

AUTO-TRAIN CRASH KILLS GLIDE RESIDENT



FOREST HEADS—OLD AND NEW—The Umpqua National forest now has two forest supervisors—but only temporarily. M. M. "Red" Nelson, left, leaves his job in Roseburg in February, following a promotion to assistant chief of the division of fire control in Washington, D. C. At right is his successor in Roseburg, Robert Aufderheide. He comes here from the experiment station work center in Corvallis, and before that, was a district forest ranger and staff officer on the Siuslaw forest. (Staff photo).

RESCUE EFFORT BEGUN

Snow-Trapped Family In Southwestern Douglas Goal Of 20 Volunteers

Twenty volunteers on snowshoes and skis were on their way this morning into isolated Elk valley in southwestern Douglas county, in an attempt to bring relief to a snow-trapped family, which is reported low on food.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

I THINK I'd like to talk today about an unpleasant subject. The subject is POLIO.

"Polio" is a contraction of a big word. The word is poliomyelitis. Its medical meaning is inflammation of the gray matter of the spinal cord. Hence the "polio" part. "Polio" is a Greek word meaning gray. "Myelos" is another Greek word meaning bone marrow.

The commoner, more understandable term for this thing is infantile paralysis.

HERE is the dictionary definition of infantile paralysis:

"A specific acute disease, chiefly in infants and children, characterized by febrile symptoms, motor paralysis, and muscular atrophy, often producing permanent deformities. The paralysis is

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Eugenean Succumbs To Injuries From Crash

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Jan. 24.—(AP)—Robert M. Clark, 34, of Eugene, Ore., died in Atlantic City hospital today of injuries suffered in a head-on automobile collision Sunday.

Clark, a naval aviation ordinance chief stationed at the naval air base here, was the second person to die in the crash on the White Horse pike on the Jersey shore.

Allen Holman of Absecon was killed in the wreckage.

MERCY SLAYER ON TRIAL

Mental Shock Defense Of College Girl Who Killed Her Cancer-Ridden Father

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Jan. 24.—(AP)—Carol Ann Paight goes to trial today, pleading that mental shock led her to shoot to death her cancer-ridden policeman father as an act of mercy.

The 21-year-old Stamford, Conn., college girl invaded her father's hospital room and killed him with his own service revolver last Sept. 23. She had learned of his incurable cancer but a short time earlier.

Defense attorney David Goldstein said there would be no dicker for a lesser plea of manslaughter. The charge is second degree murder—punishable in Connecticut by life imprisonment and no less.

Carol Ann's plea, he said, is temporary insanity.

The state charges the girl kept vigil last fall while her 50-year-old father, Carl W. Paight, underwent examination for an ailment of whose nature he was ignorant.

Tense with worry, Carol Ann allegedly left the hospital when finally told that cancer had doomed her beloved father. She is accused of returning with her service revolver and shooting him in the head as he slept. He never knew, fellow police said, that the diagnosis had shown cancer.

Carol Ann was quoted by police as saying she could not bear the thought of the suffering before her father.

The scene of the trial is the high-ceilinged superior court room in Fairfield county's 62-year-old courthouse.

The jury need not convict Carol Ann of murder. The alternative manslaughter verdict carries a maximum sentence of 15 years in prison and a \$1,000 fine.

The Weather

Cloudy with occasional snow showers today, tonight and Wednesday. Cooler tomorrow.

Sunset today 5:14 p. m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:36 a. m.

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Northwest In Grip Of New Frigid Wave

Sub-Freezing Weather In Five-Day Forecast; Traffic Again Menaced

By The Associated Press
To death and taxes, Pacific Northwest residents today could add cold weather. We're going to have it with us for a while.

A five-day forecast issued by the U. S. weather bureau in Seattle said both the east and west sides of Oregon and Washington would continue "below normal" temperatures through Saturday.

"Much below normal" readings were foreseen for the northern half of Eastern Washington and the Idaho panhandle.

(The bureau interpreted "below normal" as meaning sub-freezing readings throughout much of the two-state area.)

Lone exception to the continued cold will come Thursday to portions of the two states west of the Cascades, the bureau said. A slight warming up, however, will be followed by more cold Friday and Saturday.

More snow also was in the offing, with occasional light flurries predicted through Thursday, followed by general snow Friday and tapering off over the weekend.

