

FARMHOUSE SLAYING UNCOVERED

In The Day's News

WEATHER
Max. (Jan. 5) 35 Min. 20
Precipitation last 24 hours 0.50
Stream year to date 2.94
Last year 3.71 Normal 1.82
Forecast: Cloudy, some rain, snow.

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By FRANK JENKINS

A DISPATCH from Washington this morning tells us:

"Questions bearing vitally on the future of the United States and most of the world confront the 80th congress, which meets tomorrow for its final session."

True enough. The headlines make that plain.

THE dispatch goes on:

"A complicating factor is that this is a general election year. Democrats want to retain the control of congress they lost to the GOP in 1946. The Republicans hope to put their presidential nominee in the White House for the first time since Franklin D. Roosevelt started his first term in 1933."

That is also true enough. What it amounts to is this: From now until the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November (ELECTION DAY) what is best for our country must play second fiddle to POLITICS (what is best for the politicians.)

THE odd part of it is that in this hour the bulk of the plain people WANT STATESMANSHIP, whereas the politicians who want the people's votes are preparing to give them the usual three-ring political circus.

CONGRESSMAN MALONEY of Pennsylvania, just back from a seven-weeks tour of Europe, tells a Philadelphia reporter this morning that the Russians are using German and Austrian forced labor in a massive war production program behind the Ural mountains.

He says this Soviet war production campaign is a "tremendous undertaking" and adds that reliable (European) informants told him the Russians are making projectiles and tanks in their Ural factories.

IS that surprising? With what they have in mind, which is a communist peace based upon a world in which all communist, it would be strange if they weren't doing these things.

ON our side of the fence, this terse announcement comes this morning from Morehead City, North Carolina:

"An undisclosed number of U. S. marines will move off from this port tomorrow FOR SERVICE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AREA. The leathernecks, according to a brief navy announcement, will be stationed on ships operating in Italian and Greek waters."

The dispatch adds: "The United States is pledged to resist communism in both these countries."

LET'S put it this way: Greece is a mess. So far, it is a GUERRILLA mess. Back of the guerrillas, over the Greek border in Albania, Yugoslavia and Bulgaria, are RUSSIAN TROOPS. In the waters of the Mediterranean sea, beyond the international limit of Greek sovereignty, are ships of the American navy manned by Americans in uniform, commanded by American officers.

You can see what might happen.

ARE we doing right, or are we doing wrong? Well, generally speaking, if a big, tough-looking dog threatens to bite you, you'd better stand whatever ground you have taken. If you turn and run, the dog will be PRETTY SURE to bite you.

We've taken a stand in Greece.

Customers Get Bear By Tail

SAN JOSE, Calif., Jan. 5 (AP)—Six customers, irritated when a masked robber stole \$150 from a tavern, gave chase in an automobile and caught him—or so they said. When Patrolmen C. J. Bosque and N. P. Bishop dashed up they found the six unarmed customers lined up against their car—facing the bandit and his weapon.

Addie May Nixon Named New City Librarian Today

Addie May Nixon, for the past seven years affiliated with the Klamath Falls city library as children's librarian, today was named city librarian replacing Miss Enola Hawkins whose resignation after 34 years of service was announced Saturday.

Mrs. Nixon has had 21 years experience in library work. She attended Loretto Heights college in Denver, Colo., and was graduated from the Denver University school of librarianship. Mrs. Nixon's first library experience was as first assistant in the Elvira branch of the Denver public library, and also served there as assistant in the branch department for the blind, was librarian of the Valverde branch library, first became interested in children's work at Valverde where she was assistant in the children's department, later including five years' radio work over station KOA, Denver, conducting her own story telling hour.

Mr. and Mrs. Nixon were married in Klamath Falls on her arrival here from Denver. Mr. Nixon is with Bell Machinery company in Klamath Falls. After moving to this city, Mrs. Nixon served for one year at the county library under the late Mary McComb. She transferred to the city library seven years ago and took over the post of children's de-

PRICE FIVE CENTS

European Aid, High Cost Of Living, Tax Slashing, Housing Face Congress

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Help for Europe and Asia, tax cutting, the high cost of living, rent control and the housing shortage, military preparedness and health insurance are a few of the top issues. And the list probably will grow.

A complicating factor is that this is a general election year. Democrats want to regain the control of congress they lost to the GOP in 1946. The Republicans hope to put their presidential nominee in the White House for the first time since Franklin D. Roosevelt started his first term in 1933.

The first week of the new session will be devoted primarily to speech-making and strategy huddles by congressional leaders, with a few committees starting to lay the groundwork for future legislative actions.

The senate republican policy committee and the house republican steering committee will meet during the week for decisions which will go far toward shaping the majority party's legislative program to counter the proposals President Truman will outline Wednesday in his annual state-of-the-union message.

The chief executive will go to the capitol in person to deliver that message to a joint session of the senate and house. His economic report on Friday and his budget message next Monday will be delivered by messenger.

The first actual battle of the session probably will take place in the house, over the GOP-backed tax reduction bill. House leaders want to pass the measure this month so, as Speaker Martin put it, the president will know what to expect.

