



TREES BURNED — The proverbial "last years' Christmas tree" may be worthless on the open market, but 30 members of the Moose lodge, with the help of an equal number of Boy Scouts, turned discarded trees into a profit of \$206.25 in their annual pickup Sunday. The Christmas trees were burned on Antelope rd. Tallying up the "take,"

Union Committee To Vote on Steel Pact

Washington — UPI — The Steelworkers' Union called its 171-member Wage Policy Committee here today to give expected unanimous approval to the agreement ending the eight-month-old steel dispute. Only the policy committee's action was needed to wrap up a 2½ year steel labor peace pact on terms recommended by Vice President Richard M.

Petition to Change Land Is Denied

The Jackson county school district reorganization committee last night denied a petition by Ernest Havemann to place his property in the Rogue River school district. Havemann proposed that his property on Miller's Gulch rd. be transferred from District 6C to Rogue River.

23rd Amendment Topic of Speeches

Willis E. Stone, Los Angeles, author of the proposed 23rd amendment, which would abolish the national income tax, will address a group of businessmen at a dinner meeting tonight at the Jackson hotel. The talk is the first in a series in Medford. Stone will speak at Southern Oregon college tomorrow morning, and at the Kiwanis club's luncheon Wednesday noon at the Rogue Valley Country club.

Dunes Park Bill Change To Be Asked

Salem — UPI — Next Monday the Oregon Water Resources Board will present to the governor's Natural Resources Committee a requested change in federal legislation for creation of a national Oregon dunes park. The board wants the bill amended to provide that water in the area be used for any beneficial purpose as long as it does not hurt the area's scenic or recreational value.

25 Known Dead in Italy As Train Leaves Tracks

Milan, Italy — UPI — A speeding commuter train jammed with 1,000 passengers plunged off a temporary bridge in thick fog and splintered on a factory yard 25 feet below today in one of Italy's worst railroad disasters. More Than 100 Hurt. The Transport Ministry in Rome, which runs Italy's nationalized railroads, said 25 were known dead and more than 100 injured. The accident occurred in the suburb of Monza as the

while the trees burn in the background, above are, left to right, Bill Griggs, City Sanitary Service, Bob Trimble, chairman of the project, Bill Hoffman, governor of the Moose lodge, and Harvey Wyatt, junior governor. The money will be turned over to the Junior Service League's kindergarten project.

Nixon and Labor Secretary James P. Mitchell. Cost Estimated. The settlement was reported to provide a 39-cent hourly wage-benefit boost for the 500,000 steelworkers. The industry estimated the cost over the 30-month period at more than \$1 billion. Roger M. Blough, board chairman of the pace-setting U.S. Steel Corp., said his firm would hold the line on prices for the immediate future. But he said future developments could change this position.

Shipwrecked Crew Due in Portland

Singapore — UPI — The shipwrecked crew of the American freighter Valley Forge is expected to leave for Portland, Ore., Wednesday by chartered aircraft. All 37 crewmen were reunited in Singapore today. The master, Peter F. Petrone, and six other members of the crew arrived in Singapore Monday night from Tanjung Pinang on an Indonesian vessel.

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President Heads Back To Office

Augusta, Ga. — UPI — President Eisenhower headed back to the White House today to deal during his last year in office with an election-year Congress controlled by his political opposition. With Mrs. Eisenhower, who accompanied him for his nine-day holiday at the Augusta National Golf club, he was scheduled to leave late this afternoon for the two-hour flight to Washington.

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Serious Water Shortage Seen As Possibility

A serious shortage of water is possible for next irrigation season, according to recent snow surveys and the 30-day weather forecast. Medford, Rogue River Valley and Talent Irrigation district managers today reported several wells have gone dry throughout the valley. The U. S. weather bureau station at the Medford airport forecasts less than normal precipitation and colder than normal weather in the next 30 days.

Jack Hoffbuh, Medford Irrigation district manager, said Fish lake has 3,415 acre feet of water or less than half the 7,164 acre feet a year ago. Four Mile lake contains 3,112 acre feet this year compared to 13,000 acre feet last year. Rogue River Valley Irrigation district draws its water from the same sources as MID. Less Storage Water. Generally, Talent Irrigation district also has considerably less useable storage water compared to the previous year.

Demos Say Ike May Veto First Major Legislation

Washington — UPI — Democrats said today President Eisenhower may veto the first major legislation sent to him by the election-year Congress which convenes Wednesday. They expect the first bill to be a measure calling for a big expansion in federal outlays for sewage plants to curb pollution of waterways. The President has been trying for two years to get Congress to cut the program. The Democrats said they were confident that a presidential veto would give them a significant issue for the presidential election campaign.

