

# AEC Official Defends Oppenheimer Verdict 'Refutes' Alsop Article

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Atomic Energy Commission has circulated a long memorandum taking issue with a magazine article by Joseph and Stewart Alsop on the case of J. Robert Oppenheimer.

# Bank Bandit Gets \$30,000 At Pocatello

POCATELLO, Idaho (AP)—A young bandit held five persons at bay in a closed bank Monday, then fled with \$30,000.

But a few hours later police, tipped by two small boys, found \$23,890 of the loot in the bottom of a garbage can, covered by a paper box.

Lynn Hall, 39, manager of the East Branch of the Idaho Bank and Trust Co. here, said he had figured out about how much money the robber got but the FBI had told him to withhold that information.

In Butte, Mont., the regional FBI office said the loot is estimated at \$30,000.

Hall said the robbery occurred at 2:04 p.m. after he had locked the front door and drawn the blinds. As Hall opened the door to let out a late customer, the robber stepped inside and jammed his pistol in the manager's ribs.

# Benton County Wreck Fatal

CORVALLIS (AP)—George Farmer, 41, who was thrown from his truck when a trailer buckled on a curve on Highway 20 west of here last Thursday, died in a Corvallis hospital Saturday.

Farmer, who lived at Harlan, about 25 miles west of here, is survived by a widow and six children.

It was the ninth traffic fatality of the year in Benton County, the same number killed in 1953.

# Fall Victim Still Critical

A Salem man who was injured in a fall in his home Saturday remained in critical condition Monday in Salem Memorial Hospital. X-ray photographs indicated he had suffered a broken neck.

The injured man, Leo Lepley, 55, of 1311 Saginaw St., was hurt when he fell off a stool in his kitchen. His arms and legs are almost completely paralyzed.

Lepley's physician diagnosed the injury as a fractured cervical vertebra. A bone specialist has been called in to treat the case.

# Man Charged With Larceny

A man accused of stealing a baby's bunting pleaded innocent to a charge of larceny Monday in Silvertown Justice Court.

William Aloysius Nickerson, 24, Beaverton, was arrested on the charge by the Silvertown Constable's office. Trial has been set for Dec. 28.

Nickerson was lodged in the Marion County jail and bail has been set at \$500.

# Skiing Accident Fractures Leg of Norwegian Girl

Oregon's wet snow proved to be an unexpected hazard Sunday for a Norwegian girl skier who is studying in South Salem High School this year as an exchange student.

Reidun Iversen, who had been skiing for years in her native Norway without serious accident, suffered a broken leg Sunday afternoon while skiing in the Santiam Pass area.

She said the loose, wet snow in the area caused her to lose her footing. She was taken to Salem Memorial Hospital, where a cast was put on the leg. Hospital authorities said she will be released today.

# Damage Suit Filed Against City Officer

A Salem motel owner has filed a damage suit which seeks \$10,159 from a city policeman, who he alleges assaulted him while on his property Nov. 3.

Plaintiff, Edward B. Gabriel, claims the police officer, Gene Nordone, struck him on the face, causing a lacerated lip and knocking a tooth loose.

Gabriel owns the Cherry City Cottages, 2500 Fairgrounds Rd. He says the attack took place there.

Nordone was suspended for 30 days on Nov. 12 by Chief of Police Clyde Warren. The suspension allegedly stemmed from a complaint by Gabriel.

# W. M. Curtis, 71, Succumbs, Rites Today

Funeral services will be held today for William M. Curtis, 71, of 2688 Hollywood Dr., who died Sunday in a Salem hospital.

Curtis was born July 16, 1883, in Plano, Iowa. He had lived in Salem for 18 years.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Irene Rankin, Salem; two sons, Merle and Edward Curtis, both of Salem; and three daughters, Mrs. Maude Lenall, West Des Moines, Iowa, and Mrs. Ollie Finks, Plano, Iowa; two brothers, Roscoe Curtis, Plano, Iowa, and Clell Curtis, Promise City, Iowa; 12 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. today in the Clough-Barrick Chapel. The body will be sent to Greeley, Colo., for burial.

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# Final Rites For Accident Victims Set

Funeral services will be held this afternoon in Albany for Manley Mundorf, 19, one of three victims of a Sunday-morning highway crash on Fruitland Road east of Salem.

