

NEW STORM THREATENS CALIFORNIA AREA

WHO DOES WHAT By Paul Jenkins



ROSEBURG'S LITTLE JUDY BELLOWs can smile, as doubtless you know if you have seen some of her pictures appearing in newspapers lately. Particularly if the photographers requested her to do, as photographers are so likely to ask their subjects to do. She smiled at me, as far as that goes, and it was a beautiful smile, heart-warming, all embracing. It was poignant, too — it pierced through one's heart.

Judy, as perhaps you recall, was stricken two months ago with a particularly malignant type of polio and has been a patient at Sacred Heart hospital in Eugene (where there are fine facilities for treating such cases) ever since. Most of the time she has been in an iron lung. Just the past few days she has graduated — at least through the daytime — to a portable respirator. She is pictured above as she lies in her bed, her chest embraced by the plastic arm of the respirator, which automatically "breathes" for her through her poor little pierced throat.

A stricken child is the most pitiful sight in the world, I believe; the polio, that cursed disease which science in all its wisdom hasn't been able to control, but which it fights so valiantly, seems to prey particularly upon children. The cost in heartache and agony is beyond one's capacity to comprehend. This is a cost, however, which you and I can do our bit to shoulder. We must, and we will.

As I was bidding Judy goodbye after my visit, her mother, Mrs. Harold Bellows, said, "Wait a minute, Paul; here's something Judy wants to give you." It was a five-dollar bill, Judy's very own contribution to the polio fund. Bless her heart! I'm turning the bill over to Bob McCarl, and if it doesn't have company I'll be surprised.

Little Oregon Town Big In Dimes March Role

PORTLAND (AP) — The little town of Isee in Grant County has a big place in the March of Dimes.

The town's residents—all 50 of them—have contributed more than \$15 per person. It was raised at the town's annual March of Dimes box social. The total here was \$770. More is still to come from school children's contributions.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

If this piece sounds a little jumpy and disconnected, I've a good alibi. I've just finished shoveling the snow off about eight acres of Southern Oregon Real estate.

THAT I DON'T advise as before-breakfast exercise. It stirs evil thoughts, and evil thoughts at that hour are apt to poison the day.

An unfortunate thing happened. About halfway through the job, just as I hit a drift that was hard packed, the first stanza of John Whitaker Watson's ballad, Beautiful Snow, bobbed into my mind. You know, it goes like this: "O, the snow, the beautiful snow, 'Filling the sky and the earth below." "Over the house-tops, over the street," "Over the heads of the people you meet," "Dancing, 'Flirting, Skimming along," "Beautiful snow, it can do nothing wrong."

The heck it can't! It can cover the sidewalks ump- (Continued on Page 4)

The Weather

Increasing cloudiness with rain or mixed rain and snow Friday.

Highest temp. for any Jan.	77
Lowest temp. for any Jan.	45
Highest temp. last 24 hours	45
Lowest temp. last 24 hours	28
Precip. last 24 hours	0
Precip. from Jan. 1	2.27
Precip. from Sept. 1	23.88
Excess	7.08

Sunset today, 5:05 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 7:41 a.m.

New President Of 'Y' Will Be Seated Tonight



Alva Laws, above, will be installed as president of the Roseburg YMCA at tonight's annual meeting of the organization. Laws, who has been active in "Y" work, especially Hi-Y activities in former years and more recently with other activities, has been associated with the YMCA for more than 10 years.

He succeeds O. J. Feldkamp as president.

Speaker for the annual meeting, which begins with a dinner at 7 p.m. at the First Methodist church, will be Dr. Robert F. Anderson, Salem surgeon. Speaking from his own experience he will discuss "The World Challenge to YMCA."

Dr. Anderson is a member of the Salem "Y" board and chairman of the Pacific Northwest Area Health and Physical Education Committee. Also, he has been appointed official delegate to the World YMCA Physical Education Consultation in Helsinki, Finland, in August.

The meeting marks the third year since the YMCA was organized in Roseburg, and the close of the first year for Secretary Meril Donaldson. Annual reports will be made and plans outlined for the new year.

Ban On Broadcasting Whiskey Ads Sought

WASHINGTON (AP) — A bill that would ban broadcasting of whiskey advertising over radio and television—but not beer or wine—is before Congress.

