

Broadcast Waves Received by Tiny, Refrigerated Metal Strip

BALTIMORE, Dec. 18. (AP)—The Johns Hopkins university announced tonight the accidental discovery of what it termed an entirely new method of radio reception, in which broadcast waves are picked up through a tiny strip of metal without use of tubes, electric currents, antenna or condensers.

Dr. Donald H. Andrews, professor of chemistry at Johns Hopkins and co-discoverer of the new broadcast-reception method, said there was no way of telling just what the strip consists of, but that it presented a new and unusual refrigeration problem, but one he hoped would not prove serious.

Dr. Andrews said reception from the tiny strip of metal "is as clear as most ordinary radios" and when it was hooked up to the regulation public address system needed to amplify, "it overloaded the speaker."

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

Properly to understand and appraise the report of the interim commission to study Oregon's tax system the public should know something of the background which led to its creation.

The focus of tax disaffection has been Portland. Many persons prominent in its life have felt the Oregon system of property-income-corporation excise taxes was restrictive on industrial expansion.

It is true that some industries have located across the river in Washington, such as the Alcoa and Reynolds aluminum ingot plants.

Studies without number have been made comparing Oregon's system of taxation with that of Washington. Sometimes it seemed the results depended

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Mail Continues Extra Heavy at City Postoffice

Cancellations in Salem post-office totaled 132,000 for Wednesday, December 18, when the day work was complete at 9:30 p.m.

Day by day cancellations counts for the holiday season have been kept in the Salem office for a number of years and the count is started December 16 regardless of the day of the week.

Last year the first three days cancellations, 16, 17 and 18 totaled 276,200 while this year the first three days cancellation total 311,000.

A full carload of Christmas mail is being dispatched from Salem each day, Postmaster Albert Gragg said Wednesday.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Beats me, Mac—he's been following the ship for two days."

Christmas Tree on Courthouse Lawn To Shine Tonight

More than 1000 lights will flash on tonight with the annual illumination of the Christmas tree on the courthouse lawn.

The lighting, sponsored by the Cherrians, annually since 1912, with the exception of three black-out years during World War II, is set for 8:55 p.m.

On the Cherrians' program committee are Sid McNeil, chairman; Marty Boesch, Wally Deffler and E. H. Bingenheimer.

Coal Operators Called to 'Talk' In Washington

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18. (AP)—A call to soft coal operators to meet in Washington tomorrow for unexplained "talks" led tonight to some speculation that contract negotiations may be sought with John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers.

A contract between Lewis and the operators would permit the government to turn back 2500 soft coal mines it has been operating since last spring's strike.

Lewis, calling off the recent 17-day strike on December 7, threw out broad hints he would be glad to talk things over either with the government or the operators.

Secretary of Interior J. A. Krug, with whom Lewis made the contract under which the mines are working, has emphatically refused to negotiate any new agreement, saying that it is up to the private owners.

Santa Visits Boys' Home By Airplane

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 18. (AP)—Santa Claus flies through the sky for the hundred youngsters at St. Mary's home for boys.

Complete to tassel cap and flowing white beard, the Christmas saint descended from the clouds today at the Huber, Ore. playground with an airplane full of gifts.

Small boys rushed up to the cockpit to ask about the weather at the North Pole. "Aren't you going to use the reindeer any more?" inquired a toddler.

One lad on the skeptical side looked at the marbles, whistles, candy, rubber balls and toys coming out of the plane and mumbled: "My gosh, it IS him!"

The gifts were the donation of Jack R. Moore of Western Skyways — and Santa Claus, well, he is a chief pilot on the line, who on duty is Ernie Helms.

RUSSIA TO RETURN JAPS TOKYO, Thursday, Dec. 19. (AP)—Russia and General MacArthur's headquarters signed an agreement today to return to Japan monthly 50,000 Japanese war prisoners and nationals "who desire repatriation."

Drawing Gives \$2,000,000 in Farms to Vets

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Dec. 18. (AP)—Eighty-five men and one girl—all veterans of World War II—received two million dollars worth of Christmas presents from Uncle Sam today.

What they got were rich farms that once lay at the floor of Tule lake and now are covered with black, rich earth whose fertility has been compared to the ancient Nile delta.

The 86 veterans' names were taken from among 1305 names in an old glass pickle jar, in the government's first postwar homestead drawing. A veteran of the first world war, himself a homesteader from an earlier U. S. reclamation bureau project, drew forth the first capsule in a boxing ring at the jammed Klamath Falls armory.

