

New Rain Storms Souse California; 2 More on Way

By the Associated Press
The first of three storms hit Northern California Thursday, drenching already soaked lowlands and piling more snow on blocked Sierra Nevada roads to Nevada.

Forecaster R. C. McQueen said a second storm bringing strong winds and rain should smash against the Coast after midnight. The third storm, he added, might reach the Coast Saturday.

Fourteen inches of new snow fell at Norden, Calif., atop Donner Summit in the Sierra Nevada. The total pack at Donner is now 204 inches.

The Coast Guard tug Sea Wolf pulled a gasoline-loaded barge off a storm-lashed reef at Crescent City, Calif., near the Oregon border. The barge broke loose from a tow Wednesday night during heavy weather.

Mid-West Shivers
Large areas of the snow-plagued Mid-West shivered in the coldest weather of the new year Thursday, but relief was on the way.

A large mass of cold air from the Arctic was centered over Minnesota, drifting slowly eastward. However, the U. S. Weather Bureau in Chicago said winds were shifting and that no more cold would be drained down from Canada for the next few days at least.

Bemidji, Minn., was the nation's "ice box" with a low reading of -35 degrees. It was -32 in Alexandria, Minn., -28 in Fargo, N. D., -22 in Minneapolis and -3 in Chicago.

Mercury Up 10 Degrees
Temperatures rose 10 degrees or more over the preceding day throughout most of Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Northern New Mexico, Texas, Southern Idaho, Western Utah and Northern Nevada.

The cold air extended south to Northern Florida and east to the coast.

Readings over the eastern third of the nation generally were 5 to 25 degrees colder than on Wednesday.

Snow plows still were working full blast to clear highways in South Dakota, where the worst blizzard of the season took eight lives earlier in the week.

Most main highways were reopened, but traffic was limited to one way in many areas.

Missing



PORTLAND — Sherrie Ellen Kader, 3-year-old Portland girl, abducted Wednesday night as she and her 4-year-old sister played in front of their home. (AP Photo to The Statesman.)

FBI in Search For Abducted Portland Tot

PORTLAND (AP)—More than a score of detectives still were without a trace Thursday night of a kidnaper and the 3-year-old girl he grabbed from a sidewalk here Wednesday night.

The search, centered mostly on known sex offenders, took a new turn as Det. Capt. William Brown disclosed that the father of the missing girl was being sought.

Brown said the father was George V. Dollard, who had separated from the mother and was last believed to be living in Los Angeles.

The kidnapping was in a neighborhood where four other attempts to snatch children had been made in two months.

Only witness to the abduction of Sherrie Ellen Kader was her sister, Vickie Laverne, 4.

Vickie said a man with a "blue suit that zipped all the way," and who "needed a bath," grabbed her as she was playing with her sister in the southeast section of the city at about 5:30 Wednesday night.

She pulled away and ran. The man then grabbed Sherrie and apparently sped away with her in his car. She said the man had "gray hair just like grandmother."

"The FBI is cooperating with city, county and state police in the search for the missing child."

Police Thursday rounded up all known sex offenders for questioning and began combing vacant lots and wooded areas.

They ruled out the possibility of ransom as the family is almost without funds and is receiving aid for dependent children.

The father of the children is George Dollard, the 21-year-old mother said. She told police she was separated from him and had not seen him for two years. She had a first husband, Frank Kader, for six years, she said.

Mrs. Kader told police she was certain neither of the men were involved in Sherrie's disappearance.

Hiss Claims New Evidence

NEW YORK (AP)—From behind prison bars, Alger Hiss Thursday asked another new trial of charges that he lied in denying he betrayed this nation's secrets to a pre-war Russian spy ring. He said he has new evidence.

He is serving five years in prison. It took two long and sensational trials to convict him.

Hiss said the new evidence includes a custom-built typewriter. A key exhibit at both previous trials was an old typewriter on which Hiss was accused of copying State Department documents for the spy ring.

Hiss said engineers have built him a typewriter that writes exactly the same as the old one. Like a person's fingerprint, each typewriter is supposed to have unmistakable characteristics of its own.

OPS Authorizes Auto Increases

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Office of Price Stabilization Thursday authorized immediate increases in basic retail prices of 1952 automobiles made by General Motors and Hudson.

The basic in-celling range from \$50 to \$222 on the five General Motors makes and from \$60 to \$143 on Hudson cars.

Simultaneously with the OPS announcement, Sen. Moody (D-Mich.) told newsmen the Air Force is releasing enough aluminum to jump automobile output to 900,000 cars in the second quarter of this year.

Truman Considering Return to Senate

Tax Collecting Revision Passes Test

House Group Rejects Plan to Kill Program

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman's plan for a drastic overhaul of the nation's tax collecting service survived its first test in Congress Thursday.

The House Expenditures Committee rejected a proposal to kill the reorganization program, which would abolish virtually all political appointments to the Internal Revenue Bureau and put tax collection under Civil Service.

