

# Oregon Starts Its 100th Year Tomorrow; 'Heirless' Pioneer Paved Way for First Government

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Oregon enters its 100th year tomorrow, a year in which past and future will be searched in preparation for a 1959 Centennial Exposition at Portland. President Eisenhower will give

the events national recognition when he signs an Oregon Centennial proclamation Friday in Washington, D. C.

But it was the death 117 years ago Saturday of a pioneer who left a herd of cattle and no heirs to tend them that brought the state its first government.

America's 33rd state owes the creation of its first provisional government to the dilemma caused Feb. 15, 1841, when hard-working Ewing Young died leaving no heirs.

Old Ewing Young prospered on his plot just southwest of Portland, and acquired considerable property, including a large herd of valuable livestock.

Who was to take care of these animals, keep them from scattering, trampling down crops and tempting neighbors into cattle rustling?

Not Young's heirs, because supposedly he had none. Not the government, for there was none.

Wild Oregon, mountainous and separated from the East coast by 3,000 miles of Indians, was far from the minds of Congress which time and again ignored the new frontier and rejected settlers' petitions for administration.

Young's dilemma was the last straw. Jason Lee and a group of the some 500 settlers along the Willamette River wasted no time. If it took a government to dispose of Young's property and maintain law, in the old Anglo-Saxon tradition they would form one.

They buried Young near Wheatland Ferry and chose a committee to frame a constitution, draft a code of law, select a supreme judge with probate powers, a clerk, recorder and three constables.

The constitution and code of law were never born, but Dr. Ira L. Babcock was elected supreme judge and he got to work. Young's property was taken care of. The new grass roots

government used the \$3,000 profits to handle civil affairs and establish law.

Half of the money went to build the territory's first jail. Then, the provisional government ran into trouble. The jail burned down and a stranger arrived one day claiming to be Young's son. The state paid off; \$3,000 including interest.

So, thanks to Young, Oregon had a government, and a debt.

But the first people's government of the Oregon country did noble work that was accepted as legal by later provisional governments, the territorial government and, in 1859, by the new state of Oregon.

Friends of Champoug park make much of the meeting there two years later—1843—when another group of settlers supposedly saved Oregon for the U. S. Dr. Robert M. Galke, William

ette University authority on Oregon history, scoffs at this. It was neither decisive nor first, he says.

A number of years ago the Champoug folks invited him up to give a talk. He proceeded to debunk some legends.

Afterwards someone mentioned to him, "I don't think you'll be asked back."

And he never was.

## Boys Left With Sitter, Woman Vanishes



COLUMBUS, Ohio, Feb. 12—Authorities today are looking for the woman who left these two boys with a baby sitter almost three weeks ago and never returned. Mrs. Lois Kapp said the boys were brought by the same woman. Johnny (left), about 14 months old, was brought first. A few days later the woman returned with Mike, 3, and said he was the son of her roommate. (AP)

## IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

DESERT WILLOW RANCH, Tucson, Ariz., Feb. 12—President Wilson of the state university, who is chairman of our Commission on the Rights and Liberties of the American Indians, was considerably enough to locate its mid-winter meeting at Phoenix. This is appropriate because it is adjacent to "Indian Country" and we shall visit several reservations.

The selection was so well-timed that Melitabile and I decided to add a few days "here and there" to explore ourselves to the famed Arizona sunshine. We flew via Western Airlines via Los Angeles and San Diego to Phoenix where we rented a car to drive to this desert guest ranch east of Tucson.

En route across the Salt River and Gila River valleys we ran into the rain we thought we had left in Oregon and wondered if we had struck "unusual" weather. Next day the sun was on duty, but the air has a desert crispness that dates the season.

This is my first experience of living at a guest ranch, nee "dude" ranch. It patronizes the outdoors—cottages are for sleeping. Guests may be as lazy or as active as they choose—the former seems more tempting. Standard provisions are horses for riding, a swimming pool, nearby golf, playgrounds for children—here preschool children are numerous and contented.

So many from Salem have visited the Arizona and Southern California resorts that describing them or the desert country seems

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## One Radio in U.S. Satellite Stops Signal

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (U)—The Defense Department said today signals from one of two radio transmitters in the American Explorer satellite apparently have stopped.

The transmitter, originally expected to function for from two to three weeks, was the more powerful of two encased in the 30-pound satellite.

The satellite was launched by the Army on the night of Jan. 31. If the batteries have gone dead, they lasted less than 12 days.

The second transmitter is still operating strongly on 108 megacycles with a power of 10 milliwatts.

