

THE WEATHER

MOSTLY CLOUDY with showers tonight and Tuesday; some snow mixed with showers tonight. Low tonight, 22; high Tuesday, 28.

Lebanon Man Held as Slayer Of Stepmother

First Degree Murder Charge Filed Against Reppeto; Woman Beaten To Death With Stove Wood

By VICTOR B. FRYER
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The brutal murder of a 72-year-old Lebanon woman brought the arrest of her 21-year-old stepson at the county jail here Monday. Mrs. Mary Hattie Reppeto died in an ambulance en route to Portland about two hours after she was beaten savagely about the head with a piece of stove wood Saturday afternoon.

Killing Denied
Charged with first degree murder is Thomas Richard Reppeto, who lived in the neat white frame house with his father and stepmother just outside the northeast city limits of Lebanon, Linn county District Attorney Courtney Johnson said evidence justified the filing of the first degree murder charge even though the youth denies knowing anything of the death.

Hatfield Takes Office as 16th Sec. of State

Assistants on Hand for Swear-in Ceremony At Capitol

State Senator Mark Hatfield became Oregon's 16th secretary of state Monday when he took his oath of office administered by Supreme Court Justice William McAllister. Immediately following the simple ceremony, a reception in the secretary of state's office was held at which state officials and personal friends of the new secretary offered congratulations and good wishes.

Staff Members Present
Members of Hatfield's staff were also present at the reception. They include Warner Nunn, who resigned as director of motor vehicles to become assistant secretary of state; Travis Cross, who has taken a year's leave from the chancellor of higher education's office to become an assistant to Hatfield; Miss Leolyn Barnett and Mrs. Lawrence Siegmond, office secretaries.

Miss Barnett served as assistant to the late Earl Snell, when he was secretary of state and moved "upstairs" when Snell became governor. She has served under five governors, Snell, John H. Hall, Douglas McKay, Paul L. Patterson and Elmo Smith.

Senate Secretary on Staff
Mrs. Siegmond served as secretary of Hatfield in two sessions of the state senate. Nunn in his letter of resignation to Gov-elect Robert D. Holmes, said he would be willing to remain in that position after Jan. 14 to assure an orderly transition of the office to the new director if Holmes so desired. Holmes is expected to name a successor to Nunn shortly after he assumes office.

Ore. Senators Offer Harbor Millions Bills

WASHINGTON (UP)—A multi-million dollar harbor development program for Yaquina Bay and Siuslaw Harbor on the Oregon coast was proposed today in legislation introduced in the Senate by Oregon Senators Wayne Morse and Richard L. Neuberger.

The harbor project proposals, both with modifications approved by the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors, were contained in separate bills. The Yaquina Bay development would authorize construction of the \$19,000,000 channel improvement in the Toledo - Newport area. The Siuslaw Harbor project calls for authorization of \$1,600,000 of bar and channel deepening work in the Florence vicinity.

The plan proposed for Yaquina calls for extension of jetties, deepening the entrance channel across the bar from 25 to 40 feet, the inside channel from 20 to 30 feet, and deepening and enlarging the turning basin. Recommended improvements for the Siuslaw harbor include deepening the channel entrance to 18 feet and the inside channel to 16 feet, and improvement of turning basin areas.

Weather Details

Maximum yesterday 43; minimum 23. Total 4-hour precipitation .05; for month .24; normal 1.12. Season precipitation 11.84; normal 18.28. River height, 1 of a foot, report by U. S. Weather Bureau.

Charged With Murder



ALBANY (Special) — Tommy Reppeto, 21, is shown with Sheriff George Miller in background, en route to courtroom of District Judge Wendell Tompkins Monday for arraignment on a charge of murder in the fatal beating of his stepmother, Mrs. Mary Hattie Reppeto, at Lebanon Saturday. The arraignment was continued until 1:30 p.m., Tuesday. (Capital Journal Photo by Mike Forbes)



Mrs. Mary Hattie Reppeto, 72, was bludgeoned to death Saturday at her Lebanon home. Her stepson is charged with the murder.

Bandits Grab \$35,000 From Florida Club

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP)—Two hooded gunmen held up the Cotton Club, prominent Miami Beach night spot, Monday and escaped with \$35,000 in cash. They left the owner and manager bound with cords from a venetian blind.

George Weinger, 43, owner of the club, and Jerry Hirsch, 46, the manager, unfied themselves a few minutes after the robbers left and called police.

Weinger told officers he and Hirsch went to a nearby restaurant for coffee after closing the club at 5 a.m. When they returned, the robbers were inside. "I felt a big gun at my head and a voice said, 'Don't move,'" Weinger related. Hirsch said the other robber jammed a pistol into his side.

Weinger was forced to open the safe. It contained about \$35,000, he said.

Ed Armstrong To Join Bank

Edwin H. Armstrong, executive assistant to three Oregon governors, will join the Salem branch of First National Bank of Portland on Jan. 21.

