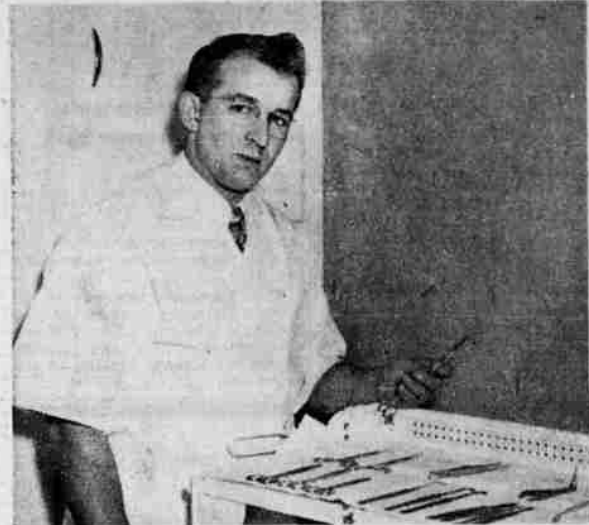


WHO DOES WHAT

By Paul Jenkins



HOWARD ABBEY is a member of the service department of Jim Powers' Roseburg Funeral Home at Oak and Kane streets. A registered mortician in California, he is serving an apprenticeship now in order to become one in Oregon. He, Mr. Abbey and their four-year-old son, Bill, came to Roseburg in September from San Francisco.

POST-YULE PRICES TUMBLE

Mark-Downs in Nation's Department Stores Range From One-Third to Half

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Post-Christmas clearance sales came back in the nation's department stores today, just as in the good old days.

Prices may be higher than before the war, but the year-end mark-down percentage is just about as great as ever. Goods which weren't moved before Christmas were being offered across the country at cut prices—one-third to one-half off are the terms commonly mentioned in the advertisements.

An Associated Press survey of key cities throughout the nation showed department stores everywhere advertising clearance sales.

Ralph Goldsmith, chairman of the department store division of the Merchants and Manufacturers Association, Washington, says the sales this year are more general and price cuts average deeper than in the pre-war boom years and wartime shortage years.

Goldsmith adds that stores generally closed their Christmas books with "a big season," despite a shaky start in early December. Furs were particular centers of price-cutting attention most places. New York papers were full of ads offering "up to 50 per cent" reductions on furs.

On other merchandise, many stores followed the pattern reported in St. Louis: "Just the usual offering of broken lots, broken sizes, Christmas items, and odds and ends at reduced prices."

Most cities reported sales.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

UP at Anchorage, Alaska, a helicopter flies through a raging blizzard, in zero visibility, to rescue an expectant mother from an airplane (in which she was traveling to the hospital) that had been forced down on a frozen lake.

THE incident brings home three truths that we often forget:

1. There are places where life is STILL rugged.

2. There are plenty of people who are still willing to risk their lives to SAVE lives.

3. All of the products of this advanced materialistic civilization AREN'T used to DESTROY.

ANOTHER along the same line:

Down in Guantanamo Bay, in the tropical waters of Cuba, a 13-year-old cabin boy leaps from the deck of a ship in an effort to save a fellow cabin boy from man-eating sharks. The sharks killed his companion, but he managed to fight them off FOR TWO DAYS.

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WAGE CONFERENCE DEBATED

Senator Thomas Opposes Idea, Morse Favors It As Step Toward Law Change

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Senator Elbert Thomas (D-Utah) today tossed cold water on the idea of a labor-management conference to fix a "fair wage" standard for collective bargaining.

So did a business spokesman. But Senator Morse (R-Ore) said he is all for it and thinks the scope of such a conference should be even broader. He would like it to produce recommendations for new labor legislation to replace the Taft-Hartley law.

So would the CIO, except that the labor organization still insists repeal—and re-enactment of the Wagner Act—must come first.

The president's Council of Economic Advisers suggested over the weekend that a new national labor-management conference might come up with a non-

binding wage standard to serve as guide for voluntary settlement of pay disputes.

