

# V-2 Rocket Sets Speed, Height Records as Meteorites Scatter

Today's Winners

264-850 9-606  
399-488 99-377  
50-022 329-521  
233-130 399-437  
6-189 338-053

Prizes in The Oregon Statesman-Warner Brothers Courtesy Driving Campaign award Motorcycles, and other prizes, licenses, at The Statesman office.

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### Stassen Confirms Presidential Aim, Tells Program; Vandenberg Not Campaigning

#### Minnesotan Gives Old Guard Notice



HAROLD E. STASSEN Enlists in Race

### Postoffice in Salem Moving Record Mails

Cancellations in the Salem postoffice totaled 118,000 Monday and at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday were well past 70,000 and on the way to a new record for the holiday season.

Last year's peak cancellation was 136,000 reached later in the week. Albert Gragg, Salem postmaster, said Tuesday. The most of the cancellations are registered during the night hours. Gragg said, when outgoing mail is worked.

### Russians Delay Atom Plan Vote

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., Dec. 17 (AP)—The United States failed today in an attempt to bring about an immediate vote of approval on its proposals for international control of atomic energy.

### Courtesy Driving Campaign Prizes

Following is the list of prizes in The Oregon Statesman-Warner Brothers Courtesy Driving Campaign:

- MAJOR GRAND PRIZE: Seventeen jewel watch choice of men's or woman's (Stevens & Son).
- GRAND PRIZES:
  - 1st: New tire and tube (State Tire Supply)
  - 2nd: Dish, service for 8 (Salem Hardware)
  - 3rd: Sandwich grill and fly rod (Sears Roebuck)
  - 4th: Permanent wave (Larsen's Beauty Studio)
  - 5th: Wool auto robe (Bishop's Clothing)
  - 6th: Airplane suitcase (Miller Mercantile)
  - 7th: Table lamp (Elstrom's)
  - 8th: Electric room heater (McKay Chevrolet)
  - 9th: Table lamp (Court Street Radio)
  - 10th: Androns (Doughton Hardware)
- DAILY PRIZES:
  - 1st: Camella (F. A. Doerfler & Sons)
  - 2nd: Three pair nylon (Army & Navy store)
  - 3rd: Ten gallons gasoline oil change (Larsen's General Petroleum)
  - 4th: Umbrella (J. C. Penney co.)
  - 5th: Car vacuum (Hamilton Furniture)
  - 6th: Album of records (Heider Radio)
  - 7th: Auto flashlight (Yeater Appliance)
  - 8th: Half gallon ice cream (The Pike)
  - 9th: Two tickets Elmore theatre.
  - 10th: Two tickets Elmore theatre.

In addition, every one of the prize winners (daily and grand) will receive a certificate entitling him or her to an 8 x 10 brown tone photograph (Bishop-Modern).

All prizes are being made available at The Statesman office, with the exception that certificates instead of actual merchandise will be issued for the photographs, gasoline-oil, the permanent wave and ice cream.

By D. Harold Oliver  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AP)—Harold E. Stassen, 39-year-old former Minnesota governor and navy veteran, served notice on the old guard in his party today that he is definitely a candidate for the republican presidential nomination in 1948.

He made his announcement at a hotel news conference and said his main interest at first will be to develop new labor legislation based on "voluntary" methods to prevent strikes but seeking to "break up monopolies and dictatorships" in unions.

#### No Campaign Forecast

Stassen's announcement came shortly after Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg of Michigan told another news conference that he is not a candidate for the GOP presidential nomination and anticipates no campaign in his behalf.

Both Vandenberg and Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio have now said they are not candidates, but they have left the door open for possible draft movements.

Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York, 1944 party standard bearer and expected to be a serious contender again in 1948, remained silent.

Stassen's open candidacy, all but avowed up to now, is expected by politicians to put a keen edge on pre-convention activity that otherwise would remain dull two years before nominating time. Vandenberg in asserting he is not a candidate said the "Republican task at hand is exclusively one of now justifying our November victory."

