NINETY-SEVENTH YEAR

the highest within record.

But we make a mistake just

Keeping the channel clear will

is serious in some places.

its teeth into this problem.

State Sen. Parkinson

Files for Reelection

including Douglas county.

recurrent floods.

erosion of banks.

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CREST OF FLOOD CLOSES BRIDGE AT SALEM

With Gallows Near, Marshall Pneumonia-Stricken Girl Rescued by Commutation Saves Says 'All Youth in Washington Or None' Rescuers Edge

Joseph Maish, 17-year-old youth, was to die on the gallows of the Washington state prison tonight, Gov. Mon C. Wallgren commuted his sentence to 99 years imprisonment. Maish stabbed a high school girl to death at Vancouver, Wash., a year ago.

The governor had received a barrage of requests in recent days and up to the hour of his an- at all. nouncement calling upon him for ted so young a person.

Badly frightened, broken and half-sobbing, Maish was brought state department. into the office of the prison assistant superintendent and told by Warden Tom Smith of his reprieve a few minutes after 11 p. m. The gc 'ernor's office at Olympia had disclosed the governor had made his decision half an hour before. Told by Warden

by one of its periodic great fear several minutes after the program successfully-if it acts the warden told him that his life in time floods. Loss of life is reported had been spared. from over the state and the high

As Warden Smith read the prowaters will cause serious damage nouncement, Maish looked through again both from the overflow and a window towards the out-ofthe cutting action of streams. This doors, and waved a slow gesture was not so serious a flood as with his hand.

those of 1945 and 1943, but still Maish had eaten his "last meal" it was bad enough. Had the heavy at the prison tonight. He asked rains continued, and had the for only one thing, a cream puff. mountains been full of snow, the and attendants brought him a half flood crest would have been high-

er and the damage greater. The Read Death Warrant army engineers have repeatedly He had spent the evening with warned us that we may have a the Rev. Arvid Ohrnell, a prison recurrence of floods like those of 1890 and 1861, the latter being chaplain. Earlier, at 6:30 p.m., Warden Tom Smith and his assistant, Peter Kelly, read the death Valley residents are looking warrant to the frightened youth. forward to relief when the dams Maish was convicted of stabare in place which are contembing LaDonna Toscas to death in plated under the Willamette valthe kitchen of a Vancouver home ley project. But their completion the night of Dec. 21, 1946. She is years ahead, and in the inter- had resisted his advances. He val we must carry the risks of ble impulse" at his trial but the

to lean on the government for murder. attending to the major flood prob-The governor's prepared statelem of the Willamette. Below the ment said in part: "This decision dams streams flood their banks was the most difficult and heart in seasons of heavy rain and rending one I have ever made. ... Plans \$60,000 cause both damage and inconvenience. Shelton ditch for interests of society required the stance was constructed in WPA hanging of a child." days to relieve the flooded con-

jury convicted him of first degree

dition which prevailed in the southeast parts of the city and southeast parts of the city and adjacent lands. It has drained Petition Seeks those districts but the surging waters now are filling the ditch inside the city and doing heavy Added Liberty Shelton ditch should be con-Shelton ditch should be concrete lined, and there ought to Bus Service be annual removal of the rock

and gravel which the stream A petition for increased Libwashes down. The fill below Church street bridge was considerable last summer, and serves Boune road area is in circulation, month. as a dam behind which water as a public utilities commission backs up and floods Pringle park. Stages application for Salem suburban operations permit nears. permit flow to the river until

Boone road residents Thursday the river gets so high water backs up from it. Lining the said they want restored bus runs ditch with concrete will prevent operated formerly by Salem Suthe eating away of banks which burban Bus Lines which went out of business December 31. Oregon In brief our flood problem Motor Stages has taken over most will not be solved when the big of the suburban route that firm and bar facilities, he added. dams are in place upstream. We had operated.

still will have the high water on the floor of the valley, and en- George Flagg made it plain yesgineering and construction are terday that PUC can take no acneeded to get it disposed of at a tion until after the public hearing minimum of trouble. Maybe the which is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. planning commission could bite Wednesday at Salem Chamber of Commerce rooms.