Thomas is slated to be chairman of the Senate Labor Committee when the Democrats take over control of Congress next week.

He told a reporter he is skeptical about the value of a wage yardstick on the basis of the Economic Council view.

"The tendency always is for such non-binding agreements to

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International Ruhr Control Created

The Weather

Fair to partly cloudy today. Increasing cloudiness tonight and Wednesday. Low tonight 28 degrees.

Sunset today 4:44 p. m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:45 a. m.

Established 1873

ROSEBURG, OREGON, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1948

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Street Name Changing Eyed By Planners

Legislation Needed To Standardize Procedure, Commission Discovers

Legislative action will be required to legalize the procedure of standardizing street names in the city and its suburbs. This was reported by E. B. Irving, president of the City Planning Commission, at a meeting of that group last night.

Irving said he had carried on considerable correspondence with other cities in the state, to learn what measures have been adopted to standardize street names. Although some towns have passed ordinances renaming their streets, they apparently have had "no legal authority" to do so.

Irving said he had suggested to City Attorney Paul E. Geddes, who will be going to Salem next month as a Douglas County legislator, that he introduce legislation which would provide the legal machinery for renaming city and suburban streets.

He said he had suggested that one of the first steps should be the holding of a public hearing, where agencies interested in street names, such as the post office, would be able to appear. The City and County Court should be able to act jointly in coordinating street names, he added.

Under present laws, there apparently is no way to change the original street names given by subdivisions of real estate, Irving explained. He named Reedport and Ocean Lake, Ore., as two cities which changed the names of

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20 Years Meted Wife For Slaying Soldier Husband

MARLBURG, Wis., Dec. 28.—(AP)—Mrs. Wilma Ybarbo of Malden, Mass., today was sentenced to 20 years in prison for killing her American soldier husband in a bedroom quarrel.

The U. S. military government court of three American judges convicted Mrs. Ybarbo of killing Sgt. John Ybarbo of Gollad, Tex., "with malice aforethought."

The 23-year-old defendant hardly changed the expression on her pale face as she heard the verdict.

The court rejected her plea that she shot her husband in self-defense. The judges also rejected the possibility she was overcome by passion that she was being self-control when she pumped three pistol bullets into her husband after a quarrel.

Mrs. Ybarbo's attorney said he would appeal the verdict to the military government court of appeals in Luxembourg and then to a U. S. Federal Court of necessity.

The court's lengthy opinion did not specify the degree of the crime for which she was convicted. It held her guilty of the rough equivalent of manslaughter under German law or second degree murder in the U. S. code.

Hungary Says Cardinal 'Confessed' Treason

BUDAPEST, Hungary, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Ten top personalities of the Roman Catholic Church in Hungary have been arrested with the prime minister, Josef Cardinal Mindszenty, the Interior Ministry announced today.

The Ministry announcement said Cardinal Mindszenty, archbishop of the Communist-dominated government, had "confessed his guilt." The government arrested him yesterday on treason charges. It said he admitted to "treacherous activities against the people."

(Such announcements of arrested persons are routine in Communist-controlled countries as preliminary to trial or conviction.)

Missing Child Located In California City

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 28.—(AP)—District Attorney Carl B. Shelley said today Vicki Jeanne Snyder, 3-year-old child carried away by her mother 10 days ago, has been found in Pomona, Calif.

He said Los Angeles police notified him that Mr. and Mrs. John Bragert, Tacoma, Wash., turned themselves in last night "after seeing publicity in the papers about the missing child."

Mrs. Bragert, mother of the missing child, adopted by grand parents, and her husband were sought on a fugitive warrant charging kidnapping.

"As far as we know the child is safe and sound," said Shelley.

Reno Jolted by Seven Earthquakes in 4 Hours

RENO, Nev., Dec. 28.—(AP)—Seven earthquakes hit Reno within four and a half hours last night—the third one causing "a good deal of jiggling" in Reno's 42-year-old city hall and bringing prompt adjournment of a City Council session. There were no reports of damage.