Introduced Wednesday by Sens. Johnson (D-Colo.) and Case (R-S.D.), it carries penalties not only for radio and TV operators, but also certain makers and sellers of whiskey.

Actually, radio and TV stations bar whiskey advertisements. But there is no law against it. Radio stations in Alaska and Hawaii do, and the bill would apply to these territories.

The bill gives the Federal Communications Commission the right to revoke the license of any station violating the ban.

Accused Tax Collector Wins Acquittal Order

BOSTON (AP) — Federal Judge Charles F. Wyanski, Jr., directed verdicts of acquittal on three of nine charges against Massachusetts Internal Revenue Collector Denis W. Delaney Wednesday.

One count accused him of soliciting and accepting \$2,500 to influence his disposition of the tax liability of Louis and Sarah Heilmann and the Acorn Clothing Company.

Second Vote Set In School District

Riversdale Issue Again Waits Verdict

Remonstrance Upsets Original O. K. To Join Roseburg District

Residents of Riversdale School District 123, who originally approved consolidation with Roseburg District 4, will vote again Friday night upon whether to remain in or stay out. The election has been called for Friday from 8 to 9 p.m. in the Riversdale school.

In the original vote, taken Dec. 14, consolidation was approved by a count of 24 to 15. However, a remonstrance petition, permitted by law, was filed within 10 days. It bore sufficient names to require a second vote. The election will be limited to that district only.

The consolidation election in December involved Roseburg District 4 and 11 districts who send their high school students to Roseburg. The outcome revealed Riverside, Winchester, Wilbur and Riverside voting affirmatively, while Green, Roberts, Creek, Hillard, Tenmile, Lookingglass, Garden Valley and Umpqua voted against consolidation.

Under the present enrollments the three districts who have voted definitely to join Roseburg have 121 high school students, who will be placed with the 747 originally in district 4, and future plans will be made to accommodate those students at Senior High, said Supt. Paul S. Elliott.

16 Students Affected

Riversdale has 16 high school students who will be definitely affected by Friday night's election, he said. These 16 students, in case of a negative vote, would be included in the 322 students who will be accepted on a tuition basis for the coming year.

The school board of District 4, said Elliott, is faced with the problem of whether to increase

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County Coroner H. C. Stearns Passes Away

Harry Chenoweth Stearns, Douglas County coroner for 19 years, died early today in Mercy Hospital following a lingering illness.

Mr. Stearns, a well-known mortician, born in Oakland June 21, 1882, was the son of ex-City Judge A. F. Stearns and Nancy Stearns. He had been a Douglas County resident all his life and had been a mortician since 1904. He started funeral parlors in Yocalla, Roseburg and Oakland.

At the time of his death, he was owner of Stearns Mortuary in Oakland.

On Aug. 10, 1905, he was married to Elizabeth Powell. He was a member of the Roseburg St. George's Episcopal Church; Oakland Lodge, A.F. and AM; the Oakland chapter of Eastern Star, 91; the Eugene Consistory; Hileah Shrine Temple, Ashland; Order of the Eagles, Roseburg; and the Oregon State Funeral Directors Association.

Surviving are his widow, Elizabeth (Betty), Oakland; father, A. F. Stearns, Oakland; two daughters, Mrs. Maxine Webb, Cottage Grove, and Mrs. Madeline Rodakowski, Westfir, Ore.; a brother, J. Edwin Stearns, Oakland; a sister, Esther Pealer, McMinnville; and five grandchildren, Jim D. Joan E., and Peter F. Webb, all of Cottage Grove; Theresa and W. Scott Zadakowski, both of Westfir.

Funeral services will be held in Oakland Community Church Saturday at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Alfred Tyson officiating. Vault entombment will follow in the Rest Haven Mausoleum, Eugene.

Funeral services are in care of Stearns Mortuary, Oakland.

'Fire' Sweaters Face Federal Crack-Down

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government is going to try to punish people who have been peddling "flash fire" sweaters.

Chairman James M. Mead of the Federal Trade Commission said Wednesday agents have been sent to New York, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Providence, R. I., Chicago, Kansas City and Los Angeles to check on reports of "torch sweaters" being sold.

