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Medford's city manager, Robert A. Duff, is celebrating his 35th birthday today as an employee of the city of Medford. Starting as a drafting engineer in 1925, Duff has risen to the number one administrative position in city hall. Read about this man and his career on page 3A of today's Mail Tribune.

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Charleston Cafe Explodes, Killing 3, Injuring 12

Waterfront Area Shakes 'Like Boat'

Boston — (UPI) — The Charleston waterfront was shaken "like a big rocking boat" early Saturday when two explosions shattered part of a city block, killing three persons and injuring 12.

Police and firefighters and volunteers from the nearby Boston naval shipyard found the body of a third blast casualty as they sifted through the great heaps of dusty rubble at the blast site.

Earlier, Louis Mortorano of the Jamaica plain section reported to police that his father, John, 78, of Randolph, the operator of a small shoe repair shop in the area, had not been seen since the blast.

The father's shop was two doors down from the Diamond Nugget cafe, where the explosion occurred. Mortorano said that a relative had taken the old man to work shortly before the blast. The missing man's four sons spent Christmas eve working at the flood-lit blast site.

Find Body
Shortly before midnight, crews found a body in the wreckage but there was no immediate identification of the blast victim.

Of those injured, four were in critical condition and another, Vincent Faraci, 16, of Medford, Mass., was on the danger list at a Boston hospital. A radio and television appeal for blood donors for the youth brought some 200 volunteers, including Gov. Foster Furcolo. Young Faraci was one of three youths delivering oil in the area at the time of the blast.

"If this had happened an hour later we'd have had 200 dead instead of two," said a policeman at the scene.

The thundering twin blasts, believed caused by an illuminating gas leak, destroyed the newly reconstructed Diamond Nugget cafe and the adjacent Purity Ice Cream Cone Co. and shattered windows for 100 yards in all directions. A three alarm fire flared out of control for nearly three hours in the debris.

The explosions came when the city square area of Charleston was nearly deserted. Only a handful of persons including sailors from the nearby Charleston Navy yard and longshoremen were on the streets. An hour later under ordinary circumstances on the day before Christmas, several hundred persons would have occupied the buildings hit by the blasts.

Taylor Confined In County Jail

John R. Taylor, 27, of Salem, was returned to Jackson county and booked in the county jail at 2:30 p.m. Saturday.

Taylor is scheduled to be arraigned in district court Tuesday on charges of assault with intent to kill and two counts of grand larceny in connection with automobile thefts. He is accused of shooting Oregon State policeman Donald Cain in the leg Tuesday evening near Ashland.

State Police Sgt. Thomas Eaton and Officer Dean DeBerry of the sheriff's department returned Taylor from the Wasco county jail at The Dalles. He was captured near Dufur Wednesday morning after an intensive manhunt.

BLASTS SCHEDULED

Seattle — (UPI) — Two or three test explosions are scheduled to be fired by Standard Oil Co. of California off Whidbey Island about 50 miles northwest of here next week as part of the firm's oil exploration program in the area.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Valley fog this morning clearing partially this afternoon. Variable high clouds above fog. High today 25. Low tonight 39 to 42. High Monday 49.

Temp. Highest yesterday 35. Lowest this morning 27. Precip. to 5 p.m. yesterday 0.

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today 4:14 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:29 a.m.
Moonset tomorrow 1:29 a.m.
Full Moon Jan. 1
PROMINENT STAR Sirius, in south at moonset.
VISIBLE PLANETS Venus, in the southwest 6:15 p.m.
Mars, high above Sirius.

Oregon Educators Approach Flemming About School Post

Washington — (UPI) — Arthur S. Flemming, secretary of health, education and welfare, said last night he has been approached about accepting the presidency of the University of Oregon.

Flemming emphasized the post had not been formally offered to him. He said he had an "exploratory" talk on the subject Wednesday night with a committee headed by John R. Richards, chancellor of the Oregon board of higher education.

The cabinet officer, a former president of Ohio Wesleyan university, said he has had "a number of contacts" with representatives of other universities. "I have not made up my mind at all as to what I'm going to do," he said from his home in a telephone interview.

Flemming said he talked for about two hours with Richards and five or six other members of the committee. The meeting was held in a hotel in Chicago. Flemming was there to visit his department regional office.

