

Generally Mild Weather Holds Over Northwest

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Gale Lashes Italy

Death Valley Scotty Dies In Desert Castle At 81 Ending Legend Of The West

STOVEPEPE WELLS, Calif. (AP)—Death Valley Scotty died last night in his beloved castle, a three-million-dollar showplace in the desert wilderness. Scotty, 81, was California's most famous prospector since the gold rush, and the adventuresome and mysterious tales of his gold strikes were legend. Yet the only treasure he is known to have come by was the wealth of his life friend and benefactor, Albert Mussey Johnson, Chicago insurance executive. Johnson kept him in style. Dr. E. Vasse Wallace of Las Vegas, Nev., said Scotty died of a gastro-intestinal hemorrhage. Wallace said he had been treating Scotty—whose true name was Walter Scott—for the past five years. Wallace said he was summoned yesterday afternoon and found Scotty in grave condition at the castle, 173 miles northwest of Las Vegas. He said the colorful old desert rat was conscious until the end, and died quietly. At his bedside was Mary Liddicoat, president of the Gospel Foundation of California, who had been Scotty's constant companion during the last two years. Johnson, actual owner of the castle, conveyed the property to the gospel foundation upon his death about six years ago. He provided, however, that Scotty was to live there the remainder of his life, if he desired, and a suite was maintained for him, said Walter Webb, business representative of the foundation. Scotty leaves a widow, Josephine Scott, 77, who has been living in Long Beach, Calif., for the last 18 years; a son, Navy Lt. Walter P. Scott, 39, who is stationed at the naval air station at Oak Harbor, Wash.; and two grandchildren, Walter P. Scott Jr., 13, and Kathleen, 13. Mrs. Scott told a reporter that she and Scotty had lived apart during most of their marriage. A free-handed spender and a high-flying entertainer, Scotty became one of the legendary figures of California's romantic history.

Rich Farm Land Said Inundated

LONDON (AP)—Winter gales lashed the Adriatic Sea into a boiling torrent that burst through dikes in the Po River delta of northern Italy Wednesday freezing temperatures put a thick coating of ice over most of the rest of Western Europe. In pre-dawn darkness, the Adriatic waters poured inland, 3 feet deep, inundating five villages near Rovigo, scene of disastrous floods two years ago, in November 1951. The waters gushed over hundreds of acres of rich farm land and marooned shivering villagers on their rooftops. Hundreds were moved to higher ground. In London, Berlin, Frankfurt, Brussels and Paris workers went cautiously to work along the ice-bound roads and streets, and huddled shivering in their warmest winter furs and woollens as temperatures slumped to the lowest mark for over a year. The Po delta floods followed hard on the heels of northern Italy's worst snowstorm in 15 years. It blocked hundreds of miles of mountain roads and left scores of villages isolated. WINDS HOWL The winter storm lashed the whole north Adriatic. Winds howled through Venice, piling up snow drifts in St. Mark's Square. The gale ripped down a 50-foot high bridge crane in the dock area of Trieste. Freak weather hit the "sunny" French Riviera—winter playground for Europe's rich. There was six inches of snow at the resort of St. Raphael. Only in near-Arctic Greenland and in Sweden, where the worst blizzard in years swept Stockholm over the weekend, did temperatures rise.

Hoyle Takes RC Post

TULELAKE — Burton J. Hoyle, manager of the Tulelake Experiment Station succeeds Hugh B. Mullin Jr., as chairman of the Tulelake branch, Klamath County Red Cross Chapter for this year. Mrs. Mary Sweasy will serve as secretary-treasurer and the Rev. Marvin J. Keyser will be home service chairman. The Tulelake branch conducts its own annual membership campaign. This year's will open March 1 with Mullin assisting in the drive. Branch activities are coordinated with those of the Klamath County Chapter but are independently operated and planned at the community level. The Tulelake branch has actively supported the bloodmobile program and sponsors the annual trip to Merrill each year. Water safety is also an important phase of the program here with Tulelake giving strong financial support to the summer lessons. First aid classes are given with Tulelake instructors in charge. The branch operates on an all-volunteer basis. Mullin has served the past two years as branch chairman and has directed two successful membership campaigns.

