

Air Force Said Wasting Millions In Worn-Out Cars

Washington—UPI—The General Accounting Office, Congress' watchdog on government spending, has charged the Air Force with wasting millions of dollars by failing to replace worn-out vehicles.

Government auditors said the annual repair bill on some old autos, trucks and buses owned by the Air Force are more than what it would cost to replace them with new ones.

Costs Overestimated
In two other reports, the GAO also:
—Complained that the Air Force spent more than half a million dollars too much for electronic communications equipment purchased from Northern Radio Co. of New York. The agency said the company overestimated its labor costs and Air Force contract negotiators should have caught the error.

—Disclosed it had prevented a naval supply depot at Mechanicsburg, Pa., from scrapping more than half a million dollars in usable equipment. Auditors said the foul-up resulted because of a misinterpretation of inventory instructions from higher headquarters.

In Reports to Congress
The charges were contained in reports sent to Congress by Comptroller General Joseph Campbell, head of the GAO.

The first report said that since the Korean war ended the Air Force has "consistently retained worn-out automotive vehicles beyond the point of economical repair."

Only a few of the vehicles earmarked as uneconomical to repair have been replaced, it said.

As a result, the report said, in the last three years the Air Force has incurred \$5 million more in repair costs and depreciated market values on old vehicles than it would cost to replace them.

It estimated that postponing the purchase of replacements has cost \$3 million in increased vehicle prices paid, or to be paid.

Court Records
Boyd A. Hampton, insufficient lights, \$10.
John W. Overland Jr., no horn, \$10.
Orval I. Dawson, exceeding limit (trout), \$30.
Harold G. Arnold, overweight, \$15.
Amos Johnson, no operator's license, \$10.
John A. Ellis Jr., failure to stop, \$10.
Paul Silva, overweight, \$15.
David W. Silts, failure to stop, \$10.
Godfrey M. Young, violation of weight limit, \$15.
Harold R. Werner Jr., violation of weight limit, \$15, and \$39.
Ralph Floyd Champion, truck speeding, \$15.
Belle Jane James, failure to stop, \$10.
Kenneth L. Larson, operating with suspended license, \$155.
Edwin A. Pettit, failure to stop, \$10.
Richard A. Card, sitting and leaning load, \$10.

CIRCUIT COURT
C. Jean Lane vs. Allen Dale Lane, divorce complaint.
Jillie Neil Hukill vs. Phyllis Jean Hukill, divorce complaint.
Darlene Ruth Tripp vs. Joseph Donald Tripp, divorce decree.
Sarah E. Grigsby vs. Fred B. Grigsby, divorce complaint.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATION
Robert Eugene Porter, 826 West 12th st., Medford, and Marian Elizabeth Arthur, route 1, box 660, Eagle Point.
Ronald E. Leinhold, 823 Siskiyou blvd., Ashland, and Lynda Colleen Abbott, 822 Siskiyou blvd., Ashland.
Richard Lawrence Mast, Prospect, and Norma Jean Singler, 5343 Table Rock rd., Central Point.

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NATIONAL GUARD INSPECTION—A federal inspection of company E, second battle group, Oregon National Guard, was made this week by Lt. Col. George H. Watson, regular Army inspector general, Portland. Approximately 70 officers and men attended classes at the Medford armory during the evening. Those pictured above took part in rifle platoon class on squad defense. A sand map is being used in the demonstration. Lt. Lyle Brown is class instructor and M/Sgt. Jack Burns, assistant instructor. A small dinner was held before the meeting for Colonel Watson and visiting guard officers from other parts of the state. A number of school, city and county officials also attended. Federal inspections of guard organizations are made yearly to evaluate training, administration and supply in order to determine if federal recognition of the units will be extended for the coming year. A report on the local inspection will be made later.