The new cold wave struck through the Northwest yesterday.

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Tax Dodgers Due For Crackdown

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—(AP)—The Treasury department is eyeing even more closely the income tax returns of individuals making between \$7,000 and \$25,000 a year.

It plans to crack down on tax evaders in this group if Congress will put up the money for additional enforcement agents.

The plan turned up in testimony made public yesterday by the House appropriations committee. The committee was told by T. C. Atkeson, assistant internal revenue collector, that the middle-income group makes numerous "errors" in computing tax liability.

Secretary of the treasury Snyder asked for more money for tax law enforcement. "This is the most effective way that I know of to increase the government's revenue under the existing tax laws," he said.

George J. Schoeneman, commissioner of revenue, told the committee that tax audits during the fiscal year 1949 brought in \$1,891,679,000 which might otherwise have been missed.

But most of these audits, he said, affected individuals in higher income groups. Only 17.8 percent of the returns on incomes in the \$7,000 to \$25,000 group and only 3.9 percent of those under \$7,000 are now being so closely checked. The larger the income, the more likely a check-up.

Treasury officials said they have found that 7 out of every 10 returns checked in the upper groups are found to be erroneous, with the errors generally in favor of the taxpayer.

They estimated that the government gleaned \$8.40 for each dollar spent on extra enforcement personnel in the 1949 check.

Mayor, Close Friend Of President Truman Dies

INDEPENDENCE, Mo., Jan. 24.—(AP)—Roger T. Sermon, a close friend of President Truman and Mayor of Independence for 26 years, died last night, of a heart attack as he was leaving the city hall. He was 59.

Sermon, who operated a grocery, was a Democratic leader in Jackson county, the President's home county. He received Mr. Truman's support when he unsuccessfully sought the Democratic gubernatorial nomination in 1944.

During World War I, he served overseas with Mr. Truman.

Petty Larceny Charge Commits Woman To Jail

State Police Sgt. Holly Holcomb reported today the arrest of Edna Mae Benediti, picked up Monday in a local food store on a petty larceny charge.

She was committed to the county jail, with bail set at \$75. The woman was scheduled for arraignment in Justice court today, Holcomb said.

TAKEN TO PRISON

Kenneth Payne, sentenced to serve one year in the state penitentiary after being convicted of attempted auto larceny, was taken to Salem Monday by Deputy Sheriff Cecil Bever.

Bever will continue to Portland to pick up Robert Allen Hillman, wanted in Reedsport on alleged bad check charges. Sheriff O. T. Carter said, Hillman will be arraigned in Reedsport, before being brought here.

LOVE MOVES LAW

Wife Of Blind Vet Freed Of Theft Charge

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 24.—(AP)—Love of a woman for a near-blind veteran of the battle of the Bulge won her freedom from a mail theft charge yesterday in federal court.

Mrs. Elaine H. Hanley, 27, was placed on probation after Federal Judge Emerich B. Freed heard this story.

Aloysius Hanley, 29, almost blind from war wounds, started making leather goods so he wouldn't be a burden to anyone. His fiancée—now Mrs. Hanley—took them and told him she sold them at the hotel where she worked as cashier.

Al's morale went up. He proposed. She accepted—but four weeks after their marriage she was arrested and charged with theft of \$395 in checks from mail addressed to the hotel's residents.

Tearfully she told the court the money she stole went to Al for the leather goods—except for a little she kept "to buy some clothes and other things we'd need when we were married."

Announcing he was placing her on probation, Judge Freed said "I'll take the risk involved in setting you free—but I don't think the risk amounts to much."

"Bad" Schoolboy Meets Death In Auto Accident

CHICAGO, Jan. 24.—(AP)—The crushed body of a schoolboy, aged 10, who was struck by an automobile in Lincoln park last night, was rushed to a hospital by park policemen.

The boy was pronounced dead on arrival at Columbus hospital.

A note in the boy's pocket was the chief clue to his identity.

It read: "Dear Dad: I was a bad boy in school today. I was throwing spitballs and hid to stand in the corner in the library. I want you to sign this note. Your son, Terry." Added to the penciled note was the signature in ink: "Mrs. Moore."