C. B. Stevenson, president of the statewide banking institution, said that Armstrong would serve as business development representative for the bank. A graduate of the University of Chicago, Armstrong served as director of development at Williams University between 1949 and 1951.

In January, 1952 he succeeded Thomas Lawson McColl as executive assistant to Governor Douglas McKay. He continued under Governors Paul Patterson and Elmo Smith with administrative responsibilities for liaison between all state departments and the governor.

In Bank Post



Edwin H. Armstrong, administrative assistant to Governors Douglas McKay, Paul Patterson and Elmo Smith, has been named as business development representative of First National Bank of Portland for the Marion county area.

Heltzel to Exit From PUC Post

Resignation Letter Sent Holmes by Commissioner.

By JAMES D. OLSON
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Public Utility Commissioner Charles H. Heltzel Monday sent a letter of resignation from his \$11,500 post to Governor-elect Robert D. Holmes, effective upon the latter's inauguration as chief executive Jan. 14.

Heltzel is the second top flight Republican officer to resign, the first being Warner Nunn, director of motor vehicles, who announced his resignation several weeks ago to accept the post of assistant secretary of state under Secretary of State Mark Hatfield.

In his letter Heltzel said that he felt Holmes and the public were entitled to know his plans "particularly so that you as governor-elect may arrange your administrative program for the orderly transfer of responsibilities."

Returning to Law Practice
Heltzel said it has been his desire and intention for some time to return to his law practice in Salem with his brother, John A. Heltzel.

He also told Holmes that he had disposed of all pending matters wherever it was possible to do so.

Heltzel was appointed to the office by former Governor Douglas McKay on December 10, 1951 to succeed George Flagg, who became manager of the Oregon Truckers association. He continued to serve under the late Paul L. Patterson and Elmo Smith.

He has served as chairman of the Oregon commission on interstate cooperation and on the Governor's Oregon Traffic Safety commission.

Heltzel's planned departure from his present post also carries with it resignation as vice president of the National Association of Railroad and Utility Commissioners, his position on the executive committee of that association, as chairman of its corporate finance committee and as a member of its special committee to study railroad car shortages.

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Mid-East Plan Will Add To Tension, But Prevent World War, Says Dulles

Grass for Greece Project Completed



Worn-out farmland in Greece will be benefited next year from 100 pounds of alta fescue grass seed being sent by the North Salem Kiwanis club. Here Ted Hobart (left), chairman of the club's agriculture committee, and Fred Montgomery, club president, load the five-pound bags of blue tag seed for shipping. The club's donation was the result of a talk given by Arthur King, OSC conservation specialist, about farm conditions he observed during two years in Europe and Africa. (Capital Journal Photo)

Approval Seen Despite Hot Criticism

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of State Dulles testified Monday before a prepared statement and then submitted to questions from committee members.

The secretary appealed for congressional approval of "a rounded program of economic and military assistance" including advance authority for the President to use U. S. military forces against any "overt armed aggression" spawned by communism in the Middle East.

First of Many Witnesses

He was the first of a parade of administration witnesses called to detail the proposal which President Eisenhower presented at a special joint session of Congress Saturday.

In an exchange with Chairman Gordon (D-Ill.), Dulles said the Soviet Union is seeking to make "an area of turbulence" out of the Middle East, and he added: "I think, Mr. Chairman, we must recognize that this action may temporarily at least increase tensions with the Soviet Union."

But he said the purpose of the President's proposal is "to stop World War III before it starts." Referring to the proposal's light-if-we-must-provide, Dulles said he has no doubt what Congress would do "if international communism set out on a piecemeal conquest of the world by war."

May Be Doubt in Russia

"But until the Congress has actually spoken," he said, "there is doubt in the Middle East and there may be doubt in the Soviet Union."

In the Senate, Republican leader Knowland of California said that despite sharp criticism of the President's proposal he is confident Congress will approve "a statement of policy making it clear the country will not permit aggression in the Middle East."

Dulles noted that in the Middle East "there is suspicion against any outside force lest it be a device to re-impose colonialism."

This and the other discords and difficulties in the area make it hard for the United States "to help in one direction without creating suspicion in another," he said.

To Make Policy Clear

But, he added, the administration plan would "first of all make unmistakably clear that it is the policy of the United States, declared by the Congress, and the President, to cooperate with the nations of the Middle East to maintain their independence."

He noted that the United States would commit its troops only on the invitation of a nation under attack. And he emphasized that any U. S. use of force would be consonant with the actions and recommendations of the United Nations.

Dulles Told the Committee

Dulles told the committee the geographical area to be served by the Eisenhower plan had been deliberately kept vague in public discussion of it. He said he would be happy to tell committee members on confidence what countries

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Soil Bank Not Fairly Tested, Benson's View

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Benson told Congress Monday the soil bank program should be used to cut crop surpluses and conserve soil resources—not "for drought relief, flood relief or credit needs."

