

146 Persons Lose Lives on Nation's Highways During Thanksgiving



WINTER SCENERY - Rustic rail fencing scene on top of Granddad Bluff which over-seems to add warmth to this cold winter looks La Crosse, Wis. - (UPI Telephoto)

Federal Grant Approved for New Ashland Hospital

A federal grant of \$157,173 for construction of Ashland's new general hospital has been approved by the department of health, education and welfare, it was announced in Washington this morning.

Notification of the approval came in a telegram to the Mail Tribune from the office of Oregon Sen. Richard L. Neuberger.

Tuesday night, the Ashland city council approved a hospital committee recommendation to build the hospital on a site bounded by Scenic dr., Maple st. and Chestnut st.

Final Approval
Before the site can be purchased, the state board of health must grant final approval and the exercise of options on the property concerned must be obtained.

The hospital advisory committee considered 22 sites before making its recommendation to the city council last Friday. Four-month options were obtained on the parcels of land which form the tract. Advertisement of the bond sale, authorized by city voters as Ashland's share of the project costs, will begin within a week or 10 days, according to City Attorney Harry Skerry.

Humphrey Due in Oregon in January

Portland - (UPI) - Sen. Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota, aspirant for the 1960 Democratic presidential nomination, is scheduled to return to Oregon for a visit early in January.

His administrative assistant, Herb Waters, said the visit probably would include trips to eastern Oregon and northwest Oregon. Humphrey also will speak in Washington and Idaho.

Hillcrest Girls Fail In Attempt To Escape

Salem - (UPI) - A violent episode at Hillcrest school resulted in attack and injury to three Hillcrest employees.

The escape attempt was made at 10 a.m. but the girls were back in custody before 11 a.m.

Hillcrest authorities told this story:

Knocked To Floor
Rebecca E. Davis, 17, Charlotte Karlson, 16, and Lucina Tuggle, 16, went from a kitchen to another floor in North hall, where Mrs. Ethel Hanson and Mrs. Grace Stewart were attacked.

Marine Sergeant Seized by Chinese Communists; Beaten

Bombay, India - (UPI) - The U.S. consulate general reported today that U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Robert Armstrong was seized by the Chinese Communists and beaten during five hours as a prisoner in the Red Chinese consulate.

Armstrong, of Martinez, Calif., assigned to the consulate general staff, finally was rescued by Indian police after a complaint was lodged by the U.S. consulate general.

Armstrong's beating came as a sequel to the action of a Communist Chinese Consulate official who defected and asked the U.S. consulate general here for political asylum.

Sought Tape Recording
In Washington, the State department said Armstrong had been kidnaped while guarding the Communist General official.

Officials here identified the defector as Chang Chien-yuh. He apparently sought asylum with the Americans first, and then changed his mind.
He had made a statement about his views on a tape recorder and apparently took that back with him when he returned to the Communist Consulate general.
Armstrong followed, thinking that Chang had stolen the tape recording, and apparently was attempting to recover it.
When Armstrong entered the gate of the Chinese Communist Consulate General compound, officials said he was "grabbed by many Chinese, dragged inside, taken to a garage and detained there with his hands tied."

Merchants will remain open both Monday and Friday nights until the week of Christmas, when stores will be open until 9 p.m. Dec. 21, 22, and 23, according to the Retail Merchants association.

Santa Claus will circle the city Saturday in the helicopter prior to landing in the park, it was reported. From the park he will be taken by car to a stand on East Main st. between Bartlett st. and Central ave. where he will distribute candy to children.

Numbers on the tickets correspond with numbers which will be placed on prizes in store windows at 5 o'clock this afternoon. The items must be picked up by the ticket holder this evening or sometime tomorrow.

Treasure Hunt Set This Evening

Christmas shopping season opens today, and Medford stores will remain open until 9 o'clock tonight. Santa Claus is scheduled to arrive at Hawthorne park Saturday at 10:30 a.m. via helicopter.

For tonight's "Christmas Opening" program, tickets are being distributed free by 56 merchants and Park and Shop lots in the downtown area in connection with the treasure hunt. The hunt was started last year in place of a holiday parade.

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The girls had armed themselves with two knives and a meat fork and Mrs. Meredith was wounded.

