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WEATHER  
Fair tonight; cloudy Thursday;  
highs 33-38; lows 10-15.

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FUN ON THE ICE — Bend youngsters enjoy their first taste of winter time skating this morning on the new Rotary Club athletic area in Juniper Park. The 85 by 185-foot slab has been completely flooded, with early-morning temperatures

dipping to 18 above today. The area has two large floodlights for night skating, and even the dogs are getting into the act. (Note left of picture).

## State holiday accident toll set at twelve

By United Press International  
Twelve persons died in accidents in Oregon during the long Christmas holiday weekend. The weekend began Friday at 6 p.m. and ended today at 12:01 a.m.

Traffic accidents claimed seven lives, three persons were killed in a plane crash, one was hit by a train and one died in an accidental shooting.

The burned bodies of a Lake-creek cattle rancher, his wife and small daughter were recovered from the wreckage of a high plane two miles south of Ashland Tuesday night. The wreckage was sighted from the air earlier in the day.

The single-engine aircraft crashed and burned Sunday after taking off from Ashland on a flight to Fresno, Calif.

Killed in the crash were Reginald Imperatrice, 34; his wife, Jane, 31, and the couple's daughter, Mary, 10. A ground party recovered the bodies and took them to Ashland.

Mrs. Regina Heleniak, 76, Vale, was killed when the car in which she was riding struck a telephone pole at Vale Tuesday night. Her husband was driving the car.

John Fager, 23, Salem, and his sister-in-law, Mrs. Lynne Kofford, 25, Portland, were killed when their car crashed into a tree off a Union County road 2 1/2 miles southeast of La Grande Tuesday.

Mary Sakach, 17, Klamath Falls, died at a Klamath Falls hospital Tuesday from injuries suffered in a one-car accident Monday night. Airman 1-C Gerald Kendall, 23, Yelm, Wash., also lost his life in the crash when the car went off a Klamath County road and flipped over two miles west of Klamath Falls. He was stationed at Kingsley Air Force Base at Klamath Falls.

An expectant mother died in another one-car accident near Klamath Falls Monday night. Mrs. Rosemary Williams, 19, Seattle, drowned when a car driven by her husband plunged into a water-filled irrigation canal off U.S. Highway 97 12 miles south of Klamath Falls.

William Kneale, 37, Gervais, was struck and killed by a Southern Pacific switch train one-half mile north of Gervais Monday. Clarence Tye, 20, Cottage Grove, accidentally shot and killed himself when he dropped his rifle at Dorena Sunday. He had been target shooting.

Alice Thompson, 26, a Eugene school teacher, was killed in a one-car accident on U.S. Highway 20 some 14 miles west of Burns Friday night.

Holiday proves deadly, over 650 lose lives

By United Press International  
The last hours of the 102-hour Christmas holiday proved to be the deadliest and the total of highway deaths during the long weekend passed 650, late reports showed today.

The final surge of fatality reports made the experts look tragically correct. The National Safety Council had estimated that from 650 to 750 persons would die in holiday traffic accidents. When the first hours of the holiday passed with a comparatively low death rate, the council revised its estimate to 550 deaths. But the hopeful second thought did not hold up.

The United Press International count from 6 p.m. Friday until midnight Christmas showed 652 traffic deaths.

The holiday death breakdown:  
Traffic 632  
Fires 102  
Planes 14  
Miscellaneous 73

An average of six persons died every hour in traffic during the holiday.

## 8 East Germans make spectacular escape to West

### Relatives of POWs await trip to U.S.

HAVANA (UPI)—Relatives of Cuban invasion prisoners lined up by the hundreds today along Havana's waterfront, preparing to board the freighter African Pilot for Port Everglades, Fla., and freedom.

The first 600 of the 1,000 children, women and men waiting to join their fathers, husbands, sons and brothers waited patiently alongside the ship's dock.

American and Cuban Red Cross representatives worked feverishly to install 500 cots and 1,000 blankets flown in for use by the relatives on their overnight, 12-hour trip.

It was expected the ship would be able to sail by dusk.

An American Red Cross-chartered plane landed in Havana today from Miami carrying a medical team and supplies for the prisoners' relatives scheduled to leave aboard the African Pilot.

A doctor, seven nurses and a "co-ordinator" were aboard the aircraft as well as 500 cots, 1,000 blankets and odd supplies. The plane's cargo was unloaded immediately by American and Cuban Red Cross representatives.

Western diplomats here speculated that Premier Fidel Castro may follow up the release of the 1,113 invaders captured last year by freeing all of his foreign political prisoners and some Cubans as well.

