

Besieged Committee Recommends Use of Corporation Taxes

House Passes Own Pay Boost

By Wendell Webb
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The first major recommendation of the house tax committee -- the use of an estimated \$37,500,000 in corporate income tax to help balance the state's budget for the next biennium -- was ready for the legislature today.

The committee, accused last week by Gov. Douglas McKay of "dilly-dallying," voted 8 to 3 late Monday to limit the plan (the tax normally is used only to reduce the property levy) to two years, and then voted 7 to 4 to have the legislature itself approve the action without referral to the people.



By Charles F. Sprague

Snow accumulations all over the Columbia basin territory pose a serious flood threat for 1949. The depth is greatly in excess of normal and the water content is greater because the snow has been packed and frozen. But whether there will be floods or not depends on the rate of the runoff, and that depends on weather conditions in the months ahead.

Usually the floods in the Willamette basin are in winter, rarely as late as March. They are due to the combination of heavy rains and temperatures high enough to speed up the snow melt in the mountains. The floods on the Columbia come later. The heavy runoff of the Snake which drains central and southern Idaho usually precedes that of the upper Columbia and gets out of the way of the latter. If there is a sudden warm spell, as in late May last year, to hasten the melt in the Rockies, then the flood danger on lower levels is increased.

A Portland engineer, F. R. Schneck, made a study of records a few months back and came to the conclusion that in the past the great depth of snow, especially if accumulated all through the winter, did not usually cause floods, because the packed snow and ice melt more slowly than loose snow. The experience of last year along the Columbia however gives residents along the river and the authorities grave concern. At a Washington hearing last week Lt. Gen. Raymond A. Wheeler assured a committee of the senate that the army engineers would do all they could to help if flood conditions develop. But when the great rivers swell and overflow their banks about all that can be done is to rescue people and livestock from the property as much as possible. Real flood control is a long-time construction job, using levees and dams.

The best we can do now is to hope the weather doesn't become summery too fast; but those who live in the path of possible floods should be on the alert to avoid disaster.

Speculators in Market During Price Decline

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (AP)—Speculators apparently were active on the commodity markets when farm prices nosedived this month, the agriculture department reported today. It said that dealings on futures markets stepped up sharply right at that time.

Grains, fats and oils and some other commodities hit the lowest marks since OPA days. But agriculture officials said they haven't found out yet whether price manipulation or other unwarranted buying and selling tactics caused the break.

Secretary of Agriculture Brannan ordered the investigation, saying he couldn't see anything to justify the decline normally. Today's report was on a preliminary inquiry.

The agriculture department echoed Brannan's views in a forecast that food prices will edge off this year but not break sharply.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



