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Oregon—Cloudy with occasional light snow tonight. Wednesday partly cloudy. Not so cold tonight.

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Roosevelt Dies in China Plane Crash

Grandson of 'Teddy' Reported to Be Among More Than 30 Victims

Shanghai, Dec. 21 (UP)—Capt. Quentin Roosevelt, 28, grandson of President Theodore Roosevelt, was reported aboard a Chinese airlines transport which crashed and burned near Honk Kong today.

A Hong Kong dispatch said 31 and possibly 33 aboard the plane were killed, and there was no sign of survivors.

The Chinese National Aviation corporation, operator of the C-54 transport, reported that Roosevelt was aboard. A member of the Roosevelt household in Shanghai also said he was.

CNAC offices in Hong Kong reported that 31 bodies had been recovered, and two other persons may have been aboard the four-engine transport which crashed in flames on a hillside of Bisuit island outside Hong Kong.

Wreckage Burns

The wreckage of the plane near Hong Kong from Shanghai was reported blazing furiously some time after the crash.

The CNAC offices here said 35 were aboard the plane when it left Shanghai this morning. It was overdue five hours when word of the crash was received.

The line here said it had no word regarding the casualties. A Chinese press report said 31 of 43 on the plane were killed. But CNAC officials said the report differed from its listing of 35 aboard.

The press report said 26 passengers and five crewmen were killed. Among them, it said, were believed to be Peng Hsueh-pei, Chinese delegate to the United Nations, and Feng Yu-ching, head of the Central news agency's Shanghai office.

The report said those two were known to have left on one of three DC-4's for Hong Kong.

The pilot of the crashed plane was reported to be Charles Sunday, an American whose address was not known here.

Other planes bound for Hong Kong were reported to have arrived safely despite overcast skies. All carried capacity loads because planes had been grounded for two days and a big backlog of applicants was waiting.

Christmas Buying Shows Slight Lag

As the 1948 Christmas shopping race turned into the home stretch today, the consensus in Bend business quarters was that there will have to be quite a spurt in buying if this season is to close with ledgers recording a volume of business equal to that of the 1947 season. In some quarters there was no doubt of this spurt materializing, and in some there was an optimistic feeling that it would.

But this latter feeling entailed no foregone conclusions.

Business in Bend is not by any means unanimously following the national index, according to reports heard from a number of downtown merchants. In Portland, for instance, retail sales are up one per cent over last year at this time, and that after picking up the loss of a general November slump. The general opinion here is that sales are down considerably from the December record of 1947. But no one seemed prone to complain of business conditions, considered only with an eye to present volume. "Compared with last year it's not so good," however.

Many stores have taken on supplementary help for the Christmas "rush." This extra help, in most cases, was not needed as early as it has been in the past, as the anticipated rush came later this year to most places of business. It is still being anticipated by some.

Merchants reiterated opinions expressed two weeks ago that people were shopping more for what they wanted, and that with more merchandise available they were not so easy to please, nor so ready to part with what money they had to spend.

Report On Roads

Salem, Dec. 21 (UP)—Snow plows and sanders were operating again today on Oregon's snow-packed mountain passes but all major highways were open to two-way traffic.

The state highway department reported that seven inches of new snow fell at Government Camp, three inches at Santiam junction and two inches at Odell lake. Four inches of new snow was measured at the summit of the Sunset highway.

Officers of Deschutes Granges Installed



Deschutes county grange officers for 1949 were installed last night at a meeting in Tumalo, with H. B. Kenney, Culver, veteran granger, in charge. Pictured here are the masters of the Deschutes Pomona, subordinate and juvenile granges. Front row, from left: H. B. Kenney; John Velgas, Redmond; Eva Thornburg, Terrebonne; Claude Wanichuk, Pine Forest. Middle row, from left: Jean Edgerton, Redmond; Mary Wilson, Tumalo; Doris Huettl, Pine Forest; Haley Prichard, Eastern Star. Back row, from left: Jess Edgington, Plainview; Leonard Trueax, Tumalo; Arthur Horsell, Alifalfa; John Stenkamp, Eastern Star, and George Murphy, Pomona master and Pine Forest resident.

