

The Weather

(Courtesy Cottage Grove Lake Weather Station)

	High	Low	Pre.
Dec. 29	52	30	.12
Dec. 30	45	30	.45
Dec. 31	45	30	.11
Jan. 1	40	31	.11
Jan. 2	35	25	.39
Jan. 3	30	12	.14
Jan. 4	34	18	.10

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President Advocates Moderate Amount New Taxes in Message

President Truman advocated a "moderate amount" of new taxes Tuesday at Washington in a glowingly optimistic state of the union message voicing hope of an eventual trillion-dollar economy.

If America keeps growing as it has in the last 50 years, he told Congress, the total national production 50 years hence will be nearly four times what it is now, or at the rate of more than one thousand billions of dollars a year.

In a mixture of humility and pride, Mr. Truman said: "Today, by the grace of God, we stand a free and prosperous nation with greater possibilities for the future than any people have ever had before."

The president's message was one in which he (1) looked far into the future when, he said, the average family may make the equivalent of more than \$12,000 a year—and (2) dwelled on what he called the present day needs for such things as continued rent controls and repeal of the Taft-Hartley labor law.

The president gave no inkling of how much new revenue he wants now or where he would turn to get it. Nor did he disclose what existing taxes he would drop or lower to, as he put it, "reduce present inequities" and "stimulate business activity."

He simply said there should be "some changes" in the tax system to produce these results.

His tax proposals will come later, in a special message. He is expected to yield to demands for an end to the bulk of the wartime excise levies on such things as transportation fares and telephone bills, provided the loss is more than offset by taxes from corporation profits and other sources.

Motorists Urged to Drive Cautiously

An automobile on snow-covered pavement is something like a pig on ice, Chief of Police Chester A. Nordstrom, warned motorists yesterday in the wake of the city's first appreciable snowfall.

"People are inclined to forget that you can't stop a car by stepping on the brake when there's packed snow or ice on the streets," Chief Nordstrom said. "That is, they forget until after they start to skid, and then it's often too late."

When dangerous snow and ice conditions prevail, careful drivers put on tire chains. That helps a lot, because tests show that cars equipped with chains are far less likely to be involved in accidents than cars not so equipped.

In addition to using chains, the chief said motorists should reduce speed when streets are slippery, keep windshield wipers and defrosters in good condition to combat poor visibility, and see that headlights are functioning. Poor vision and poor traction both promote accidents.

"Our job is to prevent accidents as well as to investigate them," Chief Nordstrom added, "and we'd rather do the preventing."

"Because of the snow, numerous cars have been reported skidding or becoming stalled. If a majority of these drivers had been going a little slower, and had been properly equipped for winter driving, many of these accidents and traffic tie-ups could have been prevented."

"Virtually all such accidents," the chief said, "are due to inadequate traction and speed too fast for conditions."

"You've all seen kids sliding on the ice with their rubbers on," he observed. "Automobile tires will slip too on ice. Sure, good tire treads are desirable. They help a lot on dry or wet pavements, and to a limited extent on soft, fresh snow that is not too deep—but rubber will not bite into ice or hard-packed snow. When you start out in the morning, get the 'feel' of the road. Then be extra careful, drive very slowly, and repeatedly pump your brakes gently when you want to stop."

RENTAL PROPERTY MORE IN DEMAND

Good news for those who may have houses or apartments for rent is the fact that apparently there is more of a demand for rental units here now than has existed for several weeks. At least we have had more inquiries for rental units and fewer rental ads.

Shortly after the completion of the Dorena dam there was a surplus of all kinds of rental units, but the surplus units have gradually been filled.

WANT AD LOCAL STORY WINS \$5.00 AWARD FOR CRESWELL WOMAN

Mrs. Mary Wilson of Creswell was recently awarded \$5.00 by the Classified Advertising Service of Miami, Fla., in submitting a local classified for the "Want Ad Wonder Column". Mrs. Wilson submitted as her entry the story of the lost Ben Layne cattle and subsequent finding of the cattle by plane, the day after the story and ad appeared in the Sentinel.

The material submitted by Mrs. Wilson was sent to Francis Eaton, classified manager of the Register Guard, who in turn submitted the story and ad to the Classified Advertising Service.

