

THE WEATHER
Cloudy tonight and Thursday, probably with showers in west portion and snow over mountains; little change in temperature.

TEMPERATURE
Maximum yesterday, 32 degrees.
Minimum last night, 24 degrees.

MEDICAL MEN AT ODDS WITH NEW DEALERS

Fight to Finish Now in Prospect

INVOKE TRUST LAW

Long Court Battle Looms as Medical Associations Resist Attack

Washington, Dec. 21 (UP)—The federal government and the American Medical Association today began a fight to the finish over the issue of cooperative medicine.

Legal experts predicted grand jury indictments against the A.M.A., three of its affiliates and 21 individuals was the signal for a long court battle which may last a year or longer.

At stake are the deep-rooted, conservative policies of the medical association—the powerful voice of thousands of doctors of medicine throughout the country—and the future of group, or cooperative, health movements—a relatively new system of providing medical care on a prepayment basis.

Specifically, the grand jury charged that the A.M.A., the District of Columbia Medical Society and many members and officers of both, violated federal anti-trust statutes in "obstructing" and "hindering" the growth of Group Health Association, Inc., a cooperative organization of government employees to provide medical care for themselves and families. The notice of the A.M.A., the indictment charged, was fear of competition by group practice of medicine.

One method of settling the case without resort to trial is open-negotiation of a consent decree.

Action Significant

The indictments, handed down after nine weeks of investigation, were considered significant because:

1. They, together with President Roosevelt's proposed \$850,000,000 health improvement program, have focused the attention of the nation on health problems of low income groups.
2. They have spotlighted the opposition of organized medicine to cooperative attempts to share the burden of medical costs. The A.M.A., however, is attempting to some states experimental cooperative plans under its own supervision.
3. They have similarly drawn widespread attention to the cooperative health idea and stimulated public thinking on the feasibility of such experiments and the probable effects on medical practice.

The attack of the medical organization, which numbers a membership of 110,000 out of 145,000 doctors, is expected to be based on the contention that the medical profession is not a "trade" within the meaning of the anti-trust statutes and therefore cannot be indicted under them.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 21 (UP)—Dr. Ross G. G. Lewis, director of the bureau of medical economics of the American Medical Association, today declared that the trustees of the A.M.A. had been authorized to fight to the limit federal indictments charging violations of the Sherman anti-trust act.

Verdict for One Dollar Damages Returned by Circuit Court Jury

A verdict giving \$1 damages to C. F. Perrin, plaintiff in the case tried in circuit court Monday and Tuesday, was returned last night after the jury deliberated three and a half hours. E. H. Spoo was the defendant in the suit in which \$481.70 was asked for damages for an automobile accident September 14, 1937 on the McKenzie highway east of Clime falls. The case went to the jury at 6 o'clock last night.

Walter Nelson was foreman of the jury, and his other members were Elia Hamilton, Viola Benson, Genevieve Horstotte, Claude Vandevier, Pearl Becker, Carl Baker, Dora M. Banker, Leola LaBertwe, Beulah Bookman, Inez Bales, and Wilson George.

The jury panel was excused by Circuit Judge T. E. J. Duffy, subject to call.

The next case scheduled is that of W. E. Houk versus Jim and Christina Scott set for January 4. Houk has asked for \$100,000 damages for injuries sustained in an automobile accident last July 4 on The Dalles-California highway.

The full term of circuit court opened November 14 with 25 cases set for trial. Five of those were criminal cases including that of Ralph Kenneth Jubb, Portland memory expert charged with first degree murder. Jubb was found not guilty. The other criminal cases were those of John A. Critzer, who was found guilty of simple larceny and who has not yet been sentenced; Con Breen, who was found not guilty to a charge of driving while intoxicated; Gerald Lader Verne Taylor, found guilty of assault with a dangerous weapon, sentenced to six months in jail, and paroled; and Thomas Wilkerson, charged with assault with a dangerous weapon. The jury failed to return a verdict in the Wilkerson case.

