

# Holdup Man Slain in Rickreall Robbery Try

## Marie Dionne Said Seriously Ill From Pernicious Anemia

Montreal — (U.P.) — Marie Dionne, the frailest of the four surviving Dionne quintuplets, was reported to be in "very precarious condition" with pernicious anemia at a church-operated hospital. But hospital officials denied she was there.

Unconfirmed reports said the 21-year-old girl who left the cloisters of a Quebec city convent Wednesday for the second time in 16 months entered the Notre Dame de l'Esperance hospital Saturday.

### Blackout Believed Ordered

It was believed Marie's family ordered a news blackout on her condition and nuns at the hospital where Cecile and Yvonne, two of her sisters, are training to be nurses, agreed to withhold news of her admission there. A switchboard operator refused to put through calls to Cecile or Yvonne.

It became known over the week end that Marie, who took the name of Sister Marie-Rachel when she became a novice in the convent was staying at the hospital in St. Laurent, a Montreal suburb.

But in Callender, Ont., Oliva Dionne, her father said "I don't think she will ever return to the hospital."

Thus the story of the Dionne quintuplets took still another turn in the well publicized road which the family tried to avoid since the girls were born.

Marie originally entered the order Nov. 3, 1953. She served a six-month term as a postulant before being elevated to a novice.

### Reentered Convent

She left the convent for the first time in July, 1954, because



MARIE DIONNE Reported in Hospital

of "poor health, loss of appetite and extreme homesickness" and stayed at the family home in Callender.

Marie stayed at home with her parents for almost a year, was assumed to have regained her health, and reentered the convent last fall. That was after she turned 21 and with her three other sisters each came into \$200,000 as their share of the quint's estate.

## Baghdad Treaty To Be Inaugurated At Defense Meeting

Baghdad, Iraq — (U.P.) — Four Middle Eastern nations and Britain met here today to inaugurate the Baghdad pact, a mutual defense alliance against Communist aggression that seals off the southern borders of the Soviet Union.

The alliance of Turkey, Iraq, Iran, Pakistan and Britain plugs the holes in a Western defense arc curving thousands of miles around Russia from the Arctic Ocean through NATO to the Philippines through the Southeast Asia treaty organization — (SEATO).

### US To Have Close Ties

The United States, though not a member, will have close political and military ties with the group which forms the "northern tier" of defenses along the southern border of Russia. Turkey and Iran have common frontiers with Russia.

Today's meeting was expected to be largely one of organization. But Turkish Premier Adnan Menderes hinted the group may try to settle the dispute between Israel and its Arab neighbors. Other important decisions may be taken, for Iraq is an Arab state and two others, Lebanon and Jordan, were watching with interest and may join later.

### May Halt Expansion

One of the first problems facing the pact nations was the attempts by Russia to extend its influence into the Middle East. Western observers believed the pact might be able to halt this expansion.

British Foreign Secretary Harold Macmillan flew in from London Sunday for the meeting. The United States was represented by official "observers," Ambassador Waldemar Gellman, Adm. John Cassady, commander-in-chief of U. S. naval forces in the Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean, and Brig. Gen. Forrest Caraway.

### Manager Named For Ashland Bank

Portland — (U.P.) — Floyd E. (Jack) Holt, former manager of the Gold Beach branch of the First National Bank of Portland, has been appointed assistant manager of the Ashland branch. President C. E. Stephenson announced today.

## Weekend Rainfall Totals 2.17 Inches

Precipitation so far this month was 1.60 inches above normal for Medford and vicinity today following a week end of heavy rainfall.

Medford station of the weather bureau reported a total of 2.17 inches from Friday night through 4:30 a.m. today. The rain brought total precipitation for November to 3.32. Of the total, 1.33 inches fell Saturday. Rain fell throughout the day Saturday and most of Sunday.

Total precipitation since the agricultural year began Sept. 1 has been 6.34 inches, 2.06 more than normal.

