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Season to date 6.35
Last year to date 3.43
Normal precipitation 4.32



FINNS SMASH RUSSIAN DIVISION

In The Day's News

LAST week, in Portland, the Equitable Savings and Loan association celebrated its 50th anniversary, marking the end of a full half century devoted to preaching, practicing and demonstrating the economic value of THRIFT.

THRIFT, in these days, is in bad repute. Thrift leads people to ACQUIRE a competence, and a competence provides the feeling of security.

That, the demagogues tell us, is ALL WRONG. Security, according to these gentry, should not be ACQUIRED. It should be CONFERRED. Acquiring smacks of rugged individualism — and the rugged individualist pays for what he gets and is beholden to no one. Confering, on the other hand, conveys the idea of favors given and received, and those who receive favors are expected to be GRATEFUL.

The demagogues want it understood by all of us that whatever security (or other good) comes to us is the result of political wizardry PRACTICED BY THEM. For what we receive they expect us to be grateful to them.

SINCE demagogues have been extensively in charge of our affairs in recent years, it follows that thrift is a thing that has been seldom mentioned. When referred to at all, it has been in a tone of scorn.

AT this 50th anniversary celebration, countless instances were cited of men who had been taught to save and of the BENEFITS accruing to them as a result of saving.

Sometimes their savings provided them with the money to build a home. In other cases, the saved money paid hospital and doctor bills. In others, it made possible getting into business for themselves.

And in MANY, MANY CASES savings aided over men who lost their jobs as a result of the depression, enabling them to get back on their feet again without the loss of self-respect involved in becoming objects of public pity.

EQUITABLE Savings and Loan association, it should be explained, is an old-fashioned institution, run since its beginning on old-fashioned ideas of business sanity and honesty. Never, since its founding, has it promised SOMETHING FOR NOTHING. Hence, when the depression emergency came, it remained solvent and able to pay its depositors when they needed their money.)

LISTENING to this 50-year record of devotion to the idea of thrift (which means saving in order to get ahead in the world) this writer became less apprehensive of the future than he had been. Thrift has done a lot for humanity. It can do a LOT MORE if we will only close our ears to the demagogues and get back to its sound principles.

UNPALATABLE
WAYNESBORO, Va. (AP) — Eugene Crittiser, 15, clamped his teeth on the business end of a jammed air rifle and twisted. The gun went off. Crittiser, surprised, spit out the pellet. It had entered the tip of his tongue and bounced off his palate.

Man Dies In Gravel Slide

Tragedy Strikes at Year's End



Picture taken at the Stukel mountain rock quarry just as authorities arrived to investigate the accidental death Sunday of Henry D. Turchardt. Westfir, trapped by a rock slide at the quarry. The shovel handle in front of Sheriff Lloyd Low and Dr. George Adler, coroner, indicates the location of the body in the pile of debris. Others in the picture are C. C. Whitmore, left, and State Officer Holly Holcomb.

FLOODS ADDED TO TURKISH DISASTER

Additional Deaths Feared as Nation Recovers From Quake, Storm

ANKARA, Jan. 1 (AP)—Floods added new misery, deaths and damage to the toll exacted by last week's earthquakes and blizzards.

Rain-swollen rivers ran out of control some 700 miles west of the earthquake zone. The Smyrna and Bursa districts in Asiatic Turkey and Adrianople on the European side were affected most severely.

Tens of thousands were added by the floods to the thousands already camping in the numbing cold of open fields in the earthquake disaster region. Livestock, houses and some of their occupants were carried off.

While no death toll for the flood thus far was available, more serious losses were feared before the waters abated.

Blizzards, meanwhile, drifted snow over the northern and eastern Anatolia district shaken by last week's earth tremors. The cold steadily increased the 40,000 deaths already attributed to the disaster and its after-effects. Reports from the city of Erzurum, hardest hit by the (Continued on Page Eight)

ALCOHOLISM
ONTARIO, Jan. 1 (AP)—Mrs. Clara Thomas, whose body was found in her ranch house Thursday beside her unconscious husband, died of acute alcoholism, Coroner R. A. Tacke said Saturday after an autopsy. The husband, John C. Thomas, was released. He told Tacke he recalled no events preceding his wife's death.

25 YEARS AGO TODAY

By The Associated Press

Jan. 1, 1915—Turks defeated in Caucasus battle; British battleship Formidable torpedoed by German submarine.

Frightened Child Tells of Slaying of Father, Mother, Brother, Burning of Home

FORT TOWSON, Okla., Jan. 1 (AP)—A frightened, drowsy little boy's story that two strangers shot his father and mother, then burned the house down on them and his small brother prompted an intensive investigation today.

Excited and shocked, 8-year-old James Glenn Rogers stuck to his tale of terror. He was questioned by officials studying the deaths last night of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Rogers and their 4-year-old son, Dean.

County Attorney Norman Horton said "the physical facts point to violence of some kind."

