

Seamen Winning Atlantic Battle

Taylor Will Be Returned Here; Charges Filed

John R. Taylor, 27, Salem, will be returned to Jackson county Friday to be arraigned on three charges growing out of a shooting incident south of Ashland Tuesday evening.

28 Persons Die As Plane Crashes In Philippines

Manila — (UP) — A Philippine Airlines plane crashed on takeoff at Cebu City today, killing 28 of the 37 persons aboard.

Officials of the airline and of the Philippine constabulary announced only nine persons survived. No Americans were aboard.

The crash of the DC3 with 34 passengers and three crewmen came on a regularly scheduled flight from Cebu City to Davao in the southern Philippines.

Shortly afterward, President Carlos P. Garcia suspended "until further notice" all night flights by the airline. Two of the survivors said the twin-engine plane just nosedived suddenly after take-off. It crashed three-fourths of a mile from Cebu City Airport.

It was the second PAL crash within a month and pushed to 72 the total number killed in six air crashes that have plagued the Philippines this year. Garcia said PAL would not be permitted to operate night flights "until further notice."

Four Persons Hurt In Three Accidents

Four persons were injured in three accidents early today.

Hospitalized at Osteopathic hospital is W. R. Gates, 16, of 126 Renault ave. who is reported to have injuries to his right ankle. He was a passenger on a scooter being operated by Richard Rushon, 16, of 283 Oak Grove rd., when it was involved in an accident with an automobile at the intersection of Thomas rd. and Stewart ave. State police said the accident occurred about 7:40 a.m. Rushon was treated at Sacred Heart hospital and released.

Reported in fair condition at Rogue Valley hospital is John Chastain, route 1, box 12, Central Point, who was injured in an accident about 9:30 a.m. at Timber Products company. He was reported to be suffering from possible chest injuries.

Anlo Penwell, 223 Beatty st., was treated at Sacred Heart hospital and released this morning about 10:25 o'clock following an automobile accident near the Big Y Signal Service Station.

All four persons were taken to the hospitals by Medford Ambulance service. Further details of the accidents were not known at press time.

\$75,000 Worth of Permits Issued

Medford's city building department has issued approximately \$75,000 worth of building permits during the last 24 hours, including one to the State of Oregon for \$57,990.

The state is erecting an addition to the state employment service office building at 119 North Oakdale ave. Other sizeable permits were issued to W. L. Moore to erect a \$12,000 residence at 1812 East st., and to Benton Smith to erect a \$1,000 accessory building at 2130 Barnett rd.

Winter Storm Blasts Eastern Half of U.S.

By United Press International
Winter's first storm sliced down the eastern half of the nation today, whipped waves 12 feet high in the Atlantic Ocean and pierced citrus-conscious Florida.

Officially just a day old, the young season unloaded age-old misery across a wide area and sent weather-blamed deaths since the cold wave began three days ago soaring above two score.

Hoover Warns of Communist Group

Washington — (UP) — FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover warned today that the Communists are planning to set up a new national youth organization in the United States "clandestinely" master-minded by party members.

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BELL RINGERS—The Medford Kiwanis and Rotary clubs had a little good-natured competition last Saturday when they participated in what amounted to a bell ringing contest on opposite corners at Main and Central ave., Medford. The two clubs, as a public service gesture, took over the Salvation army kettles to help raise money for the organization. Rotarians pictured are, left, L. C. Taylor, and Joe Jorgensen, second from right. Kiwanians are, left to right, Ken Wright, Art Savard, Irv Mirick and Sam Richardson.



NATIVITY SCENE — Joseph and Mary, above, portrayed by Peter Naumes and Marylee Lowry, students of St. Mary's school, Medford, were featured in the "live" nativity scene which was on display at the school earlier this week. First graders Tony Fazio and Theresa Ford are shown kneeling before the manger.

Overflow Audience Sees MHS Christmas Program

An overflow audience Tuesday evening attended the annual Christmas program at Medford High school's auditorium.

The program, which included selections by the high school orchestra, mixed chorus, Nonette, advanced girls chorus and the choir, was staged before a single star backdrop accentuated by effective varied lighting.

The star was designed and constructed by Warren Wolf, high school art instructor, and lighting was engineered by Ken Peek, a Medford High senior.

Following the orchestra's "Overture to the Messiah" by Handel, the mixed chorus presented four carols. The Nonettes sang three Polish Christmas carols with Kathy Allen soloist in "Hark in the Darkness."

The advanced girls chorus, composed of about 65 members, presented Britten's "A Ceremony of Carols," a series of 11 carols, including procession and recession. They were sung in the original English dialect. Linda Johnson was soloist in one carol.

