



UNAWARE OF TRAGEDY, being but 4 years old, Baltimore's celebrated Pappas quadruplets rest on sofa at home after father, Edward J. Pappas, 33, succumbed to cancer. From left: Judy, Patricia, Richard and Edward, Jr. All are in good health. (International)

MT. HOOD ROAD CLOSED

Salem — (U.P.)—The Mt. Hood loop road, from Warm Springs junction to Cooper Spur, was closed for the season Saturday. The State Highway Department said snow, ranging from three to eight feet deep, made the closure necessary.

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Aviation Experts Start Work On Atomic Airplane

London — (U.P.)—A team of British aviation experts and scientists have started work on what is hoped will be the world's first atom powered air-

craft, it was reported Saturday. It hopes to have the plane ready for flight within five years. The team is headed by Sir Arnold Hall, former head of the royal aircraft establishment at Farnborough and new technical director of the Hawker-Siddeley Aircraft group.

The company announced that Hall and his scientific-technical assistants already are working on a preliminary survey at the government's atomic energy research station at Harwell.

Sources said the company already is negotiating for a site for a permanent research station and hopes to have the first plane to use the energy of the atom for power on the runway before 1960.

Shoebus Reactor
Informed sources said that a "breeder" reactor which provides more atomic power than it consumes may be the elementary power unit in the plane. The reactor can be built no bigger than a shoebox, according to the sources.

A major snag in the construction of such reactors hitherto has been the fact that only pure uranium or plutonium can be used. The price of these metals is expected to fall sufficiently in the next few years to make atomic propulsion profitable the sources said.

Other problems the British scientists and aviation experts will have to overcome include designing of some type of safety device to prevent the reactor from spilling out radioactivity over a wide area in the event of

Average Tax Rate For Compensation Higher Next Year

Salem — (U.P.)—The average tax rate of some 17,000 employers contributing to Oregon's unemployment compensation system will rise from 1.17 per cent this year to about 1.34 per cent in 1956, the State Unemployment Compensation Commission estimated Saturday.

Notices of increased rates on 1956 payrolls went to 6,141 of the 11,798 employers who were under the experience rating system in both years.

Reasons Listed

Most of the increases were due to the sliding rate schedules adopted by the 1955 Legislature because of the declining reserve fund. The new schedule provides a general rise of .3 per cent and one penalty rate above 2.7 per cent for the first time since 1941.

Lower rates were awarded to 752 employers whose reserves gained considerably during the 1954-55 fiscal year. Tax rate changes were limited to two brackets, affecting 86 firms with rate reductions and 1,459 with rate rises. Until Dec. 14 the commission will accept voluntary contributions from employers who can add to their reserves enough to lower their 1956 taxes.

The leaning tower of Pisa has increased its tilt by a little more than one-quarter of an inch in the past 12 years and is now more than 14 feet from the perpendicular line.

Mrs. Albert Gould Honored in Drive

Mrs. Albert C. Gould, 409 South Peach st., has been named honorary chairman of the local drive for funds for the Muscular Dystrophy Associations of America, Inc.

The announcement was made Saturday by W. E. (Wes) Coleman, president of the Medford local of the International Fire Fighters and Larry Rose, branch president of the National Association of Letter Carriers, who represent the groups co-sponsoring the 1955 drive.

Represents Parents
Mrs. Gould was selected to represent the parents of the victims of muscular dystrophy in Jackson county. Her son, Billy, 13, has had the disease since he was two years of age.

In accepting the position, Mrs. Gould expressed the hope that everyone in Medford would give as generously as possible to help finance the search for a cure for the mysterious disease. She emphasized that her plea was not just for her son but for all the other cases in Jackson county and the more than 200,000 victims all over the nation.

Drive Culminates Monday
M.D. canisters have been placed in prominent downtown locations and the drive will culminate on Monday, Nov. 21. On that day all of the M.D. envelopes, which were mailed out, will be picked up by the Medford letter carriers.

Other appointments included John Duffy, canister campaign, on behalf of the Chin-Up club. Mitch Millich, tabulation committee, on behalf of the Fire Fighters, and Russ Jamison, Public relations chairman.

Support of the drive was expressed by Fire Chief Gordon Barker and Postmaster Moore Hamilton.

Informational Meeting Slated By Helser Firm

Ben. C. Bowie, vice-president of J. Henry Helser & Co., and Harry L. Slick, Washington state manager for the investment firm, will be featured speakers here Tuesday at a public informational meeting.

The meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in the Pioneer room of the Jackson hotel.

Bowie will discuss the outlook for 1956. His talk will include information obtained by J. Henry Helser on a recently-completed trip to the east coast.

Slick's topic will be "What Should You Expect from Investment Management?"

J. Henry Helser & Co., founded and headquartered in Portland, maintains 23 offices throughout Oregon, Washington and California. The firm's Medford office is located at 308 Fluhrer building.

Paul W. Hornbeck, Medford resident manager, will be host for the Tuesday meeting. Those planning to attend are requested to contact Hornbeck by telephoning Medford 2-6025 for seating reservations.

a crash. Also the designing of a gas turbine engine which can be linked to the reactor.



THE QUEEN COMES TO DINE—Great Britain's Queen Elizabeth II is greeted by U. S. Ambassador Winthrop Aldrich as she arrives at the ambassador's residence in London for dinner and reception. Queen Mother Elizabeth and Princes Margaret also attended. Another American present was Henry Ford II, who earlier announced that shares in Ford Motor Co. stock will be sold next year in other countries as well as the U. S.

CONTRACT AWARDED

Portland — (U.P.)—Army engineers said Saturday Western Electric Construction Co., Portland, has been awarded a \$5565 contract for modification of 15 KV switchgear and bus at Detroit dam powerhouse. Completion date is Jan. 1, 1956.

Chiloquin Man Cuts Wife, Shoots Self

Klamath Falls, Ore. — (U.P.)—Klamath county sheriff Murray Britton said Charles Hill, 26, Chiloquin, early Saturday slashed his wife's throat with a hunting knife, shot and killed the family's dog, then shot himself in the chest with a .22 revolver. Hill and his 31-year-old wife, Rosemary, were in Klamath Valley hospital here, where doctors said they would recover.

Britton said the knife and shooting apparently was the result of a family argument.

India has about 40 births a year for every 1,000 of her people. The rate is 16 per 1,000 in Great Britain and 15 in Sweden, current figures show.

SON SHOTS FATHER
Martinez, Calif. — (U.P.)—Avron Shubert, 45, of Oakland, was accidentally shot and killed Saturday by his son, Don, 15, while hunting pheasant on Bethel island, the Contra Costa county sheriff's office reported.



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