Declaring the "very solvency of our country" depends in part on the integrity of its tax collectors, Mr. Truman sent the reorganization plan to Congress Jan. 14 in the wake of a series of scandals involving the Internal Revenue Service.

Many Officials Ousted
More than 160 tax officials and employees have been fired or forced to resign from the Revenue service in the last year. The charges ranged from bribery to office misdemeanors.

Some members of Congress received the President's plan coolly, and Rep. Hoffman, (R-Mich.), a minority member of the Expenditures Committee, sponsored a resolution to reject it.

The report of unanimous action against the resolution indicated that Hoffman did not support it when it came to a vote.

Hoffman said earlier, however, that his purpose in offering the resolution was to force a vote by the full House and that he was not committing himself to opposition to the plan.

Recommendations
The vote means the committee will recommend that the House allow the reorganization to go through.

Under the government reorganization act, Mr. Truman's program will go into effect automatically March 14 unless the House or Senate disapproves. Administration leaders are confident that the House will not reject the plan but there is some doubt about what the Senate will do.

Mr. Truman proposes to abolish the offices of the 64 collectors of internal revenue, which have been political plum for many years. In their stead would be 25 district officers under Civil Service.

Draft to Pass Younger Men

WASHINGTON (AP)—State draft boards were instructed Thursday to try to fill their February quotas with men who will be at least 21 years old when they are inducted.

This means that some 19 and 20 year olds who were due to be called in February will be able to stay in civilian life somewhat longer.

Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, Selective Service director, said the order were issued to help state officials "level off" the average inductee age in each state.

Because of unequal distribution of manpower by ages within states, some boards have exhausted their supply of older men and are taking 19 year olds, while other boards are still inducting 22 year olds.

The change will result in the call of some childless married men in February and March, Hershey's statement said.

NW States Fail to Agree On Truck Reciprocity

PORTLAND (AP)—Representatives from Oregon, Washington and Idaho failed to reach final agreement on truck and bus license reciprocity at a meeting here Thursday.

They scheduled another meeting in about 10 days.

Spell-Down!

The following words are among those which may be used in the 1952 Oregon Statesman-KSLM Spelling Contest semifinals and finals. They are from standard textbooks and are published as a guide in intraschool contests now underway.

receipt
villain
unless
thermometer
ancient
physician
dream
eighth
fear
gloomy

height
impatient
mistletoe
loyal
parcel
physician
selfish
regret
stitch

That was fun! Let's go do it again!

There's More Than One Way to Play Postoffice



Volunteers training for work in the Marion County health department's Well Child Clinic this week found department personnel using the procedures used in the clinic. Here demonstrating use of proper toys for children of different ages while waiting at the clinic is Mrs. Bernice Yearly, seated right, director of nurses, aided by Mike Shannon, 5, and his mother, Mrs. Edward Shannon, center, both of Aurora. Volunteers watch from background. (Statesman photo.)

Jury Doubles Highway Offer For Property

DALLAS—A circuit court jury here awarded \$33,000 to nine defendants — almost double the amount had been offered—in a condemnation proceedings brought by the State Highway Commission for property in west Salem.

The jury in Judge Arlie Walker's court was out five hours. Testimony showed the defendants had refused a \$17,500 offer prior to the trial.

The major defendants were Earl C. and Eunice O. Burk, Pearl C. Couey, and Clyde and Modella May Rogers. Others were Ted J. Patzer, C. O. and Hazel Galloway and E. J. Winkenwerder.

Property involved includes 8.34 acres between Edgewater Street and the Willamette River which the highway commission will use for access streets and approaches to bridges.

A committee working on the organization has consisted of Steinbock, Dr. Henry Morris, Earl Heider and Vincent Elliott.

The group is to consider better parking facilities, transportation, uniform holiday closing and promotion of Salem as a shopping area equal to any in the Northwest in quality, quantity and economy.

Steinbock said "a great deal of interest in the plan has been evinced."

BEGORRAH AND BONGIORNO SPRINGFIELD, O. (AP)—Daniel F. Casasanta, about 50, past president of the Springfield Italian-American Society, was named president of the city's Irish Fellowship Society Thursday.

Touch of Spring Comes and Goes

That touch of spring weather Thursday was just too good to last, as well as being somewhat unexpected.

The Weather Bureau predicted cloudiness, rain, and morning fog for today, although the temperature is expected to reach a warming 53, just two degrees less than Thursday's 55. The coldest weather tonight will be near 40.

Heavy fog settled over parts of Salem during the evening Thursday, and was expected to be general throughout the city this morning.

Portland Gas and Coke Seeks Three Cent Increase of Rates

An increase in Portland Gas and Coke Company rates for Oregon is sought in applications filed Thursday with the Public Utilities Commission.

A similar application was filed in Washington, with the changes in the two states estimated to yield some \$350,000 annually. The company said the boost is asked to care for increases in pay scales, federal taxes and other operating expenses.

The proposal would apply generally to the initial or minimum portions of the rate schedules and also apply an increase of three cents per thousand cubic feet on all other gas used, according to Charles H. Guerrfroy, company president.