Mead said the agents will examine suspected garments to see if any federal laws have been violated.

Investigation so far, Mead said, indicates most of the sweaters have been sold by peddlers, not retail stores.

Douglas County Road Projects Dated For Bids

Four Douglas County road projects will be open to bids when the State Highway Commission meets in Portland Jan. 31 and Feb. 1.

They are part of an estimated \$3,800,000 in highway work that will come up for bid - opening. Bidding will begin at 9 a.m. Jan. 31.

The Commission lists the following projects in the County: Grading and paving 11.45 miles of Suicide Creek - Pacific Highway section of the Coos Bay-Roseburg Highway, west end and east end of Tenmile past office.

Grading and surfacing of four miles of Lone Rock Bridge - Rock Creek section of the North Umpqua County road, about two miles northeast of Glide.

Construction of a 135 - foot concrete viaduct over the southbound lane of the Pacific Highway near Aulauk.

Construction of a 200 - foot reinforced concrete bridge over Bear Creek at Curtin on the Pacific Highway.

New Try Set To Get Approval Of Bonus Bonds

SALEM (AP) — A new application for federal approval of Oregon's World War II veterans bonus bonds is being submitted immediately to the Western Voluntary Credit Restraint Committee, Gov. Douglas McKay said Wednesday.

The committee rejected the request last fall to issue 40 million dollars worth of the bonds on grounds that they are inflationary. In announcing the new request, Governor McKay said "I think they'll approve it this time."

The first rejection of the bonus bonds made it impossible to sell them, because bond houses refused to bid in the face of the federal disapproval.

The Federal Credit Restraint Committee consists of private bankers and bond houses named by the government to consider all large bond issues which might lead to further inflation.

The people voted the bonus in November, 1950. It calls for maximum \$800 bonuses.

LIVESTOCKMEN TO MEET

The annual county livestockmen's meeting will be held Friday starting at 10 a.m. at the Knights of Pythias Hall.

Speaking at the meeting will be Joe B. Johnson, professor of animal husbandry, Oregon State College; H. H. Rampton, agronomist of the U. S. Department of Agriculture; and Dr. J. N. Shaw, who will discuss livestock disease control where Sheriff O. T. Carter reports.

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Access Roads Necessity Pointed Out

Future Emergencies Call For Action Now, Zone Forester Says

Almost everybody understands the need for access roads — the big question is how are the roads to be built, J. Herbert Stone, regional forester, said Wednesday.

Stone, who heads 19 national forests in Oregon and Washington, spoke Wednesday evening at a Chamber of Commerce sponsored dinner meeting. He was introduced by Robert Aufderheide, supervisor of the Umpqua National Forest.

"There really are very few, if any, folks who do not understand the importance of an access road system for our timber economy, but the real question revolves around how are these to be built," Stone commented.

He listed three methods of constructing the road system — by government appropriation, by private timber operators, or by both. "It seems logical that a combination approach to the problem would be the best in the long run he added.

"We are undertaking an analysis which will attempt to determine just how this road construction job should be distributed between timber operators and the public in order to serve best the public interest. I am hopeful that we may be able to present to the people of Roseburg and of the region a better and more understandable picture of the problem and how best it can be met."

Umpqua Forest Data Given

High on the priority list for any monies that may be earmarked for access roads in the Pacific Northwest region is the Umpqua National Forest, Stone declared.

He quoted a 1949 road-needs survey showing that in the Umpqua Forest 197 miles of new roads were needed; 171 miles of existing roads needed improvement and 34 miles of road were satisfactory.

Region - wide, the figures were 7,526 miles needed, 4,189 needed improvement and 1,538 satisfactory.

Stone called lack of timber accessibility "one of the big prob-lems."

"For many years the low price of timber did not justify the heavy expenditures necessary to open up stands along the headwaters." (Continued on Page 2)

Federal Tax Aides Set Douglas Dates

Deputy collectors of internal revenue will be in Douglas county to assist taxpayers in preparing their federal income tax returns for 1951. The dates and places where the deputies will appear are as follows:

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Yes, It's One of Those Fiery Kind



Fire Chief William E. Mills exhibits here what is left of a two-piece sweater, variously named but all names denoting inflammable tendency. The owner of this attractive, brushed rayon sweater narrowly escaped serious injury from burning last weekend, when he thoughtfully and quickly rolled into sand to extinguish the flames after the sweater caught from a bonfire four feet away.