## Spelling Bee

The Statesman-KSLM Mid-Valley Spelling Contest is now on for nearly 5,000 7th and 8th grade students in 73 valley schools. Twenty-five words are published each school day. No composite list will be available.

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cultivate plateau attorney  
birth listening  
prisoner amusement delightful  
winning secured  
security magnificence  
basement involved  
purpose tongue pronouncing  
spinach constant  
consideration

## Two Girls in Semi-finals of Spelling Bee

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 12—Jacquelyn Corbett, 13-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Corbett of Route 1, Box 437, Woodburn, will represent this northern Marion County school in the 1958 Statesman-KSLM Mid-Valley Spelling Contest.

Jacquelyn was certified as spelling champion by her principal and teacher, Mrs. Jeanette McManus, and will compete at Woodburn with 12 other school champions Thursday night, March 13. Her hobbies are reading and dancing.

Second place was won by Sheren Brown, 13, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Brown, Route 1, Box 418, Woodburn. Third-place honors went to Sharon Kane, 11-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Kane, Route 1, Box 241, Gervais.

The first and second-place winners are in the 8th grade, Sharon is in the 7th.

CLOVERDALE, Feb. 12—Thirteen-year-old Beatrice Dodson, who has fun sewing, knitting and helping others in their school work, will be Cloverdale School's entrant in The Statesman-KSLM Spelling Contest.

Beatrice, an 8th-grader, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Dodson, Route 1, Box 281A, Turner. Her teacher and principal is Nellie E. Hammer. She will compete in a semi-final of the contest at the State School for the Blind in Salem, Wednesday night, March 5.

Robert Cookson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cookson of Route 1, Turner, and Galen Carlile, 14, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Carlile, Route 1, Box 310A, Turner, took second and third spelling honors, respectively, at Cloverdale School. Both are in the 8th grade.

## High Water Halts Ferry

Rain that sent two rivers over their banks Wednesday is expected to ease today with a few showers tonight and Friday, U. S. Weather Bureau at McNary Field said. Temperatures today will range from a high of 54 to a low of 38 degrees, they said.

The Tualatin and Yamhill Rivers overflowed as every area in the state recorded rain. Wheatland Ferry was forced to halt because of the high water.

Heaviest rainfall was measured at Falls City where 2.72 inches fell in a 24-hour period.

No other flooding was reported, the Associated Press said.

Another rainstorm is expected to sweep in from the ocean Friday, weathermen forecast.

Snow fell in some Oregon mountain passes Wednesday and chains should be carried at Timberline and Willamette Pass, Oregon Highway Commission reported.

## To Label Blood

ATLANTA, Feb. 12 (U)—A bill to require racial labeling of blood taken in Georgia for transfusions unanimously passed the Senate today.

## Sen. Byrd Won't Seek Re-Election

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (U)—Sen. Byrd (D-Va.) announced today he will close a 43-year public career next January with retirement from the Senate.

His announcement, which came as a surprise to many of his colleagues who joined in lauding the 70-year-old Virginian, will take out of public life Congress' chief advocate of governmental economy.

Byrd's decision not to run again throws open a senatorial post for which one or more of four former Democratic governors might be a candidate. It revives slender Republican hopes of gaining a seat in a state President Eisenhower twice carried. Byrd withheld his support in 1952 and 1956 from Adlai Stevenson, Eisenhower's Democratic opponent.

In his announcement, Byrd said he wrote out in longhand, Byrd said he had promised Mrs. Byrd six years ago when he was re-elected to his present term he would not seek another.

"Since then," he said, "she has suffered a crippling illness and is an invalid. It is our desire to spend our lives together at home in Virginia."

Byrd, who had directed the Virginia Democratic organization from the time he was sworn in as governor in 1926, said that in retirement "I will never lose my interest in public affairs." He will be 71 next June 10.

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## Sen. Morse Gives Back FCC Reports

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (AP)—House investigators retrieved three heaps of secret files today from Sen. Morse (D-Ore.), who said the documents show the Eisenhower administration is honeycombed with political immorality.

At the same time, the investigating group subpoenaed Dr. Bernard Schwartz, its ousted chief counsel, to testify tomorrow about his charge that a member of the Federal Communications Commission received a money payment in connection with the award of a TV license.

Schwartz turned what he called his "personal working files" on a six-month investigation over to Morse after Schwartz was fired Monday night by the House subcommittee on legislative oversight, which is looking into the FCC and five other regulatory agencies.

Asks Investigation

In returning the files to the subcommittee, Morse called for a separate Senate investigation of alleged pressure on the agencies by White House and other high Republican figures. Morse's proposal got no immediate support, however, and the inquiry remained in the House group's hands.

