

# Weatherman to Try to Make More Rain Fall in Northwest

By FRANK O'BRIEN

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Weather Bureau announced Saturday it will make a new and different attempt to see whether man can make rain fall on a big scale.

Instead of trying to make apparently dry skies drop rain, the bureau will go to the wettest place in the

## E. C. Latourette Chief Justice of Supreme Court

(Picture on page 2)

Appointment of Earl C. Latourette as new chief justice of the Oregon Supreme Court was announced in Salem Saturday. He will take over his new duties Jan. 5.

Latourette was named to the supreme court bench in 1950 by Gov. Douglas McKay and was elected to serve a six-year term the same year. Previously he had served three elected terms as Circuit Court judge for Clackamas County following his appointment to that post in 1931 by Governor Norblad.

The appointment marks the third time a Clackamas judge has been named to head the state's highest court. The late Thomas A. McBride and James U. Campbell both held the position. Latourette was named to the post following the death of Justice Arthur Hay who was scheduled to become chief justice Jan. 1.

Justice Latourette is a native of Oregon, born at Oregon City in 1889. He attended schools at Oregon City and Portland before attending the University of Oregon from which he graduated in 1912. At the university he was active in athletics, playing quarterback on the varsity four years and being selected as All-Northwest quarterback.

## British Fly Crescent Wing Jet Bomber

LONDON (AP) — The world's first crescent wing bomber with four jet engines—whose giant plants produce more power than 25 express locomotives—made its first flight Saturday.

Immediately after the flight at Boscombe, Western England, the Royal Air Force said it had ordered the ship, named the Handley Page 80, "in quantity" for the bomber command.

Great Britain presently holds the world lead in jet commercial airliners with the high-performance Comet. Britain's jet fighters also are among world leaders.

Flight details were withheld for security reasons but the Handley Page 80 combines a revolutionary design with the crescent, or scimitar, shaped wing. It is calculated that the shape of the wing includes all the aerodynamic and operational merits of both the delta and sweptback wings.

The makers made the claim that "no other bomber flies as fast, so far and as high with as great a bomb load."

The new jet Sapphire jet engines. Recently it was announced that the newest Sapphire could produce an 8,300-pound thrust.

## Holiday Eases Power Crisis

SEATTLE (AP) — A holiday slackening of industrial power demands eased the Northwest power situation this week despite last week's cold snap which cut stream levels to seasonal lows.

E. Karrer, executive vice president of Puget Sound Power & Light Co., said many industrial consumers, required to cut their power use 10 per cent, have reported savings of nearly 20 per cent.

However, an increase in the demand is expected to build up after the holidays.

"Some of the consumers told us they have been building up a credit to be used as soon as the holidays are over," Karrer said. "If that is general, it could mean an unusual demand beginning Jan. 5."

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## Accident Toll Rises To 548

By The Associated Press

The nation's death toll from accidents during the extended Christmas holiday reached 548 Saturday night.

The heavy fatality rate pushed the total ever closer to an all-time record as driving weather continued good over most of the country. A heavy boost in the number of traffic deaths was expected Sunday.

Traffic accounted for 414 of the deaths. Fires killed 58 persons, and 76 died violently in miscellaneous accidents.

Heavy highway traffic Saturday night and Sunday, with many travelers homeward bound, could push the traffic toll past the previous record slaughter—555 during the four-day Christmas holiday in 1936.

Ned H. Dearborn, president of the National Safety Council, said Saturday in a statement: "It looks now as if the holiday traffic death toll may reach an all-time high for any holiday by going to 700 or more."

## Dulles Declines To Testify in Hiss Inquiry

WASHINGTON (AP)—John Foster Dulles, secretary of state—designate, has declined an invitation to testify before a House committee on his part in naming Alger Hiss as president of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

This was reported Saturday by Howard W. Keele, counsel for the House group which has completed an investigation of tax-free educational and philanthropic foundations to determine whether their funds are being used for subversive purposes.

After he left the State Department, Hiss became president of the Carnegie Endowment in 1946. The House committee received testimony recently that Dulles, who was board chairman of the endowment, suggested Hiss for the job.

Keele told a reporter Saturday he invited Dulles, by telephone and telegram, to present his side of the story early next week.

Keele said Dulles replied by telegram that he "greatly appreciated the courtesy of the committee but my time is sharply limited between now and Jan. 1."

Dulles said he was forwarding to the committee a transcript of his testimony at Hiss' trial and said he could not add anything by appearing before the committee.

Dulles testified at the trial that he wanted Hiss to resign his endowment post after Communist charges against him were aired in the summer of 1948.

Dulles also testified Hiss, who had testified earlier that Dulles did not ask him to resign.

## Queen Mother of Denmark Dies

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP) — Queen Mother Alexandrine, 73, died Sunday after a long illness.

She died in her sleep in the early hours of the morning, five days after her 75th birthday.

King Frederik was at his mother's bedside.

