Englewood

night at City Hall.

Church Bid on

Council Docket

sponsored by Alderman P. W.

Most of the bills before the

Several recent actions of the

YMCA to build an addition with-

recent proposal from lower Che-

meketa Street business firms that

two-way traffic be restored west

of Commercial Street.

YMCA Variance

ing spaces.

to buy the invention described by their business meeting then, be-James Reston, head of the Times cause of the Christmas legal holibureau in Washington, in his col- day falling on the regular counumn in the New York Times of cit meeting date. Dec. 18th. He calls it a "uniquack." and says it is a "comparatively Brethren Church needs special Hope returned Sunday from Ice-'small device" that can be attached permission to build a Sunday land where, one of his aides said, to a TV set. It is used to test the accuracy of political statements. e only to politics, and location at Nebraska and 17th as long as the telecaster sticks to Streets. Some neighborhood rethe truth it does not function. But sistance has been encountered story: let the speaker start to deceive the and the Planning Commission has

listener "the screen gradually turns recommended against the church Then if the politician fails to Meat Inspection heed this signal and get back to A new item before the Council veracity "the pink flush slowly will be a bill to propose compulturns to a darker red until, in an sory meat inspection in Salem. extremity, a bell rings inside the Long in preparation, this bill is

Reston admits the machine has Hale. some weaknesses. It will become emotionally disturbed "while audit- council will itemize the routine ing some particularly outrageous street assessments, following bit of nonsense." For example, through the 1955 paving program when Harold Stassen said Presi- at property owners' expense. dent Eisenhower could wait till

(Continued on Editorial Page, 4)

Inmate Wins 'Battle' to Stay In City Jail

A persistent prisoner appeared Sunday night to have won a "battle of nerves" against Municipal Judge Douglas L. Hay. Released from a sentence for

jail inmates as a Christmas present Saturday noon, he was back in again (same charge) Satur day night.

So the judge let him out again Christmas morning. He was in again (same charge) that same

Nana Bryant, Actress, Dies

Bryant, 67, who spent 50 years in show business, died Saturday in her apartment after a two-month filness.

Miss Bryant was known to view ers of the television show, "Our Miss Brooks," as Mrs. Nestor, owner of the school in which Miss Brooks (Eve Arden) taught. Miss Bryant portrayed the role until she became ill in October.



Hey, cut that out! You're no nore lame than I am!"

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Christmas Sun Turns Tide of

Flood Refugees Toward Home

Disaster Since

1906 Earthquake

By BUD SPRUNGER

SAN FRANCISCO UM - Christ-

After a week of torrential rains,

The San Francisco Chronicle

quoted Sheriff G.S. Carpenter of

certain there were an additional 21 deaths in the Yuba City area

It was the worst California dis-

aster since the 1906 San Francisco

Figures on the number of dead and homeless were not solid. Com-

scattered. There was no way o

counting those missing or possible

The Weather Bureau said the sur

shone, at least part of the day,

all the way from Fresno and Paso

Robles in the south-central region

to Ukiah in the North. There were

clouds and light rains at the two

Southern cities and heavier rain

in Eureka. A threatened new storm

was not as serious as anticipated.

One of the few remaining criti-

cal areas was near Stockton, a city

of 70,000 on the San Joaquin Riv-er. A fresh levee break south of the

city flooded 20 square blocks of the Corona subdivision to six feet

Water receded from porthern

The rivers receding were the

Eel, Russian, Yuba and Feather.

(Additional details, Sec. 4, Page 2.)

Auto Industry

Inquiry Near

tor car sales industry.

Gunshot Breaks

firming check.

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Seven Christmas Babies (All Boys) Arrive in Valley

Seven bundles from the top by stork in the Mid-Willamette Valley on Christmas Day. And

Two landed at Santiam Memorial Hospital, Stayton: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clarkson, Stayton, and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Wiege, also of Stayton.

And five Salem couples were on the list of Christmas parents: Mr. and Mrs. Warren Thiel, 320 E. Ewald Ave., and Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph E. Sherwood, 666 Catterlin Ave., at Salem General Hospital; Mr. and Mrs. William Dodson, 1950 Market St., and Mr. and Mrs. Duane Sanford, 5380 N. River Rd., at Salem Memorial Hospital; and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Maupin, 2441 State St., at Dallas Hospital.

Salem Host to Inch of Rain On Christmas

Maybe only Junior, who wanted to try his new Christmas bicycle, noticed it, but Salem was treated to more than an inch of steady rain on Christmas day.

The Willamette River continued a steady fall, however, down

Downtown streets were pretty well deserted, except for an ocdarkened store or restaurant

The forecast for today and Tuesday is more rain, a south wind with strong gusts and somewhat cooler temperatures, Mc-Nary Field weathermen said.

An Englewood church's build Strongwoman ing plan will pop up again before Salem City Council Tuesday Drops Hope The aldermen will be holding On His Head

(Picture on Wirephoto Page) Englewood Evangelical United LONDON P - Comedian Bob School addition up to its property he was banged up in a fall while

lines at the rear of the church entertaining U.S. troops. A spokesman for Hope told

During a performance Saturday water was receding Sunday. at Keflavik, British strongwoman

nose and hurt his neck. A London house.

doctor treated him. Hope appeared Sunday night as guest star on a British commercial TV program. He showed no visible effects and did not men-

tion the fall. The comedian went to an engagement after the show and newsmen were unable to check the account with him directly.

Planning Commission will come up for review, including the reup for review, including the reout the required off-street park-The Council also will consider Kept in Plastic an unfavorable report from the

State Highway Department on a WASHINGTON # - You soon may be able to pick up a bag of milk at the grocery.

The Agriculture says experiments in England an Denmark on deep freezing who

milk have been successful Fire Rumor Panic In England, a department publ cation said, the frozen product ha Kills 13 in Theater been kept in plastic bags. The Na tional Research Development Corp TAMPICO, Mexico & - A false has patented the process.

jured. The theater had a capacity saying, the milk is as fresh as when it came from the plant.

Southwest Oregon Rivers Streams Rise Again Recede; 6 Dead, 5 Missing in Flood Sectors Toll 29 (By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS) Among those missing was Lee C. Pope, 70, an Inde-Worst California

Steady weekend rain again was causing minor flooding in Southwestern Oregon

Two creeks in the Roseburg region spilled over their banks causing several families to leave their homes and another creek was being sandbagged at Sutherlin Sunday night.

Heavy rains also were reported in Eugene.

Elsewhere in the state, the flood and storm situation which claimed the lives of six since last Wednesday, was generally improved.

Five other persons were reported missing in accidents related to the storm and

pendence area farmer. (Story

Others reported missing included Elmer Leonard, 25, and his brother Richard, 21, of the Hood River area, missing in a Columbia River boating ascident, and Fred mas sunshine blessed large sec-Hale and Bill Geer, Grants tions of flooded Northern Califor-Pass, the pilot and passenger nia Sunday as rampaging rivers in a light plane that disap-receded and some refugees went peared in a Rogue River back to their mud and silt plastered homes. Pictures Sec. 4, Page 2, Valley flight Saturday. and Wirephoto Page.

The dead are: Peter Harris, 15, Brooks (story below); an estimated 29 persons were dead Cecil Connor, 37, Milo; Bert in the state and possibly 50,000 Gladney, 21, Pendleton; An-homeless. Damage was estimated cil Lowmmen, Nehalem; Vic- conservatively at 100 million doltor Flury, 38, Roseburg; and lars. John E. Clifford, 73, Oak-(Additional details, Sutter County as saying he was

and possibly more than 100. The sheriff was not available for a concasional policeman. Free park-ing was available in front of any Independence Farmer Feared Victim of Flood Eigures Unknown earthquake and fire.

INDEPENDENCE—A farmer in this area was feared drowned munications still faltered. Families sunday when his tractor was found in a deep hole in flooded low- and whole cities of persons were lands near the Willamette River.

The missing man was identified as Lee C. Pope by Independence Police Chief George Utley. Pope was described as a bachelor flood victims. about 70 years old who lived alone on the Marion County side of Willamette River, a mile

south of Independence.

Utley said a neighbor found the tractor Sunday when he went to the missing man's house. He found the missing man's dog alone and "very hungry," the chief said.

Found in Hole

The tractor was found some 50 feet from the house in a hole four feet deep. The chief speculated that Pope met with accident were rising fast in this area. The

his head on the platform, cut his and threatened to isolate his

Cut Up By Holes been starting for town on his tractor again when the presumed fatal accident in the Marion-Polk Was. accident occurred.

body would have been carried week's storm. out to the channel of the river,

office was called to investigate.

The Weather

W. A. C.	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	. 53	46	1.04
Portland	.51	45	30
Baker	45	25	.00
Medford	- 54	437	0.1
North Bend		41	1.49
Roseburg	31	43	2.70
San Francisco	60	445	trace
Los Angeles	62	56	trace
Chicago	40	29	trace
New York	51	38	.00
Willamette Riv	er 18.8	feet	
FORECAST II	rom U	5	weather

Since Start of Weather Year, Sept. 1
This Year Last Year Normal
27.63 14.97 16.92

Waters Yield

and some 400 families fled. BROOKS - The body of Peter 1,500 Return The chief said Pope had driven Harris, missing 15-year-old Lake The new breach, however, lowhis tractor to Independence on Labish area boy, was found previous occasions when the Wil-Christmas morning in flood was houlders.
Suddenly he slipped off, cracked lamette River jumped its banks ters about half a mile from his fled the early break returned to home. The discovery capped in their homes. tensive search and dragging op-The chief said the road to Pope's property was "all cut up by holes caused by the flood" and the missing man may have relations conducted after the boy tected by levees, was evacuated before Yuba City — just across the Fort Ord, talked long distance the before Yuba City — just across the Fort Ord, talked long distance the other night with fiance Janice C. Clary, 18, of North Stockholm, and the missing man may have Death of the boy was the first er flooded seriously. Yuba City

> area to be attributed to flood Yuba City residents visited their Utley said he doubted that the conditions resulting from last looters, ordered them out of the The young victim was found city between 5 p.m. Sunday and the Rev. J. Whitcomb Brougher, a several hundred yards away. He about 9:30 a.m. Sunday by three 7 a.m. Monday. There was no elecsaid he understood Pope has searchers including the boy's tricity or water and the sewage was spending the holidays here Mariott, relatives in Springfield but none father, August J. Harris. Others system did not work. section of Yuba City, leaving mud When discovered, the body was marks as high as six feet on some

in the party were two neighbors. The Marion County sheriff's Otis Phillips and Charley Earls. in some four feet of water on walls. In the southern part, the onion land owned by Don Cumwater still was at window level. mings and close to the spot where the boy's overturned boat Stanislaus, Tuolumne, Klamath, had been found earlier. The water, an overflow from

the Little Pudding River, had been estimated at nearly 10 feet in depth at spots at time of young Harris' disappearance. (Additional story, Sec. 2, Page 2.)

JAPAN TO LIMIT BUDGET

TAMPICO, Mexico (P) — A false cry of fire set off a panic in an old movie theater here Sunday and 13 spectators were killed in a rush for the exits. Nine of the dead were children.

Many other persons were in
has patented the process.

In Denmark, the frozen milk has been milk has been placed in block form packages of plastic and metal, and has been used successfully on ships. Even after three months storage, the Danes were quoted as storage, the Danes were quoted as storage, the Danes were quoted as significant process.

Cloudy with intermittent rain to-day, tonight and Tuesday; southerly winds with few gusts at 25 miles per hour. High temperature today 47, low tonight 38.

Temperature at 12:01 a.m. today was 39.

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The proposed budget is slightly lower than last year's slightly lower than last year' trillion yen (about \$2,661,000, roney (D-Okla) announced Sunslightly lower than last year's day a Senate investigation will spending which totalled \$2,754, start Jan. 19 into automobile

State Holiday Dead At 6; U.S. Toll High

Traffic Fatality Record 'Nearing'

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS) Six persons died in Christmas holiday accidents in Oregon and two others were missing.

Traffic accidents claimed the lives of four.

Donald Hugh Wilkonson, 20, a sailor on leave from the San Diego Naval Base, was injured fatally when an automobile plunged off a highway near Carlton and hit a power pole.

Harry Edwin Conklin, Salem, was killed Sunday in a two-car collision on Highway 99-E. (Story below).

Earlier Charles J. McCall, 53, Gervais, and William C. Hiscoe, 47, Portland, were killed in separate traffic crashes. The body of Peter Harris,

column 5). That raised the miscellane-

Earlier Ivan A. Senter, 40, Newberg, was killed in a tree topping accident.

A plane with two persons aboard was missing in the Rogue River Valley area of Southern Oregon.

A pilot's report of sighting

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS The Christmas traffic death toll climbed steadily early Monday toward an almost certain all-time holiday record.

At 1:30 a.m. (EST) the highway toll was 433. Fires took 44 lives, miscellaneous accidents 49 for a total of 526 since 6 n.m. (local time) Friday.

6 p.m. (local time) Friday. The National Safety Council had predicted 560 highway deaths.

15, of Brooks, drowning vietim was found. (Story in

a fire on the south bank of the river Saturday night spurred search parties Sun-

The present record is 556.

The missing men are Fred Hale, pilot and manager of the Grants Pass airport, and Bill Geer, also Grants Pass,

relation to Mrs. Mitchell. His

injuries did not require treat-

Another car was damaged to

slowed at the accident scene.

Lloyd Duane Fountain, 5065 Lone Oak Rd., was cited for fol-lowing too closely, police said. A car driven by Nellie Mae

comparatively minor rear-end damage, police said. Minor in-

juries apparently did not require

Conklin's death was the 42nd

(Additional story in Section 2,

of the year in the combined Marion and Polk County area.

treatment, police said.

South, East

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The beginning of a new cold

the mid-continent Sunday w h i le

some cities in Texas and along

the Gulf Coast basked in record

warmth for any Christmas Dog.

Woodburn, received

ment, police said.

Motorist Cited

Kills Salem Area Man

A 69-year-old Salem area man became Marion County's 32nd traffic fatality of 1955 in a two-car collision about 5:30 p.m. Sunday Highway 90E at Chemawa road. Harry Edwin Conklin of Route 2, Box 404, was declared dead

on arrival at Salem General Hospital, apparently from head injuries. His wife, Mrs. Anne E. Conklin, 64, and her sister, Mrs. Sadie Mitchell, 67, of Chemawa were hospitalized for observation

Love Conquers and treatment of apparently minor injuries at 42 Salem General where they were taken by Willamette and treatment of appar-All in Race * Ambulance. Driver of the other car was Across Nation Alfred Mitchell of Portland, no

LOS ANGELES (#) - It took Heavy Damage Both cars were extensively damaged, police said, the car driven by Conklin, hit broadside, clerk conspired to give a soldier and his New York sweetheart a Christmas Eve wedding.

coming to rest, after throwing Pfc. Donald Campbell, 19, of out all three of its occupants, it a nearby field. the extent it had to be tower N.Y. They decided they wanted to from the scene in a rear-end collision as traffic was being marry Christmas Eve.

Here's how they did it. Camp-bell took his health examination homes Sunday but police, fearing on the base. The bride-to-be took hers at home. Campbell contacted Baptist minister of Portland, who with his son. Dr. Brougher took the youth to

the marriage license bureau where the clerk took the license home with her. The bride-to-be's plane wasn't due in until hours after the close of the bureau. The minister and

whisked the girl to the clerk's home and got the license signed by both parties. Then back to the Biltmore Hotel for a wedding cere-**Cold Spreads**

The couple is honeymooning here until Thursday when the Campbells will go back to Monterey and an apartment near Fort

day a Senate investigation will bootlegging, "wild credit" and On Christmas other alleged abuses in the mo-

Temperatures dropped sharply in the Southern plains states. At DENVER UP - This mile-high Oklahoma City, Sunday's high was The public hearings will cli- city, only some 10 miles from the 48, just 37 degrees cooler than that max an eight-month background eastern slope of the Rocky Moun- on Saturday. probe by a special staff of the Senate Commerce Subcommittee. Christmas Day on record Sunday, high of 44, down 44 degrees in the Residents walked the streets in same period, and Fort Worth, shirtsleeves as the thermometer Texas, listed a high of 63, a drop climbed to 66 degrees. The previ- of 28 degrees in 24 hours. ous all-time high of 65 was re-

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corded Christmas Day, 1946. Denver's wasn't the highest

reading in Colorado, however. At Trinidad, in Southern Colorado near the New Mexico border, the mercury soared to 71.

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Stolen Truck Contains X-Ray

INDIANAPOLIS IN - The truck someone stole from the parking lot

at the State Board of Health Saturday night was no ordinary hicle. It contains a \$10,000 X-ray ma chine used for giving chest exam-

inations in schools and industria plants throughout the state as part of the anti-tuberculosis campaign.

SAILORS HELP GRPHANS

YOKOHAMA, Japan (P) Crewmen of the U. S. passenger
liner President Wilson have presented clothing and candy to needy orphans of Yokohama for

HOLLYWOOD UP-Actress Naga Refugee Scientist Solves 'Atomic Metal' Production Problem at Lab in Albany

story of how a refugee scientist played a key role in research which led to commercial production of the new atomic metal zirconium was told Sunday by the Bureau of Mines.

Zirconium is now a vital construction material in the field of atomic energy and in atomic owerplants like the one used in the nuclear powered submarine Nautilus. The Bureau of Mines calls it "the metal

with the bright atomic future." Until last year the Bureau was the principal supplier of zirconium required by both the Energy Commission (AEC) and the Navy.

The metal was made with a process developed by Dr. Wil-

little more than a laboratory curiosity then, made in small

liam J. Kroll, a metallurgist who fled from his native Luxembourg before the Nazi inva-sion of World War II. Dr. Kroll served with the Bureau as a consultant but left in April 1953 and now lives at Corvallis,

The Bureau now has turned production of zirconium over to private industry and is working on ways of increasing the metal's usefulness. Commercial production of the

metal climaxed 10 years of intensive research and experi-mentation begun at the Bureau's Northwest Electrodevelopment Laboratory at Albany, Back in 1945 few people had ever heard of zirconium. It was

When the Bureau metallurgists started looking for a way

iodide process."

to produce the metal in volume, they turned to a titanium making process developed by Dr. Kroll, which he had patented in both Germany and the United States. Extracting and melting of both titanium and zirconium

must be performed in a vacuum. Both will burst into flame during certain stages of production unless handled carefully. With the knowledge that the Kroll process of using molten magnesium to extract titanium

from its compounds was suc-cessful, the Bureau obtained

Dr. Kroll as a consultant and

began trying to adapt that method to zirconium.

a pilot plant already operating which was capable of producing en, 285 N. 21st St. He said he about 3,000 pounds of zirconium sponge metal a year.

day evening by George Van Burden, 285 N. 21st St. He said he heard the shot a moment before the window in his house broke. As demand increased, the Investigating officers found a

with the Bureau of Mines under to a point where more than 280,000 pounds of the metal

had increased capacity to the was put on standby.

House Window By the time the AEC became interested in the metal as a construction material in 1948, A window broken by gunshot the laboratory at Albany had was reported to city police Sun-

AEC and the Navy cooperated .22 caliber short slug on the winthe leadership of Capt. (now the leadership of Capt. (now topped by the window shade after being slowed by the glass, dow sill, apparently having been in expanding the Albany plant they said. were produced in a single year, AIR TRAFFIC GAINS

WASHINGTON (P)-The Civil Private industry began pro-ducing zirconium with the Kroll Aeronautics Administration process in 1953 and by last May, (CAA) estimated Sunday that had increased canacity to the U.S. domestic and international scheduled airlines carried about point where the Bureau plant 42 million passengers this yeara 19 per cent gain over 1954.