Fourteen cases set for trial arose from automobile accidents. They were those of R. K. Woodward and the General Exchange Insurance corporation versus F. E. Walker, with a verdict of \$186.47, the full amount of

School Holiday Begins in Bend This Afternoon

Bend schools were closed this afternoon for the Christmas holidays. They will reconvene on January 3. R. E. McCormack, city superintendent, said today.

Most of the teachers whose homes are in other parts of the state will leave late this afternoon to spend the holidays. A number of them will attend the Oregon State Teachers' association meeting in Portland on December 28, 29, and 30, McCormack said.

The high school students held a Christmas assembly this afternoon. Reid, Allen, and Kenwood pupils have presented programs in observance of Christmas during this week.

Schools in the county are to close Friday, it was announced from County School Superintendent J. Alton Thompson's office today. The county schools will resume classes on January 3.

CHRISTMAS MAIL FLOODING OFFICE

363 Sacks Are Received in Bend This Morning

Bend postoffice staff members and 14 assistants moved through mountains of packages in the local office this morning as Christmas mail, some from far parts of the world, arrived with an unexpected rush. A total of 363 full sacks of mail and 60 packages so large they could not be put in bags were moved from the train to the postoffice by trucks this morning.

Postmaster R. H. Fox predicts the peak of incoming mail has not yet been reached.

On December 22, 1937, a total of 360 sacks of mail reached Bend and on December 23 the peak was reached when 400 sacks were delivered from the train. It is predicted that this year's high mark will be considerably above 400.

As the full bags were opened this morning, Christmas packages were quickly sorted and delivery around town was started. Postal officials hoped to have the thousands of packages delivered early this afternoon. Deliveries will be continued even on Christmas day, or until the last deliverable package has reached its destination.

Outgoing mail probably reached its peak on Monday and Tuesday of this week. Hard worked postoffice men hoped for a slack in outgoing mail today, but little relief was seen this morning as lines formed in front of windows shortly after 8 o'clock.

Postmaster Fox predicted today that the volume of mail handled by the Bend office this year will set an all time record.

Shipwrecked Seamen Hike Toward Rescue

Juneau, Alaska, Dec. 21 (UP)—With some of their party near exhaustion, 16 survivors of the wreck of the famous old trading ship, the Patterson, hike camp today for the final 12-mile trek to Lituya bay and rescue from sub-arctic waters.

Led by Nels Ludvigson, one of Alaska's best woodsmen, the men trudged yesterday a little more than half the distance from the scene of the wreck on Cape Fairweather.

SNOW COVERS MIDSTATE AT HOLIDAY TIME

Christmas Weather Is Welcomed Here

HIGHWAYS IN USE

Deepest Snow Reported on McKenzie Pass But Plows Go Through

Christmas weather came to Central Oregon last night as snow flurries whitened the Deschutes plateau and reached eastward into the Blue mountains. The heaviest fall was reported from the McKenzie summit, where eight inches covered the lava fields this morning. Snow was still falling when the highway department field men filed their report for the morning broadcast over the state's short wave system.

Bend was entirely white this morning, but the depth of the snow was only half an inch. The snow was heavier to the east and Prineville was under nearly two inches at daybreak.

Brightening prospects for some good week-end skiing, seven inches of new snow was reported at the Skyliners playground on upper Tumalo creek. This snow was welcomed by the Skyliners, for skiing was impossible on the frozen crust of the old snow.

There was tracked snow on the highway into Portland this morning from a point 20 miles east of the Wapinitia junction with the Mount Hood loop to a point eight miles west of the junction.

Despite the night snow, the McKenzie pass remained open and was cleared of snow early in the day.

South of Bend, The Dalles-California highway was icy between Lava butte and LaPine early in the day.

Five inches of snow fell at Crater lake during the night, according to information compiled by the Oregon State Motor association office in Bend. The road remains open into the rim of the lake.

WINTER DUE THURSDAY

Hail, snow, fog and rain were autumn's farewell to the nation from the Pacific northwest to the Gulf of Mexico today. Winter officially starts at 4:14 a. m. PST Thursday.

The announcement resulted from a slow-moving mass of cold, moist air. Temperatures were not extreme and many areas were not affected because of scattered cloud formations.

