

Washington Correspondent A. Robert Smith anticipates what events will make headlines in 1959. Read his satire on page 12 of today's Mail Tribune. On the same page is a story on a proposed "people to people" program for Medford.

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Traffic Death Spurt Reported Across Country

Snow and icy roads arouse fears for toll

United Press International
An alarming spurt in traffic deaths, combined with treacherous snow and ice-covered highways from Texas to Michigan, raised fears that the New Year's holiday toll might become the second worst on record.

The national safety council taking note of a giant snowstorm and bitter cold wave sweeping across the midlands, feared the toll might top the 417 deaths of the 1956 New Year's holiday, the second worst on record. There also was a chance the holiday could become the "blackest" in history, exceeding the record 423 auto deaths for the 1952 New Year's holiday.

At 10 p.m. last night the United Press International counted at least 271 deaths since the holiday began at 6 p.m. New Year's eve. There were 43 deaths in fires, 11 in plane crashes and 70 from miscellaneous causes for an overall holiday toll of 395.

California, with 29 traffic deaths, led the carnage. New York reported 19 deaths, Pennsylvania 18, Illinois and Michigan 14 apiece, Wisconsin and Texas 12, and Minnesota 11.

Still without a traffic fatality for the holiday period were the District of Columbia and six states, including Delaware, Maine, Montana, North Dakota, Rhode Island and Wyoming.

"The toll is spurring again," a council spokesman said, "and threatens to exceed existing records unless drivers realize snow-packed roads and low visibility are booby traps and danger signals to slow down."

Not 'Hopeless Yet'
Although the outlook was discouraging, the council felt the outcome wasn't "hopeless yet" and that the toll could be held below record levels if drivers drove according to weather conditions.

At Chicago, a freak accident claimed the life of a 4-year-old girl. A public bus skidded in five-inch snow as it rounded an intersection onto Chicago's famed Michigan avenue. The skidding bus crashed into a retaining wall protecting steps to an underground garage, and knocked a big slab of granite loose and into the stairwell, hitting the little girl and critically injuring her 9-year-old sister.

Highways from Texas to Michigan were slick with snow and ice as a giant snowstorm battered the plains states and the midwest. In Kansas, most state highways were closed by drifting snow, although U.S. routes were open. Sub-zero temperatures followed the cold as far south as the Texas panhandle, and the Arctic air mushroomed toward the Gulf of Mexico and pushed eastward toward the Appalachians and the mid-Atlantic states.

Diamond Lake Cutoff Is Closed
The west section of Diamond lake cut-off, Highway 299, was closed to traffic shortly before noon Friday, the state highway department reported. The east section was closed Saturday. The road is now closed for the winter, state police said.

Officials said they believe this is the latest closure date of the highway in the history of the road.

Redding, Calif.—UPI—Southern Pacific said yesterday it would not cut the schedule of its Shasta Daylight streamliner to three days a week as originally planned.

WEATHER
FORECAST: Increasing and thickening cloudiness today with snow beginning by evening. Mostly cloudy with snow continuing tonight and Monday. High today 35. Low tonight 25. High Monday 37. Low Monday 22.

Our Skies Tonight
Sunset today 4:52 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow 7:41 a.m. Moonrise tomorrow 3:47 a.m. PROMINENT STARS: Altair, low in west 9:48 p.m. Aldebaran, high in south 6:23 p.m. Sirius, due south 11:59 p.m. (the bright star seen near the Moon is the planet, Jupiter)



JAMES DUNLEVY
Council President



A. EUGENE PIAZZA
Declines Appointment



STAN STARK
New Councilman

Dunlevy to Head Council; Mayor Reveals Appointees

Councilman James Dunlevy, Ward IV, was unanimously elected president of the Medford city council at its meeting Friday night at city hall.

Stan Stark, the new Ward IV councilman elected in November to succeed Paul Meyers, took his seat at this meeting for the first time. He will serve a four-year term.

Mayor John W. Snider announced appointments of 12 Medford citizens to municipal posts. He also named councilmen to serve on various committees. The council approved all his appointments.

Eugene Piazza, a Medford attorney living at 101 Renard ave., was named as municipal judge to succeed Miss Noreen Kelly. But he declined the appointment yesterday. Residing outside the city limits, he is not eligible.

Another Name
Mayor Snider said he would ask Miss Kelly to continue on the bench for two more weeks until another name can be presented to the council.

Piazza served as municipal judge pro tem this past year, but his position apparently had never been questioned. The judgeship is for a one-year term.

