

**MINE FLOOD HOLE**—This is the cave-in miners and trapping 12 others. Note telephone pole which has dropped into the hole and is supported only by its own wires. Mine tunnels extend completely under the river.

### Man's Death is Fourth Traffic Fatality in Week

William Henry Durbin, 54, of 1039 Belle Aire dr., Grants Pass, was killed Sunday at approximately 3:45 p.m. when the car he was driving struck an oak tree on the Old Stage rd., two miles west of Rogue River, Oregon state police reported.

His death brings to four the number of persons killed in the county in 1959 in traffic accidents. All four persons were killed during the last seven days.

Police said that Durbin was apparently headed east on Old Stage rd. when his car veered left, traveled 120 feet down the left side of the road and struck the tree head-on. The impact caused the car to flip over, it was reported, and it then caught fire. Police said that two persons who arrived at the scene of the accident removed the man from the vehicle.

A witness, Dennis Moore, box 279, Gold Hill, told police that the car was traveling at a high rate of speed prior to the accident. Police said that the engine was driven about two feet inside the car and the speedometer was stuck at 75 miles an hour.

The body was taken to Hull and Hull Funeral home, Grants Pass, pending funeral arrangements.

At least three others died in Oregon traffic during the week end, according to United Press International.

Jennifer Helen Gehrig, 6, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Gehrig of Odell, was killed Sunday when struck by a car near the west Hood River city limits.

**Car Hits Pole**  
Oscar Weston, 48, Independence, was killed shortly after midnight Saturday when the car in which he was riding struck a power pole about two miles south of Salem on the Old Sunnyside highway.

Edgar Allen Gildersleeve, 49, Enterprise, was killed Saturday when his car and a truck-trailer collided east of La Grande.

### Veterans Service Office Commended

Jerry V. Bianconi, Jackson county veterans service officer, has been commended by H. C. Saalfeld, director of the Oregon state department of veterans affairs, for his "superior service."

The praise was received in a letter from the department director to the Jackson county court.

"I want to thank you for the superior service rendered veterans and dependents of your county by your county service officer, Jerry V. Bianconi," the letter stated.

"Mr. Bianconi is considered one of the outstanding county service officers in the state," Saalfeld wrote. "We have received many excellent reports on his assistance to a large number of people whom he has contacted. I want to thank the county court in behalf of these people for making this service available."

### Statehood for Hawaii May Find Clear Sailing

Washington - (UPI) - The Eisenhower administration wished "bon voyage" today to a bill which would make the eight sun-kissed Hawaiian islands the 50th state of the union. The outlook for clear sailing through Congress is bright.

### Extension of Draft Said Essential To National Security

Washington - (UPI) - Chairman Carl Vinson of the House Armed Services Committee said today that a four-year extension of the draft law was indispensable to our security.

The Georgia Democrat made the statement in opening hearings on the administration's proposed extension bill. His committee called Charles C. Finucane, assistant defense secretary for manpower, to testify first.

**Approval Predicted**  
Vinson already has predicted the committee would approve the bill quickly. Very little opposition appeared to be building up in Congress despite protests of some religious and other groups.

As the hearings began, there were these other developments:

"The U.S. Chamber of Commerce called for a two-year extension instead of a four-year extension. It said the bill should be amended to bring about more drafting of men between the ages of 18½ and 21½ because younger men 'make more efficient, enthusiastic soldiers.'"

### 2,000 Persons Attend Y Events

More than 2,000 persons participated in activities at the Medford Young Men's Christian association during YMCA week, according to Cliff McGinty, chairman of the week's activities.

Highlights of the week of activity were an open house, annual membership meeting, YMCA camp reunion and guest day. More than 500 persons viewed the newly painted YMCA facilities and watched YMCA programs in action.

The annual meeting was held under the direction of Carl Brophy, board president, with new members of the board introduced. Dr. Robert Anderson, Salem, was guest speaker.

During guest day YMCA young people were reported to have taken their friends to the Y for a day of swimming, gymnasium activities and movies.

Other activities held included a volleyball clinic, square dance lessons for beginners, skin diving exhibition, exhibition volleyball, adult square dancing, family potluck dinner, teen-age and young adult social dances and a church league basketball game.

### UP Traffic Agent Receives Promotion

Robert D. Toomey, general traffic agent for the Union Pacific Railroad in Medford, has been named assistant to the traffic manager in Portland, according to an announcement made Saturday.

### Legislative Groups Work on Major Problems

Salem - (UPI) - The Oregon Legislature rolled smoothly into its third week today.

Some 401 bills already have been introduced and the Legislature is doing committee work on major problems like finance, unemployment compensation and government reorganization.

The Joint Ways and Means Committee has been exploring a request from the Oregon Centennial Commission for \$2,046,000 and is expected to act this week on the request.

