



Kiddies Take Over—Five children, all polio victims, stand close to President Truman—two of them on his desk—in a photo arranged by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis to publicize its 1950 March of Dimes campaign for funds. Left to right, front: Wanda Wiley, 8, of Austin, Tex.; Nancy Drury, 7, of Louisville, Ky.; Donald Anderson, 9, of Warm Springs, Ore. Back: Linda Brown, 5, of San Antonio, Tex.; Mr. Truman, and Terry Tullios, 5, of Laurel, Miss. Wanda is the foundation's 1950 "poster girl." Others have appeared on posters of past four years. (AP Wirephoto)

### Post Office Janitor Caught Robbing Mail; Inspector Shot

Robinson, Ill., Jan. 17 (AP)—A post office janitor caught red-handed while ransacking the mail, shot and seriously wounded a postal inspector Sunday night, severely beat another and then keeled over dead from an apparent heart attack.

The janitor, Harry Taylor, 55, described by postal authorities as a "quiet sort of man," fired five bullets into Inspector James Thompson, 55, and beat Inspector J. J. Shear, 34, on the head with the pistol butt.

From his bed, Shear told postal authorities that he and Thompson caught the janitor robbing the mails shortly before midnight.

Shear said he and Thompson had been investigating thefts at the post office for four or five months. Sunday night, he said, they "planted" a test letter and concealed themselves in the office until they saw Taylor take it.

The two inspectors, accompanied by Assistant Postmaster Roscoe Keenan, confronted Taylor and accused him of the theft. Authorities said the janitor at first denied it, then asked permission to get a drink of water.

Instead, they said, he reached under the stamp counter and seized a .45 caliber government pistol. The two postal inspectors were unarmed.

Taylor apparently emptied the gun at Thompson and Keenan and began clubbing Shear with the butt. Authorities said that Shear was beaten so severely that the wooden butt plate of the gun was smashed.

Keenan fled from the building, and while Shear was unconscious, Taylor got another gun from the money order department. When Shear regained consciousness, the janitor tried to shoot him, but the gun misfired.

Shear and Taylor grappled, and suddenly the janitor went limp. He was dead when Keenan returned with Sheriff C. T. West and local police.

Shear, reported in serious condition, lapsed into unconsciousness at the hospital but recovered and told authorities he had wrested the second gun from the janitor and had struck him when Taylor suddenly went limp.

Sheriff's deputies said the post office bore signs of a terrific battle. Blood was spattered on the floor, around the mail sorting cage and on mail bags.

Amity Schools Closed—Amity schools were closed Monday and may continue to be closed for a day or two because of bad driving conditions due to deep snow on side roads. The snow fall here early Sunday morning was the largest amount that has fallen in one night since the storm started.

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### Six-Day Gas Well Fire Dies

Elk City, Okla., Jan. 17 (AP)—A stubborn gas well fire, flaming for six days despite the efforts of professional firefighters, went out of its own accord Monday.

The blaze at Shell Oil Co.'s Reynolds-Hubbard No. 1 well in the rich Elk City oil field, died only a few hours before a crew of oil well fire fighters was scheduled for the second time to blast it out of existence.

There was no official explanation immediately for the self-extinguishing of the fire.

The flames, which had shot 200 feet in the air for nearly a week, began to die down during the night. Early in the morning they dwindled to 50 feet, and finally disappeared altogether.

The fire-fighters, who made an unsuccessful attempt to snuff out the sky-searing blaze, held off their preparations for a second nitroglycerin blast as they watched the flames edge closer to earth.

M. M. Kinley, head of the internationally known crew of oil well fire fighters, had said high pressure water lines would be pushed into the heart of the fire before detonating the nitro charge.

The fire, five miles southeast of here, started when the well blew out and a friction spark ignited the 40,000,000 cubic feet of natural gas which flows daily.

### Stroble Killing 'Unthinking'

Los Angeles, Jan. 17 (AP)—A psychiatrist testified Monday that Fred Stroble was in an unthinking panic when he killed six-year-old Linda Joyce Glucoft.

Dr. Victor Parkin testified at the 67-year-old grandfather's murder trial that Stroble was thinking deliberately when he lured the girl into a bedroom.

But Parkin said Stroble was panicked when she screamed, lost the power of deliberation and murdered her without premeditation.

Dr. Edwin McNeil, a prosecution witness, testified under defense cross-examination that Stroble was capable of both intent and deliberation when he killed the child.

