

Food Requested for 3000 Wild Geese, Ducks Near Starvation on Willamette

Izaak Waltons to Ferry Food Donations to Wild Life Today

By Jerry Stone
Staff Writer, The Statesman

Wildlife groups last night issued an urgent appeal for grain and corn to feed an estimated 3,000 wild geese and ducks which face starvation in the bar area west of Minto's island.

The water fowl were first detected five days ago in the local sector and their plight has grown worse daily as they have been unable to get their diet of roots and grasses because of the frozen condition of the ground.

Don Harger, president of the Salem Izaak Walton chapter, announced the Salem boathouse as a central depot to which food can be brought. Harger asks that as many donations as possible be in the depot by 10:30 this morning when the initial feeding is planned. Another feeding is tentatively set for Friday.

Willard Taylor, operator of the Salem Boathouse, has offered his premises at the foot of Chemeketa in street for the emergency and has also placed a tugboat at the disposal of the local Izaak Walton chapter which is handling the operations.

Jim Loder of Salem, president of the Oregon Wildlife Federation, also joined in asking for public aid in the situation.

The fowl received some sustenance Tuesday when Phil Gerber, operator of the West Side Market in West Salem, deposited two sacks of grain on the island. Gerber relates the birds were so weak that they could be picked up without any protest.

The hungry fowl include a wide variety of ducks, Canadian honkers, and brant—a smaller type of honker.

Handling the feeding will be Harger, Bob Browne and other members of the Izaak Walton group together with Loder and Lynne Darnielle, secretary-treasurer of the Oregon Wildlife Federation. Officials intimated that an aerial survey may be made of the Willamette river in the local area to determine if other bird flocks are similarly marooned.

Harger also announced that cash contributions may be sent to White's Feed store in Salem. The Waltons purchased \$150 worth of grain last night as a start.

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Schooling Aid Bills In Hopper

By Wendell Webb
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The state's 45th legislature began its shift from low gear Wednesday to take on such formal proposals as increased gasoline taxes, doubled educational aid for veterans and the establishment of a junior college in Portland.

And ready for introduction today was a bill by Rep. Joseph Harvey of Portland calling for a 10 per cent state amusement tax which he estimated would provide \$1,000,000 for the state.

There was also another measure filed Wednesday providing for a lieutenant governor, its sponsors—Sens. Richard Neuberger, Portland, and Robert Holmes Gearhart, contending that such an officer should not have executive duties as specified in a previous similar resolution filed by Sens. Thomas Mahoney and Jack Lynch of Portland.

An increase from 5 to 6 cents in the state gasoline tax was sought in bills by Rep. Earl Hill of Cushman, who would have the extra cent go for highway debt amortization and bar exemptions except for aircraft. Another bill by Hill would authorize the issuance of highway commission bonds.

More Education Aid for Vets

An increase from \$35 to \$70 a month as educational aid for veterans of World War II was sought in a bill by Reps. Phil Dreyer and James Morgan of Portland.

The junior college, as an adjunct to the University of Oregon, was proposed by Sen. Richard Neuberger of Portland whose bill would appropriate \$2,000,000 for it and would force construction next year by barring construction expenditure of more than \$100,000 on any other campus until the junior college opened.

Little opposition was foreseen for a bill introduced by Rep. John Steelhammer of Salem and others providing for a continuation of the \$20 cost-of-living monthly wage increase for state employees until July 1 when the budget for the new biennium will go into effect.

Would Bar Minors

Another bill by Rep. Harvey of Portland would bar minors in places serving liquor, and a memorial would request congress to proceed immediately with flood control projects in the northwest.

Labor bills also were in the making today, and it appeared that for the first time the American Federation of Labor and the congress of Industrial Organizations would unite on a program. Their bills are expected to ask for:

Increase Jobless Pay

Increase unemployment compensation payments to a maximum of \$25 a week for 26 weeks in any one year. The top now is \$20 for 20 weeks.

Boost Industrial Accident Benefits

Repeat the 1947 legislative acts which ban secondary boycotts, hot cargo actions, jurisdictional disputes, and to provide for secret elections to determine which union shall be bargaining agent.

Make Industrial Accident Benefits Apply to All Employment.

It now applies only to hazardous occupations.

Make it impossible for an employer to reject the industrial accident coverage without consent of his employees.

Committees stepped up their work Wednesday, several holding formal sessions for the discussion of pending legislation.

The legislature will resume at 10 a. m. today. (Additional details on page 3)

Rail Wrecks Blamed on Cold Spell; Ice Floes Slow Travel on Columbia

Plea Renewed for Cut in Sign Lighting

Two railroad wrecks were added Wednesday to the tribulations blowing down upon Oregon from the Bering sea.

