

Warm Springs Man, Wife Shooting Victims

COLD WAVE GRIPS MIDDLE NATION; COAST HARD HIT

By UNITED PRESS
A bone-chilling cold wave gripped the nation's midsection today and spread southeastward into the Ohio Valley.

The temperature dropped to 45 degrees below zero at Bemidji, Minn., this morning, tying the all-time December low there. Winter, officially due Thursday, was staging a coast to coast preview.

At least 24 deaths during the week end were attributed to the weather.

It was so cold at Minneapolis that traffic lights froze, remaining red or green until crews could repair them. The temperature at Minneapolis hit 21 below, a new record for the date.

At St. Paul, water froze in a fire hose last night as firemen fought a blaze.

Gales Lash Pacific
Gales lashed the Pacific coast and small craft warnings were displayed along the Atlantic coast from Block Island to Cape Hatteras.

Cold wave warnings were issued for New York State, Pennsylvania, Ohio Valley and West Virginia as the frigid Arctic air mass moved southeastward.

Plunging temperatures were forecast for today throughout the Middle Atlantic states and as far south as Tennessee.

Twenty persons were trapped in a wooden apartment building at San Francisco near the Cow Palace when wind ripped the roof from the building. They were rescued by firemen and none was reported seriously injured.

Wind gusts in the San Francisco Bay area reached 63 mph during an intense storm that swept the Pacific coast northward. An inland fog in Southern California was blamed for three traffic accidents that killed five persons.

Heavy rains fell in Northern California and heavy snows covered

ered areas of the Siskiyou and Sierra Nevada mountains.

South of San Francisco at Linda Mar a school roof was blown off. Several store windows in San Francisco were shattered by the wind and some areas were darkened by power failures when lines were snapped. Three television stations were blacked out.

The northern tier of states from Wyoming east to the Great Lakes suffered with falling temperatures and snow.

Light snow fell over Wyoming and the higher mountains of Northern Colorado. The mercury fell to 3 below zero at Sheridan, Wyo., and 16 degrees above at Akron, Colo., at noon yesterday.

More than 80 inches of snow has fallen at Houghton, Mich., this season for a new record. There was 66 inches of snow on the ground yesterday. Parts of Northern Minnesota measured 25 inches of snow on the ground.

Portland Snowfall Begins To Melt; Rain Turns To Ice

Portland (U.P.)—Hopes of Portland children for a White Christmas were at least temporarily dashed today when a Sunday snowfall began melting to old man winter, who arrives Thursday, might have some surprises in store.

Some of Oregon got part of a windy Pacific storm that struck during the week-end with wind gusts up to 60 miles per hour reported on the coast and 2.83 inches of rain recorded at Cape Portland received an east wind, Blanco in a 24-hour period. But a coat of snow and then freezing rain Sunday. By this morning the snow was melting in most sections although there was some freezing rain in high areas and in the Columbia gorge.

Willamette Rain Freezes
Freezing rain was reported yesterday in parts of the Willamette valley and from Portland to Astoria. Rainfall was widespread over the rest of western Oregon. North Bend had 2.02 inches, Astoria 1.21, Newport 1.44 and Eugene 1.36. Moderate to substantial rises were forecast for western Oregon rivers, which all were well below flood stage early today.

Vancouver, Wash., public schools and Clark Junior College were closed today.

The weather man indicated that the worst was over for the time being with some snow and frozen rain forecast in the north part of eastern Oregon and rain elsewhere through Tuesday.

Traffic Halted
A heavy coating of ice was believed responsible for a 66,000-volt Pacific Power and Light Company line which fell across the Pacific Highway at Albany yesterday. Traffic was halted for about half an hour, and a large area went without power, while linemen patched the break.

A 12,000-volt power line in northeast Portland failed this morning, because of icing conditions, leaving hundreds of customers without power. Service was all restored by 8 a.m.

Army Convoys Pass Through Medford
Convoys of second infantry division vehicles returning from Operation Sagebrush in Louisiana to Fort Lewis, Wash., passed through Medford yesterday and today.

The convoys, which will total 539 vehicles, will continue for two more days. Sunday, 171 vehicles passed through the city, 100 vehicles today, 98 will go through Medford tomorrow, and 170 Wednesday.

Man Spends Night In Woods For Tree

One Medford family will doubly appreciate a hard-earned Christmas tree.

