

NEBRASKANS EVACUATED FROM FLOOD

Sick, Starving Tots Found in Portland Home

Portland—UPI—A sick and half-starved brood of six children, two of their sisters already dead, gained strength in a hospital today while authorities considered charging their parents with neglect.

The children were committed temporarily to the Providence hospital nursery Monday after neighbors brought the case to public attention. Juvenile Court Judge Carl Dahl ordered the district attorney's office to investigate possible charges.

The children, ranging in age from three months to nine years, were living in a three-room shack on the outskirts of Portland. All were suffering from malnutrition and resulting ailments, including running sores.

They slept on a soiled mattress and a single blanket spread on the floor.

Neighbors Call Police

The death of one-year-old Carol Ann a week ago and the refusal of the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Morris, to allow the other children to be helped, incensed the neighbors who called in police. The re-

maining children were taken from the parents last Friday but Nancy, 3½, was in critical condition and died Sunday.

A ninth child died in Texas at the age of one year before the family moved to the Portland area in 1954.

Morris, 31, and his wife, Loretta, 28, wept when Judge Dahl told them they would not be allowed to visit their children. "Your honor, we've had a great tragedy," Morris said. "I don't know why people want to hurt us more."

Morris admitted he earns gross wages of \$504 a month at a logging company and his wife claimed "we have a big grocery bill every week."

Children Gaining

The surviving children are Joyce, 9; Kenneth, 8; Thelma, 5; David, 4; Robert, 2½; and Mary, three months.

David has never gained enough strength in his four years to walk. Mary, the infant, weighed only 6 pounds 10 ounces when she was taken to the hospital, but has gained four ounces since Friday. Robert weighed only 15 pounds. Mary, Thelma and Robert all are being treated for pneumonia.

Sisters at the hospital, stunned by the condition of the children, said they missed their parents but laughed and played with toys as strength began returning.

Police said Morris, a logging company employee, refused to allow neighbors to come into the family's shack when he found they wanted to clean it and provide food for the children. Authorities were notified after the death of Carol Ann at Emmanuel hospital March 22, from acute malnutrition and pneumonia.

Petitions Filed For Dog Control

Petitions for county-wide dog control containing about 130 signatures were being checked today by the county elections department.

The petitions were turned in by A. M. Gleason, 2910 Madrona lane, Medford.

For county-wide dog control to go on the primary election ballot, at least 100 signatures of registered voters must be on petitions.

A petition applying to Medford has already been filed and contains more than the required 20 signatures. Fifteen signatures are required for placing on the ballot a dog control measure which applies only to a precinct, according to Deputy District Attorney Gerald W. Scannell.

A petition or petitions reportedly being circulated in Rigby River to establish a dog control ordinance there have not yet been filed in the county elections department.

Aberdeen, Wash. (UPI)—Funeral services will be held at 11 a. m. Saturday for Rep. Russell V. Mack, Third District congressman who died following a heart attack in the House Chamber Monday.

Jantzen Beach Fun House, Old Mill Destroyed

Portland—UPI—A wind-whipped fire gutted the fun house and the Old Mill at Jantzen Beach amusement park in north Portland today and for a time threatened other structures.

The blaze, which sent flames more than 100 feet into the air, broke out about 9:30 a. m. and was not controlled for more than an hour. The fire was fanned by brisk southerly winds of up to 25-30 miles per hour.

Firemen said it was the equivalent of a four-alarm. Equipment from Vancouver, Wash., located across the Columbia river, was the first on the scene and it was joined by units from Portland and Multnomah county.

Light Globes Burst

Heat from the fire was so intense that light globes 50 yards away burst. Firemen managed to save midway buildings and nearby sheds.

There was no immediate estimate of loss and origin of the blaze was not determined.

Jantzen Beach park is located near the twin Interstate bridges in north Portland. The fun house and the Old Mill are located at the western end of the park, which opens for business in late spring.

Off-duty personnel were called out at Vancouver to help protect the department's regular duties.

Enumerators Start Course for Census

Census enumerators for Medford and Jackson county started a three-day course in census taking today in preparation for the "nose count" which will get underway Friday.

The 19 persons who will be counting Medford residents are taking the course in the conference room at the city hall under the instruction of M. B. Caster.

The rest of the enumerators, who have been divided into two groups, one for the northern part of the county and one for the southern portion, are receiving their instructions in the Elk's lodge from Harold Sander and John Morris.

Private Plane Landed on Main Street of Wallowa

Wallowa, Ore.—UPI—A private plane landed on the main street of Wallowa Monday night after being unable to land at Pendleton, Ore., about 125 miles southwest of here.

