



GONE WITH THE RAIN—Renoit Roy, physical education student studying at the University of Oregon, is spending his holiday in Bend with the Robert Mention family, 605 E. 9th. Roy, a Canadian citizen from Quebec, is assisted by David Mention, 6, and Lori Bonn, 5, in making a snow fort with Tuesday's snow.

It was a topsy-turvy year for state on political front

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SALEM (UPI)—This year was topsy-turvy for Oregon politics, with almost every move geared to tell in the key 1962 elections.

There was nothing singularly dramatic about 1961 politics such as the battle with cancer and death in 1960 of Sen. Richard L. Neuberger, D-Ore. But it was a trying 12 months physically for some top politicians.

Republican Gov. Mark Hatfield was hospitalized in March for exhaustion and acute vertigo, or dizziness. He recovered with no ill after effects, but eased his pace.

Sen. Maurine Neuberger, D-Ore., had a tumor removed in November and her doctors assured that malignancy hadn't spread.

Rep. Al Ullman, D-Ore., had a leg amputated below the knee in a traffic accident this month.

Hatfield dominated much of 1961's political news, even stealing maximum thunder from the Democratic-controlled legislature. Democrats were thwarted in Hatfield's hotly-contested move of the Oregon Welfare Commission from Portland to Salem, but killed his government reorganization program.

All of his vetoes were sustained and his appointments confirmed. A United Press International survey indicated that Hatfield got more of his program through the legislature than did the Democrats.

Democrat Harry Boivin, Klamath falls, became one of the few former House speakers to be elected Senate President. Democrat Robert B. Duncan, Medford, became the first man to serve two consecutive terms as House speaker.

The 1961 legislature lasted 122 days, second longest in history, and passed a record \$366 million budget. Boivin summed it up as "sane and stable." Duncan described it as both good and bad. Hatfield dubbed it a "devise and dissent" session.

A vital issue was reapportionment. Because of population shifts, Eastern Oregon lost legislative seats and Western Oregon gained. A campaign to cure this at the November, 1962 election was waging hot.

The daylight-standard time situation became a political liability with both Democrats and Republicans telling the public no one could have foreseen such confusion.

Intra-party disagreements ran high.

Conservative Democratic leaders consistently joined with the GOP in the Senate to block liberal Democrats.

Republican Secretary of State Howell Appling Jr. testified against Hatfield's plan to do away with the State Board of Control. September, Appling and GOP State Treasurer Howard C. Belton outvoted Hatfield on the board on a major issue—use of prison labor in state construction projects.

A new law required both major parties to hold platform conventions after the May primary. Multnomah County Republicans caused a storm by announcing a pre-primary county convention to endorse primary candidates. Democrats plan a pre-primary state platform convention.

Both political parties elected new state chairmen. E. D. Spencer, Salem businessman, took the Democratic reins from State Sen. Robert W. Straub, Eugene. For the GOP, Robert G. Davis, Grants Pass businessman, succeeded Peter Gunnar, Salem.

Two major tests of political strength were in the wind: The re-election campaigns of Sen. Wayne Morse, D-Ore., and Hatfield.

The Democrats were saying Morse was more potent than ever. The Republicans were saying Hatfield's popularity had hit a new plateau.

Hatfield was adamant about running again for governor and not running against Morse for the Senate.

Ike, Mamie in California

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. (UPI)—Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower and his wife arrived here today to begin a dry, warm Christmas on the Southern California desert and he indicated he would remain quite a while.

The Eisenhower party, occupying two special cars at the rear of the Santa Fe Superchief, planned to motor south to Palm Desert after having breakfast aboard the train, which arrived one hour late.

The Eisenhowers were accompanied on the trip by their granddaughter, Mary Jane Eisenhower, who is celebrating her sixth birthday today.

The former chief executive stepped briefly to the rear platform of the car and told newsmen he planned to remain on the desert "until the snow has gone from Pennsylvania."

The former chief executive was expected to play a lot of golf at Eldorado and other courses in the area.

His only scheduled formal public appearance is Jan. 31. He will speak at the annual banquet of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce.

Bank merger plans reported

PORTLAND (UPI)—Plans to merge the Dallas City Bank with the First National Bank of Oregon were announced Wednesday by officers of the two banks.

Ralph J. Voss, president of First National, and Ralph E. Williams, president of the 69-year-old Dallas Bank, said the merger is subject to approval of shareholders of each bank, as well as the comptroller of the currency in Washington, D.C.

