

Top Oregon News Story of '49 AP Says It Was Severe Winter

(By the Associated Press)
One Oregon news story of 1949 had an impact on each of the state's residents. Children liked it. Adults got too much of it. The cost was high. It was the winter: six weeks of cold and snow and winds, compared by many to the severe winter of 1888. There was no single story of high interest, affecting everyone closely, in 1949; no tragedy that stunned the state such as occurred in 1947 with Gov. Earl Snell's plane crash or in 1948 with Vanport flooded from the map.

238 IAC Checks Are 'Unclaimed'

The State Industrial Accident Commission, after a year-end check-up in Salem, reports that it is holding 238 checks amounting to \$6110.67 which have been returned as "unclaimed." The amounts range from \$1.28 to \$421.17 for the individual checks, according to Chairman Paul E. Gurske. Because these checks are awards made to persons injured or partially disabled as the result of industrial accidents, the commission wants to get the payments into the hands of the awardees.

After 7 years, if the money remains unclaimed, it will revert to the general accident fund. Then it may still be reclaimed, but only on proof of the original claim and other complicated procedures.

Anyone, knowing the whereabouts of persons who gave mailing addresses in this area should communicate with the persons named, or should send new addresses to the State Industrial Accident Commission, Salem.

The following are Marion county awardees: Raymond R. Barnes, 5 C. D. McCaskey, Route 4, Box 492, Salem, \$12.50; Anne J. Bentley, Route 1, Box 177, Jefferson, \$1.69; Helen S. Collins, 1820 Cross St., Salem, \$2.83; Bruce W. Challoway, 5 W. D. Galloway, Jr., Salem, \$2.00; Joseph A. Gray, 500 State Agri. Exp. Station, Salem, \$5.89; Don Hibbs, Mill City Hotel, Mill City, \$12.31; Wm. F. Kelly, Route 1, Box 78, Salem, \$25.00; Robin O. Mion, 302 S. High St., Salem, \$4.23; William A. Morrow, Detroit, \$10.71; Clinton W. Peterson, Jefferson, \$10.00; Albert Lee Richardson, Jefferson, \$21.84; Stanley K. Stensley, 325 E. Madrona, Salem, \$64.02; Orville R. Sawyer, Mill City Hotel, Mill City, \$12.23; Francis J. Saxe, Route 2, Salem, \$4.32; Mrs. Alfrida Shevitz, 406 S. 24th St., Salem, \$37.76; Orville M. Strude, Box 354, Mill City, \$47.01.

The legislature — the longest ever — made important news in the laws it passed and those it rejected.

Oregon State college was twice the center of controversial stories — in February when two professors were released on charges that their views were too far left and again in October when Dr. Frank Magruder's civics text was banned in Houston.

Rent decontrol started, with Ashland's ceilings lifted in July and other following.

In sports there was Coach

'Divorcees Anonymous' Seek To Forestall Home Break-Ups

Chicago, Dec. 31 (AP)—A new organization of divorcees, unhappy about the breakup of their own homes, hope to save hundreds of marriages in the coming year, a spokesman said today. The repentant divorcees call themselves "Divorcees Anonymous." The group, which now has more than 100 members in Chicago, has forestalled at least 50 divorcees since it organized a few months ago, Samuel A. Starr said.

Starr, a prominent attorney who helped organize the women and acts as the group's unofficial godfather, said letters have been received from women in dozens of cities who expressed interest in organizing chapters.

"It seems that mostly everyone who gets a divorce is sorry afterward," he said.

The organization had its beginning in Starr's office.

He was talking to a couple trying to reconcile when he got a call from a woman client, a divorcee. He arranged for her to come meet the estranged man and wife.

After the divorcee talked to them, detailing her problems and divorce, the husband and wife left Starr's office hand-in-hand, he said.

"I thought the plan might work for others," Starr said. "People will listen to other people who have their same problems. I can help sometimes, too, but it's not the same as a

Mercy Killing Brings Charge

Manchester, N.H., Dec. 31 (AP)—A prominent physician who in mercy killed a dying cancer patient was released on \$25,000 bail Friday pending grand jury action on a charge of first degree murder.

Dr. Hermann N. Sander, 40, nationally-known physician and skier, spent less than 20 hours in jail following his arrest for shortening the life of his patient, Mrs. Abbie C. Borroto, 59, by hours on Dec. 14.

Sander admitted he injected a fatal charge of air into the veins of Mrs. Borroto at Hillsboro County hospital in Goffstown.

He said it was an act of mercy for a pain-wracked human who had but a few hours to live at best.