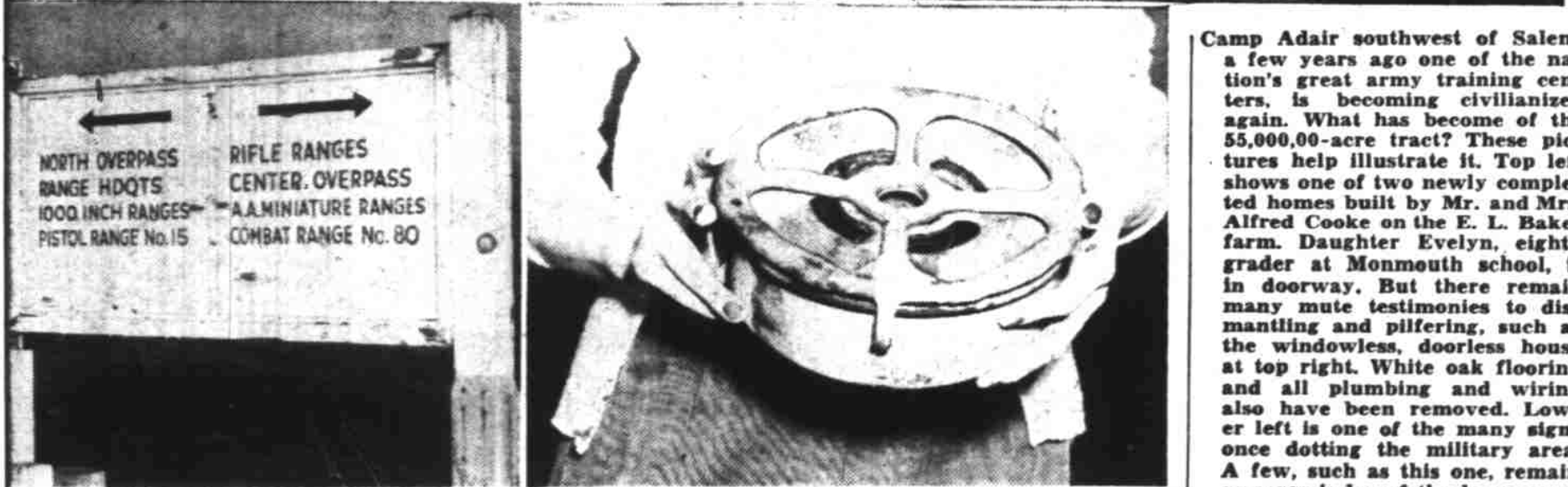
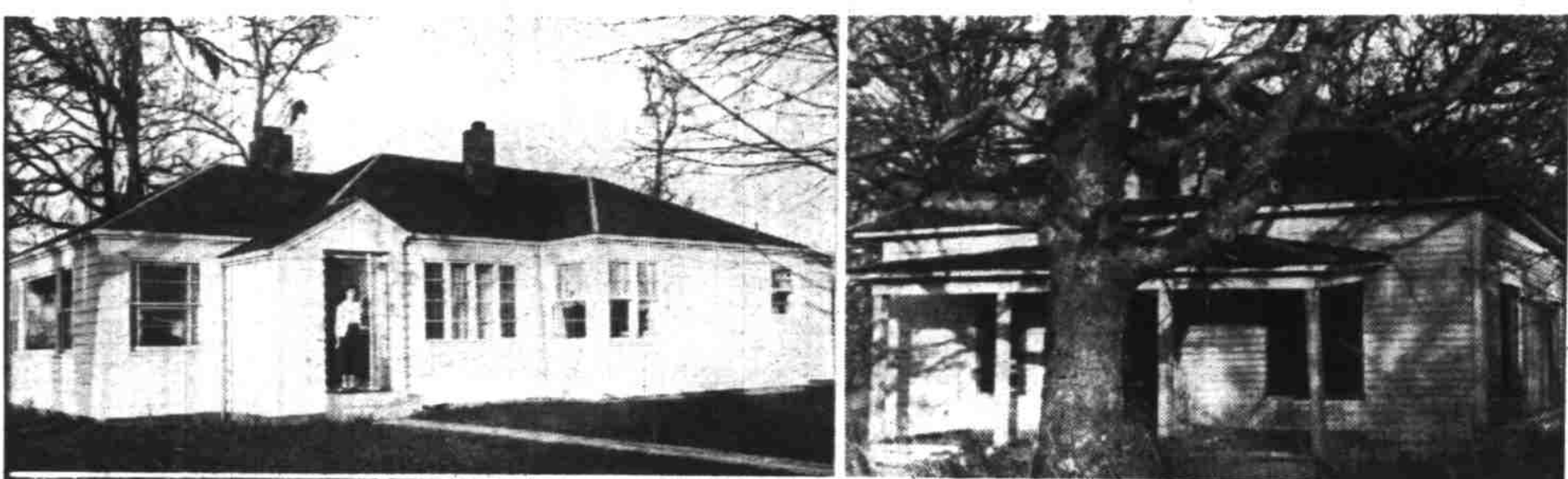
"Garbage service? How nice! How much do you charge for your garbage?"