A hearing was held December 30 but Oregon Motor Stages' apdismissed without prejudice because the state law granting PUC jurisdiction over ous operations State Sen. Thomas Parkinson, within three miles of city limits Roseburg. Thursday filed to suc- did not become effective until ceed himself at the republican pri- Jan. 1, 1948.

mary election next May. He repre-President A. L. Schneider of sents the fifth senatorial district, Oregon Motor Stages conferred with public utilities officials in prices. Victor Olliver, Albany, non-par- Salem Thursday, but no immediate tisan, filed for reelection as cir- bus route changes appeared likely, cuit judge of the 21st judicial dis- PUC men said.

trict, Benton and Linn counties.

clothing for Europe.

the drive ends Saturday and urg- demotion-which was ordered by ed all organizations and individ- Chief Minto after a controversy this: uals who planned to contribute over disposition of a potential to observe that deadline. Money morals case early last month. may be taken or sent to any Sa-

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 -(AP)-Secretary of State Marshall challenged congressional economyites Over Torrent today to vote an "adequate" European recovery program or none

And he served notice, in launchexecutive clemency for the for- ing the Truman administration's mer Vancouver high school ath- drive for adoption of the program lete. The state has never execu- by April 1, that he is dead against a republican proposal to divorce operation of the program from the

"There cannot be two secretar-"Marshall plan" told the senate foreign relations committee.

Soberly, Marshall said Russia and the communist parties of Europe would "oppose and sabotage" American aid at every turn, but two cables which remain of the he declared there is "no doubt" Maish was still shaken with his that this country can undertake ried seven-year-old Betty Coles Must Finish Job

America must finish the job she started in the war because "the way of life we have known is literally in the balance," Marshall said, and he added:

"If we decide that the United States is unable or unwilling ef- Hemingway said the girl had doufectively to assist in the recon- ble lobar pneumonia but gave her struction of western Europe, we "a very good chance to live." He must accept the consequences of praised the care she had received its collapse into the dictatorship from the rescue crew and first aid of police states. Opposes Taft Demands

He spoke out crisply against demands such as Senator Taft (R-Ohio) and others made for a cut in the \$6,800,000,000 U.S. expenditures proposed for the first 15 months of the program.

Marshall's chief advisor on European aid, Lewis W. Douglas, testified later that the \$6,800,000,000 initial cost of the program may be American countries fail to make

Legion Post Club Building

Tentative plans for a new \$60,-000 club building for Capital post 9, American Legion, emerged last night from a meeting of the post's building committee under leadership of post commander Lawrence Clain

Plans are already drawn and are being revised by the committee in preparation for submitting erty district bus service to the to the post for action within a

The one-story building would hearing of an Oregon Motor be built adjacent to present Legion hall at 693 Chemeketa st... on property owned by the post. Willard Begin, post secretary, said finances are already on hand for the project.

The new building would be used in addition to the present hall and General Kuter would probably have restaurant

Public Undities Commissioner Lumber Price Cut **Program Nears**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8-(AP)-A possible industry-wide move to reduce lumber prices was indicated tonight in the calling of a closed meeting tomorrow (10 a.m., plication for suburban permit was E.S.T.) of the special congressional committee on the high cost of

Lumber industry leaders will at-

'Tightwire' Crossing of Santiam River Shuttle Vulnerable West Salem Watches Water Climb

DETROIT, Jan. 8.-(Special)-A pneumonia - stricken girl today was dramatically removed from the isolated three-family colony across the North Santiam river ies of state," the originator of the from here and rushed to a Bend hospital where she was in serious condition late tonight.

On Two Cables

A rescue party of men from this community crossed the treacherous but receding river here on the washed-out swinging bridge, caron a stretcher along a two-mile trail and recrossed the river by cable car in the Horse bridge section upstream from here. A taxi sped the girl and her mother, Mrs. I. H. Coles, to Bend.

'Good Chance to Live' From Bend tonight, Dr. Max W. man William H. Ward, who accompanied Mrs. Coles and daughter to Bend.

