

Abandoned Car, Glove Clues in Martin Case



SNOW—Snow belatedly has fallen in the higher elevations of the Siskiyou and Cascade mountains, with more than 30 inches on the ground at Crater lake. But no snow has yet fallen in Medford, even though December is almost over, and only a little from time to time on the surrounding hills. The picture above, taken a year ago by Staff Photographer Bob Vroman, shows what the pretty white stuff looks like when it falls on Roxy Ann Butte to the east of Medford.

Superintendent To Arrive for Gospel Mission

William Howard, Bakersfield, Calif., businessman and secretary of the Gospel Mission there for the past five years, is expected to arrive in the valley next week to assume duties as superintendent of the recently-organized Medford Gospel Mission.

The local mission will be located at 35 South Front st., formerly the San Louis hotel. Remodeling will start Saturday, Jan. 3, according to Glenn McCullough, vice president.

The Medford Gospel Mission will operate for the purpose of reaching the "unfortunate" with the preaching of the gospel, and to assist in the feeding, clothing, and lodging of those who are in need.

To Accommodate 30 The mission, including chapel, is planned to accommodate 30 men in addition to staff. Jack Batzer, supervising contractor, will be in charge of the construction work at the building. Workers who wish to volunteer their services may contact McCullough at SPring 3-3191. Carpenters and plumbers are especially needed, it was reported.

It was said that the majority of the materials needed are being donated but the mission is still in need of kitchen and laundry equipment. Persons having items to donate may also contact mission officers.

The local mission was formally organized in October at a meeting at the Medford hotel attended by approximately 65 persons from valley churches and organizations. Fred Robinson was elected temporary president with McCullough, vice president; William H. McKinley, secretary, and Helmer Tinseth, treasurer. Election of directors and officers will be held Jan. 19, it was reported.

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21 Appointed City Officials End Term In Office Wednesday

Twenty-one municipal officials in Medford will reach the end of their appointed terms as 1959 begins this week.

In addition, Paul Meyers, Ward IV city councilman, yields his seat to Stan Stark after a four-year term as elected representative. Meyers, who also served as president of the council and thus as acting mayor on occasion, did not run for reelection.

One new official in a key city hall post has already been named. He is Joel Reeder, who replaces Roy Bashaw as city attorney. Bashaw moves to the district court bench in January.

Reeder was appointed by City Manager Robert A. Duff, as provided in the city charter. The others are to be appointed by Mayor John W. Snider. In all cases, the city councilmen are asked to approve.

Rotating Offices Mayor Snider has announced a policy of rotating offices as much as possible to let the maximum number of

County Road Crews Prepare for Spring A one-half mile section of Evans Creek rd. near the Meadows rd. intersection is being cleared by county road crews in preparation for reconstruction work this spring, according to County Engineer Paul Rynning.

Plans call for widening and straightening the route and improving the grade, he said. The county moved a rock crusher to a granite site on Tolman creek rd. recently to provide maintenance gravel for the area south of Ashland. The other crusher is in the Wimer area.

Rynning plans to leave Jan. 17 for Dallas, Texas, to attend the annual convention of American Road Builders. He is on the board of directors of the county division.

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Cuban Warplanes Thrown Into Fight Against Rebels

Victory Predicted In 'Matter of Hours'

Havana, Cuba—(UPI)—The government threw a strong force of warplanes into the fight against rebel troops in Central Cuba today in an effort to smash the rebellion.

The planes roared off into overcast skies in an almost steady stream from air strips at the Camp Columbia Air Force Base outside Havana. Starting well before dawn, the fighters, bombers and transport aircraft took off and landed through the day. Rebels Predict Victory

The sharp step-up in air action by President Fulgencio Batista's forces coincided with a rebel radio prediction of victory in the central part of the island within "a matter of hours." It came, too, shortly after the first plea by the Roman Catholic Church for an end to the civil strife.

Rebel forces driving across the central "waist" of Cuba in an attempt to cut the island in two broadcast appeals to government troops to end the bitter fighting and join the rebel cause.

'Enough of War' Archbishop Enrique Perez Serantes of Santiago de Cuba called for an end to the civil strife in a pastoral letter read from the pulpits of all Catholic churches in Oriente Province.

The pastoral letter, entitled "Enough of War," said the fighting had degenerated into a "civil war" and added that "we ask the Almighty to make us the gift of peace we so earnestly desire."

Innocent Pleas Received in Case

Wallie Wong, 825 North Central ave., owner of the Chungking Inn, entered a plea of innocent in district court this morning to a charge of possessing, displaying and operating a game of chance.

Also entering her plea through her attorney, but not appearing, was Louella Lee Brown, 106 Vilas rd., Central Point. Her attorney, Warren Lesseg, entered her plea of innocent to a charge of illegally paying off on a pinball machine. The plea is subject to confirmation from the defendant by wire, according to Judge Pro Tem A. E. Plaza.

Wong was represented by Ken Denman, local attorney. Bail was continued at \$150. Louella Brown, who is free on \$100 bail, through her attorney waived the right to a formal arraignment. Bail was continued.

