

The Weather
Forecast—Occasional rain tonight and Thursday.
Highest yesterday 40
Lowest this morning 40
Precipitation at 5 a. m. .09

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago
Maximum 58
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Today

By Arthur Brisbane

489,600 Minutes.
Man's Concept of God.
Giving Two Billions.
Fewer Bosses, What of It?

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Another year comes along, mark off one bead on the string of life. Another year, and the problem is to make it useful, to yourself, by making it useful to others. There are many seconds in 365 days. And in one second of thinking an idea may come to change life and make it worth while.

It took Newton less than a second to do his thinking as the apple fell. It took Papius less than a second to think that the power lifting the lid of the boiling kettle might be put to work.

Eight thousand one hundred and sixty-one hours, 489,600 minutes. There is a great deal of time in one year.

The majority of us will let the year go by as others have gone, eating, drinking, growing older, regretting and not doing anything else. That's the sad thought.

A few will make the year worth while in science, industry, every branch of human efforts. That is a cheerful thought.

Back of everything, "in the shadow," stands the power that winds us up, keeps us going, forces progress and civilization upon us in spite of ourselves.

Many clergymen denounce the statement by a scientist that "men need a new concept of God."

As a matter of fact, men adopt and formulate new concepts of God every little while.

The God of the Old Testament is one kind of God, vengeful, fond of burnt offerings, ordering a father to kill his child, visiting the sins of the fathers upon the children.

The God of the New Testament is all kindness and mercy, sending His only son to be sacrificed and endure torture for those that did not deserve it.

Of a God able to manage this collection of universes, separated from each other by 1,000,000 light years, no human mind could form any conception whatever, except a trivial one. The old Greek expressed it well: "If the camels had a god, their god would have had four legs and a hump."

Men create their idea of God more or less in their own image and invent a heaven reflecting their own particular taste.

Mohammed's heaven kept out wives and supplied charming young ladies made of solid musk, with wine unlimited that did not intoxicate.

The Indian had plenty of hison, deer and bear in his heaven and horses and dogs to hunt them.

The other thing is to respect the other man's concept of God, whether it be a Hindu god with many arms and legs, or your own "concept."

More important than any quarrel about religion, which is always foolish, is the fact that Henry Ford is employing 30,000 men in his River Rouge plant, bringing his working army up to 50,000. With a payroll of more than \$1,000,000 a day, all spent in and around Detroit, no wonder that city is prosperous.

This country earns every year about twenty billion dollars more than it needs to live on. The prosperous last year gave more than two billions, about \$2,300,000,000, to various philanthropies.

The biggest gift of the year was

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NEW JUDGE IN TRIAL OF NORTHCOTT

Mother Sends Telegram Shouldering All Blame As Trial of 'Ape Boy' Starts—Judge Disqualified On Prejudice Charge—Judge Freeman to Handle Case

SAN QUENTIN PRISON, Cal., Jan. 2.—(AP)—A telegram in which Mrs. Sarah Louisa Northcott confessed "all the crimes" with which her son, Gordon Northcott, was charged, was sent by her today to the son's attorney, Norbert Savay. The telegram was addressed to Los Angeles and read: "I confess all the crimes with which my son is charged. Signed Louisa Northcott."

Mrs. Northcott entered the prison yesterday under sentence of life for the confessed murder of young Walter Collins at the Wineville chicken ranch of her son.

COURTROOM, RIVERSIDE, Cal., Jan. 2.—(AP)—Superior Judge O. K. Morton, today disqualified himself to try Gordon Stewart Northcott for the murder of Lewis and Nelson Winslow and an unidentified Mexican lad at his Wineville "chicken farm." Judge Morton requested Judge George K. Freeman, who has been on the Riverside bench for eight years to take over the case. Both prosecution and defense acquiesced in the naming of Judge Freeman.

Affidavit Presented. Judge Morton's disqualification of himself was based on an affidavit signed by Northcott and presented to the court in a motion by his attorney, Norbert Savay, charging prejudice.

