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**A TOUCH OF HOME**—Mrs. John Acampora, New Haven, Conn., is shown beside a snow camel that her husband built for her. Mrs. Acampora is a native of Tripoli and they were married while he was stationed there in the service. She was homesick for her native land so her husband made the camel as a touch of home for her.—(UPI Telephoto)

## Hatfield as GOP Keynote Speaker Being Considered

Salem—(UPI)—The feelers are out for Gov. Mark Hatfield to be the keynote speaker at the 1960 Republican national convention next summer in Chicago.

Peter Gunnar, chairman of the Oregon GOP Central committee, said today that at least 12 states are "very interested" in the idea and that others are "thinking about it."

Gunnar said that California Republican officials are particularly interested. Selection of the keynoter probably will come in the form of a suggestion by Vice President Richard Nixon and Republican National Chairman Thruston Morton.

Gunnar said that 12 states included a cross-section of the nation. The groundwork for this possibility was laid at the GOP national committee meeting in Chicago Dec. 10-12, Gunnar said.

## Ike's South America Plans To Be Told

Washington—(UPI)—President Eisenhower is expected to announce shortly a good will trip to South America, possibly in mid-February. He may visit Brazil, Argentina, Chile and Uruguay.

Informed sources said Eisenhower planned to fly from Washington to Rio de Janeiro and then board a U.S. Navy cruiser for the trip to Uruguay and Argentina. He would fly from Argentina to Chile on his return home.

The sources said the exact dates and itinerary still were in the "planning stage" but that a White House announcement could come within 10 days.

## Stores, Offices Closed Tomorrow

Most retail stores in the county will be closed tomorrow, New Year's day. City, state and county offices also will be closed.

The Jackson county public library will close at 6 o'clock this evening and remain closed until 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 4.

All the county's schools will resume classes Monday following the Christmas and New Year holiday.

The Mail Tribune will publish a noon edition.

## Lack of Wind in Texas Judged Top Lie For Year

Burlington, Wis.—(UPI)—You may not believe this, but the Burlington Liars' club has a new world's champion for 1959.

He is, not surprisingly a Texan, W. C. Cook, Wichita Falls. At least he says he's from Wichita Falls.

This is his prize-winning lie. "You have heard of big winds. Well, last summer we had so little wind down here

## Closing Arguments Given in Thompson Jury Trial Today

Closing arguments by the state and defense in the trial of the state against Donald Martin Thompson, 36, of Klamath Falls, were heard this morning in circuit court here.

District Attorney Thomas J. Reeder is expected to present the final closing arguments for the state this afternoon prior to the jury receiving instructions from Judge Edward C. Kelly.

## Who Will Be First 1960 Auto Victim?

Salem—(UPI)—With the gruesome 1959 state traffic record all but behind them, members of the Oregon Traffic Safety Commission asked this question: "Who will be the first victim of the New Year?"

The Commission said that in 1959 the new year was only one hour and 45 minutes old when the state recorded its first traffic death, the beginning of a record year.

Vern Hill, director of the Oregon Motor Vehicles Department, today once again urged motorists "not to drink and drive, and to slow speeds to cope with expected icy road conditions."

Gov. Mark Hatfield indicated that police roadblocks to snare drunk drivers would be up again this week end, and the program possibly intensified.

## Nixon En Route To Los Angeles

New York—(UPI)—Vice President Richard M. Nixon flew today to California for a New Year's visit.

Nixon was scheduled to depart from Washington late Wednesday but decided to take a later flight. His wife and daughters left without him.

The vice president was expected to arrive in Los Angeles in time for a luncheon engagement. He will participate in the Rose Bowl Parade on New Year's Day.

## Cameroon Rebels Attack Federal Troops

Douala, French Cameroons—(UPI)—Rebel tribesmen attacked government troops with knives and spears Wednesday night on the eve of United Nations Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld's arrival in the Cameroons for independence ceremonies.

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## Snider Opposes Centennial Vote

Portland—(UPI)—The Oregon Centennial Commission, over the protests of Mayor John Snider of Medford, has voted about \$10,000 in disbursements cutting down the amount it will return to the state to about \$30,000.

Included was \$7,000 to help pay part of a \$9,801 deficit from the National Indian Encampment held at Pendleton last summer. The Commission also voted to pay \$1,000 to the Oregon Chapter of the World Affairs Council and \$1,300 to Pan-American World Airways for rebate on exhibit space traded for a lounge put in by the airline.

However, a \$10,000 request from the Ashland Shakespearean Festival was turned down. The Commission noted that the Festival already received \$15,000.

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Washington—(UPI)—Sen. William Proxmire (D-Wis.) said today he would "seriously consider" entering the Wisconsin Democratic presidential primary as a favorite son if Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.) is unopposed there.

Humphrey Wednesday became the first avowed candidate in the 1960 presidential sweepstakes.

Proxmire told a reporter he thought Humphrey's announced entrance in Wisconsin's April 5 primary was a "fine thing" and would "contribute greatly to the Democratic position in Wisconsin." But he said he thought there should be a contest.

## Boy Hit by Car on Keno Bridge Dies

Klamath Falls—(UPI)—Lawrence Flock, 7, son of S-Sgt. and Mrs. Norman V. Flock, Kelo, Wash., died in a local hospital Wednesday from injuries suffered when struck by a car while playing on a bridge at nearby Keno.

