

### Air Force Not Increasing Intercontinental Fleet

Washington — (U.P.) — The Air Force reaffirmed Saturday it is not increasing the size of its proposed intercontinental jet bomber fleet in the face of reports that Russia is.

Authoritative sources expect the United States will have about 500 B52 jet bombers by sometime in 1958.

Russia is reported to have expanded production of intercontinental jet bombers to enable it possibly to have 600 to 800 by the same time.

The Air Force announced Friday it has placed a \$248,000,000 order for about 30 B52 intercontinental bombers.

But officials said the order does not mean the Air Force plans to expand the number of B52's it already is planning to build. They said the order only represents an additional commitment of funds.

The B52's cost about \$8,000,000 each.

The Air Force announced last summer it was stepping up production of B52's. The announcement came after a congressional furor over disclosure of unexpected Russian advances in the heavy jet bomber field.

Authoritative sources said the number of B52's the Air Force is planning to build will completely replace the old B36 super-bombers.

The Strategic Air Command's intercontinental striking force now consists of 11 B36 wings.

The planes covered by the

new order will be built by the Seattle Wash., and Wichita, Kans., plants of Boeing Aircraft.

### Recently Enacted Ground Water Act Explained Here

An explanation of the ground water act of 1955 was given yesterday by David C. Hendrix, water master for this area.

The act, which applies to the entire state, provides a means for registration of all claims of rights to appropriate ground water by reason of appropriations actually made before Aug. 3, 1955; for adjudication of the rights claimed to determine the extent and priority of each right; and for filing applications and issuance of permits for new appropriations.

It does not apply to appropriations of surface rights.

Provisions of the law concerning registration of wells and permits do not apply to appropriations of ground water for stock watering purposes, for lawns, or non-commercial gardens not exceeding one-half acre, nor for single or group domestic purposes not exceeding 15,000 gallons per day.

They also do not apply to any single industrial or commercial purpose not exceeding 5,000 gallons daily.

Persons or public agencies have until Aug. 3, 1958, to file registration statements for any right to appropriate ground water by reason of actual and lawful application of such water to beneficial use prior to Aug. 3, 1955.

Forms are available for both registration statements or permit applications at the water masters office in the county courthouse.

File For Permit

Any person or public agency desiring to make a new appropriation of ground water after Aug. 3, 1955, must file for permit, which is issued by the state engineer before construction of a well or any other means of developing and securing ground water.

On licensing of well drillers, Hendrix said each person who contracts to construct or alter a well must obtain a license from the state engineer.

The word "well," he said, applies to any artificial opening or altered natural opening, by which ground water is sought.

### Postal Revenue Here Increases Over 1954

Post office revenue from stamp sales in Medford during 1955 totaled \$44,606.90 more than in 1954, Postmaster Moore Hamilton has announced.

Stamp sales for 1955 totaled \$574,060.66, compared to \$529,453.76 in 1954.

Most of the increase came in the Oct.-Dec. quarter. Hamilton said. Stamp sales for that period totaled \$240,033.87 as compared to \$243,208.05 for the same quarter in 1954, a gain of \$36,825.82.

Although no figures are available at the present time, Hamilton said there was a substantially greater volume of incoming mail and parcel post in 1955 than there was the previous year.



### Officials Start Investigation Into Charlestown Death

Hermiston — (U.P.) — Umatilla county police Saturday were investigating a two-day-old murder and suicide uncovered Friday at Charlestown, a small community three miles north of here.

The apparent murder victim was Ralph R. Dillon, 35, a Hermiston carpenter. He was shot once in the hip and once in the head by a revolver owned by Clarence Albert Brady, 60, a long-time Charlestown resident and a Corps of Engineers clerk at McNary dam.

Death Almost Instant

District Attorney John Walker said Brady apparently shot Dillon as the man stood in Brady's small, one-bedroom house, and then sat down and shot himself in the head. Death was almost instant in both cases.

Walker said the double shooting apparently occurred sometime after midnight Wednesday, when the men were seen to leave a Charlestown tavern in which they had been drinking together.

The shooting was discovered Friday afternoon by Jack Ireland Clow, Brady's neighbor. Clow had noticed Brady's car standing idle for several days, and entered his house to see if there was anything wrong.

County authorities could find no motive for the slaying. Walker said the two men may have had an argument. There was no sign of a struggle in the room.

**FEMALE BRASS**—More gold braid than ever before awarded a female Navy doctor adorns sleeves of Capt. Gioconda Saraniero of Brooklyn, just promoted to captain after recently making commander. Dr. Saraniero reports Jan. 15 for duty in the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery at Washington.

### Seven Killed When Train Hits Vehicle

South Bend, Ind. — (U.P.) — Seven persons were killed Saturday when a carload of youngsters en route to a high school basketball tournament was struck by a Grand Trunk Railroad passenger train, sheriff's deputies reported.

The dead included a mother from New Carlisle, Ind., who was driving her two daughters and several teen-age youths to Walkerton. It was believed some of the youths were members of the New Carlisle basketball team.

Police said the station wagon in which nine persons were riding cleared one of two tracks in nearby Crumstown, then was struck by the train.

Six persons were killed instantly, one died soon after the accident in a hospital, and two were hospitalized in critical condition, sheriff's deputies said.

### Pacific P&L Files For Project Permit

Washington — (U.P.) — Pacific Power & Light Co., of Portland, Ore., has filed for a license to build a \$56,219,000 hydro electric project on the Lewis river in Washington state.

The so-called "swift hydro electric project" would consist of two developments on the Lewis in Skamania and Cowlitz counties. The development would have a total installed capacity of 256,500 kilowatts.

The company said the power output would be used to reduce its purchases from outside sources and to meet growing requirements on its system.

### Prince Bernhard To Visit United States

Amsterdam — (U.P.) — Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands, husband of Queen Juliana, will leave Tuesday on a two to three week visit to the United States, it was announced Saturday.

The announcement said the Prince will visit New York, Los Angeles, Texas and Washington, D. C.

### MANY DESCENDANTS

Bad Axe, Mich. — (U.P.) — Mrs. Catherine Pollum died at the age of 96, leaving 340 descendants. Survivors included one son, eight daughters, 67 grandchildren, 219 great-grandchildren and 45 great-great-grandchildren.

### Assistance Offered For Questionnaires

Anyone wishing assistance in filling out income questionnaires now being set out to veterans or their dependents who receive pensions may obtain it at the Veteran's administration office, 35 North Riverside ave., is announced Friday.

The VA will answer questions, assist in filling out forms, check them for correctness, and mail them to the proper office, if the person filling out the form wishes.

Income questionnaires are being mailed this month by the VA regional office to veterans, to veterans' widows and other dependents receiving pensions.

### Jail Escapees Make Too Much Noise

Klamath Falls — (U.P.) — An attempted escape from Klamath county jail Friday night was nipped when the unidentified prisoners attempting the breakout got too noisy.

Night jailer Loyd Newlun said he heard unusual noises coming from the felony tier of the jail. When he and Sheriff Murray Britton investigated they found a hole cut in a steel screen over one of the windows.

Britton said no implements which could have been used in cutting the screen were found.

### Barbara Hartle To Be Paroled Soon

Washington — (U.P.) — Barbara Hartle, a former Eugene, Ore., Communist convicted of conspiring to overthrow the government, will be paroled Feb. 1.

In announcing the parole, the Justice Department said Friday Mrs. Hartle has been active as a government witness in trials of alleged Communist conspirators. She began serving her five-year sentence at the women's reformatory at Alderson, W. Va., in 1954.

### Indian Government Launches Inquiry

New Delhi, India — (U.P.) — The Indian government Saturday reported considering a full-scale inquiry into the causes of a jaundice epidemic which already has claimed about 30 lives in New Delhi alone.

Private estimates placed the number of cases at between 15,000 and 16,000 but official sources said only about 2,000 persons were down with the disease.

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### GRANDVIEW-LONE PINE Family Here From Alabama

By MRS. LILIAN KNIGHT Grandview-Lone Pine — Mr. and Mrs. Alvin S. Kravig and four children, three boys and one girl, have moved into the Distell home after purchasing it from Mr. and Mrs. George Distell.

Kravig is in the advertising side of the National Business and Property Exchange, with the Medford branch office located on West Main Street. The family comes here from Dothan, Ala., where he was a civilian flight instructor at Ft. Rucker. The two older boys are now attending Lone Pine school.

Mr. and Mrs. Distell have moved into Medford after selling their home and buying the house trailer formerly owned by Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Kravig. Gary and Lucie Norris, children of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Norris, are back in school after having their tonsils out during Christmas vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kindred went to Salem to spend Christmas with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Larson.

Mrs. Charles Wobbe and baby daughter, Linda Fay, of Brookdale, rd., are home from the hospital and are doing fine. Mrs. Zelma Cooper of Pueblo, Colo., sister of Mrs. Wobbe, is staying at the Wobbe home for a few days.

Roxanna, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stokes, was home for the Christmas holidays. She is a sophomore at the University of California at Santa Barbara. She went home by way of Ventura, Calif., where she spent New Year's with friends. Christmas dinner guests at the Stokes home were their other daughter and two little boys, Mike and Bobby, Medford, and Mrs. Stokes' nephew and wife of Ashland, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Lamb.

