

# Tugs Fight Ice to Save Pasco Pontoon Bridge

PASCO, Wash.—(UP)—Ice and time yesterday raced two tugs which are attempting to save a 900-foot army pontoon bridge that broke loose from its moorings on the Snake river and was swept into the Columbia yesterday.

Ice floes were piling up against the span which is wedged against pilings of the Union Pacific railroad bridge a few miles south of the mouth of the Snake. The bridge, pounded by ice, broke loose at 11 a. m. about an hour and a half after it was closed to traffic.

The 18-inch thick chunks of river ice are threatening to dislodge the bridge before arrival of a second tug, thus severely hampering salvage operations.

Ice breaking operations are being directed from the tug Defiant at the scene by Paul Follett, operations manager for the Tidewater-Shaver barge line of Umatilla, Ore.

Both tugs will combine their efforts to pull the bridge to shore and anchor it. Army engineers will disassemble the bridge and take the sections back to the original bridge site for reassembling.

Traffic, meanwhile, is being rerouted from Pasco over the Patterson Ferry.

## Aldredge Replaces Dr. Piquet in Econ

Replacing Dr. Howard S. Piquet, visiting professor of economics, who was at the University for one term only, is Rendel Aldredge, former acting instructor at Stanford University. He will be here winter and spring terms.

Aldredge was graduated from the University of Oregon in 1942. He majored in economics and did graduate work both here and at Stanford. He is now working on a doctorate degree.

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## Plymouth Club Lists Panel for Sunday

A student panel will present the topic "My Concept of God and His Influence on My Life" at the Plymouth Club meeting Sunday evening, Jan. 8, at the Congregational Church, 13th and Ferry street. It will be followed by a general discussion.

The social hour and snack supper is scheduled for 5 p.m. in Plymouth House, and the panel and discussion will be held at 6 in the Wheeler Room of the church.

# Heat Wave Hits Northeast Area As West Freezes

NEW YORK, (UP)—The penguins in the Bronx Zoo floated around with their heads under water yesterday and cursed the evil fate that ever brought them from the antarctic to a place where it was truly June in January.

A winter "heat wave" lay over the entire Northeast and weather bureaus from Pittsburgh to Maine reported it was the hottest Jan. 4 since grandpa was a boy. A man in Massachusetts picked spinach in his garden, a restaurant in Newark, N. J., advertised iced tea and electric fans were turned on in offices in Pittsburgh.

Records were established practically everywhere. Congressmen back in Washington for the new session were mopping their brows at a 71 degree temperature—the hottest Jan. 4 since Ulysses S. Grant was president. In Philadelphia, the thermometer rose to 67, breaking a record set in 1874.

In New York, the lunchtime crowds swarmed, hatless and coatless, to the parks to feed the pigeons and to gape at the ice-skaters on the artificially frozen rink in Rockefeller Center. Elevator operators by the thousands inquired: "Hot enough for you?"

Bluebirds were sighted on Martha's Vineyard off the coast of Massachusetts. At Portland, on the icy coast of Maine, the temperature was 63 and in Boston the high for the day was 64.4, breaking all previous records. A man in Quebec, Canada, found parsley growing in his garden.

# Rail Cutback Ordered Sunday

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (UP)—The government today ordered railroads with less than 26 days' supply of coal to sidetrack every third coal-burning passenger train next Sunday midnight.

The Interstate Commerce Commission said the cut, due to John L.

Lewis' three-day work week in the coal fields, will remain in force two month unless revoked.

The order requires the railroads to trim coal-burning passenger service one-third below the Dec. 1 level whenever their reserves drop to 25 days or less.

# Taw Completes Survey

Richard L. Taw, graduate student in business administration, recently completed a survey determining the number and locations of new domestic and foreign corporations in Oregon since the war.

The survey appeared in the December issue of the Oregon Business Review.

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