Schwartz said yesterday the subcommittee fired him even though it knew he had evidence of a payoff in a TV case.

The 34-year-old New York lawyer previously had offered to appear Monday of his own free will, but said he had personal business in New York which would make it difficult to appear this week.

Schwartz has attempted to get bank records and other documents from FCC member Richard Mack in connection with the granting of a license for TV Channel 10 in Miami.

New Chairman

The subcommittee met this afternoon under the chairmanship of Rep. Harris (D-Ark.), who took over the post after Chairman Moulder (D-Mo.) resigned in protest against Schwartz's ouster.

"I have the files," Harris said before going into the closed session.

Morse made it plain he had studied the documents, however.

Rocket Bases Okehd

THE HAGUE, Feb. 12 (U)—The Netherlands government will agree to rocket bases on its territory to help keep NATO's defense strong, Defense Minister Cornelis Staf told Parliament today.

## Swift Union Of Jordan, Iraq Seen

By TOM MASTERSON

AMMAN, Jordan, Feb. 12 (U)—Kings Hussein of Jordan and Faisal II of Iraq will retain their thrones when their countries unite under a single flag and foreign policy within the next 24 hours, authoritative sources said tonight.

An official communique said after a day of discussions between the kings and their ministers: "To our satisfaction the discussions took place in a spirit of brotherly understanding and complete agreement on national objectives which the two parties seek to reach."

Hussein and Faisal, 22-year-old Hashemite cousins, plan to sign the proclamation tomorrow.

The two Arab kingdoms reportedly will share single foreign, defense and economic ministries, as well as one army.

One result of the Jordan-Iraq merger may be to take Iraq out of the anti-Communist Baghdad Pact, which also includes Britain, Pakistan, Turkey and Iran. But the union of the two pro-Western kingdoms is expected to counter some of the appeal which the new U.A.R. has for Arab nationalists.

## Stolen Kiss Ruled Crime

BUDAPEST, Hungary, Feb. 12 (U)—A stolen kiss, ruled a Communist Budapest court, is a violation of personal freedom punishable by three months in prison.

The ruling was reported today—two days before Valentine's Day—in the newspaper Esti Hirlap.

The 27-year-old personnel officer of a Budapest factory was hauled into court accused of stealing a kiss from one of the pretty young women from the wage calculation department, the paper said.

## 'Native' Missionaries at Church Conclave



Here for the 21st annual district convention of Oregon Assemblies of God at the Evangelistic Temple in Salem, these missionaries donned garments from their foreign missions Wednesday. Shown are (left to right), James S. Kessler, Ghana, West Africa; Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Benigntendi, Formosa, and L. A. Larson, pastor of the Salem church. (Story on Page 13, Statesman Photo)

## Small Canyon Community May Lose Street Lights By Freeway To Portland

LYONS, Feb. 12—Because the community is behind \$70 in payments and the power company changed its billing method, Lyons may lose its street lights, Mrs. Alta Bodeker, who collects electrical charges each month for Pacific Power and Light Company, said today.

Lyons is not incorporated. sent out monthly statements, and asked a donation of 25 cents from residents and 50 cents from commercial firms. This kept the community's 28 street lights burning, each costing \$1 monthly. When insufficient donations were received, residents would hold a social to meet the difference. However, a \$70 deficit has accrued.

This month Pacific Power began billing users directly from Portland and does not bill for donations. So the voluntary contributions which previously were shared by three out of every four users, have ceased, said Mrs. Bodeker.

Manager Robert Stewart of the Stayton Pacific Power office said the firm would attempt to work out some program with Lyons to retain the lights. But, he cautioned, there is a possibility the lights will be turned off.

## Negro Pupil Suspended

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Feb. 12 (U)—Minnie Jean Brown, one of the nine Negro students at Little Rock Central High School, was suspended today for two weeks and Supt. Virgil Blossom recommended that she be expelled from the school for the rest of the year.

Minnie Jean, a 16-year-old junior, has been involved in a number of incidents with white students.

## Mexico Retirement Possible for \$50 A Month; 'Live High on Hog' for \$200

By JACK RUTLEDGE

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 12 (U)—Worried about retiring on that pittance of a pension? Well, perk up! You can live in Mexico for as little as \$50 a month.

On \$90 a month you can even have a three-bedroom home, two servants, entertain, travel around a bit. With \$200 and up you're in the luxury bracket!

You can't do this in Mexico City or any of the other large cities or in resorts like Acapulco. In the capital living is high even compared with U. S. cities. Rents have doubled in three years, for example.