New York attorney James B. Donovan, who negotiated the release of the invaders, announced in Miami Monday that Castro had promised to free Americans imprisoned in Cuba for "anti-state crimes."

Only 22 Americans

Although no full list of the American prisoners has been made public, sources here said there actually are only 22 Americans in Castro's prisons.

Swiss Embassy sources said it probably would be at least 48 hours before there is any further development in negotiations for the release of the Americans.

One Western diplomat speculated that the foreign prisoners might be released this week and that a number of Cubans might be pardoned later—perhaps next Wednesday, when Castro celebrates the fourth anniversary of his overthrow of ex-President Fulgencio Batista.

The African Pilot has only 12 passenger cabins, which probably will be reserved for infants, the ailing and the aged.

Crewmen of the freighter, under the supervision of Capt. Alfred Boerum and his officers, were installing temporary lights and wooden benches in between-deck spaces and other sheltered areas to accommodate the relatives.

Water RUN DUE  
Water district officials have announced that domestic water in the Central Oregon Irrigation Canal will be started on Wednesday, January 2, provided weather permits. The water will flow for a limited period.

### Mercury drops to low marks

Central Oregon was chilled by the coolest temperatures of the season on Christmas morning as the mercury dropped to zero and near-zero temperatures.

Bend's low, recorded about sunrise Christmas, was 2 above zero.

From that Christmas morning low, the mercury climbed to a high of 30, as all Central Oregon enjoyed crisp, clear yule weather through the day.

The region "warmed up" last night, with Bend recording a low of 18 degrees.

The five day forecast calls for below-normal temperatures and notes a possibility of some snow on Thursday or Friday.

### Armored bus rams through 3 barricades

BERLIN (UPI)—Eight East Germans rammed an armored bus through Communist barricades and a fusillade of gunfire today in a spectacular escape to freedom in West Berlin.

Four small children were among the refugees, who were members of two families. One of the two men was the owner of the bus and the other was his driver.

Eight machine pistol bullets fired by Communist guards hit the bus, but the only injury was a glass splinter cut received by the driver.

The escape was so carefully planned that the families brought along their belongings, including a living room clock, five sofa cushions and a doll carriage.

The bus smashed through three barriers on the main highway to Berlin and made it safely to the U.S. Army checkpoint on the edge of the western sector of the city.

At a West Berlin refugee camp later, the escapees said they had planned to flee on Christmas Eve but had to defer the venture because the radiator on the bus froze. They said they stayed up all night to thaw the radiator.

Sign Misled Police

As part of the plan, the refugees placed on the rear of the 30-seat bus a sign reading "repair shop car" to make police think it was under way to a repair shop.

They said the Communists' vigilance apparently was relaxed over the holiday because the only time they were challenged in their 150-mile ride was just outside Berlin. Usually the Red's check travelers at several points on highways leading to the city.

"We threw ourselves on the floor to evade the bullets but one grazed my hair," one of the women said. "I was lucky. We armor-plated the bus, but the bullets came in anyway."

The bus belonged to the owner of a transport firm in the town of Neugersdorf, District of Sachsen, near Loebau on the Czech border. The other man worked as a driver for the owner.

"We were not controlled once on the long trip from our home town," the wife of the bus owners said. "We hit the first control at the Berlin border."

The children, ranging from 2 to 10 years, were not told of the escape plan. They were not aware anything unusual was happening until they were told to lie down on the bus floor as the vehicle approached the Communist checkpoint.

As the vehicle neared the divided city, Communist border guards controlling holiday traffic to and from West Berlin opened fire with machine pistols.

Bullets broke the windshield. Others bounced off steel plates the refugees had attached to the sides of the vehicle for protection.

A glass splinter from the windshield cut the thumb of the driver, but that was the only injury.

The bus crashed through three red-and-white customs poles placed across the highway by the Communists to prevent escapes from East Germany.

The refugees remained in the bus after reaching the U.S. checkpoint, and drove the vehicle to a West Berlin refugee camp.

### George Durham taken by death

PORTLAND (UPI)—George Clark Durham, veteran Portland attorney, died Sunday. He was 88. Durham had lived at Cannon Beach since his retirement 12 years ago.

He spent most of his life in Portland. He was the grandson of Rev. Harve Clark, Forest Grove, a missionary to the Indians and one of the founders of Pacific University. His other grandfather was Albert Alonzo Durham, founder of the community of Oswego.

## 5 saved from burning auto on Tuesday night

By Phil F. Brogan  
Bulletin Staff Writer  
Details of a near Christmas morning tragedy involving five persons trapped under an overturned burning car were revealed in an Oregon State Police report here today.

