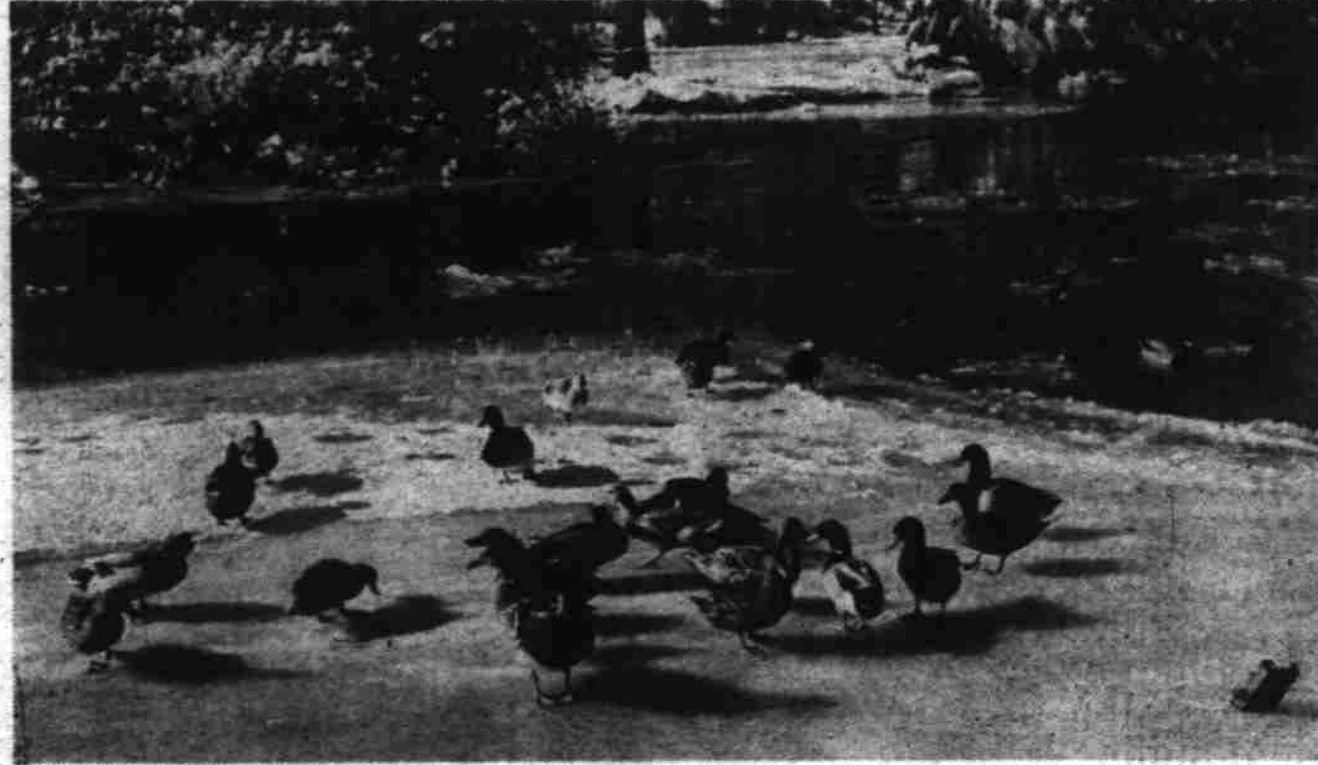


# Zero Temperatures Remain, but 'Warmer' Forecast for Week End



**Extra Coat for Doggie** Even for a dog this weather is cold. Above talking over the extremities of Salem conditions are Vera Marlene, 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Goin, 1230 Sixth st., and a leather-vested friend who happens to be wandering by. Marlene's father is a Statesman employe. (Statesman photo.)



**Birds Take Cold in Stride** These ducks don't seem too unhappy about the ice along Mill creek, nor even mind the cold water. They shouldn't -- too much. They are wild mallards used to being pampered by Mrs. Alfred Lane, 2350 State st., who keeps them fed anytime they appear. And others in the neighborhood aid, too. (Statesman-McEwan photo.)



**Lambs Find World Cold** It may be a cold winter but there are many spring lambs born in this area now. Above, in center, is one of the hardy lambs prudently keeping his feet in the straw and just looking at the snow. The scene was found on Skyline road off the Buena Vista highway about 14 miles south of Salem. (Photo by Don Dill, Statesman photo.)