State 4-H Agents To Attend County Leaders' Meeting



ESTHER TASKERUD
State 4-H Club Department
Oregon State College

Miss Esther Taskerud and Cal Monroe, State Agents in 4-H Club Work, will attend the Leaders Training meeting on January 11th in the 4-H Building at the fairgrounds, according to Mrs. Melba M. Heide, County Extension Agent, 4-H Club Work.

To open the program at 10:30 a.m., is a panel discussion, "What are we striving for?" Mr. Monroe will be moderator, members of the panel will be Mrs. O. G. Culverston, Eugene; Mrs. Leon Morton, Cottage Grove; Earl Jager, Junction City; and Odine Mathews, Central, are all Lane County 4-H club leaders.

Miss Taskerud will speak on "Working with the 4-H Club Members" and Harmony Between the club members and the Record Book."

In the afternoon the meeting will be divided into two workshops sessions, scheduled from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. One session will be on home economics and the other on agriculture projects.

The noon lunch will be planned pot luck and leaders are asked to bring their own dishes.

RETURNS TO BASE
Pfc. David Summers left by plane Saturday for his air base at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey after spending the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Summers.

Fire Chief C. L. Thrasher Resigns; City Ordered to Construct Sewer Plant

A letter was received and read from Mrs. Edna Pillar, East Main Street, with reference to overflow water draining across her property, she is requesting the city to take immediate steps to correct this problem. The city engineer agreed to investigate and do what he could to correct this excess water overflowing.

Resignation of C. L. Thrasher, fire chief, was read. Motion was made that the resignation be accepted and filed. The city received two applications for the position of fire chief. They were from Robert V. Strom and Roy J. Clark. The council decided to take no action for the present. Stanley Daugherty is acting fire chief until a new one is secured. Mr. Thrasher is going into the logging business.

The city attorney was instructed to draw an ordinance pertaining to one side of street from the No. line of Gibbs Ave. to the So. line of Thayer Ave. The city attorney was asked to write a letter to the Highway Department, inclosing the suggested ordinance.

A letter was received and read

Fire Destroys Old Delight Valley School Building



Photo shows all that was left of the old Delight Valley school building after Tuesday's fire. (See story for details.)

Lyle Dale Snider Takes His Own Life

Lyle Dale Snider, 26-year-old University of Oregon junior, died of a bullet wound in his head Thursday, December 29, in his tiny room at 1658 13th Ave., Eugene, about 8:30 a.m. Eugene police and coroner's office listed the death as suicide. He was shot in the head with an 8.75mm German Mauser rifle, and apparently died instantly. A suicide note was left implying despondency.

University records listed him as a junior studying English with better-than-average grades. He formerly lived at Saginaw where he attended high school and graduated from the Cottage Grove Union high school with the class of 1940, and served in the Army during World War II.

He had spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis K. Snider, at Myrtle Creek, and was reported in good spirits.

Snider was born in Maywood, Nebraska, February 15, 1923. Survivors are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis K. Snider of Myrtle Creek; two brothers, Ronald W., of Salem and Kenneth H., of Myrtle Creek and his grandmother, Mrs. Anna Phayer of Maywood, Nebraska.

Funeral services were held at Bartholomew-Buell Chapel in Springfield, Tuesday, January 3, at 2:00 p.m. with the Rev. Ellsworth Tilton officiating. Interment was in Rest Haven Memorial park, Eugene.

BODY OF WOMAN FOUND IN FALL CREEK

The body of Mrs. Eloise Blosser was found last Thursday afternoon in Little Fall creek, about a quarter of a mile below Little Fall Creek. The finding of the body ended a 48 hour search. Her clothing was discovered near the creek bank on December 27th.

FIRST 1950 BABIES

To first 1950 babies as reported to us have been turned in by the Butler Maternity home. The first baby of the new year arrived six hours and 15 minutes after 1950 was ushered in. A son, Jerry Eugene, weight 6 1/2 lbs. was born to Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Smith of Route 1, Creswell at 6:15 a.m. on January 1st.

The second baby reported was a son, Philip, weight 8 lbs. to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Landis of Route 1, City, on January 3rd at 3:00 a.m.

Before announcing the final awards on the first baby contest as advertised in our issue of December 29th, we will await further reports. The time limit is January 8th.

Super Y Market At Glenwood Burns Loss of \$75,000

The Super-Y market at Glenwood was destroyed by flames of undetermined origin early Sunday as Eugene fire equipment struggling with low water pressure, managed only to save frozen food lockers at the rear of the structure.

