



MONMOUTH—Failure of Monmouth's water system brought real dish-washing problems at the Oregon College of Education Saturday. Here three students battle ever-growing stacks of dirty dishes by the hand-and-bucket method in front of the idle automatic dishwasher. They are, left to right, Laura Strout, Independence; Ruth Walker, Eugene, and almost completely hidden by a stack of plates, Jay Emmett, North Bend. (Statesman-Quark photo).

Stacks of Dirty Dishes Mounting at Monmouth

MONMOUTH, Jan. 21—Undismayed by total lack of water in the Oregon College of Education system, students here Saturday were making the best of a dry time. "New York's got nothing on us," one male student said to a friend in a college residence. "Pass the electric shaver."

College authorities had arranged to truck water for the steam heat boilers from Independence, three miles away, and college buses were running half-hourly shuttles to independence elementary school, where washing and sanitary facilities were available. Many students were at home for a long week end, since the college shut down classes Friday noon for lack of heat, due to the break in the Monmouth city water supply. But the real problem was dirty dishes. Piles, stacks, tottering mounds of dirty dishes covered a long worktable in the college kitchen. Shifts of students were battling valiantly with buckets, dishpans and swabs—but progress was slow.

Mrs. Lorna Jessup, director of dormitories, hoped enough water would be available later in the day to permit use of the dish-washing machine. Otherwise it might mean Sunday dinner on paper plates. Near-waterless menus were under consideration, though a minimum supply of drinking and cooking water had been secured.

Manning Family Increasing Rapidly

GERVAIS — Mr. and Mrs. Fred Manning of Gervais really have a growing family.

January 1 a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Manning of Salem; January 8 a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. James Davidson of Woodburn; January 17 a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. James Manning of Brooks. All three new babies, born at Salem hospitals, are grandchildren of the Mannings.

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Free Buses In Corvallis

CORVALLIS, Jan. 21—(AP)—Three bus lines operate in Corvallis, and you now can get free rides on any of them.

One Corvallis food market began paying fares this week for any customer riding to the store on one of the lines. The challenge was taken up by another market today. It offered free rides on all three lines to customers.

Santiam Spills at Jefferson

The Willamette river and its tributaries inched higher Saturday night, flooding some low lying areas, but apparently the valley was losing its covering of snow without any threat of serious danger from high water.

At Salem the Willamette had reached the 14-foot level by midnight Saturday; was expected to reach 16.5 feet by noon today and crest short of the 20-foot flood mark sometime Monday.

Further up the river, runoff from snows melted by rain and warmer temperatures eased over the banks of the Willamette at Harrisburg. The Santiam spread into pasture lands at Jefferson and was expected to top at 18.5 feet, 5.5 above flood stage, by noon today. Local flooding was forecast for the Tualatin, Yamhill, Luckiamute and Molalla rivers, but little trouble was expected.

Water crews from Monmouth, meanwhile, were working through the night again Saturday to repair a broken line over the Luckiamute and restore the city's water supply.

A seven-man crew swung perilously over the waters of the Luckiamute at Bridgeport to link pipe which was snapped Friday when the Bridgeport bridge collapsed under the pressure of high water. The crew hoped to have the supply line back in operation sometime early Sunday.

Meanwhile, part of the city was struggling along on half rations of water pumped into the line from a creek on the nearby Riddle farm, and the other half were without any supply.

A rising mercury, combined with rain up to the 4,500 foot level, sped the runoff into western Oregon streams Saturday, but cooler temperatures were expected to add new snow above 3,000 feet and check the melting Saturday night.

The temperature reached a high of 55 degrees in Salem and was expected to approach that mark today. The mercury was high enough to nearly complete the job of cleaning snow from the city area by Saturday night.

Elsewhere in the northwest, too, a week-long series of bouts with the weather was apparently near an end. Ground and air travel was returning to normal Saturday and all airports with the exception of Portland were open to use.

Salem's McNary field continued to handle all United Airlines traffic slated for the Portland field Saturday, definitely without through Sunday and possibly Monday. McNary field and U.A. staffs with the aid of half-dozen workers from Portland were handling the increased traffic without a hitch, airline officials reported.

The Columbia river highway near Troutdale and the Lower river highway to Astoria were the only major routes closed to travel Saturday night. Communications across the Cascades were generally reestablished.

Despite the thaw, snow still was heavy in the high country. A barn collapsed under 22 inches of snow east of Portland, trapping Farmer Carl Hoffman's cows under the wreckage. Roads around Hood river remained so snow-clogged that reopening of schools was postponed until Wednesday.

The body of the Northwest's 18th weather victim was brought out of the hills near the Oregon Caves by Snow-cat Saturday. The victim was Bonnie McNeil, 80. He had tried to walk out of the snow-bound Althouse area.