Early yesterday afternoon a party of four including Allen B. Hatfield, 32, of 111 Elm st., went Christmas tree cutting in the Butte Falls area. All but Hatfield returned.

Other members of the party reported that Hatfield had been lost to the Butte Falls ranger station about 6 p.m. Because of darkness, no search party was organized last night, but rangers and sheriff's deputies planned a search early today.

About 10 a.m. today, Hatfield was located, apparently suffering no ill effects from his all-night outing in the woods.

Forest rangers said Hatfield got his Christmas tree.

Defense Authority Curtailment Eyed

Washington—(U.P.)—Congress will be asked to curtail the Defense Department's authority to buy goods through secret, negotiated contracts.

Chairman Carl Vinson (D-Ga.) of the House Armed Services Committee made this plain Sunday in accusing the Pentagon of a "shocking" abuse of military buying procedures.

He said the Defense Department has virtually scrapped open, competitive bidding in favor of negotiated contracts. As a result, he charged, an unnecessary \$3,650,000,000 of the taxpayers' money was spent on military purchases during the past 2½ years.

That much money shaved, Vinson said, would have been almost enough to balance the government's budget.

Six Theological Schools Receive Gifts From Rockefeller Philanthropic Arm

New York—(U.P.)—Gifts of \$10,375,000 to six interdenominational theological schools and the American Association of Theological Schools were announced today by Sealantic Fund, Inc., a philanthropic arm of John D. Rockefeller Jr.

The grants are the first from a \$20,000,000 gift to the fund made by Rockefeller last January "to strengthen and develop theological education in this country."

Beneficiaries are Vanderbilt

School of Religion, Nashville, Tenn.; Federate Theological Faculty of the University of Chicago; the Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, Calif.; Union Theological Seminary, New York; Yale University Divinity School and Harvard University Divinity School.

The funds are to be used for developing faculty, increasing salaries, new buildings and other program expansion.

Dana S. Creel, director of the fund, said the six schools were selected "as strategic institutions representing various regions of the country and less likely to receive significant contributions from denominational bodies who quite understandably concentrate their support on their own denomination seminaries."

Pacific will get an outright gift of \$1,000,000 and \$500,000 to be paid on the basis of \$1 for every \$1 raised from other sources for specific programs and needs.

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President Returns To Busy Schedule With Conference

Augusta Vacation Due After Christmas

Gettysburg, Pa.—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower, fresh from five days of rest and relaxation, dug into government business today, starting with a conference with Chairman Lewis L. Strauss of the Atomic Energy commission.

Presidential Press Secretary James C. Hagerty said Strauss' visit would be "mostly social" but that a "few" atomic matters would be discussed.

Mr. and Mrs. Eisenhower will leave their Gettysburg farm on Wednesday to spend Christmas in the White House. After the holiday, again on his doctors' orders, the President will go to Augusta, Ga., for rest and exercise in the southern sunshine.

Mr. Eisenhower's Christmas activities began to pick up Sunday. He and Mrs. Eisenhower got their Christmas cards in the mail and the President, in a radio and television appearance, gave his Christmas message to the nation. He also touched a gold telegraph key to light the huge Christmas tree at the White House.

The official White House Christmas greeting was a double folded card on crisp linen. It bore the gold-and-white presidential seal on the front against a royal blue background and the engraved words "Season's Greetings, 1955."

Inside the card read, "The President and Mrs. Eisenhower extend their best wishes for Christmas and the New Year." The Eisenhowers also sent out personal cards which were not described to reporters.

The President's physicians, headed by Dr. Paul Dudley White, the Boston heart specialist, gave him a detailed examination Saturday and came up with the basic finding that his recovery from his heart attack was "excellent."

White declined to pronounce a political prognosis for the President, saying generally that what Mr. Eisenhower does about 1956 must be essentially the President's own decision.

Hearing On Service Expansion Tuesday

A public hearing on proposed revision and expansion of toll-free dialing in Rogue valley by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company will be held at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow in the Jackson county court room here.

The hearing was called by Public Utilities Commissioner Charles H. Heltzel.

The proposed changes effect service between Medford, Ashland, Talent, Phoenix, Gold Hill, Central Point and Jacksonville.

Hood River Man Held On Bad Check Charges

Vancouver, Wash.—(U.P.)—Harry Longhofer, Hood River, Ore., was held by police authorities here on charges of passing seven false checks.

Longhofer was arrested Saturday by Detective Robert Axlund, but he broke away and fled down a downtown street. Axlund fired a warning shot in the air, but Longhofer kept on running.

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Saar Votes Tie With W. Germany

Nationalists Surge To Landslide in General Election

Government Pledged To Restore Territory

Saarbruecken, Saar—(U.P.)—The triumphant German nationalists announced today they would form a Saar government pledged to restore the rich coal-steel territory to Germany.

The three German parties, banned until last summer, surged to a massive landslide victory in Sunday's general elections for the 50-man legislature (Landtag).

The election came just seven weeks after an Oct. 23 referendum in which the Saarlanders rejected by a sweeping majority the "European statute," handed them by France and Germany.

But the German parties—the Christian Democrats (CDU), the German Social Democrats (SPS) and the Saar Democratic Party (DPS)—fell just short of complete triumph.

They had hoped to pile up a three-fourth majority of the new Landtag, or at least 38 seats. They actually won 64 per cent of the popular vote and 33 parliamentary seats.

A three-fourths majority would have enabled them to change the 1947 Saar constitution at once. This would eliminate all references to the territory's political separation from Germany and economic attachment to France. And it would have paved the way for the Saar's early return to Germany from which it has been separated since 1945.

The German parties banded together in an alliance known as the "Homeland League," (Heimatbund) to fight both the referendum and the election contests.

At a 1 a.m. news conference after the election results were announced the Heimatbund indicated it would maintain the alliance in a drive for restoration of the Saar to Germany. Both Germany and France have feuded over the Saar for centuries.

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Nationalists Damage Communist Gunboats

Taipei, Formosa—(U.P.)—National Chinese Thunderjets "heavily damaged" three 250-ton Communist gunboats today in their second straight day of attacks on vessels off the South China coast, the Air Force headquarters announced.

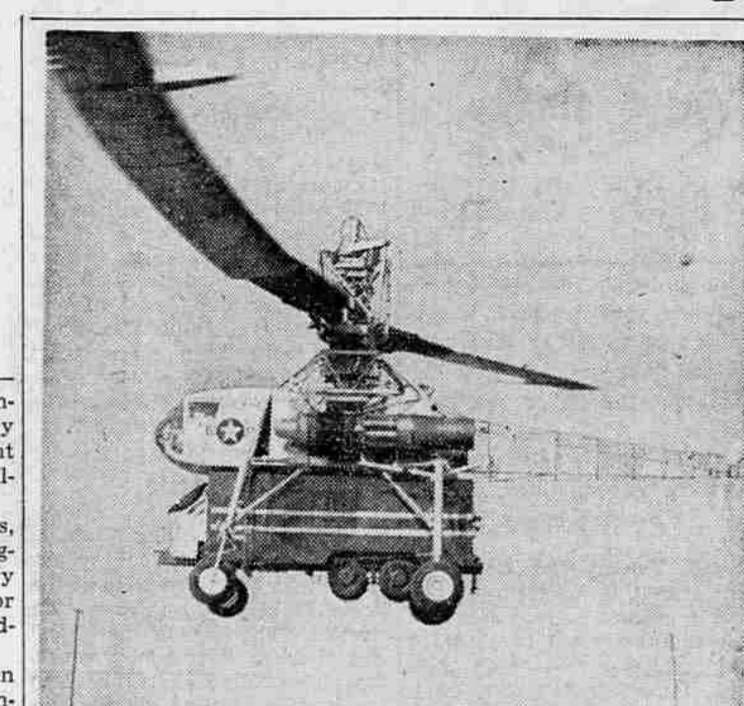
A communique said a flight of jet fighter bombers, while on patrol off South China coast this morning, discovered a concentration of six Communist gunboats, all of 250-ton class, near Tungshan Island. The patrol immediately strafed and rocketed the vessels after the patrol was attacked by anti-aircraft fire from the Communist ships and Tungshan Island.

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LIFTING LOADED TRAILER VAN, world's biggest helicopter handles record load at Culver City, Cal. U. S. Air Force XH-17 can handle loads of more than 10 tons, was built by Aircraft Division of Hughes Tool Co. (International)

Three Men Killed As Plane Runs Wild

Lincoln, Neb.—(U.P.)—A Navy jet plane warming up at the Lincoln Air Force Base suddenly slipped its moorings and killed three men when it ran wild at 80 miles an hour.