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### IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

The Corvallis Gazette - Times announces the retirement of its veteran editor, C. E. Ingalls, and his partner and news editor, Myron K. Myers. They will be succeeded by their sons, Robert C. Ingalls and Bruce K. Myers, both of whom have been on the G-T staff for several years, carrying steadily increasing loads of responsibility.

This news touches "chords of memory" for me, because I was associated with the two who are retiring in the ownership and management of the G-T, beginning in 1925 and continuing after I came to The Statesman in 1929 until 1937 when I sold my interest to Mr. Ingalls. Our relations were very friendly and so I suffer personal regrets at their dropping out of a lively participation in newspaper work.

The G-T has been a unique organization. It represents as do many dailies the merger of one-time competing dailies, the Gazette founded in 1862 and the Times of later origin. The original partnership was composed of Charles Springer as business manager, N. E. Moore as news editor, and C. E. Ingalls as editor. Ingalls, who had been in the newspaper business in Kansas, came to Corvallis in 1915. Myers purchased Moore's interest in 1923. Springer sold his one-third to G. Lansing Hurd who sold to me in 1925.

The unique thing about the organization was the

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### Mercury Stays Below Freezing For Full Week

Salem thermometers were playing tag with zero again early this morning, but the magic word "warmer" cropped up at last in the forecast.

Temperatures which have been below 32 for a solid week are expected to climb to that mark today following a low of about -3 during the night. It was zero at 12:30 a.m. today.

Rain, predicted for the Oregon coast today, is expected to spread inland Saturday and bring temperatures of 34 to 44 above the valley.

**Thursday's Readings**  
(By U.S. Weather Bureau)

1:30 a.m.	-1	2:30 p.m.	-22
2:30 a.m.	-1	3:30 p.m.	-24
3:30 a.m.	-1	4:30 p.m.	-24
4:30 a.m.	-1	5:30 p.m.	-14
5:30 a.m.	-2	6:30 p.m.	-14
6:30 a.m.	-3	7:30 p.m.	-7
7:30 a.m.	-2	8:30 p.m.	-5
8:30 a.m.	-1	9:30 p.m.	-2
9:30 a.m.	-1	10:30 p.m.	1
10:30 a.m.	0	11:30 p.m.	1
11:30 a.m.	17	12:30 a.m.	9
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**3 Below in Portland**

Portland recorded 3 below zero, too—an unrecognized record because it was recorded at the airport. Downtown Portland, where the old record stands, had 8 above.

The Columbia river was becoming more ice-choked. Fishing was at a halt, and boats were having difficulty navigating between floes.

A number of schools were closed because it was too cold to heat them. Salem had a serious fuel situation, too, for householders using sawdust for heat. But there appeared to be a good supply of coal and oil.

**Dealers out of Sawdust**

Many dealers said they had been out of sawdust all week because of the weather. The Oregon Pulp and Paper Co. mill was one of the few mills operating in the entire valley. Logs in many places remained frozen in ponds, and saws in some of the mills were stilled by ice.

Fuel dealers said they saw no chance of more sawdust until weather moderated.

The average mean temperatures for the past five days here was a near-incredible 11 degrees—exactly 30 below the average for this date. Last winter the mercury had dipped to 11 on only one brief occasion.

Spokane celebrated its 10th straight day of sub-zero weather with a -16. Seneca, in central Oregon, recorded 40 below.

But migrants from the Midwest wouldn't escape the cold by going back now. It was -4 at LaCrosse, Wis.; -7 at Minneapolis; -9 at Sioux City, Ia.; and -6 at Grand Island, Nebr., too.

**TO EXPAND AIR BASE**

PORTLAND, Feb. 2-(P)—A \$100,000 federal grant for work on the Oregon air national guard part of Portland army air base has been authorized, Oregon Adjutant General Thomas E. Rilea said today. It will be used for construction and repair work.

**State Board to Discuss Buying Coates' Lot**

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**Escort Carrier, 6 Destroyers to Train in Pacific**

TOKYO, Feb. 3-(P)—The escort carrier Slesly and six destroyers are being sent to the Pacific for intensive anti-submarine exercises, Adm. Forrest P. Sherman, chief of naval operations, said today.

Yesterday Sherman told newsmen that one-fourth of Russia's submarine fleet is based in the Pacific. He said the western Pacific fleet would be kept at maximum strength due to Russia's expanding submarine program.

Sherman told reporters the carrier and its destroyer escort would work on "hunter-killer" tactics which proved effective against submarines in the last war.