New members of the city planning commission are William Prentice, 1432 Crown ave., of the California Oregon Power company; Harold Snodgrass, 653 J. St., of Chapel Mortuary and Larry Schade, Jr., 1704 East Main st., Medford jeweler.

Replaces Chairman
Prentice, who replaces Chairman M. Thomas Wray, is to serve four years; Snodgrass, replacing Earl Miller, three years, and Schade, replacing Hugh Coleman, two.

Reappointed to the commission is Charles Cray, 2060 Andover dr., business manager of Electrical Workers Union Local 659. He is also to serve four years.

Appointed to a three-year term on the city water commission is John Pletsch, 18 Williamette ave., secretary-treasurer of Jackson County Federal Savings and Loan association.

Appointed for five years is Darrell Miller, 317 South Groveland ave., car dealer. Pletsch replaces Seth Bullis and Miller takes over from Harry Skyrman.

Budget Committee
Tom Rickard, 307 Haven st., insurance agent, is reappointed to a three-year term on the citizens' budget committee. New appointees to this body include Aubrey Loper, 1004 Reddy ave., clerk at the U.S. National Bank.

Chamber Banquet Scheduled Jan. 19
The annual Jackson County Chamber of Commerce banquet will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19, at the Rogue Valley Country club, Don McNeil, manager, announced Friday.

Donald Hunter, a faculty member at Oregon State college, will be featured on the program with "Adventures in Color and Sound."

Gene Ferrell is chairman of annual dinner committee, and tickets are now in the hands of directors, McNeil said. The number of seats for the banquet will be based on the number of tickets sold later than Jan. 14, he said.

Tickets are available from any chamber director or at the chamber office on South Central ave.

and Galen Knox, 1425 South Ivy st., a certified public accountant, both for three years. Loper replaces Nick Gier and Knox, Russell Brown.

Mrs. Eve Hamilton, 43 Rose ave., wife of Medford Postmaster A. Moore Hamilton, is reappointed to a four-year term on the library board.

Eugene Ricker, Plaza Apartments, former manager of the Camp White dormitory, is appointed to a six-year term on the civil service commission. He takes the place of Robert Corbin.

Finance Committee
Mayor Snider named Fred Robinson, Ward I councilman, as chairman of the council's finance committee. The councilman Robert Van Sickle, Ward

III, is to serve on the army board and Councilman Ed Hall, Ward I, on the board of health.

Councilman Don Hansen, Ward II, is named chairman of the council's legislative committee. Also named to this group are Councilman Al Bradford, Ward II, and Stark.

Robert Bacus is to serve as chairman of the people to people committee, formed to explore possible participation by Medford in an exchange program with a foreign community.

Executive Committee
Mayor Snider also named the two councilmen to serve on the council's executive committee for each of the first four months of 1959.

Festival Drive Pledges Total Over \$229,000
Ashland — The Oregon Shakespeare Festival building fund total has reached \$229,352.52, Archie C. Fries, president of the Festival association, has announced.

The total includes \$71,166.84 pledged from 172 Medford area residents. Among large amounts within the cities are \$50,956.43 in special gifts in Medford.

In Ashland, the women's division headed by Mrs. John C. Cotton has pledged amounting to \$35,808.84, and the men's division under the direction of Richard Cottle has pledged totaling \$35,323.

Hugh Coleman, chairman of the Medford men's division reported a total of \$5,807, and Mrs. Edward Sickels, chairman of the women's division in Medford, has pledged totaling \$7,805.50, Fries said.

Pledges from outside the Medford-Ashland total \$16,732.25. They include pledges totaling \$3,005 from Grants Pass; \$2,851, Portland; \$1,527, Eugene; \$426, Salem; \$1,931, San Francisco Bay area; and \$360, southern California.

Total needed for the new theater program is \$275,000. Fries said that when final reports are counted, he believes the goal will have been reached.

The campaign was conducted in December to raise funds for a theater building to replace one torn down after last season's productions. The old structure had been condemned by the state fire marshal.

New York — UPI — James R. Hoffa's Teamsters Union Friday night called off its campaign to organize the city's police force in the face of massive resistance from almost every quarter including the policemen.

Los Angeles — UPI — A University of California professor yesterday speculated that a spaceman of the future might be quick-frozen like a can of pea soup to make the long trip to the stars.

construction of the extension of Eighth st. across Bear creek to complete the Main st.-Eighth st. couplet. And it approved an agreement with Jackson county for joint improvement of Stewart ave.

A public hearing on a sanitary sewer for Temple dr. was again continued, this time until Jan. 15, pending final settlement of right of way dedications. The council called for a public hearing Feb. 5 on assessment of property benefited by the recently installed trunk water main along South Riverside ave. between Boyd and Earhart sts.