Symington Won't Seek To Remove Name in Oregon

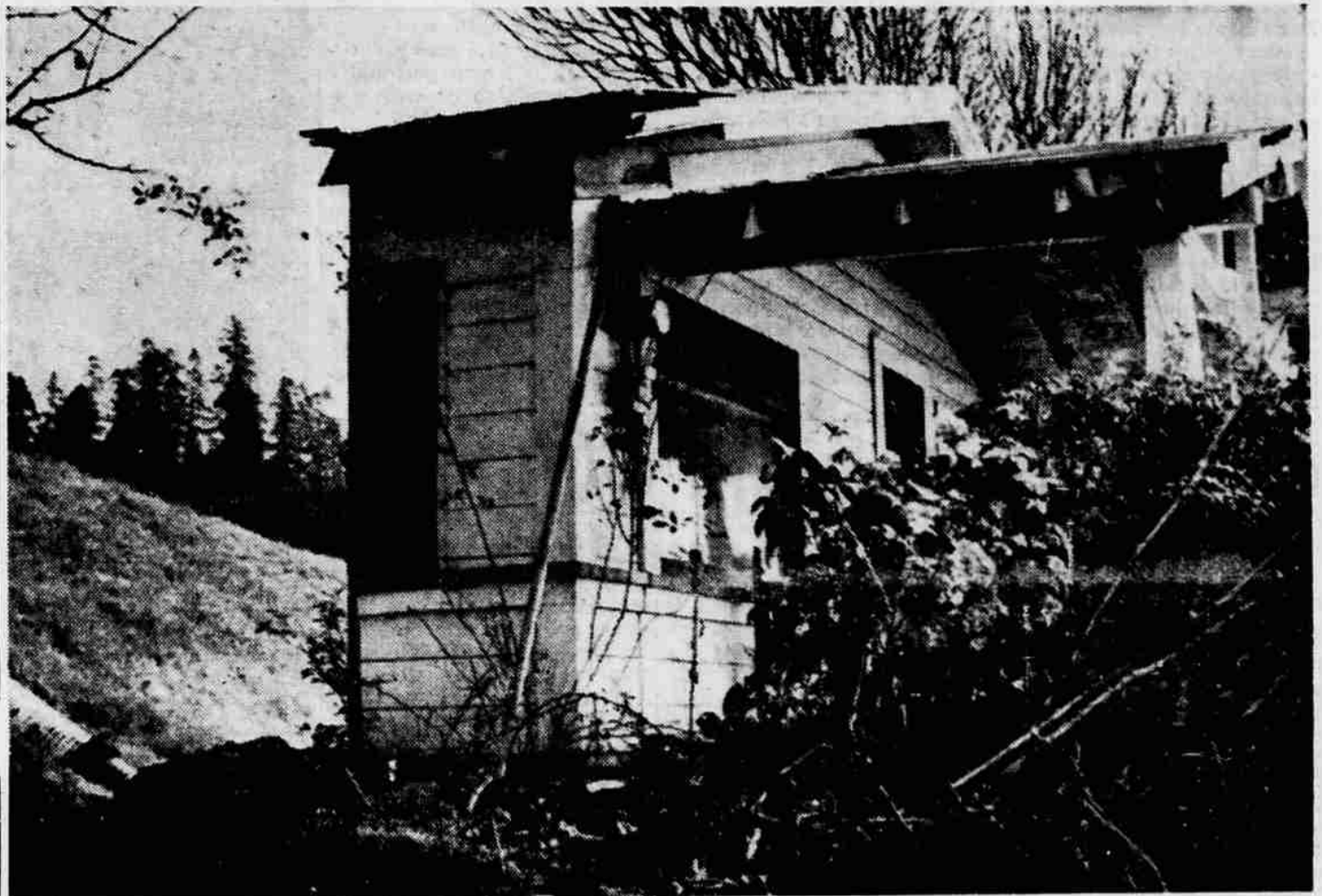
Washington — UPI — Sen. Stuart Symington (D-Mo.) said today he is "not an avowed candidate" for the Democratic presidential nomination, but would not take any steps to remove his name from the May 20 Oregon preferential primary. Symington said he planned no formal announcement at present for the nomination. "I'm not an avowed candidate and I'm not entering any primaries," he said.

