

THE BEND BULLETIN

CENTRAL OREGON'S DAILY NEWSPAPER

WEATHER
High yesterday, 46 degrees. Low last night, 37 degrees. Sunset today, 4:29. Sunrise tomorrow, 7:36.

FORECAST
Occasional rain through Thursday. High both days, 46-52. Low tonight, 36-42.

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AND THEY FOLLOWED THE STAR — Second graders in Mrs. Robert Fox's room at Allen school enacted the nativity scene, in their Christmas program this morning. In the front row, left, are Bill Mendell, Mike Goslin, Dixie Hooker, Edward Danison and John Drake. Back row: Eugene Edwards, Shirleen Wisdom and Gene Taylor. (Bend Bulletin Photo)

17 Persons Killed in Florida Crash

Public Sale Of Ford Stock Is Planned

WASHINGTON (UP)—The Ford Motor Co. in its first public accounting in 52 years today reported net profits of \$1,536,800,000 from 1946 through Sept. 30.

These disclosures were made in a 39-page prospectus covering Ford Foundation plans to sell 10,200,000 shares of common stock in the first public offering of Ford securities in the firm's history.

The stock, biggest corporate offering ever made, is expected to go on sale some time next month for about \$75 a share. The actual time and price will be disclosed later. Par value will be \$5 a share.

The Ford earnings report was made in a registration statement, a necessary corollary of the stock offering, to the Securities and Exchange Commission. It showed that current earnings are at the rate of \$5.85 a share. Cumulative earnings since 1946 have been second in the auto industry only to General Motors.

The company used this prospectus as a vehicle for disclosing that it plans to introduce a new line of passenger automobiles "within it plans to introduce a new line describe the line or say what market it will be aimed at."

Concerning current business, the Ford Company disclosed that dealers' stocks of Fords and Mercurys have increased and that "there have been reductions in production and in future production schedules."

"Rapid changes in demand can occur in the industry," the company said, "and plans for future production are subject to continuous review and to frequent revision upward or downward as circumstances require."

The financial report covered the 10 years, as required by law, through the first nine months of 1955. It disclosed that the company suffered net losses in 1946 of \$8,100,000.

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Some Changes Needed Here?

Wording Indicates War Still On

By DON HIGGINS
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The Korean war ended July 27, 1953, nearly two and a half years ago.

Since that time, the large billboard honoring veterans of Deschutes county who were in the action has been out-of-date. The wording at the top of the board implies that the conflict is still going on.

The wording is, "DESCHUTES COUNTY VETERANS SERVING IN KOREAN CONFLICT." Below this caption are printed about 200 names.

There are many veterans who served in the long ended war whose names are not among those on the board. There are a few names there without initials. No names are identified as to place of residence, branch of service, rank or rating.

The paint is cracking on the old board and apart of a few of the

names has been flaked off. There is no similar prominent public display of veterans of World War II, World War I or the Spanish American War, all of which have living veterans.

A quick inquiry in the County courthouse and among a few veterans yesterday brought forth the fact that no one has read the sign recently and no one knew the wording at the top. Passersby were observed and not one person even glanced at it.

The idea for the billboard probably came first to the mind of County Judge C. L. Allen during the forepart of the Korean police action, as it was then called.

"I wouldn't be surprised if I suggested it first," said Judge Allen. "Better ask Ray Cooper. He knows all about it."

"I wouldn't be surprised, either, if Judge Allen originated the idea," said Cooper, who was then and still is secretary-treasurer of the

Deschutes County Veterans Council.

Both officials agreed that it became a joint project of the council and the courthouse. The county paid for the concrete work and angle irons for the board, individuals and firms donated work and other materials, and the council asked the public to supply the names.

The list of names came from individuals, said Cooper. It is not inclusive or official. There is a long space on the board that is blank, enough space for a couple of hundred more names.

Judge Allen suggested that if the board is retained at all it should be revised as to wording, and repainted. He suggested that the names could be replaced, if any one thinks the board should be retained, by those of the men who have given their lives for their country in all of the recent wars, including the Korean.

Craft Was Nearing Field For Landing

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (UP)—Seventeen persons were carried to sudden death early today in an Eastern Airlines Constellation that crashed and exploded almost in the back yards of residences bordering Municipal airport here.