Hefty Twins Born To European DPs

CLEVELAND (AP)—Twin girls born to a displaced persons' couple Monday had a combined weight of 19 pounds, five ounces.

The parents, Josef and Veronika Jablonski, have been in this country only five months. They came here from Germany.

The first twin weighed eight pounds, eight ounces; the second 10 pounds, 13 ounces.

Former Pen Guard Draws 12-Year Term

A 12-year sentence in the State Penitentiary was begun Thursday by Francis L. McConnell, who was a guard there until mid-December.

McConnell, 26, had pleaded guilty to smuggling dynamite and a gun to a lifer at the prison for an escape attempt. The gun and other weapons were found before the attempt was made. They had been taken to Dupree Poe, who is serving time for the killing of a Silverton constable several years ago.

The plot also involved John Pinson and William P. Benson, who have been in other escapes and attempts.

The charge of aiding a prisoner to attempt to escape was placed against McConnell Dec. 17 and he pleaded guilty Dec. 20. He had been a guard nearly a year.

The sentence was issued by Circuit Judge George R. Duncan of Marion County, and McConnell was taken to the prison Thursday. (Additional Circuit Court actions on Page 5.)

Help for Teacher, Trouble for Junior

ST. LOUIS (AP)—The kids don't realize it yet but they were exposed to something worse than a cattle-tale or a truant officer Thursday.

Pupils studying at an elementary school had their parents looking over their shoulder via TV. The kids knew their activities were being televised and some mugged the camera in elation.

None, alas, seemed to recognize the terrible possibilities the future may hold.

Viewers actually could follow the progress of the children's reading—and anything else that went on in class.

THE WEATHER

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	59	34	19
Portland	41	31	14
San Francisco	42	42	1.4
Chicago	22	-3	.06
New York	32	24	trace

Willamette River 3.5 feet.

FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Foggy this morning, increasing cloudiness this afternoon with rain tonight. High today near 53, and low tonight near 40. Salem temperature at 12:01 a.m. today was 39.

SALEM PRECIPITATION
Since Start of Weather Year Sept. 1

This Year	Last Year	Normal
21.9	26.8	21.5

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

For a couple of years the city council has been considering a general business license fee in order to supplement the city's revenues. Specific increases in present fees have been ordered through the matter of business licenses is by no means settled. The council does have a problem to make its revenues stretch, in view of current inflated costs and expanded services part of which were required with extension of city boundaries. Nevertheless it is well for the council to study its budget carefully, and prune it diligently in order to avoid extra levies on business.

Comparisons are never fully dependable as guides, but they are at least informing. Citizens will be interested in the way city revenues—and expenses—have shot up in the past ten years. For the year 1942-43, according to the city treasurer's figures, total revenues for the city were \$427,183. In 1950-51 the total had increased to \$1,483,810, an increase of over three times. Receipts from taxes were just about double: \$360,173 in 1942-43 and \$723,474 in 1950-51.

Meantime the treasury had the benefit of new or enlarged sources of revenue, as follows:

	1942-43	1950-51
Licenses and fees	\$20,109	\$124,948
Fines	32,109	123,694
State beverage tax	5,424	22,894
Parking meters	none	111,755
State share for streets	none	241,747
Airport	none	12,722

Because of these added revenues from sources other than the direct tax on property and because of a near-doubling of the assessed valuation the property tax levy has (Continued on Editorial Page 4)

Buell Chooses 7th Grader as Top Speller

BUELL—Twelve-year-old Roy Petersen of the 7th grade has been adjudged the champion speller in Polk county's Buell school and will compete in a semi-finals contest at Dallas Junior High on March 26.

Roy was certified for the Oregon Statesman-KSLM Spelling Contest by his principal, a 4th grade teacher, Lenna K. Waddingham. He is the son of Mrs. Rosalie Petersen of Route 1, Sheridan. His hobby is constructing model planes.

Robert Hamilton, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Hamilton, Route 1, Sheridan, won second place and Doris Shenk, 12, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Shenk, Route 1, Sheridan, was third. Both are in the 7th grade.

Certificates of merit will go to the three winners, signed by Charles A. Sprague, publisher of The Statesman, and Glenn McCormick, president of KSLM.

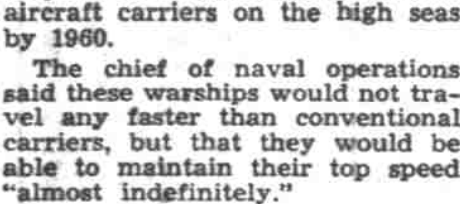
Buell was the first of 84 Marion and Polk County schools to formally announce its winners.

A-Powered Carriers Predicted by 1960

WASHINGTON (AP)—Adm. William M. Fechtler predicted Thursday night that the United States may have huge, atomic-powered aircraft carriers on the high seas by 1960.

The chief of naval operations said these warships would not travel any faster than conventional carriers, but that they would be able to maintain their top speed "almost indefinitely."

Animal Crackers
By WARREN GOODRICH



That was fun! Let's go do it again!