Indian Plan Meet Called

CHILOQUIN — With an eye toward a probable Indian-managed reservation, an educational program is scheduled at the Youth Center here Thursday, 7:30 p.m. A panel of speakers will discuss business opportunities in the event the reservation is turned back to Klamath Indian government. Guest speaker for the evening is Supl. A. J. Diehl. Mrs. Andrew Ortis will be chairman of the session, Joe Miller Jr. will discuss cattle raising, Friedman Kirk forestry. Other speakers, not named, will speak on irrigation, farming and other subjects. A question-and-answer period will close the program.

Tule Kiwanis Officers Named

TULELAKE—L. K. (Bud) Fies is the new Kiwanis president here, installed last night in a session at the Sportsman's Hotel. He succeeds Keith Templeman. Willard Ward, lieutenant governor for Dist. 15, handled installation ceremonies and also ushered in Lee Sonnenberg, vice-president, and E. Webb Bowen, secretary-treasurer. New directors are Grant Longmore, Leo Roath and Stan Reed. The Tulelake Kiwanis held Ladies Night in conjunction with the installation.

KLAMATH BASIN	
POTATO SHIPMENTS	
Shipped Today	Same Day Last Year
60 cars	57 cars
Total For Season	
4762 cars	5578 cars
1953-54	1952-53



V. J. JOSEPHSON retired following 35 years of continuous service with the Great Northern recently and last night was honored by a banquet held at Jen-Eds. He came to Klamath Falls with the GN in 1928, served less than a year as cashier and was then named agent. He is shown here (left) with Mrs. Josephson, E. F. Oviatt, GN superintendent, admiring the watch which was presented the outgoing agent, and M. W. Foster, new agent. Foster, a GN man for some 20 years, has been in Klamath Falls the entire time and was recently a telegrapher.

Heavy Rain Falls Over Coastal Area

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS A normally mild winter day was over Oregon Wednesday. The northwest corner remained unusually wet, though, and there were patches of local fog in the southern interior of Western Oregon.



PAYDAY and big smiles were in order at Superior-Troy laundry this morning when the photographer caught Estin Kiger and Anna Eccles at the desk.

Nehalem, on the coast in northern Tillamook County, suffered Tuesday from river flooding and lowlands remained under water Wednesday. And to the north, Astoria continued to be soaked by persisting rain that in 24 hours measured 2.22 inches. Elsewhere in the state the sun came through the clouds in many areas. Temperatures were moderate.

COLDEST POINT

Early Wednesday the coldest point reported by the Weather Bureau was Burns at 26 degrees. In far Eastern Oregon at Baker the minimum was 36 degrees. The rain was heavy northward from Astoria. It slackened to the south and Newport, on the Central Oregon coast, had only .13 of an inch in the 12 hours to 4:30 a. m. In that same period, Astoria had 1.10.

Nehalem's flooding stemmed from a combination of rain, wind and tide. At the peak of the tide Tuesday a high wind joined in backing up the Nehalem River. Water at that time closed the main street and just to prove it could be done, Ken Dillard, a logger, scooted along it in his boat. FLOODED The store at the corner where the Coast Highway comes down from Mantoloking and turns on Main Street, had 7 1/2 inches of water in it Tuesday. But Wednesday it was dry again and there was no water on the street. Lowland farms, though, were flooded and from Nehalem across the river to the mountains was an unending lake. The rise was not unexpected and there were no reports of livestock losses. Nehalem Wednesday was getting only moderate, intermittent rains and the wind had lessened.

Canada Cold Hits Midwest

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Northerly winds blew another batch of arctic air from Canada into the upper Mississippi Valley Wednesday and temperatures dropped below zero in North Dakota and Minnesota. The cold air headed southeastward into northern sections of Illinois and Indiana. However, readings in most other parts of the country continued above seasonal levels. It was 8 degrees below zero early Wednesday in Grand Forks, N.D., -4 at Alexandria, Minn., and zero at Billings, Mont. Light snow or snow flurries fell through most of Michigan, southward through Ohio and West Virginia and eastward through New York State, Pennsylvania and Southern New England. New falls generally were 1 to 2 inches. The only other wet spot Wednesday morning was Western Washington where rain continued. Falls during the past 24 hours measure nearly 2 inches at Astoria, Ore., and nearly 1 inch at Seattle. Skies were mostly cloudy over the northern half of the country and generally clear in the southern half.