The girl's father, "Bill" Coles, is working at the Hanford project in Richland, Wash., and presumably was unaware of her illness which started Sunday and became serious today.

Assisting in the rescue were U. S. engineers and forest service pleaded insanity and an "irresisti- increased if Canada and the Latin- men stationed near Detroit and Detroit citizens led by Forest Ran-William Crowell of Detroit was the first to cross the cables, when Mrs. Coles attracted his attention from the opposite shore. The lower cable was barely a foot over the water, extending 150 feet across the canyon.

Helped in Rescue Others who helped arrange and effect the rescue were Forester John Weisberger, U. S. Engineers Harry Rutherford, R. W. Brown and Jesse Glasgow, Luther Mc-Daniels and Charles Cook. The taxi which left for Bend about 5 p. m. was driven by Melvin Me-

The girl whose seventh birthday was January 1, is in St. Charles hospital where her temperature was recorded at 105 upon arrival. Other developments at Detroit Thursday saw the North Santiam river level drop about five feet, the Detroit grade school reopen and traffic reopened across Sardine creek bridge on the Santiam highway below Detroit.

Named CAB Head

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 - (AP) -Maj, Gen. Laurence S. Kuter was selected today to head the civil aeronautics board, an assignment permitting the use of his extensive wartime experiences toward developing civil air transport as a potential arm of national defense. to succeed James M. Landis, one- 82 to 84 cents. time Harvard law dean.



The Salem area pulled on its boots Thursday and waded through its annual flood with little more than expressions of annoyance at inconveniences and thankfulness for two days of sunshine. The above scenes taken Thursday will be seen again today as high waters continue. At top is a view of the West Salem approach to the Center street bridge with one way traffic making its way gingerly through the water; while at left wading not so gingerly is Charles Eastridge followed by his father, J. O. Eastridge, 1655 Edgewater st., carrying his smaller brother, Jim. One of the many West Salem business establishments in path of the flood is the Jack and Grace Bakeries, 603 Edgewater st., shown at bottom. Standing and watching the muddy waters starting to trickle in the door after placing showcases and furniture out of reach, left to right, J. E. England, 1344 Edgewater st.; Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Hogue, 320 Magnelia st., and T. W. Marks, proprietor of next door radio shop, all of West Salem. (Photos by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer.)

Drops Cent

Price of butter took its first drop in about six weeks Thursday, when the product began selling per pound for the grade A. It was a decrease of one cent.

Eggs, however, remained steady size and 62 cents for the mediums. Wholesale prices stood at 56 to 57 cents for medium grades. Butterfat also took a one-cent

decline with premium grades list-President Truman chose Kuter No. 1, 92 to 93 cents, and No. 2, ed at 94 to 95 cents per pound;

Kuter, now 42, was one of the FOOD STRIKE IN GERMANY tend. One result, it was learned, top air combat strategists during ESSEN, Germany, Jan. 8 -(P) Charles Michelson, a former newsmay be a request that congress the war, later commanded the im- Approximately 35,000 workers at paperman who revolutionized pub- the consolidation proposal. approve, for a specific and tem- portant Atlantic division of the air Solingen walked out today in a licity propaganda for the demoporary period, concerted and vol- transport command, and since has two-day general strike as a wave cratic national committee in the agreement was made by the two untary industry action to cut had assignments dealing with of food demonstrations spread in first three Roosevelt campaigns, chairmen, Ward Inglis of Staythe industrial Ruhr valley.

Police Demotion Leads to Resignation, Attack on

Swiss Newspapers Ask if Stalin Dead

BERN, Switzerland, Jan. 8 .- (AP) -Two Swiss newspapers, without giving a source for the speculato Salem housewives at 94 cents tion, asked in headlines today whether Premier Joseph Stalin of at 67 cents per dozen for large of his death were believed to have ville union high school districts eral council.

(The soviet embassy in London and Tass, official soviet news toward that end. agency, declared reports of Stalin's death were "nonsense.")