United Crusade Reaches Goal

The United Medford Crusade today exceeded its \$147,850 1960 goal.

Hal Gardner, UMC campaign chairman, this morning said "late returns were greater than we originally anticipated."

This makes the eighth consecutive year that the United Medford Crusade has exceeded its goal, a state-wide record. The total received as of this morning was \$147,966.60, Gardner said.

Gardner praised UMC workers and area residents who pledged or contributed during the campaign, and said it gives the area "the best Christmas gift it could have."

Grants Pass Trucker Fined \$100 by PUC

Salem — (UP) — Herman Franklin Carothers Jr. of Grants Pass today was fined \$100 by Public Utility Commissioner Jonel C. Hill for allegedly hauling a load of seed from Silverton to Grants Pass without proper authority.

The charge was brought by State Transportation Director James E. Singleton and Carothers waived his right to a hearing.

Pearson Attacks State Industrial Accident Group

Salem — (UP) — State Sen. Walter Pearson, (D-Portland), Wednesday leveled criticism at the Oregon Industrial Accident Commission for permitting the commission's employer mailing list and address plates to be made available for an AFL-CIO pamphlet.

Pearson, in a letter to IAC chairman Sidney Lewis, said the pamphlet contained "false and misleading statements" about a proposed rate increase on gift fruit shipments originating in the West.

The hike is due to be put into effect by Railway Express Agency on Jan. 5. It would mean 20 cents more per shipment.

Hill filed the petition on behalf of producers and shippers of the fruit traffic, which originates mainly in the Hood River and Rogue River valleys of Oregon.

A similar petition was filed by R. W. Gray, secretary of The Gift Shippers Association of Medford, Hill said.

Hill said the gift fruit package industry is a major outlet for producers of fresh fruits in Oregon and the economic conditions of the industry "have not improved to the extent that this traffic can now bear an increase of 20 cents per shipment."

Minimum charge at present is \$2.36; a rate 55 cents above that charged two years ago.

Hill said Railway Express should be required to justify at a public hearing the reasonableness of the increase.

The proposed law would permit private insurance companies to bid for coverage of industrial accidents. At present, the state insures all industrial accidents.

Meanwhile, Oregon Democratic Chairman Robert Straub said in Eugene that Pearson was not speaking for the Democratic party when he criticized the commission.

Letter of Durno's Resignation Received

The Jackson county court today received a letter from Secretary of State Howell Appling Jr. informing them of the resignation of Edwin R. Durno, state senator, from that post.

Judge Earl Miller said he notified Appling of the appointment of Lynn Newbury.

City Manager for Grants Pass Named

Grants Pass — (UP) — Roy Eames, 39, was named city manager here Wednesday night by vote of the City Council to succeed Hugh McKinley, who resigned to take a similar post in Eugene.

Sports Bulletin

Floyd Patterson-Ingemar Johansson heavyweight title fight will be staged at the Miami Beach Auditorium Monday, March 20, promoter Humbert (Jack) Fugazy announced today.

Ashland Hotel Bought by Bank For New Branch

Ashland — Purchase of the Ashland hotel building, a downtown Ashland landmark since before 1900, by First National Bank of Oregon was announced today by Ralph J. Voss, president of the statewide banking system.

A new building for the Ashland branch of First National will be erected on the hotel site next summer, the bank president announced. The location is bounded by East Main, Oak, Pioneer and C sts. and represents approximately 29,000 square feet of property.

The new bank building will feature the latest in modern banking conveniences, including drive-in banking, off-street parking, spacious safe deposit vault and expanded facilities for all departments, according to Richard Isaacs, local bank manager.

Razing to Start
Razing of the three-story building will begin in 60 days, after the present tenants have vacated the structure. In addition to the hotel, the building houses the Mackay Garage, McNair's Gift Shop, Ashland Hotel Beauty Shop, Ashland - Lithia Cab Company, Western Union and Sharps Needle Shop.

Isaacs said the bank selected the old hotel site because of its desire to remain in the core of the downtown district, close to the majority of the retail businesses, and the location's excellent highway access and space for adequate off-street parking area. The property has access from both north and south highways and also Oak st., which will ultimately connect with the proposed freeway.

The present timetable calls for wrecking of the building to be completed by July with construction to start shortly thereafter. The construction will take about eight months, Isaacs said.

Oregon Airplane, Water, Highway Traffic Crippled

By United Press International
Fog crippled air and water traffic and combined with ice to hamper auto transportation in Oregon today, three days before Christmas.