Several hours after the accident, Albert Moore appeared at the Austin police station—some 10 miles from the scene of the accident—and reported his son, Terry, had not returned home for his evening meal. Police took Moore to a mortuary where he identified the victim of the Lincoln park accident as his son.

Moore said the boy had returned home after school, said "hello," threw down his books and ran out.

"I didn't sign the note," the father said. "In fact Terry didn't show it to me."

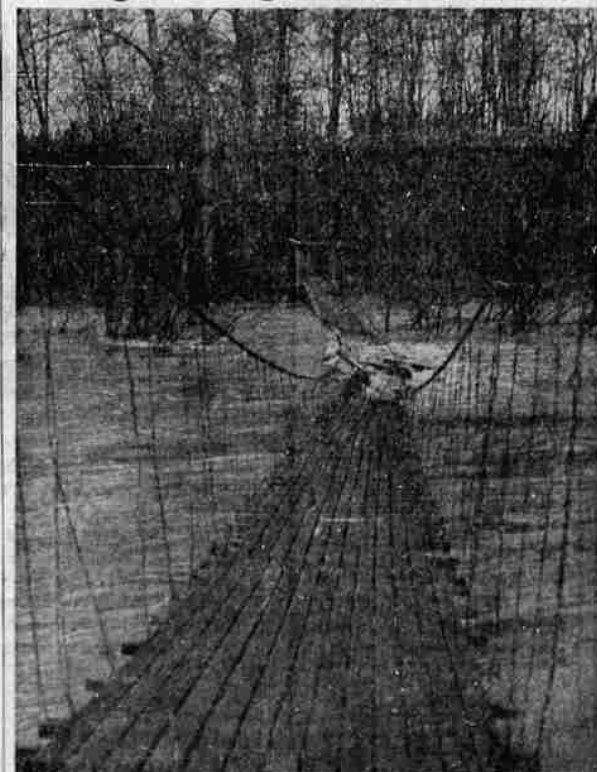
Police said that Moore, a stationery engineer, told them not to tell his wife of their son's death. He said she was critically ill of a heart ailment and was to have entered a hospital last night. Moore said they have four other children.

STATEHOOD VOTE LOOMS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—(AP)—An early house vote on Alaska and Hawaii statehood was assured today.

The house yesterday approved special resolutions making the statehood legislation in order for house action.

Going, Going . . .



"SWINGING BRIDGE"—This foot bridge at the end of W. Douglas street was really swinging yesterday, as the rapidly rising South Umpqua river crept closer and closer, finally to flow over the low middle section.

Congress Apt To Write Own Tax Ticket

Truman's Proposal For Cuts May Win, But Boosts Requested Seem Doomed

By FRANCIS M. LEFAY
WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Congress showed signs today of writing its own tax ticket, ignoring President Truman's advance notice that he will veto any bill that cuts taxes without making up the revenue elsewhere.

There was much talk of reducing excises—sometimes called sales or nuisance taxes—but rejecting part or all of Mr. Truman's proposed \$1,000,000,000 tax boost on other things.

The President yesterday asked Congress to enact a tax law that would:

1. Increase federal revenue by \$1,000,000,000 by higher taxes on corporations with annual profits over \$50,000 and by larger estate and gift taxes; and 2. reduce many wartime excise rates—but only to the extent that the revenue loss is recovered by plugging existing tax law loopholes.

He recommended no increase in individual income taxes.

Shortly after the President's message was read in the House and Senate, the House appropriations committee disclosed that the Treasury department has added the third major point in the administration's tax program.

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New Snow Eases Flood Conditions

Snow for the Roseburg area is becoming the usual, rather than the unusual. Another fresh fall blanketed the town and surrounding country to a depth of nearly three inches early today, and the weather bureau predicts a continuation of snow showers today, tonight and tomorrow.

The snow, however, has temporarily put an end to flood conditions. The water rose rapidly yesterday, and was nearing the flood stage in many places.

The footbridge at the foot of Douglas street over the South Umpqua was destroyed today.

Only the cables and a small part of the bridge were left hanging, as the water surged over about 40 feet of the structure. Water ascended yesterday into the lower sections of Umpqua park, but had not caused any great damage.

Highway 99 was reported still open today, but the state police cautioned against driving without chains in the Rice hill area to the north and Canyon mountain and other sections to the south.

