

OUR WOUNDS COUNTY LIBRARIAN

In This Day's News

The Herald and News

WEATHER
Max. (Dec. 15) 48 Min. 19
Precipitation last 24 hours .00
Stream year to date 2.46
Last year 1.66 Normal 2.68
Forecast: Clearer and colder today, tonight and Tuesday.

PRICE FIVE CENTS KLAMATH COUNTY, MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1946 (Telephone 8111) ** Number 10811

Flood Damage Toll Mounts

By FRANK JENKINS
UNITED NATIONS adjourns its 8-week session in an atmosphere of HOPE.

It isn't altogether the Pollyanna kind of hope. (Pollyanna was a much-fabled character of some decades ago who based her life on being "glad" about everything that happened.) In the international picture, some definitely hopeful developments are beginning to take shape in the possibly thinning fog of suspicion that has hampered progress in the past.

A DISPATCH by AP's John Farris this morning says: "For the first time since hostilities ended, delegates agreed there was an increase in co-operative spirit between Soviet Russia and the Western powers."

THE big achievement of the session was the solemn pledge, given by ALL the delegates, that their countries will support IMMEDIATE steps to reduce their armed forces and prohibit the use of the atomic bomb.

AMONG these intangibles, there is a TANGIBLE development. By the process of infiltration, Russia had practically taken over Iran's province of Azerbaijan. The Iranian government sends in troops and TAKES AZERBAIJAN BACK—for the present at least.

IT is all right to hope if you KEEP YOUR POWDER DRY. It is wishful thinking that is dangerous. If we refuse to drug ourselves with wishful thinking, we can afford to hope these days that some progress has been made.

THERE is another development on the home front. We learn from Washington dispatches that the government is preparing to boost non-residential construction by perhaps 40 per cent, put a floor space limit on new homes (meaning they can't be too big) and give private enterprise a much bigger say in fighting the housing shortage.

Truman To Hold News Conference
WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP)—President Truman will hold a news conference at 4 p. m. Wednesday and at that time he will make public the first report of his council of economic advisers.

UN Assembly Ends 8-Week Session; Leaves World With Hope Of Peace

By JOHN A. PARRIS JR.
NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (AP)—The United Nations assembly turned over to the 11-member security council today the monumental task of setting into motion a program for reducing the armies of the world and destroying the mass destructive weapons of war.

Four Escape Death In Home Fire

A family of four narrowly escaped from their burning home early Sunday morning and the father, Henry V. Munday, 29-year-old logger, is in Klamath Valley hospital with severe burns received when he rescued one of his children from a smoke-filled room.

Mr. and Mrs. Munday, 3328 Crosby, and their two young daughters, Virginia, 5, and Lyndelle, 2, were awakened at 8 a. m. by an explosion in the living room coupled with a flash of flame which virtually engulfed the bedroom in which Lyndelle and her parents were sleeping.

Iran Claims Azerbaijan
TEHRAN, Dec. 16 (AP)—Iran's central government, plagued for more than a year by separatist movements in Azerbaijan, claimed today to have brought Kurds as well as Azerbaijanis back under control in the oil-rich province on the Soviet frontier.

Atom Control Woman Breaks Up Robbery
LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., Dec. 16 (AP)—The possibility arose today that a showdown vote on the United States plan for controlling atomic energy might be taken tomorrow at a full dress meeting of the United Nations atomic energy commission.

Blum Forms All Socialist Cabinet
PARIS, Dec. 16 (AP)—Leon Blum has formed an all-socialist cabinet with himself as president-premier and minister in foreign affairs. It was officially announced today.

Government Sells Red Tape Cheap

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 16 (AP)—The government is getting rid of its red tape—at 28 cents a roll. The war assets administration today advertised among the surplus items for sale: "76 rolls tape, red, cellulose, unused, .28."

Scene, Principals in Strange Shooting



The upper picture shows the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Matts, Crescent avenue, where Mary McComb, county librarian (left below), was dangerously wounded by gunshot Saturday night. Held in the shooting is Don L. Yancey (right below), son of Mrs. Matts. The picture of the house was taken from beside the home of Miss McComb, and the edge of the McComb house may be seen at left. Police say Miss McComb left her house when Yancey beat on the rear door, crossed to the Matts' house, and was shot in the living room of the latter residence.



Builders OK Housing Bill
SEATTLE, Dec. 16 (AP)—Builders and lumberman today expressed general approval of President Truman's relaxation of building restrictions and ventured the belief it would result in increased construction of rental units, better class homes and commercial buildings.