Duff reported that Medford's participation in the air pollution study would involve about one hour of one man's time per day, for "about a year." He reported that a man already employed by the city would be available.

This man's responsibility, Duff said, will be "to read the meters." The state is to train him, provide air sampling equipment and analyze the samples.

The local employee, it is understood, will service the sampling stations and make field surveys.

Receiving no objections from the council members, Duff said he would arrange with the state air pollution authority to carry out the study.

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REDS' ROCKET PASSES MOON, HEADS FOR ORBIT ABOUT SUN

Formosa Official Reports Uprisings Against Red Rule

Taipei, Formosa — UPI — A high Chinese Nationalist official said yesterday "at least 600,000" Tibetans and Mongolians are opposing Red Chinese rule in a series of armed uprisings.

This was the first time that there have been reports of rebellion in Mongolia, the historic buffer between China and Russia which the Communists have declared an "autonomous people's republic."

Former Soviet Foreign Minister Vyacheslav Molotov is Soviet ambassador to Mongolia's capital at Ulan Bator.

Li Yung-Hsin, chairman of the Mongolian-Tibetan affairs commission of the Chinese Nationalist government, said intelligence reports showed the revolts have spread into eight provinces of China itself and can be considered an "overall revolution."

Violent Opposition
Recent dispatches from India and Nepal have reported violent opposition to the Chinese Communist rule in Tibet.

The dispatches filtering down from hill areas bordering the Himalayan state said as many as 50,000 Chinese and 15,000 Tibetans had been killed in fighting since last summer.

Li said rebels were fighting Soviet as well as Chinese Communist forces in Mongolia.

Chinese Provinces
Along with uprisings in Tibet, he said, rebellion has occurred in the Chinese provinces of Kansu, Ninghsia, Chinghai, Sinkiang, Yunnan, Kweichow, Szechuan, and Sikang.

These uprisings have mushroomed from "local incidents" to an overall "revolution," Li said.

Sports Bulletins
Klamath Falls spoiled Medford high's 1959 Southern Oregon conference basketball debut by overcoming the Black Tornado 70 to 61 here last night. The Pelicans with the help of 13 free shots outscored Medford 27 to 19 in the final period, after a nip and tuck first three quarters. Half-time score was 30-each.

Dean Dunson paced Klamath scorers with 21 points. Jerry Anderson put in 16 for Medford.

Eagle Point — Eagle Point
high, leading most of the time, nosed out Redmond 55 to 53 here Saturday night in a non-loop basketball game. The Eagles led 16 to 11 at the quarter and 28 to 26 at halftime. Tally after three stanzas was 41-11. B. H. Turner had 26 points for Eagle Point and Van Zitek 19 for the Panthers.

The Ugly Duckling



Urrutia Takes Over As Cuban President

Havana — UPI — Provisional President Manuel Urrutia took over as head of the Cuban Provisional government last night and named Rebel Fidel Castro Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces.

Urrutia assumed the provisional presidency in a ceremony at the University of Oriente, in Santiago, as Castro headed for Havana where his followers occupied strategic points in and around the city.

Forces of Castro's 26th of July movement took over the National Capitol building in Havana, and began vengeance executions of some army officers in the provinces. Havana waited tensely for the arrival of the Rebel Chief.

Urrutia named Dr. Roberto Agramonte, former head of the Cuban Peoples (Orthodox) party and one-time presidential candidate, to the important post of Minister of State.

Others Named
Other Ministers named to top provisional cabinet posts were Angel Fernandez, Minister of Justice; Raul Chibas, Minister of Finance; Raul Cepero Bonilla, Minister of Commerce; Julio Martinez, Minister of Health; and Manuel Fernandez, Minister of Labor.

Former President Carlos Prío Cocarras, who arrived in Havana Friday from exile in Miami, Fla., called on members of his authentic organization to put aside their firearms and follow orders of the Urrutia government.

He said in a radio broadcast that his organization had cooperated in the overthrow of President Fulgencio Batista.

ta, but that no member of the group wanted to participate in the new government. He said he himself has no personal political ambitions.

Castro Enroute
The Rebel radio network announced that Castro was en route to Havana from Easternmost Oriente Province. The announcement was made by Castro's younger brother, Raul.

Another Rebel radio announcement said Col. Joaquin Castillas Lumphy, who commanded the last government drive against the Rebels in Las Villas province, had been executed by Castro men. The radio said Castillas Lumphy had surrendered and was sentenced by a court martial to execution by a firing squad.