A section of the Oregon Coast Highway 101 was closed by high water and a slide, according to the state police report.

Parts of Sutherlin in the south zone especially, were inundated by water yesterday, when the streams were unable to carry the surface water runoff. High water which threatened to cross the highway several places along Highway 99 north was receding today.

Gone!

Editor's Address To Feature Chamber Of Commerce Feast

Marshall N. Dana, editor of the Oregon Journal editorial page, will be featured on tomorrow night's Roseburg Chamber of Commerce annual banquet, when he addresses chamber members and guests on the topic, "Their World and Ours."

Dana, a long-time Oregon newspaperman, was one of the American journalists chosen to tour Europe and gather information for a report back to their readers on the success and workings of the Marshall plan.

In all, Dana's sojourns through battle-scarred Europe and other lands totals in total mileage three and a half trips around the world. In popular demand as a speaker for civic functions, Dana returns to Roseburg after an absence of two years, having appeared here before in November, 1947.

Also slated for a brief appearance on tomorrow's program are John Todd, retiring president, and Harold Schmeier, recently-elected chamber head.

Scheduled to begin at 6:30 p. m., the banquet banquet-goers are urged to be at the First Methodist church banquet room on time.

Events Slated To Help Polio Drive

This is anti-polio week in Roseburg. City Chairman Del McKay reported that a number of events are scheduled to bring the campaign to a successful conclusion.

The Kiwanis club launched its business section campaign today, following the noon luncheon, and a talk by Mrs. Lee Marsh.

The Winston Community club is sponsoring a public dance Wednesday night in its new community hall. Jack Foster's orchestra will play.

Big events in the city will be the President's ball, sponsored by the Active club Friday night in the armory. Chairman Dick Gillman said an advance ticket sale will be held by club members Thursday. While Lou Franco and his orchestra will provide most of the music, the Shamlin trio will play from 10:30 until 11 p. m., and the Elks band will then take over and play until 11:30.

A benefit basketball game is scheduled at Roseburg high gym Friday night, and on Saturday a "mile-o-dimes" parade is scheduled on the streets of the city. A benefit wrestling match will be held Saturday night.

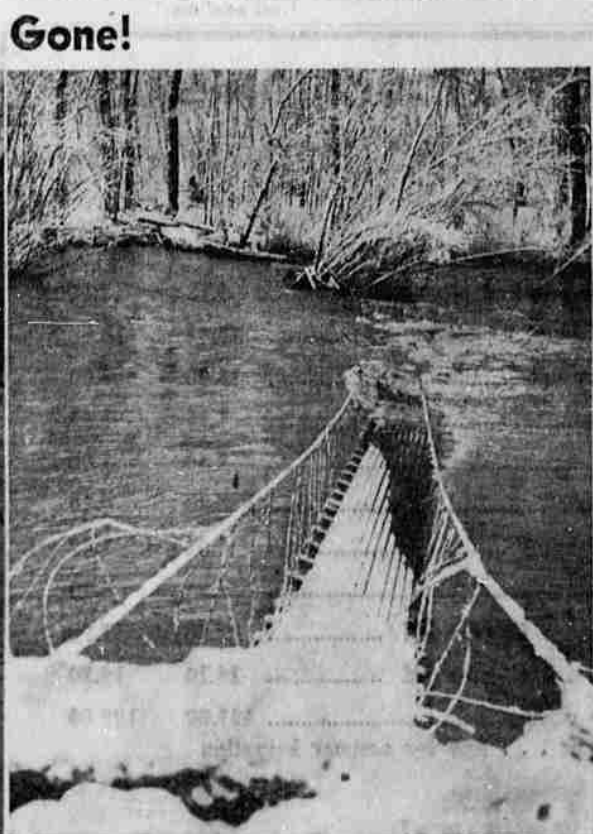
Small Boy's Burns Laid To Cruelty Of Parents

OLD BRIDGE, N. J., Jan. 24.—(AP)—"I was burned because I was a bad boy."

This tale, told by four-year-old Roy Kulberda yesterday, caused Middlesex county probation officers to arrest the child's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Kulberda, 23, and her husband, Thomas, 24, on criminal neglect charges. The young couple has two other children.

Chief county probation officer Bernhart Jensen and Madison township police found the boy covered with infected burns in his home, a two-room shack six miles from New Brunswick.