Fire Chief Ed Surfus of the Eugene fire department, Tuesday, estimated the loss at \$75,000. He estimated loss to the self-service laundry section at \$14,000. He said firemen had to cut down to one-half inch nozzles to get even a moderate spray of water on the flames.

Two trucks were dispatched to the fire—one from the Eastside sub-station and one from the city's main station at city hall. Glenwood, an unincorporated community, has a contract with the City of Eugene for fire protection.

Owner of the building, Otto Sellins was unaware of the blaze until Monday as he had just returned from a trip to San Francisco.

Fire Does \$30,000 Damage to Irish & Swartz Center

The Eugene area experienced its second costly fire for the new year yesterday morning when \$30,000 to \$50,000 damage was done to the Irish Swartz shopping center at 10th and Charnelton, near the Public Market. Fire was said to have started about 3:00 a.m. in a motor of the deep freeze unit and burned through into the basement.

The worst loss was the fact that about half the floor burned thru over the basement and merchandise dropped in the basement in about two feet of water. The blaze could have easily been a \$150,000 fire, firemen reported.

VETS BUILDING LEFT OUT

In summing up the construction activities for 1949, under the heading of "Glancing Backward" which appeared in our last issue, the Veterans of Foreign Wars building, located on North River road was inadvertently omitted, this despite the fact that the writer spent a day or so in gathering all available material for the preparation of this article. The Veterans' building was started during 1949. When the building is finished we hope to have a detailed account and history of its construction.

G. I. Refund Due On January 16th

Millions of World War II veterans will start slicing the \$2,800,000,000 GI insurance refund melon on January 16.

The Veterans Administration said Friday that on that date checks will start rolling out at the rate of 200,000 a day. June 30 is the target date for completing the operation.

The checks, ranging from 90 cents to \$528, will average about \$175 per veteran.

Government economists expect a stimulating effect on business. They have given the big windfall—a result of excess funds built up by premium payments on GI insurance—\$6.1 among factors they expect to bring good business conditions throughout the first half of 1950.

George N. Craig, national commander of the American Legion, said Legion surveys indicate the money will be spent for payment of old debts, and the purchase of homes, real estate, and cars, in that order.

He added that the legion is trying to induce the veterans to spend the money for government bonds. The government is trying the same thing—each check will bear the line carried on wartime payroll checks: "Use wisely, invest in U.S. Savings Bonds."

The Veterans Administration has received 14,225,000 applications for the refunds, and has acknowledged most of them. Of 16,000,100 veterans who took out GI policies, more than 400,000 have died. Payments to beneficiaries of these will be handled separately from the mailings starting January 16.

Shrine Club Meets At Rod & Gun Club Clubhouse January 10

The Cottage Grove Shrine club starts the new year by changing its meeting place to the Cottage Grove Rod and Gun club clubhouse north of the city. This will be the second move for the Shrine within a year's time. They formerly met at the armory, but last fall moved to the I. O. O. F. hall from whence they are moving to what is hoped to be their permanent meeting place.

The next meeting will be Tuesday evening at eight o'clock and a large turnout is expected, according to secretary Francis M. Horn, as important business for the coming year is to be discussed with refreshments following.

NEW DODGE ON DISPLAY

The Cecil Beck Motor Co., has on display new Dodge models for 1950. An advance showing was made of a new Dodge model Tuesday night and yesterday the regular showing of the new models were placed in the show room of the Beck Motor Co. at 711 South Pacific Highway.

There will be no price change over the 1949 models according to an announcement from the factory. Prices for the various models start at \$1,525 for the Wayfarer FFB factory.

After reading last week's Sentinel where it was erroneously stated that the sales force of the Beck Motor Co., had gone to Portland to view the 1950 model, Beck thinks that perhaps he is ten years ahead of other car dealers.

1950 Brings Low Temperature Of 7. and 13 Inches of Snow

Sentinel to Be Issued 24 Hours Earlier Jan. 19

Beginning with the issue of January 19, the Sentinel will reach subscribers 24 hours earlier. In short we are showing publication of the Sentinel 24 hours ahead of our present schedule so that it may be distributed through the mails on Thursday morning. Since the paper will be distributed in the mails and on the newstands early Thursday morning, we are still retaining the Thursday date-line.

The early service will be established in an effort to meet a popular demand and will reach readers in time to read the paper for any week end special.