No serious flooding in this area was noted by the weather bureau which said, however, that there may have been local spot floods. Rogue river crested much lower than had been anticipated. Crest at Gold Ray dam was 7.35 feet Sunday.

## Report Whiskey Theft At Local Legion Hall

More than two cases of whiskey were stolen from the American Legion hall, 531 South Riverside ave., sometime last night, according to city police.

Police stated that entrance to the building was gained through a window that opened from a rest room onto a driveway at the rear of the club.

Central Point police reported that Faber's Market, Fourth and Pine sts., Central Point, was entered about midnight, Friday, by someone who forced sliding doors on the east side of the building, apart. About fifty cartons of cigarettes, seven flashlights, and a clock radio were stolen.

### DOW JONES AVERAGES

New York — (U.P.) — Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 477.30 off 5.61; 20 railroads 159.50 off 0.055; 15 utilities 84.73 off 0.16; and 65 stocks 169.66, off 1.34. Sales today were about 1,960,000 shares compared with 2,320,000 Friday.

## About \$200,000 in Work Said Necessary To Make Shakespearean Building Safe

Ashland — William Patton, general manager of the Shakespearean Festival, has reported \$100,000 to \$200,000 worth of work on the building will be necessary to make the building safe for actors and workers.

Patton made the announcement after the state fire marshal declared the building unsafe.

Wiring in dressing rooms is faulty, Patton said, and will have to be relocated and expanded, additional stairways are

needed, the concrete foundation needs reshoring and the switchboard and sound equipment should be relocated into a building behind the audience.

Last season, Patton said, 23 actors used the small dressing rooms and the highly inflammable costume room. The only exit is an old narrow stairway, he said.

The switchboard is under the front of the stage, and four people use the light and sound

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## PT&T TELLS EXPANSION PLANS

### Program To Expand Toll-Free Dialing Throughout Valley

Tentative Effective Date February, 1957

Major plans to extend direct, toll-free telephone calls in the Rogue valley were outlined by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company in a proposal submitted today to Public Utilities Commissioner Charles H. Heltzel.

J. H. Creager, manager, said the proposed service improvement would establish direct dialing and elimination of long distance charges between Medford and Gold Hill and Ashland. The program also would consolidate Phoenix and Talent into a new exchange with direct, toll-free dialing to Medford, Ashland and Jacksonville.

Direct dialing also will be introduced between Central Point, Gold Hill and Jacksonville, Creager said.

### Effective Date

Tentative effective date for the new service is February, 1957, Creager said.

Once the change is made, Medford residents will be able to dial some 22,300 telephones; Ashland residents, 19,250; Gold Hill, 16,000; Central Point, 17,200; Jacksonville, 18,600; and White City, through Columbia Utilities company, 16,000.

The new plan will make some 4,900 additional telephones available to Medford residents, without charge, in Ashland and Gold Hill.

Ashland customers will have 15,150 additional telephones in Medford and Jacksonville; Gold Hill residents some 16,800 additional phones in Medford and Central Point; Jacksonville customers some 1,650 more in Central Point, and Central Point some 1,100 additional telephones in Gold Hill and Jacksonville.

Customers in the proposed Phoenix-Talent exchange will be able to dial 19,850 telephones in Ashland, Medford and Jacksonville. However, Creager said there no longer will be toll-free dialing from customers in the Phoenix area to Central Point and White City.

The proposed inter-city calling plans, Creager said, would be an expansion of similar service improvements introduced between Medford and Jacksonville in 1952, between Medford and Columbia Utilities company exchange at White City in 1954, and between Medford, Central Point and White City last April.