Members of the Albany patrol in their radioed report said a car operated by Jerry Grover, 23, Bend, skidded on the new Clear Lake cutoff as it approached the Santiam junction, moving north.

The car rolled over on the curve and went into a ditch, trapping all

### Three suffer slight hurts in accidents

Two auto accidents at intersections in Bend Monday resulted in slight injuries to three persons.

Taken to St. Charles Memorial Hospital and later released were Mamie Ellis, 51, of 153 Jefferson Place. She suffered minor abrasions as a passenger in a car driven by Wiley Ellis, 19, same address, which collided with a panel truck at the corner of W. 14th and Galveston. Ellis's car was headed west on Galveston when the small truck lunged out beyond the stop sign at 14th. Truck driver Donald Joseph Rites, 36, of 743 Harmon, told officers he was lighting a cigarette and failed to stop in time.

Anne Moody, 18, and Kathryn Moody, 15, daughters of Dr. E. Albert Moody of 1451 E. 12th, were treated at the Bend Memorial Clinic and then released following their involvement in an accident at 11th and Norton. Anne was the driver of a vehicle which collided with another at the intersection Monday. Other passengers in her car were Marie and Margaret Moody. Doctors said Anne suffered a chin cut and Kathryn a small cut on the leg.

Edward A. Davis, 29, of 1925 W. Second, driver of the second car, was not injured.

### Knippel search is resumed

ALBANY (UPI)—A search was resumed this morning for Herbert Knippel, 40, Lebanon, whose auto was discovered in the South Santiam River near Sweet Home Sunday.

The Linn County Sheriff's office here said the search started Monday and was halted Christmas Day.

Deputies said there were no plans to drag the river "because the river is running so swiftly."

Knippel was last seen Dec. 14. Last Saturday he was reported missing by his wife, and the next day Knippel's auto was found partially submerged in the river.

occupants. Fire then broke out. In the car with Grover were Mrs. Charlene Wales, Redmond; her children, Virginia, 5, and Tony Wales, 2; Donna Schell, 14, Redmond, and Nancy Christensen, 14, Eugene.

About 7:30  
The Santiam accident occurred about 7:30 p.m. Christmas Day.

Directly behind the Redmond-bound car were the Ken Pearcey family of Prineville and the Jim Young family of Redmond. They worked swiftly to remove the trapped passengers as the flames rapidly spread. All were removed without suffering major burns.

The Grover car was completely destroyed.

The five who were trapped in the car were taken to the Redmond hospital. Their condition this morning was reported fair or good.

Mrs. Wales is the wife of the Redmond hospital X-ray technician, Donna Scheel is the daughter of Mrs. Helen M. Scheel, a nurse in the Redmond hospital.

The Santiam accident was one of two serious smashups reported on Central Oregon roads on Christmas Day.

North of Bridge  
The other accident was just north of the Crooked River Bridge, on Highway 97, and it involved a truck operated by Robert Lane Bells, address not listed, with Andrew H. Pryor, of the USS Bennington, Bremerton, Wash., as a passenger, and a car occupied by Gene Yates, 32, Klamath Falls, and his wife, Wanda.

Yates, formerly manager of the Bend-Portland Truck terminal in Redmond and now head of the terminal in Klamath Falls, and Mrs. Yates were brought to the Redmond hospital. They apparently were not seriously hurt.

Neither Bells or Pryor were injured. Details of the two-vehicle accident were not available. The accident occurred about 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

### Russia triggers new detonations

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Soviet Union triggered a "number" of nuclear detonations over the Christmas holidays, the Atomic Energy Commission said today.

The AEC said the devices were fired in the period from Dec. 23-25.

The size of the blasts varied from the low range yield up to a few megatons, the agency said. The largest on Dec. 24 was reported as about 20 megatons, the announcement said.

The tests, conducted at the Russian testing grounds at Novaya Zemlya, followed the AEC's announcement Saturday reporting the 36th announced test in the current Russian series.

### Bend's new ice rink placed in use

Bend's new ice rink was placed in use this morning for the first time, following the Monday night chill of 2 above zero and last night's 18-degree temperature.

The rink, in Juniper Park of east-side Bend, is part of the multi-purpose area constructed by the Rotary Club as a community project. This past season, a concrete slab 85 by 185 feet was constructed, and this forms the base of the big outdoor ice rink.

The rink was placed in use shortly after 8 a.m. today, and scores of youngsters tried out the new ice.

Vince Genna, Bend recreation director, said the rink would have been available on Christmas day if youngsters had remained off the still "green" ice.