'Save by Mail' Fraud Charges To Be Aired in Baltimore Court

Baltimore, Md. — UPI — A "save-by-mail" savings and loan association and three individuals face trial Jan. 11 on charges they devised a scheme for using the mails to defraud investors from California to New England and from Puerto Rico to the Midwest.

The trial before Judge R. Dorsey Watkins in Federal District Court is expected to delve into the financial affairs of C. Oran Mensik, three savings firms he owns or formerly owned and three Chicago-area construction companies with which he is connected.

U.S. Attorney Leon H.A. Pierson, in a 14-page bill of particulars filed last April, said that Mensik masterminded formation of the Commercial Savings and Loan Association here to obtain funds for financing the construction companies.

Loans Shut Off
The plan was carried out, according to the government prosecutor, after seizure of Mensik's three savings associations by the Illinois state auditor shut off direct loans or fund advances from them to the building companies.

The government charges that Commercial Savings and Loan collected about \$700,000 in deposits in the first six months of 1958 after advertising that it paid 5 per cent dividends on prepaid savings share certificates.

The "true purpose" for forming Commercial Savings, Pierson's bill of particulars said, was to "channel" the deposited funds "back to the Reliance Building Corporation, Manning Building Corporation and Melvin Building Corporation" through still another firm, the Capital Mortgage Company of Chicago, owned chiefly by Mensik.

A federal grand jury returned the mail fraud indictments Dec. 9, 1958. In addition to Commercial Savings and Mensik, they named Robert F. Suchman of Baltimore, president of Commercial and a former associate of Mensik in Chicago, and Miss Marianne Barto of Chicago, Mensik's former secretary.

Four Plead Innocent
The four defendants pleaded innocent Sept. 10. Their trial, originally set for Oct. 19, was postponed until Jan. 11 because Miss Barto was ill.

Elbert S. Smith, then Illinois state auditor, closed Mensik's City Savings Association, First Guarantee Savings and Loan Association and Chicago Guarantee Savings and Loan Association on April 27, 1957, after depositors made runs on the Chicago institutions.

The runs resulted from publication of reports by Smith's examiners questioning "impairment" of the firms' assets. Smith, in ordering them closed, said they had engaged in unsound practices.

Application Rejected
The Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation turned down Mensik's application for Federal insurance for shareholders on the grounds that the firms' "financial policies and management are unsafe."

In prolonged litigation that followed, Cook County (Chicago) Circuit Court Judge Cornelius J. Harrington directed Mensik to obtain some form of commercial insurance.

Mensik paid a \$125,000 premium for a 25-million-dollar policy issued by the International Guaranty and Insurance Company, a Tawyer, Morocco, firm with offices in San Francisco, but state Attorney General Latham Castle subsequently ruled that such commercial insurance was illegal in Illinois.

Harrington eventually issued decrees forcing Mensik to dispose of his stock interests in First Guarantee and Chicago Guarantee but ordering City Savings returned to Mensik's control.

The state auditor's office has asked the Illinois Supreme Court to reverse the circuit judge's decision in the City Savings case, claiming the judge usurped the auditor's powers.

Shareholders at First Guarantee and Chicago Guarantee received "100 cents of each dollar invested," according to Sidney Grossman, administrative assistant in the Illinois Department of Financial Institutions, but received no dividends for about two years. City Savings shareholders were paid dividends regularly and now are permitted to make limited withdrawals under a "statutory withdrawal limit."

The bill of particulars filed here in the mail fraud case asserted that Commercial Savings' advertisements were "deceptive and false" because they implied that the advertised dividend was paid out of net profits.

The bill said Mensik, Suchman and Miss Barto advertised that accounts in Commercial Savings were insured up to \$10,000 although they knew their insurer, the International Guaranty and Insurance Company, "did not have sufficient assets to furnish adequate protection for the depositors."

The U.S. attorney's bill of particulars further alleged that Commercial Savings' advertising material attempted to create the impression that the association was subject to adult and financial supervision by the state of Maryland.

