

### Hatfield Asks Return of Lands Owned by U.S.

Salem—UPI—Gov. Mark Hatfield said Friday he has asked all members of Oregon's Congressional delegation to join him in efforts to restore to the state's economy several large areas of Oregon land under federal ownership.

The tracts, acquired by the federal government during World War II but no longer used for defense purposes, should be released so they can be restored to the tax rolls and put into productive use, he said.

Some of the areas have potential use as industrial sites, the governor said. He cited the 96,000-acre Boardman bombing range in Morrow county, which will be near the John Day pool when that dam is completed. This area has great potentiality for industrial development.

**Action Initiated**  
Action has been initiated by the Morrow county court to obtain release of the Boardman tract. The Oregon department of Planning and Development, assisted by a team of technicians from other state agencies, is working actively on the project.

Investigations also are under way on several other federally-owned tracts, including the now-unused Beaver ammunition storage and loading area on the lower Columbia river.

**Assistance Asked**  
"I have written to our two senators and four congressmen asking for their assistance in putting these lands back into economic use," Hatfield said. "This is an opportunity for all of us, as representatives of the people of Oregon, to join forces in a project that will make a major contribution to the economic development of our state."

He added that action might be required in some instances, but there also was a possibility of obtaining release of the lands through negotiation or exchange.

### PROSPECT Couple in Auto Crash

By FRANCIS RING  
Prospect—Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Baker from the Prospect ranger station were "shook up" in an auto accident Dec. 27 when the car in which they were riding was struck head-on by another car near Salem. They were visiting Mrs. Baker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Strange of Salem, and had just attended the wedding of a brother, Robert Strange.

Home from Northwest Nazarene college for the holidays is Darlene Nye, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Waldo P. Nye. She is a senior.

Another visitor home for the holidays is Celeste Burrill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Burrill and a freshman at Walla Walla college at College Place, Wash.

Kevin and Gina Burrill recently recovered from a severe case of chicken pox.

Week end visitors at the Burills home were Mr. and Mrs. Alvy Bowman and family and Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Bigger, Medford. They skied above Union creek Sunday.

The Prospect Garden club had its annual family turkey dinner last week at the community hall. About 30 people attended.

Mrs. Florence Venham, Medford, spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. George Ring Jr. Mrs. Ring is her granddaughter. She had Christmas dinner with her great-grandson, Mike Ring and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Monte Ring of Red Bluff road.

George Brown is convalescing at home after undergoing major surgery at Rogue Valley hospital last week.

Mrs. Marion Bean Nye, Medford, spent the holidays with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Hedgpath of Ulrich rd.

Red Blanket Mills No. 1 and 2 are shut down for repairs. They expect to start up again about Feb. 1.

**POOR YEAR FOR PIGEONS**  
Ipswich, England—UPI—The new year may be great for everyone else, but it's going to be a bad one for pigeons in Ipswich. Police ruled that crumbs and peanuts tossed to pigeons in the local square are "litter," and anyone who tosses them is subject to prosecution under the anti-litter law.

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