

2 Western Oregon Rivers Over Flood Stage



SAINT NICK—Even more popular with the younger set this time of year than Wild Bill Hickok or Hopalong Cassidy is this legendary old gentleman with the white whiskers, who is shown above talking with Sylvia Jean Foster, 6, in Mann's Department store. Sylvia told Santa Claus what she wanted for Christmas after assuring him that she had been a good girl most of the year. She thought it was pretty funny that Santa should get a crick in his knee after bending down to talk to her. Sylvia is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Foster, Ashland.

\$3,400 Transferred From Emergency Fund For Police Vehicles

A transfer of \$3,400 from the emergency fund to cover unexpected replacement costs of the city police vehicles was approved by the Medford City council last night.

City Manager Robert A. Duff said \$7,418.17 was first allotted for the replacement, but rising car prices and figures based on

Small Daughter on Way to Join Parents

Little Abby Frankfield, 7-week-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Frankfield, formerly of 1001 South Holly st., and now living in Bellinham, Wash., left by plane at noon today to join her parents for Christmas.

At the time of her birth on Oct. 11, at Rogue Valley hospital, she weighed 2 pounds, 13 ounces. Abby now weighs 6½ pounds.

Since the baby's birth, Frankfield, employed by Parke, Davis Pharmaceutical company, was transferred to Washington.

Accompanying the baby will be a family friend, Mrs. Clara Cleveland, 210 Portland ave., Medford.

Council Approves Eighth St. Payment

Deposit of \$56,800 to the state highway commission as the city's share of the Eighth st. construction was approved by the city council last night.

City Manager Robert Duff recommended payment of 25 per cent of the cost of making Eighth st. into a one-way east-bound traffic street as part of the city's 10-year arterial street program. The money was taken from the arterial street fund.

Main st. will serve westbound traffic in the one-way couplet. The city recently was granted permission by the Public Utilities commissioner to construct a railroad crossing at Eighth st.

The state shares construction costs because the project is on State Highway 238, the Jacksonville highway.

Firemen Complete Christmas Project

City firemen yesterday completed their annual Christmas toy repair and painting project.

They reported that they have enough toys on hand for 700 youngsters of needy families in the community.

The toys, stored in the Franklin warehouse, Third and First sts., were to be displayed to the public at an open house this afternoon held by Lady Lions, who will distribute them.

Body of Man Found in Abandoned Well Near Vernonia; Police Study Foul Play

Vernonia — **P**— Authorities said today a man whose body was found in an abandoned well seven miles southeast of this community may have been taken for a "one-way ride."

Tentatively Identified

The man was tentatively identified as Robert E. Holloway, 44, Portland, who had been missing more than six weeks. The body had clothing like that worn by Holloway, a Portland cement finisher, police said.

Police in Portland said they had reason to believe Holloway was struck on the head with a bottle in a Portland fight and then taken to the lonely, nearby uninhabited section of Columbia county and thrown into the well.

Woman Reports Absence

The body was hauled out of the well Thursday after investigation sent officers of Multnomah, Washington and Columbia counties to the scene.

Police said the possibility that

Cost of Living Hits Record High During November

Consumer Prices Up .4 of One Per Cent

Washington—**P**—The cost of living resumed its rise in November.

The government reported today that consumer prices bounced up four-tenths of one per cent to a new record high.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics said its consumer price index for last month soared to 121.6 per cent of average 1947-49 prices after having leveled off in October for the first time in 13 months.

New Car Prices Up

The index has hit record peaks in 14 of the last 15 months. It was 6.1 per cent higher today than when the spiral began in February, 1956.

Most of the November increase was attributed to an 11 per cent rise in the price of new cars over the month, the bureau said. The hefty jump in the cost of new autos more than offset a three-tenths per cent drop in the price of food.

The increase means wage increases of four to five cents an hour for 900,000 workers in the steel, aluminum and meat packing industries. About 100,000 aircraft and other workers will receive one cent an hour raises.

Little Change Expected

Ewan Clague, commissioner of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, said he expects the index will show little change when December prices are calculated.

He said the index should show a downturn in January in reflection of the downturn in business activity.

In a separate report, the Labor Department said the purchasing power of factory workers' take home pay declined by 0.7 per cent because of the rise in consumer prices. Purchasing power slid 3.3 per cent compared to last November. The take home pay of 13 million manufacturing workers dropped by 20 cents because of fewer working hours.

Crawford Named Heart Fund Head

John G. Crawford, Medford, has been named chairman of the 1958 Jackson county Heart Fund drive, according to Dr. Oscar Heyerman, director of the Oregon Heart association and head of the Medford Heart council.

