

FREAK ACCIDENT TAKES 3 LIVES

Day's News

UNCLE JOE STALIN is 70 today, and from all accounts they're giving him a whale of a birthday celebration. Presents are pouring in from all sides, and it takes WHOLE FREIGHT TRAINS to handle them.

Seventy carloads of gifts rolled in from East Germany alone.

DO you reckon Uncle Joe is genuinely pleased and touched? Or is he just cagey enough to know what it's all about, and why?

YOU never can tell. He's a smart old rooster, but what flatery does to these world conquerors passeth all human understanding.

There is Alexander—who is supposed to have sighed wistfully because there were no more worlds to conquer. When he got to Egypt, the priests laid on the flatery with a trowel. They received him as a GOD. At first, he laughed scornfully.

But in the end he fell for it and decided he was a god after all and should be treated as such.

OF course you have to remember that Alexander was still in his late 30's when he was being worked over by the flatterers. Stalin is a hard-boiled old bird of 70. I have a notion that as he looks over the mountains of presents that are being poured on him he just grins cynically.

FOR the last seven months, we Americans have been looked over by the red-headed and according to all accounts good-looking Wellington correspondent of the Auckland, New Zealand News—a Mrs. Sidney Moses, who with her husband has been touring the United States. On the eve of departing for home, she says in Seattle:

"Everybody here works harder than they do at home. They don't have so much fun. The facilities for fun are here, but you don't use them—partly because you all work so hard and partly because your entertainment is so EXPENSIVE."

"At home in New Zealand, everybody can afford golf, tennis and swimming clubs. It's really a working man's paradise."

LADY! Lady! I'm afraid you've been seeing, but not understanding!

We can afford golf and tennis and swimming, BUT BECAUSE WE CAN AFFORD 'EM WE DON'T THINK SO MUCH OF 'EM.

The reason we go so hard for night clubs is BECAUSE WE CAN'T AFFORD 'EM. It's doing the things we can't afford to do that gives us the thrilling feeling that we're getting somewhere and amounting to something.

That's one reason why we have to work so hard.

Was Man Victim Of Own Trap?

PORTLAND, Dec. 21 (AP)—The body of an eccentric inventor was found yesterday in a small woods cabin which the man had rigged with a doorway booby-trap.

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Attempt to Blow Up Auto Union HQ Foiled

Gadgets Fail To Find Youth

WALLA, WALLA, Dec. 21 (AP)—The fate of an 18-year-old elk hunter, missing for six days, was still unsolved today despite efforts of some 125 mountain-wise searchers who have scanned the rugged, snow-swept Black Snake ridge sector of the Blue mountains.

The missing youth, Donald McDonald, became separated from a hunting companion last Thursday. Since then, temperatures have hovered around the zero mark and frequent snows have piled drifts up to six feet high.

Electronic Aids With the six-score searchers reporting only failure in their efforts to trace down varied reports of rifle fire and other clues, two so-called "electronic bird-dogs" made their appearance at the search scene.

The devices were brought here from Yakima and Wenatchee by their inventors. The men declined use of their names and gave no information on their machines except that they operate on radio frequencies. The devices are designed to locate missing persons and, they said, have been used successfully elsewhere.

Cold Covers Wide Area

By The Associated Press The winter season's official arrival isn't until late tonight but there was much wintry weather over wide areas of the country today.

It was cold from the upper Mississippi and Missouri valleys and the Central Plains states westward to the Pacific coast. The center of the icy blast was in the Dakotas and Minnesota. Temperatures in North Dakota dropped to 20 below zero. Minnesota and South Dakota reported readings of 10 below. The mercury fell to below freezing in Arizona—to 31 above at Phoenix—and New Mexico—to 25 at Albuquerque.

Vandenberg Says Cut West Europe Relief, Accept Franco Spain

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP)—Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.) called today for continued economic and military aid to Western Europe, but said it should be on a "sharply reduced" scale.