The affidavit cited that in June, 1927, Northcott and Leonard Difani, at that time a law partner of Morton, were involved in a minor traffic accident. During argument in the Difani-Morton law offices over damages, Northcott charged that Morton used "harsh language" to him and attempted to "kick him out."

The motion presented by Savay also cited the sentencing of Mrs. Sarah Louisa Northcott last Monday to life imprisonment for the murder of Walter Collins. Savay complained that Mrs. Northcott had not been represented in court by her counsel when she pleaded guilty and that she had not been allowed five days grace between her plea and sentence. When she entered her plea Mrs. Northcott waived delay in the passage of sentence.

Mrs. Northcott had been indicted jointly with her son for the Collins murder and was scheduled for trial January 19.

HEARST TO GIVE PRIZE FOR NEW AMENDMENT PLAN

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—(AP) W. R. Hearst through his newspapers today offered a prize of \$25,000 for the best plan to repeal the Eighteenth Amendment and substitute "a more liberal and more American measure."

Mr. Hearst's offer was contained in a telegram to Edwin J. Clapp, and published in his papers. Clapp, formerly with the Hearst papers, is now connected with Durant Motors. W. C. Durant recently offered a \$25,000 prize for the best plan to enforce prohibition. The prize was won by Major Chester P. Mills.

Mr. Hearst's telegram was in answer to one from Mr. Clapp requesting the publisher's views on "Education vs. force in getting the Eighteenth Amendment obeyed" and also asking for a talk about "this problem of law observance as a necessary part of the return of the country to being law-abiding."

In his telegram, Mr. Hearst said he does not believe that prohibition ever will be or ever can be enforced.

Kerosene Kindling.
YOUNGSTOWN, O., Jan. 2.—(AP) Charles Cecil, two-year-old son of Laverne McFall, was burned to death and the father suffered severe burns when the McFall home was destroyed by fire started by an oil explosion last night. The explosion resulted when McFall poured kerosene on the coals in a stove.

Price Fixing Invalid.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—(AP)—The Tennessee law fixing the wholesale and retail prices on gasoline was declared invalid and unconstitutional today by the supreme court.

HOST AND HOSTESS WELCOME COOLIDGES TO GEORGIA



President and Mrs. Coolidge were welcomed to Georgia for their Sapelo Island vacation by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Coffin, of Detroit, and Brunswick, Ga., their host and hostess.

COUNTY'S ROAD LOWDEN URGES FORD BESIEGED PROBLEMS GET FARMERS WAIT BY 32,000 IN DAY IN COURT EXTRA SESSION

Protests Outnumber Petitioners in Dead Indian Project—May Exercise Eminent Domain Right in Road to Hobart Lake.

The county court spent the morning session wrestling with road problems, the petitions for, and the remonstrances against. The hearing for the construction of a road from a point on the Dead Indian road near the Emigrant creek bridge to the Ashland-Klamath highway, was ordered held in abeyance, though the court decided that inasmuch as the protesters outnumbered the petitioners 44 to 25, the majority would rule. Judge Sparrow promised that "the court would hold a picnic as soon as the weather cleared up and look over the country." He urged that both sides try and effect a compromise.

A representative of the Lathia Springs company argued against the construction of the road, and held that the company should have the chief voice in determining where the road should go. Judge Sparrow held the "idea was to build the road where it would suit the most people."

Fred C. Homex told the county court that the road "would be a tremendous advantage" to the farmers and stockmen, and would aid in settling the country. He said that the road would enable stockmen to drive their cows to market without using the main highways, "where they get hit by autos and sustain broken legs."

Other residents protested that the proposed road would "cut thru their best farm land."

It was charged that V. O. Vroman of Gold Hill had signed the petition against the road, and the court was asked if a resident of another road had the right to do this. The court then announced that it would check over the names carefully to determine if all the signers were within their rights.

Road to Lake
Attorney Don R. Newbury appeared in behalf of protesters against the construction of a road from the junction of the Green Springs-Hiatt Prairie road to Hobart Lake. Judge Sparrow ruled that inasmuch as the petitioners for the road were to pay for all construction and damages, the "county court was bound to see that they had a way in and out."

The court said that if no agreement could be reached between the petitioners and the owners of property protesting, "the county would exercise the right of eminent domain" for them.