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Jury Verdict Brands Hiss as Traitor

Tucker Car Case Jury Out

CHICAGO, Jan. 22—(Sunday)—(AP)—The jury considering the Tucker mail fraud case had not reached a verdict by 1 a.m. (CST) today and was locked up for the night.

It will resume deliberations at 10 a.m. (CST).

On trial are Preston T. Tucker, 46, handsome and well groomed president and board chairman of the bankrupt Tucker corporation and seven business associates.

The jury of six women and six men are charged with deciding if the multi-million dollar Tucker "dream-car" venture was a fraud or just an honest business venture that failed.

Receiving the case at 10:55 a.m. yesterday, the jurors mulled over the evidence the greater part of the day and night, taking time out only for meals.

At 10:15 p.m. they sent word to Judge Walter J. LaBuy that they would like to have certain portions of his instructions reread. The judge complied.

If convicted, Tucker faces a possible maximum penalty of 155 years imprisonment and \$60,000 fine.

However, the final say in the trial still could rest with Judge Walter J. LaBuy. He has taken under consideration a defense motion for a directed judgment of acquittal. Thus, he could reverse any guilty finding, if he saw fit.

The defendants are accused on various counts of mail fraud, security and exchange commission violations and conspiracy.

Hearing on Proposed Shift of Airlines at Salem Postponed

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21—(AP)—A hearing on a proposal to take Salem off a United Airlines route and have the city served by West Coast air line has been postponed because, Clay Cochran, Salem Chamber of Commerce manager, reported here today.

Cochran, in Washington on a number of matters affecting the Salem area, said the new date may be early in March in Salem. The hearing had been scheduled for February 20 by the Civil Aeronautics Board.

Progress on two other matters were reported by Cochran. He said he was hopeful of disposing

of surplus flax from the 1947 and 1948 crops to large exporting firms. Earlier he had tried to get Federal Commodity Credit corporation and marketing production officials to buy 300 tons of surplus flax, but he said the agencies reported they did not have the necessary funds.

Cochran said he had arranged for grading of flax grown around Salem in the future in the belief it would make it more marketable. He added that he does not expect growers to have future trouble in selling their crops.

He also urged the U. S. Chamber of Commerce to eliminate

two points in a proposed airport program, prepared for submission to the Civil Aeronautics Administration.

The two points would deny certain benefits to smaller airports, he said.

Cochran said he also had interested representatives of large New York firms in a plan to aid in financing the Manganese Products Corp. of Seattle, which has a contract to produce manganese at the government-constructed alumina plant at Salem.

'Guilty' of Perjury Charges

NEW YORK, Jan. 21—(AP)—Alger Hiss was convicted of perjury today. The jury's verdict branded him a traitor to his country and stripped him of a brilliant, hard-won reputation.

Hiss, a Yalta aide to President Roosevelt, was found guilty of lying in his denial that he sold out his once-high state department office to prewar communist spies.

Sentence was set for January 25. The maximum is 10 years in prison and \$4,000 in fines.

"You can be sure the verdict will be appealed," said Defense Attorney Claude B. Cross of Boston.

Hiss was convicted of lying twice—once when he denied giving away secrets and again when he denied any contact with Whitaker Chambers, ex-communist spy ring courier, after January 1, 1937.

Upholds Chambers The jury's double-barrelled guilty finding upheld the story of Chambers, who was Hiss' chief accuser.

Throughout two long, dramatic trials, it was Chambers' word of communist intrigue against Hiss' cool, stubborn denial.

Assistant U. S. Attorney Thomas F. Murphy, who prosecuted Hiss relentlessly through both trials, asked that he be clapped behind bars at once to await sentence.

Continues on Ball However, Federal Judge Henry W. Goddard allowed Hiss to continue free on his present \$5,000 bail.

Hiss was tried last spring and summer on the federal perjury charge. But the first jury disagreed on July 8 and was dismissed. That jury—ten men and two women—was out nearly 29 hours.

The second jury—eight women and four men—reached its verdict at 2:50 p. m. (EST), just 20 minutes short of 24 hours after receiving the case. They had returned from lunch only 42 minutes earlier.

No Signs of Emotion Hiss gave no sign of emotion when the foreman, Mrs. Ada Condel, announced the verdict. His chin went up. His lips tightened. He folded his arms.

His wife, Priscilla, was by his side as she has been since he first was accused. She squirmed in her seat at the verdict and looked down at the floor.

Later, outside the court, the two embraced for an instant. Then they left the courtroom area. Lips tight, faces stern, with no word to anyone.

