

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
Question:
Did somebody mention a threatened water shortage in Southern Oregon and Far Northern California a while back?

Speaking of weather, the teletype contributes this one this morning:
Weather men will try during the clouds with dry ice next year in an effort to steer hurricanes away from populated areas or out to sea. The idea is the latest worked out by a special study group set up to cope with weather problems of this sort.

At first thought, it sounds wonderful. But —
That's a lot of POWER for human hands to hold. On second thought, it half gives one the shivers.

Let's turn to something simpler and more comforting than the power HELD IN HUMAN HANDS to control a hurricane and steer it away from a big city — possibly into villages whose people value their lives as much as big city people do — as one steers an automobile away from an obstacle in the road.

Down in the great Central Valleys of California, a while back, they were building a levee to control the flow of water. In the way of the levee, as the engineers had located it, stood a huge old oak tree.

So they cut it down.
The tree was owned by a farmer named George Johnson. He put in a bill for \$500. When the bill came up, before the California state finance department it was held up. Five hundred dollars, the department's experts said, is a LOT OF MONEY for a tree. They called Farmer Johnson in to explain his bill.

He said the tree was worth \$500 because throughout the year, in summer and in winter, it gave shelter from sun and storm for his sheep and his cattle.

He might have added — although the record doesn't indicate that he did — that in the priceless golden years of their childhood his children played under the branches of that spreading old oak tree, and perhaps climbed up into it, as children will, and built playhouses up there in the leafy greenery.

I don't know Mr. Johnson. But if he is in his sixties and following years and his children have grown up and moved away, he must have his memories. These memories must include golden curls blowing in the wind and happy, laughing voices ringing in the air as the children romped and played in the friendly shelter of that ancient tree.

Who can put a price on such memories?
Only the angels, I think, are competent to do so.

At any rate, the bill for the tree was referred by the state finance department to the state reclamation board and the reclamation board has just voted to go out on a limb and see to it that Mr. Johnson gets \$500 for his tree.

George Lodi, of Arbutus, a member of the reclamation board, put it this way: "I don't think there is any doubt we all feel that Johnson is entitled to the \$500."
I think Mr. Lodi must have children of his own — and maybe grandchildren.

Army Estimates Crest Reduction

PORTLAND (AP) — The upstream dams in the Willamette Basin Flood Control Project have cut from three to six feet of the Willamette River crest this time, Army Engineers estimated Wednesday.

Lookout Point, Cottage Grove and Dorena reservoirs kept the crest at Eugene to 7 feet below normal, been 12 feet without the dams, Col. Jackson Graham, Portland district engineer, said.
He said the indicated peak is 14.5 feet at Harrisburg, about three feet under what it would have been without the dams.

Chiloquin Church Plans Festival

CHILOQUIN — The Bible Standard Church will hold its annual Christmas party Friday at 7:30 p. m. in the church.

Children of the church will give recitations followed by a play "Christmas Harvests." The cast of the play is Naomi Johnson, Diane Jensen, the Rev. L. E. McClain, Lena Molman, Daniel Johnson and Sherry Gerbert.

Treats will be served the children following the play and there will be caroling afterward. The public is invited.

Klamath Base Bids Called

Sealed bids are now being accepted by the Navy for construction of a six-bed infirmary at the Klamath Falls Air Force Base. Bids may be submitted to Capt. J. R. Davis, CEO, USN, 13th Naval District Public Works Officer, in building 222 U. S. Naval Station, Seattle. They will be opened there at 2 p. m., January 6, 1956.

Specification No. 49223 and other bidding data and information may be obtained on application to the District Public Works Officer with deposit of a check for \$20.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Mostly cloudy with rainy periods through Friday, High Friday 33; low Thursday night 43.

High yesterday 48
Low last night 43
Ed Note: Due to press of work in the USBR office here, figures on the latest amount of rainfall for the past 24 hours and total figure to date are unobtainable.



"UNDER THE CHRISTMAS TREE," an all-school play was presented December 19 by students of the Roosevelt School. Scenes were directed by teachers of the first, second and third grades. Front row in the nativity scene are Lynn Sanders, Kathy Kitzel, Richard Francis and Ronnie Whitney. Back row, same order are Larry Whitney, Shelley O'Neill and Alan Mushen.