The tax bill under consideration would cut \$3,000,000,000 and about 7,000,000 low income and elderly persons from the tax rolls. It goes further than the two bills Mr. Truman vetoed last year.

While the president has said nothing about his plans if he receives another tax cutting measure, highly placed White House aides expect him to oppose any general slash while the national income is at a record high.

Chinese Aid

In addition to the Marshall plan for European recovery, congress also is due to get a separate state department program for helping China.

The final decisions on foreign aid will go far toward deciding the amount the republicans will try to cut the president's budget.

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French Vote Reds Down

PARIS, Jan. 5 (AP)—The French national assembly gave Premier Robert Schuman votes of confidence today by defeating two communist-peasant-De Gaulist amendments to the government's anti-inflation bill.

The assembly voted down efforts to exclude 1,000,000 farmers from the tax bill and to exempt small artisans from the choice of paying a special income tax or investing the same amount in government bonds. The votes were 306-273 and 308-272, respectively.

Other amendments voted to re-voted on would reduce tax levies on war, drought and flood victims and on small family-operated businesses.

Assembly circles predicted that the government's margin might be close in the voting on a tax relief for war victims, but it was generally believed that it would win out.

The tax bill, as presented by the government, is designed to produce approximately 125,000,000,000 francs (about \$1,000,000,000) in revenue.

Saturday when communist and rightist deputies sought to amend the measure with proposals for exemptions for those in small income brackets they were defeated by 322 to 262.

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Murder Charge Follows Exhumation of Woman's Body



State Officer Robert Milton is shown looking into the opened back-yard grave just after the body of Mrs. Marie Franklin was removed Saturday night. Police began digging after Homer Franklin told authorities he shot his wife November 26 and buried her 14 feet from the house.

ARCHBOLD, O., Jan. 5 (AP)—"I thought the track was clear," Jesse Wyse said today in explaining how the New York Central's "Chicagoan" passenger train smashed his farm bobsled, killing 10 children of three neighbors and seriously injuring two others, one of them his daughter.

Wyse and his 13-year-old son, John, whom the father believed "too young and inexperienced" to take the tractor-drawn sled out himself, were not hurt. The boy leaped to safety from the rear of the sled.

"I just stiffened in my seat on the tractor," the father said. "The train hit the sled, tore it loose from the tractor and hurled it down the tracks."

The bobsled was scattered for a mile along the right-of-way east of this northwestern Ohio town. Two of the victims were ground beneath wheels of the train. No train passengers were injured and it continued to Chicago after a 57 minute delay.

By that time, witnesses said, snow nearly had blotted out all evidence of the tragedy which occurred at 1:30 p. m. (EST) yesterday.

Wyse planned originally to take the youngsters out Saturday, but "was unable to do so until yesterday. His son, John, told state highway patrol men he begged to take the sled out himself. "But Dad said I was too young and inexperienced."

Wyse said he stopped at the crossing and thought the tracks were clear.

"I started up the tractor again and just as it was clearing the tracks, I saw the train bearing down on the sled," he continued. "It was horrible."

The dead were identified by Coroner H. M. Warner of Fulton county as four children of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Grieser—Gayle, 13; her twin, Charlene, Patricia, 8, and Sharon, 6—four children of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Grieser—Donald, 13; Marlin, 11; Arlene, 10, and Janet, 4—and two daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Osborne—Jean, 12, and Marjorie, 16.

Wyse's daughter, Janice, 7, and another daughter of the Lawrence Grieser's, Shirley, 9, were hospitalized at nearby Wauson.

D. O. Scherer, of Toledo, engineer of the train, said he saw the sleigh-ride party, whistled frantically but was unable to stop in time. He estimated his speed at 80 miles an hour. Conductor R. L. Snook of Elkhart, Ind., said two of the children leaped before the train struck.

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The general feeling here is that the last half of the season here was too late for good or comfortable hunting, and failed to accomplish the government's conservation plan because the ducks merely went south to be shot rather than falling to gunners in this area.

Tulelake sportsmen are reported ready to draft a protest of the split season. Local groups may do the same thing.

In Oregon the situation was further complicated by the fact that 1948 hunting licenses had to be purchased to take part in the last five days of the season, and dealers reported a fair sale of the permits. California licenses and federal duck stamps remained good for the overlapping season.

Ex-Navy Man Jailed For Killing Wife



HOMER FRANKLIN



MARIE FRANKLIN

A Multnomah county deputy sheriff here on a duck-hunting trip over the week-end was instrumental in bringing to light and solving a 23-day old slaying at a suburban farmhouse and placing his brother, 54-year-old Homer V. Franklin, in the county jail charged with first degree murder. The body of the victim, Marie Franklin, 43, was exhumed from a small backyard grave by state police after Franklin had confessed the killing.

John Franklin, who has been a deputy sheriff in Portland for 22 years, received his brother's confession Saturday afternoon and turned him over to local authorities.

The statement made by Franklin indicated a self-defense shooting, but the fact that a first degree murder charge was signed by State Police Sergeant Earl Tichenor may mean that Franklin's story is doubted.

