

# Newbry Approaching End of Nine Years as Secretary of State

Salem — (U.P.) — Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry is keeping his fingers crossed these days as he approaches the end of his unprecedented nine years in office. Five of his predecessors met with violent deaths. Oregon's first secretary of state, George W. Legretton, was killed by the Indians in 1844.

The next two secretaries—Dr. John E. Long and Frederic Prigg—were drowned in the Clackamas river near Oregon City, which was then the site of the provisional government.

And Robert S. Farrell Jr. was killed in a private plane crash which also took the lives of Gov. Earl Snell, himself a former secretary of state, Senate President Marshall Cornett and the pilot.

Newbry is retiring from his office and service on Oregon's Board of Control when his term expires by constitutional limitation Jan. 7.

Newbry plans to continue with his son, Lynn, operating the Newbry Orchards at Ashland. He also has business ventures in Portland and Salem.

He was appointed by Gov. John Hall to succeed Farrell in October, 1947, and served also under Govs. McKay, Paul Patterson and Elmo Smith.

Reviewing his nine years in office Newbry noted it was during this period that he inaugurated the "staggered" motor vehicle and driver license registrations to eliminate rush periods in January and July.

Newbry feels the change has been uniformly accepted by the public and has resulted in savings to the state. Use of tabs on standard license plates effected further savings.

Newbry received all national honors his office affords. He was president of the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators in 1950 and president of the National Association

of Secretaries of State in 1954 while serving continuously on their executive committees.

## Man Indicted by Jury Surrenders to Police

Portland — (U.P.) — Clifford O. Bennett, 34, indicted by the Multnomah county grand jury on three misdemeanor counts, surrendered to police here Sunday night and said he had been asked last summer by a Portland underworld character to give perjured testimony.

Bennett was indicted on charges of disturbing the public peace, of offending public decency, and injuring the public morals. He posted \$1500 bail.

Bennett said he had been subpoenaed to testify last summer but was excused "until further notice." He said an underworld figure appeared at his hotel the next day and asked him to testify he had given a bribe to a certain law officer. He said he refused.

## Avalanche Fatal to Seven in Japan

Fujiu, Japan — (U.P.) — Seven persons were killed near here Monday in a New Year's Eve tragedy when an avalanche hurled two trucks nearly 200 feet into a valley.

Of the 18 persons buried under debris and snow, 11 miraculously survived although they were seriously injured.

The seven persons killed were either dug out dead or died soon after they were rescued.

The two trucks were part of a convoy of five transport trucks of the Japan Express company. They were moving along a highway near this western Japanese city with a snowplow bulldozer at their head when the avalanche roared down and hurled the two trucks into the valley.



**MAID OF COTTON** — Miss Helen Landon of Huntingdon, Tenn. hugs a cotton bouquet after being chosen the 1957 Maid of Cotton at Memphis, Tenn. She will travel the world boosting cotton products.

## Portland Police Chief Submits Resignation

Portland — (U.P.) — Portland Police Chief Jim Purcell Jr., handed in his resignation to Mayor Fred L. Peterson yesterday, the mayor's final day in office.

Terry D. Schrank, former Multnomah county sheriff, took over the duties as mayor of the city, effective at midnight.

Schrank had earlier said one of his first acts after assuming office would be to relieve Purcell of his duties as police chief. The new mayor has said that his appointment of a new police chief will be announced tomorrow.

## OLD FASHIONED NEW YEAR

Leiria, Portugal — (U.P.) — Joaquim Ferreira Jr. and his wife, Maria Rosa, celebrated the New Year with their new baby. The boy, born Monday, is their 17th child.

## Pleasant Weather Opens New Year; Cold in Midwest

By UNITED PRESS

The new year opened with relatively pleasant weather across the nation today. Holiday cheer was chilled, however, by a mass of frosty air that swooped into the north central section of the country.

The chilly air thrust its nose into the middle Mississippi Valley and the Ohio Valley. Mercury readings dropped as much as 30 degrees over a 24-hour period in Minnesota, Wisconsin and parts of North Dakota. International Falls, Minn., was probably the coldest spot in the nation early today with a reading of 16 below zero.

## 15 Inches of Snow

A snowstorm that clotted roads in the northeast was predicted to swirl away after dumping what was predicted to mount up to 15 inches of snow in the western New York state area. Some weather stations reported an additional inch of snow during the six hour period ending around midnight. Except for a few flurries in North Dakota, the only other precipitation today was in the far Northwest, where light rain sprinkled over the Pacific coastal regions.

The frigid air was predicted to spread over the central plains and Ohio Valley today, overlapping into parts of the middle and north Atlantic states. Flurries were expected to be restricted to the Great Lakes shores and northern New England. The rest of the country had fair weather today, with the exception of the Northwest, where rains continued to fall.

## Pope Pius XII Greet New Year Early Today

Vatican City — (U.P.) — Pope Pius XII greeted 1957 shortly after the stroke of midnight today kneeling before a bare and dimly-lit altar in his private chapel adjoining the papal apartment in the Apostolic palace. The 80-year-old Pontiff greeted the new year praying for world peace and for Catholics still suffering persecution in the Communist-dominated countries.

## Girls Born Three Seconds After 12

Rochester, N. Y. — (U.P.) — Two girls were born exactly three seconds after midnight today. The exact time was known because doctors were standing by with stop-watches to determine which would be Rochester's and maybe the nation's first baby of 1957.

The girls are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. John Steely of 208 Elm street, East Rochester, and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Hetrick of 6009 East Henrietta Road of Suburban Rush, New York.

Another girl was born at one minute after midnight at another hospital to Mrs. Joseph Goodwin of 194 Emerson st., Rochester.

## Classified Ad Brings Corruption Charges

St. Clair Shores, Mich. — (U.P.) — Charges of corruption and malfeasance in this suburban community led to a request for a grand jury investigation and the following classified ad in the weekly newspaper:

"WANTED — Intelligent, honest citizen willing to undertake burden of public office as a member of the St. Clair Shores Council. Must be able to withstand mudslinging. "Salary is \$1,200 per year. Information about filing as a candidate in the next election can be obtained by calling the city clerk."

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday, 10 a.m. Monday in Monday, other days 5:30 previous day. The Community's Biggest Marketplace

## Three Water Systems Start in Minnesota

St. Paul, Minn. — (U.P.) — Minnesota, which has more water within its borders than any state in the nation, is the source of three of the continent's great water systems.

Geographers say there is one square mile of water for every 20 square miles of land in the state, not including Lake Superior. There are more than 4,000 square miles of water within the state.

Water systems arising from the state go into the Gulf of Mexico, Hudson's Bay and the Atlantic Ocean.

## More Driver Education Courses Offered in Wis.

Madison, Wis. — (U.P.) — The Wisconsin Motor Vehicle Department says public high schools in this state offer far more driver education courses than the average for the nation as a whole.

Department statistics point out that 86 per cent of state high schools offered courses which were taken by 28,594 students in the 1955-1956 school year. This compares with about 52 per cent of the high schools throughout the country which offer driver training, said the department.

LEE—GRANT San Diego, Calif. — (U.P.) — Robert E. Lee has opened advertising agency offices here at the U.S. Grant Hotel.

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