Down near Westminster, Md., Chambers said the conviction: "I don't see how any other verdict was possible. I hope the American people will realize the debt they owe to this jury, Mr. Murphy, and the tireless and splendid efforts of the FBI."

Little Apparent Interest Chambers had gone about his Maryland farm chores with little apparent interest in the tense, tiring jury debate.

During both trials the defense branded Chambers a chronic liar, a petty little man voicing ridiculous charges against a brilliant lawyer and government servant.

From the beginning, it had been Chambers' word against Hiss'.

17,000 Miners Vote to End Strike

U.S. Backs Down in Berlin Wrangle

By Thomas A. Reedy BERLIN, Jan. 21—(AP)—The U.S. army's Berlin command backed down tonight before baiting from the east and returned a disputed building in the American sector to the Soviet-controlled railway system.

Maj. Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, the commandant, cancelled seizure of the building by the U.S. property control office for the west Berlin city government, ordered west Berlin police to withdraw and turned the structure back to the railway system, the Reichsbahn.

"The Soviet authorities have seized upon the affair as an excuse to harass the residents of west Berlin," Taylor explained.

Sources within the U.S. high commission said issuance of the seizure order Tuesday could be called either an "accident" or a "blunder."

Taking Over Properties The west Berlin city government, with Allied approval, had previously started taking over numerous Reichsbahn properties, which had no relation to operations, because west mark taxes were unpaid. The railway system, controlled by the Russians, has mostly east mark income.

Shortly before Christmas the question of seizing the main building because the Reichsbahn had virtually abandoned it was taken up with Taylor, but no decision was reached. Then on Tuesday the American property control section issued a requisition order on the main building, using as its authority the precedent of previous seizures. Col. W. T. Babcock, Taylor's deputy, said the Russians had not been notified in advance.

Neither Taylor nor U.S. High Commissioner John J. McCloy knew the building had been seized and occupied by west Berlin police until afterwards.

SP Freight Hits Boulder, 21 Cars Wrecked

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Jan. 21—(AP)—A Southern Pacific freight train smashed into a fallen boulder tonight, scattering the mainline with 21 wrecked cars and injuring one crewman.

Fireman James H. White, Klamath Falls, suffered an ankle injury when he leaped from the locomotive. Engineer Ernest Smith, Portland, and head brakeman Bill Poole, Klamath Falls, were unhurt although the engine toppled from the tracks.

The one track mainline was torn up for 300 yards and a railroad spokesman said all traffic over the route would be blocked until late Sunday night.

Smith said the boulder had fallen from the bluff along the tracks where the line skirts upper Klamath lake. The wreckage was piled up at Modoc Point, 19 miles north of here.

The engineer said the big Steam Mountain division mallet type locomotive ripped up the rails for 150 feet before rolling over toward the lake shore.

He set the time at 10:15 p.m. (PST).

All of the train's 84 cars were loaded. The 21 smashed freight cars were scattered, piled and broken for 300 yards along the tracks.

Southbound trains were being held at Crescent Lake, Ore., tonight and northbound trains will be held at Klamath Falls, a railroad spokesman said.

HOSPITAL FOR BEND

BEND, Jan. 21—(AP)—Construction of a \$900,000 hospital here will begin soon.

Business Rise Foreseen as Weather Eases

Barring renewed onslaughts of the weather, a week-end break in Arctic-like storms gave rise to hopes of normal resumption of business and other activity in the Willamette valley.

