

TRAIN NO OBSTACLE—A fireman on a tall extension ladder sprays the smoldering remains of a Montbello, Calif., lumber yard as a passenger train passes beneath. Fire-

4-H NEWS Steelworker Poll Shows 'Final Offer' Turned Down

Clothing and Cooking

The Antelope Clothing and Cooking club had a slumber party Dec. 4 at Jo Anna Malloroy's house.

After an evening of fun, everyone slept in sleeping bags. Cracker crumbs and deflating mattresses postponed sleep until 2 a.m.

Thirteen girls and three leaders attended. Leaders were Mrs. Don Anderson, Mrs. E. A. Malloroy and Mrs. John Bohnert.

Breakfast the next morning consisted of waffles, syrup, hot cocoa, orange juice and sausages. Food committee members were Paulette Anderson, Alice Woolfolk, and Jo Anna Malloroy.

The next day the December meeting of the club was held at the home of Jennifer Nevin. Mrs. John Bohnert, the cooking leader, gave the girls new books for this year.

Jo Anna Malloroy, a junior cooking leader, gave the girls their cooking assignments to have completed by the next meeting.

Each member was given a 1960 4-H calendar which was a gift from the Jackson County Federal Savings and Loan association. The club set up their goals for the coming year.

Due to such a busy season the members decided to have a Valentine party instead of a Christmas party.

Song leader Lola Ackerman led the group in a song.

The next regular meeting will be held Jan. 2 at Elaine and Gloria Meyer's house at 10 a.m. Each member is to take a sack lunch.

Judy Hill, Reporter.

Mediator To Seek Newspaper Talks

Portland—UPI—Federal Mediator Elmer Williams said he would talk to both sides in Portland's seven-week old newspaper strike today to see when another joint negotiating session could be scheduled.

The Stereotypers Union went on strike against the Oregon Journal and the Oregonian Nov. 10. The newspapers have been publishing combined editions since in the Oregonian plant.

Williams said he did not talk to either side over the Christmas week end.

BIGGEST SEA
The biggest inland sea is the Caspian with an area of 169,330 square miles. By comparison Lake Superior has an area of 31,810 square miles.

Washington—UPI—A union straw vote shows that 95 per cent of the steelworkers polled are against accepting management's "last offer" to settle the steel dispute, union President David J. McDonald said today.

McDonald said the latest count in a union survey shows 57,000 favor rejecting of the offer and 2,800 voting to accept it.

The union leader said he assumed a government-run secret ballot vote among the 500,000 steelworkers on the companies' final contract proposal would "closely follow" the results of the postcard poll.

Procedures Discussed
McDonald spoke to reporters after discussing procedures for this afternoon's public hearing to be conducted by President Eisenhower's fact-finding board.

The board stepped back into the marathon dispute today by meeting separately with union and management officials in advance of the hearing.

Asked how separate negotiations on a company by company basis were progressing, McDonald replied:

"They are getting nowhere."

He said there seemed to be "a lot of acrimony" in the bargaining discussions.

Both sides will present their position to the board of inquiry. This will include formal presentation of management's "last offer" which already has been rejected by the Steelworkers as inadequate.

Another Futile Round
The new sessions followed another futile round of bargaining here Sunday, both on a company-by-company level and on an industry-wide basis.

The fact-finders, after their new hearings, must report back to the President by Jan. 6 on where management and union stand in the dispute.

This will set in motion machinery under the Taft-Hartley law for the 500,000 Steel-

workers to vote Jan. 11-13 on whether they want to accept the final management offer.

The steel companies claim their "last offer" would provide 30 cents an hour in extra benefits over three years. The union contends the package would be worth only 22 cents an hour.

Could Resume Strike
If union members reject the offer, they will be free to resume their strike on Jan. 26

when the present 80-day injunction keeping the steelworkers at their jobs runs out.

Labor Secretary James P. Mitchell has said that Eisenhower will recommend congressional action if no settlement is reached before the stay-at-work court order expires.

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Hoover's Former Secretary Dies

Washington—UPI—Lawrence Richey, former secretary to President Herbert Hoover, died in his sleep on an airline flight Sunday from New York where he had spent the Christmas holidays with Hoover. He was 75.

Lewis L. Strauss, former chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission and also a former secretary to Hoover, said Richey dozed off on the plane "and never did wake up."

In New York, Hoover paid tribute to Richey by calling him "a loyal friend and devoted public servant—a man who had the respect of thousands of friends for his probity and his devotion to his country." Richey was a native of Harrisburg, Pa.

Commercial Fish Take Falls Off

Portland—UPI—The Oregon Fish Commission announced that commercial fish landings and fish runs on the Columbia river in 1959 were slightly below the previous year.

The Commission reported that Oregon and Washington caught 1,250,000 pounds of spring chinook salmon, the lowest commercial catch since 1947. The landings consisted of 78,000 fish.

Biologists said the spring chinook run totaled 140,000 fish, which included those caught and those observed passing over the Bonneville fish ladders. The run was the lowest since 1951.

ACTRESS' MOTHER DIES

Barstow, Calif.—UPI—Mrs. Connie Lupino, 72, mother of Actress Ida Lupino, died Saturday night in Barstow Community hospital. She had been injured in a Christmas Eve auto accident near here.

Icy Spots Said Numerous in Oregon

Salem—UPI—Icy spots were numerous on Oregon highways this morning and there was packed snow at McKenzie pass.

The Highway Department also said there was sanding at Government Camp, Warm Springs junction, West Diamond Lake, Ochoco summit, Willamette pass, Meacham and Austin. Icy spots also were reported at Wilson River and Sunset summits, Salmon river, Detroit, Eugene, Medford, Siskiyou, Green Springs, Prospect, Santiam pass, Chemult, Klamath Falls, Quartz mountain, Lakeview, Baker and Seneca.

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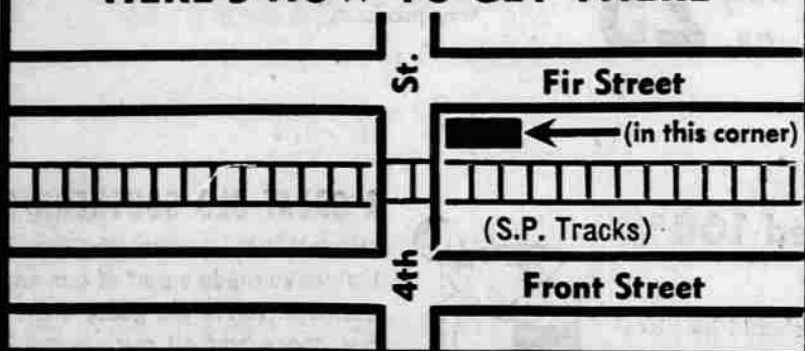
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