T. L. Snooks, Wallace Cushman and M. Simms, residents of the Trail district, appeared before the court and asked that the county, in conjunction with the forest service, extend the road for about a mile from the Trail ranger station, furnishing an outlet for two families and four school children. It was estimated that about \$2000 would build the road and put in a bridge about the high water mark. The county court agreed to take the matter up with the forest service at an early date.

The hearing on the petition for the Midway road from near the Bybee bridge to a point on the Pacific highway near Dr. Sweetney's gate, was set for mid-February. A number of residents are reported to be opposed to the road cutting thru their property.

Some trawlers of the Lake Creek district appeared and asked for a

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Former Illinois Governor Announcements of 30,000 Additional Jobs Brings Unwieldy Mob—Men Wait All Night in Snow—Hire 500 to 600 Daily Is Plan.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—(AP)—Frank O. Lowden has advised the farmers to await the inauguration of President-elect Hoover before pressing their demands for some form of agricultural relief.

The former governor of Illinois suggested that the question be held in abeyance until after Mr. Hoover takes office because he is convinced that what legislation, if any, congress deems necessary should be acted upon at the special session proposed by the president-elect.

Before departing yesterday for a four month tour of Italy, Egypt, the Holy Land and Greece, Mr. Lowden quite definitely opposed any attempts to tinker with the



Frank O. Lowden

farm problem during the present congress.

"Undoubtedly congress will wish freely to consult with the president as legislation is being shaped," he said. "I understand that a special session is to be called."

"That, I think, would be the proper time for action upon this important question."

Wise Course
"As Mr. Hoover will have the responsibility of administering whatever laws may be enacted, it appears to me that the wise course at present is to wait the inauguration of the new administration."

He urged the farmers and friends of agriculture to support Mr. Hoover and lend their support in making his program effective. And Mr. Hoover, he recalled, advocated formation of a stabilization corporation "with liberal advances from the government," of course, to attempt the handling of seasonal and occasional surpluses in the hope of preventing them from demoralizing the market. Mr. Hoover frankly rejected the idea that the cost of equalization should be distributed over the whole commodity thus stabilized.

"When the people preferred Mr. Hoover to Governor Alfred E. Smith they thus, in effect, issued a mandate to Mr. Hoover to proceed with the farm program he advocated. All friends of agriculture will now work with him in giving his program effect."

Accompanying Mr. Lowden on his

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'BREAK' FOR TECH WINS BOWL TILT

Seventy-Five Yard Run By Riegels Toward Wrong Goal Gives Golden Tornado One-Point Margin in 8 to 7 Score—Loosely Played, But Sensational.

By VICTOR G. SIDLER
Associated Press Sports Writer
PASADENA, Cal., Jan. 2.—(AP)—The fame of Dixie's emblazoned on this city's Rose Bowl gridiron history by the never-die spirit of Alabama, stood out today in greater relief.

Carrying on where the crimson tide had left off two years ago, the golden tornado of Georgia Tech yesterday swirled to an 8-to-7 triumph over the Golden Bears of California in a lovely played game, yet as sensational a struggle as the Aloysius Sehon bowl ever had seen. The southern foremost rode the victory to an undefeated and untied season, and as strong, if not stronger, a claim on the mythical national gridiron championship than any other aggregation in the country can offer.

It was a thrilling, hard fought battle in which the south upset the standard bearers of the west, but it was not altogether the gridiron ability of the tornado that brought Dixie a second victory as the representative of the east in the New Year's day classic. It was a safety in the second period that decided the issue—a play that saw Roy Riegels' stocky, low-cut center and captain-elect of the Bears, run 75 yards toward his own goal line to give Tech a "break" that ultimately decided the contest in favor of the southerners.

A play that has been the subject of many fanciful gridiron plots, the basis of many a magazine thriller, but seldom, if ever seen on a football field, was that which Riegels, losing his bearings completely, inadvertently made. It happened in the second period, Riegels, snatching up a fumble of "Stumpy" Thomason, Tech half-back, started for the Tech goal. After he had taken about 15 steps he suddenly reversed, and headed for his own goal line. He was stopped on the one-foot line by a team mate, Benny Lom, who had chased him the entire distance. Before Riegels could retrace his steps a half dozen Tech players were upon him, and he was smothered to the ground.