**Animal Crackers**  
By WARREN GOODRICH

**THE WEATHER**

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	24	-1	.00
Portland	18	-3	.00
San Francisco	30	15	.00
Chicago	30	15	trace
New York	42	33	.43

FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Fair today with increasing cloudiness to night. Slightly rising temperatures with high today near 32; low tonight near 16.

**SALEM PRECIPITATION**

This Year	Last Year	Normal
26.59	22.33	23.05

"Go stand in a corner."

## Truman Okehs \$2 Billion Columbia Basin Plan

### Senator Calls for \$50 Billion 'Peace Crusade'

**Johnson Says 'Don't Start Anything, Joe'**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2-(P)—Defense Secretary Louis A. Johnson said tonight America's armed might will be sent to "lick hell" out of Joe Stalin if he starts anything.

Johnson told a gathering of about 300 fellow alumni of the University of Virginia, that this country's defense system is reaching a point where it can be ready for action within an hour.

Johnson said that through unification, the defense of the United States is in better shape and stronger than at any time since the point system wrecked it in 1945.

That was a reference to the point system under which the armed forces were demobilized after the war.

Johnson added that this country is getting stronger every day. The gathering, sponsored by the Washington chapter of the University of Virginia Alumni association, was held in the National Press club auditorium.

"In all we are doing we are seeking peace," Johnson told applauding listeners. "There is only one nation in the world that would start a war. We seek to have a military establishment sufficient to deter that aggressor and to lick hell out of her if she doesn't stay deterred," he asserted.

"Joe Stalin will know that if he starts something at four a. m., the fighting power of the United States will be on the job at five a. m.," Johnson promised.

"Describing a movement to pull service men away from desk jobs and assign them as combat troops, Johnson said that despite an anticipated reduction of 100,000 men in the services by 1951, "there will be more men in combat units ready to fight than before the reduction."

**Coal Operators Accept Plan for 70-Day Truce**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2-(P)—The major block of coal operators, abruptly breaking off their peace talk with John L. Lewis, today accepted President Truman's plan for a 70-day strike truce and a White House fact-finding board.

Operators of the northern and western mines, source of about half of the nation's soft coal, said negotiation was "useless" because Lewis still insists on "controlling production."

They offered to have the mines ready for normal production on February 6, as Mr. Truman asked. But Lewis, who accused the operators of causing the new rupture, withheld his answer to the president.

By every past indication, the United Mine Workers leader will refuse the fact-finding plan. That would put it squarely up to Mr. Truman whether to use a Taft-Hartley injunction to end eight months of turmoil and part-time production in the coal fields. (Additional details on page 2.)

**McMahon Asks Fund Used to Halt A-Race**

By Roger D. Greene

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2-(P)—Senator McMahon (D-Conn.) today proposed a \$50,000,000 American peace crusade, involving economic aid to Russia and other countries, with the aim of "moving heaven and earth to stop the atomic armaments race."

The Connecticut senator, chairman of the joint congressional atomic committee, warned that in Russian hands the projected hydrogen super-bomb "might incinerate 50,000,000 Americans in the space of minutes."

And he told the senate: "At almost any cost, we must assure . . . that the Russian people act as part of the world jury which brings in a verdict covering this monumental (atomic) issue."

McMahon said that President Truman's decision to press ahead with development of the H-bomb "was dictated by the severe realities of the world we inhabit today."

"He had no choice, and his decision under present circumstances is right," the senator said.

However, McMahon added that in exchange for this country's \$50,000,000 contribution toward world peace, the United States should ask general acceptance of an effective program for international control of atomic energy. (Additional details on page 2.)

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**Sub-Zero Cold Recalls '24 Willamette River Ice Jam**

An ice jam in the Willamette river just above the Center street bridge resulted from weather conditions similar to this week's back in 1924, and old-timers are wondering if it will happen again when the weather moderates a bit.

The river itself never actually froze over, but the edges, back-washes and sloughs along the stream were heavily coated with ice, as they are now. A slight thaw caused huge ice cakes to break away and flow into the Willamette. A large arm of ice extended from Minto's slough into the Willamette and the cakes piled up against it. The resulting slow-down in passage of the broken ice ended in a huge ice jam across the river and piling up to great depths. It extended from the Center street bridge to about Patterson street on the west side.

W. B. Gerth, 376 Gerth st., remembers the ice jam as one of the outstanding happenings of his many years of living along the Willamette. Salem residents of December, 1924, when the jam occurred, were astounded by the event, none ever remembering the Willamette to be ice-bound before, Gerth says. The phenomenon lasted about a week, Gerth recalls, and about the only damage was to the old river stern

**Approval of Canby Project 'Conditional'**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2-(P)—President Truman, "with some modifications," has approved a \$2,000,000,000 coordinated plan for development of the Columbia River basin.

