

# HEAVY SPRING STORMS HIT U.S.

## In The Day's News

**By FRANK JENKINS**  
I'm intrigued this morning by the case of the Portland drug store owner who was beaten and robbed by a couple of thugs last night. They slugged him with a sap until he blacked out and then skipped with \$85 and his watch.

But, you say, THERE'S A LAW against things like that.

True enough. But there was no cop around at the moment to enforce the law, so the poor devil got slugged and robbed in his own establishment just the same as if there had been no law.

That brings in Sir Winston Churchill, who spoke out strongly in the house of commons this morning in favor of continued U.S. H-bomb experiments in the Pacific. In his husky and convincing voice, he said that U.S. possession of this potent weapon provides the greatest possible deterrent against a third world war.

The British Labor party had demanded that as Britain's premier he try to persuade the United States to go no farther with the hydrogen bomb—thus turning over to Russia a MONOPOLY of further progress in the development of thermonuclear weapons.

Churchill, being a REALIST, refused to buy any such bill of goods.

A lot of estimable (but fuzzy-minded) people think wishfully that if we would quit monkeying with atom and hydrogen bombs Russia would do likewise. That isn't just "modern" thinking. It's very ancient. One of the oldest of our proverbs (proverbs, you know, are salty truths distilled out of centuries of practical human experience) goes something like: "It wishes were horses, all beggars would ride."

Unfortunately, wishes AREN'T!

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## Cold Weather Hits Oregon

**By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**  
Mid-winter temperatures chilled Oregon again Tuesday morning. Prineville's 8 degrees was the second lowest reading of the year there.

As on Monday, when sub-freezing hit most of the state, there was little report of damage, most of that being confined to the apricot crop.

Farmers at Prineville pointed out that the ground surface is dry so there is a minimum of heaving from alternate freezing and thawing. It is that action which damages crops by exposing roots, when ground surface is moist.

All of Central Oregon felt the extreme cold. Bend reported 11 degrees and so did Redmond.

The few reporting stations which were above freezing for the morning minimum report were Brookings, 41; Medford, 35; North Bend, 36; and downtown Portland, 34. The Portland airport by contrast was 24.

The weather bureau forecast continuing cold.

## Labor Lobbyist Plans Retirement

**PORTLAND** — Kelley Lee, labor lobbyist at legislative sessions since 1921, will retire March 31 as assistant secretary of the Oregon State Federation of Labor.

A member of the Typographical Union, he established small town newspapers at a number of locations in his youth and after getting them started, sold out and moved on. He reached Portland in 1918 and stayed here.

# Klamath Falls News

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## Crater Lake Lodge Gets New Owners

By RUTH KING

Crater Lake Lodge, famous from coast to coast, has been sold by R. W. Price, Portland, to Harry C. and Harry W. Smith, father and son, restaurant owners of Spokane. The change of ownership was confirmed this week. The new owners, will be on hand with Price, to open the resort, June 15. The amount of the sale was not announced.

Price gave poor health as the reason for selling the lodge and concessions, owned since 1921. His share of the hotel ownership was more than 90 per cent. Identity of the minority stockholder was not disclosed.

The original frame building, on the rim of the crater, with a sweeping view of the lake, was built by R. N. Parkhurst in 1920 when much of the travel to the scenic spot was still by horse and rig. The building was enlarged by Price in 1923.

The lodge building has 150 sleeping rooms, a huge lobby, with one of the largest fireplaces in Oregon, a restaurant and gift shop. Included in the sale contract, also, are 300 individual cabins around the perimeter of the property, the separate cafeteria building boat concession and bus lines that operate between the lodge, Medford and Klamath Falls daily during the season, June 15 to September 15. There are two sight-seeing launches on the lake and a number of fishing craft.

Mrs. C. W. Fyock, Klamath Falls is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Price. The family lived at the lodge each summer and Mrs. Fyock recalls many of the celebrities who have visited the lake, John D. Rockefeller Jr., Eleanor Roosevelt, ex-President Herbert Hoover, Jack Benny, and many others who have known Mr. Price personally.

Registrations at the park, the year that Price became owner, reached 16,000. In 1953 the number totaled 375,000.

## Walter Pierce Services Held

**SALEM** — Walter Marcus Pierce was laid to rest Tuesday after a short, simple funeral service attended by 50 of his relatives and intimate friends and neighbors.

The private service consisted of a eulogy and Bible readings by Dr. Paul N. Poling, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church.

Pierce, who died Saturday night at the age of 92 and whose 50 years in Congress and the governor's chair, was interred in Mt. Crest Abbey mausoleum.