Services for the other two victims, Charlotte Lennon, 18, of 1935 Maple St., and Bryant Foster, 20, Albany, will be held tomorrow. The three died when their car left the road and crashed into a tree. Two other Albany youths were injured in the crash.

The Mundorf funeral will be held at 2 p.m. in the Fortmiller-Frederickson Funeral Home. The Rev. Orville Mick, pastor of the First Christian Church in Dallas, will officiate. Burial will be in Willamette Memorial Park, Albany.

Mundorf is survived by his mother, Mrs. Robert Ross, Albany; his father, Guy Mundorf, whose home is in California; a sister, Marilyn Mundorf, and a brother, Thomas Mundorf, both of Albany; and two grandsons, Walter Wolf and Mrs. Fred Coleman, both of Ainsworth, Neb.

The funeral for Miss Lennon will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday at the Hennessy, Goetsch & McGee Chapel, Portland. Burial will be in Lincoln Memorial Park in Portland.

A former Lebanon resident, Miss Lennon moved to Salem last month. She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Christine Lennon, Salem; a brother, Charles E. Lennon, and a sister, Rosemary Barber, both of Salem.

Funeral services for Foster will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Fisher Funeral Home in Albany, with the Rev. James Neely of the First Baptist Church officiating. Final services will be at Mt. Crest Crematorium in Salem.

Foster is survived by his stepfather and his mother, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Marlow of Albany.

One of the two youths injured in the same accident, Morris Drummond, 19, was released Monday after spending the night in Salem General Hospital. Hospital attendants said the other youth, Wayne Jennings, 20, was in "fairly good" condition. He suffered fractured ribs and internal injuries.

**WINS DOCTOR'S DEGREE**  
Virginia Foster, Salem, has been presented her doctor of philosophy degree at Ohio State University, it was learned here Monday. The degree was presented to her on Dec. 17.

# At The Theaters Today

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"SONG IN MY HEART" with Susan Hayward

# Salem C of C Hear North High Students

Christmas music provided by North Salem High School students featured a Salem Chamber of Commerce luncheon meeting Monday at the Marion Hotel.

Featured were a singing group of senior girls and a 14-piece string ensemble under the direction of William Swettman, director of music education for the public schools.

It was the first weekly chamber luncheon presided over by Elton H. Thompson, new president. Other new officers were introduced, as were many of the new members who had joined in recent months.

Program Chairman Del Milne called for cooperation in receiving suggestions for chamber programs next year and asked for volunteers from all types of business to make up the committee which will provide program ideas.

# Auto Parts Theft Reported to Police

Theft of automobile engine parts valued at an estimated \$100 was reported to Salem police Monday by John Thompson, an employee of the C. E. Miller Body Shop, 1365 Broadway. Thompson said the parts were removed from an engine which had been stored behind the shop.

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# Lafferty Asks Ike Help Free O & C Funds Pending Verdict

WASHINGTON (AP)—An appeal to President Eisenhower for early distribution of more than six million dollars to 18 Western Oregon counties was disclosed Monday by A.W. Lafferty, attorney representing Clackamas County, Ore.

Lafferty said he had written the President for release of the funds now held back by the Treasury, pending settlement of a dispute over 472,000 acres of Oregon timber land.

The dispute is whether the land should be considered part of the Oregon and California Railroad land grant or part of Forest Service land. The money comes from sale of timber on the land.

"The counties ask no interest payment on the wrongfully withheld money, and sorely need the principal. Some of the counties are paying interest on obligations. Loss of interest on the withheld moneys at 4 per cent equals \$2,000 each month of delay," Lafferty wrote.

Asks Ike Help  
He asked the President "to use his good offices for expedition of settlement by the attorney general and the Secretaries of Interior and Agriculture."

In O & C holdings, the counties receive 75 per cent of timber sale receipts. In Forest Service land they get 25 per cent.

Lafferty said the U. S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia last spring sustained the counties' "unquestioned claim to the fund under existing acts of Congress."

The appellate court sent the case back to the district court with instructions to continue proceedings not inconsistent with the higher court's view.

Provides Distribution  
Lafferty did not refer to a bill passed by Congress last spring providing for distribution of the money at once. Clackamas County has challenged the constitutionality of a section of that law, which put administration of the 472,000 acres in the Forest Service, but left the counties' share of receipts at 75 per cent.

(At Roseburg, Ore., Rep. Harris Ellsworth, sponsor with Sen. Guy Cordon of the bill approved by Congress last spring, said: "If

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