Inquest Planned In Death at Gates

Salem — UPI — An inquest is scheduled into the death of Robert Otha Niemi, 37, at the nearby community of Gates, but the Marion county coroner's office said an autopsy all but ruled out foul play as cause of death. Heart disease was the cause of death, according to the coroner. Niemi, a cook and manager of a restaurant near Gates, was found dead in his home Tuesday at 9 a.m. by his aunt, Mrs. Lilyan Marie Grigsby.

Last Respects Paid Margaret Sullivan

Greenwich, Conn. — UPI — The theater world Monday bid farewell to the actress Margaret Sullivan, 48. Miss Sullivan died last Friday from barbiturate poisoning as a result of an accidental overdose of sleeping pills, according to New Haven County Coroner James J. Corrigan. About 160 persons, most of them from the theater, gathered at Christ Church for memorial services for the husky-voiced actress. Miss Sullivan was dead on arrival Friday at a hospital after she was found unconscious in her hotel room.



HOUSE HALVED — A house divided, that's what the passerby sees at Moonstone, north of Eureka, Calif., on Highway 101, where the Division of Highways is constructing a freeway. The structure, owned by Sam Merryman Sr., was halved along the right-of-way line when the owner and the state couldn't reach a settlement and a court decision gave the division the right-of-way. That portion of the building on the line was cut off so the project wouldn't be delayed. A hearing on the settlement is yet to be held. — (UPI Telephoto)

Hatfield Asked To Intervene in Strike

Salem — UPI — Gov. Mark Hatfield today rejected a petition from organized labor asking him to intercede in the Portland newspaper strike by appointing a fact-finding board. Harley Flesvig, president of the Stereotypers, referred to the steel strike settlement in which Vice President Richard Nixon and Labor Secretary James Mitchell helped. He said, "If the assistance of outside, impartial persons brought to an end the eight-month-old steel strike, why couldn't such help do the same in this situation?"

Southern Plains Get More Snow

By United Press International. A new winter storm dumped heavy snow on the Southern Plains today and a bitter cold wave spread deep into the Midwest. The storm unloaded 4½ inches of snow on Pampa on the northwest Texas high plains and forecasters predicted a six-inch fall in the Panhandle by tonight. A mass of cold Canadian air sent the mercury plummeting in the Northern Plains and upper Midwest. It dropped to 29 below zero at Aberdeen, S.D., 20 below at Duluth, Minn., and Bismarck, N.D., 16 below at Minneapolis, and 8 below at Omaha, Neb., and Rapid City, S.D.

Eisenhower's Tour Plans Nearly Set

Washington — UPI — Plans were virtually complete today for President Eisenhower to make a flying good will tour of four South American countries from Feb. 21 to about March 4. Diplomatic sources told United Press International that the White House Monday night delivered final details of the trip to the embassies of the four countries, Brazil, Argentina, Chile and Uruguay. It appeared certain that all four governments would approve the suggested itinerary. An official announcement was expected from the White House later this week.

Journal Building Windows Broken

Portland — UPI — Six small panes in a second floor window of the Oregon Journal building and a small window on the ground floor were broken Monday night. Police said they apparently were smashed by bricks. Maclaren School Escapes Sought. Woodburn — UPI — Two youths from Maclaren school remained the object of a police alert today. The two escaped Monday with two other companions. The other two were taken into custody by state police near Brooks.

994 Students Enroll At Southern Oregon

Ashland — UPI — A total of 994 students enrolled yesterday, the first day of registration for the winter term at Southern Oregon college. Registration will continue through Jan. 18. The total included 584 men and 410 women. Tangier 'Murder Sack' Victim New York Girl. Tangier — UPI — Tangier's "murder sack" victim officially was identified today as Barbara Helen Moeller, 19, New York, and police indicated they knew her killer. No Longer Doubt. A police spokesman said there no longer was any doubt that the mutilated corpse found in a gunnysack in Kadira Forest five miles from here on Dec. 13 was that of the missing New York girl, who came to Tangier as a tourist seeking adventure.

Tangier 'Murder Sack' Victim New York Girl

As they made their announcement, authorities continued virtual non-stop questioning of William Edward Moore, 26, itinerant English sailor who had been one of the Moeller girl's companions before she vanished from her hotel. Information Needed. "We are sure that Moore has important information that we give us, information that we need in order to conclude our inquiries," the police spokesman said.

FORECAST: Increasing high cloudiness tonight. Cloudy Wednesday. Change of showers late Wednesday. Low tonight 20-25. High Wednesday 42. Jan. 13. PROMINENT STAR Altair, low in west. 6:24 p.m. VISIBLE PLANETS Venus, rises 4:56 a.m. Jupiter, rises 6:45 a.m. Mars, rises 6:49 a.m.