Guided by flashlights and the flickering rays of a big wood fire, coroner's jurors scratched

about the ruins of the three-room farmhouse at the very hour the rest of the world was celebrating the new year.

They examined the charred corpses laid out a few feet from where Uncle Joe White, 70-year-old justice of the peace, convened his eerie court, shadowed by heavy timber and a black sky in penetrating cold.

Uncle Joe himself married the couple nine years ago. He was to hear the verdict in their deaths later today.

"It was about bedtime," James told Horton, that two men he hadn't seen before knocked at the house.

"Right away they came in and shot daddy with a big gun. Mother ran to the yard for help. She got to the back porch and they shot her too."

Her body was found near a doorway. The father and child were in the ruins of two beds. James said the men began (Continued on Page Eight)

German Steamer To Be Interned At Montevideo

MONTVIDEO, Jan. 1 (AP)—Uruguay announced officially today the German steamer Tacoma would be interned here for duration of the war.

The 3268-ton vessel, ordered to leave port or be interned, anchored in the roadstead yesterday afternoon, and remained there in apparent indecision all night.

Early today, upon the 8 a. m. (3 a. m. PST) deadline set by Uruguay for the departure, the government announced the Tacoma would remain and be interned.

Fifty Uruguayan marines aboard the Uruguayan navy's steamer La Vallesia went out to the Tacoma.

Captain Hans Knorr, charged by Uruguay with placing his ship in the category of a belligerent by standing by the Admiral Graf Spee when that German pocket battleship was destroyed by its commander December 17, ran up a German naval ensign Sunday afternoon and steamed from the inner harbor, as the Admiral Graf Spee had done two weeks previously.

Instead of going on to self-destruction as the warship did, however, the Tacoma dropped anchor just inside the harbor breakwater.

Extend two-lane traffic at Third street and California avenue for another block, eliminating a bad hazard.

—Donald Smith.

Traffic lights at all intersections on Main street from Third to Ninth streets, and at Eleventh street; on Klamath avenue at South Sixth street and South Seventh street; on South Sixth street at Spring street and at East Main street.

Elbert Veatch.

Give the pedestrian a break on Main street. Have plainly

marked pedestrian lanes across

Main street and intersecting streets and place signs in the middle of the street, warning motorists to stop when pedestrians are in lanes. Give it strict enforcement.

—Bogus Dale.

Widen the lanes and landscape the plazas of Pacific Terrace and California avenues because these streets are hazardous and unbecoming to the modern city of Klamath Falls.

—W. C. McAuley.

I like my newspaper. In 1940 I'd like to get it earlier than I got it in 1939.

—Dr. George H. Adler.

What do you "favor for 'footy?" Write down your suggestions on a penny postcard and mail it to The Herald and News. Do it today for publication this week.

THREE TRAPPED AS STUKEL PIT BANK CAVES IN

Henry Turchardt, 38, Dead After Companions Dig Selves Out Safely

Trapped by a sliding pile of rock and gravel, Henry Daniel Turchardt, 38, was instantly killed and two others narrowly escaped death or serious injury Sunday at an old gravel pit on the hill road to Merrill.

Without warning, the small avalanche tumbled down on the three men as they were loading a small pick-up truck with gravel.

Apparently a rock struck Turchardt on the head and he was buried under three feet of debris. His brother, Charles, was virtually covered, and R. L. Freeman, brother-in-law of the two men, was caught by the legs.

With his bare hands, Freeman frantically dug himself free and then extricated Charles Turchardt. They dug down to Henry Turchardt, but found him dead. They then went for help to a nearby ranch, and Sheriff Lloyd L. Low, Dr. George H. Adler, coroner, and a state policeman responded.

The Turchardt brothers were visiting here from Westfir, Ore., where they worked for a lumber company. Their father and mother were with them at the Freeman place, which is at route 2, box 248.

To get material for a driveway at the Freeman place, they drove Sunday morning to the gravel pit, which is about 10 miles from town not far from the Sam Dehlinger ranch. Another truck had just pulled out and they were alone at the pit when the accident occurred.

When officers arrived they found the body partially exposed. Precautions were taken, when removing the body, against further sliding of the loose material covering the steep side of the pit.

The remains were taken to Whitlock's funeral home.

MARRIAGES DOWN

PORTLAND, Jan. 1 (AP)—Marriage licenses issued in Portland in 1939 dropped to 1914 from 1938's total of 2109, county records showed today. The drop was ascribed to the new state law requiring both applicants to submit to physical and mental examination.

A dozen persons, including two men known to have been friendly with the girl, were questioned concerning the slaying, discovered by her roommate early yesterday. None of those questioned was formally arraigned.

The roommate, 25-year-old Anna Oedlowski, made the grisly discovery as she crept into (Continued on Page Eight)

College Students Lost 12 Hours in Freezing Weather

HAVERSTRAW, N. Y., Jan. 1 (AP)—Eleven New York City college boys and girls on a holiday break were lost in the freezing, snow-covered mountains near here for 12 hours last night, but were found early today by state police searchers with bloodhounds.