CAMP FIRE GIRLS WIN AWARDS HERE

Annual Council Fire Is Held by Groups

Sixteen Bend Camp Fire Girls received rank at the annual council fire of Central Oregon groups last night following a banquet in the Downing hotel. Jackie Steidl, president of the Bend group, received her torchbearers rank, the highest awarded. Camp Fire Girls. The only two other Bend girls who hold that rank are Nancy Boles and Roberta Elliott.

The Woodgatherers, the second rank, are Helen Radtitz, Jean Radtitz, Janet Johnson, Jacqueline Findlater, Joyce Armstrong, Rosalind Manny, Helen Binder, Elma Rambo, and Patty Corlies. The first rank, given by the Camp Fire Girls, the Trailseeker rank, was received by Lola May Franks, Jean Wilson, Joyce Findlater, Mardel Welch, Anna Mae Segerstrom, and Rosella Knight.

Jackie Steidl presided at the banquet at which the girls exchanged gifts. Toasts to songs were given by Phyllis Nielson, Virginia Clapp, Joyce Armstrong, and Jane Drake.

Redmond girls who were here for the evening were Carolyn Beck, Anna Dean Weiland, Joyce Means, Bonnie Remondos, and Mary Kanoff. The Camp Fire girls introduced at the banquet were Mrs. M. E. Behymer, president of the Bend association, Mrs. Chalmers Noce, Miss Jean Welster, Miss Connie Herwick, Mrs. Cecil Moore, Miss Lois Porterfield, and Miss Grace Schott.

Nancy Boles played the bugle to assemble the girls to the council fire and closed the evening with the Camp Fire girls dressed in their black and white uniforms and their ceremonial gowns and head dresses marched into the room to form a circle for the council fire.

The candle lighting ceremony of Wobelo, which stands for work, health, and love and which is the symbol of the Camp Fire Girls, was performed by Leslie Jane Howe, Bonnie Remondos, and June Scott. The girls sang "Burn, Fire, Burn" while those dressed in their ceremonial gowns giving the actions to the song.

Honor beads and ranks were presented by Mrs. Behymer. There were no ranks of Firemaker, the third highest of the organization, given last night.

The ceremony to extinguish the flames was performed by Elma Rambo, Margaret Runge, Julia Henderson, and Jackie Findlater. They were assisted by Lola May Franks, Julia Henderson, and Peggy Boles.

Oregon Briefs

Grants Pass, Ore., Dec. 21 (UP)—A contract for construction of the new high school was awarded Sig Ash on a low bid of \$131,700. The award is contingent on approval of the public works administration.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 21 (UP)—Plans for the annual Jackson day banquet Jan. 6 were being made today by Frank Tierney, state chairman of the Democratic club. Dr. Archie K. Higgs, Portland, has been named toastmaster.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 21 (UP)—A 30-year-old railway passenger agent, Robert L. Eaton, was named Portland's junior "first citizen" last night by the junior chamber of commerce. The honor is conferred annually.

Sweet Home, Ore., Dec. 21 (UP)—The bank of Powers will move its physical properties, stock and assets to Sweet Home in January, it was announced last night. The city-to-city transfer is believed one of the first in state history.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 20 (UP)—The Portland junior chamber of commerce announced last night that Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, president of Stanford university, will speak at the annual banquet Jan. 21.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 21 (UP)—Jack Schlicht, named secretary-treasurer of the Portland Teamsters local No. 162 last spring following the arrest of Al E. Rosser for goon activities, was re-elected yesterday for the coming year.

Medford, Ore., Dec. 21 (UP)—Two Medford couples yesterday applied for marriage licenses, ending a 19-day marriage drought caused by Oregon's stringent new examination law.

Woodburn, Ore., Dec. 21 (UP)—Struck by an automobile while he was hurrying home from school, Albert Hoffman, 8, was almost instantly killed Tuesday afternoon. The automobile was driven by Max Fisher, Falls City, who has not held.