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Woman Rescued From Rogue River
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Although the car landed on its wheels, water was up to the windows, rescuers said. Mrs. Bernard Wild heard the crash and called Richard Eastin and Wyles Berry. They in turn called Frank Dolenchek who launched his boat, and state police, with the help of Clarence Wagner and his father, U. R. Wagner, pulled the woman out of the car.

She was in a state of shock, rescuers reported. Clarence Wagner got into the car and assisted her out through the car window into the boat.

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Oregon's Christmas Gift To Nation



NATIONAL CHRISTMAS TREE — Oregon's gift to the American people this season is a 75-foot Douglas fir which stands on the Ellipse across from the White House. President Eisenhower lit the tree, decorated with 8,000 lights, at ceremonies Friday. The tree will remain lighted throughout the Christmas season. Statues of the Three Wise Men, part of the Manger Scene, can be seen in the foreground, their heads bowed in homage. — (UPI Telephoto)

Christmas Truce Enables Pilgrims To See Holy Land

Jerusalem — (UPI) — Christmas came to the Holy Land today and thousands of pilgrims visited Bethlehem, the town where Christ was born.

Pilgrims from a dozen nations, many helped by a Christmas truce in the Arab-Israeli animosity that divides Palestine, streamed from Jerusalem last night to the scene of the nativity.

The barriers were lifted on the borders that divide the Israeli and Jordanian sectors of Jerusalem.

Hotels and private homes were jammed with travelers. More than 2,000 pilgrims were forced to remain in Lebanon because of the shortage of accommodations in Jerusalem, Bethlehem, and neighboring towns.

More than 5,000 American pilgrims were among the throngs of faithful visiting the holy places and treading the dusty roads of Jordan — virtually unchanged from the time when Christ and his disciples walked them nearly 2,000 years ago.

Travel between the Israeli and Jordanian sectors of Jerusalem normally is banned. But for 48 hours each Christmas, the historic Mandelbaum gate is opened to permit pilgrims to visit the sacred shrines on the Jordanian side.

The weatherman, however, promised a good, old fashioned Christmas, with occasional snow Sunday, from Minnesota through the great lakes and the Appalachians into New England.

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Separate Accidents Kill Three Members Of Oregon Family

By United Press International
Tragedy struck twice in Oregon Saturday — 6 hours and 150 miles apart — at members of the same family speeding gaily toward a Christmas rendezvous.

Two separate accidents left two young children and their uncle-by-marriage dead. Nine others were injured, one seriously.

The two children were killed before dawn in a four-car pileup on icy, fog-shrouded Highway 30 north of Ontario.

Much of Nation Has Snow for Christmas
By United Press International
A light snow gave promise of a white Christmas over a wide section of the nation, and a warning trend began to smash a record-breaking cold wave this Christmas eve.

Fresh snow fell from the upper Mississippi valley through the Ohio-Tennessee valley regions into the Appalachians Saturday, while a separate snow belt developed over the Columbia valley of the Pacific northwest.

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Kennedy Family Starts Holiday By Trimming Tree

Palm Beach, Fla. — (UPI) — President-elect John F. Kennedy and his family began their Christmas celebration last night by trimming a 14-foot high Christmas tree and topping it with a Santa Claus that lights up.

Prompted by three-year-old Caroline Kennedy who was permitted to stay up later than usual on Christmas Eve, the tree decorating was directed by Mrs. Joseph P. Kennedy, the child's grandmother.

Gathered round the ceiling high tree in the living room were the President-elect, his wife Jacqueline, his mother and father and his cousin, Anne Gargan of Boston.

Divides Attention
Scampering Caroline, the most excited of the family group, divided her attention between the tree and the seven stockings hanging from the mantle. She fully expected to see Santa Claus come down the chimney with his pack at any moment. The handmade stockings had names embroidered on them.

The mantle is decorated with silver and gold angels with a background of Christmas greenery and holly.

At the entrance of the Kennedy villa on the Atlantic ocean, there is a white Santa Claus, two feet higher. The main entranceway also was lined with tall red poinsettia plants.

The centerpiece for the Christmas dinner—roast turkey, bread dressing and all the trimmings—will be a Santa Claus riding in a sleigh pulled by two reindeer. The silver candle sticks on the table will hold red candles.