All aboard the Miami to New York plane—12 passengers and five crew member—were killed charred beyond recognition by gasoline-fed flames that seared the 199-yard bulldozing path of the stricken aircraft.

There was also a body on the plane being shipped to New York. The passengers were en route to Washington, New York and Boston. The plane was coming into the Jacksonville airport for a routine instrument landing. Cause of the crash was unexplained.

John Ingle, local EAL manager, said that one of many rumors and reports that "undoubtedly will be checked" came from an unidentified airlines pilot who said the sound of jet planes was heard in the vicinity just before the crash. The Jacksonville control tower said it had no contact with any other planes at the time.

The four-engine plane was on air coach service and an airlines official in Miami said this just happened to be a slack pre-Christmas week for north-bound flights. Any other week the plane probably would have carried up to 60 passengers.

The airliner crashed in a wooded area, clipped off tree-tops at the 25 foot level, then bored 86 yards through the trees and hit the ground.

The burning wreckage plowed 36 yards and clipped off an oak tree, skidded another 65 yards where the tail was sheared off and plowed on for an additional 15 yards where the main part of the fuselage came to a halt. One motor was catapulted 27 yards beyond that point.

The huge four-engine plane, making an apparent routine landing approach to the airport, smashed into the ground less than 50 feet from two houses in the Hollow Ford community, a suburb of Jacksonville, on the southwest side of the airport.

"The plane practically went through our back yards," Mrs. A. T. Collins said.

The tragedy, third air disaster in Florida within a week, happened in the space of a few tickling seconds at 3:46 a.m. EST and brought residents in the area out of their sleep with two explosions that ripped the plane apart as it bored its way through a wooded area, spewing flames in its path.

The Civil Aeronautics Administration began an immediate investigation of the crash and said it was impossible this early to tell just what happened.

John Ingle, manager of the airline in Jacksonville, said the charred hull was in perfect lineup for an instrument approach to the airport and apparently no trouble was anticipated. He said the crew sent no distress message.

North Santiam Blocked by Slide Ex-Wife Kills Klamath Man

CRESWELL (UP)—A Klamath Falls man was killed here last night when his ex-wife fired a .25 caliber bullet into his heart as he tried to force his way into her home.

Lane County District Attorney Eugene Venn said Mrs. Alleen Belle Hamilton was not arrested because of her three children.

Mrs. Hamilton, 31, admitted shooting Clarence Louis Hamilton, 25, because she feared for the safety of her three children, aged one to eight.

Venn said Mrs. Hamilton would appear before a special grand jury Friday.

Venn said Hamilton had driven from Klamath Falls Tuesday with Sammie Ramsey, 66, and his son, Ira Ramsey, 42, both of Klamath Falls. They were held as material witnesses for the grand jury. Venn said they waited in a parked car while Hamilton attempted to gain entry into his former wife's home.

She said Hamilton had beat her in the past and that at one time she was hospitalized for her injuries. Hamilton was under a court order to refrain from molesting his ex-wife.

Stevenson Son Hurt, 2 Friends Killed in Crash

GOSHEN, Ind. (UP)—Adlai Stevenson's son was injured and two college companions going home for Christmas were killed today when his car smashed into two trucks he tried to steer between.

John Fell Stevenson, 19, was hospitalized with serious injuries but his condition was described as "good."

Two Harvard University classmates riding in the front seat with him were killed instantly. They were William S. North III, 19, Lake Forest, Ill., and William C. Boyden Jr., 19, Chicago.

Another classmate riding in the back seat James Gilligan, 19, Nebraska City, Neb., suffered only bruises.

The 1952 presidential nominee learned of the accident in Chicago and rented a plane to fly to his son's bedside. Adlai said the elder Stevenson was "terribly shocked."

State police said young Stevenson tried to steer his car between two trucks driven by Fred Gill, 29, Detroit, and Cleo Rance, 47, St. Petersburg, Fla. The Gill truck was attempting to pass the Rance semi on the top of an overpass over a railroad on U. S. 20 north-east of here.

Stevenson's car sideswiped the Rance truck on his left and "bounced" head-on into the Gill truck on the right police said. The latter crashed over an embankment leading to the overpass.

Girl Injured In Accident

The girl screamed and the boy glimpsed a blurred shape through the mud splattered windshield. He swerved and averted a head-on crash with a road grader, but his car struck its rear wheel. The girl was thrown violently. Her leg was broken.