Heavy Rains Back; Inland Blizzards Hit

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Camp Adair Becoming 'Civilian'; Army Reminders Abide



Camp Adair southwest of Salem, a few years ago one of the nation's great army training centers, is becoming civilianized again. What has become of the 55,000-acre tract? These pictures help illustrate it. Top left shows one of two newly completed homes built by Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Cooke on the E. L. Baker farm. Daughter Evelyn, eighth grader at Monmouth school, is in doorway. But there remain many mute testimonies to dismantling and pilfering, such as the windowless, doorless house at top right. White oak flooring and all plumbing and wiring also have been removed. Lower left is one of the many signs once dotting the military area. A few, such as this one, remain as a reminder of the huge maneuvers once held there. At lower right is an anti-tank practice-type mine which Alfred Cooke ploughed up in his field and later placed in a tree where he "unloaded" it with a shot from his gun. (Statesman farm photos.)

Senate Leaders Blast 'Moral' Promise of Aid

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (AP)—Bi-partisan foreign policy leaders of the U.S. senate served notice today that they would not stand for any "moral" commitment to go to war in the North Atlantic security treaty.

The proposed treaty, intended to bulwark the west against attack from Russia, is being negotiated now by the U.S., Canada, Britain, France, The Netherlands and Luxembourg.

The warning that the U.S. could not be committed in advance to fight in case of an attack on a foreign nation was given by Chairman Connally (D-Tex) of the senate foreign relations committee and former chairman Vandenberg (R-Mich). He spoke out in the senate after Senator Donnell (R-Mo) had raised the question.

Donnell cited an Associated Press dispatch, which recited the points Secretary of State Acheson was understood to have made in a recent talk with Foreign Minister Halvard Lange of Norway.

One of these points was that, although only congress can declare war, the U.S. government would submit to the principle that an attack on one signatory to the treaty would be an attack on all. This would be interpreted, it was said, as a moral commitment to fight.

Connally said he would not favor any language in the proposed security agreement "which would morally commit us to fight."

Vandenberg said he expects the pact to reserve to congress "the complete right of decision" on what to do about an armed attack.

Observing that there would be no "automatic commitment," he added, however:

"Obviously, something is meant by a general assertion that we find common interest in our mutual safety."

Pioneer Sons Fete Oregon

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 14 (AP)—Sons and daughters of Oregon pioneers celebrated the 90th birthday anniversary of Oregon statehood tonight in a big Valentine day party here.

Mary Elizabeth Meek, 17, great granddaughter of Pioneer Oregonian Joe Meek, was presented to the assembly as Miss Oregon of 1949. Another pioneer day name figures in the festivities when Jason Lee, not a kin of the Methodist missionary, however, made the principal address.

Congress admitted Oregon to statehood Feb. 14, 1859.

Norway Said Ready to Join

LONDON, Feb. 14 (AP)—Norwegian Foreign Minister Halvard Lange was quoted today by Scandinavian diplomats as saying he believes his country will join the North Atlantic alliance as a founding member.

The Scandinavian sources said Lange came away from his recent conference in Washington with the knowledge that the United States will refuse priority on arms deliveries to nations or groups of nations outside the planned Atlantic security system.

Sweden has proposed that she and Norway and Denmark enter a Scandinavian defense alliance which would not be linked with any other grouping of nations.

'Spark of Humor' In Parking Space

Rep. Douglas Yeater got his bill passed by the house Monday even though he injected considerable of St. Valentine's day into his argument. It was a bill giving the highway commission \$5,700 to increase parking facilities between the supreme court and the state office buildings.

"They need additional parking space," Yeater said inadvertently.

No-Pilot Plane Vanishes After Three-hour Cruise

FORT LEWIS, Wash., Feb. 14 (AP)—Pilots and flying erratically, a small army scout plane vanished today after causing confusion for three hours in residential sections between here and neighboring Tacoma.

Seven hours after the plane's gas should have been exhausted, officials at nearby McChord air force base said no report had been received on its whereabouts.

