

**Unemployed Salesman Regrets Job Attempt**

Mineola, N. Y. — (U.P.) — An unemployed salesman regretted Wednesday that he tried to get a job on the Hempstead police force.

Thomas Magruder, 21, was fingerprinted when he applied for the position. The FBI said the prints revealed he was wanted in Flagstaff, Ariz., on charges of passing worthless checks.



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**LAST RITES FOR SON**—Rescuers stand with bowed heads as Rev. Thomas Jessett of Seattle gives last rites for his son, Arthur, whose body was recovered from a crevasse 8000 feet up Mt. St. Helens near Kelso, Wash. Young Jessett, 23, fell into the crevasse while on a mountain-climbing trip.

**Grocers Object To Statement by OPS**

Portland — (U.P.) — Organizations of both retail and wholesale grocers here Wednesday asked that Office of Price Stabilization Boss Ellis Arnall retract a statement that ceiling price adjustments would raise retail canned goods prices.

The grocers also demanded that Arnall take back an OPS claim that adjustments in the ceilings would have more effect on retail prices in independent than in chain stores.

Howard McNulty, secretary of the Oregon Food Merchants association, claimed that most staple canned goods are already selling at less than ceiling prices. Gordon Stevenson, general manager of the Northwest Grocery company, said his firm, a wholesale outlet, is currently taking only about two-thirds of the allowed markup.

**Daily Weather Report**

**FORECASTS**

Medford and vicinity: Fair tonight. Increasing cloudiness Thursday with possible showers in the afternoon or evening. Low tonight 40. High Thursday 70-72.

Western Oregon: Partly cloudy tonight. Cloudy Thursday with showers in north half by afternoon. Low tonight 42-50. High Thursday 62-72.

Temperature a year ago today: Highest 90; Lowest 45.

Total monthly precipitation: 1.27 inches.

Excess for the month: 50 inch.

Total precipitation since September 1, 1951: 19.76 inches.

Excess for the season: 4.43 inches.

Relative humidity 4:30 p.m. yesterday 65%; 4:30 a.m. today 82%.

Observations Taken At 4:30 A.M., 120 Meridian Time

City	High	Low	Precip.
Boise	61	42	T
Boston	60	50	.65
Chicago	58	48	.01
Denver	72	47	T
Eureka	57	51	.01
Havre	74	47	T
Klamath Falls	53	34	.07
Los Angeles	69	57	.07
Medford	66	43	.07
New York	55	53	.53
Omaha	72	58	.07
Phoenix	98	70	.07
Portland	63	50	.04
Reno	69	35	.07
Salt Lake	66	43	.10
San Francisco	65	48	.18
Seattle	58	48	.04
Spokane	62	44	.04
Washington, D. C.	59	58	.29
Yakima	68	47	.07

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**Australia Planning First Permanent Antarctica Base**

Sydney, Australia — (U.P.) — Australia plans to set up what it hopes will be the first permanent air base in Antarctica.

The base would reinforce Australia's claim on the biggest chunk of the great ice-bound continent. Australia's vast polar territory now covers an area almost twice as large as the whole of Australia itself.

The air-minded Australian foreign minister, Richard G. Casey, who likes to fly his own two-seater plane, is much interested in Australia's Antarctic territory.

Casey announced last October that the government proposed to ask Capt. P. G. Taylor to make the first flight from Australia to the Antarctic mainland. The flight was contemplated for last January, but had to be postponed.

**Pacific Base Proposed**

Taylor flew across the southern Pacific, from Australia to Chile, in 1951. He suggested an air base on Easter Island—about 2,000 miles west of Chile—where he landed his flying boat.

U. S. authorities are reported now to have started work on the proposed base. Its completion will be another step towards inauguration of a regular trans-Pacific service between South America and Australia.

Taylor is expected to join a team of specialists which Australia plans to send to Canada and the United States to learn about North Polar regions from American and Canadian experts.

The Australian government is particularly anxious to adapt to its proposed base on Antarctica the lessons learned from the U. S. air base "Blue Jay" at the North Pole. Lieut. General Lewis Pick, chief of U. S. Army Engineers, recently revealed the existence of "Blue Jay" on the roof of the world.

**Conduct Research**

Australia now maintains two weather stations in the Antarctic region. They were established in 1947 on Heard and Macquarie islands and with the French weather station on Adelle Land, provide daily radioed weather reports.

The lonely Australian teams on the two islands also conduct research on cosmic rays, magnetism, radio waves and glaciers.

Australia's interest in the Antarctic is somewhat different from the interest of the U. S., Russia and Canada in the Arctic, which long range aircraft and guided missiles have made an arena of power politics.

Australia's primary Antarctic need is non-military information. It is interested in the territory's possible economic value, through modern methods of development of untapped natural resources.

**Importance Seen**

P. G. Law, polar expert in charge of the Antarctica division of the external affairs department, recently said development of atomic energy could help make Antarctica important.