#### Future of U.S. Workers

Stassen said the future of the working people in the United States depends on four things in the next six months:

- 1.—That big strikes be avoided, in order to bring about high, continuous production.
- 2.—That salaries and wages of the white collar classes—teachers, pensioners and the like—be brought up to "the new level we have arrived at."
- 3.—That no extreme restrictive legislation be enacted by congress that would place "extreme power in the hands of the government in violation of the fundamental rights of the workers."
- 4.—Exercise of "consumer resistance to high prices in this immediate period."

### Year's Crop Production Tops in Nation's History

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AP)—The agriculture department reported today that its final tally confirmed earlier estimates that this year's crop production was the greatest in history, from the standpoint of both quantity and quality.

Topping the output were record crops of wheat and corn—grains which last winter's famine relief

feeding operations had depleted to dangerously low levels. These crops put the country into a position to ship large amounts of cereals abroad this winter, to expand livestock production and to rebuild grain reserves.

The aggregate volume of crops was 26 per cent above the pre-drought (1922-32) average, 7 points above last year and 2 points above the previous record of 1942.

#### Record Crops

Record crops also were reported for rice, potatoes, tobacco, soy beans, cherries, peaches, pears, plums, and truck crops.

This year's harvested acreage totaled 345,773,000 compared with 246,482,000 last year and 334,823,000 for the ten-year (1935-44) average.

Production of food and feed grains were the largest on record, amounting to 162,500,000 tons, or about 7,500,000 tons above 1942's previous record.

The final figure for corn was 3,297,927,000 bushels. This compared with the 1944 record of 3,228,000,000, with the revised 1945 figure of 2,880,224,000 and with a ten-year average of 2,608,499,000.

Wheat production was reported at 1,155,715,000 bushels, compared with 1,108,224,000 last year and the ten-year average of 843,692,000.

#### FLOOD DRIVES OUT RATS

SEATTLE, Dec. 17 (AP)—The county health department here saw one good result of the flood. It sent out crews armed with shotguns to destroy rats which had taken refuge in trees after being forced from buildings by flood waters.

#### DANNY KAYE POPPA

NEW YORK, Dec. 17 (AP)—Mrs. Danny Kaye, wife of the stage, screen and radio comedian, today gave birth to a daughter at Women's hospital. The child weighed five pounds, five ounces and was named Dana.

#### SHIP SAILS TO ALASKA

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 17 (AP)—The Alaska relief ship, Reef Knot, sailed from here late today for southwestern Alaska ports with 4842 tons of relief cargo.

#### Drive Shows When Women Drivers Good, They're Very, Very Good; When They're Bad They're Awful

By Wendell Webb  
Managing Editor, The Statesman  
Several interesting conclusions gradually are being formed from data gathered in the current Oregon Statesman-Warner Brothers Courtesy Driving campaign—one of them pertaining to women drivers.

The women, harangued about their driving, are showing a higher percentage of uniform courtesy than the men. Conversely, the most glaring evidences of discourtesy and unsafe driving practices also have been perpetrated by women.

But the most outstanding conclusion reached by the courtesy-campaign observers is that the actual percentage of drivers who keep in their own lanes, give proper hand signals, proceed at safe speeds and relinquish their "rights" to help keep traffic moving smoothly is startlingly small, both among men and women.

That fact, if it can be accepted as such, is what has made the courtesy campaign's prize winners so outstanding on Salem's streets.

The 10 prizes daily, donated by Salem merchants, will continue to be awarded through Saturday, and in next Tuesday's Statesman will be announced the winners of the 1 grand prize in The Statesman-Warner Brothers campaign to reduce the number of pre-Christmas accidents and make driving more pleasurable within this city.