First Man from Banks The name was Robert L. Smith, Banks, Ore., who will have first choice of the 86 homesteads. The farms, bared after sprawling Tule lake was drained, range from 69.8 to 141.3 acres. The most valuable land is on the smallest units.

Herbert J. Schwarz, who was awarded a tract of land in the divisions made at Klamath Falls on Wednesday, is a freshman at Oregon State college and the son of Mrs. and Mrs. William Schwarz, of 650 Thompson st., Salem. He is taking an engineering course and is unmarried. Schwarz was graduated from the Sacred Heart academy in 1944 and was in the army two years, on the mainland.

Other Valley men selected included Benjamin E. Hamlin, Canby; John S. Wynn, Corvallis; Marcel Wallert, Estacada.

OPA Moves to New Quarters

It finally happened—the Salem office of OPA rent control was evicted, and forced to find new quarters. But, according to Clare A. Lee, local district manager of OPA rent control, the OPA was more fortunate in finding new offices.

The state department division of audits is to have the space used by OPA rent control in the armory, so the new offices are now located in the old high school building, 460 N. Liberty st., in room 320 on the third floor. The telephone number there is 2-4131.

At present the staff of the local rent control office is working on the petitions for rent increases filed by landlords. Lee said that about 100 such petitions are processed each day.

Oregon Guernsey Breeders Meet

R. M. Lyons of Junction City was elected new president of the Oregon Guernsey Breeders' association at last night's meeting in the Marion hotel and Fred Rudat, Jr., of Astoria, was elected vice president. Charles Evans of Independence was re-elected secretary-treasurer. Lyons, 1946 vice president, succeeds C. A. Smith of Seaside.

A new constitution and by-laws were adopted and the board of directors was increased from 2 to 12. Plans were initiated for the 1948 American Guernsey Cattle club national convention, when the Oregon association will be host to the parent organization.

Christmas program originally planned for tonight will be given Saturday instead. Keizer pupils had one day off because of the flood, and were sent home after they arrived Monday morning for that day and Roberts school also was in recess one day, thanks to the flood, Mrs. Booth said.

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Bus Crash Fatal to 10 Children

NEWBERRY, S.C., Dec. 18. (AP)—A loaded school bus and a Southern Railway passenger train collided on a fog-shrouded crossing near Silverstreet, seven miles southwest of here, today, killing ten small school children and the bus driver, and sending eleven other pupils to a hospital, most of them with critical injuries.

The pre-Christmas tragedy occurred on a dirt road that rises sharply to a blind crossing at Dead Fall junction. Officers suggested that the driver, Richard S. Sanders, was not expecting the train at the time because it was running about two hours late.

Family Losses Three children of the accident ranged in age from 7 to 12 or 13 years. One family lost three sons, Robert, Jack and Harold Lancaster. Two other lost sons and daughters, Peggy Joyce Riser and Johnny Wyman Riser, and Libby Long and Bobby Long.

State highway patrolmen who investigated said the train, bound from Greenville to Columbia, apparently struck the bus in the side and dragged it for nearly a quarter of a mile. The door was the only part of the 10-year-old bus that was not demolished.

Some bodies were found under the locomotive. Others were on the cowcatcher, and still others were strewn along the right of way, together with books, pieces of clothing, and other articles.

Dead List The dead, besides those named, were: Charleen Garner, Jerry Padgett, and Donald Braanon. Two girls and a boy were thrown clear of the bus at the time of impact and Mrs. Albert Moates, walked with Conductor C. C. Crouch to the nearby home of R. E. Hanna to telephone for ambulances. She was later admitted to the hospital.

The train and bus collided about 8:10 a.m. It was until several hours afterward that all the dead were identified.

Comic-Loving Tot Bathes and Reads As House Burns

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., Dec. 18. (AP)—Even a fire in his own house couldn't pull seven-year-old Bernard Burke away from his comic book.

Seeking the door to the basement, where the fire had broken out, Fire Chief R. W. Alsip opened the bathroom door by mistake. He found Bernard in the bathtub reading a comic book.

Alsip said the conversation went like this: "Sonny, don't you know the house is on fire?" "Yep." "What are you doing here?" "I'm busy. The firemen will put it out."

Bernard went on with his comic book and the firemen put out the fire. When they left he was still reading.