The F9F Navy Cougar finally crashed in flames into a hangar and set it afire at the end of its rampage yesterday. It had also crashed into four planes, one of them a P2V4 Neptune Patrol bomber which was knocked at right angles.

The dead were the pilot of the jet, Lt. (jg) Vernon R. Chapman Jr., 25, Grand Island, Neb.; Air Controlman IC Kenneth Cecil Newman, 26; and Air Controlman 3C Hubert Lee Tracy, 29, both of Lincoln. Chapman had won seven air medals as a Navy aviator during the Korean war. He had been discharged two years ago, but was on active duty as a reservist.

Newman and Tracy were in the hangar when the jet crashed into it and apparently burned to death.

Chapman was said by witnesses to have tried to jump from the runaway plane. He was thrown clear when it rammed into a bomber.

Air Force fire fighting equipment and five Lincoln fire companies were unable to save the hangar. The wooden building housed operation, maintenance and personnel departments for Naval Reserve operations.

Authorities were unable to say what caused the jet to run away. Witnesses said it was warming up for a routine flight and the engine roared to "100 per cent full power" and jumped its wheel chocks.

She was knocked down but not injured, police said. Miss Parker told police the driver of the car stopped, took her name and address and offered to transport her to a hospital. He was not identified.

Two non-injury accidents in Medford were reported to city police over the week end.

A three-car accident at the intersection of West Main and Newtown sts. Saturday involved vehicles driven by Arthur Ruben Clement, 211 Cottage st., Herbert Gunn Miller, 216 Lincoln st., and Byron Baker Carter Sr., 611 South Riverside ave.

Cars driven by Charles Albert Langston, 263 Beatty st., and Carl Francis McQuigg, 533 Austin st., collided at the intersection of Beatty and Edwards sts., about 7:46 p.m., today.

About 12:09 p.m., Saturday, cars operated by Berwick Lewis Wood, 2445 East Main st., and Donald Wayne Greaves, 716 West 13th st., collided in an alleyway on West Sixth st. between North Grape and North Holly sts., according to police reports.

Roseburg Man's Spree Ends in Big Headache
Roseburg—(U.P.)—Casey Gordon, arrested Saturday night on a drunk charge, had a man-sized headache today.

He also had a broken nose, four stitches in his lip and five stitches in his head.

Gordon and a friend, Charles Boyd, who was arrested with him on a drunk charge, tried to rush Roseburg police officer Charles Harcourt in an escape attempt last night.

Boyd, in his report, said he sidestepped the pair, tripped Boyd and "subdued" Gordon.

Officer Harcourt was a combat judo instructor in the Marine Corps during World War II and a champion wrestler while in the service.

Washington—(U.P.)—The Agriculture Department has set the 1956 raw sugar quotas for local consumption in Hawaii at 45,000 short tons and in Puerto Rico at 100,000 short tons.

Weather

FORECAST: Rain through tonight. Showers and slightly cooler Tuesday. Low tonight 40. High Tuesday 45.
Highest yesterday 54
Lowest this morning 47
To 10 a.m. today 48

Tense Gaza Strip Clash Kills Four; Rioting Reported

Curfew Clamped On Bethlehem

Jerusalem—(U.P.)—Egypt reported one Egyptian and four Israeli soldiers were slain in an hour-long clash in the tense Gaza Strip today.

The neighboring state of Jordan, torn by riots over reports its new government plans to join the Baghdad pact, meanwhile clamped a dusk to dawn curfew on the city of Bethlehem where Christ was born.

The new Egypt-Israeli clash was reported by an Egyptian military spokesman at Gaza. It was the first incident in which fatalities were reported since Egyptian Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser warned that Syria and Egypt would retaliate on two fronts against any Israeli "aggression."

Thousands of Pilgrims
The first report said Israeli and Egyptian troops clashed in the Gaza Valley south of the Egyptian stronghold at Gaza.

New trouble was breaking out in the Holy Land just as thousands of travelers were flocking toward the shrines of Christendom on Christmas pilgrimages.

