

Stadter Named District Judge Twin Dorns Born Year Apart But Still Celebrating 32nd Birthdays Within Minutes of One Another

A former Marion County district attorney and graduate of Willamette University Law School is the county's new district judge.



Edward O. Stadter Jr., appointed as Marion County's new district judge by Gov. Paul Patterson Friday.

Edward O. Stadter Jr., was appointed to the post Friday by Gov. Paul Patterson: He will succeed Judge Val Sloper, who narrowly defeated him for a circuit judgeship in the November election.

Stadter practiced law for a number of years before being elected district attorney in 1948. He served four years and did not seek re-election.

At Willamette The new judge was born in Portland in 1907 and graduated from Bend High School. Before entering Willamette University, he studied at the University of Washington.

He graduated from Willamette Law School in 1930 and was admitted to the bar the same year. He served as a trust officer for a number of years with Ladd & Bush Trust Co., then served in the same capacity when that firm became the Pioneer Trust Co.

He has lived in Salem since 1927. He opened private law practice in 1945. His father is the district attorney of Deschutes County.

Rites on Monday Stadter is past president of the Marion County Bar Association and member now of that organization and the Oregon Bar association.

Both Stadter and Sloper will be sworn-in to their new jobs Monday morning. Chief Justice Harold J. Warner of the Oregon Supreme Court will swear-in Sloper in the latter's circuit court room in the county courthouse.

Judge Sloper will take over the vacancy created when Judge Wallace Carson, who was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Judge Rex Kimmell, declined to seek election.

IT SEEMS TO ME By Charles A. Sprague

Today a new calendar goes on the wall and folk learn to make a five instead of a four in writing the date. For it is now 1955 A. D.—a New Year.

The calendar is simply a convenience in our references to time, like a watch or clock for the day. The year is of human invention, though it has a relation to a natural phenomenon.

All these are just artificial segmentations of Time. Time itself is fluid, a constantly flowing stream like a river. Today is merely the continuation of yesterday as tomorrow will be of today.

Gifts Galore Await First Valley Babies Gifts galore are in store for some of the first babies born in the mid-valley in 1955.

Cities sponsoring baby derbies include Woodburn, Stayton, Silverton and Dallas.

The Stayton baby derby is sponsored by the Founders Service organization of Santiam Memorial Hospital. The baby must be born at that hospital, but his parents may live anywhere.

Woodburn has prizes for the first baby born to residents of the city and the first baby born in its rural trade area.

Weekly newspapers in the respective areas are sponsoring most of the contests and merchants will provide the prizes.

ANIMAL CRACKERS BY WARREN GOODRICH. Illustration of a dog and a cat.

By CONRAD G. PRANGE Staff Writer, The Statesman

New Year's has a special meaning for the Dorn brothers of Salem, who are the same age but celebrate their birthdays on different days, on different months and in different years.

One of the brothers, Gale, observes his birthday today. But his twin brother Dale observed his yesterday—in another month and another year.

The raised eyebrows this situation causes today is nothing compared with the turmoil on that New Year's Eve 32 years ago in a Redmond hospital.

Swollen Creek Yields Body Of Salem Man Joe Harold Nelson, 29, a native of Salem, was drowned Thursday night while working at a fish hatchery in the Tillamook area, the Associated Press reported.

Nelson, an employe of the State Fish Commission, apparently fell into the flood-swollen waters of Gold Creek while working at the Gold Creek fish hatchery. He reportedly was working alone and his absence was not discovered until 1 a. m., when the next shift reported to duty.

Found Body Friday Nelson's body was recovered early Friday morning.

Coroner Alan E. Lundberg said a preliminary examination indicated Nelson apparently struck his head on a rock as he fell.

Born in Salem on April 12, 1925, Nelson was educated in Salem schools and took a job with the State Fish Commission some 12 years ago. He was employed at the Mehama hatchery for four years and for the past eight years had worked at hatcheries in the Tillamook area.

Service Set Tuesday Surviving are his mother, Mrs. H. Arthur Gooden of Salem; a sister, Mrs. Ned Abrams of Idaho; and a grandfather, D. L. Cummins of Salem.

Funeral services will be held at the W. T. Rigdon chapel Tuesday at 1:30 p. m. Concluding services will be at Mt. Crest Abbey mausoleum.