The Dallas bank would become the 88th branch in First National's Oregon system. It would be the first such office in Polk County. The Dallas bank listed deposits of \$5,102,496 and resources of \$5,548,718 in its September report. First National listed deposits of \$895 million and resources of \$1 billion.

TEMPTING AD

PITTSBURGH (UPI)—A suburban restaurant advertises: "Food like mother used to make before she started playing bridge."

Ralph Edwards taking one year away from TV

By Vernon Scott
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HOLLYWOOD (UPI)—Ralph Edwards can neither be seen nor heard on radio or television this season—for the first time in 32 years.

Since 1929 Edwards has been a patented part of broadcasting, from announcer to emcee to host. And during those years he has channeled two of the most successful shows in history—"Truth or Consequences" and "This Is Your Life."

In addition to remaining on the air 22 years, "T or C" has had a town named in its honor, Truth or Consequences, N. M. The show still is going strong. Edwards left the air last spring ("T or C" has another emcee but still is owned and produced by Ralph) when "This Is Your Life" closed shop after nine years.

But his sabbatical will be brief.

Nine Shows
Ralph has no fewer than nine shows cooking for next season, and all of them are better than even-money bets to make the grade.

"The trend seems to be toward 'live' shows, or at least taped, which is in my favor," Edwards said confidently.

"Television is an idea business, and if we can come up with the right ideas we'll be in business. We have opened two frontiers with audience participation on 'T or C' and biographical entertainment with 'This Is Your Life.'"

Ralph stood at the window of his offices—two stories of an ultra-modern building on Hollywood Boulevard—and surveyed a breath-taking view of Los Angeles and the Pacific Ocean.

"One of my new shows is based on a series of war dramas," he said.

"And I have two or three other ideas dealing with the spirit of the country, with the American theme. I believe this entire point of view has been overlooked in television."

No Retirement

Edwards is most enthusiastic about "The Human Thing to Do," a panel show starring Woody Woodbury in which members of the audience will participate in selecting wacky solutions to film clip calamities. This series is scheduled to debut on ABC in either January or April.

"I thought I was going on vacation when I left the air last June," Ralph grinned. "But I've been working harder than ever."

"I could take my savings and live at the beach and forget about television. I say I could, but it is virtually impossible for me to consider it."

"I like to develop my own shows and then sell them myself directly to the networks. There are no middlemen that way."

Ralph paused and beamed as if someone had just handed him a million dollars.

DIE IN GAS CHAMBER

PARCHMAN, Miss. (UPI)—Two Negroes died in the state gas chamber Wednesday for raping a 23-year-old white mother at her farm home in June, 1960. Prison Supt. Fred Jones said Howard Cook, 31, and Ellice Lee, 26, "both quickly admitted they were guilty and ready to go" before they entered the gas chamber.

Don Hoak, singer plan marriage

PITTSBURGH (UPI)—Don Hoak, third baseman for the Pittsburgh Pirates, and singer Jill Corey plan to be married here Dec. 27.

Hoak and Miss Corey applied for a marriage license Wednesday. They asked Pittsburgh Mayor Joseph M. Barr to marry them.

"We hope Mayor Barr's schedule permits him to perform the ceremony," Hoak said. "We set the date for next Wednesday and it would entail too much trouble to change it."

Miss Corey and Hoak have been linked romantically for some time. Hoak's first wife, Phyllis, received a divorce last Nov. 30 and has custody of their two children.

Miss Corey's parents live in Avonmore, Pa.

CHANGES XMAS CARD

LONDON (UPI)—Prince Philip has changed his Christmas card this year from the usual photograph of the royal family. This year's card depicts a reproduction of Rubens' painting, "The Holy Family With St. Francis."

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NASA may be playing politics at expense of maximum information

By Lyle C. Wilson
UPI Staff Writer

WASHINGTON (UPI)—There is reason to suspect that NASA is playing politics with the news at the expense of maximum information for the taxpayers, NASA is the National Space and Aeronautics Administration.

Recently (Dec. 7) NASA revealed one of its most important decisions about landing an American on the moon. It decided to explore a rendezvous in orbit as a method of getting there. The other method would be by a direct ascent approach to the moon—a one-shot leap from the earth.

NASA believes a rendezvous might speed the project by two years. To re-shape the existing Mercury Program toward producing a two-man space-craft capable of docking with another vehicle in orbit will cost about \$500 million. Taxpayers would want to know all about that.

This costly decision was revealed by NASA in a speech in Houston, Tex. The speech was by Robert R. Gilruth, chief of the Manned Spacecraft Center recently located by NASA in Houston. He addressed the Houston Chamber of Commerce. Only late that evening did NASA make available in Washington the barest minimum of Gilruth's announcement. Even that bit could not be printed until 9:30 p.m., EST.