Law speculated that the Australian territory might contain deposits of oil and uranium which could be mined if the ice and snow covering them were removed. He foresaw the possibility of using heat from atomic energy plants to melt ice off vast sections of frozen wastes to allow scientific exploitation.

Law believes reliable air transport and nuclear energy could bring development of the Antarctic possibly within 50 to 100 years.

**Southwest Airways Not To Cut Service**

Jack Dorsey, station manager for Southwest Airways here, announced this morning that quantity restrictions on deliveries of aviation gasoline to the airline have been lifted by the petroleum administrator for defense.

He explained that as a result of this action by PAD no reduction will be necessary in the local carrier's service because of continuance of the petroleum strike.

Bruce Brown, deputy petroleum administrator, gave two reasons for the adjustment on deliveries.

He said that it has been established that in California, Oregon, Washington, Alaska and Hawaii there is greater reliance by people on air transportation than in other areas of the United States. Also, it was found that continued production of the 91 octane fuel used by Southwest will not appreciably reduce quantities of higher grade fuel used in vital military operations.

**Civil Defense Police Adopt Resolution**

Portland — (U.P.) — Police representative from four Northwest states, at the first federal civil defense administration police institute, adopted a resolution calling for adequate compensation for injury while on duty or in training for civil defense.

More than 100 delegates from Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana attended the two-day institute here, first of its kind in the nation. Its purpose was to coordinate police service connected with the civil defense program.

A. E. Kimberling, director of police services, Washington, D.C., said the institute will be copied in other regions. The institute ended Tuesday.

**Willamette Expected To Rise Two Feet**

Portland — (U.P.) — The weather bureau said Wednesday the Willamette river was expected to rise to at least two feet above the 18-foot flood stage by Saturday.

Additional docks along the waterfront will be flooded when the 20-foot level is reached, but no serious damage is expected. The river has been stationary at 18.8 feet for three days.

The Columbia river at Vancouver, Wash., was 18.9 feet, with a gradual rise forecast the next few days.

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**Police Recruited From High School**

Milwaukee, Wis. — (U.P.) — Milwaukee is recruiting policemen from high school graduating classes to keep its police ranks filled, the Civil Service Assembly reports in a municipal affairs study.

Boys of 18 or older will be appointed "police aides." They must be recommended by their high school principal and at least one citizen. They will work a 44-hour week and receive \$220.60 a month with semi-annual increases of \$10 a month.

After completing the training program the recruits will be promoted to patrolmen. The apprenticeship will last about four years. Patrolmen must be at least 23 years old.

Apprentices will keep station records, sell parking permits, keep license records, type examinations and bulletins, take statements from officers and file records.

That will free deskbound policemen for full-time patrol duty.

**Banker Meets Boss After 21 Years' Work**

Fort Worth, Tex. — (U.P.) — It took a trip to Fort Worth to do it but a New York banker finally got to meet formally the boss for whom he'd worked 21 years.

Richard Yerg, assistant cashier of Chase National Bank, went to work at the institution in 1929, just one day after Winthrop W. Aldrich, now board chairman, joined the bank.

They exchanged nods for 21 years at the bank but never ever formally introduced. The introduction came when Yerg was attending a banker's convention here and Aldrich happened to be visiting in Fort Worth.

**Dense Fog Hampers Rescue Operations**

San Francisco — (U.P.) — The SS Pacific Transport wallowed helplessly in a calm sea some 700 miles east of the Japanese mainland, awaiting help from another freighter, the F. J. Luckenbach Wednesday.

The Luckenbach ship had been expected for hours, but rescue operations were hampered by a dense fog.

The Pacific Transport's rudder was carried away Tuesday, according to radio signals picked up by Globe Wireless and Coast Guard operators in San Francisco.

The freighter carries 12 passengers and a crew of 49.

**Olivia De Haviland Planning Divorce**

New York — (U.P.) — Screen star Olivia De Haviland said Wednesday as she packed her bags to return to Hollywood that her idea of a husband was a man "as placid as a mill pond in July."

She is going back to the film capital to begin divorce proceedings against her author-husband Marcus Goodrich.

"It may be that I can never have what I want in a husband," she said, "but the most precious quality in a man would be the ability to produce tranquility and peace in the home. A woman like myself must have it or perish."

**BIRTHS**

**ROBINSON**—To Mr. and Mrs. Floyd, 2040 South Stage road, May 19, 1952, a boy, 7 1/4 lbs., at Community hospital.

**HALLGREN**—To Mr. and Mrs. Roy A., 924 South Ivy street, May 18, 1952, a boy, 6 1/2 lbs., at Community hospital.

**HANSCOM**—To Mr. and Mrs. Floyd, 1115 Pinecroft street, May 20, 1952, a boy, 8 1/4 lbs., at Community hospital.

**HAWKINS**—To Mr. and Mrs. Robert W., 502 Kenwood street, May 18, 1952, a girl, 7 lbs., at Community hospital.

**HILDMAN**—To Mr. and Mrs. Nardal, 1416 West 10th street May 20, 1952, a boy, 8 lbs., at Sacred Heart hospital.



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