But there are scores of paradise scattered over Mexico, many near cities, where living is cheap. Take, for example, the village of Ajijic on the shores of colorful Lake Chapala. It's a day's drive northwest of the capital and just 30 minutes from Guadalajara, Mexico's second largest city.

Montana-born Bob Thayer moved there seven years ago to escape high taxes and the pressure of living. He opened a posada, or inn. He gives these figures—and will give you more if you write him at Ajijic, Jalisco, Mexico:

For \$50-\$65 a month—You can room in an ordinary inn, pay \$24 a month which includes meals and laundry, have enough left over for clothing, entertainment, drinks, cigarettes.

For \$90-\$100—This includes many pensioners. You may take a long lease on a native home, paying as little as \$5-\$8 a month rent, then spend a few hundred to modernize it. You may employ a maid for \$8 a month, live well, entertain, pursue hobbies.

For \$150—For this you may have a two- or three-bedroom furnished home, with modern bath and kitchen, garden, rent \$40 a month; a cook and a maid \$17; spend around \$45 on food, and still have a good chunk left for fun.

For \$200 and up—You can live high on the hog for this. Real luxury. Large home, with patio, cooks, maids, lots of entertainment, travel.

Is there much red tape involved for those who want to retire here? No. Most merely use a tourist card, and renew it every six months by returning to the border. You may obtain resident immigration papers if you have a proven steady source of income, like a pension, of \$160 a month. This requires some legal help, though.

## The Weather

Today's forecast: Partly cloudy through Friday with few showers tonight, Friday. High today 54, low 38. (Complete report page 8)

## Ike Sees Upswing In March

By WILMOT HERCHER

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12—(AP)—President Eisenhower, in an optimistic statement on the economic situation, said today that March should mark the beginning of the end of the downturn. (Picture on wirephoto page.)

From other quarters, however, came predictions that the situation will get worse before it gets better. Some economists expressed doubts that the upturn will come as quickly as the administration believes.

Eisenhower expressed concern over joblessness, which rose to 4½ million in January, and over the shorter work week in effect in some industries. He said he believed "we have had most of our bad news on the unemployment front."

"I am convinced that we are not facing a prolonged downswing in activity," he added. "Every indication is that March will see the start of a pickup in job opportunities."

Government Projects

The President issued what he called a fact paper showing what the government is doing to foster economic recovery. He listed public works projects and highways programs, new defense contracts, housing aids and softer credit policies.

"If other measures are needed, I assure you they will be proposed and in time," Eisenhower declared.

As one means of improving the economy, Eisenhower unveiled Tuesday a two-billion-dollar program for modernization of post office buildings and equipment during the next three to five years.

Sen. Kerr (D-Ola.) disagreed with Eisenhower's prediction of a March upturn and said the postal program was too "lifty" to amount to very much.

Eisenhower gave two reasons for his confidence that the economy will snap back later this year. "First, it is my conviction that the underlying forces of growth remain strong and undiminished," he said. "As a nation, we must provide the needs of a population growing at the rate of three million a year."

Second, he said, the firm policy of the government is to "foster this recovery in every sound way." (Stories also on page 13.)

## Steer Prices Hit Three-Year High

CHICAGO, Feb. 12 (U)—Packer buyers bid the price of slaughter steers up to \$34.25 a hundredweight at the stockyards today, the highest price in nearly three years.

The top price was paid for five loads of high prime grade weighing 1,200 to 1,350 pounds, but other load lots sold upward from \$33.75.

(Add. market news on page 18.)

## Freed Scientist Says Russ Has Sea-Spanning Missile

CAMP FRIEDLAND, Germany, Feb. 12 (U)—A German rocket scientist held by the Soviet Union for 13 years declared tonight the Russians are not bluffing when they say they have intercontinental ballistic missiles.

Peter Lertes, 66, who worked with Prof. Werner von Braun on the German V1 and V2 rockets of World War II, made the statement when asked about Russian progress with guided missiles. Lertes was a specialist on electronic remote control as applied to rockets.

He was taken to the Soviet Union in 1945 with hundreds of other German scientists and technicians.

Lertes said the Russians beat the United States in the race to put an earth satellite because they concentrated fully on their Sputnik program.

But he added that no German scientist or technician was directly employed by the Russians on the Sputniks.

Lertes is one of the scientists returned to West Germany today with nine other colleagues who were finally allowed out after periods of up to 13 years in Russia. All who returned were former employees of German electrical firms connected as physicists, engineers or technicians on the problem of remote control of missiles.