Newspapers in the central time zone and westward got the announcement in good time. Most Eastern newspapers were skunked. So far as Eastern time zone readers were concerned, this momentous and expensive decision was the exclusive property of the Houston Chamber of Commerce.

Houston newsmen are as good or better than Washington newsmen. There are newsmen in Washington, however, who have specialized in news of NASA, of manned flight and missiles. There are, perhaps, half a dozen such specialists. They are better qualified than other Washington newsmen and better qualified than Houston newsmen to report in some depth the story NASA broke in Houston.

Joseph L. Myler has written much about space for United Press International. Myler has some ideas on the subject of the Gilruth speech. He has been in the Washington bureau of UPI for 20 years. Drawing on his experience with government bureaucracy, Myler had this to say:

"What happened, obviously, is that NASA decided to make a gesture toward Vice President Johnson by giving this story practically exclusively to the Houston Chamber of Commerce. By breaking the story as it did, NASA caught the bulk of morning papers in a difficult spot and the bulk of news offices empty of newsmen familiar with space developments. NASA had no moral right to hold up the announcement until some NASA official was making a speech somewhere. The story involved a hugely ex-

pensive program that NASA is trying desperately to sell to the taxpayers. I think this incident was downright shoddy."

Another interested newsmen remarked: "If Lyndon Johnson were from Missouri, the speech would have been made in St. Louis."

A fair question: If NASA is unable to come up with a sensible public relations policy can it be expected to deal sensibly with the problem of a moon landing?

School program set at Fort Rock

Special to The Bulletin

FORT ROCK — The Fort Rock School will present the annual Christmas program Friday December 22 at 7 p.m. at the Fort Rock Grange Hall, with Mr. and Mrs. John Payne in charge.

The four upper grades, assisted by Bruce McAllister, a second grader, will present "The Littlest Angel." Bruce plays the title role of the small cherub who upsets the peace of heaven. Bobbie Lee Morehouse and Linda Kittredge are narrators. Mrs. C. W. Boley is accompanist for the choir.

Younger pupils are presented in pantomime of "Rudolph, the Red-nosed Reindeer."

The Fort Rock Grange and Fort Rock Community Sunday School cooperate in providing treats for the annual visit from Santa. Mrs. Maurice Ward, Mrs. Robert Judd and Mrs. Bud Parks are in charge. School pupils will decorate the tall tree.

Following the program all are invited to be guests of the school children at a movie, "Miracle on 34th Street" to be shown at the school. Upper grade pupils are in charge of the business management and the refreshments to be available.

Candidates for meanest bandits

HOUSTON, Tex. (UPI)—Employees at a Houston supermarket are hoping probably a bit more than usual today that police catch a holdup team.

The two thieves robbed the supermarket just before closing time Wednesday night and fled with an estimated \$2,000. They were armed with a sawed-off shotgun and a pistol.

Stanley Minegh, store manager, said part of the money was for employee Christmas bonuses.

Red Skelton plays Santa

BEL AIR, Calif. (UPI)—Fifteen firemen today were thanking a red-haired "Santa Claus" for stuffing \$500 checks in their Christmas stockings—which in this case turned out to be fire helmets.

The Santa was comedian Red Skelton.

He placed a \$500 check in each of 15 helmets belonging to studio firemen who helped save his half-million-dollar home during the devastating Bel Air blaze Nov. 6.

He named the group who rushed to his home the day of the fire, "Skelton's Volunteers."

Young accident victim identified

MADISONVILLE, Tenn. (UPI)—Authorities Wednesday identified a young hitchhiker killed in a traffic accident near here as a soldier on his way home for Christmas.

The youth was identified through fingerprints by the FBI as Jerry Wayne Burk of Kingsport, Tenn.

Burk and Robert Hallman, 29, Marietta, Ga., were killed Saturday when Hallman's car slid off rain-slick U.S. 411, plunged over a 75-foot embankment and burst into flames.

Burke carried no identification papers and Sheriff Howard Kirkpatrick had appealed to news media to aid in efforts to identify the victim. Otherwise, said Kirkpatrick, the youth would have been buried in an unmarked grave.

THE FINAL BLOW

COLUMBIA, S.C. (UPI)—Produce dealer Russell Morris had complained to authorities that he was being plagued by thieves.

He turned up at the sheriff's office again Wednesday to say the thieves were back and this time took his kitchen sink.

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