

Weather

Klamath Falls, Tulelake and Lakeview—Continued fair through Thursday with some patchy early morning fog. Lows tonight 20 except near 12 in the normally colder areas.

High yesterday	47
Low this morning	28
High year ago	38
Low year ago	25
Precip. last 24 hours	.90
Since Jan. 1	9.74
Same period last year	14.47

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LONG RANGE OUTLOOK

Little change in our fair weather patterns for the next several days. No precipitation is expected until the first of the week. Cold nights and mild days to continue.

'Doomed' Landmark Eyed As Site For County Park

By DICK BRIGGS

Eagle Ridge, a promontory frequently noted in the annals of Klamath County history, is ignominiously doomed to disposal on the auction block and, as a result, it may pass from

the public domain into oblivion under private ownership.

The prominent landmark which rises abruptly from Klamath Lake on its western shore is now the property of the Oregon State Game Commission, but a slash in the commission's budget by the state legislature has caused the group to declare the historic site, among some of its other holdings elsewhere in the state, as surplus lands in order to meet its financial commitments for the present biennium.

But a step to obtain what, perhaps, the most imposing promontory on Klamath Lake and preserve it for residents of the county was in progress today at the Klamath County Courthouse, where members of the County Park Commission and the county court, conferred with Chuck Collins, Oregon Development Association, to discuss the prospect of acquiring the property as a recreational site. The association of which Collins is a member represents five Southern Oregon counties and two Northern California counties and was organized to promote development of recreational sites for the public, Commissioner Ken Allison said.

Under the law, government land to be sold by sealed bid is first offered to counties or municipalities before it is made available to the public.

A reliable source indicated Tuesday that the game commission would dispose of its entire 1,200 acres in the area, excluding a small parcel of land which had been the site of the Eagle Ridge Tavern and Lodge, destroyed by fire earlier this century. The lodge, which was almost inaccessible by road at Eagle Point, had been a favorite stopping point for tourists who took excursions around the lake on steamboats which have long

since passed from the local scene.

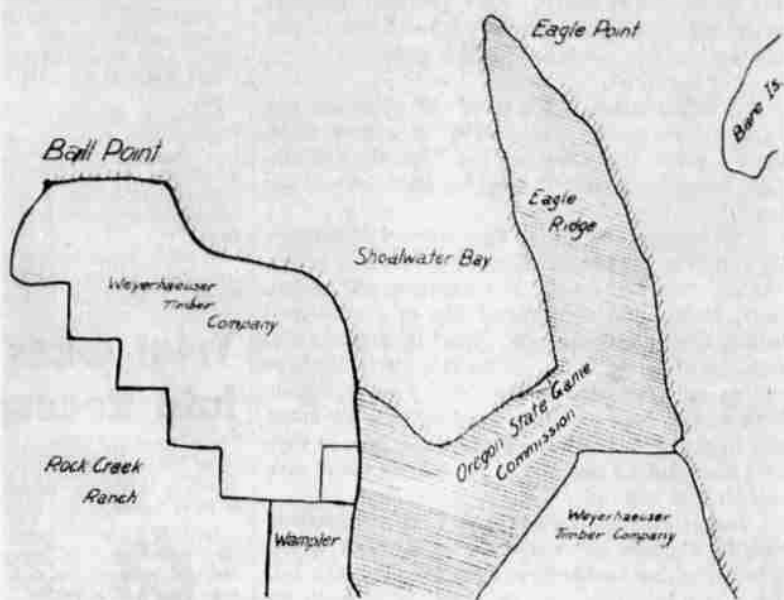
County Assessor Clyde "Hap" Caldwell told the Herald and News that no appraisal of the game commission's holdings at Eagle Ridge is at the assessor's office. This is because the state has title to the lands and such property is excluded from the tax rolls, he said.

Caldwell indicated that private lands in the vicinity of the ridge have an appraised value of approximately \$10 per acre.

If the tract is acquired by the county court it would be turned over to the County Park Commission for development as a public recreation area.