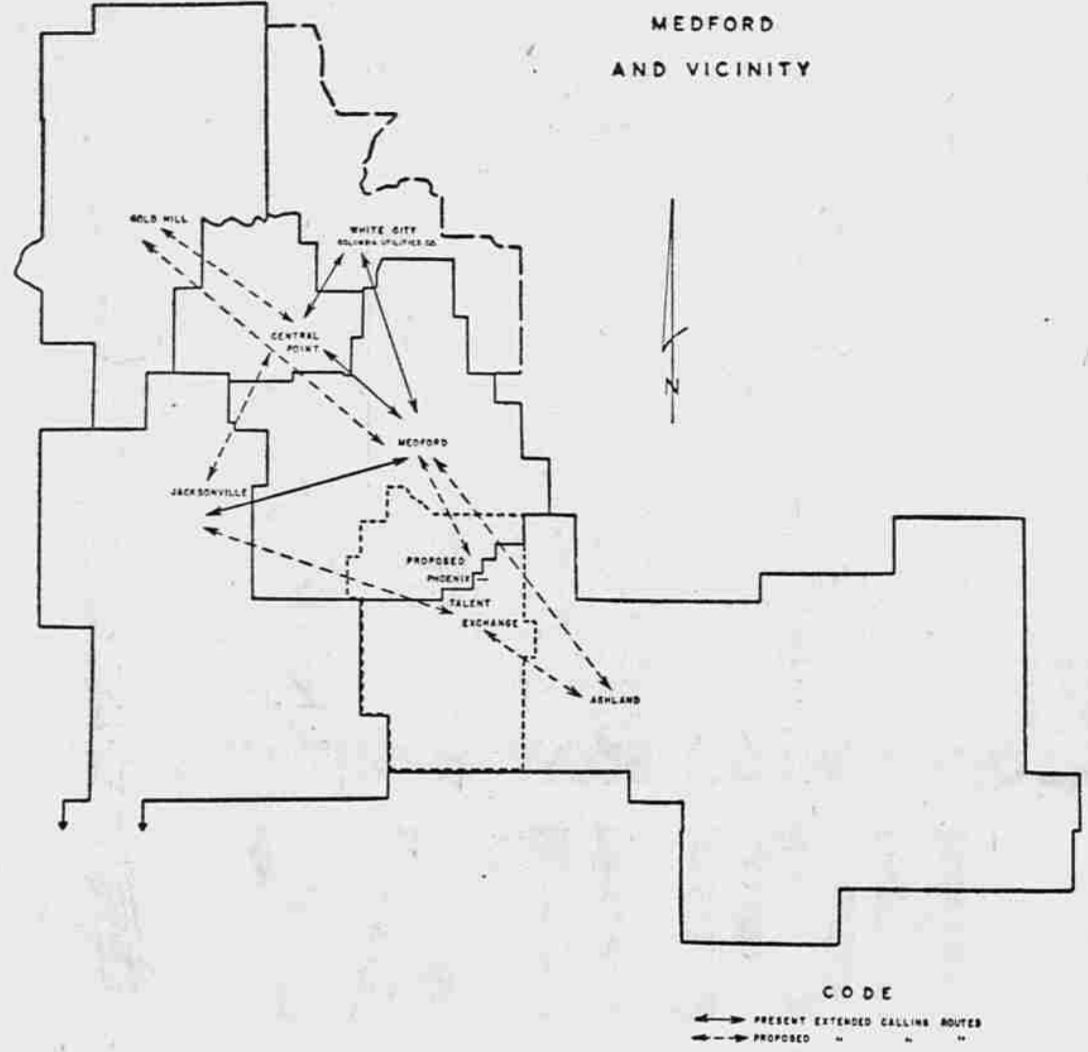
### Service Provided

In addition to providing a wider calling range, the new proposal will provide "city grades" of service — one, two and four party lines — for subscribers who now have suburban service in the area to be served by the Phoenix-Talent dial exchange.

Creager said mileage charges now being paid by some subscribers in the Phoenix-Talent area will be reduced or eliminated. Telephone rates applicable under the company's proposal to Heltzel will be the same as those in Medford.

Creager said the company anticipated a hearing in this area would be held to determine public interest in the improvement program. The hearing would be held by the Public Utilities commission.