Airports were socked in at Portland, Salem, Eugene, Roseburg, Medford and Pendleton. Only three flights left Portland International Airport Wednesday and ship traffic on the Columbia river was virtually at a standstill.

Freeway Traffic Jam

There was a traffic jam near Stafford on the Portland-Salem Freeway.

An east wind which came up during the night in the Columbia Gorge cleared fog from the Troutdale area and Portland was expected to be clear by noon.

But the weather man said valley stations to the south and along the Columbia east of the Cascades probably would remain fogged in.

Highways were icy in several spots and several cars were involved in an accident on Portland's Banfield Freeway. Two persons were injured.

Cars in Ditches

The Portland-Salem Freeway was icy from Tualatin Junction south to Aurora and several cars skidded into ditches, state police reported. Heavy fog made driving doubly hazardous.

Two Samos, Calif., women, Mrs. Dolores Zimmerman and Mrs. Maude Bratton, were injured in a skidding accident south of the Stafford overpass.

The weather man said a storm front off the coast could bring heavy rain in two or three days.

Youths Arrested For Light Thefts

Six youths, four aged 17, one 16, and one 15, were arrested Wednesday afternoon by sheriff's deputies and Medford city police for the theft of numerous Cadillac tail lights in the valley.

Officers said today that 13 of the tail lights were found in the boys' possession. Two of the 17-year-olds were lodged in the juvenile detention home, the other four were released to the custody of their parents.

The arrests cleared tail light thefts reported to city police in Medford, Ashland, and Grants Pass and to Jackson county sheriff's deputies.

It was reported that the boys had perfected the removal of the tail lights to such a degree that they could remove both lights from a car while it was stopped for a traffic signal.

He said that it is believed that the mail volume is slightly under last year, but attributed this fact to several reasons. The Christmas help hired by the post office this season Hamilton described as "extremely fine caliber."

They have handled the mail faster, which could account for the volume falling off earlier than last year.

The postmaster thanked the public for its cooperation in grouping mail for local and distance delivery.

Also he explained that more mail was airlifted into Medford this season since the fog did not hamper flights until during the last several days. Storms in the East and Midwest might also be a problem, he continued, since some of the mail may arrive late.

He concluded that stamp sales income was slightly higher than in 1959.

Survivors Spend Rough Night in Stern Section

Seven, Including Skipper, Missing

Norfolk, Va. — (UP) — At least 28 seamen aboard the stern half of a tanker broken in two by heavy waves were winning their battle against the sea today but seven others, apparently including the veteran skipper and several officers, were missing.

Survivors picked off the rolling bulk of the Pine Ridge by helicopters from the Navy carrier Valley Forge said they spent a rough night in the stern section but were not worried because of confidence the compartment bulkhead would hold.

Survivors Removed

Helicopters from the Navy carrier picked survivors off the hulk morning-long and prospects appeared good for rescue of all 28.

By noon 13 survivors had been rescued.

But the outlook was bleak for Capt. Clark Snyder, 42, Havertown, Pa., his 1st mate, 2nd mate, 3rd mate, quartermaster, radio operator and steward. The Coast Guard said it had been established that there were 35 men aboard the ship and that 28 were saved in the stern section.

Ship Snapped in Two

But the hapless officers apparently were in the brig, on the forward part of the ship, when it broke in two shortly before noon Wednesday with such suddenness that the radio operator was unable to get out a distress call.

The stern gave the appearance today of a stubby, seaworthy vessel but the bow plunged partially under the waves shortly after the break-up and no sign of life was seen aboard the front section after that.

The skipper of the Esso Jamestown, another tanker in the disaster area about 125 miles east of Cape Hatteras, N.C., said "the seas were sometimes up to 20 feet high last night. I don't think anybody could live in it."

Shortly before dark Wednesday, one rescue ship said it spotted five men in the water with life jackets but they never again were seen.

Protected by Bulkheads

James C. Lewis, Winston-Salem, N.C., an officer rescued by helicopter, said aboard the Valley Forge that although the seas were running high and "the weather was pretty bad," "we had three bulkheads in front of us" that provided water-tight compartments to keep them afloat, the Navy reported.

Lewis said that he did not see the captain and first mate during the time he was aboard the stern section.

224 Pints of Blood Collected Yesterday

The Jackson County Red Cross chapter collected 224 pints of blood yesterday during the regular visit of the Bloodmobile to Medford. Mrs. Anita Burba, chairman of the county blood program, said she considers this "very good."

Although the blood donations fell short of the chapter's quota of 290 pints, Mrs. Burba said the turn-out was good in view of the bad weather and the nearness of Christmas. A total of 237 donors, including 113 drop-ins, showed up to give blood. Thirteen donors were rejected.

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