Ralph Bird, 43, a clothing salesman from Los Angeles, landed his Piper Tri-pacer with about 15 minutes of fuel left. He was not injured and just brushed the branches of a tree when he landed.

Clouds Prevent Landing

A layer of clouds prevented his landing at Pendleton and he was forced to continue on towards Spokane.

When he came over Wallowa he made several low runs over the city in an attempt to spot a landing strip. Bird said several people

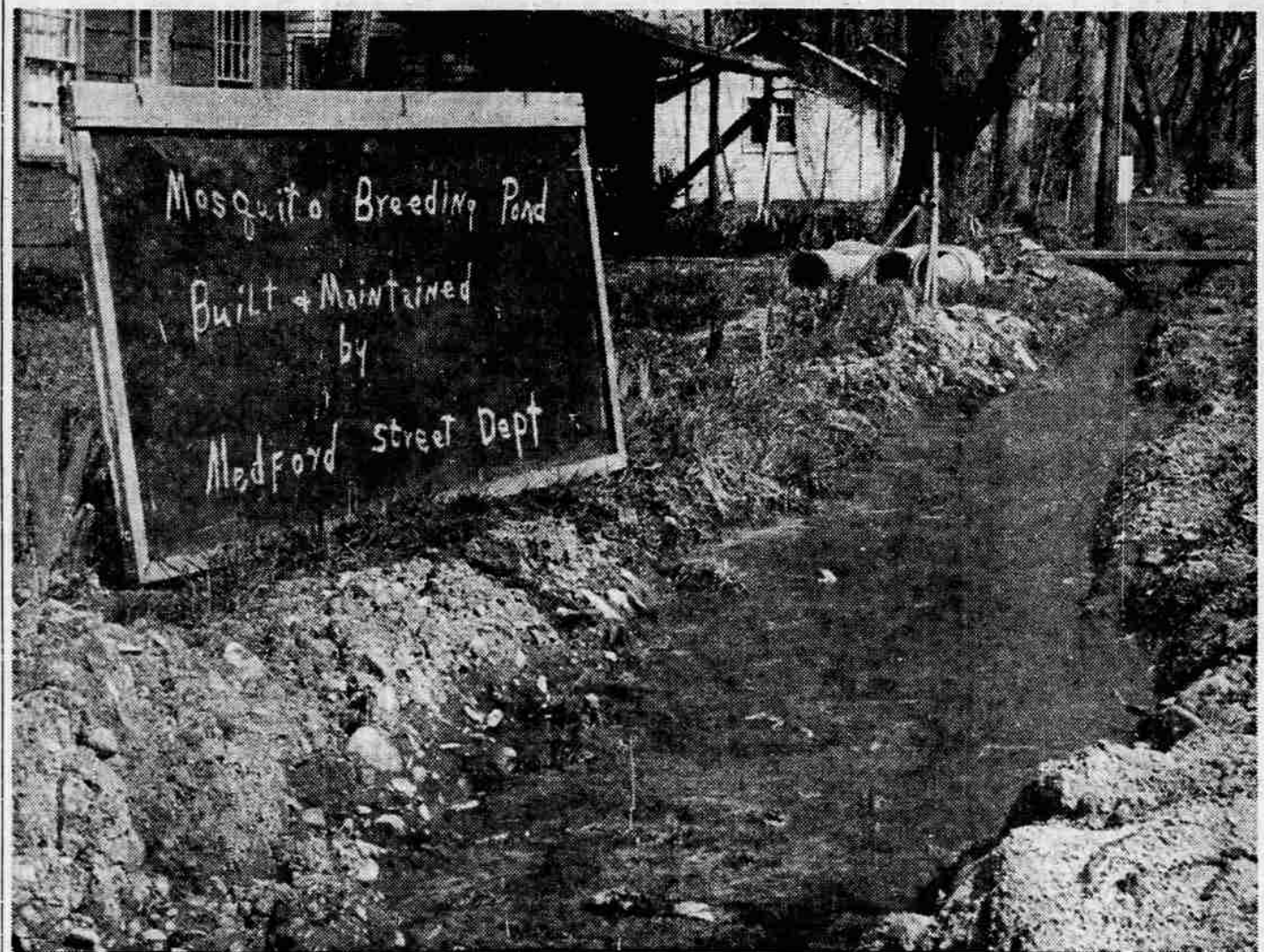
spotted the plane and realized his situation. He said they attempted to line a forest service runway with their cars but at the time he could not guess this from the air. He said he spotted the deserted street which was well lighted and decided to land on it.

"There were no cars on the street and I couldn't see anyone walking on it, so I thought it was safe," he said.