Washington On Delaware Painting Rises In Favor

WASHINGTON CROSSING, Pa. — The painting which dramatizes America's own Christmas story — Washington's crossing of the Delaware in 1776 — enjoys high favor again, historians say, after a long lapse into neglect and even ridicule.

"For the first 100 years after the event, on that Christmas night

Lake Grange Holds Session

SUMMER LAKE — Grange No. 554 met in regular session Saturday evening, December 17, a week earlier than the regular meeting date which fell on Christmas Eve.

A hot potluck supper was served at 6:30 p. m. and the attendance was good.
In the business meeting, Les Elder reported on the subject of telephone service for this area, which is still remote.

Glenn Harvey, the new insurance agent, spoke on grange insurance. Cards furnished the evening entertainment.

It was voted to sponsor a New Years Eve public dance. The District Dudes will furnish the music.

Last Chamber Meeting Held

Outgoing president of the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce, Don Addison presided at the last meeting of the year for the directors of the chamber Wednesday noon at the Winema Hotel.

Addison praised the work of the directors and committeemen who worked under him this past year.
He also lauded the untiring efforts of the permanent staff of the chamber's offices headed by Manager R. Frank Tucker. Addison will be succeeded as president of the chamber in 1956 by Warren Bennett.

Babies To Be Footprinted

BERKELEY (UP)—The Department of Public Health Thursday announced that after Jan. 1 babies born in hospitals will have their footprints recorded on their birth certificates which also will carry the fingerprints of the mothers.

The object of the identification process, approved by the Legislature, is to avoid mixups of newborn infants in hospitals and to deter attempts of circumventing adoption laws through fraudulent registration.

Babies born in hospitals will have their footprints and their mother's fingerprints recorded before leaving the delivery room. Infants born outside of hospitals will record prints as soon as possible.

Ford Stock Orders Pile Up

NEW YORK (AP) — The complex financial machinery to bring the public into ownership of Ford Motor Co. stock for the first time in history rolls into high gear today.

While the Securities and Exchange Commission studied the comprehensive registration statement filed by the company yesterday, brokers reported orders piling up from regular customers and people who have never owned a share of stock. All Wall Street agreed that there wouldn't be enough shares to meet demand — although the Ford Foundation, which is selling the shares, has boosted the number to be offered from seven million to 10,200,000.

Tule Grangers Hold Dinner

TULELAKE — Tulelake grangers met for their annual Christmas dinner and get-together December 19 in the grange hall. Turkeys for the dinner were furnished the grange by the Copeland Lumber Yard, a yearly gift to the grange.

Mrs. Leonard Meshke, lecturer, presented the following program: welcome by the master, Delbert Scott, The Christmas Story from Luke 2, by Ricky Prenger, The Innkeeper's Story, Carol McAnulty, a recitation, Giving Time, Beth Prenger, piano solo, Richard N. Flynn, song, Jingle Bells, Kenneth Meshke, piano solos, Polonaise and Silent Night, Richard Flynn, tap dance number, Herbie Kirby, Medley of Christmas songs, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Meshke, with Dorothy Meshke at the piano; Santa's Helper, Ricky Prenger; Christmas Songs, Willie, Johnnie and Steve Bailey; reading, Calories, Beth Prenger; record numbers, Anthony Porinoff; monologue, Mrs. L. Meshke.

Christmas carols were sung by the young people present, Nancy Horn, Richard Flynn and Albert Scott. A play, Christmas Gift, Mrs. Meshke and Mrs. Turnbull sang Jingle Bells, piano solo, C. Sharp Minor, by Dorothy Meshke.

Santa arrived for distribution of gifts to the children.

Assembly Church To Hear Guests

Two guest speakers will occupy the pulpit at the Assembly of God Church, Eighth and Oak, on Christmas Sunday. At the morning service, 11 a. m., the Rev. Evin Hess will be the speaker, Christmas music will be featured at both services.

The evening speaker at the 7:30 o'clock service, will be Van Cummings, who has been attending Bethany Bible College in Santa Cruz, California for the past three years.

Shasta Hospital Directors Named

MOUNT SHASTA — Directors of the newly formed corporation of the Mount Shasta Community Hospital were named last week.

Dr. H. L. Vidricksen, Weed, was elected president with Dr. D. D. Tolstov, Dunsmuir, as vice president and Dr. P. W. Martin, Mount Shasta, secretary-treasurer.

Named to the board were Ove P. Nielsen, Mount Shasta and Dr. D. McKean, Yreka, William Everett Smith, A. E. Yreka, was named administrator.