Washington Floods Recede
SEATTLE, Dec. 16 (AP)—Freezing weather following a two-hour long snow flurry brought western Washington's waterlogged residents today the weather bureau's cheering word that the worst of the past week's floods "is definitely over."

Philippines Get \$1,000,000 Check
MANILA, Dec. 16 (AP)—Dr. Frank A. Waring, war damage commissioner, today handed President Manuel A. Roxas of the Philippines a check for \$1,000,000 as the first advance payment by the United States for war damage to public property in the islands.

Chinese Battles Fiercest Yet
PEIPING, Dec. 16 (AP)—Chinese communists today captured Chung-Yang in Central Shansi province after a 15-month siege capped by an offensive so fierce the defending garrison, in an obviously erroneous message sent in all seriousness, radioed it thought the reds were using atomic bombs.

Coast Stations Hear Tule Story

Radio listeners on 20 coast ABC stations heard the story of the Tulelake homestead crawling late night when the weekly "Report to the People" was initiated from the studio of KFLW, Klamath Falls.

Cold Snap May Halt River Rise

By The Associated Press
The flooding Willamette river's crest flowed past Salem today (Monday), while receding waters and a sudden cold snap gave relief to the inundated upper valley.

In the Eugene lowlands, where 3500 persons were evacuated Saturday, the Willamette weeded to its banks, and was steadily falling. Weather Bureau Meteorologist Elmer Fisher reporting no more rain and falling tributaries, declared that "the flood danger is entirely past in the upper valley."

Damage High
Hundreds of thousands of dollars' damage was being tallied along the stricken valley in livestock and chicken loss, erosion, and damaged buildings, as the river's crest hit Salem.

Search Party Finds Skiers
PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 16 (AP)—Two Portland skiers lost in a blizzard were found at 4 a. m. today after an all-night hunt by a searching party of 20 men organized by District Forest Ranger Jim Langdon.

Scotland Yard Threats Fizzle
LONDON, Dec. 16 (AP)—A total of 14 telephoned warnings that London buildings would be blown up have been received by police since Friday night, but there was no report of terrorist violence anywhere in Britain's sprawling capital.

Australian Lives Through Jap Beheading, Tells Tale
TOKYO, Dec. 16 (AP)—An Australian soldier who lived to crawl from his jungle grave told the international war crimes tribunal today how the Japanese had botched the job of beheading him.

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Air Search To Start For Plane

SEATTLE, Dec. 16 (AP)—For the first time since the plane disappeared last Tuesday afternoon, weather conditions were reported ideal today for an aerial search of the slopes of Mt. Rainier where a marine corps transport plane is believed to have crashed with 32 men aboard.

Eighteen army and coast guard planes took to the air from McChord field and Port Angeles at daylight.

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D. Yancey Held In Mary M'Comb Shooting Affair

Miss Mary McComb, 50-year-old Klamath county librarian, is in Klamath Valley hospital in an extremely critical condition today with a bullet wound in her neck and held in the county jail as her alleged assailant is Donald L. Yancey, 35, ex-soldier.

Miss McComb was shot Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Matts, 1702 Crescent, when Yancey assertedly fired one shot from a .38-calibre revolver at Matts, his stepfather, one shot at Miss McComb, and two at himself. Yancey's skull was creased by one of the bullets, and the other grazed his scalp.

In his statement to the district attorney and other officers after the shooting, Yancey said that he was "in love" with Miss McComb and that he was angered when her brother, David, warned him to cease his attentions to her.

The librarian and ex-soldier are neighbors. He operates a small repair shop in a garage on her own property. He drove the county library "bookmobile" last spring and worked around the library until last September when he ceased working there due to ill health.

Yancey's story, given to officers in the presence of District Attorney Clarence Humble early Sunday morning, related that he went to the home of Miss McComb after spending some time drinking down town.

He said that while down town he decided to go to the McComb residence at 1635 Crescent, directly across the street from the Matts residence, where he lived with his stepfather and mother.

The statement, quoted by officers, said that Yancey smashed in the back door of the McComb house with his fist, Miss McComb, becoming frightened, ran out the front door and took the street to the Matts house. A few moments later Yancey came to the house, went into his bedroom, and took a revolver from a foot locker.

According to the quoted statement, Mr. and Mrs. Matts and Miss McComb were in the living room. Yancey entered with the pistol, and an argument started. When Yancey assertedly became abusive, Mrs. Matts left the room to call the police by telephone.

Yancey drew his pistol and allegedly fired one shot at his stepfather, who was standing in a door, the bullet going between Matts' legs and into the floor. Yancey then is alleged to have turned the weapon on Miss McComb, who was sitting on the right side of the neck.

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