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Veteran M-T Editor E. C. Ferguson Dies

E. C. Ferguson, 64, managing editor of the Mail Tribune since 1928, died at Sacred Heart hospital at about noon today. He had been there for several months, and had been ill since last spring.

Mr. Ferguson was born in Ord, Neb., on Jan. 9, 1891, the son of Frank and Clara Ferguson.



E. C. FERGUSON
Joined Staff in 1928

son, whose parents were pioneer merchants in Nebraska. The family early moved to Oregon, and Mr. Ferguson was educated in public schools in Oregon. Was a Telegrapher

Western Union as a telegrapher, maintaining an interest in code telegraphy all his life. He attended a convention of "old-time" telegraphers shortly before being stricken with his final illness.

"Ferg" was Western Union office manager in Salem in 1910, one of the youngest in the nation, and later joined the Associated Press as a telegrapher, holding similar positions in Aberdeen, Wash., and in Medford, where he moved in 1914. During the first World War, he joined the Navy and was commissioned an ensign in communications work, serving overseas in France for part of his tour of duty.

Joined Paper's Staff
As an Associated Press telegrapher in Medford, he was assigned to the Mail Tribune office, copying from the Morse wire the national and international news each day. In 1928, he left the Associated Press and joined the staff of the newspaper as managing editor.

During his early years of residence in Medford, Mr. Ferguson was active in organizational work, as a member and officer of the local post of the American Legion, of the old Crater club, and other groups. He was long a member of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce. In recent years he was one of the leading members of the Southern Oregon Historical Society, Inc., and was instrumental in the move to have the old courthouse in Jacksonville made a county museum. As a Society director, he was one of those responsible for its proper administration.

"E.C.F." Well-Known
As managing editor of the newspaper, Mr. Ferguson was responsible for the day-to-day administration of the news and editorial departments. His editorials, signed with the initials "E.C.F.," were widely read and were frequently quoted or reprinted in other newspapers. His editorial interests were wide, ranging from small amusing incidents on the local scene to thoughtful essays on problems of local government.

Long ago he ceased using his first names, Everett Carl, and to friends was known as "Ferg" or "Fergie."

Survivors include Mrs. Ferguson, who is remaining in the couple's apartment on North Ivy st. for the time being; a daughter, Mrs. Ford Knutsen, of Astoria; two grandchildren, Mary and Barbara, and a sister, Mrs. Esther Newton, Los Angeles. The Knutsens visited here during the Christmas holidays and the week following, and Mrs. Knutsen is still here.

Funeral services are pending, and Perl funeral home will be in charge.

Flood Emergency Period Ends Here

The end of emergency civil defense aid in the Rogue River area was discussed yesterday with the county court by L. H. Webb, civil defense director, and City Councilman Harold Sanders, both of Rogue River.

Major Gen. Joseph Hicks, Jackson county civil defense director, said that because the emergency period had ended in both Shady Cove and Rogue River areas, further civil defense expenditure is not necessary.

Webb and Sanders told the court that they felt the work remaining in the areas was now individually responsibility, or through assistance from other sources.

It is expected that the \$4,000 cost of emergency work carried on by civil defense will be paid from county emergency funds, with some reimbursement from the federal government possible. Sanders said an estimated \$500 damage occurred within the Rogue River city limits.

Body of Medford Woman Recovered From Flood Area

The body of Mrs. Vera Johnson, 60, of 244 South Grape st., who drowned in the Yuba City, Calif., flood Saturday, Dec. 24, has been identified. The body was recovered Tuesday.

Mrs. Johnson was visiting her sister, Mrs. Charles Bartlett, in Marysville when evacuation orders were given Dec. 22. She and the Bartletts sought refuge in Yuba City with the Robert Bartlett family, but were caught in the flood.

Search Continues
Robert Bartlett, a nephew of Mrs. Johnson and of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Harris, 330 O'Garra st., Medford, still is missing, and the search for his body continued, according to Mrs. Harris.

Mrs. Johnson was the 32nd victim of the Yuba City flood, according to Coroner B. W. Ullrey of Yuba City. She was identified by her clothing and a ring.