Dr. Poling used a statement by Pierce as the basis for his eulogy. This statement was that "the days of my life have been long and richly filled."

He spoke of Pierce's life as being "a center of learning," and of his "thirst for righteousness and his courage."

"Many lives of our citizens deserve strength and encouragement from his life, which was well spent and faithfully lived," Dr. Poling said.

## Hydrogen Bomb 'Unbelievable' by Wilson

WASHINGTON — Secretary of Defense Wilson Tuesday described the results of the recent hydrogen tests as "unbelievable."

At the same time, Chairman Lewis L. Strauss of the Atomic Energy Commission said he saw no reason for concern over the unexpected force of the monster March 1 hydrogen explosion.

Strauss, just back from the Pacific atomic testing grounds, made the statement to newsmen at the White House after conferring with President Eisenhower for an hour.

The AEC chairman gave the President an eye-witness account of the latest hydrogen explosion in the Pacific area, touched off last Friday, and also reported on the shattering March 1 blast.

"Is there any reason for concern over the unexpected force of the first (March 1) test?" a reporter asked him.

"I haven't any," Strauss replied.

A member of Congress has suggested that that explosion got out of control. The President himself told a news conference last week that something must have happened at the March 1 test that surprised and astonished the scientists who conducted it.

Strauss witnessed the hydrogen explosion which the Atomic Energy Commission announced Monday night was touched off last Friday. He was not on hand for the March 1 explosion, but presumably got a detailed report on it while he was in the Pacific testing area.

To a barrage of questions about the nature of his report to Eisenhower, Strauss replied:

"I won't have anything further to say now."

Asked then whether that meant

## Mother of the Year Named

**SALEM** — Mrs. Virginia M. Kleiser, Portland, mother of three children and active in many school and service organizations, is Oregon's Mother of the Year. Gov. Paul L. Patterson announced Monday.

She is past president of the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers; state commander of the Oregon division of the American Cancer Society; past president of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers; state parliamentarian of the American Legion Auxiliary; parliamentarian of the Portland Federation of Women's Clubs; and a vice president of the Oregon League for Nursing.

Her children are a daughter, Mrs. Clark Spurrlock, Portland; a son, William, with the Commercial Bank in Newberg; and another son, Kenneth, a teacher at Lincoln High School, Portland.

She is a member of the First Unitarian Church, Portland. Her husband is a retired teacher, and now is in the building supplies business.

## Weather

**FORECAST**—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Fair through Wednesday. High Wednesday 45, low Tuesday 22.

High yesterday 35  
Low last night 17  
Precip last 24 hours 1.86  
Since Oct. 1 11.86  
Same period last year 11.65  
Normal for period 9.34

## Flaming Plane Hits Mess Hall

**FT. BRAGG, N. C.** — A burning C-119 plane, carrying nine men, crashed into a mess hall here Tuesday. The Air Force reported at least six men died and 12 were injured.

The big C-119 plane, trailing smoke from its left engine, had just taken off from adjacent Pope Air Force Base for Louisville, Ky.

Witnesses said the pilot apparently was trying to land on a parade field when the plane struck the top of officers' quarters, snapped off a power pole, skidded across the parade ground and crashed through the mess hall.

The mess hall burst into flames. The 9th Air Force PIO said seven of the victims were in the mess hall when the plane crashed about 9:50 a.m.

The plane was attached to the 37th Troop Carrier Squadron at Sewart Air Force Base, Tenn. It carried an Air Force crew of four and five Army men, some of them members of the 82nd Airborne Division's paratroop maintenance company at Ft. Bragg.

## Dad's Group Holds Meeting

Four recommendations concerning the coaching situation at Klamath Union High School were presented to the school board by the Dad's Advisory Committee in a joint meeting of the two groups last night.

Ed Bell, chairman of the committee, submitted the ideas that were brought up and discussed in the committee's Friday night meetings.

Scott Warren, school board chairman, told the group that the board would take the recommendations into consideration at a future board meeting.

The ideas that were submitted are: 1. The head coach in each sport should have the responsibility for the program in all four of the high school grades.

2. The head coach in football and basketball should be given a three year contract.

3. The coach in charge of each squad should be responsible for discipline in his group.

4. Consideration should be given to making adjustments in the present established salary schedule for coaches and assistants.

The purpose of the first proposal is to let the head coach recommend what type of football program is to be carried on in the high school.

Proposal number two would permit the coach to develop and perfect his system over a period of time.

The idea behind the third recommendation is that it would give the coaches a freer hand.