Mrs. Goldie Davidson's first grade room is nicely decorated. On the door is a sign that says "Greetings From Grade One" and a Santa Claus. In art the children made bells out of eggshells and paper Santa Clauses which they put up around the room.

In the program, the first grade sang "Christmas Snow Is Falling" and "Santa Claus Comes." They also played "Jingle Bells" on the Melode Bells.

Mrs. Patricia Stewart's second grade class put on a play called "The Friendly Beasts." Each child came up to the front of the stage and said a verse about one of the animals around the Christ Child. As the verses were recited the children held up animals that were either cut out or stuffed. This part of the program was set off by the Nativity Scene in the background.

The third, fourth, fifth and sixth grades presented a pageant called "Caroling 'Round The World." As the narrator told the Christmas customs of each country students representing that nation went on stage to depict the customs while the chorus sang appropriate Carols.

Speech Meeting Set at SOC Campu

Ashland — Valley residents and members of the Southern Oregon college faculty will be asked to serve as critics for the annual speech conference Jan. 29-30 at the college, co-ordinators for the event, Dr. Dorothy E. Stolp, associate professor of speech and drama, and Leon C. Mulling, director of the speech and hearing center, have announced.

Now in its 11th year, the conference is being sponsored by Sigma Alpha Sigma, men's speech organization, and Sigma Tau Sigma, Alpha and Beta chapters of the women's speech organization.

Chairmen and their responsibilities as selected thus far include Swan James, critics, Klamath Falls; Dave Bowdoin, timekeepers, Ashland;

Myrtle Converse, posters, Ashland; Marilyn Alter, publicity, Klamath Falls; Otis Hussy, room arrangements, Cave Junction; James E. Klamath Falls, and Beverly Cox, Glendale, banquet co-chairmen; Bill Black, Medford, and Heather McNeill, Cannon Beach, hospitality and entertainment, cochairmen; Judy Barnhart, scheduling, Roseburg; and Hattie Converse, registration, Ashland.

Members of the campus service organizations, Robes, Tri Zeta, Tau Kappa, and Theta Delta Phi, are being asked to serve as conference hosts, they reported.

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LEGAL NOTICES	
NOTICE In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Jackson County. In the Matter of the Estate of A. O. Myers, also known as Arthur O. Myers, deceased. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed his Final Account in the above entitled matter, and the above entitled Court has fixed the 28th day of December, 1959, at 10:00 o'clock A. M. in the Circuit Court Room in the Courthouse in Medford, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing objections to said Final Account and for the settlement thereof. HARRY E. MYERS Executor. Skrjman & Heisel Attorneys for Executor.	
NOTICE In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Jackson County. In the Matter of the Estate of Mary E. Childers, deceased. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed her Final Account in the above entitled matter, and the above entitled Court has fixed the 28th day of December, 1959, at 10:00 o'clock A. M. in the Circuit Court Room in the Courthouse in Medford, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing objections to said Final Account and for the settlement thereof. JANET E. DICKINSON Executor. Skrjman & Heisel Attorneys for Executor.	
NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Jackson County has appointed me administrator of the Estate of Irma Geneva McDonald, Deceased, and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same with proper voucher duly verified as required by law within six months from the date of first publication of this notice at the office of Robert R. Dickey, 109 South Oakdale, Medford, Oregon. Dated: November 27, 1959. Delbert P. McDonald, Administrator of the Estate of Irma Geneva McDonald. Robert R. Dickey, Attorney for Administrator.	

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Grange News
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Past Master Jack Bierma installed Herman Kamping to succeed himself as worthy master. Kamping was then installing officer for the remaining new slate.