Disregarding warnings, some youngsters walked over the still-mushy ice in its formation stage, roughing the surface. Reflooding was necessary.

The rink will continue in use as long as weather conditions permit, Genna said.

### Spud warehouse hit by blaze

SPECIAL TO THE BULLETIN  
PRINEVILLE — Fire of undetermined origin last night partially destroyed a potato warehouse on LaMonta Road.

Firemen were called out at three minutes past midnight and fought the blaze until 4 a.m. A flareup recalled the firemen and it was nearing dawn before the fire was completely extinguished.

The building was owned by R. P. Sinclair and W. A. Martin. Sinclair, manager of the Prineville branch, Pacific Fruit Co., stated that the warehouse was approximately two-thirds full of unsorted potatoes in the bulk. Some potatoes owned by another grower, Dale Craig, were also stored there. The building had a capacity of approximately 1,200 tons of potatoes. The structure was some 50 by 150 feet in size and was located alongside the City of Prineville railway.

Sinclair said this morning that no authorized person was working in the building. He said an investigation will be held as to the cause of the fire.

Loss had not yet been estimated this morning. Both potatoes and building are covered by insurance. The extreme cold hampered the firemen.

### Blaze probed in Portland

PORTLAND (UPI)—Fire investigators today were probing a case in which a quantity of fuel oil was tossed on the exterior of the home of Jehovah's Witnesses.

The blaze was discovered about midnight by a neighbor. Damage was estimated at about \$100.

### Bourguiba says miracle saved him from death

TUNIS (UPI)—Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba, 59, said today an officer in his bodyguard led a plot to assassinate him in bed a few days ago.

"I owe my life to a veritable miracle," he said.

The pro-Western strongman, who has ruled for the past five years, said that while he was "preoccupied with the interests of the people" treason was all around him.

In officially confirming for the first time that a government-disclosed plot against the state involved a plan to kill him, Bourguiba identified the bodyguard involved as Kebab Mehrez.

With knowledge of the password, Mehrez was prepared to lead the assassins to his bedside, the president charged.

Bourguiba addressed the third congress of the Tunisian Women's Union while vacationing in Le Kef.

Bourguiba did not explain how the plot was uncovered or what happened to the plotters.

Informed sources said 30 to 100 persons are under arrest and police are attempting to track down another 30 civilians and military men.

Bourguiba said "I know the Tunisian people are in consternation and moved by the plot that has just been discovered. I cannot fail to mention this now, so as to put minds at ease. The plot was directed at my person. It was discovered and the worst was avoided."

He said Foreign Minister Bahi Ladgham will reveal the main lines of the plot at the appropriate time.

Most of the plotters were believed to be young officers or students who belong to an exiled opposition movement.

LOSES WALLEY  
LOS ANGELES (UPI)—Eugene Moneymaker, 35, hopes today he can live up to his name—and fast.

He lost his wallet the day before Christmas and it contained \$400 earmarked for gifts.

re-enact later today Columbus's landing on this Bahamian island almost five centuries ago.

The vessel, a tiny, round-bottomed square-rigger which is a replica of Columbus's smallest ship, anchored off San Salvador late Tuesday night.

The crew came ashore and was greeted by an impromptu Bahamian celebration, including a brass band and dancing on the beach.

Navigator Robert Marks, the only American aboard, said the ship did not overshoot San Salvador as originally indicated.

He said the 46-foot sailing ship came along the southern tip of the island on Christmas Eve. But because it was after dark the crew planned to dock for the night off the community of Cockburn on the lower west shore.

This was done because landing ceremonies were set for Christmas Day.

But, since the crew was unable to attract attention from shore by waving lights, the vessel was driven west by a strong east wind.

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## Columbus did it better, but Nina II lands safely after 97-day sea trip

SAN SALVADOR, Bahamas (UPI)—The Nina II, replica of the smallest ship used in Christopher Columbus's discovery of the New World 470 years ago, today completed a similar voyage 97 days after sailing from Palos, Spain.

Columbus did it better. His ships, the Nina, Pinta and Santa Maria, reached San Salvador in 70 days, 27 days faster than the Nina II.

Columbus sailed from Palos on Aug. 3, 1492, while the Nina II sailed from the same port last Sept. 19.

The Nina II crossed the Atlantic safely, despite fears it had foundered, become lost in a hurricane or sunk, and the crew planned to

U.S. Navy sent a 26-foot launch to tow in the Nina II.

But the wind continued so strong that the tiny vessel could make no better than two knots even with the tow as it edged along to the opening in the beautiful but treacherous coral reef offshore of the point where Columbus first set foot in the New World.

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