Announcement came from Interior Secretary Chapman today. He said the budget bureau had advised him of the president's approval of the interior department-engineer plan, and asked that the recommendations be sent to the senate along with amendments suggested for the rivers and harbors omnibus bill now pending in the senate.

Sen. Magnuson (D-Wash.) earlier said he understood the presidential approval was forthcoming, and he predicted the same list of projects contained in his 1949 bill would be approved by the budget bureau.

Magnuson said he believed congress would act on it this session. Approval, he said, would result in generation of nearly 10,000,000 kilowatts of power. Nine dams would be started or authorized on the Columbia river and four on the Snake river.

The president conditioned his approval of two proposed irrigation projects in Oregon -- the Crooked river and Canby projects.

In the case of the Canby project, the question raised was whether federal funds should be spent for irrigation in areas with as heavy a natural rainfall as that of the Willamette valley. It was noted that the project would pay itself off financially in 40 years. Congress will be asked to decide the issue. (Additional details on page 2.)

**Birth of Baby to Ingrid Bergman Reported in Italy**

ROME, Feb. 3-(P)—Dr. Pier Luigi Guidotti announced today he delivered a son to Ingrid Bergman last night.

The Italian news agency Ansa said Film Star Ingrid Bergman, beautiful estranged wife of Dr. Peter Lindstrom, gave birth to a baby boy tonight in a Rome hospital. Both the mother and child were reported in "excellent condition."

Ansa's account said the birth occurred at 7 p.m. (1 p.m. eastern standard time) in the Villa Margherita clinic.

Director Roberto Rossellini, stormy genius of Italy's film world, was reported at Miss Bergman's bedside. The 34-year-old actress has announced she intends to marry Rossellini after she obtains a divorce from Dr. Lindstrom, a Hollywood physician.

The Rome newspaper Messaggero quoted an unnamed friend of Rossellini as saying the birth "occurred without difficulty" at 7 p.m. "even though it took place three weeks before expectations."

"Ingrid is in good health and the baby boy is alert and in fine health. He is a good looking child, but Rossellini was so moved that he forgot to tell me his exact weight," the friend told Messaggero.

This informant, according to Messaggero, said Rossellini had "rushed" to him immediately after the birth and told him to "make the announcement in his name."

(Additional details on page 2.)

**Gas Tank Blast Burns Garage**

Statesman News Service

SILVERTON, Feb. 2 — An exploding gasoline tank touched off a blaze that destroyed a garage at the C. A. Reed residence on Monson road here Thursday night.

There was no car in the garage; the fuel was in storage. Although hampered by a shortage of water, firemen kept the flames from the Reed home, a scant four feet away. Loss was estimated at more than \$500.

**Average Portland Salary \$3,333**

PORTLAND, Feb. 2-(P)—A survey, taken in connection with a housing program here, showed that 15 per cent of the families in this area earn less than \$1,200 a year.

Half of them, however, earn over \$3,333. Twenty per cent make more than \$5,000.

**HOSPITAL DRIVE GROWS**

NEWBERG, Feb. 2-(P)—Contributions toward a projected \$250,000 community hospital touched \$17,667 today—nearly half the goal. Among the donors is ex-President Herbert Hoover, who once lived in this town.

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Salem residents of December, 1924, were awed to find ice covering the Willamette river, extending from Center street bridge to what is now Patterson street on the west side. The composite picture above is from photographs taken by W. B. Gerth, 376 Gerth st., who has lived in West Salem for 40 years.

wheeler, the Relief, which was tied up along the Salem shore. Ice punctured the hull, causing it to list, but damage was not great and it later was put back into use.

Gerth was born in Sublimity in 1883, and later lived at Lincoln, then a thriving river town with three river boat lines serving the community. Gerth worked on the river boats in his youth and then 40 years ago settled in the area that became West Salem.

**Feed for the Birds**

The deep snow cover makes it a tough winter for birds. Many householders are putting out bread crumbs, rolled oats, chunks of suet for birds to feed on.

More extensive effort is required for the feeding of waterfowl and the local Isaak Walton league has undertaken the chore. Airplane sowing of grain along the river and lakes has immediately attracted the ducks.

Public aid is needed to buy more grain for this purpose. All who will contribute are asked to leave the money at D. A. White & Sons feed store for the Isaak Walton duck feeding fund.