



BOYS WILL BE BOYS—The death toll in cold-weather-plagued Europe is now nearing the 600 mark as a new threat develops. Victims of the worse European winter of the century now face a threat of floods as ice-choked rivers begin to back up. Here German youngsters at Hamburg, with a child-like unawareness of the critical situation, play happily on the huge block of drift ice on the shore of the Elbe River.

School Taxation Discussion Topic At Study Meeting

A. F. Mekvold, Jackson county school superintendent, discussed taxation problems of the rural school board, and the need for coordinating various taxing units within the county at a tax study meeting of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce this morning.

He said he thought the problem is equalization on the county level of school taxing units, because the ratio of ability to pay varies about six to one. He pointed out that some districts are six times richer than other districts.

School Fund
Mekvold said he believed the basic school support fund through the state formula should be changed to equalize distribution of funds to less wealthy counties. Under the present set-up, he said, the valuation trend has been for richer areas to increase faster than poorer areas in assessed valuation.

He also discussed the problem of consolidation of non-high school districts with high school districts. He noted the greatest problem of consolidation is to have high school districts accept districts which have low assessed valuation because the tax levy would not raise enough to pay for students.

Mekvold said he believed the state board of education building code is reasonable and that the state minimums are not out of line. He added that he feels they should have better technical advice from the state level on advising smaller districts on buildings regarding present and future needs.

Paper Plant Talked For Yaquina Bay

Portland (U.P.)—Plans for a 250-ton-per-day Kraft paper plant at Yaquina bay on the Oregon coast were on today's agenda of a meeting between Georgia-Pacific Plywood Corp. and state fish, game and sanitary authorities.

Involved in the discussion were water pollution problems created by waste that would be dumped into coastal waters by plant and water rights on the Siletz and Yaquina rivers.

Georgia-Pacific had applied to the state engineers office for water rights to 40 cubic feet per second flow of the Siletz. The Portland firm planned to process into paper and board the chips it now sells to other processors. If plant construction were started this summer, production could begin by the fall of 1957.

School Teacher Gets Help Changing Tire

Brookings, S.D. (U.P.)—A Brookings sixth grade teacher, Mrs. Grace Rodee, was traveling between Highmore and Harrad, S.D., recently when her car had a flat tire.

She was struggling with it alone as one car passed her, then another. Finally a third car approached—and stopped.

A man clad in hunting clothes and smoking a pipe offered to help her.

She asked him where he was from, and he said Pierre. She asked him what he did. "I work in the state house," was the reply.

He looked up and she recognized him as Joe Foss, South Dakota's Congressional Medal of Honor winner, flying ace and present governor.

Oregon Credit Rating Classified as 'AA'

Salem (U.P.)—Oregon is now an "AA" state instead of an "A" state, credit-wise.

State Treasurer Sig Unander said the rating was made by investment firms on general obligation bonds which will make it possible for Oregon to save money through lower interest on future bond issues.

Leon McDougall Said 'Holding His Own'

Leon McDougall, Medford youth who underwent rare heart surgery at the Mayo clinic in Minnesota yesterday, was said to be "holding his own" this morning, although still not conscious. The young man's mother, Mrs. J. A. McDougall, 315 Perrydale ave., reported this morning that her husband had phoned from the hospital to report his condition.

The parents expressed their appreciation to Medford residents who made special donations of blood before the operation through the Red Cross reciprocal blood bank program. McDougall reported that 12 pints of the blood already had been used.

The operation, which involved the use of a mechanical heart and lung was performed by Dr. John W. Kirtlin, heart surgeon for the clinic.

Communications to young McDougall, may be addressed to Rochester Methodist hospital, it was said.

Roseburg Woman Injured in Blast

Roseburg (U.P.)—Mrs. Esther Young, 50, manager of the Roseburg Auto Court, was hospitalized here with second and third degree burns inflicted by the explosion of a gas burner in one of the cottages of the court today.

Witnesses said the woman was blown through the door of the cottage by the blast which also raised the roof of the building away from the walls. Her clothes caught fire and her wrist was fractured. A passerby, Harry Ryan, extinguished the flames in the woman's clothing and summoned aid.

Fish 'n Chips and Jumbo Fried Shrimp at McDuffie's COFFEE POT DRIVE-IN 1132 North Riverside

Morse Takes Verbal Poke at Segregation

Chapel Hill, N.C. (U.P.)—Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) said here last night that "interposition is a new form of secession."

He told the Carolina Forum at the University of North Carolina that today "we find an attempted revival of individual states' authority to resist federal action on the grounds of asserted and self-assumed unconstitutionality."

Morse said that "despite bragadoccio and verbal swagger we can expect that the 14th amendment will survive and remain vigorous long after shortsighted racial politicians have strutted their brief day in the public limelight."

Morse said he would not "take a back seat to anyone" in defending the primary jurisdiction of the states over several areas of organized life, including education.

He added, however, "we must be on guard of the invoking of states' rights to defeat or weaken sound and proper and urgent national programs."

Portlander Hurt When Struck by Own Car

Portland (U.P.)—Charles L. Mader was treated for a possible arm fracture last night after he was struck by his own car.

Mader, 49, had stopped at a corner to inspect his car when another car came down a hill and skidded on ice. It hit Mader's car which spun and struck Mader as he jumped to avoid it.

Negro Actor Succumbs In New York Hospital

New York (U.P.)—Frank H. Wilson, 70, the Negro actor who played Moses in the film version of "Green Pastures," died yesterday in Queens General hospital.

Wilson suffered a paralytic stroke Feb. 5 after serving communion at the Corona Congregational Christian church where he was a deacon.

SUGGESTS FLUORIDATION

Portland (U.P.)—Dr. Thomas L. Meador, city health officer, has recommended fluoridation of Portland's water supply "with the least possible delay."

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Benson's Claim on Unjustified Pay Boosts Stirs Controversy

El Centro, Calif. (U.P.)—Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson's claim that "unjustified" pay hikes in the food industry contributed to declining incomes of the nation's farmers today stirred a new controversy over his department's policies.

Benson told the Western States Meat Packers association convention in San Francisco

Thursday that the food industry granted "round after round of soft wage settlements," since 1947. He said, "Half the settlements were unjustified."

Congressional Democrats and spokesmen for farmers, meat packers and packinghouse workers criticized Benson's statements.

"Consistent with the general policy of this giveaway administration he is attempting to fasten the responsibility for the give-away of the farmers' income on to the workers of the packing industry," charged Ralph Helstein, president of the United Packinghouse Workers Union in Chicago.

When Benson spoke here Thursday night at a \$50-a-plate Republican dinner, he was picked by members of the union's Local 78.

In his talk here, Benson said the administration is preparing a campaign to eliminate surpluses which robbed farmers of \$2,000,000,000 in profits last year. He said farm profits would have been 20 per cent higher in 1955 if it had not been for surpluses piled up under previous programs.

Proposing Attack
The administration, he said, was proposing a "direct and effective attack" to pull the surpluses down to normal in "about three years."

Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.) led the congressional attack on Benson. He said Benson

was trying to "cover up for the gross inefficiency" of his own department by throwing "the blame on the backs of workers in factories." Acting Senate Democratic Leader Earle C. Clements of Kentucky also agreed that Benson was "trying to find a scapegoat and distract from his own mistakes."

Charles B. Shuman, president of the American Farm Bureau, said he did not believe wage boosts to packinghouse workers were connected with the low price of hogs.

Cold Weather Eases; Snow Falls in State

Portland (U.P.)—The cold let up somewhat over western Oregon last night and was replaced by snow and rain. But there still were some slick icy spots and the weather man indicated the temperature would go below freezing again in places tonight.

Portland, which had been told to expect a possible three-inch snowfall, awoke to find only a trace on the ground, although the airport measured an inch most of which melted quickly this morning.

Nearly a foot of new snow was reported at Cascade Locks in the Columbia gorge. There were snow showers throughout western Oregon but it was mostly rain in the Willamette valley. Recurring snow showers were predicted east of the Cascades.

Coldest official reading in Oregon last night was four degrees above zero at Burns.

Daily Weather Report

Sunset tonight 5:46 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow 7:04 a.m.

FORECASTS
Medford and vicinity: Considerable cloudiness with occasional flurries of snow or showers of rain and snow mixed and with occasional clearing periods tonight and Saturday. Low tonight 28. High Saturday 42-45.

Western Oregon: Mostly cloudy with occasional light rain at times mixed with snow tonight and Saturday. Warmer. Low tonight 30-38. High Saturday 38-46.

Northern California: Showers extreme north portion spreading to Monterey and Merced tonight. Clearing late tonight, mostly fair Saturday except snow flurries high mountains. Continued cold and wind in north portion.

LOCAL DATA
TEMPERATURE: Mean yesterday 24; below normal 19.
Record high this date 72 in 1916.
Record low this date 22 in 1922.

PRECIPITATION: 24 hours to midnight, none. Midnight to 10 a.m. 12 in. Total this month .03 in., 1.08 in. below normal.
Total since Sept. 1, 21.55 inches, 9.50 inches above normal.

HUMIDITY: Lowest yesterday 38%, highest this a.m. 94%.

CITY High Low Prec.
Brookings 48 37 .18
Crater Lake 29 12 .78
Grants Pass 39 28 .12
Klamath Falls 28 21 .08
MEDFORD 34 27 .04
Portland 30 28 .10
Seattle 25 23 .06
Spokane 12 7 .05
Yakima 10 2 .03

Eureka 43 36 T
Red Bluff 51 38
Sacramento 50 39
San Francisco 54 33
Los Angeles 58 40
Phoenix 58 41 .08
Denver 25 0 .04
Chicago 32 30 .40
Miami 80 66 .06
New York 41 26 .09
Washington, D.C. 48 35

FIVE-DAY FORECAST
(Through Feb. 22)
Western Oregon—Temperatures below normal but highs rising to 40-46 by Sunday. Lows 27-33. Precipitation above normal with 1-2 inches along coast and 1 inch in interior valleys. Occasional showers with heavy precipitation on week end and Monday.

Northern California—A few showers tonight. Occasional rain early in week with snow at low level in mountains. Temperatures below normal.

State Interim Group To Visit in Medford

Four members of an Oregon legislative interim committee studying problems of local government will be in Medford tomorrow to meet with citizens and for a television show. They are Judge Raymond Lathrop, Grants Pass; State Senator Paul Geddes, Roseburg; Representative V. E. Johnson, mayor of Eugene and Kenneth Tollenaar, executive secretary of the committee.

The committee members will attend a special public meeting of Medford League of Women Voters at the Jackson hotel. Luncheon will be served at noon with the meeting to open at 1 p.m. It is stressed that anyone interested in local government is invited to attend, and that a question period will be held.

At 4 p.m. the committee will appear on KBES-TV for a panel discussion of local governmental problems. The four men are making the trip here in preparation for a public hearing here March 1.

Holmes Will Avoid Name-Calling in Race

Portland (U.P.)—State Sen. Robert D. Holmes, only announced candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor, says any primary race will be devoid of name-calling on his part.

Holmes told the Willamette Democratic Society yesterday that other Democrats "mentioned in the papers" as possible candidates for the nomination "are all good men."

"If one of them should get the nomination he would certainly have my support in the fall election," Holmes said. "And I am sure I shall have their support if I am the nominee." Attorney General Robert Thornton, Multnomah county Sheriff Terry Schrank and Albany attorney Orval Thompson have been among possible candidates mentioned.

NAMED BY SALEM FIRM
San Jose, Calif. (U.P.)—L. H. Hogue, San Jose, assistant secretary-treasurer of Hawaiian Pineapple Co., Ltd., has been elected vice-president and director of the subsidiary Paulus Bros. Packing Co. of Salem, Ore.

Soviet Mines in Japan Waters Being Studied
Tokyo (U.P.)—The Foreign Office said today it is studying reports that Soviet-made mines are floating into Japanese waters and endangering shipping.

