

Atoms for War Topped Peace Atoms In Making Headlines in Past Year

By JOSEPH L. MYLER
Washington—Atoms for war topped atoms for peace in the headlines of 1958.

—After her biggest and dirtiest test series, Russia said she would test no more if the West would follow suit.

The Russians would do the same and start negotiations for a policed permanent test ban.

The U.S. tests included two high altitude shots of anti-missile warheads, four underground explosions, one of which escaped detection, and nine weapons equal in power to less than 1,000 tons of TNT.

The biggest U.S. explosions were hydrogen weapons substantially cleansed of radioactivity; the smallest were tiny warheads for small field weapons and demolition kits.

Development of atomic power plants for cities and industry also made headway in 1958. By 1960 the atom is expected to supply 10 per cent of this country's power.

The year produced these other developments: —John A. McCone, Los Angeles business man, succeeded the controversial Lewis L. Strauss as chairman of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission.

—Plutonium, the prime fissionable material of atomic bombs, was used for the first time as fuel for a large reactor.

—International cooperation continued on many fronts. The West released all of its fusion power information to the world. A second atoms-for-peace conference was held at Geneva.

They'll Do It Every Time



GOLD HILL Many Activities Planned

By MRS. CLYDE KELL
Gold Hill—Many activities including programs, are scheduled in Gold Hill, along with regular meetings of various organizations, in observance of Christmas.

Mrs. Clarence Parsley will be hostess Monday, Dec. 15, at her home on Sardine creek for the annual Christmas party and meeting of the Amethyst Rebekah Friendship club. The meeting will start at 8 p.m. A Christmas gift exchange will be held.

Mrs. Ted Schoenemann, president of the Gold Hill Health unit, has announced that Mrs. Melvin Burnett will be hostess at her home on the Upper River rd. Tuesday, Dec. 16, at 1 p.m. for the annual Christmas party.

During the business session, officers will be installed by Mrs. Claire Douglas. Officers reelected were Mrs. Gregory, president; Mrs. J. C. Kofahl, vice president, and Mrs. George Dorman, treasurer and secretary.

Co-hostesses for the dessert luncheon, which will precede the business session, are Mrs. Clarence Parsley, hospitality chairman of the unit; Mrs. Lester Parker and Mrs. Dale Smith. There will be a gift exchange.

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Refreshments will be served by Mrs. J. Raymond Ritter, Mrs. Blanche Merriman, Mrs. A. A. Walker, and Mrs. Roy Bornoman, who is chairman. Those having birthdays in December will be honored.

A benefit card party will be given by Odd Fellows at the IOOF hall Saturday, Dec. 20, at 8 p.m. to raise funds for the annual community Christmas party and program sponsored by the Odd Fellows and Amethyst Rebekah lodges for children of the area, according to Jerry Herrington, noble grand of the Odd Fellows lodge. Assisting Odd Fellows are Mrs. Herrington, noble grand elect of Amethyst Rebekah lodge; Mrs. Paul Thompson, Mrs. Lester Parker and Mrs. C. Norman Gall.

Mrs. Paul Molloy said children of the Church school of the Gold Hill Community Methodist church will present a Christmas program Sunday, Dec. 21 at 7:30 p.m.

During the worship service, Sunday, Dec. 21, special Christmas selections will be provided under the direction of Mrs. C. Norman Gall. Mrs. Paul Molloy, Mrs. Roy Eskew and Mrs. Gall also will sing.

Mrs. Gail said members of the choir will do caroling again this year during the Yuletide season.

Children of the community who desire to take part in the Odd Fellow Christmas program Monday, Dec. 22 at 8 p.m. in the IOOF hall are requested to telephone Mrs. Lester Parker, chairman of the affair ULrick 5-1009.

Gilbert Mack, principal of the Gold Hill schools, has announced that the annual classroom Christmas parties will be held Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 23. School will be dismissed one hour early that day for the beginning of the Christmas vacation. Room mothers will be in charge of the parties. Any parent wishing to assist is invited to contact the room mother of their child's class. Youngsters will participate in a gift exchange.

Mrs. Daniel Stewart, president of the Past Noble Grand of Amethyst Rebekah lodge, has announced that Mrs. Earl Moore will be hostess for the December meeting

Halfway Man Air Crash Victim

Halfway, Ore. — (UPI) — N. C. Jones, local contractor, was killed Thursday when his small airplane crashed about three miles east of here.

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Mountain Sheep Embargo Favored

Enterprise — (UPI) — An embargo on construction of a proposed high Mountain Sheep dam on the Snake river until fish passage problems are solved was favored Thursday at a State Water Resources Board hearing.

The Board proposes to prohibit appropriation of water in a 15.6 mile stretch of the Snake river and a 1-mile stretch of the Imnaha river until 1965.

A ground party reached the scene late Thursday and found that Jones apparently died instantly.

Portland Scout Dies of Injury

Portland — (UPI) — Lawrence K. Arnason, 14, Portland, died Thursday in Emanuel hospital from a skull fracture suffered while on a Boy Scout outing on Mt. Hood last Saturday.

Arnason suffered a temple to temple skull fracture when a snag fell on him.

He was rushed to the hospital where surgeons removed a piece of his skull and then placed him in a refrigerated sleeping bag.

He was placed in the sleeping bag apparatus and his body temperature lowered 10 degrees in an effort to prevent brain damage.

Milton-Freewater Man, Son Poisoned

Milton-Freewater — (UPI) — A Milton-Freewater man and 19-year-old son were poisoned by cyanide gas here Thursday.

Police were called to the home of Alvin C. Gentry, 49, and when they arrived found a sign proclaiming, "keep out, poison gas."

Calls aroused Gentry's two daughters and his son, Ralph. The son and a policeman went into the house to get the elder Gentry but found him dead. The deadly gas was accidentally inhaled by the younger Gentry and he was pronounced dead on arrival at a Walla Walla, Wash., hospital.

Police said the elder Gentry had left a note for his wife, who was working in Walla Walla at the time, indicating he was dependent over family troubles.

and annual Christmas party at her home Dec. 23 at 8 p.m. Mrs. Walter McLean will be cohostess.

A gift exchange will be held. Amethyst secret pals will be revealed and new pals drawn for the coming year. Those who do not have a secret pal may bring a gift for exchange with others who do not have an Amethyst Friend, Mrs. Stewart said.

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