The Heart Fund campaign starts Feb. 1 and continues through Feb. 28. It will be conducted here by the Medford Heart council, an affiliate of the American Heart association. The campaign will be highlighted on Heart Sunday, Feb. 23, when a door-to-door collection is scheduled.

Crawford is a past director of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Kiwanis and Rogue Valley County clubs. He lives at 835 East Main st.

Last year, \$5,000 was collected in Medford and Ashland, a major portion of which was retained in the state for research and local heart programs, Crawford pointed out.

Larry Horton was last year's Heart Fund chairman, and John Billings was in charge of the Ashland drive.

Tornado Warning Issued In Georgia, Carolinas

By UNITED PRESS

A tornado warning was issued early today for northcentral Georgia and northwest South Carolina as twister-spawning air masses moved eastward leaving death in their wake.

At least 14 persons were known dead in the weather onslaught which hit Illinois, Missouri, Arkansas and Alabama.

Portland — **P**— An increase in auto insurance rates that could add as much as \$15 million a year to insurance costs to Oregon motorists was predicted here today by Herbert A. Ballin Jr., president of the Oregon Association of Insurance Agents.

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United States Claimed in Grave Danger From Military Might Posed by Russians

Washington—**P**—A super-secret report prepared for the White House warns that Russian military might poses so grave a threat to the nation that nothing short of an all-out defense buildup can stave off "catastrophe," it was reported today.

The Washington Post and Times Herald said the Galtier Committee report pictures the nation "in the gravest danger in its history" and "moving in frightening course to the status of second-class power."

In a copyrighted story, the newspaper said that even with

the enormously more expensive military buildup recommended this country cannot match Russia's missile might before 1960 or 1961.

At the same time, it said, the report shows that America lies exposed "to an almost immediate threat from the missile-bristling Soviet Union."

The report was ordered by the White House last year at the time it was considering what kind of civil defense shelter program the nation needed and could afford from possible nuclear attacks. The committee,

however, expanded its survey to cover the whole range of the Russian threat.

The measures called for in its report are listed as "first and second priority."

Of first priority, the report recommended a rapidly rising military budget through 1970, reaching in the years 1960 and 1961 a peak of about \$8 billion above the current defense outlay of \$38 billion.

The group recommended for second priority a bomb shelter program costing another \$5 billion a year for the next four

or five years to protect the population against radioactive fallout.

Wayne Hawks, acting White House press secretary, said it is up to President Eisenhower whether the top secret report is released. He said he did not know what the President would do.

Asked if there was any reason why the report should not be released now, Hawks said he did not "know a thing about it" and refused to be drawn into any further discussion on that point.

Price Tag On Defense Needs

Medford Council Suggests License For Business Here

The Medford city council last night recommended to the state department of motor vehicles an application from A. Ray Forbes, owner of Speedway Auto Parts, Crater Lake highway and Hilton rd., to conduct an auto wrecking business.

An informal hearing was held by the council. A council recommendation on such applications is necessary before the state grants a license. The department is not bound by the council recommendation, according to City Attorney E. R. Bashaw. Bashaw said in his opinion only a failure to give any recommendation could stop the state from granting a license.

In recommending the application the council voted to forward results of the hearing to the department of motor vehicles and to refer the matter to the city planning commission for possible rezoning.

A representative of the area said parking problems and narrow streets in the area make it a poor place to conduct such a business. The main objections expressed by residents centered on loss of property value and noise. However, a resident living next to the firm said he felt his property was more valuable.

Several informal hearings were held by the county court while the area was still in the county. County Commissioner Chester Wendt discussed reasons for granting the license before the area was annexed at last night's meeting.

Some Dog Licenses To Be Increased

Some dog license fees have been raised for the new calendar year at the request of the Jackson county dog control board, according to the county court.

Fees for female dog licenses have been revised upward from \$1.50 to \$2.50, County Judge Rodney Keating said. Penalty on delinquent dog licenses has been raised from \$1 to \$2, he added.

License fees for male dogs and spayed females are the same this year as last year, \$1.50, Keating said.