Vandenberg, who wields great influence on republican foreign policy stands, also told a news conference that:

1. The Communist regime in China should be recognized by this country only when it demonstrated it has control of that country and will carry out the basic obligations of international law. He said Communist China does not now meet these requirements.

2. Full diplomatic recognition should be granted to the Franco government in Spain.

3. The bipartisan foreign policy involves no "me-tooism" on the part of the republicans since it is open to vigorous debate while decisions are in the process of being made.

4. The objective of the republican party should be "to restore the American system to safe foundations before it is too late, and to gear dependable progress with national solvency and individual freedom."

The Michigan senator flew back to Washington yesterday for a briefing on international developments before congress opens.

Weatherman Says Warmer

The old boy that pulls the mercury up and down in the thermometer had quite a time of it last night.

According to the KFLW thermometer it was 4 above at 7 p. m., 9 p. m., 11 p. m. and at 6 a. m. But the official reading was 5 above by CAA. At times the radio station mercury recorded 6 during the 4-above hours but in any man's language it was cold enough.

Warmer forecast warmer weather and it was warmer than the seasonal low of 3 morning.

Warmer weather, partly cloudy through Thursday, with a low of 24 degrees tonight, is the forecast. We will wait and see.

Close Call; Fuses Die Near Charge

DETROIT, Dec. 21 (AP)—Dynamiters made an attempt to blow up the CIO United Auto Workers' headquarters last night.

They failed, but only by a hair's breadth.

A stack of 39 sticks of dynamite, wrapped in tape and colored Christmas gift paper, was found at a side stairway of the union building.

Two fuses had burned to within an inch or less of the explosives before they sputtered out, harmlessly.

Except for two night workers, the union building was empty. However, lives were imperiled in a neighboring General Motors building.

More Mystery As a result, authorities were confronted today with a new task in solving mysterious acts of violence against the big auto union and its leadership.

Within less than two years would-be assassins have tried to kill two of the UAW's prominent leaders.

Water Reuther, president of the UAW, was shot by an unknown assailant in April of 1948. He almost lost the use of an arm.

Victor Reuther, the union's educational director, lost an eye in a similar shotgun attack last May.

Both of the shootings still are unsolved.

Police immediately linked last night's incident with the attempts on the Reuthers' lives.

There is "no doubt" of it, according to Inspector Joseph A. Krug of the police special investigation squad.



EARL KENT

Kent Heads Klamath Jaycees

Earl Kent, Crater Lake creamery, was elected president of Klamath County Junior chamber of commerce at the regular dinner meeting Monday evening in the Winemans hotel.

Robert Smith was elected first vice president and Bill Wentworth second vice president. Cal Lamb was chosen secretary and Art Triebwasser treasurer.

Directors chosen were Randall Foster, John O'Neill, Bill Ganong and Jack Hardesty.

The officers and directors will take office at the joint meeting of the junior and senior chamber of commerce to be held January 18, 1950 in the Willard hotel.

People Sick Of Wars, Says Truman

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP)—President Truman said today there would never be another war if the peoples of the world, "sick of war."

But while captive peoples "are made to respond to our handclasp with a mailed fist, we have no choice but to stand ready in self defense," he declared.

Carlton Gift The president spoke at Arlington carillon memorial to the war dead from the American Veterans of World War II. Allied diplomats from many nations, and high ranking military and civilian officials were in the audience.

It was only coincidence that Truman spoke on the birthday of Soviet Russia's Premier Stalin and he did not mention Russia by name.

But allusions to the Russian threat to peace were plain and repeated. They were clear, too, in a brief address from Norwegian Ambassador Wilhelm Munthe de Morgenstjerne, the dean of the diplomatic corps.

Sun's Visit Brief Today

So much to do and such a short time to do it! Today that familiar complaint might well be justified around town, the nation, or even around the world.

Because today, December 21, is the shortest day of the year.

Woman, 2 Men Gassed in Car Near Gilchrist

Two men and a woman died of carbon monoxide poisoning late last night, sitting in their car in a snowbank on The Dalles-California highway seven miles below Gilchrist.

