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A story on youth activities in Medford appears on page 10 of today's Mail Tribune.

Weather

FORECAST — Mostly cloudy with a few light showers this morning becoming partly cloudy this afternoon, tonight and Monday.

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Ellsworth Outlines Steps Before Flood Control Obtained

Washington, D. C.—An outline of steps to be taken before adequate flood control on the Rogue river can be obtained was given by Congressman Harris Ellsworth last week.

He said he is now assembling material pertinent to the problem, and after this is done, the first step will be to confer with the chief of Army engineers.

Determine Need At this conference, he said, it will be determined what the engineers now have and what

California Oil Man Says Money Came From Personal Fund

Washington — (U.P.) — Howard Keck, millionaire California oil man, testified Saturday that the \$2,500 political contribution offered Sen. Francis Case came from his personal funds but that he had nothing to do with the offer.

Keck was the day's final witness at a select Senate committee's investigation of the contribution. Case, South Dakota Republican, requested the inquiry last Monday after he had refused to accept the money.

Keck, president of Superior Oil company, Los Angeles, denied this as did preceding witnesses.

The committee traced the money to Keck through Elmer Patman and John M. Neff, attorneys for Superior Oil company. Keck also is a director of the Gulf Interstate Gas co., City National Bank of Houston, Tex., and the Canadian Superior Oil co.

Keck said the contribution came from a fund handled for him by Patman. Patman paid out the money—25 \$100 bills—to Neff. Neff said he gave it to E. J. Kahler, Sioux Falls, S.D., newspaper executive who in turn handed it over to one of Case's political associates in that state.

Ike Has Series of Medical Checkups

Washington—(U.P.)— President Eisenhower spent an hour and 10 minutes in Walter Reed Army hospital Saturday afternoon undergoing a series of medical tests that will help him decide whether to run for a second term.

It was his first full-scale physical checkup since December, and his last before he makes the big decision which he expects to announce by the end of this month.

The test included x-ray and fluoroscopic examinations, electrocardiograph readings and blood chemistry analysis. All were aimed at measuring, with as much scientific precision as possible, the extent of the President's recovery from his Sept. 24 heart attack.

Press Secretary James C. Hagerty said the President's physicians, including Boston heart specialist Dr. Paul Dudley White, will meet at the White House Tuesday to review the results of the examinations.

Moscow — (U.P.) — The Soviet Union Friday announced an atomic aid program to Egypt, first to be concluded with a non-Communist nation, under which Soviet technicians will help in the construction of a nuclear laboratory in Cairo.

Sports Bulletins

Medford High school won its eighth straight conference game last night by defeating Ashland 65 to 49. The score by periods was 21-10; 30-19; and 42-35, all in favor of Medford.

Crater 49, Phoenix 46. SOC 78, Oregon College of Education 63.

UCLA 81, Stanford 72 (overtime). Washington 70, Oregon 61. Southern Cal 85, Washington 54.

Seattle 69, Portland 62. California 67, Idaho 58.

Severe Cold Wave Isolates European Cities; 300 Dead

Helicopters, Planes Start Mission Aid

London — (U.P.) — Scores of cargo planes and helicopters took off Saturday on mercy missions to aid victims of Europe's worst cold wave of the century.

All of Europe braced for new hardships brought on by the blizzards and sub-zero temperatures that already have claimed at least 300 lives.

Three Children Die Among the victims were three children who were killed at Grevena, in the Greek province of Macedonia, when the roof of a school building collapsed under the weight of accumulated snow.

The roof caved in while 130 children were being served hot soup.

Dozens of planes nosed through pea-soup fog and swirling snow to carry food and medicine to isolated areas, while others scoured the seas for floundering ships and stood by those known to be in trouble.

Pilots of two Royal Air Force helicopters braved a blizzard in the English channel to pluck 10 men from a battered tug minutes before it sank.

21 New Deaths France reported 28 new deaths from the cold to put her at the top of the fatality list with 82 dead. Italy was next with at least 71 dead.

New snowstorms cut communications again Saturday with scores of villages in southern Italy which rescuers had just dug out of tons of snow.

The number of isolated villages in the Chieti province in central Italy jumped to 85 Saturday.

Incomplete estimates said at least 120 villages and hundreds of hamlets were cut off from the world throughout Italy's Abruzzi region.

Smith, Officials Discuss Policies

Salem — (U.P.) — Gov. Elmo Smith called on top officials of the executive department to maintain the high standards of state government and to improve their services wherever possible to the people of the state.

The governor met with department heads for the first time since he assumed office last week to outline his policies and to hear suggestions firsthand from the administrators.

He told department heads that he expects his administration to be a dynamic one with changes being made in policies and personnel as the need becomes evident. At the same time, he added, a few basic changes in the progressive policies of Gov. Paul Patterson are immediately contemplated.

Gov. Smith expressed his confidence in Robert Johnson, who will become director of finance and administration March 5 succeeding Harry Dorman, Johnson's appointment was announced last month by Gov. Patterson.

Gov. Smith advised departments to begin immediately to prepare suggested legislative proposals for 1957 and to give prompt attention to 1957-59 budget matters.

Paris — (U.P.) — French Premier Guy Mollet returned home Saturday to report on his stormy, five-day fact finding mission to Algeria. He called an emergency meeting of his cabinet last night in a new search for a way to staunch the flow of blood in the strife-torn North African colony.

Oregon To Observe 97th Birthday Tuesday Salem — (U.P.) — Oregon, the Valentine state, will observe its 97th birthday Tuesday, Feb. 14.

Oregon was admitted to the union Feb. 14, 1859. Gov. Elmo Smith today urged all Oregonians to observe the birthday. He suggested that public and private schools in their own way give some recognition to Oregon's admission day.

Auditors Indicate Embezzlement May Go to \$2,800,000 By Firm Bookkeeper Norfolk, Va. — (U.P.) — The kindly old maid bookkeeper of a savings firm, dipping into the till over the years for charity, friends and kinkofs, may have made off with more than double the Brink's loot auditors indicated Saturday. They said losses may run to \$2,800,000.

Miss Minnie C. Mangum, 52, also may have set a record for the amount of an embezzlement, federal accountants said. They say her former firm, the Commonwealth Building and Loan assn., placed in receivership immediately when they found its entire reserve fund of \$2,100,000 apparently drained.

The FBI does not keep records of embezzlements in terms of the amount stolen. But the largest amount that any FBI official in Washington could remember was \$600,000 taken by Dec. 29 with a \$100,000 theft. She was released in bail while a more complete 30-day audit was taken. That check showed that the reserve fund had vanished and the auditors began another 30-day examination which is still going on.

Some bank officials estimated the total losses to the loan association, including interest and earnings from the period "years ago" when Miss Mangum began embezzling, may run as high as \$2,800,000.

Petitions Seek Repeal Of Bend Fluoridation Bend — (U.P.) — Petitions were being circulated here Saturday asking for a vote to repeal an ordinance allowing fluoridation of Bend's water supply.

William J. Baer, who led the opposition when the proposal was first voted on, heads the new move. Baer took the question to the State Supreme Court which ruled that Bend has the right to add fluorine.

The petitions ask a vote at the city's next regular election or at a special election. A total of 709 names will be needed. Baer said he was confident of getting at least 1000 signatures.

ACCIDENTS CLAIM 18 VICTIMS

Air Force Plane Accidents Fatal To 10 in Kansas

Search Starts for Atlantic Downed Plane

Topeka, Kan. — (U.P.) — Ten airmen were killed Friday when two Kansas-based B47 jet bombers crashed within a few minutes of each other in Kansas and South Dakota.

The coincidence went further than that. Capt. Floyd Ray Shirk, 29, of Rapid City, S.D., was killed in one of the B47 crashes only a few miles from his home in Rapid City.

Crew of Six Shirk's plane was based at Forbes Air Force base at Topeka and crashed and burned shortly after takeoff from Ellsworth AFB at Rapid City. Its crew of six were killed.

Four airmen were killed in the crash of a B47 based at Smoky Hill AFB, Salina, Kan., at Westmoreland, 50 miles northwest of Topeka.

St. John's, Nfld. — (U.P.) — United States search planes Saturday criss-crossed the air route between Iceland and Labrador in a search for a U. S. Air Force B26 missing with three men aboard.

Down in Atlantic The plane went down in the Atlantic Wednesday after reporting severe icing conditions to an accompanying B26.

The two bombers were en route from Keflavik, Iceland, to Goose Bay, Labrador.

An armada of 25 aircraft scoured the bleak, storm-tossed Atlantic Friday, covering the entire route over which the missing plane might have flown.

Seattle — (U.P.) — A U. S. Navy attack bomber ditched in the Puget Sound near Seattle Saturday afternoon but both pilot and passenger escaped injury.

Coast guard rescue boats pulled Lt. Walter P. Shiel, the pilot, and Lt. William A. Hessel, both of Seattle, out of the water within a half an hour after the crash.

Seventh Grade Teacher Has Science Problem

Redding, Calif. — (U.P.) — A seventh grade science class teacher at Sequoiah Elementary school has a problem.

In a diet experiment his class fed a white rat nothing but candy, cake and sweets. Another rat was given a carefully prepared "balanced diet," like all good children should eat.

The rat with the sweet tooth is doing fine but his properly fed buddy died.

Third Hearing Slated At Oak Grove School

Residents of the Oak Grove school district will have a third meeting Feb. 15 to discuss the possibilities of consolidation with the Medford district, according to H. Bruce Metzger, principal.

The meeting will be at the school at 7:30 p.m.

The Oak Grove school board previously had requested a joint study of the possibilities of consolidation with the Medford district and the Oak Grove board has already presented facts bearing on such a consolidation at two previous meetings.

A vote of residents of both districts will be required before the districts are joined.



TO CHECK LINES — The California-Oregon Power company has acquired the use of a helicopter, above, to check major transmission lines in the area. The helicopter and pilot, R. E. Trimble, above, are provided by a Yreka, Calif., firm, and make needed flights when weather conditions permit, according to James Cummins, Copco public relations director.

A construction department employee with binoculars accompanies the pilot. The plane flies about 50 feet above the lines. The innovation has proved a financial and operations success, Cummins said. The helicopter is moved to the Medford area by truck.

Adlai Takes Slap at Programs Of Eisenhower Administration

Portland — (U.P.) — Adlai Stevenson took a slap last night at the Eisenhower administration's farm, natural resource and power programs.

The candidate for the democratic presidential nomination told Oregon party leaders in a speech at a 25-plate Jefferson-Jackson banquet that declining farm income was "the most urgent single economic issue we face."

He charged the republican solution to the problem "confusing to say the least."

Answers to Problems Stevenson said the answers to farm problems must start "with a parity formula for fairness based on relating what a farmer gets for what he sells to what he must pay for what he buys."

And 90 per cent of what is fair is certainly not unfair."

For a complete farm program, Stevenson said, the realities of surpluses and unbalanced production should be faced with what he called "the democratic soil bank proposal."

The democratic hopeful, here to raise party funds and promote the reelection campaign of Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.), referred to administration adoption of democratic plans as "creeping elephantiasis."

But he said that if the president backed up these democratic recommendations, the nation would benefit.

Natural Resources Stevenson called for a natural resources program that would "place people's needs above corporate earnings" and produce the greatest good for the greatest number.

Relaxed, Well Dressed Looking relaxed and well-dressed in European-style dark suits and white shirts, MacLean and Burgess entered a room used for television viewing in Moscow's hotel National and handed two British and two Russian newsmen a prepared statement.

Both refused to answer personal questions at the five-minute meeting and gave no inkling of their present jobs or their plans.