But the weather was slightly warmer throughout the state. The low was 24 below zero at Meacham in eastern Oregon and Portland had 19 above, three degrees warmer than Tuesday.

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choked the Columbia river with ice, idled thousands of lumber workers, and brought an acute power shortage.

The Union Pacific main line was blocked until 2:30 a. m. Wednesday by a freight train derailment between Boardman and Umatilla. The derailment was believed due to frost.

A diesel engine skidded on ice on the Union Pacific branch line between La Grande and Joseph yesterday and blocked that route, too. Six inches of ice formed on the tracks when the Wallowa river—its channel jammed by drifting trees—overflowed.

Ferries at The Dalles, Maryhill and McNary dam were at a standstill today as the upper Columbia from Camas-Cowrie cutting moved from Astoria to Portland without having to use its ice-breaking equipment.

The Columbia, which froze solid for the last time in 1930, remained navigable on its lower stretches from Camas-Cowrie cutting moved from Astoria to Portland without having to use its ice-breaking equipment.

The Western Transportation company kept open a narrow channel amid ice floes between Portland and Camas-Cowrie cutting steel tugs and barges. Ocean-going vessels had no trouble.

A 6,000-kilowatt power plant closed at Hood River because of ice. The northwest power pool made that up, however, with restoration of a 15,000-kilowatt steam plant at Ford, 8 below; Klamath Falls 3 below; Portland 19; Medford 12; Lakeview 7; Roseburg 13; Newport 28; North Bend 25.

Icicles Hang From Cliffs At Seashore

By the Associated Press

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Power company officials watching the wavering lines on the instrument boards said conservation measures taken by the public and industry again provided the margin.

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Local Mercury Drops to Winter Low Of 13; Signs 'Brown Out' Requested

Florence Police Chief Arrested By State Police

EUGENE, Jan. 12—(P)—A. R. (Ray) White, chief of police in Florence, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of disorderly conduct by state police from Newport, according to C. S. Carlson, justice of the peace of the Florence district.

White pleaded innocent to the charge, posted \$100 bail and could not be reached for comment. The complaint was signed by L. E. Pitts, owner of the Minute Lunch in Florence, according to Carlson.

Pitts, who has only one arm, told the Eugene Register-Guard Wednesday that White entered a Florence tavern Sunday night and became abusive toward Pitts. White was put out of the tavern.

White re-entered the tavern and promptly arrested Ernie Tatum, fisherman and former city police officer, who had been with White and Mrs. White that night. The two bartenders who had put White out also were arrested and lodged in the Florence jail with Tatum in a "tear-gas filled" cell.

Prior to his arrest White had been the subject of controversy on three occasions in the Florence city council. Monday night another group of citizens asked the council to investigate the police department.

Snow Melts In California; Dixie Zone Hot

By the Associated Press

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Business Loan Decline Sharp

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12—(P)—A \$195,000,000 slump in business loans by leading city banks during the week ended January 5 was reported today by the federal reserve board.

Officials said the drop, the second in as many weeks, was the biggest in at least 10 years and probably the biggest for any week, any time.

Officials said the sharp drop was attributable in part to seasonal factors, including the usual repayment of loans by many business concerns to clear them off the books at year's end.

Lebanon Hospital Site Bought; Work To Start in Spring

LEBANON, Jan. 12—Site for the proposed new Lebanon Community hospital, on which construction is to begin this spring, was purchased Wednesday by the Lebanon Community Hospital Foundation committee, according to Laurence Morley, committee secretary.

The location is a five-acre tract at the north city limits on highway 20. It was purchased from Mrs. Sadie Dart at a reported price of about \$10,000.

The 50-bed initial unit will cost an estimated \$350,000, of which about \$200,000 has been raised already from individual gifts.

When it is ready, the present General hospital will be sold to apply toward the cost of the new one.

The hospital will be under supervision of the Mennonite board of missions, which recently took over operation of the General hospital.

96% of Oregon Basic Income Comes from Earth, Group Told

By Lillie L. Madsen
Farm Editor, The Statesman

AUMSVILLE, Jan. 12—Ninety-six per cent of the basic income in Oregon in 1948 came from agriculture, according to a report made by the Oregon Soil Conservation committee, at the first annual meeting of the Santiam Soil Conservation district held here today. Of these two, Tuetsch said, agriculture furnished the largest income in recent years. Increase in seed production and forage crops had helped bring about the increase in agricultural income, he said, pointing out that the carefully planned program which brought forage crops up from 27,000 acres in 1920 to 272,000 in 1948 had also brought 400,000 of the state's acres into conservation crops.