To do a good job of distribution, it is essential that we have the cooperation of every advertiser as well as our news correspondents and those who may have any news to submit. Early copy will be appreciated, the earlier the better and the less chance for errors. Deadlines for the submission of advertising will be Tuesday noon of each week for display advertising and Tuesday afternoon at 6 p.m. for classified advertising. If you can hold these dates in mind, there will be less chance for misunderstanding or disappointment. Any news item should be submitted not later than Tuesday and earlier if possible.

Mills Ambulance Is Sold to Deremer

Mills Mortuary has announced the sale of the ambulance service to Ed Deremer, who will continue to operate in connection with the taxi service, under Mills Ambulance Service.

Karl Mills brought the ambulance service to Cottage Grove in 1927, and has served the whole southern part of Lane county and parts of Douglas county all these years. Most of the 22 years Mills had the only ambulance here to serve the community, and they are to be commended for their efficient, prompt and courteous service over the years.

This ambulance service can be reached by calling 777 or 202.

SNOW, COLD SLOWS LUMBER MILLS

The prevailing cold and snowy weather has seriously hampered all lumber operations of this area with the majority of the mill shut down the first part of the week. Mills operating yesterday included the Wagner-Binford Lumber Co., Woodward Lumber Co., Booth Kelly Lumber Co. of Row River and the former Fred Harris Mill south of town. The Loran Valley Mill here started running today.

MRS. GRACE DASKAM DIES IN TACOMA

Word was received here this morning of the sudden death of Mrs. Grace Daskam, who passed away Wednesday, January 4, in a Tacoma, Washington hospital. Mrs. Daskam was a former Cottage Grove resident, and went to Tacoma about a year ago to live with her daughter, Miss Gladys Daskam. She was a member of the Rebekah lodge.

Funeral services were announced for Saturday at Buckley-King Funeral Home in Tacoma.

Rate Change of Mt. States Power Co. Effective January 1950 Is Explained

An explanation of rate change for electric customers served by Mountain States Power Company from its Willamette Valley electric system was made today by Z. E. Merrill, President of the Power Company.

Mr. Merrill stated that the changes effective in January 1950, were designed to simplify rates, and to eliminate dual meters wherever possible. This will conform to the practices of the Company on some of its other electric systems and with the practice of a number of other electric service distributors in the Northwest.

The new rates were adopted to achieve simplification. Many residential, commercial and small power customers, however, will find it to their advantage to change their electric wiring to receive all of their requirements through one meter. It should be noted that present customers will in no instance have an increased electric bill as a result of the new rates.

Residents of western Oregon have begun to wonder if history repeats itself or if the weather follows the same pattern two successive years. In short they wonder if we are facing forty days of freezing weather, such as occurred in January and February 1949. The year 1950 brought a drop in temperature with snow starting Sunday. Up to noon yesterday a total of 13 inches of snow had fallen in the Cottage Grove lake area, where it was measured at the Cottage Grove lake weather station. A total of 1 inch of snow fell on January 1st; 3 inches on the second, five inches on the 3rd and four inches on the 4th. Fourteen inches of snow was reported at the 2,900 foot elevation and deeper at higher elevations, the depth in proportion to the elevation. Nine inches of settled snow was reported to be standing at the Rujada ranger station yesterday. The total fall there was about 12 inches.

As will be observed by looking at the weather report on the front page of the Sentinel (to the left of the name plate) the coldest weather of the winter season was registered on January 3rd with a low reading of 12 above zero. The coldest of the corresponding season of last year was reached on January 13th with a low reading of 7 above zero, although readings of 7 and 9 were not too uncommon during the 1949 cold spell.

One redeeming feature of the present cold spell was the fact that only two accidents, both minor were the results of slippery streets within the city limits. Neither has there been any major highway accident within this region; at least reports, if any were not available as this is written.

Few motorists had to use chains in the past three or four days. One thing that has kept the accident rate down was the careful driving on the part of practically all motorists.

Diamond Lake Coldest Spot
Diamond lake was the coldest spot in Lane or Douglas counties. The caretaker at Diamond lake resort radioed forest service officials at Roseburg Tuesday that the low temperature reading there was 16 below zero. The Diamond lake area was blanketed with 34 inches of snow, it was reported at the time. The lake, about 90 miles east of Roseburg, is located at an elevation of 5,180 feet.