Registered nurses who will serve on the staff will include, Mrs. Virginia Ramshaw, Mount Shasta, Mrs. Patricia Healey, Weed; Mrs. Dorothy Stansbury, and Mrs. Ruby Spannaus, Mount Shasta.

The Mount Shasta Hospital will officially open Sunday, January 1, under the non-profit corporation setup.

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Chile Drinks 'Monkey Tails'

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP)—Egmont? Oh, no. Tom and Jerry? Nope. Yule Punch? Not down here. For Christmas in Chile it's cold monkey tail for everybody.

No observance of the holiday is thinkable without it. Monkey's tail (colo de mono) is a beverage composed of coffee, milk, egg and high grade alcohol distilled from grape juice. It comes bottled and nobody knows how it got its name.

The drink is served cold because the Christmas season is the middle of summer in Chile.
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For Christmas dinner, the traditional main dish is lobster brought from the Juan Fernandez Islands, 400 miles out in the Pacific Ocean.
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A more special feast is curanto, an Araucanian Indian dish prepared from a recipe probably 1,000 years old. It is cooked in deep pits dug in sand. These pits are lined with scented herbs and leaves, then filled with layers of eggs, fowl, fish, clams, oysters, mutton, beef, pork and every available vegetable. Hot stones are tossed on top of the ingredients and the whole thing is covered tightly.

Whole wheelbarrows of the finished product are wheeled to the guests at long plank tables set up outdoors. No one ever has been known to partake lightly of curanto.

Teacher Receives 'Mary Christmas'

LAWRENCEVILLE, Ill. (AP)—With the approach of Christmas, a Lawrenceville high school teacher gets more than her usual number of greetings.

She is Mary Christmas, a business instructor at the high school for the last three years.

More than 100 students attending her five classes greet her this week as "Mary Christmas," not Miss Christmas.

Miss Christmas, 36, said she was named after her grandmother, Grace and Mary. "Mary just happened to come first," she said.

Eisenhowers Give Presents to White House Employees

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Teams Visit Hospital

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Don't ever get the idea that a hospital for crippled children is always a place of sadness, it isn't.
It's doubtful whether there was any place in the country with any more genuine happiness Thursday than the Shrine's Crippled Children's Hospital here.

Two wards full of youngsters with twisted arms, legs, spines and feet cheered with glee as they were visited by two squads of college football stars. And as they chattered about their families, their books and dolls, their pets at home.

There wasn't a tear shed in the place. The football players, members of the East and West squads who will meet in the 31st annual Shrine Game Dec. 31 at Kezar Stadium, had as much fun as the kids.

Each player on both squads had a special "buddy" in the spacious wards. The player's name and the youngster's, typed on cards, were attached to the individual beds. The school colors of each player — lemon yellow and green for Oregon's Lon Stiner, maize and blue for Michigan's Tony Brancif, scarlet and gray for Ohio State's Howard Cassidy, Frank Moschinsky and Ken Yargo—decorated the beds of each buddy. The little girls wore the colors in their neatly combed hair, the boys sported appropriate sweaters.

The day said one of the floor nurses, is the highlight of the year for the young patients.
"It's even beats Christmas," she said.

KF Lighting Winner Told

Felix Peace, 2331 Garden Avenue, was picked as winner of the lawn scene and as grand prize winner in the Klamath County Junior Chamber of Commerce Christmas Lighting Contest, announced Harold Howard, chairman of the event.

The winner of the roof scene was Charles Bane, 3110 South Elm Street, Frank Robinson, 2555 Eberlein, was picked as the winner of the window scene with Francis McNeal, 2549 Hope Street named as the winner in the door division of the event.

Honorable mention was given to C. D. Groves, 1434 Lakeview, G. B. Leach, 9625 South Elm, and E. J. Lukes, 902 Mitchell.
Judges of the contest were Charles Carlson, Wesley Guiderian and Mrs. Hugh O'Connor.

Weed BPW Gives Food To Needy

WEED — Christmas treats for a holiday basket which will be given to a select family in Weed were contributed by each member of the Weed Business and Professional Women's Club attending the Yuletide meeting held Wednesday night, December 14.

The holiday dinner party-meeting was held at Don's Drive-in and open for the 21 members attending were marked with Christmas favors presented by the president, Mrs. H. C. Strothers, Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, meeting chairman, president.