The Rebel radio said a major Mirabel, who served in Army intelligence, also was executed. The broadcast said the executions were carried out after the Rebel forces entered Santa Clara, capital of Las Villas province in Central Cuba. The two army officers were charged with numerous unspecified crimes, the radio said.

Urrutia Interviewed
A Havana television station carried an interview with Urrutia in which the provisional president said "We have faith in Cuba's future; the job of the new government won't be as hard as everyone believes."

The interview was believed to have taken place yesterday in Santiago, capital of Oriente province.

Urrutia said in the interview that the army must keep out of Cuban politics. He admitted there were many problems to solve to eliminate the possibility of a "sergeant's revolt" similar to the one which first catapulted ousted President Fulgencio Batista into the limelight.

BASKETBALL
SATURDAY COLLEGE SCORES
Northwestern 80, Iowa 77
Minnesota 79, Wisconsin 66
Alabama 89, Mississippi 76
Tulane 68, Florida 62
Baltimore 76, Loyola (Md.) 60
Holy Cross 83, Dartmouth 66
Villanova 93, Pennsylvania 63
Texas A&M 65, Southern Methodist 63
Texas Christian 72, Baylor 62
Marquette 75, Detroit 66
College of Idaho 78, Whitworth 59
Air Force Academy 63, Valparaiso 49
Southern California 49, Oregon St. 41
Oregon 59, California 57
Idaho 36, Stanford 31 (final)
Washington State college 71, UCLA 54 (final)

Khrushchev Extolls Communist Victory

Moscow Radio Says 'Moonik' Fulfilling All Scientific Tasks

Moscow — UPI — Russia's 1½-ton Lunar Rocket shot past the moon last night and headed toward the sun at a speed of more than seven miles a second.

The Soviets said the rocket will orbit around the sun as the first man-made planet. They said all the scientific tasks set before the launching of the cosmic rocket have been carried out completely.

Moscow radio said the rocket skirted past the moon at 6:59 p.m. Saturday PST at a distance of about 4,600 miles. The agency, quoting a Tass news agency report, said the rocket's speed was too fast to enable it to be drawn any closer to the moon.

Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev hailed the rocket's flight as a "new victory" for communism. Vladimir Dobronravov said the rocket's success has opened a new era in the conquest of cosmic space.

The Tass report said the instruments aboard the rocket continued functioning despite the seven-mile-a-second speed. But it added that it was possible radio contact "will cease within the next 24 hours."

'This, Comrades...'
Russians got their first announcement of the cosmic rocket on an early-morning Moscow radio domestic broadcast. An announcer said "this, comrades, is the first signal heard on earth from the vicinity of the moon."

Preliminary calculations reported by the Tass News agency showed the rocket will go into a gigantic orbit around the sun when it reaches a point about two million miles from earth on Jan. 14. This is as close as the rocket will get to the sun, which is 92,900,000 miles from earth, Tass said.

15-Month Circuit
Tass said the rocket will go into a 213,502,000-mile orbit, with each circuit of the sun taking 15 months.

Dobronravov told the Tass agency that the rocket is large enough to carry two or three passengers. The next step for Soviet science is to study conditions that would enable man to exist in outer space and to provide such conditions in a space ship, he said.

The "moonik" with its payload of almost half a ton of scientific instruments will miss its original goal, because its speed was too great.

Russians Jubilant
Despite the failure to reach the original target, the Russians were jubilant.

In a speech at Minsk, celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Byelo-Russian Republic, Khrushchev said the launching "signifies we are the first in the world to map out the way from the earth to the moon."

The Soviet news agency Tass quoted Khrushchev as saying the moonshot "dissipates slander" against communism by its enemies.

Last Rehearsal
Soviet scientists said the moonshot was the first time man has achieved a speed allowing a rocket to break away from the pull of earth's gravity and soar into interplanetary space. A spokesman called it a "true last rehearsal" for the real cosmic journey "to the planets."

Khrushchev said it was a "new victory of the USSR."

That opens up "vast opportunities for the growth of gifts and talents in which the Russian people are so rich."

Russia is second in world industrial production after the United States, he said, but first "in the creation and production of the intercontinental rockets, the launching of the artificial earth satellites and many other achievements of science and technology."

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Monday in Perl Funeral home. Dr. D. Kirkland West, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, will officiate. Interment will be in Siskiyou Memorial park, and will be private.

Survivors include his widow, Edith Braley, Medford; one son, Charles R. Braley Jr.; and two brothers, Harrison Braley and Downing Braley, North Creek, N. Y.

The family has requested that in lieu of flowers donations be sent to the American Cancer Society or the Heart Fund.