Gearhart — (U.P.) — Hubert Wiloughby of Harrisburg, Ore., was elected president of the Western Livestock Association at its annual meeting here.



EXPANSION PLANS—Above is a map showing proposed expansion plans of toll-free dialing in the Rogue valley for Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company subscribers. The dotted lines indicate proposed projects, which

are tentatively set for operation about February, 1957. Solid lines make up the present long-distance dial system. The plans were announced today by general manager, J. H. Creager.

## Gold Hill Hunter Drowns As Boat Upsets Near Tolo

Jackson county sheriff's officers and state police continued to search today for Meritt Garold Davis, 49, of Gold Hill, who apparently drowned while duck hunting on Rogue river in the Tolo area Sunday morning.

State police said Davis, and his son, Richard Logan Davis, 17, were hunting about 300 yards upstream from the mouth of Bear creek when the boat apparently hit a snag and capsized.

### Swims Ashore

Richard Davis, who managed to swim to shore, told state police he saw his father go into the water as he was swimming for shore. He told police he and his father were traveling downstream when the accident happened about 10:45 a.m. yesterday.

Richard summoned aid from a farm house. State police sheriff's officers, five members from the Central Point Rural Fire Protection district and several other searchers combed the banks of Rogue river in the Tolo area until 4 p.m. yesterday. The search was abandoned then because of darkness.

### Search River

Other volunteers were expected to join state police and sheriff's deputies in the search today. The search was centered in the river downstream from where the boat capsized.

State police said the 12-foot plywood type boat was found smashed to pieces below Gold Ray dam.

## Two Teen-Agers Die In Albany Collision

Albany — (U.P.) — Two teenagers were killed yesterday when the car in which they were riding rammied a cattle truck eight miles south of here.

Three other teen-agers in the car were injured.

Police identified the dead as Patricia Roberts, 17, Aumsville, and Gay Lesley, 19, Stayton.

William Weddle and Larry Freres, 19-year-old Stayton youths, were critically injured. Dora Mindown, 18, Sublimity, was seriously hurt.

Police said the teen-agers' vehicle, driven by Weddle, slammed into the rear of the cattle truck which was stopped on the highway. A truck and trailer had jack-knifed on the slick road, and was blocking traffic when the accident occurred.

Weddle was hospitalized at Albany. Freres was taken to a Portland hospital.

## Ike at Camp David For Cabinet, Security Council Conferences

Gettysburg, Pa. — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower left his farm today and motored to his Camp David mountain retreat, 22 miles away, for a meeting with the National Security Council.

Helicopter-borne members of the cabinet and of the National Security Council planned to drop down at Camp David, the President's hideaway in Maryland's Catoctin Mountains, for sessions with the Chief Executive this afternoon and Tuesday.

Mr. Eisenhower—recuperating nicely from his heart attack—was to drive the 22 miles to the secluded and closely-guarded camp while his chief lieutenants were being whirred through the air from Washington in three Air Force "flying banana" helicopters.

The meeting of the National Security Council, the top-level advisory body on defense and foreign policy, came first.

### Cabinet Session Tuesday

His session with the cabinet will be held Tuesday.

To prepare himself for the National Security Council session,

## Abbott on Drinking Binge, Witness Says

Oakland, Calif. — (U.P.) — A Wildwood, Calif., innkeeper today testified that Burton W. Abbott indulged in a nine-hour "drinking binge" the afternoon and evening of the day following the kidnaping of teen-ager Stephanie Bryan.

Delbert Cox, Wildwood tavern-keeper, was the first witness to take the stand as the third trial of Abbott's kidnaping murder trial got under way.

Cox, who said he had known Abbott for nearly three years, said he had never seen him "drink so heavily before" the afternoon and evening of April 29.

Abbott came into the tavern between "two and three o'clock" in the afternoon "and stayed until I closed up shortly before midnight," Cox testified.

He said Abbott was joined a short time later by a Wildwood mill worker, Tom Daly, and that the pair "drank continuously" thereafter.

