet at 7:30 o'clock tonight to complete plans for the raising of an additional \$60,000 needed for construction of the new hospital in Roseburg. Those to attend will be notified of the meeting place.

President Kenneth Ford, in announcing the meeting, emphasized the importance of shaping up and completing arrangements for an intensified campaign to raise the needed deficit, in order to start the hospital construction at the earliest possible time.

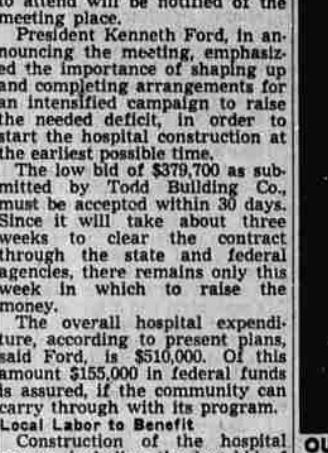
The low bid of \$379,700 as submitted by Todd Building Co., must be accepted within 30 days. Since it will take about three weeks to clear the contract through the state and federal agencies, there remains only this week in which to raise the money.

The overall hospital expenditure, according to present plans, said Ford, is \$510,000. Of this amount \$155,000 in federal funds is assured, if the community can carry through with its program.

Construction of the hospital proper, including the low bid of Todd at \$379,700, a low bid of \$18,846 submitted by Kaiser Hotel Supply, Portland, and installation of laundry facilities would represent an expenditure of nearly \$500,000.

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Outstanding Carrier—Johnny Duval, right, is considered by News-Review Circulation Manager Fuller Johnson, left, as his outstanding carrier-salesman.



Johnny Duval, right, is considered by News-Review Circulation Manager Fuller Johnson, left, as his outstanding carrier-salesman. Along with only one of 36 carrier-salesmen who were guests, but Johnny is motor route carrier, their fathers and office personnel, at the third annual Christmas banquet held for the boys last Friday night at Carl's Haven. Johnny has been with the News-Review ever since Johnson took over as manager in January 1946. In all, 76 attended the dinner. The boys were treated to all the fried chicken they could eat. (Picture by Paul Jenkins)

N. Y. Gets Heavy Rain; More Slated

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—(AP)—The first heavy rain since last spring fell on New York and its parched watershed today — and the weather bureau saw another 24 hours of it coming.

Water-shy New Yorkers were as happy as dustbowl farmers at the end of a drought, but the city water department kept its fingers crossed.

Any water that runs into the big reservoirs—now two-thirds empty—must not only handle the present demand but store up a surplus for summer.

The rain—a measured .61 of an inch during the night—fell while engineers from three states doggedly planned an enormous 600,000,000-gallon reservoir system that would serve New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania cities for the next hundred years.

But this wouldn't help in the present shortage, and is planned only as a long-range remedy.

New York City's present reservoir capacity is 253,000,000 gallons—but there are only 87,445,000 left in the storage lakes.

The reservoir level dropped another 10,000,000 gallons yesterday in spite of the holiday and the shutdown of industrial plants.

See-Through Dog, Like Master, Goes Blind

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 27.—(AP)—It was a real tragedy for John T. Donahue, 78, when his eight-year-old dog, King, went blind.

Donahue, who lives alone with a pet, also is blind and King is a see-through dog.

Now they both help each other in their land of darkness.

And the philosophic old man is cheerful about his new loss.

"Could be a lot worse," he says. "Suppose I had lost my legs or my hands?"

Heat Record Set

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—(AP)—An all-time heat record for the date was set today when the thermometer registered 60 degrees at 1 p. m. The previous record was 59.1 on Dec. 27, 1936.

Hunt For Lost Boys Is Azalea's Yule

Embryo Robin Hoods, 11 And 5, Found Unhurt After All-Night Trek In Woods

Christmas festivities in the Glendale-Azalea area went by the board Christmas eve and most of Sunday, while residents of the area, augmented by state and county officers, national guardsmen and forest rangers, combed the rugged mountain areas in search of two lost boys.

Duane White, 11, and Jack Rae Louderdale, 5, were the objects of the searching party. The two boys, with a collie dog and a pup, had strayed from their homes shortly after noon Saturday. With their new bows and arrows they had received for Christmas, they had started out on a hunting expedition.

