



HUNTER-SAFETY classes were graduated from the city police Junior Rifle Club course recently. Another course is about to begin. The training is nearly as popular with girls as with boys, say officers. These youngsters were poring over written examinations before embarking on a field trip simulating real hunting conditions.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

From Washington:
A congressional committee staff report made public this morning predicts that the American economy will grow at a somewhat higher rate in the future than in the past half century.

In the past half century, our national economy has grown at an annual rate of somewhere around 2 1/2 to 3 per cent. The committee staff thinks it will rise to a rate of maybe 3 1/2 per cent.

It could be pushed up, the report says, to a rate of 4 1/2 per cent.

How?
Well, the committee staff says we should make a number of changes in federal policies. The recommended changes include "revision" of the administration's tight credit and high interest rate program. We should abolish the ceiling on the national debt, the report adds. We should "streamline" the administration of the Federal Reserve System.

And so on.

That is to say:
We should spend more money. Where would we get it?
We should PRINT IT.
That's what the committee staff report boils down to.

Just for fun of it, let's take a sharp look at this business of money and interest rates.

Money is a commodity. Its price varies according to supply and demand. When more money has been saved up than people want to borrow and use, interest rates go down. When more money is wanted than is readily available, interest rates go up.

When interest rates go up, thrifty people tend to save more money and loan it out at the higher rates — just as in periods of high prices for cattle cattlemen tend to hold back their beef calves so as to SAVE UP MORE CATTLE.

That's the SOUND way to increase the supply of money.

It should be added at this point that there is an UNSOUND way to increase the supply of money. The unsound way is to start the printing presses and PRINT more of it. That, in substance, is what this congressional committee staff is proposing.

If you are inclined to turn the chip over to see what's under it, you will recall that in a few days more it will be 1960. The year 1960 will be a CAMPAIGN year. In campaign years, politicians tend to paint rosy pictures. The members of this congressional committee are politicians.

In conclusion:
There can be little doubt that if the committee's proposals are adopted and put into effect the rate of "growth" in our economy will be speeded up.

But too much SPEED can be dangerous. Consider the highway accident near Eugene yesterday in which four persons lost their lives. Why?

Somebody's throttle was TOO WIDE OPEN for the condition of the road.

That's worth remembering.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Fair through Wednesday with some high cloudiness at times. Foggy in some valleys locally. Low tonight 13-18; high Wednesday 38-43.

High yesterday 38
Low last night 15
Precip. last 24 hours 0.0
Since Oct. 1 1.0
Same period last year 1.81
Low in area, Chemult 0

Northern California — Fair through Wednesday with some high cloudiness. Little change in temperature. Variable coastal winds 8-18 miles an hour.

Police Junior Rifle Club Graduates Bumper Crop

One bumper crop of youngsters was graduated from the Klamath Falls Police Junior Rifle Club hunter safety and marksmanship class during the holidays and another class will begin January 1. Registration will begin that day at 3 p.m. at the police shooting range, 310 South Fourth Street, for applicants 10 through 15 years of age.

Each must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at time of application. Registration costs a dollar. Beginners will have first chance at registration. Officers will accept 120 students. If room remains, advanced students will be accepted.

That may or may not happen.

Christ Relics Said Stolen

JERSEY CITY, N. J. (UPI) — Two relics said to have come from the cross on which Christ died and worth \$90,000 were taken by two bandits Monday night from a descendant of Austrian nobility.

Matthew Jaksch, 69, was robbed of the relics as he was about to deposit them in a bank. Police said the bandits probably thought they were getting money.

They also took \$7 from Jaksch. The items, in a manila envelope included a splinter purportedly from the cross on which Christ was crucified. The other was part of a thorn said to have come from the crown of thorns Christ wore at Calvary.

Jaksch said a third relic, a shroud from the unstitched garment Christ was believed to have worn prior to his death, was safe in a bank vault.

The American Gallery of Fine Arts in New York recently appraised the value of the three relics at \$140,000, according to Detective Capt. Joseph Hayes of the Jersey City police.

Jaksch, who claimed his Austrian ancestors received the relics from Pope Benedict XIV as a reward for good deeds, said the piece of thorn was insured for \$40,000 and the cross splinter for \$30,000.

But he said their actual value was \$90,000. Jaksch said the insurance policy was taken out by Jaksch of London.

Lloyd's told police the authenticity of the relics was noted by the Roman Catholic Church in 1744 and 1745. He said he came into possession of them in Prague in 1928.

Eisenhower Administration Continues Atom Test Ban

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP)—The Eisenhower administration decided today to continue a ban on nuclear weapons tests on an indefinite day-by-day basis, leaving the United States free to resume them at any time.

But President Eisenhower said in a formal statement that there will be no resumption without prior notice to the world.

His press secretary, James C. Hagerty, said he knows of no date for starting up tests. There have been none for 14 months, under a moratorium which runs out at midnight Thursday.

The moratorium approach, with a fixed deadline, is being dropped in favor of what Eisenhower called a period of voluntary suspension of tests.