The men have been identified as Virgil Lee Johnson, 40, of Gates, Ore., and Jack Virgil Friedley, 38, of Idanha, Ore. The woman is believed to be Drucilla, Friedley's wife. She is about 30 years old.

Johnson, who has been working at the Briggs logging camp near Diamond lake, was the driver. All three were in the front seat of Johnson's 1940 sedan, traveling south from Bend.

State police at Crescent said the automobile apparently skidded on the icy pavement, nosed into a snowbank on the east side of the road, whipped around and came to rest with the rear end in the snow.

The exhaust pipe was stopped up and the muffler was cracked at the base, possibly from the impact.

Fatal Wail The trio sat in the car with the motor running and heater on, waiting for help. Carbon monoxide fumes from the exhaust sifted into the interior of the automobile.

As near as state police can determine, the car went into the snowbank about 10:45 p. m.

At 11:15 a passing motorist, unidentified, noticed the stalled car with the motor running, stopped and was unable to arouse the occupants.

He telephoned from Chemult to the state police here and a patrolman from Crescent arrived at the stalled auto about midnight. The two men and woman were dead.

Identified Johnson and Friedley were identified from personal papers. Johnson's operator's license gave his address as "c/o Emil Johnson, Gates, Ore." A paycheck stub from the Briggs logging camp was in his pocket.

Friedley, sources in Bend reported to The Herald and News, was an itinerant cook. He came to Bend in November and worked at the Bend cafe.

He and the woman, identified only as Drucilla, registered at the Owl motel at Bend November 28 and Friedley told the motel operator they had been married November 27. Deschutes county has no record of such a marriage.

Waitress? The woman is believed to have worked as a waitress around Bend. She had only a coin purse and no identifying papers in the car last night.

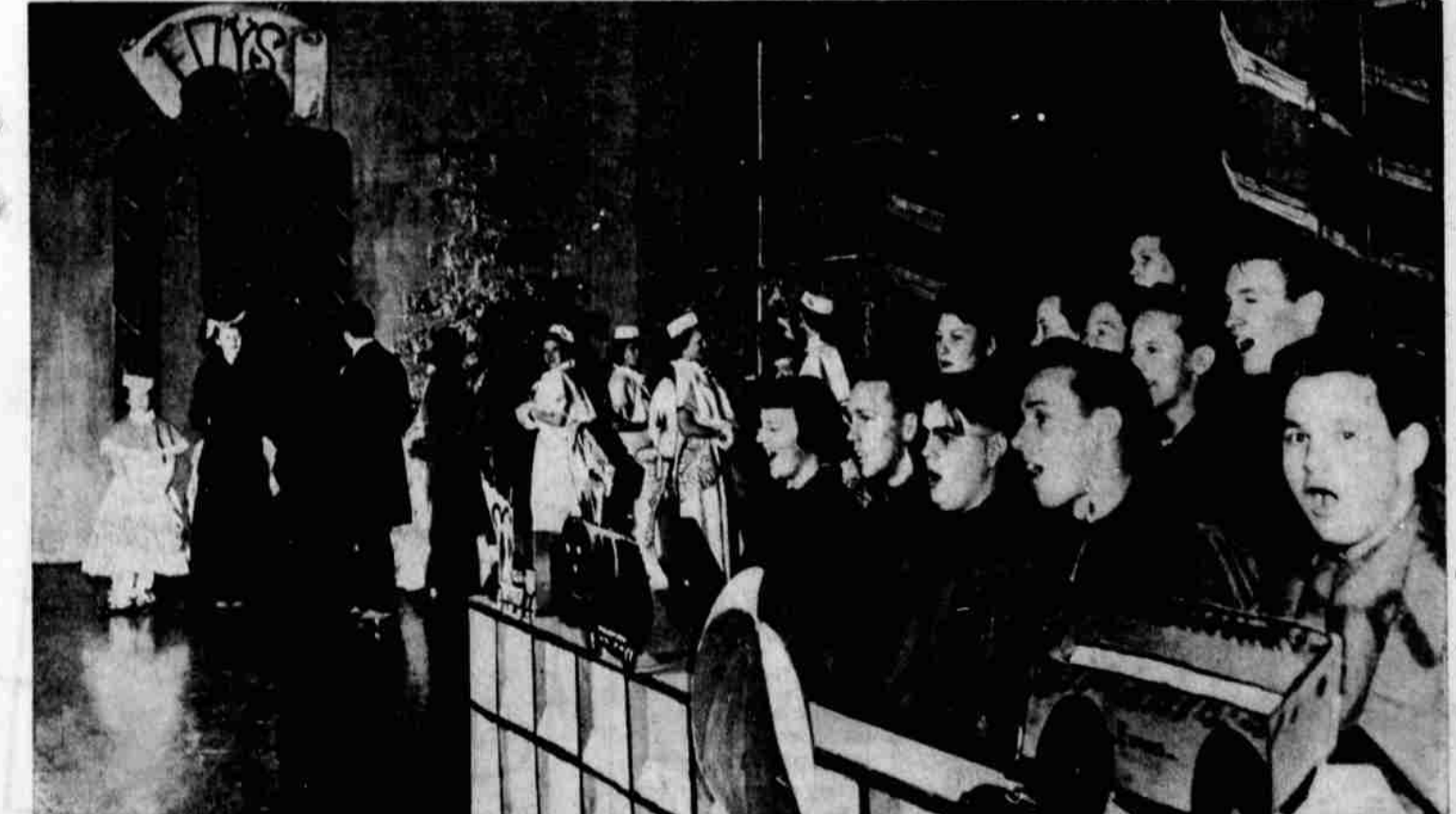
She and Friedley checked out of the Owl motel Tuesday and the operator said Friedley left owing him \$30. State police at Bend had broadcast a pickup order for Friedley, wanting him for questioning.