While chains were required on highways where passes were open, the worst trouble was experienced below Pasco, Washington, where a pontoon bridge across the Snake river was torn from its moorings by underwater ice and carried nearly three miles downstream. Tugs were attempting to return the 900 foot span to its original location.

OREGON TRAFFIC MISHAPS OVER HOLIDAY KILL FOUR

Traffic mishaps over the New Year's holiday week end in Oregon claimed the lives of four persons.

Mrs. Magdalena Junkett, 68, Portland, a passenger in a car that overturned Monday near McMinnville, was killed and four others escaped injury. Earlier Monday, Perry Owen Hester, 43, Richland, Wash., died in a similar accident near Hermiston. His wife was driving. She was not seriously injured.

Two accidents in the Portland area late Friday and Saturday claimed the other victims.



WASHINGTON, D. C.: Margaret Chase Smith, U. S. senator from Maine, tries hard not to let anyone forget that the Constitution doesn't prohibit a woman from holding the office of vice-president of the United States. However, other women—especially widows in their late thirties—now expect the next administration to be equipped with a single Veep. After all, a precedent has been set.

LAKEVIEW, ORE.: A plenty old and plenty big rattlesnake, sporting 15 rattles and a button, was shot with a .22 by Mrs. E. A. Arthur.

It went this way—she was knitting while she waited for her husband in the car. When she heard the thing, she simply laid down her work, picked up a rifle, fired, then resumed her needlework without dropping a stitch.

Note: Western femininity at its normal best!

EUGENE, ORE.: One of the fine voices in the Eugene Women's Choral club, which last week caroled for Christmas, was that of totally blind Genevieve Worden. A faithful and valuable member of the group, Miss Worden never misses a rehearsal, and besides the normal difficulties one with her handicap encounters in taking part in group activities, Miss Worden has the extra burden of having all her music transcribed into Braille.

PORTLAND, ORE.: Unconfirmed rumor has it that discreetly guarded inquiries regarding the Rose City's Catlin school have been emanating from royal places. 'Tis well known that the spirited, strong-minded Princess Margaret Rose has long had her heart set on attending an American school. Since she takes after her Uncle Eddie, who wouldn't bet she'll get what she wants?

OREGON-AT-LARGE: Trailers are going commercial! Maybe it's because the housing situation is easing. Anyway, we find them in the guise of mobile hamburger stands, beauty parlors, horse trailers with built-in out-boxes, bunk houses, lending libraries and what-not.

SPOKANE, WASH.: Orchid of the year goes to the Spokane airport for having the country's most unhandy terminal. Have to plow through snow and ice to eat or mail a letter? No envelopes to give away or even self-feeding staffed and generally uninviting! What's the matter with their Chamber of Commerce?

HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.: Shades of the last century! We're reminded again of the somewhat tarnished trans-oceanic romance (to which American-born Lady Nancy Astor brought her money and for it received a British title) when we hear her presently screaming and denouncing Hollywood glamor girls as "wretched."

What's really ailing the "laidee" is jealousy. She thinks the shadowland "arteeses" are cutting into her act and stealing her thunder, to say nothing of publicity. She has no patent on the pseudo-sophisticate's vogue of crossing European titles with American \$\$\$s.

However, the results are nearly always "pink champagne" followed by "blue babies", and discouraging.

Note: Beware, Rita Hayworth and Prince Aly Khan, Clark Gable and Lada Stanley, and Errol Flynn and Princess Ghica. There might be something to this guy Mendel and his law.

Fire Destroys Old Delight Valley School Building

Fire demolished the old Delight Valley school building, a six room frame structure Tuesday morning, starting about 10 a.m. The rural fire truck carrying 400 gallons of water was used in fighting the flames, which were practically controlled at one time, but after the 400 gallons were used up the truck had to go a half mile for more water. In the meantime according to Mike Hunter, flames crawled up the old belfry and spread through the roof.

The fire was said to have started in the furnace room. Firemen and a crew of volunteers saved a new piano by pulling it through a window. Also about 200 chairs and a number of books. In fact about all the furniture in the building was saved. The building was constructed 31 years ago.

The old building was being used as a gymnasium, the classroom equipment having been moved to the new building completed a short time ago.

VISITORS FROM PENDLETON

Mrs. Charles Bonney of Pendleton spent two weeks recently as a house guest of Mrs. C. E. Dillman, and was at the Dillman home for Christmas. Additional Christmas dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Graham.