The President scheduled a private conference in Gettysburg earlier today with Allen W. Dulles, director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Vice-President Richard M. Nixon who has been presiding at cabinet and council meetings during Mr. Eisenhower's illness, flew back from a Florida vacation to attend the two sessions.

Besides the regular members of the security council—Mr. Eisenhower, Nixon, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson, and Defense Mobilizer Arthur S. Flemming—a score of other government and military leaders were to attend.

Also asked to sit in on the NSC meeting were: Treasury Secretary George S. Humphrey, Attorney General Herbert Brownell Jr., Budget Director Rowland Hughes, Atomic Energy Commission Chairman Lewis L. Strauss, Harold E. Stassen, special presidential assistant on disarmament matters; Theodore F. Streibert, director of the U. S. Information Agency; Undersecretary of State Herbert Hoover Jr.; John Hollister, director of the International Cooperation Administration; Gen. Nathan F. Twining, Air Force chief of staff, representing Adm. Arthur W. Radford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Allen W. Dulles, assistant Secretary of State for policy planning Robert R. Bowie; and presidential aides Sherman Adams, Joseph M. Dodge, Nelson Rockefeller, Dillon Anderson, and Col. Andrew Goodpaster.

Mr. Eisenhower was reported in fine shape for the meetings. He has conferred individually with most members of both groups since his Sept. 24 heart attack but has not attended a full session of either.

## Bus Driver Fined \$105 For Failure To Yield

Elbert Ray Young, of 512 Pennsylvania ave., was fined \$105 in district court today on a charge of failure to yield the right of way.

Young, who was found guilty by district court judge Rawles Moore, Friday, was the driver of an Evergreen bus which collided with a car driven by Donald Lee Knoebel, 19, Eagle Point, on Crater Lake highway Sept. 15. Knoebel was killed and 16 occupants of the bus were injured.

## Communist China Said Seeking To Undermine U. S.

### Retreat From West Pacific Said Aim

Taipei — (U.P.) — Nationalist China's Premier O. K. Yui said today Communist China and Russia were seeking to undermine U. S. leadership in Asia by forcing America to retreat from the Western Pacific.

Premier Yui told the United Press any Red Chinese renouement of force would be insincere and only a temporary arrangement.

### Don't Keep Promises

"We know that it makes very little difference whether or not the Chinese Communists will renounce the use of force on any of their objectives," the premier said. "The Communists are never known to keep their promises. Whenever the Communists can gain their objectives by political means, they will naturally not want to resort to force."

"If the Communists agree to renounce the use of force for the time being, it doesn't mean that they will never use force when their political means fail to obtain their immediate objective."

### Attack Not Predicted

Yui would not predict a Communist Chinese armed attack on the Nationalist Chinese offshore islands but said the "possibility always existed."

"The immediate aim of the Communist world is to divide the free nations and put them on the defensive," he said. "We shall redouble our efforts to alert other free nations in Asia to the increasing danger of Communist aggression and work for closer cooperation."

"The Russians and Chinese Communists are seeking to undermine United States leadership in Asia by forcing her to retreat from the Western Pacific."

## County Court Back From O&C Meetings

Members of the county court returned Saturday from meetings of the Oregon and California land grant counties and Oregon counties association in Portland.

County Judge Rodney Keating returned to Portland this morning to attend a meeting of the O and C advisory committee in connection with current congressional hearings on O and C lands practices.

Keating was reelected to the O and C advisory committee in Portland, Tuesday. Election of this morning to attend a meeting of the O and C advisory committee according to County Commissioners L. G. Morthland and Chester Wendt.

### Sentenced To 30 Days For Petty Larceny

George Edison Moore, 24, of 1063 Court st., was sentenced to 30 days in Jackson county jail, in district court today, on a charge of petty larceny.

Moore, who was arrested Nov. 19 by a Sheriff's deputy, was charged with the theft of three tubs of scrap metal from a local firm.