Parkin was the final defense witness. Prosecutors Adolph Alexander and Fred Henderson said they will demand the gas chamber for Stroble, 67, accused of choking, hacking, beating and stabbing the tiny girl to death when she resisted his drunken advances.

The case was expected to go to the jury of 10 women and two men some time this week.

### Hatfield to Speak Instead Portlander

Silverton—The speaker, E. B. McNaughton, previously announced for the Thursday 7 o'clock Junior Chamber of Commerce dinner at St. Paul's Catholic school, finds it impossible to make the trip.

Ronald Wood, chairman of the affair when the junior first citizen will be announced, stated that Mark Hatfield of the Willamette university faculty will be the featured speaker and will discuss the topic: "The Hoover Report."

Ted Lovelace of Albany, Junior Chamber of Commerce district vice president, will present the first-citizen award to the honor guest.

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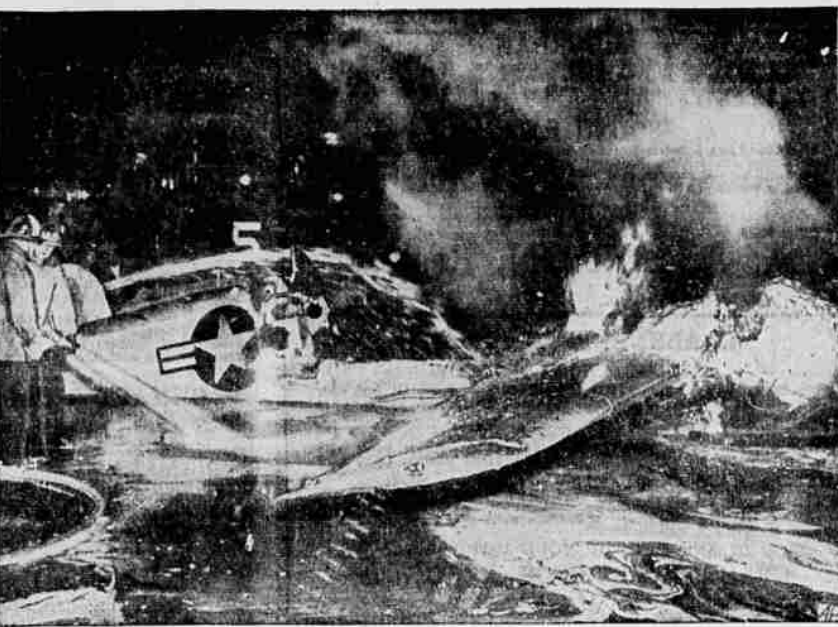
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Trainer Crashes in Street—Flame still twirls from this Air Force training plane which crashed and burned in a Long Beach, Calif., street, killing the pilot and one other crew member. Three were injured. The plane clipped a house top, then hit two automobiles as it crashed on the street. One of the cars is at extreme right. (AP Wirephoto)

### Everybody Talks About Public Debt But Few Understand It

By JAMES MARLOW

Washington, Jan. 17 (AP)—Everybody talks about the public debt. But what is it and how did it get that way? The debt is money owed by the government which borrowed it to meet expenses.

When for any reason its income—mainly from taxes—is less than its expenses, the government borrows to pay the bills. It borrows by selling bonds or other securities to individuals, banks, insurance companies, corporations.

It pays interest on almost every penny borrowed. The debt now is around \$257 billion, the interest is around \$5 billion a year.

Depending on the deal made when the money is borrowed, the government must pay it all back sometime, from 90 days to 30 years.

This public debt started in 1790, just after the government began. Until recent years it was never much. For example: By 1917, just before World War I, the debt was not much more than one billion dollars. By Aug. 1919 it had jumped to \$26 billion.

That's because the government had to borrow to pay for the shooting World War I.

Between 1919 and 1930 government income was bigger than its expenses. It used the difference to pay off some of the debt. So the debt, which was \$26 billion in 1919, was down to \$16 billion in 1930.

Then came the depression. The government's income dropped because millions of people's taxable income dropped.

Nevertheless, to get the wheels going, to create jobs, such as through WPA, the government spent billions beyond its income.

That meant borrowing billions. The debt, down to \$16 billion in 1930, rose to \$48 billion by June 1940, when the defense program started and the government poured out more borrowed billions.

By Dec. 7, 1941—after a year of defense spending and just as we entered World War II—the debt was up to \$61 billion.

To pay for World War II, the government had to borrow as it never did before. By Feb. 1946 the debt reached a peak of \$279 billion.