Here are the car licenses of the 10 drivers listed by the secretary of state's office as meriting today's prizes, obtainable at The Statesman office:

264-850: Dec. 17; 12th. State and High; 9:40 a.m.; used proper hand signals, slowed at intersections, turned and kept in proper lanes, good left-hand turn signal from stop. (Camellia)

### Missile Ascends 111 Miles

#### Meteor Display Unspectacular, Observers Say

WHITE SANDS, N. M., Dec. 17 (AP)—New records were set for speed of 5350 feet per second and for altitude of 111 miles by a German V-2 rocket fired tonight, the army said in an official bulletin.

While awaiting data from observers and development of film from 300 cameras, the army made no mention of its experiment to create man-made meteorites in its first night rocket shoot.

The new speed, Lt. Col. Harold R. Turner, White Sands commander, said equaled five times the speed of sound and eclipsed the former mark of 5000 feet per second set December 6. The previous altitude mark was 104 miles set last summer.

The army said it would have no comment until 8 a.m. tomorrow on its meteorite experiment, but from the popular view the shoot was not much of a spectacle at places 100 or more miles away.

Press reports from Bisbee, Ariz., were the only ones to mention meteorites being visible and then only faintly by the naked eye.

A press representative stationed about six miles from the firing platform, however, said he saw no evidence of meteorites.

The rocket was fired at 10:19 p.m. (Mountain standard time) and the all clear came at 10:23.

#### Flames Light Desert

The flames from the rockets jet engines lighted the desert brightly for about three miles.

They were visible for 68 seconds and the white hot rudders for about 52 seconds longer.

### Budget Plans Double Wage Allocations

Budgets for the 1947-48 biennium, physical plants and operating personnel of the state training school for boys and Hillcrest school for girls, were discussed by the so-called advisory committee of the two institutions at a meeting with the state board of control here Tuesday afternoon.

The boys' school budget, as now prepared, includes \$328,000 for salaries and wages, \$201,320 for general operation and maintenance and \$302,075 for capital outlays. The salaries and wages budget is 102 per cent higher than that for the current biennium, while the operation and maintenance budget is 46 per cent higher. The new budget makes provision for a chief parole officer, more elementary teachers, nurse and other employees.

The salaries and wages budget for Hillcrest school is \$173,952 as against \$69,628 for the present biennium. The general operating and maintenance budget is \$103,915 and capital outlays \$134,429.

Members of the advisory committee are County Judge E. L. Pope, Oregon City; Miss Joy Hills, Salem; Dr. Herman Dickel and Mrs. Paul McKee, Portland; Father Francis P. Leipzig, Eugene, and Mayor George Stadelman, The Dalles.

### YM to Stage Open House

Plans for the 29th annual Christmas open house for Salem boys at the YMCA are being completed this week.

Boys from the 4th to 9th grades in Salem schools will be given free reign of the Y facilities December 23 to 31. C. A. Kells, secretary, said yesterday. Various games, sports tournaments, movies and education trips every morning to surrounding institutions are part of the schedule. Last year's open house drew an average of 1200 boys every day, Kells said.

#### Weather

| Station       | Max. | Min. | Precip. |
|---------------|------|------|---------|
| Salem         | 42   | 28   | 00      |
| Portland      | 43   | 31   | 00      |
| San Francisco | 53   | 38   | 00      |
| Chicago       | 46   | 18   | trace   |
| New York      | 50   | 32   | trace   |
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| New York      | 50   | 32   | trace   |

FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Mostly cloudy today and tonight with slight warming temperatures. Highest today 45. Lowest 35.

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Sprague told the board that the land now occupied by the prison was badly needed for city expansion. Five proposed sites, all located east of Salem, were proposed. One of these, containing approximately 2400 acres, lies along a county highway between the state hospital farm, five miles east of Salem, and Aumsville. Approximately 60 per cent of this property is classified as rough land with 1000 acres tillable.

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There is a possibility, board members declared, that the Marion county delegation in the legislature may present a bill at the 1947 session providing for the prison relocation. Land now occupied by the penitentiary would be sold by the board of control.