Besides the recommendation of the above proposals, the committee and the school board discussed the selection of a head football coach. Nothing definite was decided, but another meeting of the committee is scheduled for the high school tonight.

The members of the committee consist of: Lloyd Prock, Herbert Munsell, Harry Todd, Earl Ticheonor, Walt Guyer, Dr. Boyd Sprague, Burge Mason, Rex Davis, John Schubert, Louis Faucher, G. C. Guphill, C. K. Wells, Rev. E. M. Causey, J. H. Schulze and Ed Bell the group chairman.

## Body Found in Lost R. Canal

The body of James Richard Wood, 48-year-old Klamath Falls fuel puncher, was pulled from the Lost River diversion canal shortly before noon Tuesday.

According to Sheriff Murray Britton, a search was started for Wood after his car was found abandoned on a bank of the canal. Britton said he had been missing since Saturday night.

The victim's widow, Pearl Wood, told officers he had been despondent because of ill health.

The body was taken to Ward's Funeral Home for post-mortem examination. Wood was employed by the Consumer's Heating Company.

## Police Chief Spikes Rumors

Persistent rumors that a woman was attacked and her throat cut and that a 13-year-old baby-sitter was attacked by a sex fiend several weeks ago had died, are unfounded, according to Chief of Police Orville Hamilton.

Where these rumors start, and who keeps spreading them, is not known, Hamilton stated, but denied emphatically that any report of molestation had been reported to his office since the baby-sitter case. The 13-year-old girl is attending school, he concluded.

## Health Group Picks Leaders

Mrs. Earl Sheridan will head the Klamath County Tuberculosis and Health Association for another year. Other members of the executive board, unanimously elected during the annual luncheon meeting at the Winema Hotel Monday, were Mrs. Arthur Anderson, first vice president; Mrs. James Conroy, Malin, secretary and Aaron Boe, treasurer. Mrs. Eric Majors is executive secretary.

Dr. Ambrose S. Churchill, director of the tuberculosis control section of the Oregon State Board of Health, outlined the results of the fight against tuberculosis.

Klamath County reported no deaths in 1953 from the disease and there has been no report of a death to date this year, Dr. Churchill stated. Klamath and Jackson counties are the only two large counties in

the state with a death-free record in the past several months.

The health association is seriously concerned about the cut in federal funds from \$35,000 allotted in other years, to \$17,500 proposed for 1954, the speaker said. The cut will seriously hamper the program that in past years has been responsible for the steady reduction of deaths through early detection of reactors to the disease by skin tests and X-ray, however, Churchill brought out, may not establish T.B. until the disease is in the late stages, possibly up to 2½ years after it has been contracted.

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**SMILING IN THE SUN** this morning for the 9 o'clock photographer were A. E. Hunsaker, 510 North Seventh Street, and George Turner of the same address.

## Seven Killed in B36 Crash

**SPOKANE, Wash.** — Seven of the 10 men aboard were killed yesterday in the flaming crash of a B36 bomber that fell seconds after takeoff and burst into flames.

The plane hit the ground hard just off the runway at Fairchild Air Force Base, skidded through a small construction shed and quickly burned amid towers of dense smoke visible for miles.

The three survivors crawled, stumbled or were thrown to safety. A witness said it was "unbelievable" that anyone could have escaped.

The extent of their injuries couldn't be determined immediately nor could they say exactly how they got out alive. The cause of the crash was a mystery.

Fairchild officials identified six of the dead as: M.Sgt. Heyward B. Davis, Plant City, Fla.; M.Sgt. Frank Res, Ocoee Park, N. Y.

S.Sgt. James E. Ryan, 3035 Harrison, Kansas City; A.C. George W. King, Rt. 1, Hustonville, Ky.

A.C. Richard S. Scalls, 93 Willow St., Waltham, Mass.; A.C. Willard Daniels, Rt. 1, Gilmore Lake, Minong, Wis.

The name of the seventh victim was withheld because of inability to contact kin, the Air Force said.

The survivors were Capt. Walker M. Koller, the aircraft commander; Maj. Virgil L. Westling, the pilot; and 1st Lt. Leroy B. Ross, the engineer. All have their homes here.

The five-million-dollar bomber with six piston and four jet engines was taking off just at sunset on a routine training mission.

Seconds after it left the ground, it veered to the right and crashed. It skidded several hundred feet, went through the shed and came to rest in flames next to a fence near the flight line.

## RETURNING FARMERS

**CENTRAL FRONT, Korea** — Korean farmers began returning Tuesday to a fertile valley in no man's land above the 38th parallel from which they fled after the Communists took over North Korea.