Trial date will be set Tuesday, Dec. 30, by Judge James M. Main who is on vacation, it was reported. Louella Brown, waitress at the restaurant, was arrested by city police Dec. 13 after the department received a complaint that a pinball machine was paying off in the Chungking Inn. Formal complaints were filed against the owner and waitress Dec. 16.

Edward Ford, L. C. McLaughlin and Medford Building Inspector Oliver R. McNeel are completing one-year terms on the board of plumbing examiners.

Fishing Trip Fatal to Two

A Medford man and his 10-year-old son were drowned in the Illinois river this morning while on a fishing trip, according to Josephine county sheriff's deputies and local relatives.

Drowned were David C. Misenhimer, 36, of 915 South Newtown st. and his son, John, below the Illinois River falls. Officials, who are still searching for the bodies, reported the river is higher than normal due to recent rains.

According to reports received the boy fell off of a crude ladder-like walk constructed out to some rocks for fishing. The father, who jumped into the river, was able to reach the boy but both were carried out of view by the swift current.

Mrs. Misenhimer was treated at Josephine general hospital for severe shock, it was reported. A daughter, Carla, 12, was also reported to have accompanied the family on the fishing trip.

Misenhimer, who has made his home in the valley for the past 20 years, is employed at Elk Lumber company. The drownings were reported to Josephine county sheriff's deputies by Delmar F. Diltz, Grants Pass mailman, from Cave Junction, who was also fishing in the area.

Holiday Traffic Kills 597

Oregon Reports Five Fatalities In Long Week End

Three Tiny Children Among Auto Victims

By United Press International Oregon counted five traffic victims today from the long Christmas week end which started at 6 p.m. Wednesday and ended at midnight Sunday. Three of the victims were tiny children.

Dale Falkenberg, four months, died in a Portland hospital Saturday after being thrown from a car in a collision with Harbor dr. Friday. On Christmas day Edward and Stephan Lewis, infant sons of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lewis, Los Angeles, were killed in a two-car collision on the Salem freeway near Woodburn.

Mrs. Julia Brown, 60, Tillamook, died from injuries suffered in a week end collision at Tillamook.

Mrs. Mabel Alice Clark, Stockton, Calif., was killed Wednesday night in a two-car collision south of Bend. Another victim was Harry E. Gipson, 72, Salem, who died Saturday from injuries suffered Wednesday afternoon when he was struck by a car. This accident occurred before 6 p.m.

A California woman was killed Saturday when a car plunged 150 feet into a canyon off the Redwood highway just south of the Oregon border. The dead woman was taken to Crescent City and the coroner's office withheld identification pending notification of next of kin. Dover D. Monniss, 56, Crescent City, was injured.

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Annual Christmas Tree Lift Announced

The annual Christmas Tree lift sponsored by Moose Lodge will be conducted in the Medford area Sunday, Jan. 4. Members of Boy Scout troops 8 and 9 will aid the lodge in picking up Christmas trees and accepting donations throughout the area.

Donations this year will go to the City of Medford to be used exclusively for playground equipment to be installed in the new West Jackson park, according to Lodge members.

Persons who wish the Scouts to remove their trees are requested to place the trees in front of their homes with donations fastened to them.

Other highways out of the valley were reported clear, police said, with rain reported on both the Siskiyou Summit and Green Springs.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES New York—(UPI)—Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 577.31, up 4.58; 20 railroads 156.86, off 1.14; utilities 90.26, up 1.04, and 65 stocks 200.59, up 1.35. Sales today were about 3,790,000 shares compared with 3,050,000 shares last Wednesday.



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1959 Pear Blossom Festival and Sports Fair Dates Told

The 1959 Pear Blossom Festival is to be held April 10 to 12 in Medford, according to John Watkins, president of the festival association.

The announcement also includes names of those serving on various festival committees.

All events are to be based on the Centennial theme to help promote Oregon's state-wide celebration, Watkins stated. The festival is to be held in conjunction with the Crater Lions' Sports Fair, he said.

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Check Poll Books For Non-Voters

A total of 8,886 non-voters, or 44.4 per cent of the total number of voters registered in Jackson county, will be removed from the poll books if they don't reregister within 90 days, County Clerk Bereth Hopkins reported today.

All of the 8,886 failed to vote at least once in the past two years, Mrs. Hopkins stated. Notices will go out Friday from the clerk's office notifying each that his name will be removed from the books if he does not reregister within 90 days.

Of the non-voters, 3,646 were Republican, 4,655 Democrats and 385 were listed as miscellaneous. If all are removed, it will leave a total of 14,051 Republicans, 12,258 Democrats and 423 miscellaneous voters registered in the county.

By the time the non-voters are reinstated or removed from the poll books at the end of the 90-day period, they will have cost the county 376 man hours and approximately 560, according to the clerk.

Of prospective voters, who registered during the last week prior to the deadline, 466 Democrats failed to vote, along with 219 Republicans and 13 miscellaneous registrants.

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