Grange Officers Installed at Tumalo Rites

Officers of the Deschutes county Pomona, seven subordinate granges and four juvenile units were installed last night at Tumalo by H. B. Kenney of Culver, veteran Oregon granger who just short of a quarter of a century ago instituted the first granges in this county. Present for the impressive rites were grangers from all parts of the county.

A highlight of the meeting was the presentation to E. E. Varco, Deschutes county commissioner and secretary of the Pomona grange since its organization in 1925, of a pen and pencil set. The presentation was made by Fred C. Shepard, Tumalo, first Deschutes county Pomona master. In a brief speech of acceptance, Varco touched on Pomona activities through the years and said that among the hundreds of resolutions that originated with the Deschutes Pomona granges were ones which played major roles in the development of agriculture in this area. These included a resolution that cleared the way for appointment of the first Deschutes county agent.

Recalls Early Days

Shepard, in his presentation speech, also recalled early days of grange activity in this county and mentioned that some of the Pomona leaders of the present were youngsters when the Tumalo grange was organized in 1924, a year prior to the time Pomona was instituted.

Various retiring masters were called on for short talks. These included Mrs. B. C. Allen, who headed the Deschutes Pomona grange for the past several years, and George Murphy, new Pomona master.

Installation of the grange leaders was supervised by Kenney, who served as a member of the team. On the team were Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Kenney, Mr. and Mrs. James Read and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Horney. Officers from each grange were seated on a bench, at the rear of the hall, and were installed in groups. Tumalo grange officers, headed by Leonard Trueax as master, were in charge of the meeting.

Present for the rites was Vern Lantz, of Terrebonne, deputy state master for counties east of the Oregon Cascades. Mrs. Allen is county deputy.

Following the installation ceremony, the grangers and visitors joined in a lunch, with cake and coffee served.

Thursday Night Store Hours Set

Heads of the merchants' committee of the Bend chamber of commerce today announced that stores will remain open on Thursday evening until 8:30, with the evening hours largely to be set aside for men shoppers, it was reported from the chamber of commerce today. However, there will be no "men only" signs out and all late shoppers will be given the best service possible, it was stressed.

This evening and tomorrow stores will again remain open until 6 p. m. On Friday night, Christmas eve, stores will close at the usual time, 5:30 p. m.

Winter Now Officially Under Way

Bend residents probably won't believe it, but winter didn't officially start until this afternoon. Consequently, this is the shortest day of the year, but astronomers admit there will be no difference in the length of the days until about Christmas. Then the days will start getting longer, with spring in the offing — three months distant.

Calendar makers say the sun reached the tropic of Capricorn today, marking the start of winter, but astronomers counter by saying that the movement of the sun has nothing to do with the season. It is the earth that does the moving, they say, as it swings in its orbit around the sun, with its pole slightly tilted.

In the upper Deschutes country, winter really got under way about December 1, and for most of the month the ground has been white. Weathermen say that the mean temperature for the month will be well below normal.

Winter will officially end March 20.

Lions to Give Show Jan. 26-27

Lions of Bend on January 26 and 27 are to present a home talent show, with proceeds to go into the club's Memorial hospital fund. It was announced at today's meeting of the group at the Pine Tavern. "Go West" will be the title of the two-night show to be presented under the supervision of a Hollywood director, C. J. Morgan will be in general charge, and the Lions and will be assisted by more than a score of committee-men.

Practice will start shortly after the first of the year, Morgan announced. Committee leaders include Lester McKenzie and Farley Elliott, tickets; Frank H. Logan and W. L. Van Allen, program; Kessler Cannon and Don Shingler, publicity; Charles Clark and Dr. J. S. Graham, theater; Doug Ward and William H. Reid, stage and properties; R. E. Jewell and Loyde Blakeley, rehearsals; Ray Le Blanc and William E. Naylor, costumes and makeup; and Bruce Cullison and K. E. Sawyer, finance.

The clubmen at their meeting today were entertained by the Bend high school a capella choir and other groups from the music department, directed by Don Pence. In addition to choir numbers of more than half a hundred voices, Kitty Moore, accompanied by Gary Jerome, was presented in a vocal solo and Larry Standifer in an accordion solo. Also presented was a girls' sextet — Audrey Bailey, Peggy Terwilliger, Ann Nelson, Pat Blakley, Susan Gilfillan and Mary Fowler, with Gwen Russell as accompanist.

