

# Mid-West Cold Wave Lets Up, But 25 Dead In Bitter Weather; Fuel Runs Short

By The Associated Press

The worst cold wave of the season which caused at least 25 deaths and cut sharply into fuel oil supplies had moderated considerably in the midwest today but it still held a firm grip on eastern and southeastern states.

The Chicago weather bureau said subzero readings were somewhat general in the New England states and that the mercury again skidded to well below freezing as far south as Southern Florida. The coldest spot on the early weather map was 26 below zero at Phillipsburg, in Western Pennsylvania.

At Memphis, Tenn., where 12 inches of snow fell Saturday, the temperature stood at only three degrees above zero early today.

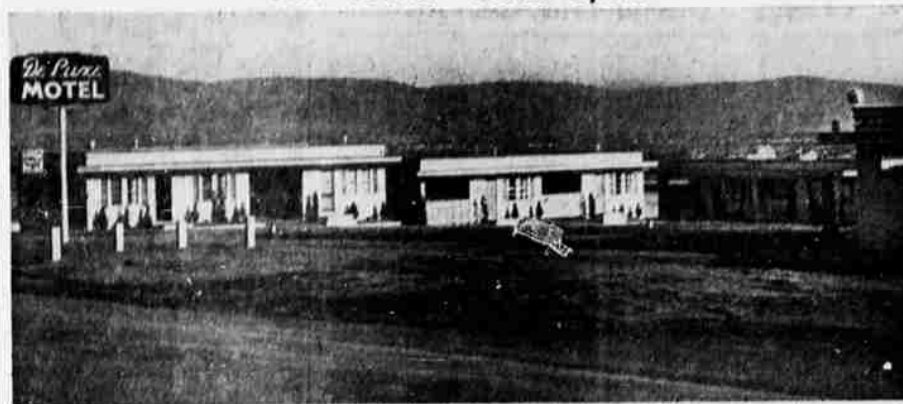
**Bitter Cold**

As President Truman's order restricting use of heating and motor fuels went into effect, 12 central and southeastern states reported 25 deaths attributed to the bitter cold. Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Kentucky reported four deaths each;

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## New Tourist Motel Opens



Latest auto court to open in this vicinity is the De Luxe Motel, located just outside of town near the Weed-Ashland junction. Owners and operators are Mr. and Mrs. James V. Kindig and Mrs. Alice Herberger. The Kindigs operated the Kindig cottages on Bligh street for 20 years before opening the new motel. All modern, the cottages are built and furnished in informal ranch style, and on the utilitarian side, the units are operated on their own gas, water and sewage systems. There are 14 units in all.

with 12 below zero recorded at Bryce Canyon, Utah. Idaho's low temperature was reported from Malad City and Salmon, both five below zero.

## Prejudice Charged In Murder Trial

PORTLAND, Jan. 19 (AP)—Groups working for clemency in the death sentence of Wardell Henderson, 23, negro convicted of murdering a Vainport butcher, reported today they held evidence the jury was prejudiced by the defendant's race.

Henderson faces execution Friday at the state prison.

Irvin Goodman, attorney for the National Association for Advancement of Colored People, and Mrs. Claire A. Argow, secretary, of the Oregon Prison association, said an affidavit signed by the jury foreman had been forwarded to Governor Hall.

They said Foreman Hilmer A. Wellin swore: "I sincerely believe that if Wardell Henderson had been a white person, the jury would not have voted for the gas chamber."

**DOWNWARD TREND**

The trend in the consumption of meat, especially beef and veal, has been downward during the last 30 years, according to a survey.

## Boyle's Column

### Back Porch Proposal For White House Raises Furor

By HAL BOYLE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19 (AP)—What good is a house with no back porch?

Well, in good times a lot of people throughout the country would sniff at a home without one.

President Harry S. Truman doesn't have an unbreakable lease, but like a lot of tenants he sees no reason why the landlord shouldn't keep his living place abreast of the times.

So he is going ahead with plans for building a \$15,000 balcony on the south side of the White House. And he has indicated the objections of opponents, whether inspired by political or architectural considerations, won't stop him.

Disregarding the political side of the question—and it is an election



years—there is no doubt that Truman has raised in symbolical fashion the question of who rules the roost, the landlord or the tenant.

Rents have always been frozen in the White House—just as they are for most other tenants throughout the country at the moment—and the occupants have usually had their say about the changes.

The matter of changing and repairing the executive mansion has never come down to a direct vote of the multi-million landlord owners. The attitude of most presidents seems to have been that:

"The American people own it, all right, but they don't have to live in it. My wife does—and if she says we're going to fix up the place we're going to."

So there has probably never been a year since it was built that the White House hasn't been modified in some way.

In defending his balcony program the other day, Truman cited Mrs. Millard Fillmore. Fillmore, like Truman, became chief executive after the death of the elected president—"Old Rough and Ready" Taylor, who in 1850 washed down some wild berries with ice water against the advice of his physician and died of typhoid fever.