Earl Kessler, director of county parks, stated that members of the five-man County Park Commission discussed the

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HISTORIC LANDMARK TO CHANGE HANDS — Most of 1,200 acres owned by the Oregon State Game Commission at Eagle Ridge and that general area has been declared surplus property and will be disposed of by the commission in the near future. All of the land in the cross hatching will be sold except for a small parcel at Eagle Point and an access road into the area. Dan Eastman, Oregon state game biologist, said that Shoalwater Bay is a favorite nature study region of the public, while the shoreline around Eagle Point is a popular fishing spot. The map depicts other property owners with lands adjacent to that of the game commission.



FAMILIAR RIDGE ON AUCTION BLOCK — The foundation stones of the old Eagle Ridge Lodge and Tavern, which evokes memories to some Klamath County old-timers of the early days when paddle-wheelers navigated the lake, is included in some 1,200 acres owned by the Oregon State Game Commission at Eagle Ridge and

Shoalwater Bay. Most of the property, excluding the site of the old lodge, has been declared surplus by the commission and will be sold soon. The hostelry, destroyed by fire, was situated at the base of Eagle Ridge, one of the most imposing landmarks along Klamath Lake.

Hatfield Praises Legislature's Work On Fiscal Problem And Boardman Issue

SALEM (UPI) — Some of Boeing Company's plans for the proposed 100,000-acre Boardman space age industrial park will be announced by the first of the year, Gov. Mark Hatfield said Tuesday.

The governor told a news conference that while the project remains to be completed, "we have made tremendous yardage."

He voiced praise for the legislature's quick handling of the fiscal and Boardman crisis during the special session.

"The legislature has redeemed itself in the eyes of the people to some extent by minimizing the bickering that characterized the regular session," he said.

The governor has scheduled a meeting with Veterans Affairs Director H. C. Saffold to work out details of the agency's take-over of the Boardman project.

He said he did not know if

rumored plans to raise new legal hurdles in the path of the Boardman project would materialize. He admitted such action could slow down the project, although he denied the project could be stopped.

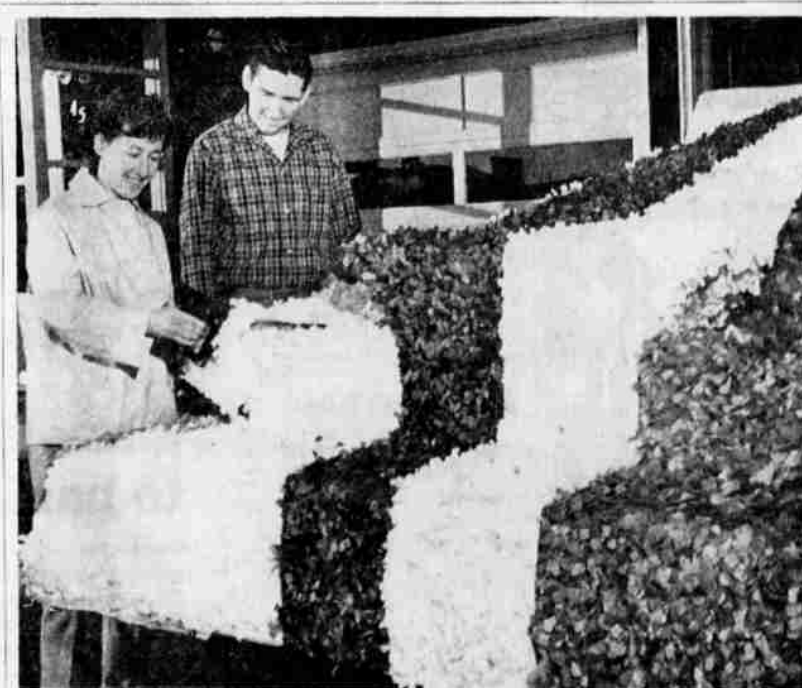
At least one legislator is reported to be considering a suit to challenge the legality of the Boardman bill adopted at the special session which ended Monday.

Hatfield said Boeing already was on the site, and he expected

the fact that Boeing had the land would improve its competitive position in the battle for space-age contracts.