Courtesy Driving Campaign Prizes

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

- MAJOR GRAND PRIZE: Seventeen jewel wristwatch (Stevens & Son's).
- GRAND PRIZES:
 - 1st: New tire and tube (State Tire Service).
 - 2nd: Dish, service for 8 (Salem Hardware).
 - 3rd: Sandwich grill and fry 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: Andriods (Doughton Hardware).
- DAILY PRIZES:
 - 1st: Camella w. A. Doerrler & Sons.
 - 2nd: Three pair nylons (Army & Navy store).
 - 3rd: Ten gallons gasoline, oil change, lubrication (General Petroleum).
 - 4th: Umbrella (J. C. Penney co.).
 - 5th: Car vacuum (Harroldson Furniture).
 - 6th: Album of records (Heider Radio).
 - 7th: Auto flashlight (Yeater Appliances).
 - 8th: Half gallon ice cream (The Pike).
 - 9th: Two tickets Elsinore theatre.
 - 10th: Two tickets Elsinore theatre.

Truman Reproves China; Foresees Prosperous Era

President Asks Civil Strife End

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18. (AP)—Here are the chief points of the United States policy toward China as laid down today by President Truman:

1. Hands off China's internal affairs.
2. Insistence, however, that civil strife must stop as a threat to world peace.
3. Continued recognition of Chiang Kai-shek's national government, but with a broader base to include the rival Communist faction.
4. Economic help for China on a broad basis once peace returns.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18. (AP)—President Truman called upon China today to quell its civil strife, served notice the United States stands firm in its recognition of Chiang Kai-shek's national government, and pledged American aid in speeding Chinese economic recovery once peace returns.

In a lengthy exposition of this country's policy toward China, the chief executive formally expressed "deep regret" that peace and unity have not been achieved in that country and asserted that China "was a clear responsibility to the other United Nations to eliminate armed conflict."

Just what prompted issuance of the statement at this time was not spelled out officially, but it appeared likely that it constituted the groundwork for a newly concentrated perhaps last ditch effort to bring Chiang's government and the Communist forces together.

Mr. Truman, in commenting on the formal statement, paid tribute to the work of General George C. Marshall, his personal representative in China, and said he would remain there as long as necessary in the hope of getting things cleaned up.

To Reduce U. S. Forces Simultaneously, the statement stressed anew this nation's pledge of non-interference in China's internal affairs, and the size of United States armed forces in China is being reduced from a peak of 113,000 to "less than 12,000."

Bilbo's Secretary Testifies



WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—Edward P. Terry (left), former secretary to Sen. Theodore G. Bilbo (D-Miss), who refused to testify on the disposal of a \$15,000 "beat Bilbo" fund, before the senate war investigating committee in Washington today. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.)

Terry Keeps Silence On 'Beat Bilbo' Fund

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18. (AP)—Edward P. Terry, self-declared custodian of a \$15,000 "beat Bilbo" fund, refused today to tell senate investigators what he did with it and was threatened with contempt and perjury prosecution.

His stand threw into an uproar a senate war investigating committee hearing. It had been started a few minutes earlier by an assertion from Terry that a physician told him Senator Theodore G. Bilbo accepted \$1500 to get a narcotics "prescription or license" for a constituent.

Terry is a former secretary to the Mississippi democratic senator and had been called as a key witness in the committee's inquiry into Bilbo's relations with war contractors.

Twisting nervously, he reiterated previous assertions that he had received warnings of death if he told what he knew about Bilbo. Terry said he never heard of any understanding that contractors were to make any payments to Bilbo but he told of incidents where, he said, the senator indicated anticipation that the contractors would do favors for him.

Earlier in the hearings the committee had obtained bank records showing a \$14,300 deposit was added to Terry's account in a Jackson, Miss., bank on Sept. 7, 1945, and \$15,000 was withdrawn on July 10, 1946.

At the time of the deposit Terry was Bilbo's secretary. They had frequent quarrels and he left the senator's employ last January 1.

Steel Men to Ask Pay Boost

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 18. (AP)—The CIO United Steel Workers through its international wage-policy committee, today voted to demand a "substantial wage increase" of the steel industry when negotiations for new contracts open next month.

Philip Murray, president of the USW, declined to state what the steel workers considered a "substantial increase" but added: "I firmly believe that the steel industry can meet our demands without increasing the price of its products."

Contracts with between 70 and 86 basic steel companies expire Feb. 15, according to Murray. Negotiations will be opened at least 30 days before then. The steel workers head also said the union, acting under the Smith-Connally act, would file strike notices at least 30 days before the expiration of the agreements.

Today's Winners
29-547 263-784
285-700 268-616
289-001 257-548
282-780 289-510
379-813 336-476
Prizes in The Oregon Statesman - Warner Brothers Courtesy Driving Campaign await drivers of cars with these licenses, at The Statesman office.