## Volume of Highway Construction in Oregon in 1952 Reaches All-Time Peak of \$29,300,000

The largest volume of construction work in the history of the state was contracted for in 1952 by the Oregon State Highway Commission which spent \$29,300,000 during the year on the highway system.

R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, in a report released Saturday, said that construction contracts awarded in 1952 totaled \$31,168,000.

"Very substantial progress has been made by the State Highway Commission in the projected elimination of the \$150,000,000 of 'intolerable highway deficiencies' existing in 1951 when the State Legislature decided to supplement current highway revenues by authorizing the sale of \$40,000,000 of highway construction bonds, extending over the years 1951-53," Baldock said.

Construction work contracted during the year involved 118 separate contracts, varying in amount from \$13,500 to \$1,500,000 and averaging \$265,000.

## Army Steps Up Draft Call

Little Change in U. S. Policy at U.N. Anticipated



Little change is anticipated in U.S. policy at United Nations regardless of the domestic political upheaval. Charles A. Sprague (left), who served as an alternate UN delegate, said Saturday at a welcome-home press conference arranged in Salem by the World Affairs Council. Sprague, publisher of The Oregon Statesman, commended Secretary of State Dean Acheson as able and intelligent. Among the interviewees were (left to right) Dr. Frank Munk of Reed College, president of World Affairs Council in Portland; Mervyn Shoemaker of the Oregonian, and Philip Slocum, who arrived this week from Burlington, Vt., to be a reporter on The Statesman. (Story on page 2.)

## Ex-Salem Man Pinned for 8 Hours In Washington Train Wreck; 2 Dead

George A. Shattuck, 21, former Salem resident injured early Saturday in a Northern Pacific freight train crash, was considered in critical condition Saturday night at a Spokane, Wash., hospital.

The young man's mother, Mrs. R. E. Shattuck, 2764 Brooks Ave., advised The Statesman Saturday evening that she had received a message from authorities at the Deaconess Hospital in Spokane and that her son was in serious condition. She also said she was leaving for Spokane Saturday night.

Shattuck sustained severe leg injuries when the train, on which he was head brakeman, derailed near Warren, Wash., killing two trainmen and pinning him under debris in below-freezing weather for almost eight hours. After he was freed he was taken to a hospital at Moses Lake, about 25 miles from the scene of the crash, and then later transferred to Spokane.

Shattuck, who attended Sacred Heart Academy while living in Salem, has been working for Northern Pacific for about a year and one-half. His wife, Helen Haffner Shattuck, former Salem girl, and six-months-old son Michael, live in Pasco. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hermann Haffner, 5075 Chehalis Ave., Salem.

Fred Mitchell, Pringle Reagent of Shattuck's, mentioned during a call to The Statesman that their two families seemed to be harassed with ill fortune lately. Her son, William Mitchell, 15, was one of four boys injured in an automobile accident south of Salem Nov. 4. The Mitchell boy just recently came home from the hospital and will remain in a body cast for some time yet.

## Britain to Free Atomic Spy Alan Nunn May

LONDON (AP) — Two London newspapers said Saturday night that Dr. Alan Nunn May—the Western world's first convicted atom spy—will be freed from Wakefield Prison Monday.

The British Home Office confirmed that May would be released this month but declined to specify the day.

The shy little 41-year-old British scientist, caught in the Canadian spy plot in 1946, will have served six years and eight months of the 10 year sentence for passing vital atomic information along to the Russians.

The Home Office said he was being released early for "good behavior."

May was arrested in London after a young Soviet Embassy clerk in Ottawa swung his allegiance to the West and spilled the story about the Russian spy ring.

The scientist was supposed to have received about \$700 and two bottles of whisky for his services. May himself contended he did it for the "safety of mankind." He never publicly repented.

A month after May's arrest, the Russian who had been identified as head of the spy ring—Col. Nikolai Zabolotin—was recalled to Moscow. Four days after he got back, he was reported "dead" from heart failure.

## Drug Disarms TB Germs

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Tuberculosis germs start to laugh at a new anti-TB drug, but they find the joke is on them, a scientist reported Saturday.

The bugs become resistant to the drug, isoniazid, so it no longer can kill them.

But the germs lose their ability to cause TB infection. They are disarmed in changing to meet the threat from the drug.

This strange quirk in action of isoniazid was described to the American Association for the Advancement of Science by Dr. E. Crumley of Hoffman-La Roche, Inc., Nutley, N. J.

This is what happens, at least, in test-tubes. Germs that become resistant to the drug don't cause TB infection when injected into guinea pigs or mice, he said.

If this same kind of disarmament occurs in human TB, it is a hopeful sign in treatment of this stubborn disease.

MAMIE HAS COLD

NEW YORK (AP)—Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower was confined to bed with a cold Saturday.

## An Expert Looks At the Year Ahead

Roger W. Babson's Business and Financial Outlook for 1953 will appear in The Oregon Statesman on Wednesday, Dec. 31.