Deputy Coroner Clarence Ward was called from Klamath Falls and the bodies of the three were brought in to Ward's Funeral Home.

Negligence State police here said the deaths of the three could not be considered highway fatalities but were caused by negligence rather than an automobile accident. Klamath county's traffic death toll for the year stands at 17.

State police said patrol officers frequently locate persons in stalled cars who are suffering from carbon monoxide poisoning and who simply believe they are sleepy.

GEORGE E. HALL SILVERTON, Dec. 21 (AP)—George E. Hall, 70, Portland civic leader and advertising executive before he retired and moved here four years ago, died yesterday. He organized one of the first advertising agencies in Portland. The family moved to Oregon from New Zealand in 1880.



"TOY SHOP FANTASY" is the title of the beautiful and extravagant production to be presented tonight for the first time as Klamath Union high school's Christmas gift to the public in the KUHS auditorium. There is a first showing at 7 p. m. for children of primary grades and their parents. Then tonight at 8:15 o'clock sharp there is a second performance for the townspeople. The third presentation is at 8 p. m., tomorrow, Thursday. A 50-piece orchestra will play for "The Toy Shop Fantasy," including the entire "Nutcracker Suite" by Tchaikowsky and other exciting music. Costumes are glittering with sequins and sparkles, the background is new and delightful and those who have seen these Christmas presentations in the past will do well to arrive early. The gift, (there is no charge), is the combined work of the music, drama, arts, manual arts, as well as other departments and individuals. This is but one small scene from "Fantasy."

Shooting Hours

December 22
Open: 7:07 Close: 3:33

Overlooking \$1 Cost \$2000

HONOLULU, Dec. 21 (AP)—The navy will have to pay out \$2000 because congress overlooked appropriating \$1.

The \$1 would have bought and paid for the Oahu Railway and Land company's Pearl Harbor branch, which the navy uses.

The \$2000 is the Hawaiian territorial tax bill on the line as private property. Under a lease agreement the navy must pay the taxes. If the U. S. government owned the line it would be tax free.

Meet the People



EVEN IN HOLIDAY TIME the meter gets hungry. E. Putnam, Klamath Falls businessman, is shelling out to the clocker before he goes to work.

3 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT
BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS!