

IF WINTER COMES . . . ?—This is typical of the scene which greeted many residents of the Rogue valley this morning, as the winter's heaviest snowfall came in during the night, covering southern Oregon with snow ranging in depth from a few inches up to a foot or more in higher elevations. Despite its beauty, it caused slippery and slushy streets, slowed traffic and kept a number of schools closed.—(Brainerd photo.)

**Weather**  
**FORECAST:** Considerable cloudiness with occasional snow flurries tonight and Friday. Low tonight 25. High Friday 40.  
 Temp. 39  
 Highest Yesterday . . . . . 32  
 Lowest this Morning . . . . . 22  
 Prec. to 10 a.m. Today . . . . . 82

# Uranium for Peace Pledged

**Valuable Metal Will Be Available To Peaceful Nations**  
**Safeguards To Assure Peaceful Purposes**

Washington — (U.P.) — The United States today took a long step forward in its atom-for-peace program by releasing one billion dollars worth of uranium for peaceful uses at home and abroad.

Officials predicted the move would prove a sharp blow to Soviet "talk" about Russian advances in peaceful use of nuclear power.

**To Distribute 40 Tons**  
 President Eisenhower announced at Thomasville, Ga., Wednesday the United States will distribute 40,000 kilograms (more than 40 tons) of uranium-235 for atomic reactors and research at home and overseas.

That amount of uranium-235 packs enough energy to devastate 40,000 Hiroshimas. However, experts stressed the uranium will be made available in a form not easily convertible to military use.

Half of the 40,000 kilograms will be set aside for leasing in the United States, the announcement said.

The rest will be leased or sold abroad. The President said "prudent safeguards" will be taken to make sure the uranium is used for peaceful purposes.

**Soviet Bloc Ineligible**  
 The uranium will be made available to all nations except Russia and its satellites and nations like Great Britain that are already producing it.

"This will give the boys in the Kremlin something to think about," said one U. S. official who asked not to be quoted by name. "The Russians can't possibly hope to match this."

Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D-Wash.), said the uranium commitment will "unequivocally demonstrate to doubting Thomases abroad that we are staunch advocates of the peaceful atom."

**Hagerty Continues To Deny Decision Told by President**  
**Authoritative Word To Be Given Public**

Thomasville, Ga. — (U.P.) — The White House today attempted vainly to stem the growing flood of reports that President Eisenhower was willing to run again.

Almost hourly, Mr. Eisenhower's press secretary, James C. Hagerty, was pelted with a fresh batch of published and broadcast reports that the President had reached a decision and would be a candidate for re-election.

These reports flowed in from the West Coast to New York, the bulk of them stemming from Washington sources.

Hagerty attempted to stand his ground, however, and continued to forecast that the first authoritative word from the President will be given to the American public and not to a few Republican leaders.

He also denied that Sherman Adams, the assistant to the President, had "passed the word" to GOP leaders that the President was a sure thing for a reelection race.

"Has Sherman Adams passed such word?" Hagerty was asked late Wednesday.

"No, he hasn't and I've talked to Sherman Adams . . . He says he never made any such statement like that at all," Hagerty said.

GOP National Chairman Leonard W. Hall also was mentioned in the published reports as a source of the information that the President was willing to stand for reelection.



**ESCAPES INJURY**—Milo Martain Randall, 23, 724 Victory st., apt. 4, escaped injury about 8:30 p.m. Wednesday when his auto was squeezed between two Southern Pacific cars at the Clark st. crossing. City police said Randall's sedan became stuck on the rails when he attempted to go around a freight car parked on the crossing. He placed blocks next to the rails to facilitate the crossing, according to police, but was forced to leave the car in the path of the train approaching on another track.

**Yuba City Children Await Santa's Visit**

Yuba City, Calif. — (U.P.) — Seven-year-old Stewart Stanton, his eyes shining, cheered as loud as the rest of them when it was announced that Santa Claus would put in an appearance here tomorrow.

Little Stewart, like thousands of other tots in Yuba City and Marysville, didn't get to see Santa on his regular run. Their towns were evacuated and the Christmas presents of many were swept away on roof-high flood waters.

Stewart, a second-grader, entered the high school auditorium here last night during a driving rain. Then his face lit up and he joined with 800 other youngsters in a carnival atmosphere. There was a free circus and vaudeville acts.

**Ike Sends Greetings**  
 President Eisenhower sent Christmas greetings, and Gov. Goodwin J. Knight announced he would tour the flood area tomorrow with Santa Claus, dropping in at random at the homes of youngsters.

That was when the big cheer went up.

Santa Claus also will appear Saturday to pass out gifts donated from all over the state. A plane load from Alameda Naval Air Station was due to arrive today, and another load of gifts was scheduled to come from Southern California Lions clubs.

**McCarthy Urges Encouragement of Attack on Reds**

New York — (U.P.) — Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy assailed the Eisenhower administration's foreign policy last night and demanded that the United States "encourage" free Chinese, Koreans and Viet Namese to attack the Communists.

McCarthy and Sen. William E. Jenner of Indiana both were critical of the administration in addresses before a Washington birthday rally of the "For America" organization in Carnegie Hall.

Another Washington  
 McCarthy described Gen. Douglas MacArthur as "contemporary George Washington" and said "neither Douglas MacArthur nor Washington, if the decision had been his, would have extended the hand of friendship to the Soviet Union as was done last summer at Geneva."

Jenner also leveled a verbal attack at the United Nations and said the United Nations constitutes a threat to our constitution and our liberties at home, as great as its threat to our independence as a nation in foreign affairs.

**Arms Encouraged**  
 McCarthy said the United States must seek to wipe Communism from the earth and said the United States should "encourage free peoples, especially those in Asia with armed forces at their disposal, to attempt to liberate their Communist-held homelands."

**Morse Would Welcome Stevenson, Kefauver**  
 Washington — (U.P.) — A presidential primary race between Adlai Stevenson and Estes Kefauver in Oregon would be welcomed by Sen. Wayne Morse, the Oregon Democrat said today.

## Power Line Damage, Schools Closed From Heavy Snowfall

More than 6 inches of snow yesterday and last night closed several county schools today, and caused power shortages in several southern Oregon areas.

Electric power in east Medford was off between two and four hours early today when snow packed on lines and tree limbs causing contacts and line burning, California Oregon Power company officials said.

**Other Facilities**  
 Other facilities in Southern Oregon were extensively damaged, they said. Lines in the Wimer, Evans Creek, Trail and Elk creek areas suffered heavy damage, as did lines on the Green Springs. They said there also was transmission line trouble on the Umpqua divide from heavy snowfall.

Officials said repair crews were dispatched to trouble spots. Medford station of the U.S. weather bureau recorded 5.1 inches of snow at the airport this morning bringing the total for the month to 10.9 inches, second highest amount for February on record.

Record fall for February was 17.5 inches in 1917. Heaviest amount for the month since then had been 9.8 in February 1949.

This morning's snow, which came between midnight and 10:30 a.m., was the largest amount for one day this year. There was a total of four inches on the ground at one time. A figure of 6.2 inches for yesterday

and today, however, was not the most for a two-day period this year. Snowfall on Feb. 17 and 18 amounted to 7.4 inches with 4.4 on Feb. 17.

Medford vicinity was the area of heavy snow for Southern Oregon. More rain than snow fell to the north and south of the valley and Grants Pass had only an inch of slush at 10:30 a.m. today.

Schools closed today in Jackson county due to weather or road conditions included Ruch, Rogue River and Butte Falls, which are closed for the remainder of the week, and Jacksonville, Phoenix, Applegate, Prospect and the Rogue River Academy, which closed for today at least, according to County School Superintendent Alf Mekvoid.

Evans Valley school, which has been closed because of heavy snow, could not be contacted because lines were down, Mekvoid said.

**West Coast Storm Leaves Eight Dead**  
 By UNITED PRESS  
 Cooler air moved into Oregon today as precipitation which sent streams cut of their banks earlier in the week dropped off. Snow was reported in some sections.

North Bend received .64 of an inch of rain in the 24 hours ending at 4:30 a.m. and Medford got about six inches of snow, but elsewhere precipitation generally was lighter. Baker got .45 of an inch of precipitation and reported four inches of snow on the ground.

Some mixed rain and snow fell throughout western Oregon and the weather bureau said the outlook called for more similar shower activity. Snow showers are expected throughout eastern Oregon.

San Francisco — (U.P.) — The West Coast's four-day storm died away today, leaving behind at least eight dead and severe flood damage in three states.

The onslaught of wind, rain and snow swelled rivers throughout southern Washington, Oregon and Northern California, but the only major stream still offering trouble was the Russian river in California.

The Sonoma county sheriff's office reported that the tumbling water reached 38 feet last night—eight feet above flood stage—but most of the flooding was confined to farm land.

**Clearing Forecast**  
 Meanwhile, the weather bureau came up with its first optimistic forecast in four days. It predicted partial clearing in Oregon and Washington early today with continued "intermittent" rain and snow in Northern California until this afternoon.

In Oregon, Gov. Elmo Smith said flood damage in the Grants Pass area of Josephine County might be three or four times greater than that of the disastrous December-January floods.

**McCloud Man Killed**  
 The latest victim of the storm was Harley Johnson, 22, of McCloud, Calif., who was reported to have frozen to death when he and two other men were caught in a blizzard north of Redding.

Four persons were killed in California and three in Washington earlier in the week.

Five men were injured, four of them seriously, when a rockslide crashed down on a power shovel they were operating in the Feather River Canyon near Storrie, Calif., yesterday.

**Hearing on Rural Fire District Budget Held**  
 The Central Point Rural Fire district budget for 1956-57 calls for a tax levy of \$31,647.40, an increase of \$6,972.80 over the 6 per cent limitation. The proposed levy, however, is \$259.52 less than the 1954-55 levy.

A public hearing on the budget was held in Central Point Tuesday night. No objection was voiced. The budget board will meet March 6 to fix the date for a special election when voters will be asked to approve the amount in excess of the 6 per cent limitation.

Fire Chief Dick Krupp said the budget committee limited expenditures to essentials and planned no improvements or additions because it felt that the tax burden in the county was such that an increase should be avoided.

**Railroad Tariff Suspension Ordered**  
 Salem — (U.P.) — Public Utilities Commissioner Charles H. Heltzel today ordered suspension of railroad tariffs recently filed which would increase intrastate rail rates in Oregon by seven per cent.

The new rates would have become effective Feb. 25.

The order said the level of all rates and charges would be greatly increased and no evidence establishing their propriety and reasonableness had been offered by the railroads to support the tariffs.

**Extensive Damage To County Roads**  
 Local flooding and overflowing streams have caused extensive "semi-major" damage to roads throughout Jackson county, according to County Engineer Paul Rynning and members of the county court who spent yesterday touring the area.

While roads have not received serious damage of the heavy December floods, Rynning said local damage was considerably greater and covered a larger area.

A section of the Central Point-Jacksonville road near Hanley Hill was badly washed out by a rampart Jackson creek, and heavy rock work will be required before it will be passable, according to Rynning.

Other sections closed include the right fork road of Foothills creek, where a bridge approach is washed out; the upper part of Kane's creek between Medford and Gold Hill; upper Griffin Creek road, about three miles above Griffin Creek school; and up Sterling creek road between Jacksonville hill and Little Applegate.

Rynning said crews are battling snow in the higher levels and the exact amount of damage cannot yet be determined.

**Check Rumors of Isolated Family**  
 Three men in a six-wheel drive truck were making their way up snowbound Evans Creek road to Wimer at noon today after rumors indicated the possibility that a family was isolated near Wimer and in need of help.

Making the trip were Leroy Webb, Rogue River logger, and Doyle Stockton, deputy state fire warden. They were in contact with local officials through use of a mobile radio loaned by the Southern Oregon Conservation and Tree Farm association.

Red Cross officials said they received a phone call last night from Rogue River from an unidentified woman who told them the situation should be investigated.

**1,000 Chickens Lost When House Floods**  
 Rogue River — The loss of at least 1,000 chickens, owned by S. W. Tomlinson, route 1, Gold Hill, due to flooding from a ditch near his flocking house early Tuesday was reported today.

Tomlinson's family said he discovered the water about two feet deep in the chicken house about 5 a.m. The young fryers were ready for market, according to relatives.

## Smith Announces Candidacy For Governor Nomination

Salem — (U.P.) — Gov. Elmo Smith announced late yesterday that he would be candidate for the Republican nomination for governor in the May 18 primary election.

"My duty and responsibilities are clear," the governor said in announcing his decision to run. "Oregon has great need for far-sighted and aggressive leadership," he said. "The people of Oregon had given decisive support to the leadership and program of Gov. Patterson. I believe they want this program continued and completed."



**ELMO SMITH**  
 Duty Said Clear

U. S. Rep. Walter Norblad and Earl Dickson of Albany, also have filed for the Republican nomination for governor.

State Sen. Robert E. Holmes, Astoria, is the only announced Democrat candidate.

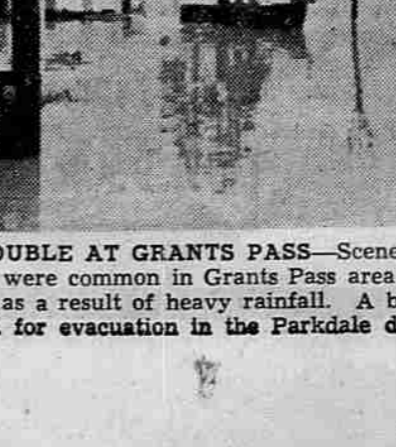
The governor, who entered his new duties as chief executive of Oregon on the sudden death of Gov. Paul Patterson, Jan. 31, 1956, said he intended to visit every section of the state during the coming year.

## Bulletin

Washington — (U.P.) — The House Ways and Means committee voted today to tax motorists and truckers an average of more than \$800,000,000 a year for 16 years to help pay for a big new highway building program.

**DOW-JONES AVERAGES**  
 New York — (U.P.) — Dow Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 481.50 up 4.57; 20 rails 159.88 up 0.71; 15 utilities 64.44 up 0.20; and 65 stocks 170.87 up 1.20. Sales today were about 2,900,000 shares compared with 2,240,000 yesterday.

**TROUBLE AT GRANTS PASS**—Scenes like this were common in Grants Pass area Tuesday as a result of heavy rain. A boat is used for evacuation in the Parkdale district south of the city. Grants Pass was isolated by floodwaters but the main highway routes were reopened after surface water receded and the Rogue river started dropping.



## Federal Civil Defense Officials Visit Here

Fred Spaeth, federal civil defense official from Salem, and Lt. Col. Maylon E. Scott, Oregon civil defense operations officer, were to arrive in Medford this afternoon for a preliminary survey of flood damage.

The two will tour Jackson county today and Josephine county Friday, and make a report by telephone tomorrow to Gov. Elmo Smith, according to Maj. Gen. Joseph Hicks, county civil defense director.

**SP Resumes Traffic Over Siskiyou Line**  
 Portland — (U.P.) — Freight service over Southern Pacific's Siskiyou line between Eugene and Dunsuir was resumed at 8:30 a.m. today as crews completed repairs of flood damage to the Jumpoff Joe creek bridge at Merlin in Josephine county.

There is no passenger service on the line. The Siskiyou route also had been blocked at Myrtle Creek and south of Grants Pass but that damage was repaired earlier.