Trip Not Total Loss

He said he wasn't scared because he didn't have time. Bird's plane stopped in front of the residence of Wayne Johnson who owns a store which sells clothes.

"My trip wasn't a total loss," Bird said. "I sold some sport coats to this man."



STALEMATE—Stagnant water in a drainage ditch along Berrydale ave., Medford, where sewer work has recently been done, has become the object of some controversy between residents of the area and the city street department. Someone in the neighborhood put up this somewhat humorous sign along the road last week to show their indignation. The ditch has been in use there for some 20

years, and, according to City Manager Robert Duff, the reason it has now backed up along the road is because a property owner there has dammed up the ditch at the lower end to keep it from dissipating on his land. It would be extremely expensive to put in a proper drainage system at this time, Duff said, and he added that the city may have to resort to law suit to get the ditch to flow again.

Castro Declares War on Cuba's Anti-Communists

Havana—UPI—Premier Fidel Castro declared war today on Cuba's anti-Communists, charging that they "weaken faith" in his revolutionary regime.

In his third telethon in two days Castro lashed out specifically at Luis Conte Aguerre, a college friend whose daily television commentary has become the nation's leading anti-red forum.

Castro's appearance on the Telemundo Pregonera TV show was presented in the form of a press conference, but the newsmen on the panel had an opportunity to ask only one question: "What is your opinion of the current controversy over Communism in Cuba?"

The Premier's reply took four hours, ending at 1:25 a. m. Conte, who has not been heard from since a Communist-led mob barred him from the studio Friday, was expected to seek asylum in one of the foreign embassies here.

Castro also took a backhand slap at the United States, saying he welcomes U. S. Ambassador Philip W. Bonsal's return to Havana but that Cuba "won't bother" to send an ambassador to Washington until America "demonstrates better faith."

"We are ready to discuss pending issues (such as Cuba's demand for a trade treaty which would guarantee its share of the U. S. sugar market) . . . but we want deeds, not words," Castro said.

Rates, Weights for Cement Hauling OK'd

Salem—UPI—The public utility commissioner Monday approved rates and minimum weights on motor freight transportation of cement and allied commodities in bulk and sacks from Oswego, Portland and Gold Hill.

The proposed minimum weight of 50,000 pounds was reduced to 45,000 and rates were ordered to be assessed in cents per 100 pounds instead of by the barrel.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Frequent showers tonight. Occasional showers and partial clearing Wednesday. Continued mild. Low tonight 46. High Wednesday 53.

Highest Yesterday Temp. 53

Lowest this Morning 44

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today 6:34 p. m.
Sunrise tomorrow 5:38 a. m.
Moonset tonight 9:15 p. m.
First Quarter April 3
Sirius, the brightest star, in the south at sunset, will be the first star seen in the evening twilight and it sets at 11:08 p. m.

Few People Attend Discussion Meeting On School Bond Plan

The second public meeting at which the \$750,000 bond issue to finance a two-year building program in Medford school district will be discussed is scheduled at 8 o'clock tonight in the speech room at Hedrick Junior High school.

An election on the bond issue will be held Thursday, March 31.

The first public discussion meeting on the proposal was held last night at McLoughlin Junior High school with only seven interested citizens attending. Others at the meeting were Dr. Leonard B. Mayfield, superintendent, Russell Acheson, assistant superintendent, and School Board Members Otto Ewaldsen and Frank C. Bash.

Keith Hockersmith, a member of the board, appeared, but because of other commitments could not remain during the discussion.

The discussion last night centered around a brochure with information compiled by district officials concerning the bond issue, the building program itself, and financing the program.

A revision in plans for Ruch school was reviewed by Dr. Mayfield for Ruch area residents attending.

Since seventh and eighth graders will be transported to one of the junior high schools next year, work planned at Ruch will be limited to completing the stage and boys dressing rooms, he said. The

Three Arrested For Poisoning Stream for Fish

State police said today they arrested three young men and one 17-year-old juvenile yesterday and charged them with poisoning Keene creek in the Ashland area in order to catch fish.

Arrested were Vernon Freeman Birdsong, 18, Gold Hill; Sidney Stellingwerf, 19, of 1024 Ninth st., Medford; and John Aaron Andrews, 18, of route 1, box 13, Gold Hill; and a 17-year-old boy of route 1, Central Point.

Andrews has been cited by state police to appear in Gold Hill justice court at 10 a. m. March 31, and Birdsong and Stellingwerf at 10 a. m. April 11.

To Juvenile Department

The juvenile was turned over to the Jackson county juvenile department, but state police said they understood he will be remanded to the Gold Hill justice court.