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Police Find Body In Portland Fire

Portland — (UPI) — County police found the remains of a human body while sifting through the remains of a house fire here Saturday.

Officials said identification was impossible immediately, but the owner of the destroyed seven-room house, Loren Smith, 50, indicated the remains may be those of his housekeeper.

POPE JOHN HEARTENED
Vatican City — (UPI) — Pope John XXIII said today he was heartened by the reception of his Christmas message although he noted there is still much suffering and disaster in the world.

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Christmas Comes To Upset World

War Threatened in Many Countries; Holiday Spending Greatest in Years

By United Press International
The world's billion Christians celebrate Christmas this year with prayers of thanksgiving and the biggest burst of holiday spending since the roaring twenties.

It was a typical Christmas in the United States from snow-blanketed New England to Sunny Honolulu where bright poinsettias help Americans celebrate the birth of Christ.

It was a prosperous one in Japan and in western Europe where nightclubs were booked solid days in advance in the biggest, gayest and most expensive Christmas in history.

The Christmas really began in mid-Pacific at the international dateline at 7 a.m. (EST) and as the world spun on its axis Christmas eve gave way to Christmas day throughout the world.

Troubled World
It was a troubled world. The threat of a Korean-type war hung over Laos and Communist China was making ominous threats and accusations.

The Congo was still in a turmoil. Refugee Bantu Tribesmen driven from their homes by stronger and more fierce Lulus were reported starving at the rate of 200 a day.

In Ethiopia where Emperor Haile Selassie has just put down a rebellion against his 30-year regime, armed patrols moved through the streets in search of the ringleaders who led the abortive uprising.

There was trouble in Algeria. Moslem mobs surged through the streets of Oran waving knives, hatchets and rebel flags. In troubled France the people tried to forget with an orgy of parties seldom seen since World War II.

Threat of War
The threat of war hung over the Holy Land where Christian pilgrims from Israel were allowed to cross into Jordan for the annual pilgrimage to Bethlehem, the little town where Christ was born.

President Gamal Abdel Nasser took note of reports Israel might be building an atomic bomb and said this meant war if it were true.

In Rome, where Pope John XXIII broadcast a message of peace and good will to mankind, there were midnight masses. And in Moscow, too, and in other countries behind the Iron curtain.

It was a black Christmas for Belgium, crippled by a general strike with Christmas mail piled up undelivered. It would have been black in Vienna, too, but 4,000 bakers halted a strike to bake for Christmas dinner.

Ate Tree Lights
In Bristol, England, it was a diet of cotton wool for two-year-old twins Anne and Julie Meaden who became so entranced with the Christmas tree lights they unscrewed and ate them.

There was trouble in Ilkeston, England, too, where 75 knitters at a hosiery factory went on strike because two of their co-workers were suspended for kissing a girl under some mistletoe in the plant.

In Cuba, which announced the first Soviet tourists would be arriving next week, Havana residents were treated to the sight of Fidel Castro and two of his lieutenants, Ernesto (Che) Guevara and Guevara and Negro Maj. Juan Almeida as the three wined in a painting of the Magi.

Americans went home for Christmas. Airports were crowded, trains and buses were jammed and highways were clogged and the national safety council predicted 510 of them would die in auto crashes by the time the holiday week ends.

PHILANTHROPIST DIES
El Dorado, Ark. — (UPI) — Col. T. H. Barton, 79, multimillionaire philanthropist and Arkansas oil pioneer, died today of a heart attack at his home here.

Nation's Holiday Traffic Death Toll Climbs to 177

By United Press International
Traffic deaths provided a somber note for the Christmas holiday and even President Eisenhower appealed to the nation's motorists to demonstrate highway courtesy.

The presidential appeal was made during the crush of travel Christmas eve as millions of Americans headed home for the holiday. Airlines, bus lines and railroads reported heavy traffic.

But the gaiety and joy of the yuletide season was spoiled on the nation's highways with report after report of fatal auto accidents.

A United Press International count at 12:50 a.m. EST Sunday showed 177 traffic deaths and 50 deaths in other accidents during the first 30 hours of the 78-hour Christmas week end. The breakdown:

Traffic..... 177
Fire..... 18
Miscellaneous..... 32
New York state's toll was 14 dead in traffic. California,