In testimony prepared for a public hearing of the House Agriculture Committee, Benson said he intends to administer the \$1,200,000,000-a-year program so it fulfills its prime aims.

The committee called Benson some members—some of whom have been critical of the way the program was operated last year—might question him.

Benson said last year's operations did not provide a fair test for the program because the legislation was "long delayed" in Congress and the program was not made available to farmers until fully three weeks after the normal ending of cotton, peanut and tobacco planting seasons and well into the corn planting season.

Anticipating committee questions, Benson said it has been stated the program helps only large farms since the small ones cannot afford to give up production on any of their limited acres.

"The truth is that the acreage reserve program helps all farms, large and small, those that come into the program and those which stay out," he said. "The better balance of supplies and markets which results from the program will strengthen prices and be helpful to all of agriculture."

German Reds, Russ Ink Pact On Troop Stay

BERLIN (AP)—Leaders of East Germany and the Soviet Union in Moscow Monday ignored an agreement setting up regulations for Russian troops stationed in East Germany, the East German Radio announced.

The broadcast said the Soviet Union reached an agreement on economic aid for its East German satellite west, and declared removal of West Germany from NATO was a pre-condition for German unification.

The broadcast gave no details of the military agreement, but said it emphasizes that Russian troops are stationed "temporarily" in East Germany. About 400,000 Soviet troops are in the Communist zone.

Earlier, the official East German news agency said the agreement would provide that Russian troops will not interfere with East German internal affairs.

12 Remain on Hunger Strike

Twelve inmates of the segregation section of the state penitentiary were still on a hunger strike Monday, although Prison Warden Clarence Gladden said they "appeared to be in a more conciliatory mood."

The hunger strikers numbered 20 when they started refusing to accept prison food on Dec. 31. Three of the strikers began eating Thursday and another yielded Saturday and four more on Sunday.

Warden Gladden said one convict quit the strike Thursday "but went back to striking again after he had downed a couple of meals."

Gladden also said that nine of the remaining strikers are in isolation cells for making disturbances. The four who gave up Sunday are also in the isolation section.

Some are of the opinion that the rebels hope to continue the strike up to next Monday when the legislature opens, thus drawing to the attention of the new administration.

Grand Jury to Probe Marie's Kidnap Story

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Dist. Atty. William B. McKesson said Monday the county grand jury will investigate the Marie McDonald disappearance case.

He said the beautiful blond actress' story of kidnaping will be presented to the grand jury. The jury, then, will decide whether it should take any action.

The district attorney's announcement came as top police investigators went into a huddle in an attempt to unravel the mystery.

Los Angeles Chief of Police William H. Parker called Chief of Detectives Thad Brown and others into conference to coordinate their investigation of the actress' story

Blue Book Out

A 1957-58 Oregon Blue Book came off the press Monday and will be ready for distribution Tuesday, Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry said, just before relinquishing his office to State Senator Mark Hatfield Monday.

The new blue book contains 302 pages as compared with 372 pages in the 1956 book. A number of tables, including election statistics have been omitted from the new issue.

The cover is in blue and white showing an early morning panorama of Mt. Hood.

THE FBI STORY—CHAPTER 1

\$200,000 Paid Urschel Kidnapers

(Editor's note: Everyone knows the FBI, but surprisingly few people know how it operates, guarding national security, tracking down criminals, protecting civil rights. For the first time the story is told in all its detail by Don Whithead in his new book, "The FBI Story" (Random House). The Capital Journal begins today a 20-part serialization of highlights from this outstanding book.) Copyright 1957 by Don Whithead

Shortly after midnight on July 23, 1933, a light flashed on the FBI's switchboard, signaling a call on the special kidnap line—National 8-7117—set up as a part of an intensive effort to cut down the alarming increase in kidnappings for ransom.

The operator quickly switched the call to the home of Director J. Edgar Hoover.

Mrs. Charles F. Urschel of Oklahoma City called to him the story that her husband, a wealthy oil man, and a friend, Walter R. Jarrett, had been kidnaped only a few minutes earlier.

She told Hoover that she and her husband were playing bridge with Mr. and Mrs. Jarrett on the Urschels' screened porch when two men, armed with a machine gun and a pistol, opened the door and stepped onto the porch.

"Which one of you is Mr. Urschel?" one of the men asked. When neither Urschel nor Jarrett replied, the kidnaper said, "Well, we'll take both of them."

Hoover immediately telephoned the Oklahoma City FBI office and ordered agents to the Urschel home. He told his men to be sure the Oklahoma City police were alerted. Within an hour FBI special agents were converging on Oklahoma City from other points.

Let Family Decide
They were under orders to cooperate with the family, and to do nothing that would jeopardize the



George (Machine Gun) Kelly, flanked by police in kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel. Kelly, with a G-man and a submachine gun at his hip, "Don't Shoot, G-Men!" gave FBI agents ready, heads for plane in Memphis after his arrest a name that quickly caught the public fancy.

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