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Peace Officers Plan Enforcement Of Traffic Safety

New Year's Holiday Patrols Expanded

Jackson county law enforcement agencies will make a concerted effort New Year's eve and Jan. 1 to keep traffic accidents at an absolute minimum. Officials of the state police, city police, and Jackson county sheriff's office, said this morning.

The Mail Tribune's business office will be closed during the New Year holiday Saturday. Deadline for submission of classified ads for the Sunday edition of the paper will be 5:30 p.m. Friday.

ing that extra patrols are planned and officers have been instructed to keep a close lookout for drunken driving and other moving automobile violations.

City Police Chief Charles Champlin said this morning that all available officers will be on hand to drive home those who have had too much to drink. In addition, three extra city patrol cars will be on city streets during the evening and early morning.

Sheriff Howard Gault said that he plans extra patrols, and an office force will be on duty throughout the evening and on New Year's day.

Champlin expressed the sentiments of local law enforcement agencies when he said "The general trend in accidents is down, and we want to keep it that way. We're still not satisfied." Champlin has instructed all city officers to stop all cars which are operating in an erratic manner.

Offices To Close
All city, state, county and federal offices will close for the holiday, and business places, with the exception of a few drug and grocery stores, plan to be closed during the day.

All county schools closed since a few days before Christmas, will reopen on Monday, Jan. 3.

Hammarhjold Leaves For Peiping Meeting

United Nations, N. Y.—(U.P.)—Secretary General Dag Hammarhjold leaves today for Peiping on a 14,000-mile flight to demand the release of 2,850 United Nations prisoners held by Red China in violation of the Korean armistice agreement.

The face-to-face meeting with Chinese Communist Premier Chou En-lai was ordered by the General Assembly in behalf of 11 American airmen imprisoned on spy charges. But Hammarhjold also will seek the release of 2,850 others, of which 326 are American and 2,000 are Koreans.

Shipments of Diamonds Missing in Plane Crash

London — (U.P.)—A big shipment of diamonds has vanished from the wreckage of a New York-bound airliner that crashed on Christmas at Prestwick, Scotland, it was disclosed today. The London Evening News said the missing gems were worth "nearly \$1,400,000."

Chicago — (U.P.)—Fort Wayne, Ind., has been chosen as the site for the 1955 convention of the AFL American Federation of Teachers.

Still-Unnamed Rolls Triplets Doing Fine; Offers of Aid Given; Father Gets Raise

The Rolls triplets, still unnamed, were doing fine today.

The tiny boys, born at Sacred Heart hospital yesterday morning, were weighed this morning. The smallest (who is also the friskiest) weighs 3 pounds 13 ounces; the next weighs 4 pounds 6 ounces, and the largest, who was the last to be born and who gave doctors and nurses a few worrisome moments yesterday, weighs 4 pounds 8 ounces. Together they weigh 12 pounds 11 ounces. They are the sons of Mr.



632 M.P.H. AND THEN... WHAM!—Two black eyes a few blood blisters were only ill effects suffered by Air Force Lt. Col. John P. Stapp being jerked to a dead stop (above) in one and a half seconds from a 632 m.p.h. ride in a one-ton rocket sled. The test was made at Holloman Air Development Center at Alamogordo, N. M. to test effect on air-men who bail out of planes at supersonic speeds.

New City and County Officials Scheduled To Take Office Soon

New city and county officials, including a new mayor of Medford and a new county commissioner, will assume their duties next week.

New county officials already

Wild Party Ends In Youths' Arrest

A 25-year-old Ashland man has been arrested and several juveniles have been taken into custody as the result of a wild pre-Christmas party near Ashland, according to Sheriff Howard Gault and District Attorney Walter Nunley.

Jailed on a charge of giving beer to minors was Aaron Frances Gentry, 25, of 42 1/2 Third st., Ashland.

Several of the younger juveniles now in custody have been turned over to juvenile authorities, and the older juveniles will probably appear in district court, the district attorney said.

About 15 to 20 young people broke into a house at Klamath Junction Dec. 23, Gault said. He added that the house, owned by Floyd Winner, had been unoccupied about a week.

Several of those picked up have admitted having beer and whiskey, according to the sheriff. He added that damage to the house included a broken door and several broken windows. The damage reportedly amounted to about \$100.

About five servicemen home on leave, are involved.

Action Not Yet Taken On Doty Case Motion

District Judge Rawles Moore said this morning that he has not yet taken action on a motion to remand the case of Lyle Vernon Doty, 16, of 1125 Maple Park dr., to juvenile court.

The motion was made yesterday by the District Attorney Walter Nunley. The Doty youth has been arraigned on a charge of assault and robbery while armed with a dangerous weapon. Maximum sentence on the charge is life in the state penitentiary.

The Doty youth was arrested last week after Wallace Stearns, a Grants Pass merchant, was robbed of his delivery truck after being threatened at gun point.

and Mrs. James W. Rolls, 512 Summit ave.

A completely spontaneous movement got under way this morning to give the young couple a bit of help with their new responsibilities. One anonymous woman offered to do sewing for the babies. Diamond L. Flynn, Medford's retiring mayor, got to thinking about the financial burden of three babies, and decided to make a cash gift to them on his own. He also called at City Sanitary Service Co., where Rolls is employed, and the proprie-

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'Junk' Mail To Stop

Distribution To Discontinue at Midnight March 31

Objectives Not Satisfactorily Met

Washington — (U.P.)—Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield announced today that postal distribution of so-called "junk mail" will be discontinued at midnight next March 31.

The so-called "junk mail" was started on an experimental basis 15 months ago. It permitted third class advertising matter to be sent without names and addresses in cities and villages. The advertising matter could be marked merely "boxholder," "householder" or "patron."

