

Savings Bond Sales Show Increase Here

Savings bond sales in Jackson county totaled \$93,703 last month, compared to \$93,291 in November, 1956, the second consecutive month showing an increase over last year, according to George W. Minnaugh, state director of savings bond sales. Total sales for the year through Nov. 30 in Jackson county were \$912,926, compared to a total sales of \$1,111,311 for the same period last year, he noted.

State sales during November totaled \$2,285,129, compared to last November's total sales of \$2,937,310.

Legislative Session Fizzles Saturday With Small Turnout

Salem — A meeting of the legislative interim committee on legislative reorganization fizzled here Saturday when a quorum of five members failed to show up.

Chairman Keith Skelton, Eugene Democrat, said he was sorry only eight days notice of the meeting had been given, but felt committee members at least should have notified him of their inability to attend.

Skelton said the committee will meet early in January.

One committee member notified Skelton of a prior commitment and another did not come due to bad weather.

Present to testify before the committee were State Finance Director John F. Richardson, Assistant Secretary of State Warren Nunn, and Fred J. Paulus, deputy state treasurer.

Both Richardson and Nunn submitted letters to the committee outlining their responsibilities in connection with the state building program.

The committee has until next Oct. 1 to recommend measures and decide what, if any, boards and commissions should be eliminated or consolidated to improve governmental efficiency.

Committee members present included Rep. Norman Howard, Portland Democrat, and Sen. Howard Belton, Canby Republican.

Rumors of Romance Sparked by Dance

London — The Aga Khan and a teen-age Mexican beauty danced into the dawn Saturday and sparked rumors that they were altar-bound.

The Aga's 21st birthday party waxed gaily until 5 a.m. at the Savoy Hotel and the spiritual ruler of 20 million Ismaili Moslems kept the champagne flowing to the end for the 300 guests.

His date was Sylvia Casablancas, a 17-year-old Mexican girl he has known for six years.

Sylvia flew to London from her parents' home in Geneva. Neither she nor the Aga — or Karim, as his friends know him — would comment on the possibility of an engagement.

Grim Hope Held On Finding Girl

Sycamore, Ill. — A police search of lovers' lanes and garbage dumps Saturday held out grim hopes of finding Maria Rudolph, 7, who disappeared when a strange man offered her a piggy-back ride.

The curly-haired girl, object of an intensive search by thousands of officials and civilians since Dec. 3, was offered the ride by a man known only as "Johnny." Police were informed of "Johnny" by Maria's girl friend, who was with her at the time.

Officials announced the new search Friday after reporting they had abandoned previous plans to dynamite hard-frozen ponds where the girl's body might lay concealed.

Richard Auerbach, head of the Chicago office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and one of the leading police figures at Sycamore, said the dynamite plan would not "now be feasible" because warm weather probably will melt the ice on the Kishwaukee River and nearby ponds.

Fourteen Killed By Tokyo Storm

Tokyo — Fourteen persons were killed and 148 injured Friday in a storm that lashed western and southern Japan with heavy rains and winds up to 90 miles an hour, reports reaching police headquarters said Saturday.

Twenty-nine persons were listed as missing.

The storm subsided early Friday and was followed by unusually warm weather. In Tokyo, the temperature zoomed to 73 degrees at 1 p.m., the hottest December day since 1890 when 74 was registered.

Police reports said 222 homes were destroyed and 45 damaged. More than 2,000 houses were flooded. Sixteen small craft were sunk, 13 were missing and 92 damaged. Telegraph lines were down in 567 places.

Budget Discussed at Rural Board Meeting

The current operating budget of the rural school board was presented to the new members of the board at a recent meeting of the Rural School board. Changes and procedures caused by creation of the county board of education were explained. Members of the board are Glenn W. Smith, chairman; William Starzinger, Paul Gasparotti, Clarence Holdridge, Edith Hoag, Ben Lombard, Elwood Hedberg, and Alf B. Mekvold, secretary.

A discussion of a proposed audit of the rural school districts was held at another recent meeting. George Stacey, auditor, has been requested to make a survey of the district budgets for the past few years and to determine the value of each district. The information will be used by the board in considering emergency requests.

New Plywood Plant Set For Sheridan

Sheridan, Ore. — Sheridan will be the site of a plywood plant manufacturing its products from hardwood — the only such plant in Oregon.

Announcement of the site selection was made Saturday by John Tyner, Lebanon, and Mayor Fred Bozeman. The industry will occupy the former McCormick mill buildings.

Some 100 men will be employed.

LOOK, BOYS!

Hollywood — Santa Claus will arrive bareback late Saturday at the paraplegic ward of the county's Rancho Los Amigos hospital. United Air Lines' annual Christmas party for the adult ward has for its surprise this year actress Vikki Dougan, known for her dresses with plunging backlines. She'll wear one of them for the boys.

Witness Cracks Hoffa Testimony

New York — The testimony of a defense witness backfired Friday and put a visible crack in the alibi of James R. Hoffa at his wiretap conspiracy trial.

Hoffa had stated he was in Seattle, Wash., at a Teamsters conference between July 6 and July 10, 1953. The government contends that on July 9 Hoffa was in Detroit at Teamster headquarters supervising the installation of wire tap equipment.