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Group Observes Classroom Work In USSR School

(Editor's note: This is another in a series of articles prepared by Medford's school superintendent following his recent three-week trip to Russia. The series deals with Russia's "Seven Year Plan," and is based on Soviet books, magazine articles, and personal interviews with the ministers of education of the Russian and Ukrainian republics, the deputy mayor of Moscow and the mayor of Tbilisi.)

By DR. LEONARD MAYFIELD
Medford School Superintendent

During the time spent in the USSR, "our group" spent many hours in observation of classroom teaching. The typical classroom was teacher dominated. Usually the 40 to 50 minute class would begin with a review of assigned homework. Sometimes this was accomplished by a question and answer period; sometimes by having one or two students recite (often at some length) a verbatim account of what had been read.

Generally the pupils involved were immediately graded before the class and the grade recorded in their personal "diary" (grade book) and the teacher's record book. If a student faltered, the teacher would call on another pupil who would add the necessary information while the first student remained standing. All pupils stood to recite and remained standing until the teacher said "sit".

Following the homework review, the teacher would often spend 15 to 20 minutes in a further discussion of the topic going into the new material to be learned. In mathematics classes pupils would often do a problem together with either a pupil or teacher doing the same problem at the board. Pupils doing boardwork would explain the problem to the class and teacher as they went along.

Newer Question Work
It is probably significant to note that the pupils at their seats never questioned the teacher being done at the board unless the teacher called on one of them to correct the working pupil (in one case the pupil at the board made an obvious mathematical error, $510 \div 2 = 205$ yet no one in the class raised a hand. We noted that three pupils seated near him had the work correct on their own papers and no doubt saw the mistake. The board error went uncorrected.)

Following the teacher's discussion, another question and answer period would follow

with all questions being asked by the teacher. Sometimes a complete review of the teacher's statement would be given by a single pupil. (In one biology class the teacher talked for about 15 minutes on the role of certain antibiotics. One pupil then came forward and reviewed the entire lecture with occasional assistance from classmates.)
Completes Cycle
The assignment generally completed the cycle. Assignments given did not seem excessive. Most assignments involved reading in the textbook. No supplementary books were in evidence; no work in research books was noted.

Certain courses varied in method due to their subject matter. Classes in foreign languages (we mostly observed English) involved reading and reciting from the textbook. Very little oral discussion took place and most questions asked were factual as, "Who was Martin Eden?" "What did Martin Eden want?"

Classes in the sciences often involved a teacher demonstration. Sometimes a pupil assisted. The demonstrations were set up in advance, well planned and usually effective. They generally reviewed a principle from the homework assignment or previewed the next day's assignment.

Demonstrations
"Laboratory work" was generally demonstration by the teacher. Pupils were called on to give details of principles. While lip service is given to "student laboratory experiments", it was not observed as common. In fact, many rooms were without the necessary equipment to carry out extensive pupil laboratory work. Furthermore, all pupils did the same work at the same time. However, the Pioneer Palace and other extra curricular activities provide opportunities for more extensive individual and group work in zoology, botany, etc.

Elementary classrooms are generally "self-contained" through the fourth grade and departmentalized from the fifth grade up. In the departmentalized classes a student's schedule is similar to our college programs. Classes are held from one to four times a week. Subject matter is taught in "periods" or compartments with time breaks between classes. Again, it appeared that classes were teacher dominated.