Singing of Christmas carols and entertainment of games completed the evening festivities.
Mrs. Fay Welch will be chairman of the January meeting.

Shopping Days Left

MALIN — The women of the Eastern Star will serve another quince quince supper in the Masonic Temple Saturday, January 14. Serving will be from 6:30 p. m. through 8:30 p. m. Funds will go to benefit the building fund of the temple.



SHOOTING HOURS
OREGON
December 23
OPEN 7:04 CLOSE 4:39
CALIFORNIA
December 23
OPEN 7:01 CLOSE 4:37

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When trading begins, the old economic forces of supply and demand take over. If you want to sell, you'll get whatever price is bid for the shares. If you want to buy, you'll have to pay the asking price. Whether the price will go up or down when the public offering has been completed, no one can say.

The over-the-counter market is maintained by brokers buying and selling for their own account or as brokers for others. Securities traded over the counter usually are those not listed on any exchange.

It's expected that around March 1, the shares will be admitted to trading on the New York Stock Exchange. Normally, a stock opens on the "big board" at around the same level it was selling at in the over-the-counter market.

The big question is what the Ford stock is going to cost. Estimates range from \$55 to \$75 a share. The guess most often heard is around \$60.

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Weed Wage Pact Reached

WEED — An agreement was reached this week between the Long-Bell Lumber Company, Weed division, and Lumber & Sawmill Workers union, Local 2907, resulting in a wage increase for some 1,000 employees, it was announced this morning by John Mantle, local Long-Bell manager.

The wage increase ranges from five cents to 15 cents an hour and averages 8 1/2 cents for employees covered by the contract, Mantle said. The contract runs to January 1, 1957.

No extra vacation privileges were included in the Weed contract, according to Mantle, because a change in vacation schedules had been granted about a month ago. It allows 60 days instead of 30 days loss of time in eligibility for earned vacation time.

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Ike, Mamie Greet New Grandchild

WASHINGTON (AP) — President and Mrs. Eisenhower, newly four-time grandparents, handed out Christmas presents to about 700 White House employees at a reception Thursday.

A 7 pound, 2 ounce daughter was born Wednesday to Mrs. Barbara Eisenhower, wife of Maj. John Eisenhower, son of President and Mrs. Eisenhower. The nation's first family now includes three granddaughters and a grandson, all children of the major and his wife.

Arrival of the new granddaughter dispelled uncertainty over some details of the White House Christmas plans but still undecided was the President's post-Christmas travel schedule.

President Eisenhower's Christmas gift to White House employees was a copy of one of his own paintings of his favorite fishing spot in Colorado.

The painting, regarded as one of the best the President has done is a winter scene of St. Louis Creek which flows through Byers Peak ranch, owned by his close friend Axel Anderson of Fraser, Colo.

The President did the painting from a photograph of the scene. He started work on it at Fraser a little more than a week before his Sept. 24 heart attack while Nielsen's guest. He finished it while a patient at Fitzsimmons Army Hospital in Denver after his doctors considered him well enough to resume one of his favorite hobbies.

In addition to the paintings each of the White House staff received a card reading:
EXTEND WISHES
The President and Mrs. Eisenhower wish the best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

The President did not attempt the usual hand shaking with each of his guests but wandered around chatting with them and wishing them his greetings in person.
The Eisenhower's post-Christmas plans. There was some evidence that he might forego for the time being the trip to a warmer climate recommended by his doctors.

White House Press Secretary James H. Doolittle, questioned again about the matter yesterday, said that if and when there are definite plans for a trip South, he will announce them.

From other sources, it was learned that Eisenhower may call off the tentatively scheduled trip. The Eisenhower's post-Christmas plans. There was some evidence that he might forego for the time being the trip to a warmer climate recommended by his doctors.

Malin Church Sets Services

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The younger Eisenhowers — he now is stationed at nearby Ft. Belvoir, Va. — have three other children: David, 7, Barbara, Anne, 6, and Susan, 3.

Later today Eisenhower planned to preside over a meeting of the National Security Council, top strategy planning group in the government.



JAMES THORNTON, 4506 Laverne Street, left, and Mrs. Tim Murphy look over the Christmas decorations in the office of the Fremont Junior High School for the benefit of the 9 o'clock photography. Thornton is a math instructor at the school and Mrs. Murphy is a secretary.

SHOPPING DAYS LEFT
Help Fight TB
Buy Christmas Seals