Mrs. Harris said funeral arrangements for Mrs. Johnson are not complete, pending the outcome of the search for Bartlett's body. She said the family would like to have a double funeral, but if Robert's body is not found today, funeral services will be held in Marysville, Calif., and interment will be in Roseburg either Friday or Saturday. Mrs. Johnson requested to be buried in Roseburg prior to her being reported missing, Mrs. Harris said.

Sending Flowers
Medford residents wishing to send flowers have been asked to send them to Roseburg.

Mrs. Harris said her nephew, Robert, was wearing hip boots at the time of the flood, and relatives feared the boots may have filled with mud and are anchoring the body.

Besides Mrs. Johnson's sister, Mrs. Charles Bartlett, and several grand nephews, she is survived by her husband, Bruce Johnson, who went to Yuba City from his home in the Coos Bay area.

Oregon Ships 4687 Cars Of Fruit, Vegetables

Salem—(U.P.)—Oregon shipped 4687 carloads of fruits and vegetables during November, the State Agriculture Department said today.

The total was 1300 more than in November, 1954. Fifty-four per cent of the shipments were potatoes, 13 per cent onions and 6 per cent walnuts and filberts.



CASUAL—Returning to Paris from voting in his home district, French Premier Edgar Faure (left) and his wife, Lucie (in slacks), learn partial election results from aide Jacques Duhamel (center). Surprise strength of Far-right Poujadists and Communists rule out any chance that Faure or Mendes-France can rule alone.

General Campaign For RV Memorial Hospital Funds Get Under Way

The general money-raising campaign for the proposed Rogue Valley Memorial hospital started last night with a "school of instruction" dinner at the Medford Elks club.

Eugene Thorndike, chairman of the advance gifts committee, reported that 615 subscriptions totaling \$549,026 have been obtained for memorials thus far by his committee. He added that the committee's "work is not half completed."

The advance gifts committee will join the general organization, which will conduct an all-out campaign for funds.

Goal for the over-all campaign is \$850,000, according to Otto J. Frohmayer, general chairman. The proposed hospital at the corner of Barnett and Murphy rds. will cost about \$1,900,000. Of the total, about \$600,000 was donated prior to the advance gifts campaign, and federal Hill-Burton funds will be available for about one-third the cost. A recent Ford Foundation grant added another \$26,300.

Frohmayer pointed out that the campaign goal has been increased because of revised plans for the building and special equipment necessary "to make Jackson county a great medical center" and to meet possible increases in building costs.

The general organization will hold daily breakfast meetings at 7 a.m. in the Elks temple basement to report progress and receive instructions. Walter Garner is chairman of the general organization, and James J. Dunlevy is associate. Garner introduced division chairmen Robert D. Dames, John Graff, Dwight Houghton and Victor Milnes.

The general organization is composed of 10 groups of workers of 12 men each.

Frohmayer, who presided at last night's meeting, praised the advance gifts committee, and expressed appreciation for the 192 volunteers who attended. A get-acquainted period was included in the program.

Talent Woman Dies Of Gunshot Wound

Mrs. Olive May Bray, 31, of 314 South First st., Talent, died at a local hospital about 6:20 p.m. yesterday of a gun shot wound in her head. State police and sheriff's officers said the wound was self-inflicted.

Mrs. Bray apparently shot herself in the right side of her head about 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, and was listed as in critical condition at the hospital yesterday. Conger-Morris Funeral home is in charge of arrangements.

Weather

FORECAST: Cloudy with occasional showers tonight and Friday. Low tonight 34-36. High Friday 42.
TEMPERATURE
Highest Yesterday 51
Lowest this Morning 32
PRECIPITATION
To 4:30 a.m. Today 2.5

Oregon Braces for Another Storm; Streams Watched

Transportation In Bottleneck

Portland—(U.P.)—Oregonians braced themselves for another storm today in the wake of heavy rains which caused damaging slides, high water and transportation bottlenecks.

The weather bureau warned that more rain was expected, becoming heavier tonight and Friday. It was hoped that the rain would not be heavy enough to cause a repeat of flood conditions of two weeks ago. River Forecaster Elmer Fisher predicted a slow fall in tributary streams which surged upwards yesterday.

Highway traffic on the main route between Portland and Seattle was being detoured around a bridge about six miles north of Vancouver which was undermined by swollen Salmon creek last night.

Slide Hits Freight
Union Pacific's main line to the east was blocked yesterday evening by a slide in the Columbia gorge near Multnomah Falls which caught a passing freight and derailed five cars. The slide was to be cleared today.

Portland counted untold damage to homes and businesses after numerous slides and high water. Some hillside homes were evacuated and five industrial plants in the northwest section were closed because of surface water yesterday. Johnson creek, which spilled over its banks, was going down today.

The Willamette river was still well below flood stage but one home at Jennings Lodge was evacuated because of rising water and four families in the Oregon City and West Lyn areas also left their homes yesterday. Fisher predicted a slight rise in the Willamette from Corvallis to the mouth followed by a slow fall after tomorrow morning. The Willamette was not expected to reach last month's level.

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SCHOOL AID
He will send Congress detailed recommendations for a five-year program of federal aid to the states for school construction.

HIGHWAYS
The need for a big highway building program, which he proposed last year, is "even more urgent this year."

Mrs. Jack Lewis To Head Mothers' March
Mrs. Jack Lewis, 136 Highland dr., today was named Medford chairman of the Mothers' March, a March of Dimes fundraising effort, it was announced by Gerry Gastineau, city drive chairman. The Mothers' March will be held on Jan. 31 from 7 to 8 p.m. when block workers in all sections of the city will call at houses displaying a lighted porchlight as an invitation to the worker to call for a contribution to the fight against polio.

"I am glad to have been asked to have a part in such a worthwhile project as the March of Dimes," Mrs. Lewis told Gastineau. "Although development of the Salk vaccine has raised our hopes that polio soon may be wiped out, we must realize that the big fight has just begun," she added.

The new chairman said she plans to start the first of next week to lay out city maps and to appoint captains in the various sections of the city in an effort to make the Mothers' March the best ever held here.

Mothers desiring to assist Mrs. Lewis may telephone her at 2-8402.

OTHER PROPOSALS
He requested, or renewed previous requests for, amendment of the Taft-Hartley labor management law; extended coverage of the minimum wage act; further expansion of social security coverage; higher mail rates and new post office buildings; a "substantial increase" in funds or the U. S. Information Agency to tell America's story abroad; authorization of "an atomic powered exhibit vessel" to demonstrate peacetime use of nuclear energy for ship propulsion.

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He said the government should take steps to cushion the heavy and rising costs of illness and hospitalization. He said this should be done either by federal reinsurance of voluntary health insurance policies or by some other method.

The President asked, again, for expanded coverage of the wage-hour laws. He disclosed that the administration will ask later for legislation to require public disclosure of the financial affairs of union pension and welfare funds.

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"Our country is at peace. Our security posture commands respect. A spiritual vigor marks our national life. Our economy, approaching the \$400,000,000,000 mark, is at an unparalleled level of prosperity.

"The national income is more widely and fairly distributed than ever before. The number of Americans at work has reached an all-time high. As a people, we are achieving ever higher standards of living—earning more, producing more, building more, and investing more than ever before."

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He said he will send Congress later, Monday, according to Key West reports, a special message on his farm proposals.

Topical Summary Of Eisenhower's Congress Message

Tax Relief Deemed 'Not Justified'

Washington—(U.P.)—Topical er's State of the Union Message summary of President Eisenhower to Congress:

TAXES
No tax relief for the present. No tax cut can be "deemed justifiable" until the budget is balanced and a "modest" start is made toward trimming the \$280,000,000 national debt. He expects the federal budget to be in balance by the time the current fiscal year ends, next June 30.

FARM
The special farm message he will send to Congress Monday will propose "a new attack on the surplus problem" including a "soil bank" plan under which the government would pay farmers to divert lands from crops to a "conservation reserve."

FOREIGN POLICY
Communism still "poses a serious threat to the free world." Red tactics "have shifted since the Geneva summit meeting from "reliance on division, to enticement and duplicity." The United States must have a "dynamic, flexible" foreign policy to meet this "dangerous though less obvious threat."

FOREIGN AID
To assure America's friends abroad of "continuity" in U.S. economic aid, he asked "limited authority" to make long-term aid commitments for projects that will take several years to complete.

Present foreign aid is doled out on a year-to-year basis and the administration has no authority to promise any nation help beyond the current year.