When they failed to return by 6 p. m., their fathers, Olin White and Alton Louderdale, finally appealed for help, and a searching party was organized under State Police Officer Virgil Simpson. By 9 o'clock that night Officer Simp-

Automobile Leads Killers With 397 List

Safety Council's Head Expects Worse Record in New Year's Whoopie

(By The Associated Press)

At least 568 violent deaths were a grim prospect today for the nation's three-day Christmas holiday—with another long weekend looming ahead.

One person was killed in traffic, fire or one of a variety of other accidents approximately every 13 minutes during the holiday period from six p. m. Friday until midnight Monday.

The biggest killer, as usual, was the automobile with 397. A large portion of them were pedestrians. Fires killed 65 persons, many of them children. And children were notable among victims of 94 miscellaneous accidents.

The traffic toll was less than the 435 predicted by the National Safety Council, but Ned H. Dearborn, president of the council, pointed out that the cost in lives paid for the holiday in all types of accidents was higher than the 550 claimed in the Texas City, Tex., disaster of two years ago. Many of the worst New Year's "Whoopie" holidays have become a series of "Texas Cities," Dearborn said. "In one week, we may expect another one—a joyous weekend of mass murder over New Year's—unless the people have sickened of making horror days out of holidays."

One of the most horrifying traffic accidents occurred in Dallas Friday night when an automobile and a gasoline truck collided. Gas splashed from the truck's ruptured tank and ignited, turning the vehicles into pyres. A family of five in the automobile and the truck driver perished.

A mother and her six children died in a fire which swept their home.

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Shoots Ex-Spouse, And Lady Friend

ATHENS, Ga., Dec. 27.—(AP)—Miss Miriam Thurmond, shot twice by the divorced wife of a college professor, was reported improving today.

The 28-year-old woman had been in a serious condition for the past two days.

Miss Thurmond and University of Georgia journalism dean John E. Drewry, were wounded Friday night in the Thurmond home. Mrs. Kathleen Drewry, the dean's ex-wife, is in jail. Formal charges have not been filed pending outcome of Miss Thurmond's condition.

Dean Drewry's condition is good and he was up and about in his hospital room yesterday. He is a widely known teacher and author.

Mrs. Drewry told Clarke county officers she shot her ex-husband and Miss Thurmond in a fit of rage. She and Drewry died together the night of the shooting. Mrs. Drewry said, and had discussed a reconciliation.

The Drewrys were divorced in July after 23 years of marriage.

AFL Lists 'Opponents' Of Labor's Interests

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—(AP)—A list of 107 Congress members, published yesterday by the American Federation of Labor and described as having opposed the best interests of workers, farmers and small businessmen, contained the names of three northwest officeholders.

Those mentioned included Senators Guy Cordon of Oregon and Harry Cain of Washington, and Rep. Harris Ellsworth of Oregon. All are Republicans.

Negro Murder Suspect Is Slain

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ark., Dec. 27.—(AP)—A Negro accused of killing a white woman taxi driver and wounding two peace officers was shot to death yesterday while resisting arrest.

Sheriff Cecil V. Goodwin said his deputies Gladstone Williams and C. M. Reeves were forced to shoot when the Negro—Mitus Wilson—resisted them in a cafe.

Shortly before he was killed, the sheriff said, the Negro fired one shot at Williams' wife when she surprised him in her home. Mrs. Williams was not injured.

Police had been searching for Wilson since Dec. 9 when Mrs. Wilson, 37, wife of the Luxora, Ark., town marshal, was shot to death. McDaniel and night marshal Ralph Williamson were wounded.

The Luxora officers were transporting Wilson to jail in a taxi cab operated by Mrs. McDaniel. They said they had arrested him and a Negro woman on minor charges.

Safe At Union Garage

Sheriff O. T. "Bud" Carter today reported a safe at Caskey Bros. Union garage had been damaged and a .32 caliber automatic stolen sometime Sunday night.

According to the report, entrance to the building was made through a window. The thief or thieves were unsuccessful in attempting to open the safe, but did drill several holes in it before giving up. Tools and other valuables were not taken, Sheriff Carter said.