FOR PUBLICIST DIES WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 -(AP)-

Merger of New High School **Zones Backed**

TURNER, Jan. 8-(Special)-Possibility of merging the recently gineers here reported no group Russia was dead. One said reports former Stayton and Turner-Aumsbeen discussed by the Swiss fed- was envisioned tonight when boards of the two districts voted unanimously at a joint meeting to favor the circulation of petitions All five members and the clerk

> meeting and the vote. Petitions would request the county school district boundary board to call an election in the two districts on Announcement of the boards' ton union high district 4 and Fred

of each board took part in the

E. Bates of union high district 5. The Stayton union high district was formed in November from II Marion and Linn county school Department; Chief Minto Backs Handling of Case Ville Union high district from five Marion county districts a month districts and the Turner-Aumslater, both following elections in the various districts.

Cut Plan Said Dead

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 -(AP)-Shelving President Truman's \$40a-person tax relief proposal, republicans today claimed they can ride rough - shod over a veto of their twn tax-cutting program.

Rep. Knutson (R-Minn.) said the president's tax plan "is as dead as a mackerel," and signalled for quick house action on his Clackamas Thursday night. The

Meanwhile Chief Minto ordered mat and old-time newspaper man, and Canby sections of the 99E rethat Pease be given two weeks' was assigned the job today of opened. Expected to reopen early vacation with pay and Pease said strengthening the "Voice of Amer- today are the coast highway below Thursday night that Minto him- ica" broadcasts to meet growing Coquille, Albany-Corvallis, Cor-

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 -(AP)-George V. Allen, a career diplo-

Railroad Runs Set

Salem-Dallas highway traffic was at a standstill as the Willamette river crested in Salem at a 28-foot level early today, but main force of the two-day flood throughout western Oregon and sections of Washington and Idaho

was spent. Southern Pacific shuttle trains were to begin shuttling passen-gers between Salem and West Salem at 6:30 s.m. today and are to continue operating all day if necessary. The state highway department which closed the Salem-West Salem bridge at 8 o'clock last night, however, expected the bridge to reopen this moon. Six Oregon persons were dead as a result of the flood, but no

new drownings were reported Southern Pacific announced these Salem-West Salem commuter trains while the highway bridge is closed; Leaving Front and Union streets, Salem, at 6:30, 7:30, 8:30 and 10:15 a.m. and 2, 4, 5, 6, 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. Leaving Second and Kingwood streets, West Salem, at 7, 8, 9, and 10:45 a.m. and 2:30, 4:30, 5:30, 6:15, 7 and 8 p.m. Fare: adults 10 cents, children 5 cents.
SP also provided a special car
to carry The Statesman's morning delivery to Polk and Yamhill counties today, A waiting Statesman truck on the West Salem side will speed the papers to normal delivery schedules.

Phursday. Portland district army engineers estimated last night the flood damage in the Willamette valley would approximate \$10,-000,000, with the Eugene area heaviest hit.

Highway Still Cut The Pacific highway today was still cut south of Roseburg a South Umpqua river bridge damaged by the flood will require at least three weeks to repair, according to the highway department. A temporary 370-foot steel Bailey bridge will be installed there meanwhile, with four 16foot sections from the emergency bridge just put over the Little North Fork of the Santiam east of Salem among emergency equipment being assembled the purpose by the highway department.

Marion county road crews which had Wednesday completed the temporary bridge (borrowed from the state) were yesterday removing the four sections and planned to replace them with temporary wooden approaches. A 10-mile detour over Roberts mountain is available to light

raffic around the Umpqua bridge Little New Damage The flood picture in Salem

Thursday showed no extensive new damage, although 18 Keizer families near Spong's landing were without electricity - and some without heat—as a result of power line failure which Portland General Electric line crews found beyond their reach because of high water, Red Cross and army enevacuation since the West Salem families in flooded trailer parks near the bridge moved out Wednesday. Pringle park and a few other sections were still under several feet of water and pumping of water from basements was

noted in some sections. Water at St. Paul A Salem fire truck was stationed temporarily in West Salem before the bridge closed. The St. Paul-Newberg highway was closed near St. Paul. Several schools of the area remained closed although Detroit schools reopened. The Roberts school was the only new closing of the day. The Wilsonville ferry near Aurora was down Thursday. The Woodburn-Estacada highway was closed at Butte creek