State police said the youngster apparently stepped out from behind a pillar in front of a car driven by Mrs. Joe DeGrande, Keno.

Flock is stationed at Kingsley Air Force Base here.

## B47 Jet Bomber Crash Fatal To Four Crewmen

Torrejón AFB, Spain—(UPI)—A U.S. Air Force B47 jet bomber crashed today shortly after taking off for its home base in Florida, killing all four crewmen aboard.

Portland—(UPI)—Dr. Harold M. Erickson, who has resigned as Oregon's state health officer, was honored Wednesday night at a banquet attended by more than 400 persons including Gov. Mark Hatfield.

Paris—(UPI)—Leaders of France's nation-wide radio and television strike have decided to lift their shutdown briefly to allow President Charles de Gaulle's New Year greeting to be read to the nation.

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He succeeds Dr. Harold M. Erickson, who is resigning to become deputy director of health for California.

Dr. Wilcox, 50, has been head of the health board's local health services division for more than nine years. Before that he served as Umatilla county health officer. In Private Practice

He also has been associated with the South Dakota State Board of Health and has been in the private practice of medicine in both Oregon and South Dakota.

Dr. Carl Holm of Salem, health board president, said the appointment was made after a nationwide recruitment campaign launched after Dr. Erickson submitted his letter of resignation Nov. 18.

Dr. Wilcox will be the seventh state health officer since the board was created in 1903. He took his pre-medical studies at Northwestern University and holds the degrees of bachelor of science from the University of South Dakota, doctor of medicine from University of Louisville, and master of public health from Johns Hopkins.

He served with the medical corps of the Marines during World War II in the South Pacific.

## Tillamook Pair Killed in Crash Near Lebanon

Total of 485 Breaks 1946 Mark

By United Press International Oregon's all-time official traffic death toll mark was shattered Wednesday, the next to the last day of 1959.

Two Tillamook residents were killed in a two-car collision near Lebanon and a seven-year-old boy died of injuries when struck by a car in Klamath county near Keno.

That brought the toll for the year to 485, according to the State Traffic Safety Commission in Salem. The previous high mark was set in the post-war year of 1946 when 482 persons lost their lives in traffic accidents.

With one day to go, compared to 37 on the same date in 1958.

Killed in the collision near Lebanon Wednesday night were Joe L. Bennett, 26, and Eunice Violet Emmenegger, 48. Three other persons were injured.

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Another accident Wednesday night saw seven cars and Greyhound bus skid into the ditch near Willamette pass after two refrigerator trucks jacked on the icy highway. Two persons were injured.

More Passenger Miles The Traffic Safety Division said that in 1946 when the previous high was set about 4,500,000 passenger miles were traveled. The figure this year will be about 7,500,000 passenger miles.

Also, in 1946 there were 470,154 motor vehicles registered compared to about 875,000 this year.

The 1958 death toll was 449 while 468 died in 1957, the third worst year on record.

The department confines its figures to traffic accidents occurring on a "trafficway" or public road. It does not include accidents which occur entirely on private property.

## Hatfield House Painted by Vandals

Salem—(UPI)—Vandals painted foot-high letters with red paint on the side of the new house of Gov. and Mrs. Mark Hatfield sometime early today.

The sentence said "Keep Oregon Pea Green." The Hatfield's two-story home is pale green on the outside.

Authorities said the words were apparently painted with a paint spray can. The vandalism was discovered this morning, on the south side of the house.

The house is not yet finished. The contractor said that section of the siding will have to be repainted. There was no clue as to identity of the vandals.

## Oregon Highway Traffic Death Record Shattered

## New Year Binge To Be Expensive Frolic

By United Press International It will cost more to ring in 1960 than it did to welcome 1959, a nationwide survey of New Year's Eve night club prices showed today.

Prices in the plushest places include a dinner, a floor show and one drink. Other drinks are extra.

Prices vary, becoming lower as the plushness of the night spot in question becomes less. And for those who want something still cheaper and don't care for the floor show, blaring orchestra and other fringes of the better bistros, there's always the corner pub.

The survey also confirmed there is a growing trend to seeing in the New Year with parties at home.

The home type celebrations also varied. There was the host in suburban New York who plans to spend \$32 a head for a houseful of revellers and the non-drinking hostess in Salt Lake City, who said, "When people leave our house, I know they're sober."

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## Soviet Official's Passing Remark Lifts Accusation

Pravda Editor Says U.S. Not Accused

Moscow—(UPI)—Russia's leading nuclear-blast expert today effectively retracted the Soviet charge that the United States has been conducting underground nuclear tests.

Prof. E. K. Fedorov, chief Soviet delegate to the Geneva nuclear test talks, said the U.S. underground blasts mentioned Wednesday by the Communist organ Pravda were "chemical explosions simulating nuclear explosions."

Fedorov's clarification was a passing remark in a statement that was generally critical of the U.S. stand on detection of underground nuclear tests.

In Manchester, England, the Guardian reported receiving a telephone call from a Pravda editor in London saying that Wednesday's story should not be interpreted as an accusation against the United States.

Treatment Rejected Fedorov said Soviet experts believe the U.S. observations on underground explosions "will definitely be significant in the work of a nuclear control system," but added that they "categorically reject" U.S. treatment of the data.

"Having discovered various errors and sometimes advisedly incorrect propositions in the American statements and documents, Soviet experts on the basis of the same factual material in some cases reached different conclusions," he said.

## Snow Covers Area Mountain Passes