**Budget Studied**  
Budget proposals made by ex-Gov. Robert D. Holmes are being studied by the House Tax Committee, but no major bills will be released until Gov. Mark Hatfield has a chance to present his program.

Hatfield's program is expected about Feb. 15.

Hatfield and Joint Ways and Means Committee Chairman Alfred Corbett (D-Portland) and Keith D. Skelton (D-Eugene) are expected to issue a statement on the centennial budget Tuesday.

Sen. Ward Cook (D-Portland) has suggested an amount of about \$1,790,000. Cook is chairman of a subcommittee studying the budget.

**Met Again Today**  
His subcommittee met again this afternoon to consider final recommendations on the centennial budget.

Set for committee discussion Tuesday are bills recommended by the Legislative Interim Committee on Judicial Administration.

Among other things the interim committee recommended changes in the juvenile code. The bills would give juvenile courts exclusive jurisdiction over juveniles who had violated any law or ordinance.

The county court has discussed the possibility of raising the license fee of unspayed females to double what it is now. However, County Commissioner Ralph James discovered that state law limits the fee to \$3.

### Centennial Party At Capital Planned

Salem - (UPI) - Arrangements for the Centennial celebration in the capitol here Feb. 14th have been worked out by a bi-partisan committee.

The day will open with an inter-faith Centennial prayer breakfast.

A parade is scheduled for mid-afternoon with Vice-President Richard Nixon in the line of march.

Following the parade, there will be an assembly of both chambers, open to the public, in the capitol rotunda for the purpose of receiving the greetings of the United States government from Nixon.

# Snow Adds To Woes of Midwestern Region Devastated by Floodwaters

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Pennsylvania, Ohio Sections In Storm's Path

Snowfall Extends To New England

By United Press International  
A snow storm swept out of the Midwest into the East today, bringing new woes to residents of flood devastated sections of Pennsylvania and Ohio.

Up to five inches of snow was expected at Meadville in the hard-hit northwestern Pennsylvania flood region. Three to five inches of snow blanketed western Pennsylvania Sunday, including four inches at Erie, and one to three inches fell in the south portion of the state.

Although floodwaters receded rapidly in Ohio and Pennsylvania after four days of destruction, the new snow hampered utility workers trying to restore power and plug breaks in gas and water lines.

Lesser snowfall amounts hit northern Ohio and rain fell in some southern areas, slowing the efforts of flood victims in their struggle to clean up properties and resume normal living.

**Close Mine Hole**  
Rescue workers at Pittston, Pa., closed a gaping hole in the Susquehanna river through which floodwaters poured into an anthracite mine, trapping 12 miners underground. There was little hope the miners would be found alive.

Damage in the seige of snow storms and floods which began last Tuesday climbed to more than \$100 million. Flood waters forced more than 25,000 persons from their homes and more than 100 persons died in weather connected accidents.

Snow amounts ranging from two to 12 inches pushed across the northern tier of states from the Rockies to New England Sunday, and a band of freezing rain slicked highways in Missouri and Kansas.

**Cold Air Moves East**  
A cold air mass following on the heels of the snow sent the mercury plunging to 17 below zero early today at Lone Rock, Wis., and 15 below at Wausau, Wis. Temperature drops of 20 degrees or more were common in the Central Plains, upper Mississippi valley, the Great lakes, the Ohio valley and parts of New England.

Snow ranging from six inches to a foot or more ranged through western Nebraska into the mountains of western Wyoming. Two to three inches of new snow made driving hazardous in Chicago and forced a plane carrying President Arturo Frondizi of Argentina to circle the city for an hour before landing at snowswept Midway airport.

Milwaukee officials declared a second snow emergency within a week as five inches of snow fell on the city.

### Pendleton Lawyer Mentioned as Judge

Portland - (UPI) - The name of John F. Kilkenny, Pendleton attorney, popped up today as a possibility for the vacant federal judgeship position here.

Kilkenny was reported to have been checked recently by the FBI, a routine step in connection with federal appointments. Earlier, Circuit Judge Charles Redding of Portland, who finished first in a State Bar poll, also was reported to have been checked.

Robert Mautz, Oregon GOP national committeeman, had no comment on how the appointment might go.

### Belgian Congo Residents Arm in Wake of Uprising

Matadi, Belgian Congo - (UPI) - European residents began buying revolvers today and police blanketed the area with strict control in the wake of a surprise demonstration by Africans demanding independence from Belgium.

Three hospitalized Europeans and one European police officer were hospitalized following Sunday's riot by nearly 1,000 persons led by members of the A.B.A.K.O. political movement which sparked the Leopoldville riots three weeks ago.

## Porter Talked Like Dutch Uncle To Castro; Changes Suggested

By A. ROBERT SMITH  
Mail Tribune Washington Correspondent

Washington - "I went to Cuba because I wanted to talk like a Dutch uncle to Fidel," said Rep. Charles O. Porter Friday upon his return from a 48-hour trip to Havana.