Franklin gave as reason for the killing an unhappy married life and torture on the part of his wife. He said that Marie had given him medicine to keep him awake for five nights. He also said she repeatedly left their home for long periods and often had threatened to kill him.

The slaying took place in a narrow hallway at the Franklin home, near the airport on the Joe Wright road, the night of November 30, Franklin's statement disclosed. The 43-year-old Marie Franklin was shot once in the head with a .38 calibre frontier model revolver.

Franklin is held without bail in the county jail and has talked with U. S. Balentine, attorney who instituted a divorce action for him over a year ago. Balentine said he had not decided whether to take the defense.

Friday Visit

John Franklin, the Portland deputy, was here Friday and that night went to visit his brother at the farm home. He said he noticed the absence of Mrs. Franklin, but was told by Homer Franklin that Marie had left him, presumably to go to Sacramento. The deputy said that he knew Mrs. Franklin had left her husband several times in the past.

But Saturday afternoon Homer Franklin telephoned his brother to come back to the house, saying he had something he wanted to tell him.

Deputy Franklin went back and his brother told him the story of the slaying, a story which he later repeated before other officers, the district attorney and a court reporter.

"I advised him to go to the district attorney," John Franklin said, "and he agreed."

Homer Franklin told District Attorney Clarence Humble he returned and killed his wife about 10 p. m. November 30. He said he had gone to bed and Mrs. Franklin came across the living room of the small house

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'Slave Labor' Story Told

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 5 (AP)—Rep. Franklin J. Maloney (R-Pa.) asserted today that the Russians are using German and Austrian forced labor "in the thousands" in a massive war production undertaking behind the Ural mountains.

The legislator who recently returned from a seven-week tour of Europe said he received his information from a high German churchman.

"The Soviets," Maloney said in an interview, "are calling in men—and some women too—from the Russian-occupied zones of Germany and Russia. Their families never hear from them again."

Maloney said the Soviet war production campaign is "a tremendous undertaking" and that reliable informants told him the Soviets are making projectiles and tanks—"although I don't know why"—in their Ural factories.

Since the end of the war, Maloney added, the Russians have removed a great number of their major factories to the seclusion of the area behind the Urals. "And they've built a lot more since then," he declared.

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UMT Gets Push From Royall

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 5 (AP)—In a world of unrest and possible future conflict, the United States' defense requirement make imperative establishment of universal military training. Secretary of the Army Kenneth C. Royall declared today.

Royall, in an address prepared for delivery at a civic meeting, said he had come to this conclusion "reluctantly." He emphasized that he has not abandoned hope for permanent peace, but added:

"Until world conditions are better stabilized than they are today, we must plan and we must have universal military training in order to be ready properly to defend our nation."

The army secretary said victory in a future war could not be achieved without the invasion of enemy territory, and for this the United States would require large numbers of men, in the air, on the ground and upon the sea.

Late Spud Bulletin

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 5 (AP)—Potatoes: 9 broken, 12 unbroken cars on track; California 4, Nevada 2. Oregon 5 arrived, one car arrived by truck; market slightly stronger; Klamath Russets No 1-A, 4.75. Deschutes 4.65, Idaho 4.50.

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Snowstorm Blankets Basin Over Week-End; Travel Slow

A swirling snowstorm blanketed the Klamath country over the week-end reaching its peak Sunday when .60 of an inch of moisture was recorded at the CAA weather station.

Snow was forecast in weather news throughout the state, with transportation slowed considerably over mountain passes. Today most mountain roads were improved, but strong south winds are expected in the Cascades tonight. Motorists are still advised to carry chains.

The morning road report told of packed snow on sections of the Willamette pass with 56 inches of roadside snow. The pass is partially sanded.

Similar conditions prevail on Sun mountain, with seven inches of new snow and 36 inches of roadside snow. There is slush for 10 miles across the summit.

Travel is slushy over Hayden mountain on the Greensprings as well.

Many college students home for the holidays were bound for school with some waiting until today's clearing weather before tackling the trip over icy, stormy roads to schools in the north.

No United Air Lines planes landed at the municipal airport Saturday night and Sunday, but flights were going normally today, United reports.

The storm only momentarily affected transmission on The California Oregon Power company lines, but automatic switches returned power without the necessity of calling out crews during the Sunday storm.

Forecast for tonight and Tuesday indicated occasional rain mixed with snow for the Klamath area.

Telephone communications were disrupted for the second time within the past several days in the Lakeshore drive area, Manager Chuck Seavey of The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company reported this morning. Moisture seeping into an old break on a cable in the Oregon avenue area caused the trouble, Seavey said.

Some 250 telephones were reported out this morning. The first break was repaired Saturday night but the second disruption occurred early Sunday morning. Lines were expected to be back in service today.

Seavey said the break occurred at a point where it looked like a BB shot had struck the cable. Seavey said the Lakeshore line was the only trouble on the local set-up.



ADDIE MAY NIXON

The Gallup Poll, which has been carried on page one for the past week, will be found on page four of today's Herald and News.