Four Charged In Reuther Murder Try; Police Crack Case After 5 Year Hunt

DETROIT (AP)—Charging four persons with assault with intent to kill and conspiracy, police Wednesday cracked open the five year old attempted assassination of CIO President Walter Reuther. Wayne County Exec. Gerald K. O'Brien and Detroit Police Commissioner Donald Leonard announced the charges and the arrest of two of the four at 5:30 a.m. (EST). "I am convinced the shooting of Walter Reuther in 1948 has been solved," O'Brien said. He said a similar attempt on the life of Victor Reuther, brother of Walter in 1949, is still a mystery. Arrested were: Carl Renda, 35, a key witness at the Kefauver committee hearing in Detroit. Clarence Jacobs, 48, of Tecumseh, Ont., who once jumped bond when accused of illegal entry into the United States. Also named in the warrant was Peter Lombardo, 50, already serving sentence at the Terre Haute, Ind., federal penitentiary. The fourth person named in warrants issued Tuesday by Recorder's Judge John P. O'Hara, was Santo (Sam) Perrone, 55, father-in-law of Renda and a frequently questioned suspect accused by the Kefauver committee of being "a gang-leading strike breaker and enemy of organized labor." Perrone is being sought by police, O'Brien said he was convinced Perrone was "in Detroit" within the last 24 hours. The warrant naming the four also had four "John Does" indicating further arrests in the assassination attempt against Reuther. O'Brien did not give out full details of the arrests and filing of the charges. "We have evidence as to what actually happened. This is the solution but it may go further. There may be other involvements."

The warrants against the four men and the "John Does" contained two criminal counts. One charged assault with intent to murder, and the other conspiracy to assault with intent to murder. The attempted killing of Walter Reuther—and the attempt also on the life of his brother Victor a little more than a year later—defied years of investigation. Each of the two CIO unionists was shot at his home by a would-be assassin who fired a shotgun through the window. Whether it was the same man on both occasions police could never say. Reuther was shot April 20, 1948. Victor was shot May 24, 1949. Walter lost part of the use of an arm as a result. Victor was blinded in one eye. At the time Walter blamed "Communists, management or a crackpot." Nothing came out of theory. Walter Reuther's top union job then was the presidency of the CIO United Auto Workers. He is still UAW president. Within the past two years Walter has also become president of the CIO.

Rustler On Wanted List

WASHINGTON (AP)—Chester Lee Davenport, 31, a cattle rustler who has repeatedly escaped from police in the Southwest, was added Wednesday to the FBI's list of "10 Most Wanted Men."

Davenport made his latest break last July 4 from the Oklahoma State Reformatory at Granville, where he was serving 25 years for disarming and robbing an Oklahoma police officer in 1951. The fugitive is of medium height, stocky, and has brown hair and eyes. He has a scar on his left forehead, and a tattoo of a nude woman on his left forearm. He often wears expensive cowboy clothes. He goes on the "Most Wanted" list as a replacement for Thomas E. Dickerson, convicted robber sought for a series of holdups in the Washington, D.C., area and captured by FBI agents at Verdunville, W. Va., on Dec. 21.

No Trust Here, Also, No Teeth

GALLUP, N. M. (AP)—A Navajo woman from Springstead trading Post, Ariz., lost her false teeth recently at a Gallup bus depot. She advertised for the teeth on a Navajo language program, offering a reward. Sure enough, a set was found. Now the problem is that the finder refuses to ship the teeth to the loser until she sends him the reward. The loser declines to send the reward until she tries out the teeth. Maybe it can be settled by the time corn on the cob is again in season.

Xmas Tree Fire Touched Off

PORTLAND (AP)—The Hollywood Boosters, an East Side community group, was all set for its annual burning of Christmas trees Wednesday night. The burning came off all right—but ahead of schedule. Pranksters got into Holladay Bowl, where the trees were piled, and started a fire early Wednesday morning. Within seconds a mountain of evergreens was blazing. The flames leaped skyward 100 feet. Usually thousands watch the spectacular tree burning. But this time only a few firemen and policemen were on hand.

MYSTERY

LONDON (AP)—The Bank of England was reported Wednesday has given birth to twins. A Newcastle business man who declined to permit the use of his name said two new one pound notes he received when he cashed a check at his bank recently bore the same serial number—R24A25958.