Absence of any report on the wandering aircraft led authorities to believe it crashed either in the heavily wooded mountains to the east or in Puget Sound.

The plane, a two-place liaison-type (L-15), took off on its own at 11:15 a. m. (PST) from Gray field, small military airport on this reservation. With tabs set for climbing, it burrowed into a cloud layer at 3,000 feet.

Group Okehs \$2 Million for Detroit Project

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (AP)—More millions for Pacific Northwest power and reclamation projects were approved today by the house appropriations committee. The total came to \$25,047,000.

The house committee's action coincided with Secretary of Defense Forrestal's plea that the army engineers speed construction of 19 dams to generate vitally needed power in the northwest.

Forrestal said, in a letter made public today, that the nation's power situation was acute, with the greatest shortage in the Pacific northwest.

Money given the house committee oked were included in an omnibus deficiency appropriation bill of \$466,882,177. (The measure has that title because it is designed to make up the deficit between available funds and the amount to be spent.) The breakdown for northwest is:

\$10,500,000 for McNary and Chief Joseph dams on the Columbia river and the ice harbor dam on the Snake river, all in Washington.

\$4,500,000 for Columbia basin reclamation projects.

\$2,500,000 for emergency flood control work in the Columbia basin.

\$2,000,000 for the Detroit dam in Oregon.

The house committee's recommendations are subject to house and senate approval.

Judge Orders End to Delay

NEW YORK, Feb. 14 (AP)—Federal Judge Harold R. Medina today ordered the defense for 11 indicted U.S. communists leaders to halt temporarily its attack on the federal jury system here.

The defense retaliated with a charge that the judge had committed a plain, clear, reversible error and asserted that "we will leave it to a higher court to eradicate some of the errors committed here."

Taxicab Driver 'Identifies' Robber

Willard Rushing, Seattle, was arrested by city police early Tuesday morning at a downtown hotel on a charge of grand larceny for King county, Washington. His wife, Tina Rushing, was under arrest on a vagrancy charge.

Rushing was identified by W. C. Linniger, 633 Ferry st., Yellow cab driver, as the man who robbed him and knocking out teeth as he fell. The plane rose raggedly from the field, bounced off a tank, knocking off at least half of its landing gear, and climbed to the overcast.

2 OSC Faculty Releases Called Due to Politics

CORVALLIS, Ore., Feb. 14 (AP)—Two junior faculty members at Oregon State college asserted today they were being dismissed because of political activity. They said they were active members of the progressive party.

The two are L. R. LaVallee, an assistant professor of economics, and Dr. Ralph W. Spitzer, associate professor of chemistry. LaVallee joined the faculty in 1948, Spitzer in 1946.

Both said they would carry the case to the faculty committee on appeals and to the American association of University Professors.

President A. L. Strand of Oregon State reported that the two had not been made permanent staff members and were being let loose before they could expect permanent tenure.

An Oregonian reporter quoted Dr. Strand as saying "We have decided we don't want either one of them. Their very activity indicates we would not make permanent members of the staff out of them. Anybody who politics is right down here, but I don't think I'd better say anything further. You see, I don't have to give them a statement, because that is precisely what they want."

POE NAMED TO COURT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (AP)—President Truman nominated Walter L. Pope of Missoula, Mont., today to the ninth circuit court of appeals, which includes Oregon.

Mt. Angel Co-op Learns Of Slight Business Drop

By Lillie L. Madsen
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MT. ANGEL, Feb. 14—While business volume of the Mt. Angel Farmers Union Warehouse cooperative was slightly down from the previous year, the total 1948 volume was still \$1,086,155.45, reports given by Sylvester Schmitt, manager, and Harvey A. Michaelis, accountant, showed at the annual meeting, Monday.