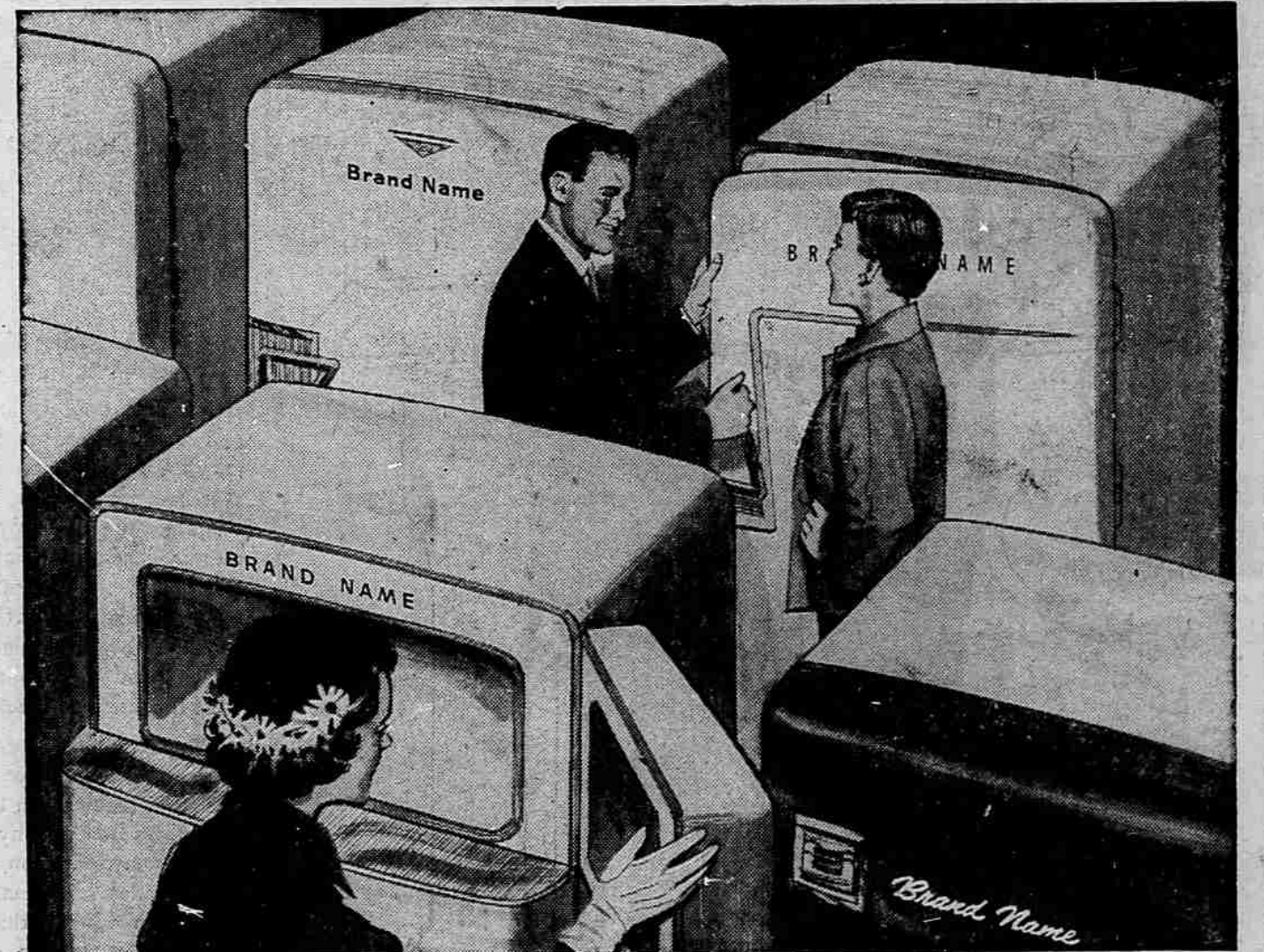
Informed sources said the Japanese coast guard had reported that 93 mines had floated onto Japanese shores since 1951, and had urged action to stop them.

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