3 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS

County Officials Elect Minson To State Group

Members of the state association of county judges and commissioners of the mid-Oregon district wound up their session at the court house here yesterday afternoon by electing Commissioner J. C. Minson of Crook county as member of the executive committee for the state group, with Commissioner Fred Pope of Klamath county as his alternate. Burns was designated for the spring meeting.

Discussion of the legislature's interim committee report on roads and highways featured the afternoon meeting. The committee's recommendation for a one cent a gallon increase in gasoline tax and \$10 registration fee for all vehicles was acceptable but the proposal that all proceeds of increased rates go to the state brought prompt protest from the county officials. It was voted unanimously that the counties' 19 per cent participation should continue as to new taxes as well as old.

Outlines Report

Judge F. L. Phipps, executive secretary of the state organization, outlined the interim report to the members of the association and the five legislators who had attended the meeting from Deschutes, Crook, Klamath, Jefferson and Lake county representative and senatorial districts. It was explained that one of the possibilities, if the report is reflected in legislation, will be state relinquishment of approximately 1,300 miles of secondary highways, responsibility for which will then rest with the counties. Judge Phipps reported also that the association is going ahead with investigation of comparative returns from PUC carriers under the present law and the previous law. Resolution for the check, passed at the state convention of the association, was encouraged by belief that the unit yield is

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Death Nearing for Tojo and Six Other Japanese Leaders

ECA Aid to China Halted, Says Hoffman

Washington, Dec. 21 (UP)—Recovery administrator Paul G. Hoffman said today that the long-range \$70,000,000 construction program for China has been suspended because of the critical situation there.

He made the statement after a 30-minute White House conference at which he gave President Truman a "report for his ears alone" on his recent flying trip to Europe and the far east.

Hoffman said the decision to suspend the China construction program was made in Shanghai during conferences with Roger D. Lapham, chief of the American aid mission in China.

Hoffman said a small part of the construction funds—less than \$1,000,000—already has been earmarked for engineering surveys and will be spent.

Confer With President

Presumably the report on China occupied the full half-hour conference because Hoffman said the president did not ask him about two other policy questions which came up while the economic cooperation administrator was away. The first was whether ECA will continue to give U. S. vessels half of the recovery shipment business from this country if they fail to lower their rates to conform to those charged by foreign ships.

Jaycee Santa To Visit Bend

Santa Claus will be in Bend Wednesday and Thursday to meet all his young friends, distribute candy at the Christmas tree on Oregon avenue near Wall street, and answer phone calls at his temporary office. It was announced today by members of the Junior chamber of commerce, who are arranging details of his local visit.

Santa will be at the tree from 1 to 3 p. m. both days, with treats for all the youngsters. Children who want to discuss their special Christmas wants with him may do so simply by taking down the receiver at home and asking for "Santa Claus." It was announced, "Santa will be in Bend to answer phone calls Wednesday from 10 a. m. to 1 p. m. and from 5 to 8 p. m., and Thursday from 10 a. m. to 1 p. m. Jaycees announced.

As part of the "Hello Santa" program, there will be a free show for all children of the community Thursday at 11 a. m. at the Tower theater, it was announced by Charles Clark, theater manager. The big show will feature a Roy Rogers western and a cartoon.

Chambers Adds New Mystery To Death Leap of Former State Department Worker

New York, Dec. 21 (UP)—Whittaker Chambers, confessed former spy courier, threw new mystery today on the death of Laurence Duggan, former state department employee who plunged from his office window last night. Chambers said he had not named Duggan as one of those persons who gave him secret state department papers.

Chambers said that as far as he knew Duggan was not a communist.

Three Powers Resume Berlin Kommandatura

Berlin, Dec. 21 (UP)—Berlin's three western commandants today announced resumption of the city's kommandatura, but on a three-power basis without Russia. The kommandatura, comprising the commands of the occupation forces in Berlin, has not met as such since the Russians walked out of a meeting June 16 with the announcement they would not return.

It was set up to coordinate four-power rule and occupation directives to the German administration in Berlin. Since the Russian walkout, the German municipal administration gradually has been split in two. There now are separate city governments for the soviet sector and the three western sectors of the city.