Funds for removal of the prison to another site would have to be appropriated by the legislature. Sprague stressed that the present prison plant is old and even if equipped on the present site will have to be remodeled and other number was thus moved up for today's prize.

### Fire Clue Holds Ray of Hope for Crash Victims

SEATTLE, Dec. 17 (AP)—A faint hope that the 32 men aboard a missing marine corps transport plane still might be alive kept the air over Eatonville crowded with search planes today after several witnesses reported seeing a brilliant fire blazing before dawn in the forest choked hills 25 miles southeast of the western Washington village.

State Patrol Chief Herbert Algeo, however, discounted the possibility tonight after an hour and a half of flying over the district. "Visibility was excellent and we covered the entire area," Algeo said. "All we saw was a bunch of small logging outfits burning slashings."

"If the plane is in that area or on Mount Rainier it undoubtedly covered by snow."

The planes converged on the Eatonville district after W. B. Bray of that district told Sgt. Norman Taylor of the patrol he had seen a "plainly visible fire" early this morning. "I fired up as though it were being fed by gasoline," Bray was quoted as saying.

An Olympia private flier, Loyal Schlotterback, also reported today that he saw a column of black smoke, which changed slowly to a dull gray fog-like color, over a spot 25 miles southeast of Eatonville and west of Longmire, Mount Rainier national park. He was headed for another area to search and did not investigate closely, but on returning over it this afternoon could see no sign of logging operations or an area having burned. He said he "probably made a mistake" in not looking closer this afternoon.

The cold, severest of the season, drove the mercury below zero in parts of four states—North Dakota, Montana, Minnesota and Wisconsin. Near zero temperatures were forecast for sections of northern Illinois, Iowa and South Dakota.

Strong winds added to the discomfort of the cold in the mid-west.

As the cold spread south and east in moderated form, weather forecasters predicted sub-freezing temperatures would be recorded by Wednesday morning in the Carolinas, northern Georgia, northern Texas and northern Louisiana.

The temperature at Dawson, in the Yukon territory, rose from an unofficial 70 degrees below zero to 40 below yesterday, and schools reopened.

In New England, a freezing rain or wet snow traveled extremely hazardous.

### \$15,000 Fund Contributed to Defeat Bilbo

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AP)—Senators digging into the financial deals revolving about Senator Theodore G. Bilbo today turned up a report of \$15,000 allegedly earmarked for defeating him at the polls.

And the senate war investigating committee was told that the custodian of the money—temporarily at least—was Edward Terry, the Mississippi senator's own private secretary at the time.

J. Marvin Quinn, vice president of the Jackson state national bank, Jackson, Miss., told about it. He said Terry told him the plan was for Gov. Tom Bailey to run against Bilbo this year. Bailey did not make the race. He was talked of as a candidate but his health was not good. He died recently.

Quinn said Terry told him that the \$15,000 had been raised to "get Governor Tom Bailey to enter this race against Senator Bilbo."

Bilbo fired Terry as his secretary last January 1.

### 119,305 Apply For Licenses

A total of 119,305 applications for passenger car licenses for 1947 had been cleared at the state motor vehicle department here Tuesday. Officials estimate that between 425,000 and 430,000 licenses would be issued during the license period.

Licenses are now being sent out at the rate of between 6,000 and 7,000 a day from the Salem office, although a slight interruption has been encountered in moving the plates because of the Christmas rush at the postoffice.

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### Cold Wave to Spread South, East Suffers

By the Associated Press  
A biting cold wave nipped large stretches of the nation Tuesday night and heavy snows and freezing rain imparted a Christmas setting in several states.

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### Warm Weather Expected; Well Users Warned

Warmer temperatures are predicted today by McNary field weather station to relieve the cold snap prevailing in Salem for the past two days. Meanwhile, flood damage in the lower Willamette valley is continuing negligible, as the crest reached the Columbia river. Eastern Oregon temperatures went down to 10 degrees. Salem's lowest was 23 Tuesday.