Bonney Named To Combined Recreation, Park Position

Another step toward consolidation of energies was taken with the appointments of Bob Bonney as park and recreation director; Bert Stott as Moore Park superintendent. The move was discussed at the regular monthly park board-recreation committee meeting Tuesday, and was accepted almost unanimously. Mayor Paul Landry, chairman of the park board, says the move was made "in the interest of trying to get more out of the people's dollar." Park and recreation money will be kept separate, but equipment and manpower will be pooled. Bonney's new position will be on a trial basis only, for one year, beginning Jan. 1 with a \$50 increase in pay. His salary will be paid by both departments, \$300 from the recreation department; \$150 from the park department. Bonney came to Klamath Falls Dec. 10, 1950, as recreation director. Highlight of his career, he says, is the successful bond election for the Municipal Swimming Pool. Bonney has also done extensive work in promoting planned city recreation among young people and adults in Klamath Falls. He considers the new job consolidation "a step forward" since through closer cooperation and collaboration between the recreation and park departments, the city will be able to dispense better service to the community. Primarily, the local recreation program has been one of improvement and development of facilities to carry out a recreation program, and utilization of other facilities, such as the schools, at the disposal of the department. The new park and recreation director is also director of the Northwest district advisory committee of the National Recreation Assn., and is on the recreation committee of the governor's committee on children and youth.



BOB BONNEY

mously by the group. Formerly, Bonney was employed as recreation director and Stott as park superintendent. The new arrangements will make Bonney responsible for all park and recreation work as an administrative officer, since the objectives are the same. Stott, who has for many years demonstrated an avid interest in Moore Park and in animal

NO LUCK

was the sad tale of T. A. Ensor yesterday when the Herald and News cameraman caught the Chelsea man trying his fishing skill on the Upper Lake. Cold weather, snow, ice and all the rest of the obstacles don't seem to faze the rugged fishing clan.

Day's News

Hopeful note in the news: U.S. assistant secretary of state Walter Robertson and Admiral Arthur Radford, chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, are back from Korea and say they are confident recent peace negotiations will be resumed. They also believe the release of Korean war prisoners will be accomplished on January 23 without trouble.

That is hopeful, if true, because it indicates that the commies can get no nourishment in continuing to war in Korea. We must remember that it takes two to make a war and (barring total defeat on one side) it also takes two to stop a war.

Financial note: There was still a shade of uncertainty in the stock market here. New York exchange closed last morning following two days of advancing prices.

The hog market opened at an advance pace in Chicago this morning. Prices were \$1.00 to \$1.25 higher, with an early top of \$26.60. Cattle were steady to slightly higher in the early trade.

Who is that interesting enough to read? If people are hopeful about the bid up prices it indicates that they think the country isn't in a rut. Personally, I'm pretty sure that what the people think is do in this year of readjustment of our economy is more important than what the crystal ball seers tell us.

Brakevelt Death Learned

A resident of Klamath Falls since 1926, Gustaf Joseph Brakevelt, owner of the West Klamath Grocery on the Keno Highway died Jan. 5 at Hillside Hospital following a brief illness. He was 64-years-old and a native of Belgium.

Mr. Brakevelt came to this country in 1910 and in 1917 enlisted in the U. S. Army, serving two years at San Diego training carrier pigeons for the service. He was identified with the lumber industry for 18 years in this locality, and 14 years ago purchased the business he was operating at the time of his death. He also has farmed in the Keno district for 10 years. He was a member of Sacred Heart Church.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Verna Brakevelt, Klamath Falls; one daughter, Marguerite Brakevelt, Salt Lake City; four sisters, Bertha Slambroek, Detroit, Mich.; Eliza Pieters, Portland, Marie De Roest and Emerance Calway, Belgium, and one brother, Alfons Brakevelt, David City, Neb. O'Hair's Memorial Chapel is in charge of funeral services to be announced later.

Ewauna Mill Site Fire Threatens

City firemen were called to the site of the old Ewauna mill at the edge of Lake Ewauna early this morning where a fire had started near the boiler room of the old plant. The fire apparently started in oil-soaked sawdust from an electric cutting torch which was used by workmen in dismantling the old plant. The property was purchased recently by the Modoc Lumber Co., from the Hercules Powder Co.

Weather

FORECAST — Klamath Falls and vicinity: Partly cloudy and mild through Wednesday night; cloudy and cooler Thursday with occasional showers. Low Wednesday night 32; high Thursday 40. High yesterday 46 Low last night 27 Precip last 24 hours .0 Precip Oct. 1 6.31 Normal for period 5.94 Same period last year 5.51

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