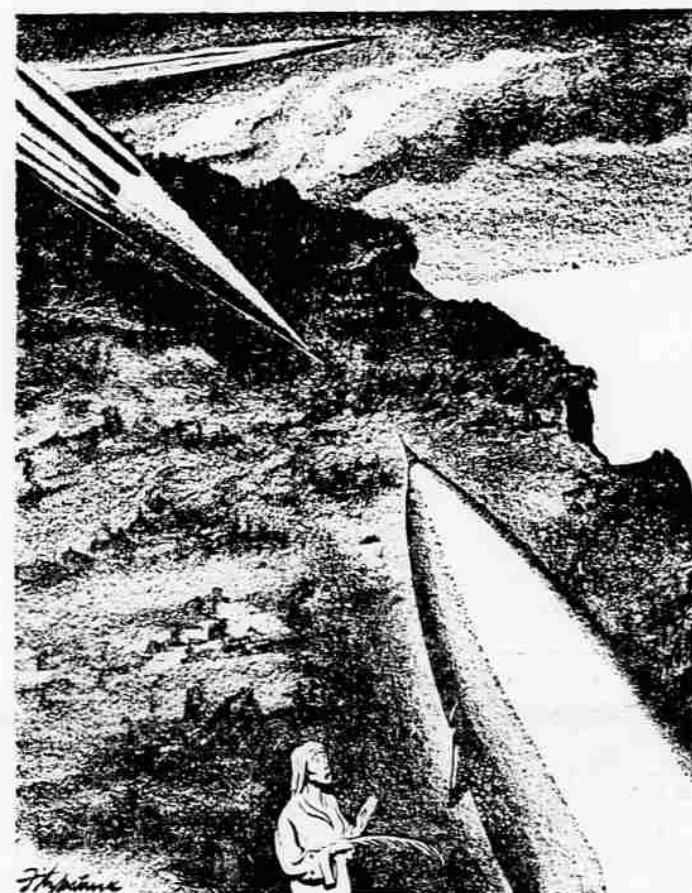
The dog control board paid more than \$2,400 for damages to stock and poultry during the current year, according to the report made by the board to the county court. More than \$5,000 was collected in the county for license fees and more than \$800 in penalties.

The license fees were fixed at the recommendation of the dog control board, Judge Keating emphasized.

The 1958 dog licenses can be obtained after the first of the year at the county clerk's office. The deadline for purchasing them without penalty is March 1.

Middletown, Ohio — **P**— The Armco Steel Co. and The National Supply Co. of Pittsburgh have merged.

"Isn't There Some Other Way?"



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(Herblock is on vacation)

Ike Returns Home; Working on Report

Washington — **P**— President Eisenhower returned from the Paris NATO summit conference today and immediately began work on his report to the nation next Monday outlining the spending and sacrifices necessary to meet Russia's missile challenge.

A White House aide said the President "looked very good" and "seemed cheerful" as he buckled down to work. He said the President did not appear tired, despite the ordeal of a flight of 21 hours and 19 minutes from Paris, some of it in the teeth of 80-mile an hour head-

winds which delayed his arrival here by three hours and necessitated two refueling stops.

The presidential plane, Columbine III, landed here in a drizzle at 9:33 a.m. (e.s.t.)

Budget Conference

Within a half hour after his arrival at the White House, the President was at his desk, keeping a morning schedule of appointments.

He swore in former Lt. Gov. Sumner G. Whittier of Massachusetts as veterans administrator and then conferred with Budget Director Percival Brundage.

Increased defense spending to meet Russia's challenge and to rush development of a chain of European missile bases were fore-shadowed in the decisions reached at the Paris conference.

The President may disclose in his radio-TV report to the nation Monday night the scale of spending as well as the sacrifices he sees ahead. His meeting with Brundage this morning was viewed as part of the preparation for his report.

City Attorney Suffers Cardiac Attack Today

City Attorney E. R. Bashaw was taken to Sacred Heart hospital this morning by city police after he apparently suffered a cardiac attack.

According to Rogue Valley hospital authorities he was treated and released to go home and rest. Police said Bashaw had complained of the attack when talking with police officers about 10:15 a.m.

Road Conditions

Highway 99, Siskiyou—Rain pavement bare, 7 inches roadside snow.

Highway 66, Green Springs—Rain, pavement bare, 4 inches roadside snow.

Highway 62, Prospect—Rain pavement bare, 3 inches roadside snow. Crater Lake traffic should carry chains.

Highway 193, Oregon mountain—Pavement bare.

Highway 230, Diamond Lake highway—Closed for winter.

Administration To Seek \$1 Billion For Fiscal Year

Washington — **P**— Defense Secretary Neil H. McElroy disclosed today the administration will ask Congress for about \$1 billion extra to finance stepped up defense spending in the current fiscal year.

McElroy said the additional money for the year which ends next June 30 will be needed because of an increase in spending for missiles and in other defense fields.

If Congress approves the supplemental appropriation when it convenes in January, total defense spending for the year will rise to close to \$39,500,000,000.

This request for extra funds is in addition to an expected increase of about \$2 billion in the defense budget for the fiscal year beginning next July 1.