Daylight Saving In California To End January 1st

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Dec. 28.—(AP)—Ten million Californians will turn their clocks back an hour at 2 a. m. Saturday, January 1, and return to Pacific Standard Time.

The early morning switch will end daylight saving time, which was invoked by the legislature last March 14 as a power-saving measure induced by a winter-long drought.

The electrical shortage was so acute the street signs in Northern California cities were blacked out. Industries cut power consumption by 20 percent. Irrigation pumps on the farms were curtailed. Residential cuts were also asked, although on a voluntary basis.

The return to standard time on New Year's Day was ordered by Governor Earl Warren on Dec. 8. Unless it had been extended by the legislature—meeting January 3—the law would have automatically expired Jan. 16.

Thus, New Year's Eve revelers will get an extra hour for toasting 1949.

State law closes liquor establishments at 2 a. m. Customers may set their watches back to 1 a. m., standard time, and continue to hail the new year.

Traffic Crash Followed by Death Of C. Whittaker

Crawford Whittaker, 68, who was severely injured in a Christmas morning traffic crash on S. Stephens St., died last night at Mercy Hospital. The same accident had sent three others to the hospital and in injuries from which they are recovering.

Whittaker was a passenger in an automobile which crashed into the rear of a P. and B. Wecker Service truck, parked on S. Stephens St., at 1:15 a. m. Dec. 25. Driver of the car was named as Carl Alfred Reed by the City Police officers, who investigated the accident.

Reed has been released from the hospital, while the other passengers in the car, named by police as Richard Whittaker and Carolyn Whittaker, are making progress in their recovery, the hospital reported this morning.

Whittaker was born April 6, 1880, at Laurel, Ky. He was married to the former Mazo Gummere, in Sullivan County, Ind., in 1911. The couple have lived in the Roseburg-Winston area since the late 1920s. At the time of his death, Whittaker was employed by the Joelsen Lumber Co.

Injuries which resulted in his death included multiple skull and left lower jaw.

Funeral services will be held in the chapel of the Roseburg Home Friday, Dec. 31, at 2 p. m., with the Rev. Vernon Kleiman of the Assembly of God Church officiating. Interment will follow in the Masonic Cemetery.

Besides the widow, other surviving relatives include a son, Richard Whittaker, and a daughter, Mrs. Inez Roberts, both of Winston, and a stepson, Morris Bennett, Roseburg; three grandchildren; one brother, Fred Whittaker, Arlie, Ky., and two sisters, Mrs. Liza Warren and Mrs. Martha Newcomb, both of Harlan, Ky.

Frank Ashley Heads Central Labor Council

Frank Ashley was reelected president of the Roseburg Central Labor Council at a meeting of the council Monday night. The council represents local unions of the American Federation of Labor.

Other officers elected include A. J. Farnsworth, vice president, succeeding Inez Roberts; Eldon Ogle, secretary-treasurer; Robert Caley, conductor, succeeding L. B. Dage; George Harris, warden; and Helen Bowl (succeeding Roy Hayden), William Thompson and Adam Flurry, trustees.

Three Apples Winning Factors in Divorce Suit

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Three apples tipped the scales of justice for actress Lili Devers in divorce court.

Miss Devers, 38, Dutch film player, testified that her husband, furrier Irving Rubin, 47, threw a tantrum when she came home with six apples after he had sent her a note for three apples.

"He said I was too extravagant," she said.

Applesauce, said the court, in effect, awarding her the decree and \$1250 monthly.

Missing Husband Of Slain Woman Sought

LYKENS, Pa., Dec. 28.—(AP)—State Police Sgt. George Funk said today a search was being made for the husband of a 39-year-old woman whose body was found in her apartment with two pairs of silk stockings tightly knotted about her neck.

Sgt. Funk said the woman, Mrs. Michael Begani, had deep head cuts and her right index finger was almost ripped off.