All speakers urged more soil conservation. Sam Sloan of the conservation service, said that while people think of agriculture as something permanent, if soil is treated in the next century as it has been in the past it will not be able to support its people. Other speakers were LeRoy Werner and Ronald Eims, both of the conservation service, and Eddie Ahrens, Turner, Leonard Burns and M. O. Biever, of the Santiam conservation office. Stayton, were introduced by Henry Ahrens, president with Harry Riches as secretary. F. B. Medcalf, Turner, was elected to the board to replace C. E. Lewis, whose term expired. Fred Gilbert, Fred Comstock and Vernon Jette are holdovers.

Reports showed that the district, organized in May, now comprises 47,000 acres. The group voted favoring sales' tax for Oregon to replace school tax.

Announcement was made that the second district in Marion county was now being proposed in the Silverton area, that this would comprise 52,000 acres and that an informational meeting on this would be held at the Silverton armory Friday night. Letters to all land owners in the proposed area are now in the mail, giving them an opportunity to vote on the district. The organization meeting will be held, also at the armory, on January 22. (Farm news on page 9.)

Leak Develops in Gas Line to Salem

PORTLAND, Jan. 12—(P)—A gas line serving the Salem area has developed a leak under the Willamette river, but the Portland Gas and Coke company said service continued today without interruption.

The gas flow into the Salem area was rerouted over another line around the break in the pipe under the Sellwood bridge.

Weather

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	37	15	.50
Portland	34	15	.50
San Francisco	47	33	.50
Chicago	32	27	.50
New York	35	27	.50
Willamette river	7	0	

Forecast (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Generally clear today and tonight. High today near 60; low tonight near 15.

SALEM PRECIPITATION (Sept. 1 to Jan. 13)

This Year	Last Year	Average
21.88	25.13	19.39

Red Shells Reported Exploding in Peiping

SHANGHAI, Thursday, Jan. 13—(P)—AP correspondent Spencer Moosa hinted broadly today in a censored dispatch that Peiping—ancient capital in north China—is under communist shellfire.

Thwarted by censors in what appeared to be repeated efforts to get out a straightforward dispatch, Moosa filed the following message: "New, sudden grimness developed

Odom Takes off From Hawaii in Try for Record

HONOLULU, Jan. 12—(P)—Lanky Bill Odom took off over the darkening Pacific late today on a projected nonstop flight to New York in an effort to set a new distance record for small planes.

Scrunched into the tiny compartment of his single-engine "Waikiki Beech," Odom lifted the heavily-loaded Dechcraft off the runway at 6:32 p. m. (8:32 p. m., PST) on the 5,010 mile hop.

Odom has flown around the world twice. He had waited since December 31 for a favorable break in the weather—across the Pacific and on the mainland.

The small plane distance record is 2,061 miles, established Sept. 23, 1937 by two Russians on a hop from Moscow to Krasnoyarsk. Odom hoped for help from tail winds.

Odom's 181 horsepower plane took off with about 3,700 pounds of which nearly 1,550 pounds was gasoline.

Before taking off, Odom told reporters: "I expect to make New York in 32 hours. This is the day I've been waiting for. The winds are good. I expect to reach Seattle in 18 hours eight minutes."

Overhead a navy privateer was circling. It will accompany Odom's plane part of the way on the Pacific leg of the flight—just in case he runs into trouble.

Salem 'to See Rose Festival'

PORTLAND, Jan. 12—(P)—The manager of a firm which has a television permit for the Portland area said today his company plans to televise the 1949 Rose Festival.

Charles D. Brown, manager of Video Broadcasting corporation, said he expects to start a test pattern in late March or April, and begin regular programs in May. The field of reception should run from about Salem to Longview, he said.

Video has the only television construction permit granted so far in the Portland area by the federal communications commission.

Dean Acheson Hearing Today

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12—(P)—The Senate foreign relations committee will give Dean Acheson a chance tomorrow to state publicly his attitude toward communist Russia.

Senator George (D-Ga) said today this is one of the reasons why the committee called for open hearings on Acheson's nomination to succeed Gen. George C. Marshall as secretary of state. George said it was only fair to give Acheson a chance to answer "rumors and charges" that he once favored a "soft" policy toward Russia.

Acheson will be the first witness when the hearings open at 10:30 a. m. (7:30 a. m. PST) in the large caucus room of the senate office building.

U. S. Bureau to Take Business Census of City

The U. S. department of commerce will take a business census of Salem, covering retail and wholesale operations of 1948, in the near future.

The plan was disclosed in Salem Wednesday by James E. Maxwell, economist with the federal department's Portland office. He said Salem has not had a business census since 1940.