The decision was reached at a top-level conference of 15 administration officials.

During the voluntary suspension period, Eisenhower said, the United States will "continue its active program of weapon re-

Steel Union Underscored By Industry

WASHINGTON (AP)—The steel industry said today that union demands for an inflationary settlement have been the block to a steel-labor peace pact.

R. Conrad Cooper, speaking for the industry, told President Eisenhower's inquiry board that instead of reducing wage-benefit demands to keep within the industry's productivity gains, the union has only recently boosted its settlement terms.

Cooper is executive vice president of U. S. Steel Corp. and chief industry negotiator.

"The union now, in the face of an urgent need for settlement that would eliminate the economic uncertainties arising from a continuation of the dispute and the possibility of resumption of the nationwide strike at the end of the injunction period, seeks to impose even more burdensome terms of settlement," Cooper said.

"This is the very antithesis of union responsibility and proves beyond question that it is the union's policies and bargaining practices that have been solely responsible for the continuing deadlock."

The management case was laid before a three-man board headed by University of Pennsylvania Prof. George W. Taylor. The steel is gathering data on the panel labor dispute for a report to be submitted to Eisenhower Jan. 6.

The other side of the coin was up at Monday's opening session of the hearing, with the union blaming the industry for the stalemate.

There appeared no sign of a break in the eight-month long deadlock.

Cooper said the employment costs entailed in the industry's latest settlement offer are as high as the companies can go "without inflationary consequences."

He said the industry is seeking a settlement within the non-inflationary realm sought by Eisenhower.

George W. Taylor, chairman of the inquiry board, asked Cooper to present later a formal statement of the industry's view on the idea of settlement recommendations by third party outsiders.

That has been suggested by Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell.

U.S. Economy To Continue

WASHINGTON (AP) — A congressional committee staff report predicts the American economy in the future will grow at a somewhat higher rate than it has in the past 50 years.

The report warns a depression could upset the prediction. On the other hand, it adds: "Actually, we can enjoy an even higher rate of growth if we try."

The report was made Monday by the staff of the Senate-House Economic Committee and was based on a survey of specialists and economists and other specialists.

A notation in the 500-page report said committee members neither approved nor disapproved the statements made.

The staff said the annual economic growth should be 3.4 per cent a year, if unfavorable factors are assumed; 3.9 per cent, if more optimistic factors are assumed; and 4.5 per cent, "if we try."

Numerous changes in federal policies were advocated.

These include: Revision of the administration's tight credit and high interest rate program; abolition of the ceiling on the national debt; revision of federal taxes to encourage investment and saving; streamlining administration of the Federal Reserve System; stiffer enforcement of antitrust laws; increasing federal aid to education and distressed areas; increasing unemployment benefits.

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SHOOTING HOURS
DUCKS, GESE
OREGON
December 30
OPEN 7:35 CLOSE 4:45
CALIFORNIA
December 30
OPEN 7:34 CLOSE 4:43

Ration Books Stolen
SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—The U. S. Army has canceled its original issue of 1960 post exchange ration books for military personnel and dependents in Korea because safecrackers stole 2,050 of them.

Bowl-Bound Pupils Die

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WINTER ARRIVED with a vengeance over much of the Midwest and the East this week. Here, a rugged individualist tries to get out of a rut created by the deep snow. It could have been a scene from any part of the Midwest or the East. Actually it happened on East 165th Street in the Bronx, N.Y. The first snowfall hit the area late last week, dropping seven inches, was followed by warming weather, and winter rebounded again this week.

— AP Wirephoto

Blockbuster Storm Rips Northeast

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
A block buster storm dumped heavy snow on the northeastern quarter of the nation today.

Power lines snapped under a burden of ice. Travel slowed or stalled in snow that ranged up to a foot in depth.

Nineteen deaths due to rough weather were reported in the nation. Included were New York 3, Massachusetts 1, Maine 4, Vermont 1, Kansas 2, Wisconsin 2, Iowa 2, Oregon 6.

Up to a foot of snow was on the ground in Northern New York and in Portland, Maine. But the Weather Bureau warned that up to 16 inches may pile up in Maine, Vermont and New Hampshire.

It was the worst storm of the winter in New England. Lighter snowfalls were reported westward as far as the Mississippi Valley. Many chilled homes lacked light and heat after ice broke power lines. Many plane flights were canceled. Buses ran behind schedule.

Power failures at the American Optical Co. in Cheektowaga, N.Y.,

Payroll Taxes Hike Jan. 1

SALEM (AP) — Payroll taxes under Oregon's unemployment compensation law will be increased Friday.

And at the same time, employers of one person will be brought under the unemployment compensation law.

These changes were made by the Legislature.

The payroll taxes, paid only by employers, will apply to the first \$3,800 of each worker's wage. The tax now applies only to the first \$3,600. This change is expected to net the unemployment trust fund an additional one million dollars a year.

By extending the coverage to employers of one person, an additional 10,000 employers and another 10,000 workers will be brought under the jobless benefit system. The law now applies only to employers of two or more persons.