A reported second case of break and entry, the Camp View cafe, is being investigated by state police. State Police Sgt. Holly Holcomb said his office believes this robbery attempt also occurred Sunday night.

Underground Temperature Read By Radar On Moon

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Radar can now read the temperature down under the surface of the ground on the moon.

This was reported to the American Association for the Advancement of Science today by the Collins Radio company.

They did it during the last eclipse of the moon. The cold spell on the moon during the hour when the earth blotted out the sunlight was so terrific that half a foot below the surface the moon was several degrees under freezing.

The report said that radar waves penetrate under the surface and show that the moon's face is probably made of dust.

The radar used was a wartime product made at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Heavy Snow Follows Deadly Quake In Japan

TOKYO, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Heavy snow today spread a new blanket of misery over central Japan, where eight persons were killed and hundreds left homeless by 20-odd earth tremors between Sunday night and this morning.

National rural police said eight were killed and one injured but only one seriously. Eighty-six homes and buildings collapsed and 283 others were badly damaged.

OHIO STATUTE PREVAILS

Court Issues Injunction Ending Strike Against Cleveland Transit Lines

CLEVELAND, Dec. 27.—(AP)—AFL unionists bowed to a court injunction today and called off the city's six-day transit strike.

By a voice vote, members of the AFL-transit union voted overwhelmingly to abide by an injunction ordering them to give up the strike against the city-owned Cleveland transit system.

Buses and street cars were expected to start rolling almost immediately. The injunction set a 2 p. m. deadline.

Transit officials, however, said no attempt would be made before tomorrow to maintain normal schedules.

The injunction was issued by Common Pleas Judge Joseph A. Artl. Union officials announced there would be no attempt to reopen the issue of paid vacations during the present contract.

In ruling against the transit strikers, Judge Artl made it plain he felt an Ohio statute which outlaws strikes by public employees is entirely justified. He said:

"I say that such a strike is one means of destroying government and if you destroy government you have anarchy and chaos. I believe that is why the legislature passed this law."

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

MODERN political note: H. H. Stallard of Portland files his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for congress from the Third Oregon district—which is Multnomah county.

HE has a PLAN. H. H. Stallard's Community Center Plan. This is it:

1. Return to wartime price control.
2. Pay each dependent adult \$100 a month.
3. Pay each dependent child \$25 a month.
4. APPROPRIATE 100 BILLION DOLLARS FROM THE FEDERAL TREASURY.

HIS plan, he says, "would solve the question of living from the cradle to the grave."

It certainly would if we could all eat dollar bills. Personally, I don't think I'd like the taste of

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Zoning Of Annexed Area City Planners' Task

A city recommendation for proper zoning of three recently annexed suburban areas will be studied tonight by the City Planning commission during its regular meeting in the city council chambers at 7:30 p. m.

Areas affected are West Roseburg, Miller's addition-Sleepy Hollow and Beulah addition.

GI's USED AS GUINEA PIGS

Prisoners Tested For Germ Warfare, Japs Say At Trial, Soviet Reports

LONDON, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Radio Moscow said today that Japanese on trial for war crimes in Siberia admitted using American war prisoners as human guinea pigs in germ warfare tests.

In a trial of 12 Japanese army officers, the radio broadcast said, some of the defendants asserted these experiments with deadly, plague, cholera and other germs were in preparation for launching germ-bomb attacks on the United States and Britain during World War Two.

One defendant, Gen. Otazoo Yamada, former commander of the Japanese Kwantung army in Manchuria, was said to have testified that germ experiments on prisoners were aimed primarily for use on the Soviet Union, the Mongolian people's republic and China in addition to the U. S. and Britain.

According to reported testimony by Tomio Karasawa, second defendant to appear before the court, lethal germs were used by the Japanese army's top-secret germ warfare branch "to ascertain the degree of vulnerability of the American army to different combat infections."

Not Verified By Records

(In Tokyo, General MacArthur's headquarters said there are no records of the Japanese having experimented with germs on American prisoners. As far as headquarters knew the Japanese had never been accused by any of the Americans held at Mukden, scene of the alleged experiment, of

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Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Post-Christmas ads. Make buyers glad. With a welcome two-word bow! They refer to slice. In a quoted price. And here they are: "was" "now."