A game violation officer and one from the traffic section of the state police worked on the case, it was reported. They said that they found some sort of chemical had been used to stun or kill steelhead fish as they came upstream to spawn.

Ten steelhead were found at the home of Stellingwerf, four at the Birdsong residence and two at Andrews' home, and three at the 17 year olds home, state police said.

Maximum penalty for this game law violation is a \$500 fine or six months in the county jail, or both.

Nikita Dwells on Anti-German Theme

Rhemis, France—UPI—Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev said today he does not want to set the French against the Germans, but when it comes to history "you can't separate the words from the song."

He explained that the phrase about the words and the song was a Russian proverb.

Khrushchev mentioned it as he resumed the anti-German theme song of his visit to France.

He drove to Rheims from Verdun after a solemn morning visiting the World War I battlefields where 400,000 French and Allied soldiers died fighting the Germans.

Verdun also was a bastion against the German invasion of 1870.

Ike, Macmillan In Agreement On Soviet Plan

Gettysburg, Pa.—UPI—President Eisenhower and British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan reached substantial agreement today on a counter-proposal to Russia's suggested moratorium on smaller nuclear tests.

The President and the Prime Minister planned to issue a joint statement on their test ban conversations before the afternoon was over.

White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty said both principals were "very satisfied" with the progress of their discussions. Leslie Glass, the British spokesman, said Macmillan might fly back to London sometime Wednesday.

Vice President Richard M. Nixon joined Eisenhower and Macmillan this morning in their talks on efforts to devise a test moratorium without handcutting the next President.

Soviets Seek Treaty

Nixon, Secretary of State Christian A. Herter and a group of U. S. experts flew by helicopter from Washington to nearby Camp David, Md., where Eisenhower and Macmillan have been conferring since Monday on a counter-proposal to Russia's test ban plan.

Russia has called for a treaty ending all major nuclear testing indefinitely, plus a moratorium of four or five years on smaller, harder to detect underground blasts.

Eisenhower and Macmillan were working out some way of limiting the moratorium to the extent of Eisenhower's term which ends next Jan. 20 with the inauguration of a new President.

No Guarantee Seen

The President has been reported to be reluctant to imply a continuing commitment beyond his term because he would have no guarantee of what his successor would do.

By midafternoon, the western leaders and their chief advisers expected to button up the subject of the test ban moratorium for the time being.

Manor Sells 60 Per Cent of Apts.

Sixty per cent of the apartments in Rogue Valley Manor have been "sold," members of the Manor's board of trustees were told yesterday.

The big retirement home, now under construction on top of Barneburg hill in southwest Medford, sells "life occupancy rights" to its apartment owners. Within the past month, nine additional individuals have purchased apartment rights, according to Walter Higgins, executive director of the non-profit Manor organization.

He said construction is on or ahead of schedule. The Manor is slated to open this fall.

Concrete pouring on the ninth floor has started, he said, and it is planned to have the top (10th) floor, and the penthouse, poured by the middle of April.

The board also voted to award a contract for storm sewer excavation and construction to Clave & Co., Medford, on its low basic bid of \$18,140, and voted to enter into an agreement with Meier and Frank Co., Portland, for the acquisition of furnishing for apartments and public areas of the manor. Meier and Frank already has the contract for Manor carpeting.

851 Enroll for SOC Spring Term

Ashland—Southern Oregon college announced today that 851 students, including 493 men and 358 women, enrolled for spring term classes at the college yesterday, the first day of enrollment.

Yesterday's figure is a 5 per cent increase over the first day of the 1959 spring term, according to Registrar Mrs. Mabel Winston.

Enrollment this term, Mrs. Winston added, is expected to top last spring's final enrollment of 983.

Classes at SOC started today but students will be allowed to register throughout the remainder of this week and next.

State Unemployment Declines by 1,337

Salem—UPI—The biggest one-week drop in insured unemployment in Oregon so far this year occurred last week. The total was 25,446, down 1,337 from the previous week.

Residents, Stock In Platte River Valley Removed

Highway, Railroad Tracks Under Water

By United Press International
The Nebraska National Guard today ordered evacuation of all residents and all livestock in lowlands of the Platte River Valley of eastern Nebraska, flooded by the ice-jammed river.

Nebraska rapidly was becoming the worst hit of the belt of Plains States, extending from the Dakotas to Missouri and Kansas, where the heavy snow of late winter was melting, backing up streams and rivers.

Some Refusing To Move

Col. Don Penterman, assistant adjutant general of Nebraska, said all residents and all livestock should be moved to clear the low-lying areas ahead of the rapidly rising flood waters.

He admitted some residents were refusing to move. He said that if authorities believed loss of life would result from such refusals, he would seek authority to force them out.