Total volume of business in 1937, the first year of operation, was \$29,402. That year net margin was \$1,928.30, in comparison to the 1948 net margin of \$62,356.71. Value of the physical plant was set at \$145,370.74; current assets were listed at \$255,433.57, with other assets at \$20,443.62, making a total of \$421,247.93. Total patrons' equities were shown at \$396,525.53. Improvements made during 1948, including the new grain elevator, were listed at \$101,083.23.

While the three speakers, all from Pacific Supply company, were somewhat optimistic as to the immediate future, they sounded a note of warning. Don Gillespie, manager of the feed and seed division, speaking on farm crop outlook, said he "would stick his neck out far enough to predict a 50 cent drop in wheat prices for next season." He said European

and Balkan countries have surplus to export; India is looking elsewhere for more favorable shipping connections. Red clover seed growers might, he said, have a "tough time" of it, too, because of the large supply, but the vetch outlook was "very good." Gillespie complimented the quality of barley received from the Mt. Angel plant in 1948, and laid this to the better handling facilities.

W. B. Harris, speaking on the importance of a sound credit policy, urged the Mt. Angel cooperative to adopt a definite credit program. G. A. Fitzpatrick indicated nitrogen fertilizers would continue to be short in supply, condition of phosphate supply was improving and potash was ample. The importance of organic fertilizers could not be over-emphasized, he said, listing these as barnyard fertilizers, composts and cover crops.

O. J. Schlottmann, who presided, Albert W. Bochsler and Bernard Smith were all re-elected for two-year terms on the board of directors. The 1943 certificates would be called in, and 94 new members were shown for 1948.

Music was furnished by Pauline Saalfeld and Eustelle Bauman, vocal, accompanied by Helen Keiser, piano. Arthur, Margaret and Stella Dummer, in accordion, violin and piano trios.

City Backs Bus Line To Coast

By Robert E. Gangware
City Editor, The Statesman

Proposed new bus service direct from Salem to the coast won the endorsement of the Salem city council Monday night at city hall.

The council also reaffirmed its non-business zoning policy for the capitol area, decided to thresh out the Baldock highway improvement recommendations for Salem on March 14 and ordered a study of extension of North Commercial street to the North River road.

The bus service proposed by John Ratzliff of Albany would start with two round trips daily between Salem and Newport on a through run of 2 1/2 hours, provide approval is obtained from the state public utilities commission after a public hearing March 21.

At Mayor R. L. Elstrom's suggestion, the council ordered a formal resolution favoring such service to be prepared for presentation at the PUC hearing. The proposed bus route from Salem is via Dallas, Valley Junction, Otis, Oceanlake and other coast communities south to Newport.

Zone to Stay Restricted
Council members went on record to oppose any further business encroachment into the restricted capitol zone from the statehouse north to a half block beyond Center street, at the request of the state board of control which indicated the legislature is now considering appropriations for state construction and wants assurance that the city will maintain its capitol zone policy.

Roy Mills, secretary of the board of control, told aldermen he expected the board soon to ask also that the city maintain its class II residential zone north from the capitol zone beyond Union street to North creek.

The long-range planning commission has already recommended that the state buildings area eventually extend that far north. Within this area a business zone establishment is now being requested by Carl Engstrom and William E. Foren for a 92-foot frontage on North Capitol near Union street.

Street Extension Studied
The North Commercial street extension study was advised by Alderman David O'Hara on behalf of north Salem citizens who since annexation of a north Salem area two years ago have urged that Commercial be joined with the North River road.

The city already has acquired right-of-way for extending Commercial from Hickory to Tryon avenue, with the work of road laying expected to coincide with that of the intersection sewer there. Distance from Tryon to the river road is about 300 feet. Commercial street is not improved north of Columbia.

Backers of the extension plan point out that such an improvement would greatly aid traffic into north Salem from Keilman Manbrin Gardens and other communities to the north.

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Class Leaders Selected by Willamette U

Elections at Willamette university Monday filled 14 of 20 class posts for the spring semester in an all-school vote. Runoff election is slated for next Tuesday, according to Albert McMullen, Taft, student body vice president.