Health authorities in Portland are warning of the possibility of a communicable disease outbreak because of flood pollution of wells in the Willamette valley and all well owners are advised to purify their water before use.

Oregon coast highway is the only main road in the state still closed, R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer reports. Usually clear weather is reported in eastern Oregon with some low temperatures and snow, icy roads prevailing in some sections.

County Judge Grant Murphy Tuesday that a washout on market road 39 had been reported between Talbot and Jefferson.

### Soviet Invades Fishing Waters

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AP)—Gov. Mon C. Wallgren of Washington expressed fear today for the future of the \$1,000,000,000 yearly northern Pacific fishing industry, saying Russians are fishing waters formerly plied by the Japanese.

The governor headed a west coast group at a meeting with Secretary of State Byrnes. Afterward he told reporters he had related that Russian fishermen had moved in where Japanese had left off, that he feared old disputes between rival fishing groups may flare anew.

"We had our troubles with the Japanese and now the question may arise with the Russians as to how far we are to go and how far we can go," Wallgren told a reporter.

### UMSTEAD NEW SENATOR

RALEIGH, N.C., Dec. 17 (AP)—William B. Umstead, 51-year-old Durham lawyer and a former representative in congress, was appointed by Governor R. Gregg Cherry today to the U.S. senate, as successor to Josiah W. Bailey who died Sunday.

### IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

From Austria comes this letter addressed to The Statesman:

Klosterneuburg bei Wein, 19 XI. 1946

To "Oregon Statesman, Salem"

Dear Sirs, I am sorry not to know any American friend, but I assume that you are acquainted with kindhearted gentlemen who are ready to help so unhappy people as we are I do not have the courage to ask for a CARE package but there will perhaps be a small package the large and happy country. As we need also dresses which are neither obtainable. I do not know how my husband and I will go through the winter. If there is any possibility, I am ready to return the money paid for.

I count onto your kindness and I wish to heartily thank you to pass this letter to a person coming in question. Thanking you in advance, I am

Sincerely yours,

HEDY MOISSEL

Klosterneuburg bei Wein, Martinsstrasse 40, Austria

The author of the letter is of course a stranger who has taken this means of appealing to the charity of Americans. But the letter is probably an accurate reflection of the need of the Austrian people and of their hopes of success from America. Austria is perhaps the worst off of any of the countries overrun by the war. Left weak as a result of the first world war, it is now quite impotent after the second. Here again division of control of the country has prevented a more rapid return to self-support.

The CARE package the correspondent refers to is the package of food purchased at a cost of \$10 from surplus food stores sent abroad for the American army. The name comes from the initials of the (Continued on editorial page)

### Gas in Water Mains Results In Explosion

KLAMATH FALLS, Dec. 17 (AP)—Paul Albert Sanders, 19, turned on a water faucet at Tulelake and out came gas. So he reached over to flush the toilet and—bang! The explosion blew off two doors, sprung the walls of the building and set Sanders' clothing and hair afire.

Follow workers put out the flames with fire extinguishers, and took him to a hospital for treatment of burns about the hands and face.

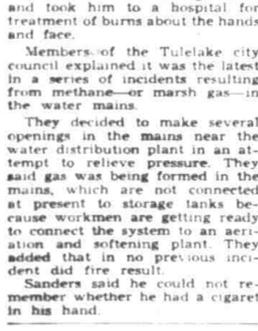
Members of the Tulelake city council explained it was the latest in a series of incidents resulting from methane—or marsh gas—in the water mains.

They decided to make several openings in the mains near the water distribution plant in an attempt to relieve pressure. The said gas was being formed in the mains, which are not connected at present to storage tanks because workmen are getting ready to connect the system to an aeration and screening plant. They decided that in no previous incident did fire result.

Sanders said he could not remember whether he had a cigarette in his hand.

### Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Of course I control the basic patents."

6 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT