

By Charles F. Sprague

Tidelands oil, which has been kicked about as an issue for over a decade, is getting another airing in the courts...

AF Craft Lifts Man Trapped On River Isle

ESTACADA, Ore., Dec. 20 (AP)—An Air Force helicopter tonight rescued a college student from an island in the middle of the turbulent Clackamas River.

Police here said David McClain, 22, Milwaukie, Ore., swam to the island after a 17-foot boat capsized as he and another man attempted to go through a series of rapids.

McClain's companion, Bill Evans, 22, Milwaukie, was swept 1,000 yards down the river and then managed to swim to shore.

Both are students at Walla Walla College in College Place, Wash., a small town near Walla Walla.

Rescue Try Fails

The helicopter was called into the rescue attempt after sheriff's deputies were unable to pluck McClain from the tree-studded, 1,500-foot long island.

Deputies had tied a lifejacket to a 900-foot line and let it be swept to the island from a car on a cable which spans the stream.

The deputies, however, were unable to pull McClain back up stream because of the force of the rushing water.

The helicopter from an Air Force rescue unit at Portland flew to the island in rain and darkness tonight.

Stranded Five Hours

The craft hovered four feet above the ground, lowered a line and then pulled McClain aboard after he had been stranded five hours.

The helicopter was piloted by First Lt. Dennis Chase and Arthur Bennett.

The helicopter made several passes over the island and the river before spotting McClain in the glare of its searchlights.

Its crew then plucked McClain from the island on the first attempt and flew him a mile to where the craft landed at a school ground here.

McClain said he and Evans set off in the river from below the River Mill Dam.

That stretch of the river contains swift water. The stream has been made more turbulent by recent heavy rains.

Recall Fails Against Judge, Vote Indicates

JOHN DAY, Ore., Dec. 20 (AP)—Nearly complete, unofficial returns indicated tonight that a recall election failed to unseat Grant County Judge O. L. Dickens.

Complete returns from 12 of the county's 13 precincts gave this vote: 1,323 against the recall and 524 for it.

The returns were announced by Mrs. Elma Campbell, the deputy county clerk.

She said the one remaining precinct would report tomorrow morning. It has only 47 registered voters.

Slightly less than half of the county's 3,763 registered voters went to the polls in today's windy, rainy weather.

Dickens, who has served as judge nearly nine years, said tonight that he was very pleased over the election's outcome.

The recall movement was headed by a group which said it was dissatisfied with new wage and hour pacts given the county road crew.

The group said it thought the road workers generally should have received higher wages and shorter hours.

Delivery of City Mail Due Sunday To Ease Burden

City deliveries will be made on all classes of mail this Sunday, Salem Postmaster Albert C. Gragg said Friday.

The special schedule is used each year to help handle the holiday overload, he added. Rural deliveries will not be made.

In addition to the deliveries, the parcel post window will be open at the post office from 3 to 5 p.m., but for picking up packages only. There will be no windows open for stamp sales, package mailings or other post office business, Gragg emphasized.

WU Junior Plans 'Quick' New York Trip by Thumb

(Picture at right)

A 21-year-old Willamette junior, James Martin Smith, today begins testing the friendly holiday spirit of motorists. He is starting what he hopes will be a quick round-trip hitchhiking jaunt to New York City.

He plans to start off early this morning walking from the State School for the Blind, where he works, to Commercial Street. There he will find a good thumbing spot and head south to Albany and then east on Highway 20 over the Ontario pass.

In Toledo, Ohio, he plans to pick up a friend, Stewart Clark, and they will continue together to New York.

Clark inspired the trip with a letter: "How'd you like to celebrate New Year's Eve in New York City?"

On an impulse, Smith agreed. His fiancée, June Lytle, painted signs to paste on his suitcase.

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The Weather Today's forecast: Continued cloudy with showers today and tonight; rain again Sunday; high today 50-52.

Airing of Red Peril Demanded

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP)—Sen. Clark (D-Pa.) accused the Eisenhower administration today of suppressing a report because of its devastating exposure of America's weakness.

Sen. Humphrey (D-Minn.) similarly called for an expose of "the whole shabby mess."

And Sen. Wiley (R-Wis.) said "the true facts must be given to the American people."

All of them were commenting on the Gaither Report, a top-secret government document which the Washington Post said today "portrays United States in its gravest danger in its history."

The report was prepared by a committee headed by H. Rowan Gaither Jr., former head of the Ford Foundation.

The White House has declined all comment, saying the document is highly classified.

Russ Reject Disarm Talks

MOSCOW, Dec. 21 (Saturday) (AP)—Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko said today a foreign ministers conference on disarmament is not acceptable to Russia.

At the NATO summit conference in Paris this week Western leaders decided to approach Russia on further disarmament talks, which have become stalemated in the United Nations.

Gromyko also said Russia would not conduct further disarmament negotiations within the U.N. He spoke at a joint session of Russia's parliament, the Supreme Soviet.

Britain Cool To Missile Base Plan

LONDON, Dec. 20 (AP)—Prime Minister Macmillan won approval from the House of Commons tonight for NATO's summit policies and the planting of U.S. nuclear missile bases in Britain.

But the smallness of the government's majority—30 votes—fell 20 short of normal Conservative strength and brought shouts of "resign" from Labor benches.

The test of strength came after a five-hour debate in which the opposition again assailed the American bases project and the flights of American bomber patrols over Britain with H-bomb loads.

Some Conservative as well as Labor speakers demanded that Britain adopt a more independent policy to seek agreement with Russia.

Elvis Ordered To Report For Induction

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 20 (AP)—Elvis Presley got his "greetings" from Uncle Sam today, but his studio said an eight-week deferment will be asked for the rock 'n' roll singer so he can make a movie.

Presley's draft board in Memphis ordered him to report for induction into the armed services Jan. 20.

However, Y. Frank Freeman, head of Paramount Pictures, said he will ask the draft board to delay Presley's induction eight weeks. The singer is scheduled to start filming a picture Jan. 13.

Former Solon Returns Pay, Digs Hatfield

Ex-Rep. Richard Eymann (D), Mohawk, Friday returned to the Secretary of State \$600 which he was paid for service in the House for the year 1958.

He resigned shortly after the regular 1957 Legislative session to accept a position in the State Tax Commission.

Eymann, in a letter to Secretary of State Mark Hatfield, said he was in the process of making arrangements for the refund when he received Hatfield's request of Oct. 17 expressing hope that the claim could be settled by the end of December.

He continued: "I sincerely regret that in the intermediate period you decided it necessary to make this personal problem between your office and myself a basis of newspaper publicity. I was greatly surprised by our telephone conversations of Dec. 9 that you felt you could no longer resist pressure from certain Republican legislators to give this to the press."

County Okehs Speed Zones

Marion County Court members Friday authorized 45-mile speed zones for Cherry Avenue, which runs north of Salem, and for the Aumsville-Turner Road. Authorization was made after county recommendations were approved by the State Speed Control Board.

The new speed zone on Cherry Avenue will start at the north Salem city limits and run to the avenue's junction with North River Road. The Aumsville-Turner Road zone extends from the east Turner city limits for about a half mile to Market Road 3, said court officials.

The regulations will become law as soon as signs can be put up.

Paris Traffic Jams

PARIS, Dec. 20 (AP)—The heart of Paris was turned into one big traffic jam tonight by a leisurely parade of civil servants protesting that their recent wage raises are insufficient.

Other hand an appliance store reported a good trade in its more expensive items.

One of the hardest hit in the business world is the new car business. Not only did many of the new car dealers sell fewer cars this year, said one spokesman, but their profit per car was decreased.

The used car business was reported as "pretty good" this year, but reportedly ran out of gas about a month ago.

A wholesale food dealer estimated food sales in 1957 as "about the same" as in 1956. He said he detected only a "slight tightening up" in some lines.

A manager of a large local insurance agency said that while his firm's total volume of business for 1957 would be slightly higher than in 1956, the past several months have been below this time a year ago.

The loans division of the State Department of Veterans Affairs reported that delinquencies on house loans had decreased to the point where they are below the default rate of a year ago.

"There are some ups and downs and probably a slight decrease in many retail business this year," said one long-time merchant. "But business in general has been good. And with Salem's existing stable payroll and contemplated payrolls next year, I think 1958 will be a good business year."

Mid-Valley Streams Spill Banks; More Rain Seen

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Major Flood Point

Major flood point seemed to be at the confluence of the Santiam and Willamette rivers near Jefferson, where a crest of 19.7 feet reached at 3:20 p.m. Friday was seven feet above flooding level. Considerable flooding of lowlands resulted in the Jefferson sector and surface water flowed over some roads.

State police said surplus water between Halsey and Harrisburg Friday sent several inches of water across Highway 99—but it wasn't enough to shut off traffic.

A fast-rising Calpooya Creek threatened to inundate Highway 99 several miles south of Albany by Saturday morning if its rate of rise continued.

Reports of minor flooding came from the Buena Vista district southwest of Salem where the ferry over the Willamette was forced to close down because of high water. At Mt. Angel residents complained that water flowing over a county road had filled up drainage ditches.

Roads Under Water

Among roads reported under water Friday were the Silverton-Chemawa route; old Salem-Silverton road, flooded from the Pudding River; and Market Road 39 in the Talbot sector, where the Santiam is flooding.

Farmers previously had been warned to remove livestock from valley lowlands.

Weathermen at McNary Field said that after the Willamette reaches its expected 20-foot crest Sunday morning at Salem it will drop to about 18 feet and hold there perhaps several days.

A Willamette crest of 20 1/2 feet was expected at Corvallis and Albany, which is six inches above flood point. Oregon City was due for a crest of 13 feet Sunday—one foot above flooding and the Associated Press said Portland could expect a Willamette crest of 13 feet Sunday night, six feet over flood level.

Meanwhile it was snowing hard in the Santiam and Willamette passes and on other mountain routes, state police said. New snow at Santiam Pass totaled 15 inches, with chains required.

Salem totaled 32 of an inch of rain through a 24-hour period ending at 10 p.m. Friday—compared to 1.39 inches for the preceding day.

Fire Destroys Portland Home

PORTLAND, Dec. 20 (AP)—Flames today destroyed a two-story house here. Its five occupants escaped.

Firemen said the blaze was discovered by Eldon Carton, who led his wife and two of their children, James, 12, and Cheryl, 6, to safety.

Ohio's Chief Covers Bet

Gov. C. William O'Neill of Ohio Friday accepted Oregon Gov. Robert D. Holmes challenge wager on the result of the Rose Bowl football game Jan. 1.

Gov. Holmes bet a Douglas fir tree against a buckeye tree. In accepting the wager, the Ohio governor replied: "Your challenge for a token wager on the outcome of the Rose Bowl football game between the teams of our respective state universities is gleefully accepted and without delay—lest you change your mind. I have already picked out a place for that Douglas fir tree on the statehouse grounds where I shall be able to see it grow from my office window."

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Scio Woman Hurt in Crash Involving Bus

NORTH BEND, Wash., Dec. 20 (AP)—Six persons were injured, four seriously, in a collision between a Walla Walla-bound Greyhound bus, a hay truck and an automobile on snow-swept Snoqualmie Pass early today.

All the injured were aboard the bus whose 24 other passengers escaped unhurt.

Most seriously hurt were Mrs. Lois Bowman, 28, Scio, Ore., who suffered a fractured left arm and head injuries. Mrs. La Vora Ferguson, 27, head injuries; her sister, Mrs. Clara Foster, 38, head injuries and Carl M. Loken, head injuries, all are from Seattle.

State patrolmen said the accident occurred when a westbound bus attempted to pass the hay truck and skidded into the rear end of the oncoming bus. Trying to avoid the accident, the bus driver swerved and in turn skidded into the hay truck and trailer which jack-knifed and dumped its load.

Mrs. Bowman is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Gillespie of Scio. She moved to Olympia, Wash., about 10 months ago, where she has since been married.

Newberg Man Succumbs in Head-on Crash

NEWBERG, Ore., Dec. 20 (AP)—A Newberg man was killed today when his car collided head-on with another vehicle between here and Yamhill on Highway 204.

The death of 43-year-old Robert A. Nelson raised Oregon's 1957 traffic death toll to 476 persons. Twenty-seven have perished so far this month.

State police said Nelson's pickup truck apparently glanced off a parked fuel truck and then collided head-on with a car driven by Jon Everett Tucker, 21, Portland.

Tucker, his wife, Carolyn, and brother, Gerald, escaped with minor injuries, police said.

'Santa' Jailed

BINGHAMTON, N.Y., Dec. 20 (AP)—One Santa Claus won't be around Christmas Eve. He is in jail on the ground he has not supported Mrs. Santa.

Richard Rice, 28, who has been playing Santa in a downtown department store, was sent to jail today after he pleaded guilty to a charge of violating probation. He will be held pending sentencing Dec. 30.

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Few Salem Merchants 'Crying in Cash Registers'; Most of Them Declare Business Year Successful

By CONRAD PRANGE Staff Writer, The Statesman

The year 1957 found some belt-tightening in Salem economic picture, but few merchants are crying in their cash registers.

A random survey of business and money houses showed that for many the gears of enterprise turned a fraction slower this year than in 1956. Some reported an increase in business, many a slight decrease, and only a few a decided slump.

"Sure we're a little under 1956 in sales," said the manager of one large department store. "But only by a small margin. It has been a successful year and I'm well satisfied."

The remark seemed to set the pace for the opinions of those in food, real estate, merchandising, money lending and other retail business.

Overshadowing all is the report from the State Employment Service that earlier this month some 2,500 persons were unemployed in the Salem area. This is about 800 more than at this time last year.

During the first 11 months of 1956 some 4,800 job openings were listed at the employment office. So far this year only 3,731 jobs have turned up. Last year 4,738 were placed on non-agricultural jobs and this year 3,630 were given work.

A lowering of farm income in this area this year and a statewide slackening of lumber and logging industries were held responsible by bankers and others for the "tight money" situation.

"I wouldn't say people are desperate," said one small loan business man. "I'd say they are being more cautious with what they have. They are spending more wisely and trying to live within their means. Our loan business, which usually increases in times of financial stress, is down this year."

One large bank said its deposits were about the same, its loan business down a little, but that savings were slightly up.

Two large stores who said their 1957 trade was slightly above 1956 attributed much of their success to "close management." Cutting down overhead, trimming of waste time and effort, careful buying and, in one store, elimination of several full-time positions, were cited as examples of "better merchandising."

Nearly all store managers held out hopes for a Christmas business this year as good as last year's. A few thought they would do better, others were not as optimistic.

Store clerks report Christmas shoppers this year are buying heavily in "soft goods." This includes clothing, accessories and other "practical" gifts. Many luxury items are remaining on the shelves.

Several large stores reported its "hard goods," including appliances, furniture and floor covering are moving slowly. On the

other hand an appliance store reported a good trade in its more expensive items.