Both men said they fled Britain in May, 1951, with the conviction that they no longer could work under "Anglo-American" foreign policy. They said they were harried by British counter-intelligence agents and MacLean said his telephone was tapped.

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By this standard, Stevenson said, "three—or now two—small dams on the Snake river are wrong, and one big dam is right . . . by this standard, and unless some new and very different evidence is introduced, the department of interior permit to a mining company to despoil Oregon's Rogue River National forest is a piece of clear and conscious chicanery."

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Northwest Mishaps Fatally Injure 8; Two In Portland

Three Children Die In North Bend Crash

By UNITED PRESS Eight persons were killed in accidents in Oregon and Washington, Friday, and a ninth died of injuries suffered in a traffic accident last Monday.

Two persons were killed in Portland area traffic accidents early Saturday.

Mrs. Rose Jean Fessler, 26, Portland, was killed in a two-car accident in which two other persons were injured seriously. It was Portland's eighth traffic death of this year.

Arthur E. Westberg, 74, Milwaukie, was instantly killed about 5 a.m. when struck by a car while walking along Highway 99 east a black north of the Milwaukie state police office.

Elgin Man Killed Dewey Lewis Burton, 55, Elgin insurance and real estate man, was killed Friday night when his automobile went out of control and overturned on the Minam-Elgin highway near La Grande.

Lester Mason of Minam told police he was following Burton when the car left the highway, hit some snowed and then rolled over several times. Burton was thrown from the car.

Four persons, three of them children, were killed Friday when their car struck a snow plow headd on U.S. Highway 10 in the Cascade mountains 12 miles east of North Bend, Wash.

Lind E. Fosgren, 28, Milwaukie Railroad substation operator from Kittitas, Wash., his sons Robert, 6, and Scotty, 3, and a nephew, Robert McConnell, 5, were killed. Fosgren's wife, Lois, 21, suffered serious injuries.

Logger Killed A 65-year-old logging truck driver and owner from Portland, was killed Friday when a log fell on him at the unloading scale at Oswego.

Police said a binder on the truck had been unhooked before stays for lifting the logs were hooked up. A log tumbled off the truck and crushed Davis.

Vancouver, Wash., has marked up its first traffic fatality since last October with the death of Mary E. Davis at St. Vincent's hospital in Portland.

Mrs. Davis, who was 69 years old, was injured last Monday in a two car collision.

Courthouse Petition For Saturday Closing

A petition asking the Jackson county courthouse be closed Saturday mornings was being circulated among courthouse employees last week, it was learned Saturday from a Medford attorney.

It was understood that the petition will be presented to the county court next week. The move follows action taken by numerous other counties in the state, in accordance with 1954 legislation making Saturday morning closure of offices possible.

The courthouse has been closed Saturday afternoons in the past, and a number of state offices in the building already close Saturday morning.

Chipmunks Provide Large Peanut Business At Parks

The peanut business at Oregon Caves National monument and Crater Lake National park is a flourishing one.

Last year, tourists fed chipmunks more than three tons of peanuts, according to Tom Williams, superintendent of both national resorts.

At Oregon Caves, the tiny animal took about 3,000 pounds—one and a half tons. At Crater Lake park, the nine-inch long rodent family member received about 3,275 pounds. The Crater Lake chipmunks were fed from 50,000 one-ounce cellophane bags, and 600 four-ounce cans sold at concession stands.

Williams said peanuts are purchased by the bulk and packed by employees during the slack season at Oregon Caves resort, where recently excavation work revealed a chipmunk's winter storehouse with between 25 and 30 pounds of peanuts.

Williams said a census of chipmunks at both southern Oregon tourists attractions is almost impossible because of rocky terrain, and the many places where chipmunks live.

Park service officials pointed out that feeding animals in national parks is against park regulations. However, because the chipmunk population increases fairly rapidly, and tourists furnish a food supply source through apparent enjoyment, chipmunk feeding is permitted, they said.