## Eugene Area Elk Hunters Stranded By Snow and Ice

Eugene — (U.P.) — A frozen river and deep snow have stranded a party of Eugene area elk hunters in the remote Salmon river country of central Idaho.

Mrs. Everett Spaulding of Eugene, wife of a well-known McKenzie river guide, said she was informed the party's situation in a telephone call from an Idaho rancher.

Hunters Identified Mrs. Spaulding identified the hunters as Tex Braatz, Miles McKay, and the Matthews brothers, all of Eugene; Idaho guide Ralph Smothers, and her husband who was assisting Smothers.

The group put into the main Salmon river at Shoup, near the east-central Idaho border, Nov. 9, and planned to travel 125 miles down river by boat into elk country. Horses had been spotted along the overland trail at intervals to help carry out any kill. The hunt was to end at Riggins, near the Oregon-Idaho border.

## Private Citizen Drafted To Assist Police Fires Shot

### Accomplice Lodged In Polk County Jail

Salem — (U.P.) — The attempted holdup of a Rickreall tavern turned into a gunfight last night in which a private citizen drafted to help a state police officer shot and killed one of the holdup men.

State police identified the dead gunman as Wallace C. Cunningham, 35, of Portland. His accomplice, Robert Scott Kennon, 31, of Portland, was lodged overnight in the Polk county jail at Dallas.

Salem state police said the wife of the Rickreall Barbeque proprietor telephoned them from a storeroom while the holdup was in progress. The desk sergeant immediately radioed a patrol car in the area and dispatched it to the scene.

State Police Officer John Mekkers, who had driven past the tavern a few minutes before, rushed to the scene. He thrust his rifle into the hands of 23-year-old Herschel Greenwade, who was standing in front of the building, and instructed the man to cover him when he entered the tavern.

Kennon immediately surrendered his weapon when the officer entered. But Cunningham, who had not been noticed by Mekkers, started shooting, hitting the officer twice in the left arm.

As Mekkers was spun around by the force of the bullets, his unofficial deputy fired twice, one heavy rifle slug killing Cunningham instantly.

The tavern owner's wife, still in telephone contact with the Salem state police, kept up a running description of the affray.

When the shooting was broadcast over the police radio, Mekker's brother, Wallace, a state police officer in the adjoining district, rushed to Rickreall and took Kennon into custody.

Mekkers was taken to a Salem hospital, where physicians said he was in good condition. Kennon was scheduled to be charged with attempted armed robbery in Dallas today.

And as for Greenwade, state police said he was "a real hero." Officers said he was reported to be the best rifle shot in the area, and his chance deputizing by Mekker probably saved the wounded officer's life.

## Shady Cove House Destroyed By Fire

Shady Cove—A house occupied by Mrs. Irene Rogers Dukes, near the Cove here, was gutted by fire this morning. A few personal possessions and part of one room were saved by volunteer firemen, but in the rest of the house only walls remained standing.

The building was ablaze when firemen were called, and they had some difficulty getting the truck to the fire because of a steep road. Mrs. Dukes is now staying at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Wayne Buttram, next door. The loss reportedly is partly covered by insurance.

Volunteer Fire Chief Athel Dudley pointed out that this is the third major fire in Shady Cove in the past week, and asked residents to use extreme caution with fire hazards. Two of the blazes have originated as flue fires, he said.

Miami, Fla. — (U.P.) — Gov. Paul L. Patterson of Oregon was one of several speakers scheduled to address mayors and local officials from throughout the nation here next week.

New York — (U.P.) — Mrs. Ann Woodward, who accidentally shot her sportsman husband to death last month, left a hospital today.

## Storms Prevent Return Hunters Identified

However, Mrs. Spaulding said the group was to have returned from the Salton "loop" hunt yesterday, but was prevented by heavy storms that made overland and waterway routes impassable.

Mrs. Spaulding said that the rancher told her the hunters were not in any danger, and could be flown out of the remote area by plane when the weather cleared.