

POND MAN DROWNS
PILOT ROCK — Jack Willard, 50, working at the Pilot Rock Lumber Co. mill pond Thursday evening, fell and drowned.
 A former town marshal here, he leaves his widow and three children.

EARTHQUAKE FELT
CONCEPCION, Chile — A strong tremor caused widespread alarm here Thursday night but there were no reports of damage.

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STOCKHOLM, Sweden — Stockholm police staged their 14th hunt Saturday for prize jail escapee Karl Wilhelmsson. This time the prisoner vanished from his own wedding.
 Authorities let Wilhelmsson, who is serving a term for theft, out of prison Friday so he could get married. They cautiously sent along a policeman to keep an eye on him.
 But during the wedding party Wilhelmsson dashed out a door, locked it behind him and escaped, leaving a fearful bride.
 His earlier prison breaks included one in which he drove off in a stolen car wearing his prison garb. He excused his appearance to people he met along the road by telling them, "I've been to a fancy-dress ball."

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HAT FOR A QUEENLY HEAD—Betty Hutton, dynamic stage and screen star, shown in her New York hotel suite, accepts a Reggi-of-Wilshire hat from Lee Henry, of Syosset, N. Y., a 12-year-old hemophilia sufferer. It replaces one of her hats which had been auctioned off for \$600 at a recent Hemophilia Foundation Frolic, held to raise funds to aid sufferers of the rare disease.

Christmas Shoppers Spend Less Money, Looking For Better Bargains This Year

PORTLAND — Christmas shoppers are spending less money this year and are looking for better values for what they do spend.
 That's the consensus of leading Portland retailers who estimate business from "about the same as last year" to as much as 18 per cent off.
 Widespread unemployment in lumber, food processing and construction is held partly responsible for the drop. Other factors are prolonged rainy weather, and, in the opinion of at least one retailer, removal of the urgency for buying, resulting from the end of hostilities in Korea.
 Generally department and furniture stores reported buying to date 5 to 10 per cent below last year. But most point out that Christmas shopping has been slow in starting and has picked up in recent days. Some forecast late buying surges which will bring business this year "within 5 per cent either way" of last year, when many had a record volume.
 Unemployment is the highest in Oregon since before World War II, with 9 per cent of the workers insured under the unemployment compensation program without jobs last week. That tied Oregon with New Hampshire for the highest unemployment rate in the nation.
 There are some exceptions to the business decline. One specialty store dealing in books, stationery and toys, reported sales 8 per cent ahead of last year.
 Retailers report toy sales "very good," major appliances away from luxury items off, and television generally off.

LYNCH TO RETIRE
PORTLAND — W. H. Lynch, 1922 to 1925, then went to Omaha, division engineer here for the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads for 25 years, will retire Dec. 31.
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 He was in charge of the Helena, Mont., public roads office from

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Precedent Cited For Appointment Of AP Reporter

PORTLAND — There is a precedent for the appointment of an American, O. H. P. King of the Dallas, Tex. bureau of the Associated Press, as consultant and advisor to the president of Korea.
 Another American—and both men had Pacific Northwest backgrounds—was advisor and director of foreign affairs for the king of Korea nearly 70 years ago.
 King, formerly in the Seattle bureau of the AP, left Friday for Seoul. Judge O. N. Denny of Portland went to Seoul to take a somewhat comparable job in 1885.
 There was trouble then, too, with Chinese. The king of Korea's powers were limited by them and Denny wrote a small booklet of bitter criticism of the way Chinese were imposing their will on Korea—and of failure of the world's great powers to do something about it.
 At the time Denny took the Korean job—at \$12,000 a year—he had been U. S. consul at Tientsin, China, and consul general at Shanghai for seven years.
 Because of his health he left Korea in 1891 and returned to Portland, later moving to Long Beach, Wash., where he died in 1900.
 It was Judge Denny—the title came from a county judgeship at The Dalles and police court judgeship in Portland—who introduced Chinese pheasants to the United States.

5th Amendment Hiders Facing Jail—McCarthy

CHICAGO — Some Communist spies, says Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.), will go to jail for either perjury or contempt of his Senate Investigating Committee.
 "Communist spies may be clever enough to avoid conviction of espionage," McCarthy told the Executive Club of Chicago Friday. "Nevertheless a very damaging blow is in the process of being dealt the Communist apparatus by way of convictions for perjury or contempt."
 McCarthy referred to Harvard University as a "real privileged sanctuary" for professors who have refused to testify before congressional committees as to whether they ever had Communist affiliations. These witnesses, he said, have sought protection from self-incrimination under the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution.
 "I hope to do something about that (Harvard) in the not too distant future," he told the luncheon meeting.
 Later at a news conference, McCarthy said he "understood" legislation was being prepared for Congress that would end gift tax exemptions for those who donated funds to educational institutions including Harvard, which he said employ "Fifth Amendment Communists."

In mid-November, 1953, the U. S. Commodity Credit Corp. owned 427 million bushels of wheat.

Dean Believes Peace Assured

WASHINGTON — Special Ambassador Arthur H. Dean, expressing a personal view that Korea will have peace, readied an official less negotiations for a Korean report Friday on his so-far fruitless conference.
 Dean came back from Panmunjom Thursday night. He had walked out of the conference, called to set a time and place for a peace pact meeting, after protesting Communist charges that the United States was guilty of "perfidy."
 "Hatless and without an overcoat at the icy, windswept airport, Dean told newsmen:
 "Based upon what I observed and as a personal opinion, I am quite sure hostilities won't be renewed."
 He declined to go into details prior to his report to President Eisenhower and Secretary of State Dulles. The secretary is expected to report to the President also on the Paris trip from which he returned Thursday.
 Dulles came home, several hours before Dean, from the North Atlantic Council meeting, where he pressed for early action by France on a European army in which West Germany would be re-armed.

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