Summerfield said the practice was started in an effort to reduce losses incurred in handling third class mail and as a service to the public.

"The results have not satisfactorily met these objectives and the only possible solution is increased postage rates which will be sought in the next session of the Congress," Summerfield said.

The unaddressed mail brought a flood of protests. Sen. Frank Carlson (R-Kan.), retiring chairman of the Senate Post Office Committee, recently recommended that Summerfield scrap the order.

Boxholders Unaffected
The Post Office said that discontinuance of its order will not effect delivery of unaddressed mail on rural routes or to post office boxholders where no city or village delivery service is available. This service has been in effect for 20 years.

Also continued will be delivery in cities and villages of mail addressed to "occupant" but bearing a proper street address. This service also has been in effect since 1934.

Right of Company To Fire is Upheld

Washington — (U.P.)—Federal District Judge Charles F. McLaughlin today upheld the right of a company to fire union employees who refuse to answer questions of congressional investigators about Communist ties.

He made the ruling in a case involving the left wing Independent Electrical Workers and the General Electric Co. The union had charged that G.E.'s policy of firing workers who invoke the fifth amendment was a violation of its collective bargaining contract.

McLaughlin said such dismissals were for "obvious cause," and therefore no violation of the company-union collective bargaining agreement.

Historian Says Reds Use Panamanian Ships

Los Angeles — (U.P.)—A university historian says Russia is using many of the 740 merchant ships flying the Panamanian flag to train Soviet personnel in unfamiliar waters.

Dr. Walter C. Hucul of the University of California at Davis said many of the supposedly Panamanian merchant ships really were Russian.

Hucul told the 50th annual meeting of the Pacific Coast branch of the American Historical Association yesterday that Russia also is building 1,000 long-range submarines and an unknown number of fast cruisers "as their principal naval weapons of world revolution."

Washington — The U. S. Court of Military Appeals has upheld the murder conviction of Mrs. Dorothy K. Smith daughter of Army Gen. Walter S. Kreuger, in the stabbing of her husband, Col. Aubrey D. Smith, in Tokyo the night of Oct. 4-5, 1952.

Portland — (U.P.)—More than \$100,000,000 in highway construction was administered by the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads in the four Northwest states and Alaska during 1954, Division Engineer F. E. Andrews said today.

Weather

FORECAST: Occasional rain in valleys and snow in higher mountains through Friday. Little temperature change.

Low tonight 37. High Friday 49. Highest yesterday 49. Lowest this morning 37. Prec. to 4:30 a.m. today .62.

Second Ply-Sheath Plant Plans Told By Companies Here

Plans for construction of a plywood sheathing plant in the Medford area were announced today by a spokesman for a group of local lumber manufacturers.

The new concern has no connection with Fir-Ply, Inc., which recently announced its own plans for a similar type of mill, to cost some \$500,000.

\$300,000 at First

The spokesman, who said he and the backers do not wish to be identified as yet, said sufficient capital has already been pledged to get the concern started. The plant initially will cost an estimated \$300,000, and future building plans call for the expenditure of an additional \$1,500,000, he said. Arrangements are now being made for acquisition of a suitable building site in the Camp White area, he added.

According to the announcement, starting capacity of the plant will be about 3,500,000 feet monthly. About 150 men would be employed, and it is planned to have the most modern machinery available to make it one of the most efficient operations in the industry.

Marketed Through Backers

Production will be marketed primarily through the lumber manufacturers who are participating in the plan, who can then make mixed-car shipment of construction lumber, paneling, flooring, siding and, eventually, mouldings and miscellaneous products. Logs and timber will be obtained by purchase on the open market, as well as through contributing efforts of the lumber firms participating. The announcement said the

plant will be managed by an experienced plywood producer, and that the organization will be "in a position to withstand vigorous competition, by being insured of top efficiency, established market outlets, and a stable log supply."

Mr. Eisenhower, after a series of tense days here at his holiday headquarters, issued a formal statement praising the Assembly for holding firm to the Western pattern of defense against the threat of Russia.

Prospects Improved

"As decisive cooperation supplants age old antagonisms," the President said, "the prospects for a general and lasting peace will be definitely improved and a measure of encouragement may therefore even now be felt by all who are earnestly striving to maintain and improve the unity and harmony of the world."

The President flew here a week ago for a vacation of gold mixed with final work on his three messages to Congress, planning to return to Washington after Jan. 2.

Consulted with Dulles

During the week he has consulted almost hourly each day by telephone with Secretary of State Dulles in Washington. Wednesday Dulles called the President three times and later talked with Hagerty.

Winter Storm Moves Into Northeast Area

A furious winter storm which paralyzed parts of the Southwest roared into the nation's heavily populated Northeast today with blasts of snow and sleet.

The vast storm system laid down an advance barrage which penetrated as far east as New York, where driving rain and poor visibility caused at least eight traffic deaths.

Rescue crews had freed thousands of motorists who were marooned by six-foot snowbanks in Texas and Oklahoma. But a numbing cold wave was moving into the West and Midwest in the storm's wake.

The winter's first and most vicious storm was already blamed for a total of 49 deaths.

Crops and Livestock Prices To Farmers Down

Washington — (U.P.)—Prices farmers received for crops and livestock fell two per cent during the month ended Dec. 15, the Agriculture Department reported today.

The drop was led by lower prices on hogs, lettuce, cotton, milk, and eggs.

The department said the cost of things farmers must buy remained unchanged during the month.

Family Finds Pipes Broken, Home Soaked

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Walker, 1765 Stewart ave., returned last night from Van Nuys, Calif., where they spent the holidays with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Barber.

When they entered their home, they found the upstairs water pipes had broken, apparently from freezing, while they were away. The home was flooded.

Path Cleared for United Front To Fight Aggression

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