He revealed other firms, including "prime defense contractors," recently had inquired about the availability of land in the area.

Hatfield said "there have been no significant changes" in the state's fiscal situation since the austerity program was launched after the Oct. 15 tax referendum.



STAPLERS AT WORK — Members working on the St. Pius X entry for Saturday's Christmas parade long ago lost count of the vast number of staples used to secure colorful paper matting to the frame. Here Mrs. H. L. Halterman, who has become quite experienced with a staple gun, and her son, Randy, add the finishing touches to one section of the float. It is not yet completed, but there is no doubt that it will be ready for the 2 p.m. caravan down Main Street.

Venezuela Asks Cuban Blockade

CARACAS (UPI) — President Romulo Betancourt called Tuesday night for an air and naval blockade of Cuba to put a stop to the Castro export of arms and revolution to other nations of the New World.

"There was no immediate reaction from the United States, which presumably would have

to furnish most of the forces required for such a blockade."

At a news conference, Betancourt also urged the few Latin American nations which have not already done so to break relations with Premier Fidel Castro's revolutionary regime.

The President's double-barreled attack on the Castros

was a sequel to last week's announcement that Venezuela has "definite and irrefutable proof" that arms found cached on a Venezuelan beach last month were smuggled in from Cuba for use by Communist terrorists in this country.

Appoints Committee

A few hours before Betancourt spoke, the Organization of American States had voted in Washington to appoint a special committee to investigate the Venezuelan charge.

In Miami, a former Castroite who brought Belgian arms for the revolutionary regime in 1959, said he recognized one of the cached weapons which was displayed on television. Ex-Maj. Ricardo Lorie said he is willing to assist the OAS investigators if his help is wanted.

Lorie said each of the automatic rifles he bought in Belgium is stamped with the Cuban national emblem.

"Castro was angry because I had the Cuban emblem put on the weapons," he said. "Now I understand why."

Won't Hesitate

Betancourt said he does not think the rest of Latin America will hesitate to act when it sees proof that the Castro regime is seeking to overthrow the Venezuelan government.

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Government Troops Raid Red Hideout

CARACAS (UPI) — Government troops raided a mountain hideout today and killed 21 Communist guerrillas in a gun battle.

Reports from the scene said the only casualty on the government side was a lieutenant, who was wounded.

The fighting took place in the mountain region of Huesque, 75 miles from Coro, Falcon State capital, and nearly 500 miles northwest of Caracas.

Among those reported slain when the troops caught the guerrillas by surprise was one of their leaders known as "Major Bravo." Also reported killed were Domingo Urbanista, who was wanted in connection with the killing of Col. Carlos Dagoado Chabaud, military junta chairman, in 1959, and Pablo Cabezas, another Communist guerrilla leader.

Reports reaching Caracas said the guerrillas were caught off guard after a person bringing them food was captured by the army.

Shooting Hours



OREGON
December 5
Open 6:45 a.m. Close 4:35 p.m.

CALIFORNIA
December 5
Open 6:47 a.m. Close 4:35 p.m.

Christmas Party Planned For Nursing Home Folks

By RUTH KING

The season of sharing is nearing, the season of remembering others, of giving gifts. The Herald and News management will again sponsor a Christmas party for the men and women who are being cared for at the Klamath Nursing Home on Friday, Dec. 20.

As in other years the public is invited to "share Christmas" with gifts suitable for those who are bedridden or ambulatory.

The newspaper host provides ice cream and cake, a Santa to distribute the gifts from beneath the big tree in the recreation room at the home, and a program that centers around the Christmas season.

The paper staff is assisted by

Mrs. Madeline Brown, superintendent, and the nurses, who learn the heart's desire of the men and women, and gifts brought by the public are given as nearly as possible to those who ask for them.

In the past three years since the party was started, the response from those living in the Klamath Basin has been overwhelming. In addition to the 60 elders at the home, enough gifts were sent in to provide for several others who live alone, who have no relatives, or means to provide a bit of Christmas cheer for themselves.

Gifts should be wrapped and marked for "man or woman" and the kind of gift and brought to Ruth King at the Herald and News.