Riegels, once he understood what had happened, was simply too crestfallen for words. He dropped to the ground, took off his headgear and gave vent to expressions of dismay and consternation. Riegels was taken out of the game a few moments later.

The consensus of opinion was that Riegels, who was opposing Punt, the Georgia Tech all-American center, and who had taken a ferocious beating on the Tech line play, was simply befuddled momentarily and was more or less krocky when he picked up the ball.

At the end of the half Riegels was again started at center and soon after he displayed his glib by blocking a Georgia Tech punt and recovering for California.

The California team simply took the play as a matter of course.

Punt Blocked
Standing with his back almost even with the goal posts, Low attempted to punt out of danger. It was the only thing to do, but it proved to be the Bears' swiftest for as the sterling halfback swung his mighty right foot Vanve Maree, Tech's outstanding tackle, crashed through the vaunted Bear line to block the punt. Stanley Barr, California halfback, fell on the oval after a mad scramble, and Tech had two points.

Demoralized by the unusual "break," the Bears fell victim to a Yellow Jacket score in the following quarter. The stalwarts of California stiffened to hold in check on their own one-yard line a Tech drive, but the tornado returned with even greater fury a few plays later to swoop across the westerners' goal line. Brilliant Warner Mizell, halfback ace, galloped 39 yards to plant the pigskin on California's 15-yard line, and "Stumpy" Thomason, his speed running mate, packed it across on the next play.

A touchdown in the final minutes of the game was sweet fruit to California's striders, who faced a shut out defeat. Lom, who had been the backbone of the California offensive, passed with uncanny accuracy and terrific force in this last-hope drive of the Bears that carried 93 yards. Two passes to Captain Irvine Phillips, on one of which the star end scored, and one to Lee Eisan, slippery quarterback, accounted for most of the gain. Barr's lofty kick for the extra point was successful.

Tech had a fast charging, hard hitting forward line—one of the most consistent forward walls that has ever performed in a Rose Bowl classic. It was an aggregation of veritable ball hawks, taking advantage of every break that came their way and fighting to the last.

Scolded by Father After Celebration Athlete Suicides

STANTON, Neb., Jan. 2.—(AP)—Scolded by his father for returning late from a new year's eve celebration, Werner Glaser, 17, captain of the high school football team last fall, shot himself fatally yesterday. He died eight hours later.

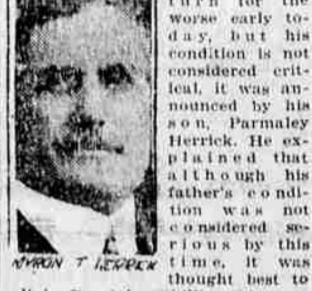
He was the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Glaser, prominent Stanton residents.

He was named on the all-star northwest Nebraska football eleven last fall. He was also prominent in basketball, track and other activities.

HERRICK HAS SUDDEN TURN IN SICKNESS

Prepare for Emergency—Condition Not in Critical Stage, Is Belief—Veteran Diplomat Ill Ten Days With Bronchitis.

CLEVELAND, Jan. 2.—(AP)—The condition of Myron T. Herrick, American ambassador to France, who has been ill at his estate here, took a sudden turn for the worse early today, but his condition is not considered critical, it was announced by his doctor, Dr. Phillip Herrick. He explained that although his father's condition was not considered serious by this time, it was



Myron T. Herrick

call in Dr. John Phillips, his personal physician. Dr. Phillips took a nurse and two tanks of oxygen to the Herrick estate at Gates Mills in order to be prepared for any emergency as the Herrick home is a considerable distance from the city.

The veteran diplomat, who is 74 years old, has been ill with bronchitis for the past 10 days. He was seriously ill a year and a half ago, but gradually recovered after an operation and resumed his post in Paris. Mr. Herrick returned to Cleveland a few months ago.