Mr. Babson—a pioneer in the field of business and financial statistics—enjoys an unusual record of accuracy in his analyses.

Roger W. Babson Forecasts. His score for 1952 was 86 per cent accurate.

On December 27, 1951, he predicted: (1) that World War III would not start during 1952; (2) that the Hart-Celler Law would not be repealed during 1952; (3) that there would not be an increase in corporation and personal taxes; (4) that the national income for 1952 would continue very high.

Watch for the Babson Outlook for 1953 in Your COMPLETE Newspaper.

## IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

The plane I came west on left LeGuande Field at 11:30 Tuesday night and arrived at San Francisco airport at eight the next morning. Allowing for time change the travel time was 11 1/2 hours; one stop at Chicago. Coming up from San Francisco the plane left at 8:10 p.m. and reached Portland, non-stop, at 11:25, 2 1/4 hours flying time. So swift is the flight it almost seems as if the passenger is standing still and a projection machine is flashing pictures of cities—New York, Chicago, San Francisco, Portland—on a screen before his eyes.

I mention this because it gives a clue to the transformation which is going on in the world. For instance, natives from countries in Africa (or elsewhere on the globe for that matter) who want to appeal to United Nations, can take a plane from their home country, fly to Rome or Paris or London, and then hop across the Atlantic to New York in much less time than it takes to get their visas processed in Washington!

The airplane is accelerating the speed of travel and it is opening up remote regions of the world. Radio communication of information (and propaganda) is even faster, travelling on the wings of light.

Thus the globe contracts, primitive peoples are suddenly projected into the klieg light of world politics or of world economics, and advanced peoples come face to face with the ambitions and the resentments of those long regarded as tribal and backward.

So it is that the world problems of the immediate future relate not exclusively with the relations between Russia and the West, absorbing of world attention though the latter are. They must include relations among all the peoples who are struggling to maintain or assert independence at a time when closer interdependence becomes more essential.

This is what I learned at United Nations. Solving these problems will take a long, long time; and United Nations can be a tremendous factor in effecting their wise solution.

I woke up Saturday morning to the sound of a locomotive whistle, and realized I was home again. In Manhattan engines and trains are motes. One doesn't see them on the surface or hear them. At the U.N. building we could see tug-boating parties fighting freight cars between terminals, but no trains. The whistle was the signal to go to work again at what I regard as my own job, here on The Statesman.

## Crawfordsville Man Dies From Gunshot Wound

LEBANON — Marion Arthur Field, 44, of Crawfordsville, died Saturday noon in the yard of his home apparently from a gunshot wound. Linn County Coroner Glenn Huston reported.

An autopsy on the body is to be conducted Sunday at the Huston Funeral Home by Dr. Homer Harris, head of the State Police crime laboratory in Portland to determine the exact cause of death.

Field was born in Geddes, S. D., Jan. 1, 1907, and came to Oregon in 1937. He had lived in Crawfordsville for the past four years and was employed as a carloader at the Indianapolis Lumber Company in Lebanon.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Jane Field of Crawfordsville and five children. Announcement of services will be made later by the Huston Funeral Home.

## Boy Drowns as Christmas Gift Car Dives Into River

COOS BAY (AP) — A 15-year-old youth drowned Saturday when an automobile, a Christmas gift-plunged into the Coos River.

He was Thomas Nale of Coos Bay, one of three youths riding in the car. The other two, Carl Dyer, 16, and William Orchards, 15, both of Coos Bay, were rescued by passing motorists who saw the car in the water and dived in to pull them out. Both boys were unconscious.

Later another motorist towed the car out of the river and the body of Nale was found inside.

The car was a Christmas gift to Dyer from his father.

## Medford Woman First Yule Traffic Fatality in State

MEDFORD (AP) — Oregon went through two days of the Christmas holiday without a traffic fatality, but on Saturday, the third day, Mrs. Mark F. Wright, Medford, was killed here.

The car she was driving collided with a Southern Pacific freight train at a grade crossing in Medford.

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## 'Fireball' Seen in Washington Skies

SPOKANE (AP) — Airline ground observers reported seeing a "big green fireball" flash across the skies Saturday night.

A motorist, Dora Reid, said it looked white to him and gave him quite a scare.

Charles Starr and Stephen Ferguson, observers at Geiger field, said the "fireball" took five to seven seconds to pass from view. They said it was reported seen at Ellensburg, too.

Newspaper reporters checked an almanac here and noted that Metcalf's Comet is due to return this month.

## Arlington Plane Crash Kills Pilot

ARLINGTON, Ore. (AP) — Robert Lee Eldridge, 29, Arlington, truck driver up for a spin in a private plane, was killed as the plane crashed in a pasture two miles of the Arlington airport Saturday.

The passenger, James David Bauman, 18, Arlington, was critically injured. He was hospitalized at The Dalles.

Eldridge is survived by his widow and a daughter.