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In an apparent bid for compromise, he did not repeat last year's controversial proposal for a special bond issue to pay for the roads, but said only that "there must be an adequate plan for financing."

FLOOD AID
The government should undertake "an experimental program of flood-damage indemnities" and otherwise overhaul its programs for aid to disaster victims. He'll make detailed recommendations later.

HOUSING
Congress should authorize construction of 5,000 new public housing units a year for the next two years, and "liberalize" other existing federal housing programs, including FHA loans for permanent home improvement.

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CONGRESS HAS UNION MESSAGE

Washington—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower today declared against any tax cut now.

He said in his State of the Union Message to Congress that he expects a balanced budget this year and next. He acknowledged that present taxes are "very burdensome" and should be reduced "when we prudently can." But he said there should be some reduction of the \$280,000,000 national debt before taxes are cut.

Mr. Eisenhower was even more emphatic on the subject of taxes in summarizing his message for newsreel and TV cameras at his Key West, Fla., vacation retreat.

Asks New Spending at Home, Abroad
"We will not talk about reductions of any other kind until we have begun to make some modest payments" on the national debt.

But some members of Congress, Republicans and Democrats alike, thought the President left the door open to a possible consideration of a tax cut later in this election year.

Mr. Eisenhower not only rejected a tax cut now but laid down a series of recommendations that added up to more spending at home and abroad.

Mr. Eisenhower's views and recommendations were set forth in a comprehensive message which glowed with promise of even greater prosperity than the present "unparalleled level." But it also carried a sober warning that the cold war has taken a turn for the worse since the Geneva summit conference; that Russia and Red China still pose "a serious threat to the world."

He said all excise taxes must be continued at their present rates. And the corporation income tax must be continued at the present rate of 52 per cent for another year. Unless Congress acts, these taxes are scheduled for reductions April 1.

As for the personal income tax, and taxes in general, he said:
"Under conditions of high peacetime prosperity, such as now exist, we can never justify going further into debt to give ourselves a tax cut at the expense of our children."

Fiscal Integrity
"So, in the present state of our financial affairs, I earnestly believe that a tax cut can be deemed justifiable only when it will not unbalance the budget, a budget which makes provision for some reduction, even though modest, in our national debt. In this way we can best maintain fiscal integrity."

The President said "the outlook is bright with promise" but warned that Russia has "demonstrated conclusively" it is not yet willing to create the indispensable conditions for a secure and lasting peace.

This country, therefore, he said, must remain strong at home and abroad although he promised that, "We shall persevere in seeking a general reduction of armaments under effective inspection and control . . ."

Other Recommendations
The President also made the following recommendations:
Statehood: "I urgently request this Congress to grant statehood for Hawaii. I trust that progress toward statehood for Alaska can be made in this session."

Postal Rates: Recommendations for new post office facilities and a boost in postal rates will be submitted later.

Immigration: "I again point out to the Congress the urgent need for revision of the immigration and nationality laws. I recommend that the number of persons admitted to this country annually be based not on the 1920 census but on the latest, the 1950 census," he said. He recommended greater flexibility in the use of quotas so that if one country does not use its share, another country can use it.

Civil rights: The President called for a bipartisan commission to be created by Congress to investigate charges that Negroes are being deprived of their right to vote and subjected to "unwarranted economic pressures" in some localities. He said the administration will recommend soon to Congress a program to advance the efforts of the government in the civil rights field.

Pay raise: A pay raise for government executives, including adjustments of pay in top career positions, is "essential to efficient governmental management."

Monopoly: The Government must try to keep open "the door of opportunity to new and small enterprises," check monopoly and preserve a competitive environment.

(See Stories on Pages 5 and 10)

Ashland Girl Suffers Burns On Body Today

Ashland—Glenda Nelson, five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Nelson, 1551 Webster st., Ashland, suffered second and third degree burns over most of her body about 8 a.m. today. She was taken to Ashland General hospital, where her condition was reported as good this noon.

The girl's attending physician said she apparently was playing with matches when her dress caught fire. She suffered burns on about 70 per cent of her body. Facial burns were reported as second degree.

Portland—(U.P.)—M and M Wood Working Co. announced here that earnings had increased 55 per cent and sales more than 17 per cent during the first nine months of 1955.