Churches Reveal Float Themes

By JUNE A. JOHNSON

A caravan of colorful floats presenting the theme, "Christmas For Everyone, Everywhere," will emerge Saturday from a melange of material and talent now being developed by 19 of the area's churches.

The third annual Herald and News Christmas Parade will begin promptly at 2 p.m., with the floats following a winding course through downtown Klamath Falls to Modoc Field for the presentation of awards.

Proposed in 1961 to emphasize the real meaning of the holiday season, the parade is the only significant Basin-wide Christmas celebration of a religious nature. Although it is unique in this respect, it is de-

signed to appeal to all age groups.

The total cost of each float is not to exceed \$25, and the entries represent more ingenuity and hours of labor than actual expense. However, the limited funds have not curtailed the production of extremely artistic floats in the past, and the plans submitted this year indicate many unusual and creative approaches to the Christmas observance.

The churches sponsoring float entries and their individual themes are as follows:
First Ward, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints — "Tell Me The Story of Christmas."
Klamath Falls Assembly of

God—"Incarnate Word," Kingsley Field Chapel — "O, Come All Ye Faithful," First Baptist Church — "Unto All People A Saviour Is Born," Suburban Heights Baptist Church — "Cathedral In The Woods,"

Bonanza Community Church — "We Share Christmas," Sacred Heart Catholic Church — "Christ—Perfect Gift For All," St. Paul's Episcopal Church — "Nativity For Everyone," Zion Lutheran Church — "Christ Everyday," First Christian Church — "Christ Is Christmas," St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, Langell Valley—"Unit-

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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

The big news today?

Well, it looks like the Boardman deal, which has consumed a large share of the time of the special session of the Oregon legislature, has finally been closed so far as the state of Oregon is concerned.

It has been approved by both houses of the legislature and is expected to become a law today or tomorrow when it is signed by Governor Hatfield.

What is the Boardman deal?

It provides 100,000 acres up along the navigable Columbia river, east of the mountains, which will be leased to the Boeing Company — which, it is hoped, will test and perhaps BUILD space age equipment there.

Presumably, it is possible that supersonic planes might also be tested and perhaps built there. Planes that will travel faster than the speed of sound are already on the drawing boards.

They appear certain to come into use.

Both space equipment and supersonic passenger and freight planes are going to require a lot of testing. The testing will call for a lot of area. Their manufacture will necessarily fall largely into the hands of HUGE concerns.

Oregon has the necessary SPACE, both for testing and for the large manufacturing operations that will be called for.

And—
The Boeing Company is one of the world's largest concerns engaged in the designing and manufacturing of such equipment.

So—

It can hardly be regarded as other than fortunate that the Boeing Company is interested in an Oregon site for the possible production of this type of equipment that calls for vast investment of capital, vast areas of space and vast numbers (eventually) of highly paid employees.

It is true, of course, that nothing may come of it all. But if you never roll the dice, you'll never win a pot.

Incidentally—

The ruckus over the Boardman deal and how it was to be financed if Oregon decided to go along with it has brought out an exceedingly interesting fact — the businesslike operations of Oregon's State Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Back in 1945, it began lending money to Oregon ex-service men to buy farms and homes. It now has outstanding about 27,000 such loans. The value of these loans is somewhat in excess of \$233 million.

Not only has it made possible the purchase of homes and farms by Oregon veterans. By the use of sound business judgment, it has been able to accumulate earnings of approximately \$11 million.

Its accumulated earnings will make it possible for the Department of Veterans' Affairs to advance the money to clear the Boardman area of previous obligations — which comes in very handy at a time when Oregon's treasury is pretty much empty.

Editor's Note — The Herald and News wishes to determine how many of our readers would like to have one of the books "Four Days—The Historical Record of President Kennedy's Death" reserved for them. These books will not come off the press until early January, and we will order only the number necessary to take care of reservations. The price of the book will be \$2.50. Do NOT enclose your remittance at this time. You will be informed when the books are available. All orders must be received by Monday, Dec. 9.

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