Shrubs to Be Planted on Islands in River

Providing protection for nesting waterfowl, shrubs will be planted on the "islands" constructed this year in the upper mirror pond by the Bend Junior Sportsmen, an organization sponsored by the Deschutes County Sportsmen's association.

The young sportsmen have also considered plans for the construction of brush shelters for the feeding of quail.

During a recent meeting of the sportsmen, permanent committees were appointed for the feeding of mirror pond waterfowl, and a committee composed of Rodney Hufstader, Wilbur Perry and Paul Sullivan was named to care for the feeding of the birds during the Christmas holidays.

Rye planted by the young sportsmen for quail was reported to have thrived very nicely. More will be planted next year.

The club would like to see Todd lake opened this year for fly fishing only.

Policemen's Ball to Raise Equipment Fund

Proceeds from the policemen's fourth annual Christmas eve party, to be held in the B.P.O.E. ball room Saturday night, will be used in purchasing needed equipment. Chief Everett Rambo announced today.

New equipment now needed includes a radio receiving set, for use in checking police calls from short wave station KOHN of Bend. This set will be erected in the new city hall.

The Christmas eve dance, featuring Lane Dennis as entertainer, is expected to attract a large crowd. Caps, whistles and horns will be provided, and aside from Miss Dennis there will be other entertainers on the program.

The dance will be open to the public.

Bend Stores Will Be Open Until 8 P. M.

Central Oregon people who forgot to do their Christmas shopping early or who find it necessary to make last-minute purchases will find Bend stores open until 8 o'clock tonight, Thursday night and Friday night, it was announced from the Bend chamber of commerce today.

For the accommodation of housewives who have overlooked important parts of Christmas dinners, food stores are also to remain open during the three nights, it was announced today.

With a few exceptions, all places of business will close at 6 o'clock on Saturday night, Christmas eve.

Monday will be a general holiday in Bend.

Two Men Held Here on Turkey Theft Charge

Charges of larceny of poultry, Thomas Ray Cooper and George Beaver, both of Redmond, were held in jail today following the theft of 20 turkeys from the Northwest Poultry and Dairy Products plant in the north county city. The theft occurred December 17.

Cooper waived a grand jury investigation yesterday. Beaver was arrested last yesterday in Redmond.

The turkeys have been recovered, Sheriff C. L. McCauley said today.

They're Still Cheering Man Who Gave Christmas Tree to America

(By NEA Service)

Cleveland, Dec. 21—A crowd stood in Shaker Square here a few nights ago and cheered the memory of the man who brought the Christmas tree idea to America, according to family records.

The crowd also cheered three descendants of the same man who stood beneath a huge balsam tree and threw a switch to light the 5000 colored bulbs among its branches.

August Ingard, a tailor of Wooster, Ohio, was the man honored. It was in Wooster, just 91 years ago, that his "first" Christmas tree in America was decorated. Ingard was born in the Bavarian mountains of Germany, 112 years ago. He came to America and moved to Ohio before he was 20.

The first tree was raised in the Ingard home. It stood on a revolving platform and as the tree turned slowly, a hidden music box tinkled a Christmas melody. People came from miles around to see the first tree and the following year there were many trees. Ornaments were made of paper, festooned in long chains by the younger members of the pioneer community. Kuchen baked according to a recipe sent from Bavaria by Ingard's mother, hung upon the tree and served both as ornaments and tidbits. The cookies were colored with brown sugar and the family spent weeks baking them in quantities for the guests.

Gilded nuts were other ornaments and inside the gilded shells were warm messages of greeting and little poems of love and life on the old frontier.

Daughter Gertrude, now Mrs. John McQuigg, was born long after the first tree but she remembers the trees that came later. Today a gray-haired but sprightly grandmother, she tells the story of those first trees.

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Three generations of the family of August Ingard honor him for introducing the first Christmas tree to America. Mrs. John R. McQuigg, left, Ingard's daughter, Granddaughter Katherine Hubbell, right, and Great-granddaughter Eileen Hubbell, standing by cellophane-wrapped switch to 5000-bulb tree in Cleveland.