## 12 Deaths Blamed To Late Storm

**BUFFALO, N.Y.** — A foot and a half of snow blundered off the Great Lakes Monday and Tuesday and caused at least 12 deaths in its transport-paralyzing rampage through a large area of New York State.

Many schools were closed. The storm eased up Tuesday morning after moving eastward across the state during the night. The fall at Buffalo was measured officially at 14 inches, with drifts up to three feet in some areas. Up to 17½ inches were reported in some sections.

To the east, at Old Forge and Alder Creek in the Adirondack Mountains, 16 to 18 inches fell. Sixteen inches covered Rochester. Syracuse had 13 inches. The weatherman said the snowfall in the eastern sector would not exceed four inches.

A transit system spokesman here described a traffic tie-up during Monday's rush hour as the worst in the city in 15 years.

Most of those who died in the storm suffered heart attacks while shoveling snow.

**By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**  
Windy weather, with snow, sleet and cold, hit wide areas from the Rockies to New England Tuesday.

The fast-moving early spring snow storm which struck the Midwest Monday increased in intensity as it spread northward through the St. Lawrence Valley and into New England.

The falls in the Midwest ranged from 3 to 8 inches but there were 16 inches in Rochester, N.Y., and 18 inches in Washington, N.H.

At least 16 persons lost their lives from causes attributed to the storm. They included eight in Western New York State, five in Toledo, Ohio, and three in Iowa.

The cold Canadian air which moved into the North Central region Monday spread eastward over most of New England and extended southwestward to Central Texas and westward to the Flat-tau region. More cold was in prospect for at least 24 hours for most of the mid-continent and the northeastern section of the country.

Freezing rain, sleet and snow were reported early Tuesday in sections of the upper Ohio River Valley, the lower Great Lakes region and New England. The snowfall at Buffalo, N.Y., measured 13 inches; there were 8 inches on the ground at Jackson and Belle Creek, Mich., and about the same amount in Chicago.

Traffic was slowed by the heavy wet snow in many areas and driving was hazardous in many sections hit by freezing rain storms.

Light to moderate snow fell in the Central Rockies and there was light snow in western sections of the Central Great Plains. Light to moderate rain was reported over most of California extending into northwestern Nevada.

Skies were generally cloudy over the nation except for clear weather over the northern tier of states from Washington eastward to Michigan.

Mild weather prevailed south and east of the cold belt, with moist tropical air covering the southeastern part of the country. It was below zero again Tuesday in Montana. Of 15 weather bureau stations reporting Monday only 6 reported above zero readings. The 10 below zero at Helena was a record low for March 20. The snow at West Yellowstone Park measured up to 4½ inches.

## Livestock Firm Sold

Purchase of 55 per cent of the corporation stock of Klamath Livestock Incorporated, from Bob Rhodes, was announced today by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lowell, owners of the Klamath Packing Company on the old Midland Road.

Lowell, under the change in ownership, will become manager of the operation. Other stockholders are Charles Drew, Jay Fairclaid and Everett Malone, all of Klamath Falls.

The change in ownership, will coincide with closing of the Klamath Packing Company, operated by Mr. and Mrs. Lowell since 1945 as a wholesale meat and custom killing plant. The plant was rebuilt in 1952 following a disastrous fire. The Lowells will continue to operate Lowell's locker plant on Pine Street.

Rhodes was not available at press-time for a statement.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

**BELIZE, British Honduras** — Supporters of British Honduras Peoples United Party cheered and sang Monday night after a special British investigator announced he had confirmed only two-thirds of the government's charges linking the party with neighboring Guatemala's leftist regime.

## KLAMATH BASIN POTATO SHIPMENTS

Shipped Today	Same Day Last Year
60 cars	31 cars
Total For Season	
9534 cars	10,467 cars
1953-54	1952-53



**CORNERSTONE CEREMONIES** were observed at the dedication of the new Lake County Courthouse; the old courthouse is in the background at right. Left to right: County Commissioner C. W. "Jim" Ogles; County Judge J. R. Hecman; Commissioner E. M. "Bo" Carlon; Governor Patterson; V. W. McCormack, Pendleton, contractor; Murdo Morrison, Klamath Falls, architect; Forrest E. Cooper, Lakeview attorney, master of ceremonies.

**DR. AMBROSE S. CHURCHILL**, Oregon State Board of Health visitor, conferred Monday with Mrs. Eric Majors, center, executive secretary here and Mrs. Earl Sheridan, re-elected secretary during the luncheon meeting at the Winema Hotel.

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