Porter and Castro had their talk Thursday night over dinner. Chiefly, he urged that the trials now in progress in Havana not be conducted as spectacles and that civil judges replace the military judges who are conducting them.

**Staunch Defender**  
One of the few members of Congress to rise to Castro's defense during a spate of criticism on the floor earlier this week, the Oregon congressman returned a staunch defender of the bearded revolutionary leader - if not a defender of Castro's beard.

Porter said he told Castro some of his American critics are "really friendly critics, such as Wayne Morse, who was against Batista but is concerned about due process in the trials."

"The critics are well intentioned, but uninformed," said Porter.

Porter said in his talks with seasoned newspapermen on the scene and other Americans he found no evidence of any "miscarriage of justice, that is where a man was unjustifiably convicted and executed, or where there was a lack of elementary due process in the trials."

By elementary due process, Porter said he meant the accused were confronted by their accusers, were allowed to testify in their own behalf and to have defense attorneys. He pointed out that instead of the jury system, which is an Anglo-Saxon legal practice which has not been used in Latin America, they try the case before a panel of judges.

**No Blood Bath**  
"This is no blood bath," Porter said. "A blood bath is when people are lined up and killed wantonly. There is nothing wanton about these executions. In these trials they are taking only those charged with murder and torture."

Porter said he had earlier urged Castro to hold trials in public so newsmen could observe the procedures, "but he went too far, holding them in a stadium that seats 17,000." He said he suggested a smaller place where a pool of newsmen, but not all of the 300 or 400 newsmen now in Cuba, could cover the trials.

Porter was one of two members of Congress to go to Havana at Castro's invitation. Rep. Adam Clayton Powell (D-N.Y.), also went. Others, including Sen. Morse, rejected similar invitations. Some 350 U.S. newsmen also went on what was called "Operation Truth" by the Cuban government.

Porter said he made these additional points in his talks with Castro:

He asked why there are two governments - that of Castro and his military men who are only supposed to be performing police duties, and that of the Castro-appointed provisional president, Manuel Urrutia? He asked Castro when he was going to leave. He suggested Castro withdraw for about a month of rest and reflection and permit the provisional government to function.

**Works 20 Hours a Day**  
"As it is now, everybody comes to him for decisions. He works 20 hours a day," Porter said. "I told him 'If you want your government to work, you've got to withdraw. You must refuse to intervene.'"

He urged Castro and his forces to shave or trim their beards and take off their fatigues, the uniform of the rebel fighters who descended from the hills of Oriente province to overthrow the Batista dictatorship.

He urged Castro to confer with the other democratic leaders of Latin nations such as Colombia, Venezuela, Costa Rica and of the American commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

## Education Board Asked To Curb School Standards

Salem - (UPI) - The Oregon Senate today adopted a resolution requesting the State Board of Education to take no action on enforcement of school standards until the Legislature resolves the question of constitutionality of the law permitting the board to impose standards on Oregon schools.

The Senate resolution is similar to one introduced in the House.

Sen. Carl Francis (R-Dayton) said that a number of attorneys and the legislative counsel had questioned the constitutionality of certain sections of the standards law.

**Yardstick Needed**  
Francis said that Legislative Counsel Sam Haley had pointed out that the State Supreme Court had ruled the Legislature cannot delegate powers to regulate on state agencies until a definite yardstick on which standards can be based is provided.

The Judiciary Committee will meet with members of the State Board of Education later to study the law.

The Senate passed House bill 1075 providing \$1,250,000 to cover legislative expenses of this session as well as expenses of interim committees.

**Eva Hamilton Confirmed**  
Appointment of two men, Douglas McKeep and Allan Hart, both of Portland, by ex-Gov. Robert D. Holmes, to the Board of Higher Education was confirmed by a unanimous vote.

The Senate also confirmed the appointment of Ralph B. Stuller, Coquille publisher and Mrs. Eva Hamilton, Medford, as members of the State Board of Education. Both have been serving several months.

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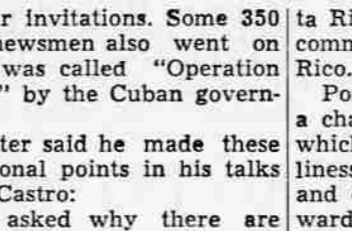
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### Annual Dinner Set Wednesday Evening

The annual Medford Junior Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Service Award dinner will be held Wednesday evening, Jan. 28, at the Rogue Valley Country club. The award dinner will be announced at that time from a list of six area men who have been nominated by valley groups.

Salem - (UPI) - A bill is being prepared for introduction to reimburse legislators for actual out of pocket expense incurred in the performance of legislative duties during the interim between sessions.

## "Be Glad He's Hibernating - There's Been Talk That He Was Dead"



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