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MADMAN KILLS FIVE

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 21 (UP)—County and city police today launched an intensive search for a blood-spattered madman who slugged four members of a family to death with an iron pipe, then killed a garage watchman with a shotgun.

Students to Sing on KBND Thursday, 6:30

Bend residents unable to attend the Christmas program of Bend high school last week will have an opportunity tomorrow night to hear the featured numbers of the program. The high school a capella choir will be presented over radio station KBND at 6:30 o'clock Thursday night in the Christmas chorale which the group presented last week.

Homer Walt, director of the choir, has arranged the program, which is presented in three episodes. Between the first two James Conklin will give a cornet solo, "Cantique de Noel," and between the second and third episodes R. E. McCormack, Bend high school superintendent, will give a brief message. Janet Farnham is narrator for the chorale and Shirley Moeck is soloist.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS...

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Fire Chief Asks Care in Holidays

Fire Dangers Multiply At This Season

Fire Chief T. W. Carlon today issued a warning that Christmas may become a day of tragedy, instead of joy, unless proper precautions against fire are taken during the holiday season. Each year Christmas decorations cause many fires, all of which could be avoided by a little care.

Among the sources of danger the fire chief listed are paper decorations around or near electric lights. The heat from an electric light can start fires, the chief warned, and paper should never be allowed to come into contact with light bulbs.

Lights in dry holly wreaths, or surrounded by drying green boughs, often cause fires, Carlon said. The same is true of Christmas tree lights if they are not properly placed.

Improper wiring, with overloaded circuits and carelessly joined wires, can cause short circuits highly dangerous, the fire chief warned. Few now use open flames, such as candles on Christmas trees, but many forget the hidden power of destruction in an electric wiring system.

Christmas present wrappings tossed into the fireplace or stove can flare up into a chimney fire, and sometimes the chimney fire gets out of control, the fire chief reminded Bend citizens.

"Don't let the holiday spirit make you careless with fire or with electricity," he urged. "Bend has a fine record of fire prevention, and let us all keep it in mind during the Christmas and New Year holidays."

WPA FUNDS LOW

Washington, Dec. 21 (UP)—Deputy Works Progress Administrator Aubrey Williams told a delegation of Pennsylvania relief workers today that unless congress votes additional funds, the WPA program will be forced to suspend operations February 7.

At the present time the total debt of the state and its subdivisions is \$54,561,005 since the peak on July 1, 1930; the treasury department reported today.

At the present time the total debt of the state and its subdivisions is \$175,637,111.47, and the net debt is \$136,408,899.05.

Colonists on Antarctic Island Out of Fuel, Food Supplies Low

(By Harold Ettlinger)

Paris, Dec. 21 (UP)—Radio contact with an adventurous band of French colonists on barren St. Paul's island, close to the outer edge of the Antarctic ice shield, was re-established today.

George Mandel, minister of colonies, announced the colonists were running out of food and their supply of coal was exhausted.

Naval authorities made hasty preparations to rush coal from the nearest naval base, Diego Suarez, on the island of Madagascar, 3,000 miles away.

Radio operators at Antananarivo, Madagascar, established contact with the tiny, "cursed island" early today and confirmed the plight of the colonists. Bitter dissension was reported to have broken out among the women in the band.

Fear that the colony had been wiped out had been heard from the stranded group since an SOS it had sent out was picked up by an amateur radio operator in Bremerton, Wash.

The island is 3500 miles from both Melbourne, Australia, and Cape Town, South Africa, lying midway between the two continents and a few hundred miles from the south polar ice shelf.

The colonists are without fuel but their scanty food supply is supplemented by lobsters and fish which swarm around the island.

COMPROMISE IN VIEWPOINTS AT LIMA REACHED

Agreement May Settle Policy Dispute

ARGENTINA IS FIRM

Declaration of Solidarity Expected to Result From Agreement

Lima, Peru, Dec. 21 (UP)—Delegations at the eighth Pan-American conference today reached a general agreement on a declaration of solidarity against foreign political or military invasion of the western world.

The agreement, virtually completed except for final approval of the home governments of several delegations, was designed to compromise divergent views of the United