The executive mansion was a mess. A contemporary described it at the time that Mrs. Fillmore, a stern-faced lady with lace cap and ringlets, took over:

"The Fillmores found the White House in a miserable condition, dirty and bare, with no corner that seemed like a home. The great room over the blue room was covered with a straw carpet made filthy by tobacco chewers."

Determined Mrs. Fillmore—just like President Truman said—cleaned up the house, put in its first bathtub (scandalously exciting then and regarded by some as immoral) and installed a cookstove to supplement the fireplace, where state dinners for 36 people hitherto had been cooked.

The changes have gone on steadily ever since, moulding the show-place home of democracy to fit the advancing times and the needs of its tenants for more space. It has spread with the expanding republic and widening government functions. If it came to sprawl—well, so does America.

In 1870-71 one of the arguments used by those seeking to move the national capitol was that the White House had cost \$1,515,978 from the time of Washington to 1858.

The proposal to hang on a balcony at the south end has stirred the same furor as many earlier changes.

Some friends of the president feel, however, he would have saved considerable controversy if he had called it a "back porch" instead of a "balcony." Where Truman springs from—the farming Midwest—nobody would quarrel with a man who wanted to build a back porch.

Screened in against the mosquitoes, it's a wonderful place to sit in a rocker and see how the livestock's doing.

# Soroptimists Slate Talk On Polio

**Service Clubs Programs**

Junior chamber of commerce, Monday, 6:30 p. m. Winema hotel.

Lions club, Tuesday noon, Willard hotel.

20-30 club, Tuesday, 7 p. m. Willard hotel.

Soroptimist club, Thursday noon, Pelican cafe.

Rotary club, Friday noon, Willard hotel.

Kiwanis club, Saturday 6:30 p. m., Willard hotel.

The March of Dimes, community property law and the coming New York Drama Guild will be brought up before meetings this week of the Soroptimists, Rotarians and 20-30's, for discussion.

Mrs. Paul Buck will address the Soroptimists on the March of Dimes of which she is the 1948 chairman. There will be special music also at the luncheon.

Final details for presenting the New York Drama Guild to Klamath Falls will be outlined at the 20-30 dinner meeting. The guild is expected to be here February 27 for the first of three plays to be given, probably in the high school auditorium. Further details will be announced later.

Kiwanians will be shown a 24-minute film on highlights of best football games of 1947 by Dr. C. J. Cox. Jack Juckeland will be chairman for the day.

Art Reinhart, local business man, will address the Lions but his subject has not been announced. Jake Koenig will be chairman for the day.

This is the first meeting of the Jaycees with the new president, Fred Ehlers. No particular program has been planned for tonight.

## Local Officer In School Post

SYRACUSE, N. Y.—Capt. Floyd Johnson, 28, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Johnson, 315 Lincoln street, has been assigned by the army ground forces to study special courses in public administration at Syracuse university.

Under war department orders assigned by Chief-of-Staff Dwight D. Eisenhower, Capt. Johnson is one of 10 officers studying at Syracuse in the army's program to keep abreast of the most recent and advanced trends in academic studies.

A graduate of Union high school, Johnson attended Oregon State college until 1941 when he received his commission in the field artillery. As operational officer for the second armored division, he participated in major battles in Africa, Sicily, and

## Deafened Now Hear Whispers 5 Feet Away

Tests by the American Medical Association's Council on Physical Medicine show that science has now enabled deafened people to hear faint sounds, to easily understand whispers from 5 feet away, aided by a tiny hearing device so light you hardly know you are wearing it. With it thousands now enjoy music, sermons and friendly companionship. Finger tip controls let you adjust it instantly to changing sound conditions. No separate battery pack, wires or harness bulge to weigh you down. The makers of Beltone, Dept. 25, 1450 W. 19th St., Chicago 8, Ill., are so proud of their achievement that they will gladly send you a free descriptive booklet and explain how you may test this remarkable device in your own home without risking a penny. Write Beltone today. Adv.

## Head-On Crash Kills Officer

THE DALLES, Jan. 19 (AP)—State Police Officer Leroy Spickerman, 24, The Dalles, died in a hospital here yesterday after a head-on collision that sent six occupants of a second automobile to the same hospital.

The crash demolished both vehicles. Spickerman died 12 hours after the accident on the Columbia gorge route east of the city.

Police said the driver of the second car, Wallace Meacham, and his five passengers, all of Portland, suffered broken bones but were not critically hurt.

Spickerman is survived by a widow and twin sons, three months old.

## Girl Mothers

Never before have our cities shown so many girl mothers. So say the school workers who total the figures.

Under Old Testament law, these girl mothers might have been led out and stoned to death. Then Christ saying to go and sin no more. He did not OKAY any sin. Instead, He went His way to Calvary where He died for the sins of all of us. He died for your sins and came up from death and the grave to dwell in your heart and be new life to you.—"I am come that they might have life and have it more abundantly." His word—BIBLE. Believe God, that Christ suffered your death penalty. Believe and have new life for now and for eternity.—"Thou shalt not commit adultery"—BIBLE.

**Gran-Taylor**  
This space paid for by an Oregon family.

Europe. In 1946, he was appointed adjutant of the army task force "Frost," later being assigned to Syracuse.

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