Canyonville Jury Trials Of Excess Load Cases Set

The first of two jury trials in connection with the new overweight lead law went before Nina Pietzold's justice court in Canyonville this morning.

Deputy District Attorney Donald S. Kelley said this is the first time in the county there has been a trial by jury on alleged overweight violations since the new law went into effect last Aug. 2.

In the first case, Everett Haum-cer, Dillard, is accused of 10,310-pound combine overload and in the second, Earl Enyart, Myrtle Creek, is charged with a 630-pound overload on tandem axle.

At five cents per pound, the going rate on fines for overloads in excess of 5,000 pounds, Haum-cer could be fined a maximum of \$515.50 under the statute.

The defense in both cases has demurred to the charges.

Both defendants were cited at the "Canyonville Pit," a jump scale north of Canyonville.

Defense counsel declined to say whether either of these are "test cases" to examine the constitutionality of the new law, passed at the last session of the state legislature. If so, and the defendants are found guilty, appeal would be made to the Douglas County Circuit Court and from there to the State Supreme Court.

The International Brotherhood of Teamsters, local 926, is assisting in the defense.

Sewer Job Bonds Sold At Riddle

The City of Riddle has accepted the bid of a Portland firm for the purchase of \$19,000 worth of bonds for completion of the Riddle sewage treatment plant, the county sanitation department reported.

County Sanitarian LaVerne Miller said the city's sewer project, abandoned in 1948 for lack of funds to complete the plant, will be started again as soon as possible. At present the city sewage runs untreated into Cow Creek.

In 1948 sewer lines were installed and the treatment plant building constructed. But installation of treatment equipment was postponed when finances became short, Miller said.

Since then the State Sanitary Authority has prohibited further sewer line connections and as a result federal housing has been held up for lack of approval by the county sanitation department.

Acceptance of the bid was made at Monday's session of the Riddle City Council.

2 Arrested Elsewhere On Douglas Charges

Two men facing Douglas County charges have been arrested elsewhere.

Special Deputy Jack Carter was sent to return Denzil M. Ferguson, 40, Myrtle Creek, from Yamhill County where he was arrested and held on a Douglas County larceny-by-bailee charge. He is accused of the theft of a car which had been loaned to him from a used car lot. Bail was set at \$2,000.

E. H. Crabtree, address unknown, was arrested in Santa Rosa, Calif., and is being held on a Douglas County charge of grand larceny, Carter said. Crabtree also faces unspecified federal charges, the sheriff reported.

Mother Slays 4 Tots, Tries Suicide, Theory

FORT KNOX, Ky. (AP) — Army authorities Thursday sought a motive for the butcher knife slayings of four young children of a 29-year-old second lieutenant.

The officer—Lt. Joseph P. Coonan—walked into his blood spattered apartment here Wednesday night to find his four children dead from throat cuts, and his wife near death from a similar wound.

Col. Franklin Reese, provost marshal, said the mother apparently killed the children and then tried to kill herself.

Post authorities said a stomach analysis indicated that Mrs. Coonan, 28, evidently drank Lysol after stabbing herself in the throat.

Mrs. Coonan was taken to the post hospital, where her condition was reported critical.

Reckless Flying Count Faced By Two Brothers

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — A plane's wild gyrations over an Oklahoma City suburb set the whole community astir.

When the plane landed at the downtown airport, police nabbed two aboard.

They were identified as Air Force Lt. Clifton R. Ashley, 27, Grants Pass, Ore., and his brother Homer, 30, of Fairfax, Va.

They were booked on a charge of reckless flying. Homer, who said he was a postal clerk, also was charged with public drunkenness.

Phony Coins Buck Slot Machines, Charge Made

PORTLAND (AP) — A Secret Service agent accused a Medford man Wednesday of making counterfeit coins to try to beat slot machines.

In a preliminary hearing for Vern L. Beechtel, 23, charged with counterfeiting, the Secret Service agent said Beechtel admitted making 200 half-dollars and 700 quarters, all counterfeit.