The river at Salem rose from 26.4 feet at 8 a.m. Thursday to the crest early today, a total rise of 1.6 feet as compared with the 5-foot rise Wednesday. Fair weather was forecast officially for today, along with a slow fall of the river level of about 11/2 feet during the day. Weather bureau officials said the fall will be at a faster rate of 21/2 to 3 feet a day beginning Saturday, River crests passed Jefferson and Albany Thursday and water immediately

began receding. Crests Downstream Crests are expected at Oregon City tonight and Portland tomorrow. The Molalla river at Canby was near a record high, as was the at Portland was clocked at 3.1

miles per hour. Several highway sections throughout western Oregon remained closed but the Harrisburg

Animal Crackers By WARREN GOODRICH



"Here we are, madame-seats

Part of Salem Gift To Christmas Ship Sent to Portland

Forty duffle bags full of cloth- Chief of Police Frank Minto did ing and 75 cases of mushroom not control his department, soup were trucked to Portland as brought to light Thursday a diswas reported Thursday by Harry

goal of a full carload of dehy- lem police department nine available locally) and by Thurs- took top honors in a civil service Chief Detective Hobart Riggins, day had subscribed enough cash examination. for about one-half carload—some \$2,500, Johnson said.

Managing Editor, The Statesman The resignation of a policeman,

The officer who resigned, effec-

By Wendell Webb

transfer from the plain-clothes de-The chairman emphasized that tail to a uniform—regarded as a Salem police department.

Pease said he had heard a "good was one of two or three men who to relatives in Fairfield, Calif. lem bank, full packed cases of rumor" that he was to be dis- refused to accept a \$48 share of foodstuffs or clothing to any fire charged (he had not been under station.

charged (he had not been under proceeds from the annual police ers in town, insisted the man self is a pretty decent sort of felcivil service the probationary six men's ball, for uniforms;

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and his statement declaring that resignation rather than going to in the election of the Salem po- or held for juvenile authorities. the expense of buying a uniform. lice local union; Chief Minto said Thursday he had no intention of firing Pease, als case arrest was used as an first part of Salem's donation to sension of several weeks' stand- that he was "a pretty good offi- excuse to demote him, whereas he cer," but that "ever since he believes his own part in it exempjoined the plain-clothes unit there lary and criticizes Chief Minto B. Johnson, chairman of the local tive January 1, was E. L. Pease, had been an undercurrent." He and the police department for campaign for emergency food and 44, formerly with the Pennsyl- also said Pease had told him he vania State constabulary and nav- hated to have anyone "poke fun" Salem had set an unofficial al intelligence, who joined the Sa- at him for being put in uniform. In his statement to Chief Minto, drated potatoes (which are months ago and last September Pease is understood to have named

under whom he worked, and De-His resignation followed his tective Wayne E. Parker among to the delinquency of a 17-yearthose who he declared control the Pease story to The Statesman is

He first became a figure of controversy last November when he a few days later the boy was sent

months) as well as demoted, and | He incurred displeasure when | the boy was a runaway from relthat since he "never had been he supported patrolmen, instead atives in Milwaukee, Wis., and fired anywhere" he handed in his of higher officers, for top spots should have been returned there presidential Tax

His subsequent part in the morhandling the case.

appear to be these: Pease last December 3 arrested

a man, age about 35, in a rooming house on suspicion of contributing old boy from whom Pease obtainto work on his next shift, he found the man had been released, and

Pease, to his superiors and oth-

The officer also said he was reprimanded for not having a warrant when he made the arrest, but

insisted that in such a case no

warrant was needed. Chief Minto told The Statesman a doctor's examination indicated no crime had been committed and Facts in the alleged morals case that both City Attorney Chris Kowitz and District Attorney Miller Hayden expressed belief there was insufficient evidence to file a formal charge. For that reason, the chief said, the man was re- \$5,600,000,000. leased and provisions for the boy's ed a statement detailing alleged transportation to the nearest rel- ALLEN GIVEN POSITION intimacies. When Pease returned ative in California, were made as soon as possible.