DRAFT DORMANT IN STATE

PORTLAND, Jan. 12—(P)—The state selective service office was notified today that no men will be inducted in February or March. State Director Maj. Gen. Thomas E. Rilea said physical examinations would be discontinued in Oregon until the draft resumes.

State Highway Shops Burn at Fort Klamath

KLAMATH FALLS, Jan. 12—(P)—The state highway shops and garage at Fort Klamath were destroyed by fire today, together with all the snow plow equipment. The fire broke out early this morning from an undetermined cause. Fort Klamath is 40 miles north of here.



Brrr... five below zero when I got off the train at Spokane Tuesday morning on a one-day trip back to the Inland Empire. A walk to the Davenport hotel, anticipated as a good morning bracer, proved to be like a long stay in the locker at the ice plant; one got chilled clear through.

Men wearing ear tabs or caps with flaps pulled down... women wearing pullover galoshes... high school boys with extra sweaters on. Folk quickly adapt themselves to weather changes.

Spokane has long been famed as the "power city" but it was as stinging with power as any other in the northwest this week. People were admonished by every means of communication to scale down their power consumption. Permanent Metals (Kaiser) was prepared to pull the switch at its aluminum plant during the peak period if it became necessary.

By stage down to Ritzville; state highway well cleared but the entire landscape a vast spread of white. The snow cover seemed quite uniform, about eight or 10 inches deep, and is indispensable to protect fall-sown wheat during below-zero weather. You leave the scrubby pines and the rolling country, snow blanketed, dotted with farmsteads, looked like a Christmas card.

Last year proved another good year for wheat growers, particularly for those in the "light land" region on the fringe of the Columbia basin project, where yields rarely go above 12 bushels or 15 to the acre. Twice that in 1948.

Wheat prices have sagged to parity, except on early harvest (spring) wheat, which commands a premium for its higher protein (Continued on editorial page)

Improvements in Polk Jails Left Up To Townspeople

DALLAS, Jan. 12—(Special)

Any action to improve conditions in Polk county city jails should come from residents of the towns involved, R. S. Kweason, district attorney has announced following a report filed by the grand jury.

The report, filed Monday with Circuit Judge Arlie Walker found conditions "fair" at the Independence jail and "very unsatisfactory" at West Salem. At Falls City several unfavorable conditions were noted. The Polk county jail at Dallas received a favorable report.

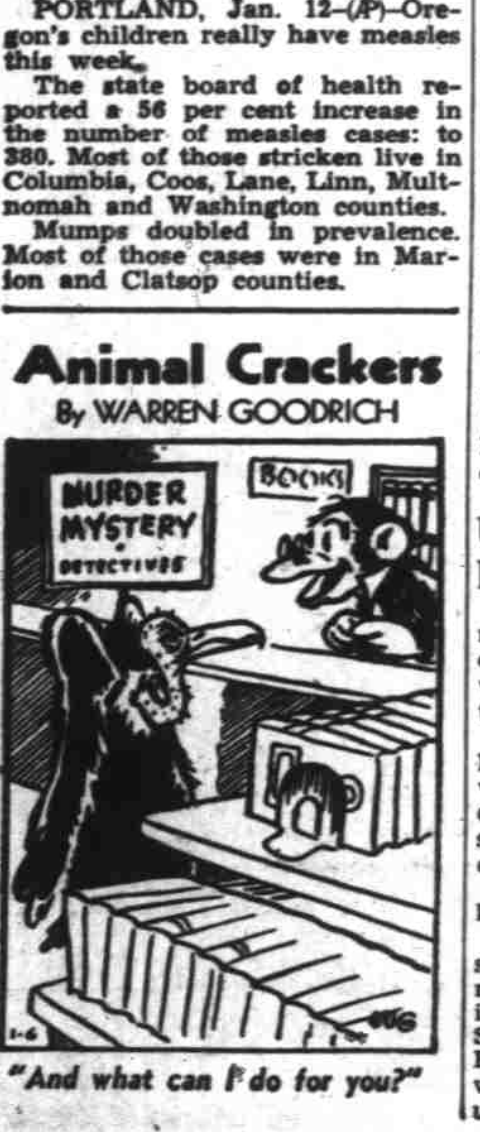
Measles, Mumps Show Increase

PORTLAND, Jan. 12—(P)—Oregon's children really have measles this week.

The state board of health reported a 56 per cent increase in the number of measles cases to 380. Most of those stricken live in Columbia, Coos, Lane, Linn, Multnomah and Washington counties.

Mumps doubled in prevalence. Most of those cases were in Marion and Clatsop counties.

Animal Crackers



"And what can I do for you?"