The agent, Frank J. Kenny, said Beechtel told him he played them in machines at Winnemucca and Reno, Nev., and Weiser, Idaho.

X-RAY UNIT SCHEDULE

The mobile chest X-ray units will observe the following schedule Friday.

Reedsport Bridge Mill, 9 a.m.-noon; I.G.A. Store, Reedsport, 3 p.m.-6 p.m.; Corner Shell Station, Gardiner, noon-7 p.m.; Non-pariel Grade School, noon-7 p.m.; Thomas Hotel, Oakland, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. and Sutherlin Post Office, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

Fresh Snow, Rain To Add To Disaster

Communities Facing Food Shortage; Roads Blocked By Slides

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The black mass of a new storm front rolled toward Northern California Thursday, threatening more rain and snow for areas already flooded and snowed.

A five-day storm already has isolated towns, stranded the Southern Pacific steamliner City of San Francisco, whose 236 passengers and crew were rescued late Wednesday, disrupted transport and communications and sent hundreds of lowland residents from flooded homes.

Portola, Calif., railroad and lumber town of 4,000 high in the Sierra, was isolated and in critical condition until a Western Pacific emergency train bored in with medical supplies Thursday.

A woman died in a gas explosion there and a nine-foot snowfall collapsed buildings and stranded seven buses carrying 248 persons.

At least 13 deaths have been attributed to the storm and millions of dollars of property has been destroyed.

Food Low, Houses Crushed

Isolated communities in the Sierra reported food supplies were running low and that some houses were buckling under the weight of snow that drifted as high as 40 feet.

No one knew how the 200 residents of Almaror and Prattville in Plumas County were faring. Their communications were cut off for the fourth consecutive day.

A torrential rain in Southern California took five lives, drove residents from low-lying homes and blocked highways and the two principal railroad routes to San Francisco.

Heavy snow in Utah and Idaho stopped highway transportation and marooned travelers.

Slides blocked both the Coast and San Joaquin Valley lines of the Southern Pacific, principal Los Angeles-San Francisco routes.

All passenger trains between the east and San Francisco were detoured from Salt Lake City south to Barstow. The detours caused delays of seven to 10 hours.

SALEM (AP) — All of Oregon's highways were open Thursday, with icy spots on the roads in many areas, the State Highway Commission said.

Chains were required on the Pacific Highway over the Siskiyou. The Commission advised motorists to carry chains to Timberline Lodge and on the Ochoco Highway.

Award Slated For Junior First Citizen Friday

Installation of officers and presentation of special awards within the Junior Chamber of Commerce, as well as presentation of the Distinguished Service Key to Roseburg's outstanding young man of 1951, is scheduled for the Junior First Citizen's banquet Friday at 6:30 p.m., at the Roseburg Country Club.

The new officers are Sid Moon, president, elected to succeed Gordon Carlson; Bob McCarl and Ernie Barker, vice presidents; Jack Shiley secretary; Ken Garey, treasurer, and Chuck Wright, sergeant-at-arms.

Bob McCarl will be master of ceremonies, and speaker for the evening will be Jim Aiken, former University of Oregon football coach.

Program for the evening, following the dinner, will include installation; presentation of awards to the outstanding first year Jaycee member and to the outstanding chairman, and the address by Aiken, with the distinguished Service Key Award presentation concluding the program. Dancing is scheduled after the meeting.

Previous first citizen awards went to Dave McCarroll, Bill Black, Wayne Crooch, Don Forbes and the Rev. W. A. MacArthur.

U. S., Britain To Swap Atomic Information

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Times said Thursday the United States and Britain "have broken the deadlock over the exchange of information on atomic energy."

They have agreed, the Times said, "to allow a small working party of scientists from both countries to study the specific areas of atomic energy in which the British want to exchange information."

U. S. Census Estimates 155,575,000 Persons

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Census Bureau Thursday estimated the United States population at 155,575,000 last Dec. 1.

This compared with an estimate of 155,356,000 for Nov. 1 last year and a count of 151,132,000 in the April 1, 1950 census.

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reitenstein

The sublime optimist these days is the uncomfortable person going to California "to spend the winter."