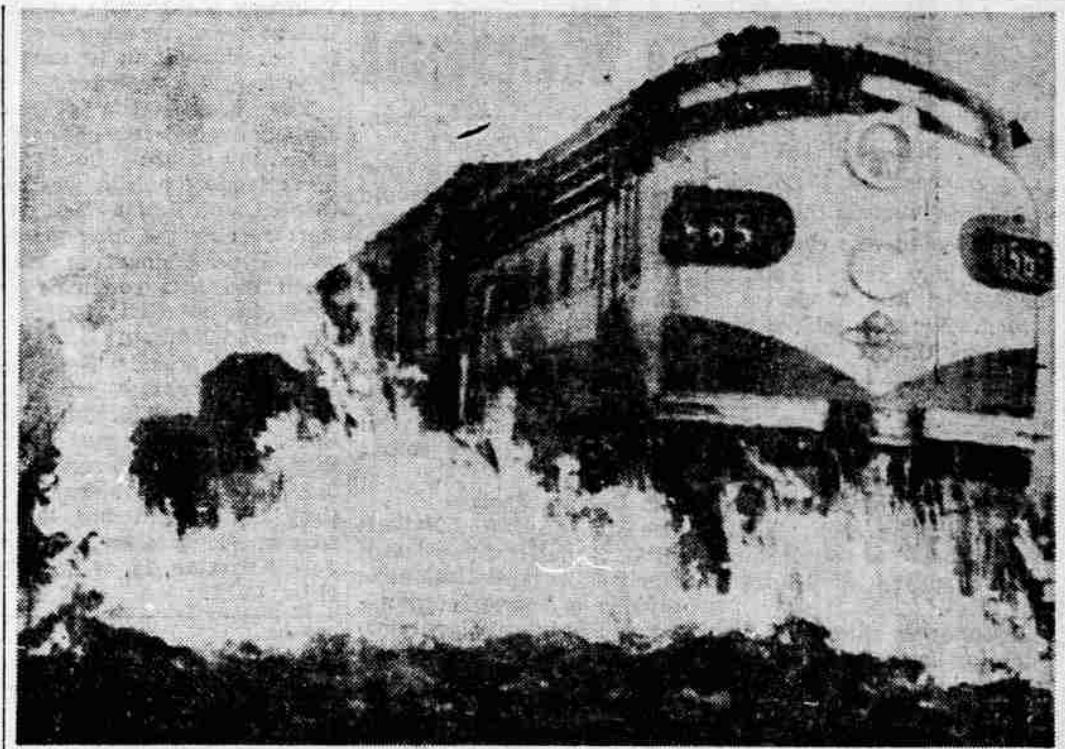
Classes in physical culture were principally involved in formal exercises of various sort; "labor" classes were a type of industrial arts; with all pupils at work on the same project in any given class. This could have been due to teaching a certain principle or concept early in the school year.

Algebra Introduced
In a subject like algebra, which is introduced in elementary schools and taken by all pupils, the methods in use appeared effective as most pupils seemed competent in this field and could substitute and solve problems freely by seventh and eighth grades. In reciting, pupils without exception spoke clearly in a firm clear voice.

While one professor in a pedagogical institute stated that "debate is encouraged" and "differences of opinion are sought," there was absolutely no evidence of this in any classrooms at any grade level.

In summary it may be said that teaching methods in the classes visited were characterized by teacher lecture, recitation by pupils, teacher demonstration, factual question and answer periods, and review of assigned work. There was no evidence of classroom discussions, individual research or critical analysis on the pupil's part.

Springfield - (UPI) - E. Robert Turner, 34, city manager of Springfield since 1955, has resigned to accept a similar position at Boulder, Colo.



ENGINE IN HURRY - Threatening tongues of fire lap at the railroad track as this engine hurries through an area hard hit by pasture fires near Paris, Texas. Wind-whipped fires burned some 3,000 acres of pas-

ture and farmland in Lamar county and about 40 homes and thousands of acres of grassland were burned by dozens of fires in east Texas.

(UPI Telephoto)

Hungary Continues Trials, Executions

United Nations Hears Report by Representative

United Nations, N.Y. - (UPI) - Sir Leslie Munro of New Zealand, special U.N. representative on the Hungarian question, reported today that trials and executions resulting from the 1956 freedom revolt in Hungary still are being carried out.

Munro, in a formal report to the General Assembly, said Russian troops remained in the country with an assurance by Hungarian Prime Minister Janos Kadar that "the time will come when Soviet troops will be withdrawn."

Both the Hungarian and Soviet authorities, Munro said, had refused him permission to visit Hungary in his capacity as a U.N. representative and had returned his correspondence to Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold without reply.

"The present report continues the theme of previous reports is entirely the responsibility of the Hungarian authorities," Munro said.

"No response has been forthcoming such as may reasonably be expected of a member of the U.N. organization concerned to promote the purposes of the organization and to act in accordance with its principles."

"Five prison sentences were handed down between last March 24 and April 1 to defendants charged with conspiring to overthrow the people's democratic state order," according to the Hungarian Telegraph Agency, Munro reported.

On Oct. 17, a Hungarian spokesman told western newsmen in Budapest that sentences had been carried out in connection with alleged crimes committed during the 1956 revolt, he said. Ten death sentences were reported and eight executions were said to have been performed on or about Aug. 13. Some 26 prison sentences were reported.

Japanese Protest Treaty Revision In Demonstration

Tokyo - (UPI) - Thousands of leftist demonstrators smashed through a police barricade and stormed the Japanese Diet (parliament) today in protest against the revision of the United States-Japan security treaty.