Mr. Herrick was one of America's most popular ambassadors in France. At the outbreak of the World war he won the friendship of France by refusing to leave Paris at a time when the German armies were advancing near the capital.

He won still further esteem when he took charge of Charles A. Lindbergh when the "lone eagle" landed at Le Bourget field in 1927, after a solo flight across the Atlantic from New York. Several months later, Lindbergh called at a hospital here, where the ambassador was confined after an operation and paid his respects.

Mr. Herrick became ambassador to France in 1918. He had made his private interests have made him outstanding as a lawyer, banker and manufacturer.

SHOCK SCREENS STOP ENTRY OF FISH IN DITCHES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—(AP)—Electrical screens to stop fish moving up rivers into irrigation ditches to their destruction are now being found satisfactory by the federal bureau of fisheries.

The losses of young salmon and trout in Rocky Mountain and Pacific territory due to their tendency to follow the irrigation ditches has occasioned considerable concern in the conservation world and induced the bureau to make a particular study of preventive devices. The bureau said today it had found that fish will refuse to pass through an electrified water zone and a number of schemes have been tried out to put the current into the water.

With the aid of Prof. F. O. McMillan, of the Oregon Agricultural college, and Shirley Baker, a San Francisco engineer employed by the bureau, a number of the electrical and mechanical screening devices were tested. The bureau said that a screen demonstrated by T. H. Burkey of Pasadena, Cal., had effectively charged electrical by a water zone across a canal 30 feet wide and during a month of testing had kept the fish out.

THREE DEAD MONMOUTH DORM. FIRE

Christmas Tree Blaze Traps Girls in Private Dormitory—Six Escape By Leap From Porch—House Mother Seriously Burned in Rousing Sleeping Students.

MONMOUTH, Ore., Jan. 2.—(AP)—A dart of flame from an illuminated Christmas tree spread and consumed their dwelling on a porch to the ground below. The dead—

Miss Evelyn Ohman, Portland.
Miss Florence Graham, Newport.
Miss Margaret Hemmers, Gresham.

Tragedy swept onto the campus of the eve of the opening of school after the Christmas holidays. The girls had just returned to the school from their homes, and classes were to have resumed today.

The girls had retired for the night and were trapped in the house when the tinder-like Christmas tree burst into flames and sent runners of fire darting into curtains and other inflammable furnishings.

Leap From Porch.
The six girls who escaped were Gladys McCamsky, Irene Stevens, Alice Wallace of Woodlands, Wn., Leilah Thomas, Wilma Baker and Julian Ribbeck of Gresham. They crowded through the windows looking at upon the roof of the porch of the building, and leaped to the ground unharmed.

Mrs. Minnie Mack, owner of the building, and mother of the private dormitory, was seriously burned in trying to extinguish the fire in running from room to room in spreading the alarm. Demolished telephone service to surrounding towns prevented calls for aid reaching fire departments in nearby cities. Equipment from Independence finally responded, but was successful only in preventing the flames from spreading to nearby buildings. The Mack building was destroyed.

The telephone service crippled by recent heavy snows and facilities had not been restored for full efficiency.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 2.—(AP)—Governor Isaac L. Patterson, acting as chairman of the board of regents of the Oregon Normal school, will ask State Fire Marshal Clarence A. Lee to investigate the circumstances surrounding the fire in which three normal school students were burned to death at Monmouth last night.

Port Orford Beaten
PORT ORFORD, Ore., Jan. 2.—(AP)—The tricky aggregation of Port Orford high school basketball boys met their match here Saturday when Del Norte stars, independent quartet from Crescent City, defeated them, 28 to 18. It was Port Orford's first defeat and seventh engagement of the season. The local team will meet Rogue River high January 5.

Will Rogers Says:

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Nothing much in the papers today but just what I predicted to you the other day would be in on New Year's day. Optimistic predictions by all prominent men who are doing well.

Mr. Coolidge: "I look for nothing but prosperity through January and February."

Mr. Hoover says: "I look for things to kinder drag along in a haphazard way till about March, then real prosperity will start and continue for four to perhaps eight years. After that there may be depression."

Mellon says: "The country is prosperous if they just let well enough alone."

Yours,
WILL ROGERS.