In the years after 1946, when government income was greater than expenses, the government paid off some of the debt. As noted, it's down to around \$257 billion now. But—

This year and next together, the government figures, its expenses will be \$10 billion greater than its income.

To make up the difference, the government will have to borrow 10 billion, increasing the public debt by that much more.

The government does its borrowing this way:

1. Treasury bills. This is when the government needs money in a hurry. The money borrowed on these bills must be paid back in 90 days. Interest rate: about one per cent.

2. Certificates of indebtedness. This must be repaid in a year. Interest: about 1 1/2 per cent.

3. Treasury notes. This money must be paid off in one to five years. Interest: about 1 3/4 per cent.

4. Long-term bonds. Payable in 25 to 30 years. Interest: about 2.3 per cent.

5. Unmarketable securities. Savings or war bonds. Repayable in 10 years or some other fixed date. Interest: about 2.58 per cent.

(No. 5, once bought, can't be resold by you to anyone. Nos. 1 to 4 can be resold.)

6. Special issues. The government borrows from various government trust funds, such as social security in which money has been collected by special taxes to pay old-age pensions and so on. The government pays such funds interest of 1 1/4 to 4 per cent.

7. Miscellaneous items. Under this the government borrows in various ways. For instance, it can borrow from the international bank and monetary fund. It pays no interest on this.

Why doesn't the government do its borrowing on one way only, say by selling only 25-year bonds?

Because treasury experts think it's better to have several kinds of debt, payable at different times. The government would be in a fix if all its debts came due on one day.

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### New Silo on Kleman Farm

A silo for farms with four to six cows has just been put into use by Max Kleman and his sons in the Keizer district north of Salem.

The Kleman family is handy with tools and build most of their equipment and buildings themselves. The proof of the family's skill is well demonstrated in the newly built silo.

The structure is seven feet in diameter and 23 feet tall. Staves are one by four flooring. The hoops which hold the structure were prefabricated by use of a pattern and a hand saw. Scrap pieces of pine lumber made the 12 hands. Kleman took no chances on the strength of the wooden bands and added a 1/2 x 2-inch strap iron band just under the first six bands from the ground up. These steel bands gave adequate strength for grass and legume silage.

The bill of materials for Kleman's 7x23 silo read something like this: 700 feet of flooring for staves, 700 feet of scrap pine for prefabricated bands, galvanized eight-penny box nails, three-ply plywood for door, steel for reinforcing bands and a yard and a half of concrete for the base.

Total cost for materials was about \$125. The silo will store over 30 tons of corn or grass silage.

#### Installation Ceremonies

Amity—Installation ceremonies scheduled for Amity lodge No. 67 and Industry Rebekah lodge, Tuesday evening by an installing staff from Dayton, has been cancelled until weather conditions improve. The ceremony scheduled for Dayton last Friday night, by the Amity staff was also called off due to the storm.

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### Johnson Editorial Quoted By Army Navy Journal

The Army Navy Journal in its feature column, "The Editors View the News," has again quoted from a Capital Journal editorial.

The quotation found in the December 7, 1949, issue of the services' national magazine concerns policies of Secretary of Defense Johnson and is from an editorial "Johnson Boasts of Defense Cut" in the December 12 issue of the Capital Journal.

Opening with the statement that Secretary of Defense Johnson is talking more and more like a presidential hopeful, the editorial in its second paragraph notes that at the National Association of Manufacturers convention Johnson pointed out that he and President Truman were deserving of support for the administration's financial policies.

As it continues the editorial told of Johnson's cut in expenditures as told to the convention and then points to the fact that Russia's increased military strength serves to weaken that of the United States.

The quotations in "The Editors View the News" are taken from paragraphs six and eight of the Capital Journal and the sections as quoted read:

"Salem, Oregon, Journal—Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson can take a bow for his proposed economies providing these economies have not weakened the nation's defenses. . . . Johnson could be more effective

and helpful to the people if he would keep the nation more informed of the nation's defense system instead of boasting of his cuts in expenditures."

Other papers quoted in the column were the Kansas City Star, Port Huron, Mich., Times-Herald, Cleveland News, Raleigh, N.C., News and Observer, Omaha World-Herald, and Cincinnati Enquirer.

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### La Grande Armory To Be Dedicated Feb. 4

La Grande, Ore., Jan. 17 (AP)—La Grande's new armory will be dedicated Feb. 4, the committee in charge announced today. Included on the program are talks by Maj. Gen. Thomas E. Rilea, adjutant general of Oregon, and Brig. Gen. Harold Malmson, superintendent of the Oregon state police.

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