The girl was Susan Ann Ravissa, 18, a University of Oregon student, riding toward her home in Chiloquin yesterday for the holidays with Dwight Lee Souers Jr., 18, of Klamath Agency, a fellow student. The accident occurred a short distance north of Chemult.

A passing autoist picked up the injured girl and the youth, who was unhurt, and took them to LaPine, where the Bend ambulance was called. Miss Ravissa was brought to St. Charles Memorial hospital. Souers left for his home.

Souers reported to state police that he had just passed a freight truck, whose wheels splattered mud on his windshield, when the girl's scream warned him of the grader operating on the other side of the road.

WOMAN DIES

SALEM (UP)—An 88-year-old Salem woman died in a hospital here yesterday, two hours after she was struck by a car in north Salem.

The victim was Mrs. Nellie Yana. She was Salem's seventh traffic fatality of the year.

Colonel Liles Found Guilty

FORT LEWIS, Wash. (UP)—A 19-man court martial board today found Lt. Col. Paul V. Liles guilty of "bringing discredit on the military service" for his actions while being held as a prisoner of war in Korea.

Liles, 39, of Birmingham, Ala., was the first West Point graduate ever to be charged with collaborating with the enemy.

The court martial board ruled that Liles aided the enemy by making recordings "inimical to the interests of the United States."

The board then retired to begin deliberations on Liles' sentence.

Lt. Col. Leslie E. Dixon of Baton Rouge, La., Liles' defense counsel, said the defendant was ready to accept whatever sentence the court martial board passed.

'55 Won't Be Bend's Driest

Bend's precipitation for the calendar year ended part the 8.66 inch mark today, following a 24-hour storm that yielded 1.01 inches, heaviest precipitation measured in 1955.

The drenching rain was part of the general storm that enveloped the west coast, with flood conditions reported from points west of the Cascades.

Up to 7 a.m. today, a total of 2.55 inches of moisture had been measured here so far in December, to make the month the dampest of the year following a wet November, when 2.44 inches, mostly snow, fell in the 30 days.

Up to the end of October, Bend had measured a mere 2.53 inches in the 10 months. That prolonged aridity had never been surpassed in the half-century history of the local weather station.

Possibility that 1955 would go into weather records as the driest year in history faded as a result of the heavy precipitation in November and December.

Observers in charge of the Bend station said that 1949, with only 6.02 inches of moisture measured, was the driest year in local weather history.

In 1952, only 8.87 inches of moisture fell in Bend. The third moist and year was 1941, with 8.94 inches.

Forecasts call for continued rain with occasional clearing periods, through tonight.

New Premier Restores Order

AMMAN, Jordan (UP)—Care-taker Premier Ibrahim Hashem restored order today to riot-torn Jordan with a pledge to let the people decide in free elections whether their country shall join the American-backed Baghdad pact.

Jordan's 21-year-old King Hussein named Ibrahim Hashem, 75, to form a caretaker government until the country can go to the polls to determine its future policy on the pro-Western and anti-Communist "northern tier" alliance.

Hashem took over from pro-Western Hazza Majali whose appointment as Premier and his intentions to align Jordan with Britain, Turkey, Iran, Iraq and Pakistan in the pact touched off a series of riots throughout the country.

Hashem said today in an interview with the United Press that his government had no policy except to restore order and tranquility to the country and carry out elections.

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Musical Program Planned Tonight At School Gym

The twentieth annual Christmas program presented by the music department of Bend Senior High school will be tonight in the school gymnasium, starting at 8 o'clock.

Norman K. Whitney, director of music education, is in charge, assisted by Earl C. Roarig, associate music director, and other members of the faculty. The orchestra, choir and small vocal ensembles will be featured.

The combined groups will open the program with a Waring arrangement of "Jingle Bells" and "Let It Snow," and close with excerpts from Handel's "Messiah."

The orchestra will play "Sleigh Ride," Anderson; "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer," Markos Isaac, and "Nazareth," Gounod.

Richard Cannon will be narrator for the final part of the program, which will include choir numbers telling the Christmas story, with a background of tableaux. Lottie Ippock will sing the soprano solo in "Lullaby of the Christ Child."