The 11 were among a party of 15 who had come to celebrate New Year's eve at a hotel here. They had started out yesterday morning, but two trail-blazers who went ahead of the rest came back yesterday afternoon and said they had lost them. Two other stragglers returned soon afterward.

The lost students, sought first on Dunderberg mountain, finally were found on Mount Timp, seven miles away.

They had followed the trail blazes. When found, they were building a fire.

Time to Start a New Book



For 40 years, J. W. Parent, Fairacres, has kept a day-by-day diary. He never fails, at day's end, to jot down a sentence or two about what happened to him on that day. He began his diary in Michigan, kept it up when he moved to Montana in 1906, to Oregon in 1922, and to Klamath Falls a few years ago. Parent began notations in a new book Monday, January 1. He is shown in the above picture with a pile of his year-books.

Slain Woman Found in Bed By Roommate

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 1 (AP)—Police hoped today to find from the men in the life of Mary Vila a clue to the murderer who brutally beat and smothered the 23-year-old Argentine beauty and left her nude, mutilated body in her bed.

A dozen persons, including two men known to have been friendly with the girl, were questioned concerning the slaying, discovered by her roommate early yesterday. None of those questioned was formally arraigned.

The roommate, 25-year-old Anna Oedlowski, made the grisly discovery as she crept into (Continued on Page Eight)

ONE KILLED WHEN TRAINS COLLIDE

REAR-END SMASH INJURES DOZEN ON TWO ILLINOIS CENTRAL PASSENGERS

ARCOLA, Ill., Jan. 1 (AP)—A rear-end collision of two Illinois Central trains, Chicago bound with holiday travelers, killed one passenger today and sent at least 12 injured to hospitals.

Most of the passengers were asleep or just arising at 6 a. m. when the road's No. 6 passenger train, known as the Panama Limited, struck the rear end of the No. 4, which had made a flag stop to pick up passengers.

The injuries were confined principally to passengers in the rear cars of the No. 4. One coach was telescoped against the preceding car. The engineer and fireman of No. 6 also were injured.

The dead man was Thomas E. Tallmadge, widely known Chicago architect and member of an old suburban Evanston family. (Continued on Page Eight)

New Year's Babe Born to Jacobs

The stork braced his wings for another year's work of delivering bundles from heaven and first thing after the New Year bells had quieted down, left a baby boy weighing 7 pounds 1 ounce at Klamath Valley hospital for Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Jacobs, 2031 Del Norte street.

This was the first New Year's day baby reported.

The young man is the second child born to the Jacobs. Officially the infant was born at 1:35 a. m. January 1, 1940.

REMNANTS OF BROKEN ARMY HUNTED DOWN

Mop-up Patrols Trailing Last of 15,000-Man Infantry Unit

HELSINKI, Jan. 1 (AP)—The destruction of another Russian column and continued pursuit of the shattered 163rd division of the Red army were reported today by the Finnish high command.

"Our troops destroyed an enemy column of 12 cars," said the communique, describing an action near Salla on the northern central front, above the Arctic Circle.

In the Suomussalmi sector, some 150 miles to the south, the Finns continued their chase of the 163rd division of some 15,000, which yesterday's communique reported "definitely cut up and for the most part destroyed."

Further war material was collected in this sector to be added to huge quantities already taken. The high command said Russian planes flew over the Norwegian frontier in the Petsamo, or northernmost, fighting zone, and dropped two bombs on Norwegian territory.

It was officially announced that Turko (Abo) was heavily bombed today but there were no reports of casualties or damage. Like huntmen, the Finns trailed their panicky quarry through snow and forests of the Lake Kianta country in the region of Suomussalmi, ready to fight it out or take prisoners in a surrender.

The Finnish high command reported the "great victory" last night after a two-day battle in which "the enemy's 163rd division was definitely cut up and for the most part destroyed."

"Remnants of the division were partly scattered in the forest and partly fleeing, pursued by our troops toward Juntusranta. The enemy's loss can be counted in the thousands."

(Juntusranta lies about 27 miles northeast of Suomussalmi on the middle eastern front and is less than five miles from the (Continued on Page Eight)

Robert Fechner, Father of CCC, Dies of Illness

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 (AP)—Robert Fechner, who put depression-late youth to work rebuilding America's forests and parks in the CCC, is dead.

President Roosevelt said he had brought into public service "a man of administrative ability, vision and indefatigable industry."

Fechner, who died yesterday at 63 from a complication of heart and lung ailments, had formed the forest army of unemployed young men and war veterans in the early days of the new deal.

In the seven years that the corps has fought forest fires, rescued lost mountain-climbers, aided flood sufferers and those made homeless by tornadoes, about 2,400,000 men have served in its scattered camps.

Fechner, former vice president of the International Association of Machinists, had been a "boomer machinist" in his day, working at mines, smelters and plantations through Mexico, Central and South America. He worked for a time on the Panama canal.

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