Jordan's government ordered a curfew on Bethlehem "until further notice," presumably to quell disorder spread by opponents of the Baghdad pact.

If the curfew continues on throughout the week, the historic Christmas Eve mass at the crypt that marks Christ's birthplace would have to be canceled.

Riots In Jerusalem
The Holy City of Jerusalem itself was rocked by more rioting today.

Israelis, watching from vantage points on their side of the divided city, said troops of the British-trained Arab Legion opened fire on demonstrators in the Jordanian old city.

The Israeli reports said rioting took place in the Sheikh Jarrah quarter of Jordanian Jerusalem and inside the old city itself.

After an hour, the area was reported quiet.

American Soldiers Acquitted by Army

Berlin—(U.P.)—Two American soldiers accused by the Communists of attacking a Communist actor in East Berlin were acquitted today by a U.S. Army court martial.

The two soldiers were charged with "being disorderly in uniform in a public place."

Both pleaded not guilty and claimed Communist actor Werner Lierck called Pvt. William J. Holden, an "American swine" and that Holden knocked Lierck to the ground.

Holden, of Poplarville, Miss., and Pvt. Richard L. Calbert, 22, of Kansas City, Mo., were arrested by the Reds Dec. 7 after they allegedly knocked out Lierck outside a bar in the Soviet sector.

Holden said that after Lierck called him a swine the German moved forward as to hit him.

The soldiers' defense counsel, Capt. Melburn N. Washburn of Mountain Grove, Mo., told the court the soldiers acted in self-defense.

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State police said Thomas apparently fell asleep at the wheel, and his vehicle failed to come out of a long turn. The auto hurtled 62 feet through the air before crashing into a rock and dirt wall.

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Gun Play Follows Argument, Logger Tells Authorities

Pair Slain in View Of Seven Children

Tillamook—(U.P.)—A young Warm Springs man and his wife were shot to death at Rockaway early yesterday in front of seven children and authorities held a 33-year-old logger here on an open charge.

Dead were Donald Peecard, 23, and his 25-year-old wife, Doris. They had three small children.

Held was Grant C. Bailey, a father of four children who once was a prisoner of the Germans in World War II.

Shootings Follow Fight
Police Chief Delbert Walpole of Rockaway said the shootings followed a round of drinking and fighting. He said Bailey was arrested when he found him without a shirt and bleeding on the street at Rockaway about 2 a.m. Sunday. The Peecards died in Tillamook county hospital soon after the shootings.

Walpole said Bailey appeared to have been badly beaten. Walpole said Bailey told officers the Peecards had been staying with him and that he had ordered them from his home early Sunday. Bailey's story said he waited for them at the foot of the stairs with two rifles and that Peecard pulled one of them from his hand. He said he fired with the other, a 22 caliber rifle, according to Walpole, and Peecard was hit with the first shot. He said he thought Mrs. Peecard was going for the other rifle so he shot her, police said.

Children In View
Walpole said Bailey's four children and the Peecard youngsters were in bed in clear view of the shooting on the main floor of the house.

Bailey said he had ordered the Peecards from his home after Peecard started beating his wife, according to Walpole.

Tillamook county District Attorney John Hathway said Bailey had planned to find Peecard a job in the woods.

Bailey was captured during World War II and almost died of starvation and pneumonia in a German prisoner of war camp.

Sales Tax Studied For Education Use

Portland—(U.P.)—The school finance committee of the Oregon Education association has recommended the study of a state general sales tax to raise public education revenue.

The recommendation, reached at a committee meeting here last week end, will be forwarded to the OEA representative council for final action next March.

The finance committee also supported a proposal to attach the emergency clause to state tax measures. The proposal will be on the ballot at the next general election.

Draft Calls To Lower In Next Six Months
Washington—(U.P.)—Draft calls will run below 10,000 men a month during the next six months, the lowest level since the start of the Korean war, defense manpower officials say.

While draft calls are fixed on a month to month basis, the Defense Department plans to call only between 6,000 and 10,000 men a month for the first half of 1956. Draft calls averaged about 10,000 monthly during most of 1955.

Highway Landscaping Seen Traffic Safety Aid

Salem—(U.P.)—Good highway landscaping can contribute to traffic safety, Mark H. Astrup, landscape engineer for the State Highway Department, told a weekend meeting here of the Oregon Society of Landscape Architects.

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