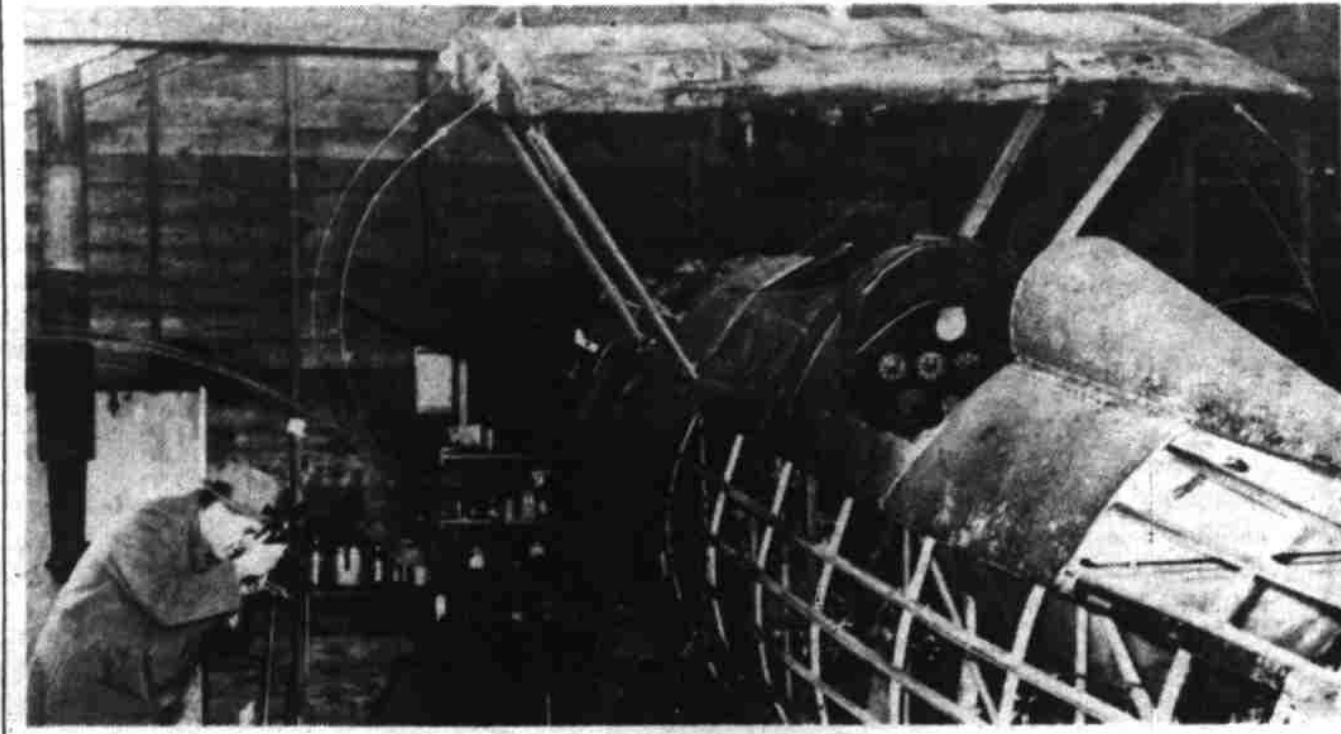
Retail buying reached a low ebb last week, due primarily to the difficulty in reaching stores, but with continued offerings of merchandise at lower price ranges merchants this week foresaw re-couping their drop in dollar-volume of sales.

January is not noted for its business activity. But with better values than have been obtainable in several years, several merchants said Saturday they anticipate brisk sales in the closing days of the month.

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Arsonists Set Fire to Airport Building, Destroy Two Planes



Salem Detective David M. Houser is shown photographing for evidence the Boeing-Stearman crop dusting plane which was destroyed in arsonist-set fire at the Farm-Air company shop at Salem airport Saturday. Loss was estimated at about \$4,500 by owners. The incendiary, set six fires with high-test aviation gasoline around the planes in the shop. (Statesman photo).



Three owners of the Farm-Air company are shown standing by their \$3,500 Stinson crop dusting plane, which was completely destroyed by a fire set by arsonists early Saturday at Salem airport. From left to right are Richard Poet, 1032 Oak st.; Ernest Monner, 2240 Park ave., and Joseph C. Bello, 2110 Mission st. The fire was brought under control by navy reserve crewmen. (Statesman photo).

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Members of the firm are Joseph C. Bello, 2110 Mission st.; Richard Poet, 1032 Oak st.; L. C. McGlothlin, 2050 Bruce st.; Ernest Monner, 2240 Park ave.; and Gilbert Waage, 1225 Chemeketa st.

Investigating the fire are Salem Fire Chief W. P. Roble, City Detective David M. Houser and members of the state police arson squad led by Lt. Eric Tucker.

shop on the north side a few feet from another company plane. Failing in this attempt, they then tried open a side door and set six fires around the two planes inside, using 46 gallons of high octane gasoline taken from the plane parked outside.

The flames quickly burned away the planes' fabric, but failed to spread over the cement floor before the navy crew arrived. Papers and wood was found outside where

the first attempt was made. "This looks like a deliberate attempt to put us out of business," one of the owners said. "But I don't have any idea who would do this to our company."

Lieutenant Tucker said "I have no comment to make except that the fire was set. We will continue our investigation." City police said they had made no progress toward

solving the mystery. The loss was particularly serious because the company was planning to start dusting operations. The partners had also completed arrangements to move into new quarters on the west side of the field.

The shop, a former army barracks building, is owned by the city. It was not damaged.

THE WEATHER

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	55	40	0.00
Portland	48	30	0.00
San Francisco	48	40	0.00
Chicago	41	28	0.00
New York	38	23	0.01
Willamette River 14.6 feet			
FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Partly cloudy with scattered showers this morning becoming cloudy with rain by tonight. High today near 55. Low tonight near 34.			
PRECIPITATION			
This Year	Last Year	Normal	
24.28	22.00	20.83	