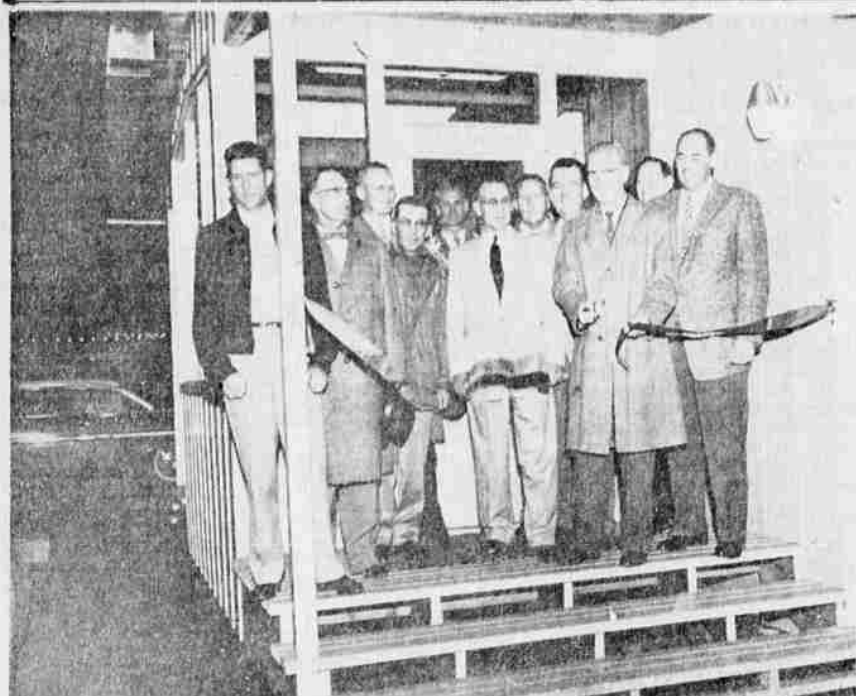




NEW CHEVY CENTER was officially opened Friday night when County Judge Charlie Mack snipped the ribbon leading to the six-room sales building on the giant lot as officials looked on. The new facility, constructed by George Dugan and Bob Mest, local Chevrolet dealers, covers more than 26,000 square feet, and is the largest outdoor retail auto display area in Southern Oregon. Nearly 600 100-watt bulbs (60,000 watts) will light the area after dark. The lot will display both new and used cars and trucks in the same open area. The Chevy Center is located in the 500 block on South Sixth Street.

Flood Control Meeting Set

SALEM (AP)—The Willamette Basin Project Committee will meet here Dec. 9 to discuss irrigation and flood control projects.

Among proposals to be submitted by counties is one for construction of five dams on the South Santiam River to provide some 535,000-acre feet of flood control storage.

Other matters to come up will include projects on the McKenzie River and its tributaries, water shortages in such counties as Benton, Polk and Yamhill, and water deficiencies elsewhere.

All reports will be forwarded to the Corps of Engineers.

One of the main speakers will be Col. Walter L. Winegar, the Portland district Army engineer. Dr. A. L. Strand, president of Oregon State College, will address a luncheon meeting.

E. Simpson Dies At 62

LONDON (AP)—Ernest Simpson, who lost his wife to King Edward VIII, died Sunday after a long illness. He was 62.

Simpson was the second husband of Wallis Warfield, the duchess of Windsor, who divorced him in 1937 and then married Edward VIII after he abdicated.

A successful and wealthy shipping broker, Simpson kept out of the limelight after his divorce from "Wallis" Simpson and refused offers of up to 100,000 pounds (\$200,000) to publish his memoirs.

He had suffered from a throat ailment for more than a year and had been hospitalized two weeks ago. His fourth wife, the former Mrs. Avril Leveson-Gower, was with him when he died in London's Middlesex Hospital.

Simpson was born in New York and had a British father and an American mother. He chose his father's citizenship and served in the Coldstream Guards during World War I.

His first marriage, to Mrs. Dorothy Parsons, ended in divorce in 1928 and he then married Wallis Warfield of Baltimore. After their divorce he married Mrs. Mary Kirk Rattray of Baltimore, a close friend of the duchess, who died in 1941. He married Mrs. Leveson-Gower in 1948.

Simpson and the duchess had remained friends and she sent him a bouquet of flowers during his illness last year.

Portland Demo Given Position

PORTLAND (AP)—Sen. Alfred Corbett (D-Portland) was named chairman of the state Senate Ways and Means Committee Saturday by Sen. Walter J. Pearson (D-Portland), who will be Senate president next session.

Other slated for assignment on the committee are Sen. Ward H. Cook (D-Portland), Edwin R. Durno (R-Medford), Lloyd M. Key (D-Milton-Freewater), Jean L. Lewis (D-Portland), Daniel Thiel (D-Astoria) and Francis W. Ziegler (R-Corvallis).

Murder Charge Jails Laborer

PORTLAND (AP)—A 41-year-old Troutdale farm laborer was jailed on a second degree murder charge Saturday in connection with the death of Gladys Mildred Stambaugh, 43.