Friday, however, Raymond B. Klinka, a United Airlines executive, testified airline records show two tickets for Hoffa and his wife had been purchased June 26, 1953, for the Detroit-Seattle run.

Under cross-examination, however, Klinka admitted that there was no way to prove that Hoffa actually made the flight. He also admitted that even if Hoffa had gone to Seattle, he could have returned to Detroit by plane the night of July 8 in time to supervise the alleged wiretap installation.

Chief On Carpet For Base Bombings

Athens, Greece — King Paul threatened Saturday to fire the Athens chief of police unless he discovers who was responsible for bombings at a U.S. air base and U.S. information center.

The King summoned Police Chief Theodore Rakintjis to the palace to get a full briefing of the progress of the investigation and urged him to take vigorous action.

"Either you discover the persons responsible for these anti-American explosions or you resign your post," the King told the chief.

Four U.S. airmen and a Greek guard were injured slightly when two time bombs damaged two generators at the Hellenikon Air Base early Friday. No one was injured in the information office explosion the previous night.

Damaged Destroyer Moored In Lisbon

Lisbon, Portugal — The U.S. Destroyer Manley lay at dockside Saturday, its damaged port side turned toward the sea which had crumpled its upper section like paper.

Newsmen were forbidden to go aboard the ship and crewmen were not permitted to talk to reporters. But one sailor told a newsmen, "It's a gol-darned mess."

The two dead and four injured sailors were taken ashore when the Manley made port last night.

The commanding officer, Cmdr. William H. Bowen, had high words of praise for the way his men reacted when a mountainous wave crippled the ship off Northern Spain Friday.

The official release said the wave "ripped open the port side of the messing and communication facilities."

ed making hardwood plywood which is used for interior paneling and cupboards. It is also used in boat making.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—THREE

Explanation Asked On Russian Claim Rocket Fell in U.S.

Washington — The National Academy of Sciences called upon Russian scientists Saturday to explain why they think fragments of the Sputnik I rocket fell on U.S. territory.

The Russians have demanded return of the fragments, claiming that according to "available data" some not entire-burnt remnants of the rocket came down along the west coast of Alaska.

Dr. Detlev Bronk, president of the U.S. academy, notified the Russian Academy of Sciences Friday that no trace of the fragments had been found.

Will Keep Looking

But he told Russian Academy President A. N. Nesmeyanov that this country would keep looking. Bronk said it will help if the Russians provided the "available data."

Nikita S. Khrushchev, Russian Communist Party boss, was the first to claim that parts of the rocket had fallen on U.S. territory. He said this country refused to give them back.

Government officials from the White House down have denied there is any evidence the rocket fell in this country. American scientists have said the last sighting of the rocket indicated it had fallen in the Pacific or perhaps on the Asian continent.

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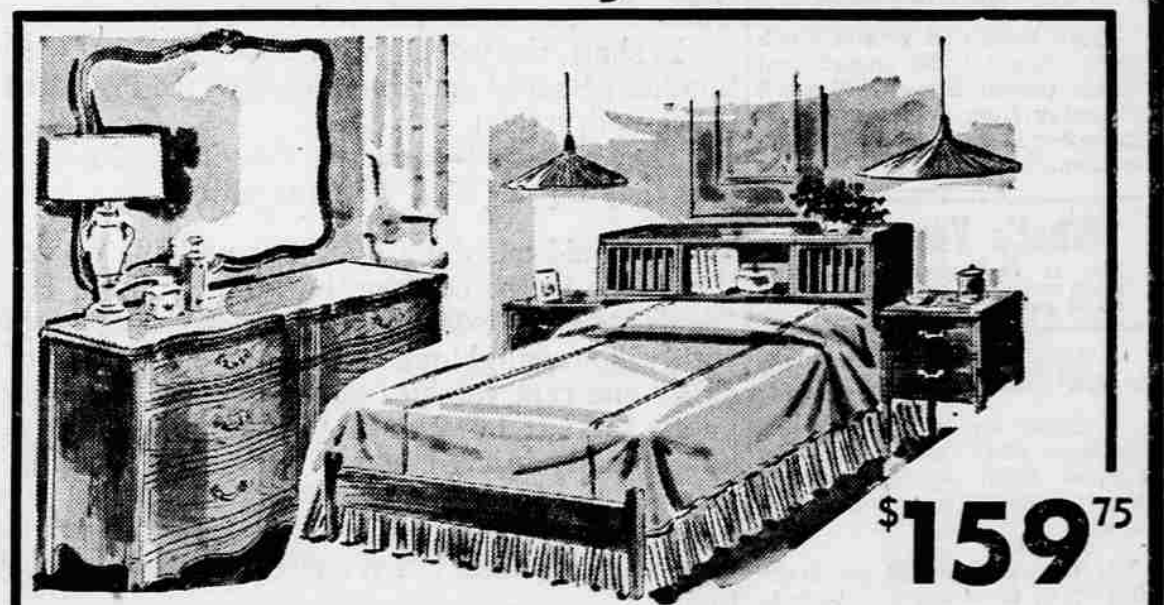
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