Recession In 1947 Possible

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18. (AP)—The president's economic council tonight predicted prosperity for "some years" ahead, except for a possible "dip" in 1947—and Mr. Truman quickly added that even this dip could be avoided if everybody stayed on the job.

The council, in its first report under the employment act of 1946, declared that while 1947 might bring a short-lived business recession, the long-term outlook is for sustained high employment and production.

Disagreeing sharply concerning next year, Mr. Truman told his news conference that he did not admit such a possibility as a 1947 slump. He said that he had not studied the report.

He has made the statement repeatedly, Mr. Truman replied to questions, that the outlook for the country is good and will continue to be good if we can only get people to go to work. When asked if he was referring to strikes, he amended this to say: "If only people stay at work."

Nobody wants strikes, the president went on, and those that interrupted the nation's reconstruction drive—presumably the great steel, railroad, auto and coal shut-downs—were not necessary.

The council's report to Mr. Truman predicted "some years of high production, employment and purchasing power."

Beyond this, the report said, the country can, if it uses those years for wise and vigorous planning, rid itself of serious depressions for a future of unprecedented prosperity.

"Free competitive enterprise" must be the base of such a permanent prosperity, with the government giving support in a "stimulating and guiding" role, said economic policy headed by Edwin G. Nourse, who formerly guided private research for the Brookings Institution.

Essentially, its position on the 1947 outlook did not differ greatly from Mr. Truman's, for the council said the possibility of a recession was raised by the current "misunderstanding and tension" among business, labor and other vital elements of the economy.

Elstrom May Urge Plan to Increase Street Parking

Off-street parking accommodations, one of mayor-elect R. L. Elstrom's prime goals, may be augmented by finding space for another 150 cars on the streets themselves.

Elstrom said he contemplated recommending to his new council that six blocks of streets in downtown Salem be widened so that cars could park at an angle instead of curb-side—on Liberty between Court and Chemeketa, and between State and Ferry, on High between Ferry and Chemeketa, and on Court between High and Chemeketa.

The plan would call for 150 parking meters in addition to the 450 expected to be installed within the next few weeks.

Rooms More Plentiful For State Legislators, Apartments Still Scarce

Sleeping rooms for legislators and legislative help for the 1947 session, starting January 13, are now becoming more plentiful, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell reported here Wednesday. Farrell has been listing rooms for several weeks.

Local High School Safety Council Aids In Reporting Courtesy Driving Deeds

Augmented by the Salem high school safety council, observers in The Oregon Statesman-Warner Brothers Courtesy Driving campaign turned in increasing numbers of courteous deeds Wednesday to keep judges in the secretary of state's office busy sorting out the top 10 for prizes.

Police, too, renewed their efforts after a several-day lag. All manner of good deeds were recorded, but discourtesy and carelessness on the streets still were "all too prevalent," observers said. However, both official and unofficial sources have commented that there seemed to be a distinct improvement and that the courtesy campaign was succeeding well in making more persons driving-conscious.

Several prizes were issued Wednesday at The Statesman office, where all awards are available, three pairs of nylons to R. E. Vincent of Doolittle's Service station; umbrellas to Roy Cheek, route 3, box 710, Salem, and H. W. Salmon, 267 N. Cottage, Salem, and two theatre tickets to

H. A. Shute, 2175 N. Liberty. All prize winners also receive certificates for 8 by 10 photographs. (The complete list of daily and grand prizes, with their donors, appears elsewhere on this page.)

Certificates for a half gallon of ice cream and a photograph also were mailed to C. R. Wallingford of Freewater.

Today's 10 winners, as judged by the secretary of state's office from license numbers turned in by observers, are as follows (traffic conditions, weather, location, etc., considered in making awards):

39-567 (1947 license)—Dec. 17, Court Commercial, Center, 12:10 p.m.; driver signalled for stop, waited for pedestrians after light changed; turned in proper lane with correct signals and for car at Chemeketa even though it did not have right-of-way.

285-780 (Dec. 17, N. Winter and Market); 3:45 p.m.; driver stopped to let school children cross street at busy time.

339-601 (Dec. 17, Highland and Myrtle); 2:33 p.m.; driver signalled correctly, stopped to let children cross street.

283-706 (Dec. 16, Center and 13th); 4:30 a.m.; driver gave correct signals, stopped car to let children cross.

5 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

BUY CHRISTMAS GIFTS