Unofficial reports indicated at least 416 persons injured. Police indicated at least 30 policemen and an undisclosed number of demonstrators were hospitalized.

A new security treaty, reaffirming America's right to station troops here but giving Japan greater voice in their disposition, is expected to be signed in mid-January to form the cornerstone of the relationship between the two nations.

Human Wedge Formed
An estimated 6,000 to 7,000 demonstrators formed a human wedge to drive through the police barricade and smash down a portion of a huge steel gate around the Diet compound.

The opposition Socialist party, which has been bitterly opposing the treaty revision, issued a statement expressing "regret" that the demonstrators had entered the Diet compound.

Police finally battled the mob back and by early evening it had dwindled to about 2,000 milling around the edge of the compound.

Most of those remaining were students who continued to sing and shout slogans opposing treaty revision.

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Crain pleaded guilty to the disorderly conduct charge and was fined \$10, with an alternative of 5 days in jail, but pleaded innocent to the charge of resisting arrest, police said. Bail has been set at \$50 on the latter charge and the trial has been set for Dec. 4.

Grants Pass Man Arrested in City

Walter Ivan Crain, Grants Pass, was arrested by city police Thursday night on charges of disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

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California Leads List of Fatalities With 21 Victims

Over-all Accident Toll Listed at 188

By United Press International
Thanksgiving was marred by a traffic toll of 146, figures showed today, which means that 56 more persons were killed on streets and highways than could be expected on a normal November day.

The National Safety Council does not make estimates in advance of the Thanksgiving

No Traffic Deaths Reported in State

Salem - (UPI) - Oregon apparently made it through the Thanksgiving holiday without a traffic fatality. The State Motor Vehicle Department said no fatalities were reported between 6 p.m. Wednesday and midnight Thursday.

toll because it is a one-day affair, but said that during a 30-hour period this time of year 90 persons would be killed in traffic.

Fires Fatal to 11
However, the United Press International counted 146 dead in the period beginning at 6 p.m. Wednesday. The over-all toll of violent death was 188, which includes 11 killed in fires, seven in airplane crashes, and 24 in miscellaneous mishaps.

Twenty-one of the traffic victims died in California. There were 10 traffic deaths in New York, 10 in Pennsylvania, and 9 in Ohio. Eight persons were killed in Michigan and seven each in Oklahoma and Florida.

Much of the nation had a white Thanksgiving. A snow storm swirled out of the Rockies to dump 14 inches on Boulder, Colo., then moved eastward to western New York state with fluffy levels up to a half foot.

October Highway Traffic Declines

Highway traffic at three locations in Jackson county has increased during the past 10 months over the same period a year ago, but two stations showed a decrease during October, 1959, compared to the previous October, the state highway department has announced.

On Highway 99 two miles south of Talent, a 5.8 decrease was noted last month compared to October, 1958, but the increase for the 10-month period was 4.8 per cent, the department said.

Traffic on Highway 238 a mile west of Ruch showed an increase of 2.4 per cent during the 10-month period, and a 5.3 per cent drop last month compared to October last year.

Traffic on Highway 62 four miles south of Shady Cove increased 4.4 per cent last month over October, 1958, and 7.5 per cent during the 10-month period, the department reported.

An increase of 5.8 per cent was noted in the traffic volume on East Main st. east of Geneva st., Medford, last month, the department noted. Last month, a total of 10,166 vehicles were counted at the station, compared to 9,607 in October, 1958.

The increase of 3.5 per cent was noted by the department at the East Main st. location over the 10-month period.

Nehru Receives Vote of Confidence by Parliament

New Delhi - (UPI) - Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru today won a smashing vote of confidence on his government's cautious method of dealing with the Chinese Communists in the border dispute between the two nations.

Members of Parliament loudly proclaimed his actions correct after Nehru delivered an eloquent plea for national unity.

"If you make me the instrument for your work do not blunt this instrument," Nehru said at the close of a three-day debate on his foreign and domestic policies.

He cautioned Parliament

and the nation against shouting demands that the Chinese Communists be forcibly removed from Indian territory the have occupied on the border.

World Share Asia
This, Nehru said, would lead to a war which would "shake Asia". He added India must steer a course of "avoiding extremes."

The Prime Minister said India had recognized China's "dangerous tendencies" for expansionism years ago, and they were bound to add up to trouble. But he warned that it would be "absurd of China to think it can sit on India or crush India."

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