Mr. and Mrs. Kulberda were arraigned on the criminal neglect charges and released in \$2,000 bail each for action of the county grand jury.



SCORES OF SPECTATORS who gathered during the day to watch the spectacle, missed the show they were waiting for, when an accumulation of debris, rushing waters and a big log or two pulled down bridge supports from either side of the river. Elks island is now marooned. Staff photos!

W. D. Van Horn Is Victim Of Rail Tragedy

Fatal Collision Occurs On Crossing Near Green; Inquest Will Be Held

Wilburn Doreen Van Horn, 59, a resident of Glide, was killed at 3:15 p. m., Monday, in a collision with a Southern Pacific train. The accident occurred on a private road crossing the railroad track near Green station.

Deputy Coroner Douglas Tudor, who investigated, along with state police, reported that an inquest into the accident is scheduled for Wednesday at 7 p. m. at the Roseburg Funeral home.

According to official report, Van Horn, a contractor who owned the W. D. Van Horn Piling Co., was driving west towards his plant. Reports indicated that he was traveling at a very slow rate of speed. He had just driven upon the track, when the southbound train, a Roseburg-Ashland freight, struck his late-model car near the rear door.

Van Horn was thrown clear of the car, and death was believed by the officials to have come instantly.

He was born Jan. 9, 1891, in Vardaman, Miss., and came to Oregon a number of years ago. He was a member of the Christian church, of the BPO Elks No. 326, and of the Philatelist lodge No. 8, I.O.O.F., Roseburg.

Surviving are his widow, Lillie, Glide; a daughter, Mrs. Penny

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Feels "Young" As She Nears 112

WAPWALLOPEN, Pa., Jan. 24.—(AP)—Pennsylvania's oldest resident, Mrs. Mary O'Neill, described herself as "still a youngster" today as she made plans for her 112th birthday party Thursday.

"I feel fine," she said, "But I don't get out enough."

The tiny, English-born grandmother lives in a small home on Stonecrusher hill, a half-mile up a steep, winding lane from the nearest paved highway and two miles distant from Wapwallopen, a Luzerne county village of 235 residents.

The nearest big cities in this hard coal region are Hazleton and Berwick—and Mrs. O'Neill says she hasn't been "to town" since she moved here 13 years ago.

"I don't like automobiles and it's too far to walk," Mrs. O'Neill told newsmen.

Born in Yorkshire, England, Mrs. O'Neill married at 26 and had seven children. Her husband, George, died when she was 50 and she came to the U. S. settling in the Hazleton area.

Two of her children are living. They are Mrs. Mary Dukworth, 72, now of Quebec, Canada, and James O'Neill, 70, of Lancashire, England.

Bullets Miss Prosecutor Of Texas Homicide Case

BELTON, Tex., Jan. 24.—(AP)—The defense code continued its case for Sam Smithwick in guarded courtroom.

An ambush attack on Prosecutor James K. Evetts last night brought an order from Judge Wesley Dice for officers, to stand guard.

The unidentified gunman fired two shots at the district attorney as he started to leave the garage at his home. Both missed.

An all-night hunt failed to find a trace of the ambusher.

Evetts refused to link the ambush with the trial of the former deputy sheriff, charged with the murder of a crusading radio broadcaster, W. H. (Bill) Mason, in Alice, Tex., last July 29.

Evetts yesterday had presented a state witness that testified that the 62-year-old Smithwick, a South Texas peace officer for 25 years, cursed the dying Mason.

Another witness had described the shooting during a street encounter between Mason and Smithwick.

Oregon Doctors Offer Defense In Federal Suit

PORTLAND, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Oregon Medical society members continued defense testimony today in the trial on federal charges of anti-trust law violations.

The society is accused of attempting to monopolize pre-paid medical service in the state. The trial resumed yesterday after a recess since Nov. 11.

Dr. Edwin R. Durno, Medford, said yesterday he had opposed commercial pre-paid medical insurance programs because he believed they treated doctors unfairly. He said fees were inadequate, patients often were sent to Portland specialists and the payment plan involved too much red tape.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Greetings (or "sleatings") to winter's repeat performance, coming when muscles were just getting over their soreness from shoveling away the first snowfall. One good scoop deserves another.