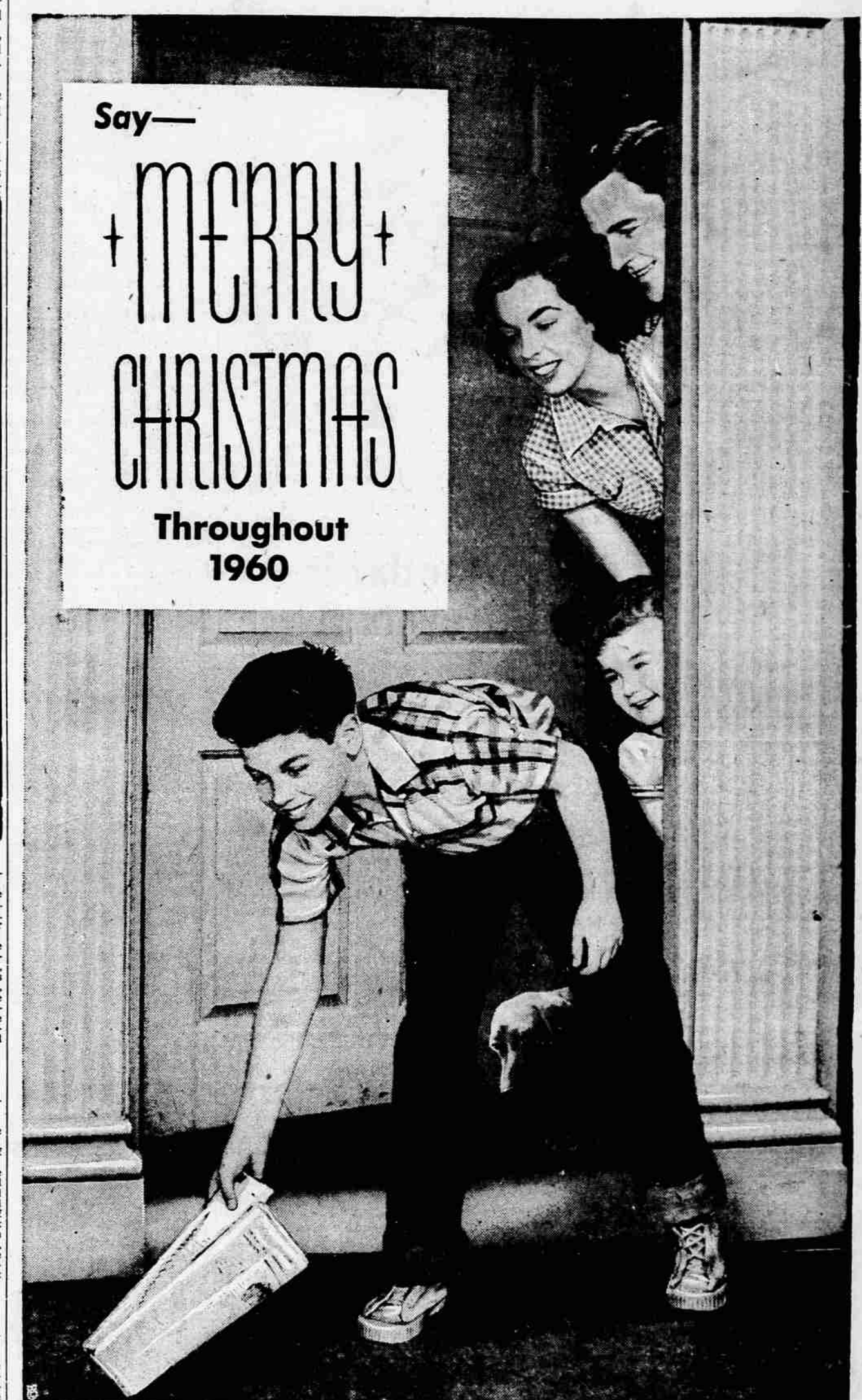
The Grange's Christmas party for members and friends will be Saturday evening, Dec. 19. A Christmas tree and exchange of gifts are planned.

Mrs. Jeanne Dole was accepted as a new member. The HEC reported on the recent food sale.

Divorce rates are lowest for women with four years of college and highest for those with only one to three years of high school.

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