This will mean an increase of 39 per cent in the number of covered firms, and a 3 per cent gain in the number of covered workers.

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UW Students Die In Crash Near Eugene

EUGENE, Ore. (AP) — Four University of Washington students, bound for the Rose Bowl football game at Pasadena, Calif., died early today in a crash on a icy, foggy highway.

Their automobile slammed into a tank truck and trailer that had jackknifed into the wrong lane on two-lane U. S. 99, five miles north of here.

A fifth occupant of the car was brought to a hospital here with serious injuries.

The dead, killed outright, were: Derwood Burr Rice Jr., 23, Palos Verdes Estates, Calif.

Myra Lee Taylor, 21, Tacoma, Wash.

Evelyn Joy Simons, 20, Shelton, Wash.

William Robert Moser, 22, Tacoma.

Brought to Sacred Heart Hospital here with fractures of ribs, collarbone and nose as well as head injuries was Barbara Jean Hill, 21, Seattle. Her condition was called critical with full extent of her injuries still to be determined.

Patrolman Allan Lindley said the truck and trailer, driven by Ernest Albert Rice Jr., 35, slowed when a car ahead of it braked.

Lindley said the driver told him that as soon as he applied his brakes the big rig began to skid and the trailer swung around into the southbound lane.

The students' car hit it with such force, he said, that the front end of the car was demolished.

There was ice because of freezing fog, the patrolman said, with a considerable amount of it in the accident area. He added visibility was limited.

The truck driver, from Rodeo, Calif., suffered only a leg bruise, Lindley said. His relief driver, who was not hurt, was Henry D. Dees, 44, San Pablo, Calif. The truck was owned by Pacific Inter-mountain Express of Oakland, Calif.

Lindley said the truck driver told him he was not aware of ice on the highway until he applied his brakes and the trailer began to swing.

Swing.

The truck was halted for about half an hour while the truck-trailer was straightened out and taken away.

New Year Toll Set At 320

CHICAGO (AP) — The National Safety Council today said that 320 persons may die in traffic accidents over the three-day New Year's holiday weekend.

The council's statement came in the wake of the heavy traffic death toll over the Christmas weekend, which was below its pre-holiday estimate.

A final count showed that 493 persons were killed in traffic accidents in the 78-hour Christmas holiday weekend — from 6 p.m. Thursday to midnight Sunday. The council had estimated a possible toll of 530.

In its New Year holiday estimate, the council said an estimated 285 traffic deaths would be recorded during a non-holiday period of identical length. The count will be from 6 p.m. Thursday to midnight Sunday. An Associated Press survey for a similar 78-hour period earlier this month showed 324 traffic fatalities.

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Explosives, Sales Pondered

Closing out sales, the transport of explosives and a proposed variance in the new zoning code occupied the major attention of the city council at its regular Monday night meeting in city hall.

The question of closing out sales came up when an ordinance was proposed which would regulate such sales as closing out, bankruptcy, lost lease, quitting business and others as well as sales on fire and water damage.

IT WAS pointed out that the city currently had an old ordinance which required that any firms engaging in such sales first must submit an itemized inventory to the city, pay a special license covering such sale, and furnish the city with a daily adjusted inventory during the progress of such sale.

City Manager G. S. Verger told the council that the new proposed ordinance was worthy of a great deal of consideration by the council. "The intent of the ordinance is to protect the merchants of the city," he declared.

City Attorney Henry Perkins reported that he had drafted the

proposed ordinance after studying features of similar ordinances in other cities of the state, including Portland. "The old one simply was not workable," he told the council.

Councilman Walter Fleet moved that consideration of the ordinance be delayed two weeks to enable council members to study it more clearly. Councilman Ladd Hoyt suggested that a copy of the ordinance be sent to the Merchants Association for their study and comments.

Basic intent of the new ordinance would be to prevent unscrupulous merchants engaging in such closing out ventures from bringing in additional merchandise from outside sources and offering it as regular stock.

MEMORIES of the Roseburg disaster were stirred by an ordinance regulating the transportation of explosives in and through the city of Klamath Falls. The object of considerable study prior to drafting the ordinance prohibits any vehicle loaded with explosives from stopping except to

obey traffic regulations. It also permits such vehicles to park in the city only to load or unload or to change drivers. Such vehicles may never be unattended, and such attendant must have the keys to move such a vehicle in the event of an emergency.

Travel through the city of explosive-laden trucks shall be only on such truck route as the city shall have established. Such vehicles were also prohibited from fueling in the city beyond such emergency fuel necessary to get them to the next fueling point outside the city.

After the ordinance was given first and second reading, Councilman Hoyt asked about the storing of explosives inside the city. Mayor Lawrence Slater instructed Verger to check the ordinances and report on this point at the next meeting.

A MOTION to grant a zoning variance to Dr. A. Ivan Thompson, 602 Pacific Terrace, was protested by Councilman Fleet. The variance would permit Thompson to