Capt. Howard Kelly of the Multnomah County sheriff's office said Barnett Polley admitted he struck Miss Stambaugh with a belt, a stick and his hand. An autopsy report said she died of a blow on the head.

West Berlin Said Prepared To Withstand Long Siege

BERLIN (UPI)—West Berlin's 2,200,000 residents are much better prepared to withstand a prolonged blockade of their city now than when the first blockade began in 1948.

On the other hand, they have a lot more to lose by being blockaded now than was the case 10 years ago.

When the first land and water blockade of Berlin started on April Fool's day, 1948, and became complete late that June, West Berlin still had the appearance of a burned-over graveyard.

The city had food and fuel reserves only for a few days. For some items, there was no reserve at all.

Most of the electricity for West Berlin was supplied by generators in East Berlin, under Soviet control. The Soviets immediately cut off that supply.

At best, the city had been illuminated at night. With the blockade, no household had power for more than two hours a day.

Each section of West Berlin got its electricity at different times of day, so that many housewives had to get up at 2 or 3 a.m., in order to do the week's ironing and bake the Sunday cake.

Food was severely rationed, so once the American and British airlift started the Berliners had as much to eat—or as little—as before the blockade.

Before it was all over, in the summer of 1949, they actually were getting more food than before the blockade.

Gasoline, however, was in very short supply. The ration for a non-essential civilian passenger car was five gallons a month.

When the 1948 blockade began, only two airfields in West Berlin were operational. Now both have been enlarged, and a third one has been built.

And the city now keeps a permanent reserve of food and fuel large enough to supply the city's needs for six months to a year.

West Berlin has its own electric generators now, so the mile of neon-lighted advertising signs that have grown up since the first blockade along West Berlin's famous Kurfuerstendamm could be kept glowing and flashing around the clock, no matter what the Russians or their East German lackeys did.

While they are better prepared to undergo a blockade now, the West Berliners do have more to lose than in 1948.

The situation would be much as if Philadelphia, a city of about the same size, suddenly found the great highways linking it to Reading and Harrisburg, Wilmington and Baltimore, Trenton, Newark and New York City, were cut off, and no barges or boats were allowed up the Delaware River.

Philippine Chief Visiting Japan

TOKYO (AP)—Philippine President Carlos P. Garcia flew into Tokyo today for the first official visit by a Philippine president to Japan. Emperor Hirohito, Empress Nagako, Crown Prince Akihito and Prime Minister Nobusuke Kishi welcomed him.

Garcia's visit highlights the desire of both countries to heal wartime wounds and establish closer relations.

LOWER VOTING AGE
COLOMBO, Ceylon (UPI)—Prime Minister Solomon W.R.D. Bandaranaike told a public meeting during the weekend that the government plans to lower the voting age in Ceylon from 21 to 18.

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Tractor Falls In Crevasse, But Yanks Escape Injury

McMURDO SOUND, Antarctica (AP)—A tractor carrying two members of a U.S. trail-marking party dropped down a 110-foot crevasse today but both men escaped serious injury.

The men were Navy construction driver Lawrence Renwick of Harrisville, W.Va., and Marine Cpl. Morgan Norval of Buffalo, Wyo.

They were members of a 10-man party marking a 480-mile trail from the Little America base to McMurdo Sound in preparation for abandonment of Little America.

The two men on the tractor were moving along at the end of the group 28 miles from McMurdo when 20 feet of ice hiding the crevasse gave way beneath them.

The men dropped out of sight but were able to yell up to the others.

Renwick said he felt a sinking sensation as the ice gave way. "I woke up at the bottom, but I was conscious only to a degree," he said. "Another driver came down and helped me up a steel wire ladder."

Norval was able to climb up without being helped.

The two men were flown to Mc-

Murdo for treatment. The tractor train which will bring the Little America to McMurdo next month. The trail will be used by the supplies and equipment from Little America.

Final Rites Set For Authoress

PORTLAND (AP)—Funeral services will be held here Tuesday for Mrs. Eleanor T. MacMillan, Portland poet and author who died Friday.

Mrs. MacMillan, who lived in Baker until she moved to Portland 50 years ago, founded the Northwest Poetry Society.

She was a former secretary of the child welfare division of the state Public Welfare Department.

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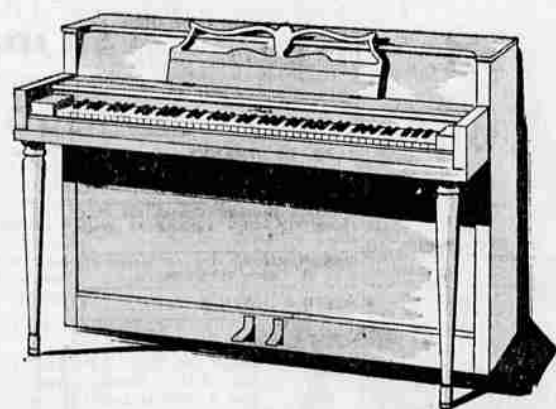
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