

# Polk, Yamhill Counties Irrigation Plan Studied

**Statesman News Service**  
RICKREALL — Farms in two sections of Polk County may be irrigated at a tentative annual cost of \$11.50 per acre under plans now being investigated by the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation and Polk County Water Development Committee.

The tentative cost was outlined by George Van Santen, Rickreall, representative of the bureau, at a public meeting at the Grange Hall here Wednesday night.

The meeting was conducted by the Polk Water Committee. The \$11.50 figure has been estimated as the cost to bring water to farms in the Hopewell district in northern Polk and southern Yamhill counties.

It is believed the Dallas, Independence and Monmouth areas may be irrigated at a similar cost through the construction of an irrigation canal and laterals to bring Willamette River water from Buena Vista.

The water committee had circulated questionnaires at a meeting Monday night at Central High School, which is located between Monmouth and Independence, and at the meeting Wednesday night circulated them again.

The irrigation project would cover 500 farms in the Dallas, Monmouth and Independence areas. Purpose of the questionnaires is to determine if there is enough interest to warrant further action toward securing a federally-sponsored irrigation system.

If there is enough interest in the project the reclamation bureau may ask Congress for funds to make a feasibility survey, it is understood.

# State Legal Officers Blast Segregation

**WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. Va. (AP)** — A national conference of state legal officers opened Wednesday with a blast from Georgia's attorney general at the Supreme Court's ban on race segregation in public schools.

Atty. Gen. Eugene Cook, who also heads the National Assn. of Attorneys General, described the high court decision as "judicial usurpation of legislative power and abridgement of state sovereignty in utter disregard of precedent and stable constitutional government."

Cook didn't read aloud, however, a portion of his prepared address in which he declared "the fires of racial tension" have been rekindled by the decision and called on Congress to curb the Supreme Court's powers.

Similarly he skipped — though he put the whole speech into the conference record — a forecast that "totalitarianism" will result if the court continues on its present course.

"If the Supreme Court has the authority to invade the fields of conservation, taxation and education," Cook's prepared speech said, "then it has the authority to set up a police state which will regulate every phase of our lives and every facet of our existence."

The Georgia official told newsmen lack of time kept him from delivering the whole address to attorneys general from most of the states and territories.

# 2 High Demos Criticize Ike

**KANSAS CITY (AP)** — Two ranking Democratic leaders Wednesday night criticized President Eisenhower vigorously — one for what he said was condoning "the big lie" technique in politics and the other for a "lack of the capacity to govern and unite the American people."

Gov. elect Averell Harriman of New York, the featured speaker before an applauding victory dinner audience of 600, said "We have got to stop avoiding holding President Eisenhower responsible for the actions of his lieutenants and of the Republican Party."

And Paul M. Butler of Indiana, newly-elected national chairman, told the \$7.50 a plate Jackson County diners Eisenhower "seems to have been unable to bring to the task of civil government the qualities that made him such a renowned military leader."

Harriman was introduced by former President Truman, who spoke only briefly.

# New Bouquet Causes Rash

**MILWAUKEE (AP)** — If you could learn his identity before authorities do, there's a certain florist in Milwaukee who has made the kind of bouquet to send to people you don't want to see.

There's poison ivy in 'em. The florist, whoever he is, apparently doesn't know it, though University of Wisconsin botanist Philip B. Whitford made the identification of a sample branch bearing waxey berries Wednesday, after the recipient of a bouquet broke out in a rash.

Whitford said the berries apparently had been picked and handled by someone immune to poison ivy, possibly because of its similarity to bittersweet. He said the bad berries were still effective although dry.

# Trio's Arrest Clears Many Burglaries

**STAYTON** — A 17-year-old Stayton boy has admitted in a signed statement the theft of a government check from the post office here, police said Wednesday.

The \$26 check was later cashed in Four Corners. It was the property of a National Guardsman and was made out to him.

The Guardsman was allegedly a friend of the boy, who was arrested here last Friday on the charge by a secret service agent and postal inspector.

The boy will be arraigned in a federal court in Portland and charged with forging the signature to a government check.

The date for arraignment has not been set. The signed statement was made to Everett Norfleet, chief of Stayton police.

The check was in a rental box at the post office.

# Soldier Seeks Mother Here

**Salem Red Cross officials** Wednesday searched unsuccessfully for the mother of a soldier stationed in Europe who wrote he had not seen his mother since birth and had been told she lived in Salem.

The soldier, Pvt. Lee J. Bruning, said his mother's name is Mrs. Beatrice Mitchell.

Pvt. Bruning says his father has refused to give him any information about her, except that she lives in Salem.

All leads checked by Red Cross officials proved uneventful. One lead was found which indicated that the woman lives in Eugene. The Red Cross office there, however, said it was unable to locate her.

# Man Kills Wife, 3 Children, Self

**NEWLAND, N. C. (AP)** — A crippled watchmaker — once a mental hospital patient — shot and stabbed his wife and three small children to death Wednesday then mortally wounded himself in the mountain town of Minneapolis.

Andrew W. Sparks, 34-year-old jeweler and watch repairman, died at Grace Hospital in Banner Elk Wednesday night from a gunshot wound in the forehead. He did not regain consciousness after being admitted early Wednesday.

**ACE STARTS HOME**  
**TOKYO (AP)** — Canadian squadron leader Andrew R. Mackenzie, freed by the Chinese Reds Sunday after two years in prison, left Tokyo Thursday aboard a Canadian Pacific Air Line plane for Vancouver, Canada.

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# Child Tells of Being Maimed By Stepmother

**GREENSBORO, N. C. (AP)** — Step-mother Mae Atkins "didn't treat me so good — she punched my eyes" blind, 12-year-old Judy Atkins told a superior court jury Wednesday.

The child, a student at a school for the blind in Raleigh, was the state's first witness in the trial of Mrs. Atkins, charged with gouging Judy's eyes, causing the right one to go blind.

"Judy, a short, chubby sixth-grader, also charged her step-mother beat her with sticks and a poker, twisted her arms and fingers, pulled out her hair by the handful — and threatened to kill her if she tattled."

The girl said Mrs. Atkins inflicted injuries on her when she failed to finish her housework, including sweeping, making beds and washing clothes for a large family.

Mrs. Atkins pleaded innocent to a charge of maiming.

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# 'Santa Claus' Pays Off



**NEW YORK** — Joseph Confalone, who was raised in an orphanage, gets hug from Susan Quilly at Hospital for Special Surgery in New York City. Joe in the traditional Santa Claus garb is following a custom he established 11 years ago — providing Christmas cheer for kids. His home is in Riviera Beach, Fla., where he owns a motel. Each year he dedicates his vacation to aiding orphans, each year in a different city. This year he hired himself out to Macy's department store as Santa, and already he has spent \$1,400 which he won on a television show, on candy and toys. (AP Wirephoto)

# Neuberger to Keep Oregon College Graduate on His Staff

**PORTLAND (AP)** — An Oregon college graduate will work again this year as a research assistant on the staff of Sen. Elect Richard L. Neuberger, he announced Wednesday.

At the same time he chose a committee to make the annual selection.

Richard Judd, 21, Newport, a Lewis and Clark College senior, will serve until the first full-term graduate assistant is chosen. Judd will work until next Aug. 31 when he expects to enter military service.

According to Neuberger the program is like that by which U.S. Supreme Court justices select young lawyers to serve as law clerks.

On the selections committee will be J. W. Forrester, publisher of the Pendleton East Oregonian; May Darling, member of the State Board of Education; Father David H. Fosselman, chairman of the University of Portland's social science department, and John M. Swarthout, head of Oregon State College's political science department.

The senior selected will get an annual salary of \$3,600. Neuberger said purpose of the program is "to encourage young people to take a more active interest in our government and to benefit their communities and our state by making this experience available through their future participation in civic affairs."

Judd is a political science major and vice president of the Oregon Young Democrats.

# At The Theaters Today

**EL SINORE**  
"PHIFFT" with Judy Holliday and Jack Carson.  
"INDISCRETION OF AN AMERICAN WIFE" with Jennifer Jones and Montgomery Clift.  
"BLACK WIDOW" with Ginger Rogers, Van Heflin, Gene Tierney, and Robert Montgomery.  
"THE SHANGHAI STORY" with Ruth Roman and Edmond O'Brien.  
"GARDEN OF EVIL" with Gary Cooper and Susan Hayward.  
"BENGAL BRIGADE" with Rock Hudson and Arlene Dahl.  
"THREE COINS IN THE FOUNTAIN" with Clifton Webb.  
"THREE YOUNG TEXANS" with Jeffrey Hunter.

# News Story Originates in News Office

**LA PORTE, Ind. (AP)** — The La Porte Herald - Argus had a story dumped right in its lap Wednesday as a gun-toting apprentice printer kidnaped a young woman reporter from the news room.

The printer, Robert Panek, 25, returned the reporter, 22-year-old Abbey Johnson, to the newspaper office unharmed an hour and 40 minutes later and drove away.

He walked into a police station and surrendered another hour and a half later.

Miss Johnson was too unnerved to give a clear account of her experience. She did tell her fellow workers, however, Panek asked her if she would marry him and she told him, "no."

Associates said they understood Panek previously had proposed marriage to Miss Johnson.

She had resigned from the newspaper, effective Dec. 10, and had planned to return to the Chicago home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson.

Miss Johnson said Panek did not threaten her at any time when she was in the car, and when he let her out of the car he handed her the .22 caliber rifle which he had carried into the newspaper office.

"Here, you take the gun," she quoted Panek as saying. "I didn't want to hurt you or anybody else with it."

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# Two Students Of Willamette Win Honors

**Willamette University** speech majors won two awards Wednesday in the State Extemporaneous Speaking Contest at Eugene.

Marian Rutledge, junior from Estacada, won second and a cash prize in the women's division. Her subject was "To What Extent Did Senator McCarthy Influence the 1954 Election?"

H. Paul Johnson Jr., Albany senior, won honorable mention in the men's division. He spoke on "What Influence Will the 1954 Election Have on the Government's Pacific Northwest Power Policy?"

Both students drew their topics one hour before addressing a large audience at Northwest Christian College. Eight colleges and universities participated. Prof. Howard Runkel of Willamette University was one of the eight judges.

# Romantic Aviator Proposes by Air

**BOYNE CITY, Mich. (AP)** — A romantic aviator circled Boyne City for about 15 minutes Wednesday in an apparent proposal to the girl of his choice by means of a huge banner streaming behind his craft.

The sign read: "Evelyn, I love you. Marry me, Carl."

Civil Aeronautics officials at Boyne City identified the pilot as Carl Demler, about 40, of Deer Lake, a professional crop duster. They were unable to say whether Demler received an answer.

**REP. VELDE WED**  
**BALTIMORE (AP)** — Rep. Harold H. Velde, chairman of the House Un-American Activities Committee, and Mrs. Dolores Anderson, secretary to the committee, were married here Wednesday night.

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