In the first part of the program the choir will sing "Fum Fum Fum," Parker-Shaw, and "Silver Bells," Livingston-Terry, directed by Kathy Smith. The girls' triple trio will sing "White Christmas," Berlin-MacCarthy. Gloria Ennen and Anzonetta Longley will sing a duet, "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town," accompanied by Sally Stearns. There will also be a group of Christmas carols with the audience joining in the singing.

Accompanists will be Mrs. Bonnie Graves, Sally Stearns and Gail Wilson.

Power Company Worker Shaken Up As Switch Explodes at Redmond

Explosion of an oil switch at the Pacific Power and Light Co. substation in Redmond early this morning caused several thousand dollars of damage to equipment and interrupted electric service in a large part of Central Oregon.

R. L. (Butch) Clark, Pacific Power & Light Co. service man in Redmond was shaken and bruised when he was partly blown out of the small building. His injuries, however, were reported minor.

The blast occurred at 5:20 this morning and Redmond was without power or light until 10:25 a.m. Also affected were adjacent areas. A manual control was used in restoring service today.

COLISION REPORTED

John W. Quigley, of Boise, Idaho, a salesman, told police he was driving south in E. Third street last night when a car emerged at the Greenwood avenue corner and smashed into the right side of his sedan, disabling it. Ed Walker, of Route 1, driver of the second sedan, said he did not know what happened. Quigley's car was taken to a garage by a wrecker.

SPEAKER NAMED

Thomas Lawson McCall, Portland radio executive who is well known in Central Oregon will be the speaker at the Bend Junior Chamber of Commerce annual award banquet, to be held on June award banquet, June 29th.

Redmond schools were dismissed for the day because of cold furnaces and lack of illumination.

Bend had its "fireworks" earlier in the evening, about 9:05 p.m. Tuesday, when a transformer blew up in the north part of town, resulting in lightning-like flashes seen from a long distance. This interruption, blamed on the heavy rain and falling tree branches, lasted for about an hour in most parts of Bend.

W. A. Lackaff, PP & L district manager, said all available power crews in the Bend and Prineville areas were rushed to Redmond and were on the job this morning making temporary repairs that resulted in the restoration of service at 10:25 a.m.

In addition, Lackaff said, extra crews were being rushed to Redmond from Portland, Hood River and as far as Yakima, Wash., to begin repairing damage to equipment at the blast-blackened substation.

Equipment to replace that damaged by the blaze also was on its way to Redmond from Portland.

Lackaff said the trouble started shortly after 5 a.m. when a pole on the 24,000-volt line supplying power to downtown Redmond caught fire and burned. This burning pole, near the sub-station, severed the line and also tangled several other lines.

When the oil switch protecting the line operated about 5:20 a.m. the heavy short circuit caused it to explode. Flaming oil resulted in a brief but hot fire which resulted

in extensive damage to control equipment in the sub-station.

The trouble also knocked out the line serving Prineville and relayed into Bend, where only the downtown area escaped being blacked out in the dawn hours today.

Only Madras was unaffected by the power trouble, Lackaff said.

Heavy rains in Bend last night caused an interruption on the 1200-volt line serving the Glen Vista area, the Butler Road community and the section just north of Bend. KBND was off the air as a result of the power loss.

North Santiam Blocked by Slide

The North Santiam highway was closed by a slide at Sardine creek this morning, but highway officials said it would be opened to one-way traffic later in the day.

Fourteen inches of snow fell on the Santiam divide last night, but rain was falling this morning and the pack was breaking. Roadside depth at the Santiam summit was 52 inches.

Snow flurries were reported from Government camp, on the M1. Hood route, following a fall of two inches in the night hours. Packed snow covered the road there, and motorists were using chains this morning.

Rain was falling on the Willamette pass this morning and snow was turning to slush. No new snow fell there last night.

Highways in Central Oregon were free of snow this morning following a night of rain with the temperature ranging around 40 degrees.

Showers were reported from the Ochoco summit and the highway was bare. To the south of Bend, U.S. 97 was generally snowless, with the exception of some patches at higher elevations.

Rain was falling at Warm Springs junction, on the route into Portland, and the pack was breaking.

Program Planned At Junior High

A Christmas program presented by Bend Junior High School will be presented at the high school gym on Thursday afternoon, beginning at 1:30 o'clock.

Principal Dean Tate has issued an invitation to adults to attend the program. There will be no evening performance, he noted.

Following the show, school will be dismissed for the holidays.

THE THREE WISHES



A Christmas Story



By WALT SCOTT