Mr. and Mrs. William Leever and family of Springbrook rd. arrived home Friday after being gone about three weeks. They spent Christmas and New Years with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Leever and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Leever, parents and brother of Leever, in Phoenix, Ariz. They went to Nogales, Mexico, and later visited a brother of Mrs. Leever, Dr. and Mrs. John Brown and family at Orinda, Calif.

### Violates Law, But Charges Dismissed

Kingsport, Tenn. — (U.P.) — City Judge Brantley Lee dismissed a charge that cab driver James A. Reed violated a local law by allowing a passenger to ride in the front seat with him.

The passenger, Judge S. G. Bilgreath Jr., testified that he had asked to ride in the front seat because he had just recovered from pneumonia and wanted to sit next to the heater.

### Match Proves Man Is Not Guilty

Garner, S. C. — (U.P.) — Levi Wright needed only a match to win dismissal of moonshining charges against him. He told the judge that a jar of liquid found in his car was only water and the judge dismissed the case when Wright showed the liquid wouldn't burn.

### Milk Producers' League To Meet

The annual meeting of the Jackson County Milk Producers' League will be held starting at 10 a.m. Monday in the Roxy Ann Grand hall.

The day will be devoted to meetings and discussions, with luncheon at noon served by women of the league under the direction of Mrs. E. E. Moore.

Victor Birdsye, newly elected president of the Oregon chapter of the American Dairy association, spoke at the meeting of the 1955 board of the league recently. He explained functions of the ADA and discussed the organization plan for the Oregon chapter.

Promotion of Milk

The chapter will work with promotion of high grade milk and dairy products. Reports for 1955 were given by W. E. Davies, finance committee; Carl Hoyer, public relations; John Kesler, advertising; and Albert Heuser, market rights.

Alan Pierce, public relations counsel for the league, spoke and Manager Dick Westberg, president of the Oregon league, reported that milk consumption in the county showed a monthly increase over the previous year.

Market rights and herd of Robert Dawn were transferred to Mr. and Mrs. L. Darling. Clarence Williams, outgoing president.

### Gov. To Speak

Roseburg — (U.P.) — Gov. Paul Patterson will be keynote speaker here Jan. 14 at the 10th annual Junior First Citizen award banquet of the Roseburg Junior Chamber of Commerce, according to Dr. J. J. Anderson, Jaycee president.

### GOP SPEAKER

Roseburg — (U.P.) — Former Colorado Governor Dan Thornton will be keynote speaker at a GOP fundraising dinner here Feb. 8, according to Dr. V. J. Anderson, vice-chairman of the state Young Republican federation.

### Earthquake 'Jiggles' Tacoma Area Friday

Tacoma, Wash. — (U.P.) — An earthquake that was described as "just a jiggle" was felt here Friday about 8:30 p.m., the Tacoma police department reported.

The police telephone operator said her switchboard was jammed with telephone calls from residents throughout the city who said they felt the tremor. "One woman said the quake awakened her; another said he felt four distinct jolts," the operator said.

### Four Men 'Thumb' Ride To Death

Stockholm, Sweden — (U.P.) — Four men "thumbed" their way to death Saturday.

They died when the car in which they were riding plunged into an ice-filled canal. Police said the driver had flagged down the motorist only a few blocks away.

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### Man, Wife Drown On Way Back To Home

Yuba City, Calif. — (U.P.) — A man and his wife on their way back to their flooded home by boat were drowned in the Feather river Friday night when their craft was swamped by waves from a barge.

Deputy Sutter County Coroner Walter Ulrey identified the couple as Mr. and Mrs. Albert Haymore of Nicolaus. Their 17-year-old son, Wesley, succeeded in reaching shore.

Ulrey said the couple, flooded out of their Nicolaus home, had gone to Verona by boat to buy groceries. He said the accident occurred about midway in their six-mile return trip.

Haymore, 56, was an uncle of Floyd Ethington, 28, of Yuba City, who, along with his wife and two children, was drowned in the flood here.

### Cal Workers May Join Northwestern Council

Portland — (U.P.) — California Lumber and Sawmill Workers are voting on whether to align themselves with the union's Northwestern Council, according to Kenneth Davis, council secretary.

Davis said the action could be the first step toward the formation of a big new Western states council if California joined the unit and other states followed suit as expected.

### Douglas County Has First Polio Case

Roseburg — (U.P.) — Douglas county health authorities Saturday reported the county's first polio victim of the year.

Stricken with partial paralysis was Mrs. LeRoy Darnall, 29-year-old mother of two, who lives in Drain. She was being treated in an iron lung at a Eugene hospital.

The county reported eight polio cases in 1955.

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