McElroy made the disclosure in a plane-side news conference held in the rain at National Airport on his return from the NATO summit conference in Paris.

He said the defense of the NATO powers had "been strengthened at least prospectively" by the meeting.

Medford Man Found Dead in Trailer Home

Robert Alexander Maggerell, 77, of 322 South Riverside ave., was found dead in his home-made trailer yesterday afternoon by Medford police. They said he apparently suffered a heart attack.

Police said he had been dead about four days when found lying on a clothes hamper. Residents of the area told police the lights have been on for several days and the radio playing.

District Attorney Thomas J. Reeder said he had ordered an autopsy because of the unusual position of the body. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Conger-Morris Funeral home.

180 Deaths Predicted In Christmas Traffic

Chicago — **P**— The National Safety Council has estimated that as many as 180 persons will be killed in the 30-hour Christmas holiday from 6 p.m. Tuesday to midnight Wednesday.

Several Road Name Changes Are Suggested in County

The Jackson county court said this morning an order will be issued early next week authorizing name changes on several county roads as requested by the post office department.

The court will investigate road name changes where they are opposed by residents affected, members explained. No public hearing is anticipated at this time, members of the county court said.

A public hearing was held yesterday afternoon in the county court room with residents of Ross lane. Approximately 16 people attending said they opposed giving directional designations to Ross lane as proposed. According to the proposal that section of Ross lane running east and west would be designated Rose Lane and that segment running north and south would be renamed North or South Ross Lane.

Farmers Urged To Move Livestock To Higher Ground

Eugene Gets 3.11 Inches in 24 Hours

By UNITED PRESS

The Santiam and McKenzie rivers went over flood stage in western Oregon today and farmers along the Willamette were urged to move livestock from lowlands.

Heavy rainfall, measuring more than three inches in 24 hours at some points, sent small streams and rivers rising rapidly. The five-day outlook called for more rainfall through Christmas day.

Eugene Rain Heavy

At Eugene, 3.11 inches of rain fell in a 24-hour period ending at 4 a.m. today. The nearby McKenzie river was expected to reach a level of 14 to 15 feet today, about 4 feet over the flood stage. Lowlands are flooded at this level.

The Santiam river at Jefferson where flood stage is 13 feet, was expected to rise to 20 feet today.

Elmer Fisher, river forecaster, said flooding also was expected at Harrisburg on the Willamette. He said stock should be moved from bottom lands.

The South Yamhill river at Whitson was due to pass flood stage today.

Willamette Up

The Willamette river at Corvallis was up 4.9 feet to 10.5 feet this morning, well below the 20-foot flood level. Fisher said steady rises would continue in the stream.

Heaviest reported rainfall was 3.41 inches at Detroit, 2.13 at Newport, 1.78 at North Bend, 1.58 at Salem, 1.36 at Roseburg and 1.06 at Portland.

Judge Keating's Term Ends in '60

Salem — **P**— Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton said today that the term of office of Jackson County Judge Rodney Keating, who was elected in 1954 for six years, will not expire until 1960.

He pointed out the state constitution provides: "The judges of the Supreme Court and other courts shall be elected by the legal voters of the state or of their respective districts for a term of six years."

Thornton said that Keating was elected for the six year term notwithstanding the fact that he no longer exercises judicial functions.

An opinion from Thornton was requested by Jackson County District Attorney Thomas Reeder after some discussion arose concerning Keating's term.

Cash, Stamps Taken From Public Library

The Medford Public library was broken into last night, apparently by juveniles, according to Medford police. About \$12 in cash and \$5 in stamps were taken.

Police said entrance to the building was made by knocking out a window to the basement in the front of the building. Several doors were forced and one door kicked in by the thieves, police said. They said no damage was listed to books or library facilities other than offices being ransacked.

The cashbox, left in the librarian's locked office, was taken along with several sheets of one-cent stamps from a desk, police said. They said the break-in took place between 9 p.m. yesterday and 8 a.m. today.

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SHIPPING DAYS LEFT

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

WEATHER

FORECAST: Cloudy through Saturday with occasional rain. Snow level 5,000 feet, lowering to 3,500 feet on Saturday. Low tonight 38. High Saturday 45-48.

Highest Yesterday	Temp.
Lowest this Morning	46
Prec. to 10 a.m. Today	40

Our Skies Tonight

Sunrise	7:37 a.m.
Sunset	4:41 p.m.
New Moon	10:12 p.m.
Altair, the variable star, will be high overhead 9:18 p.m.	
It fades out tonight, reaching its minimum of brilliance at 8:04 p.m. and then slowly grows brighter.	