Robert Bailey, Salem, was elected senior class president for the new semester and Richard Englesley, Hood River, was elected sophomore president.

Other students elected were: Seniors—Harry Ryan, Eureka, Calif., vice president; Mary Wilcox, Salem, treasurer; Barbara Miller, Troutdale, secretary (uncontested); Morris McElwee, Salem, sergeant-at-arms and Patricia Holtz, Portland, publicity manager (uncontested).

Juniors—Robert Muhr, St. Helens, vice president; Beatrice Nagel, Aurora, secretary; Joan Glavin, Ketchikan, Alaska, treasurer.

Sophomores—Donald Carpenter, Portland, sergeant-at-arms. Freshmen—Constance Bailey, Piedmont, Calif., secretary; Priscilla Botkin, Bend, treasurer, and Dan Montag, Postville, Wis., president; Fredrick, Vancouver, Wash., sergeant-at-arms.

Candidates running for remaining posts are: Junior president, Gordon Cline, Burlingame, Calif., and Kenneth Holmes, Albany, Sophomores, Vice president, Colleen Whitman, Hood River and Mary Scott, Bend; treasurer, Ludene Hargrave, Portland and Charles Robins, Salem. Freshmen, president, Sherman Bliss, Sacramento, Calif., and Donald Benson, Bend; vice president, Donald Pritchett, Bend and Harry Summers, Powers.

Highway Damage 'Worst'

Salem's weather settled down Monday to the usual winter run--rain. After a brief return of icy weather Saturday and Sunday, the weatherman turned on the faucet again, adding .60 inch of rainfall to the year's total.

Elsewhere in Oregon the story was pretty much the same. Rain fell all through the Willamette valley Monday and more snow piled up in the mountains. Inland drifts canceled Union Pacific plans to renew transcontinental train service. Tracks were closed in the Rocky mountains again after a brief break.

Fifty-five guests at Timberline lodge were marooned by new snow piling on top of a record 200 inches. Fifteen automobiles were covered by the new blanket.

Road Damage \$2 Million
The national guard "haylift" stepped up its service for isolated stock in the Ontario area Monday, flying 15 tons of hay into the area. Roads to isolated ranches were expected to be opened soon.

Meanwhile state highway engineers took a survey of freeze-damaged roads and estimated a \$2,000,000 outlay for repairs. R. H. Baldock called the winter frost the worst since the highway department began maintaining roads in 1920. Three thousand miles of state secondary roads, which have a thin covering of macadam, suffered most of the damage, Baldock said.

Highway maintenance crews began the big task of clearing the Santiam highway of the avalanche which covered 500 feet of the route. The job may take several days, a maintenance engineer said. Both the north and south routes have been closed by a snow slide at Hogg rock.

Stock Toll Totaled
By the Associated Press
Whistling winds stirred up new ground blizzards in Wyoming and Idaho Monday as a government count listed 178,000 head of livestock dead from blizzards in four western states.

However, in the Nebraska-South Dakota disaster area weekend snow and high winds moderated, giving temperatures a chance to restart digging-out operations.

Some idea of the previous blizzard toll was given by an agricultural department survey that \$1,000 cattle and 97,000 sheep and lambs had died in Colorado, Wyoming, South Dakota, and Nebraska up to February 1. Additional losses are expected.

Haylift Extended
The Union Pacific's newly opened tracks in Wyoming drifted closed again between Rock River and Wamsutter before a train went through. The U. P. had just moved its last stranded train out of Wyoming yesterday.

The Nevada haylift, which was to have ended last Sunday night, was extended two or three days when a number of urgent requests poured in. In Idaho, civil air patrol planes dropped food to two families near Twin Falls.

The week-end blizzard in the storm-distressed mid-continent was the worst in two weeks. It halted temporarily some relief work in South Dakota, Wyoming and Nebraska and spread into six counties of North Dakota.

After the snow came the severe cold. Big Piney, Wyo., had the lowest reading, -37.