The revival of the kommandatura was announced after the first official meeting of the body—without Russia—since the soviet walkout.

But the American, French and British commandants left the door open to their erstwhile colleagues.

Ice Too Thin For Skating

Bend parents this afternoon were cautioned by police to warn children that they are risking their lives in skating on thin marginal ice along the Mirror pond. The warning was issued after a number of children were found using the ice over the noon hour and were skating in areas of extreme danger.

The ice is reported thin along both sides of the pond. It reaches out only a short distance and tapers into a dangerously thin sheet, children were warned by police.

Executions May Be Made Late Today

Tokyo, Dec. 21 (UP)—Time was running out tonight for former Japanese premier Hideki Tojo and six other Japanese warlords sentenced to death by hanging for their crimes.

There were strong indications that the executions might be carried out in the strict secrecy imposed by Gen. Douglas MacArthur during the period from midnight to dawn tomorrow (7 a. m. PST Tuesday) to late afternoon.

No official announcement will be forthcoming. MacArthur's headquarters made clear, until all the hangings have been completed. The supreme commander has barred reporters from the executions despite protests of the United Press, the Tokyo Correspondents' association, and others.

To Give Announcement
Col. M. P. Echols, MacArthur's press spokesman put the public information office on a 24-hour basis to be prepared to issue the announcement of the executions, which will take place in heavily-guarded Sugamo prison.

A major was on duty in the public information office tonight. He asked that his name not be used, but said he thought the executions might occur as early as soon after midnight (7 a. m. PST Tuesday), or as late as dawn tomorrow (Tuesday afternoon PST).

Earlier reports had indicated that there might be a delay of at least 24 hours from the time that MacArthur received official notification of the U. S. supreme court decision which cleared the last legal obstacles to proceeding with the hangings.

The six men who will die with Tojo are:
Gen. Kenji Doihara, 65, chief manufacturer of "incidents" for the Japanese army, often called "the Lawrence of Manchuria";
Koki Hirota, 70, premier of Japan in 1936-37, and former ambassador to Moscow.

Gen. Seishiro Itagaki, 63, former war minister who starved war prisoners in the Dutch East Indies.

Gen. Heltaro Kimura, 59, former vice war minister.

Gen. Iwane Matsu, 70, who directed the rape of Nanking and the killing of 200,000 Chinese in six weeks.

Lt. Gen. Akira Muto, 56, chief of the war office bureau of military affairs, and later chief of staff in the Philippines, where he bore principal responsibility for the rape of Manila.

Fire Department Elects Officers

Members of the Bend fire department, regulars and volunteers, elected officers for 1949 at a regular monthly meeting, held last night at the fire hall. The following men were named:

Taylor Rhoads, first assistant chief; Ivan Murphy, second assistant chief; Harold Bradbury, captain of engine No. 1; Ray Nedrow, captain of engine No. 2; James L. Sheik, captain of engine No. 3; Paul Mickel, captain of truck No. 1; Leonard Garrett, president; Nick Hollamon, vice president, and Orval Johnson, secretary-treasurer.

Reckless Plane Pilot Arrested

Grants Pass, Dec. 21 (UP)—State police today charged Edgar C. Abbey with reckless operation of an airplane.

Abbey crashed his rented plane into a power line behind a Cave Junction cafe. He suffered cuts and bruises.

Witnesses told authorities Abbey had "buzzed" the cafe prior to the crash.

Officials From Five Counties Convene in Bend



Judges and commissioners for five counties were in Bend yesterday for a district meeting of their association and conferences with state legislators who will represent the five counties in the forthcoming legislative session. The picture, taken in the Deschutes county circuit courtroom includes: Front row—Judge F. L. Phipps, executive secretary of the state association of county judges and commissioners; C. L. Allen, Deschutes county judge; Tom Powers, Jefferson county judge; Marion South, Jefferson county commissioner; J. C. Minson, Crook county commissioner. Second row—E. E. Varco and A. E. Stevens, Deschutes county commissioners; Roy Morehouse and P. W. Hotchkiss, Lake county commissioners. Third row—U. E. Reeder, Klamath county judge; Ed Gowan, Klamath county commissioner; Asa Battles, Crook county judge; C. C. Dunham, Crook county commissioner.