Dr. Robert E. Biron, medical referee, said Mrs. Borroto died from the effects of 40 cubic centimeters of air injected into her veins 10 cubic centimeters at a time. He said he "and everyone else" was mystified as to why Dr. Sander carefully noted on his medical report that he had injected air.

Ex-Convict Held On Rape Charge

Boston, Dec. 31 (AP)—An ex-convict was held for questioning today in the raping of a five-year-old girl who also had been beaten and burned with a cigarette.

The ex-convict, identified by police as Adam Trotter, 38, was captured at gunpoint after he leaped 30 feet from the rear window of an East Boston tenement.

The little girl, Carol Gallagher, was found on the steps of the tenement earlier by a passerby attracted by her tears. The house is a mile and a half from the child's west end home.

Trotter was held on suspicion of rape. A woman, found in his apartment, also was held as a suspicious person. The woman denied any knowledge of the attack.

Portland Fireman Indicted for Forgery

Portland, Dec. 31 (AP)—Charges that the City of Portland employees' credit union had bilked of \$25,000 resulted yesterday in a forgery indictment against a 24-year-old fireman.

Wesley J. Myers was accused of forging a bill of sale for an automobile, one of junked vehicles involved in the scheme. Detectives said the cars were represented as being valuable, and loans on them were obtained from the credit union.

Portland Business Booms

Portland, Dec. 31 (AP)—Business hit a high level in Portland this month, bank clearings and business permit totals disclosed today.

Building permits were nearly up to \$3,500,000 compared with \$1,883,365 last December. Bank clearings were around \$645,000,000, the largest month of the year, although below last December.



Doctor Released—Dr. Hermann N. Sander, 40, was released in \$25,000 bail on a first degree murder charge resulting from the death of Mrs. Abbie C. Borroto, 59, a cancer patient of his. (AP Wirephoto)

Portland Man Spent \$2000 to Find Bride Who Wasn't There

Portland, Dec. 31 (AP)—Fred Stoecker, Jr., spent \$2000 to find his bride. The trouble is, he didn't find her. Stoecker told a reporter here that he read in a magazine "about how easy it is for an American to marry beautiful blonde German girls. All he has to do, the magazine said, was to go to Germany and look around."

So Stoecker left the Alaskan construction camp where he had been working, and went to Germany.

"I announce to everybody I can find to talk to, that I want a wife. I even run an ad in the paper. The magazine was right—practically every woman I talked to wanted to marry me and come back to the United States."

"That is, all but the one I wanted. She sure is a pretty thing. Twenty-one years old and just the right height and just the right weight. Everything was right, except she wouldn't come back with me."

"She asked me if I would want her to stay home and keep house and have kids. I told her all those things were on the agenda. She thanked me kindly and told me I was a nice fellow, but she would rather stay in Germany and work for the telephone company," Stoecker said.

He estimated the trip cost \$2000. What's more, he didn't find the right girl despite a cross-country search once he got back to this country.

"I'm not too picky," he added. "I want somebody between 5 feet 4 inches and 5 feet 11 inches tall, and not fat. She wouldn't have to be too pretty, but of

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Wet New Year's Eve Predicted

(By the Associated Press)
It looks like a wet New Year's eve for many parts of the country but no severe cold weather was expected to put a chill on holiday celebrations.

Areas east of the Mississippi river appeared in line of precipitation. Rain fell today in a belt extending from Wisconsin southwestward to eastern Iowa and northwestern Illinois, through Missouri and eastern Kansas into parts of Oklahoma and Texas. Rain was in prospect by tonight over most of the north central states. Rain or snow was forecast over the week-end from New England west to the Dakotas.

There also were showers in parts of Washington and Oregon but skies were clear over most of California.

Temperatures were mild over the southern states, the middle Mississippi valley and Great Lakes region and a few degrees below normal in the north Atlantic states. But the northern plains had the coldest weather. The mercury registered 16 degrees below zero at Havre, Mont., today and it was -7 at Minot, N. D. The coldest weather in the eastern section was in northern

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New England but no sub-zero marks were reported. Florida had summery weather with Miami reporting an early morning reading of 73. Continued warm and sunny weather was forecast.

Buenos Aires Train Wreck Kills Eight

Buenos Aires, Dec. 31 (AP)—A holiday passenger train plunged through a bridge into a dry river bed yesterday, killing at least eight persons and injuring more than 70 others.

The bridge, an old wooden structure apparently weakened by recent rains, collapsed under the weight of the train, bound from Buenos Aires to the interior province of Entre Rios. Four coaches and the diner plunged 12 feet into the dry river bed at Pilar, 35 miles from here. Seven other cars were derailed. The cars piled up in the river bed, making rescue work difficult. Three bodies were moved and identified. Five others were seen within the wreck. Railway officials said the casualty toll may go higher.

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