One of the worst-hit towns was North Bend, where water up to two feet deep flowed over two-thirds of the town of 1,200. Several families were taken from their homes.

Highway Flooded

Others were urged to leave as the icy water surrounded homes and filled basements. U. S. 30, and the Union Pacific rail tracks were under water. At Valley, a town near North Bend, helicopters were dispatched to evacuate six families from a lake area because ice chunks made boat travel too hazardous.

A telephone company official said the flooding at North Bend was the worst in 48 years.

The list of dead or missing in the flood areas mounted to seven, four in Missouri, two in Nebraska, and one in Kansas.

Tens of thousands of acres of farmland were under water in an eight-state area. Property damage was not estimated.

Stores Sandbagged

At Sioux City, Iowa, officials removed 200 residents from the Springfield district in advance of an expected major flood crest on the Floyd river.

Volunteers sandbagged entrances to stores and offices in the Springfield district which was hit by a wall of water 10 feet deep in a 1953 flood. Weather observers did not expect today's flood to be as bad as the one seven years ago.

Sandbag Dike

But forecasters predicted the Big Blue river would crest 16 feet above flood stage at Blue Rapids, Kan., and Barneston, Neb., which would equal the highest flood stages since 1941.

National Guardsmen and volunteers feverishly piled sandbags on a dike holding the Big Blue river at Beatrice. But despite the dike, some 20 city blocks were under water.

Reappraisal Phase Completed in Area

County Assessor Ray Schumacher said today that his office has completed the second phase of a county-wide reappraisal program for property taxes, and this property reappraisal is now on the 1960-61 tax rolls.

This phase of the reappraisal program covered all of the areas within the Ashland school district, he explained. Reappraisals now are done within school taxing district boundaries.

This year the assessor's office is starting a reappraisal of property within School District 6C, which will be on the tax rolls for the 1961-62 fiscal year, Schumacher said.

Seattle (UPI)—The Coast Guard has called off its search for two Seattle Boy Scouts missing since Saturday near Deception Pass at the north end of Whidbey Island.

Rogue River Paving Bids on Road Work

Salem—Rogue River Paving company, Medford, was apparent low bidder at \$76,709 for 4.51 miles of paving on the Sams Valley junction-Modoc rd. section at the Table Rock rd., the state highway commission said today.

The project is located about seven miles east of Gold Hill. Bids on the project, along with bids on \$2,300,000 worth of highway construction projects, were opened by the commission here this morning.

Conditions would continue through Wednesday.

Most of the precipitation had fallen as rain in the mountain pass areas, although Timberline Lodge had four inches of new snow with plowing operations underway. The freezing level was varying between 4,000 and 6,000 feet, meaning wet snow was a possibility in the mountains.

Winds To Decrease

Gale warnings were up along both the Oregon and Washington coasts for southern winds 35 to 55 miles per hour. The forecast said winds should decrease to 15-30 tonight and 12-25 Wednesday.

Russia Offered Agreement To Slash Troops

Geneva—UPI—The United States offered Russia an agreement today to slash American and Russian troop strength to 2,100,000 men each provided the Soviets accept controls against cheating.

But Russia's Valerian Zorin demanded agreement first on "general and complete disarmament."

"Let's not tie ourselves up here with a paper measure," Zorin said.

Attempts Sidestepped

The U. S. offer was made by Frederick M. Eaton at the end of another three-hour session of the 10-nation Disarmament Conference, almost in exasperation after Zorin continuously sidestepped all western attempts to get him to discuss guarantees against cheating.

Eaton reminded Zorin that the U. S. already had offered to freeze U. S. and Russian armed forces at 2,500,000 each and then reduce them to 2,100,000 men.

"We are prepared to accept these measures immediately," Eaton declared, "so long as they are accompanied by the verification machinery we consider essential."

No Further Reply

But the session broke up without any further reply from Zorin.

Zorin went to lunch with French delegate Jules Moch, continuing the informal diplomatic conversation begun last week by the representatives of the major powers participating in the talks here.

Moch had also tried to get the conference off center by proposing that experts get to work to study concrete techniques for various disarmament measures. The Russians withheld a reply.

Oregon Coast Lashed by Heavy Rain, Strong Wind

By United Press International
An early-spring storm packing a windy punch lashed the Oregon coast today and brought heavy rain to some areas.

Astoria reported gusts from the south up to 62 miles an hour this morning and the weather man said "very high winds" were reported at Tillamook, further south on the coast.

Rain Heavy

Rain was heavy at times over parts of northwest Oregon. The weather man said the wind would decrease slowly today but that rainy con-