Rearmament Fight Begins In Germany By BRACK CURRY BONN, Germany (AP)—Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and the opposition Socialists squared off Friday for a finish fight over West German rearmament.

The French National Assembly's reluctant approval Thursday of the Paris treaties to free and rearm West Germany as a Western ally strengthened Adenauer's political position. The best test for ratification by the sharply divided Bonn Parliament comes up in less than a month.

The 78-year-old Chancellor's aides predicted Friday both houses of Parliament will approve rearmament by a comfortable majority despite deep hostility inside his own coalition to the French-German Saar agreement, an integral part of the treaty pact.

Jubilant over the French vote, the Adenauer forces claimed none of the four government coalition parties here will risk voting against sovereignty and rearmament for West Germany.

His supporters conceded, however, that the Chancellor still faces many obstacles to his cherished dream of linking West Germany politically and militarily to the Free World.

The Socialists, the nation's second largest party, announced immediately after the French vote they will fight to the bitter end to block West German rearmament.

MENTAL TEST DUE CHICAGO (AP)—Mrs. Dorothy Martin, who predicted disaster would sweep half the continent Dec. 21, is to be placed under psychiatric care, police said Friday.

Search for Diamond Fortune Spurred by Wreckage Find The cargo of gems "presents one of the biggest single losses the trade has ever known."

In New York, diamond dealer Louis Baumgold said the plane carried a regular monthly shipment of diamonds for American dealers.

Some of the missing stones reportedly weigh as much as 50 carats in their uncut state.

The finding of three diamonds at the crash site Friday morning spurred the search, which was carried on under heavy guard.

man breathlessly page-one'd a day or so later, was born Dec. 31, 1922, at 11:45 p. m. His twin, Gale, was born about 35 minutes later on Jan. 1, 1923, at 12:20 a. m.

Dale, weighed seven pounds and Gale eight. Their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Dorn were Eastern Oregon wheat ranchers. Their mother still resides at Redmond.

Although their unusual nativity landed them in the late Robert Ripley's "Believe it or Not" cartoon both men claim they have bumped into a few similar circumstances.

"I met a guy in the Army," said Gale, "who was a twin born in almost an identical situation. Only his birth took place on a train—so that he and his twin brother were

Split Birthdays for Twins Add Confusion



Dale Dorn (at left) poises a knife over his birthday cake while his twin brother Gale (at right) checks his watch to make sure he can celebrate his, too. The two brothers are the same age but have different birthdates. This confuses almost everybody—especially on New Year's Day—except the Dorn twins. (Statesman Photo)

Prisoners Buy Ad To Praise Sheriff OKANOGAN (AP)—Inmates of the Okanogan County jail ran a quarter page ad in the local weekly newspaper Friday to say they thought the sheriff and his deputies were swell guys.

The behind-the-bars tribute to Sheriff Gordon Jones and his men was headed: "Season's greetings to a very fine group for 1955."

It set the inmates back close to \$25.

Stackhouse's Son Believed Suicide Victim Don Rex Stackhouse, 21, a former Salem resident and son of onetime Willamette University Football Coach Chester Stackhouse, apparently took his own life Friday at Palo Alto, Calif., according to word received here.

Young Stackhouse, a pre-medics honor student at Stanford University, reportedly died after inhaling carbon monoxide fumes in his car. He was a 1951 graduate of Salem High School and attended Pomona Junior College on a scholarship prior to going to Stanford, where he was a junior.

The "dead youth's father left Willamette in 1952 and later took a coaching job with Slippery Rock Teachers College in Pennsylvania. The father also was athletic director and track coach at Willamette.

The elder Stackhouse was visiting Palo Alto over the holidays and had reported his son missing a few hours before the youth was found. The son reportedly had been under a doctor's care.

Survivors in addition to the father are the mother and a sister, Anne.

Plane Crash Claims Wealthy Contractor RAMER, Ala. (AP)—A private plane crashed in heavy rainstorm Friday night killing four persons, including Hoke L. Vandigriff, wealthy Montgomery contractor-sportsman.

Wandigriff, about 60, was president of the construction company which bears his name and also president of the Montgomery baseball club in the South Atlantic League.

He was known for heavy contributions to charities.

Logger's Wife Puts End to Kitchen Brew CHEHALIS (AP)—A logger whose wife called the sheriff and complained he was making moonshine on her kitchen stove was arrested late Friday at his home in Vader, southwest of here.

Harly Mosteller, 37, was booked at the Lewis County jail here on a charge of possessing a still. He is a native of Hayesville, N. C.

Sheriff Earl Hillon, who made the arrest with Chief Criminal Deputy Robert Reins, said Mosteller had hidden the still when they arrived, but it was found quickly on the premises of his place.

The sheriff estimated the seized still had a capacity of about a gallon of moonshine whisky every 12 hours. He said Mosteller had been using apples and sugar to make the liquor.

The Mostellers have four children, ranging in age from 3 months to 7 years.

Suez Canal Blocked by Ship Mishap CAIRO (AP)—An oil tanker blocked the Suez Canal Friday by smashing into a bridge. Seventy ships jammed up at both ends of the waterway. Suez Canal Co. engineers estimated it might take eight days to resume navigation.

The 10,892-ton tanker World Peace, under Liberian registry but owned by a Greek company, veered into the open arms of the swing bridge at 4:40 a. m. The bridge is at El Ferdan, nine miles north of Ismailia.

The bridge is the double-spanned swing type with an opening of 197 feet. It was built by the British army during the build-up for the Alamein campaign, to carry a railroad across the canal.

It has long been regarded as a menace to navigation and was to be scrapped in another month, a canal spokesman said. When the bridge is opened, the spans run north and south, parallel with the canal banks.

Nation Greet '55 With Noise And Prayers

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS (AP) The nation welcomed the New Year Friday night with merry-making, church services and the start of a yearlong prayer for peace.

President and Mrs. Eisenhower scheduled a dinner party in the trophy room at the Augusta, Ga., National Golf Club. There was no special guest list. Many were the President's golfing companions and their wives.

In Times Square, New York City's traditional whoopee center, merchants barricaded their store windows to prevent damage by the crush of merry-makers.

More Bars Open The city itself prepared for bumper night and 281 more bars than last year paid \$10 each to obtain all-night liquor licenses. Merry-makers needed well-heeled wallets to pay for their fun.

Conservative estimates placed the bill for one couple at \$50 to \$100. Minimum dinner prices at New York hotels, for instance, ranged from \$7.50 to \$25 a person.

Churches of all denominations scheduled watch-night services to welcome the New Year.

Chains of Prayer The year long prayer for peace was started in the churches of 11 communities across the country, the "chain of prayer," organized by the board of evangelism of the Methodist Church, will be taken up by other churches and denominations during the year.

Meantime, the National Safety Council predicted 240 persons would die in traffic accidents during the weekend. In making the announcement, Ned H. Dearborn, council president, told motorists: "We cordially invite you to start the New Year by making a bum out of the National Safety Council and its pre-holiday estimate."

Times Square Jammed NEW YORK (AP)—As sure as death and taxes, the New Year arrived at midnight and half a million persons jammed into Times Square to welcome it with a deafening din.

A sea of faces, packed like sardines, lined the broad square from wall to wall.

Everyone screamed his head off. Cow bells clanged. Horns tooted. Noisemakers squawked. Tons of confetti and streamers drifted through the damp, chilly air.

Elizabethan Expert Knighted by Queen LONDON (AP)—Queen Elizabeth II Friday knighted the greatest living expert on the first Elizabethan age.

The Queen, who has called for a new Elizabethan era of adventure, conferred a knighthood on Prof. John Ernest Neale, 64, the distinguished biographer of her namesake, in handing out 2,000 honors ranging from medals to peerage.

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Premature Arrival of Baby In Car Blamed for Accident An infant boy died Friday night in a Salem hospital some 14 hours after his unexpected birth in a moving car resulted in a collision—and put mother and baby in separate hospitals.

The infant, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don H. Berryhill, 176 Gerth St., was taken to the hospital in poor condition after its birth in the car of its parents. The baby, reportedly two months premature, died about 7 p. m.

It happened this way: Berryhill was rushing his wife to Salem General Hospital . . . and in a hurry, the baby was expected any minute.

Berryhill was heading down Center Street when his wife, who was in the front seat beside him, shouted, "The baby's here!"

Berryhill said he turned his head to look, and whom? Two cars collided. Then the confusion began.

First aidmen were summoned. When they arrived, they couldn't find the baby, but could hear him crying.

Finally, they found him hidden under the car's front seat, which had come loose in the impact at Center and High streets. By the time the baby was located every-one was at his wit's end.

Floods and threats of floods greeted the New Year in the Willamette Valley as heavy rains of the past week shoved streams out of their banks Friday, cutting several minor highway routes.

Though the Santiam River was already over its banks at Jefferson, no general flooding was expected in the valley as the rains eased.

Overflow from the Pudding River close a portion of the Bethany-Salem road Friday afternoon about 2 1/2 miles northwest of Silverton. High water also closed the Bellevue-Amity road at Deer Creek south of McMinnville.

Santiam Over Banks At Jefferson, the Santiam River rolled out of its banks heading toward a 17-foot crest, but flooding at that stage is only of pasture lands. Flood stage is 13 feet at Jefferson.

The Willamette River at Salem measured 13.6 feet at midnight Friday and was expected to crest at 14 feet about 7 a. m. Saturday. Flood stage is 20 feet.

Scattered light showers were forecast for the Salem area today and tonight. Friday's rainfall in the area was .10 of an inch.

Continuing heavy rain was forecast by the Weather Bureau Friday and the State Highway Commission expressed fear that rising rivers might cause additional highway closures in Southwestern Oregon, the Associated Press reported.

The Coast Highway, closed for a time Friday, was reopened to light traffic, but the highway commission said it feared the rising Coquille River might shut down the route again.

The Coos Bay-Roseburg Highway, closed by high water, was reopened Friday afternoon. The Eugene-Coos Bay route, shut down by a series of slides was opened to one-way traffic Friday. But the Southern Pacific Coos Bay branch rail line still was closed.

Five slides occurred in the area along the Siuslaw river. A Southern Pacific spokesman said that three feet of water covered the tracks at Myrtle Point.

Rain Slackens The rain had slackened off Friday afternoon. The Weather Bureau forecast 2 to 4 inches of rain in Western Oregon in its next five days but said the Southwestern corner of the state might be hit hard by a new storm which is moving in from the Pacific.

In the past two days rainfall totals ranged from about 3 1/2 inches at Brookings on the Coast to a half inch at some Willamette Valley points.

The highway commission was pessimistic about keeping roads open. It pointed out that the ground already is saturated and the new rain will bring a heavy runoff.

Snow in Mountains Snow fell in mountain areas and chains were required in many areas. Motorists were urged to carry chains in others.

Icy spots were reported on some Eastern and Southern Oregon highways Friday morning.

Meantime in the Bend area, state game officials expressed concern as the Deschutes River began spilling over Wickiup Dam and running through woods east of Wickiup Butte.

If the overflow should become heavy, it might dig out a new channel and cut three secondary highways and pour a quantity of silt onto the important trout spawning areas of the Deschutes below the dam.

The main spillway of the dam is closed for repairs of the spill basin, necessitating the use of an emergency wasteway in the dike area east of the basin.

First Salem Baby Delays Appearance - The Salem area's first 1955 baby was still to come at an early hour Saturday morning.

A 1 a. m. check at the two Salem hospitals found three expectant mothers in labor, with infants "due at any time." All three were at Salem Memorial Hospital, but not a single expectant mother was in the maternity ward at Salem General Hospital at the time of the check.

Last Salem area baby born in 1954 was the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allan E. Miller, 740 Ferry St. She arrived at 9:30 p. m. Friday at Salem General Hospital.

Meanwhile the area celebrated the advent of the new year with the usual parties and tooting of horns—but city and state police reported the accident front extremely quiet. Not a major mishap had been reported up to 1 a. m.

THE WEATHER Table with columns: Max., Min., Freez. Rows: Salem, Portland, Baker, Medford, North Bend, Roseburg, San Francisco, Chicago, New York, Los Angeles, Willamette River 12.5 feet. FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary Field, Salem): Cloudy - this morning, decreasing cloudiness, with scattered light showers this afternoon and tonight; high today 48-50, low tonight 40-42. Temperature at 11:51 a. m. today was 45. SALEM PRECIPITATION Since Start of Weather Year Sept. 1 This Year Last Year Normal 16.08 18.44 18.27