The state policeman said a search was started for the husband, a 47-year-old coal company employee, to question him about his wife's death.

Cold War Cost Next Year Set At \$21 Billion

Sum to be Requested Of Congress Represents Increase of \$3 Billion

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—(AP)—The cost of the cold war is heading upward by about \$3,000,000,000 next year to a total of about \$21,000,000,000.

That total is the minimum sum President Truman is expected to recommend to Congress next month for financing American policy.

It includes predictable expenditures for this country's "security insurance"—its own Army, Navy and Air Force—plus all kinds of foreign aid.

According to the most reliable estimates now available from official sources, foreign policy financing will make up approximately half of Mr. Truman's \$42-\$43 billion budget for the year beginning next July 1.

Comparable costs in the present fiscal year will amount to around \$18,250,000,000 barring any sudden change in the world situation.

All these figures are approximate since the China aid program is still a question mark, and the cost of military aid to western Europe can only be guessed now. The figures are based, however, on such facts as these:

The United States military establishment (land, sea and air) is costing about \$11,750,000,000 this fiscal year.

It will cost in actual cash outlays about \$13,500,000,000 next year.

Aid Costs Will Decline
The United States is spending about \$1,200,000,000 for relief and some other help to the civilian populations in Germany, Japan

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Suicide Charge Follows Rescue From Gas Oven

Vern Walton Yates, 52, was revived by a fire department resuscitator squad last night, after he was discovered unconscious in his apartment with his head in the gas oven. He was booked at the County Jail on a charge of attempting to commit suicide, city police officers reported.

Yates was discovered by his wife, Velma, and a police officer whom she had summoned at 8:30 last night to open their door at the Pine Court Apartments. The policeman reported that they smelled the odor of gas when the apartment door was opened, then discovered Yates with his head in the oven.

Mrs. Yates told police, the officers reported, that her husband had called her at the restaurant where she is employed in the afternoon, to ask where her billfold was. She said she told him that she would give him money, and that he replied that he "would not need money where he was going."

Mrs. Yates also told officers, the police reported, that her husband had called her at the restaurant where she is employed in the afternoon, to ask where her billfold was. She said she told him that she would give him money, and that he replied that he "would not need money where he was going."

When Mrs. Yates returned to their home at 8:30 last night, she saw her husband's car parked outside. Since he was supposed to have gone to work at 4:30 in the afternoon, she was afraid to enter their apartment and summoned the police.

Yates was removed to Mercy Hospital, where he was revived through efforts of the fire department. Following his release from the hospital at 10 o'clock, he was taken to the County Jail, City Police officers reported.

PEACE RUMORS AGAIN HEARD

China Hopes for War's End By New Year's Despite Chiang's Refusal to Quit

NANKING, China, Dec. 28.—(AP)—A new crop of peace rumors blossomed strongly in China's capital today.

Several highly placed sources hinted of plans to reorganize the government as a preliminary to a negotiated peace with the Chinese Communists. Top officials vehemently denied the reports.

Despite denials, usually well informed sources insist: "they were very certain" that important developments looking toward a new national leadership and probably peace could be expected before New Year's day.

This is a reversal of the view that was generally accepted yesterday. Then almost everyone felt Communist publication on a list of "war criminals" to be punished by a "peoples court" knocked out possibility of peace talks.

Today, the only thing that appeared fairly certain was that the decision to fight on or permit peace talks rests with President

Mrs. Elliott Roosevelt Slashes Wrist; Husband, Claiming 'Accident,' Told To Appear Before District Attorney



MR. AND MRS. ELLIOTT ROOSEVELT
(From a photo taken just before their marriage in 1944.)

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Dec. 28.—(AP)—Fay Emerson Roosevelt, beautiful actress wife of Elliott Roosevelt, slashed her left wrist with a razor early Sunday in the couple's Hyde Park home, Sheriff C. Fred Close said last night.

Leo Rapp Named County Auditor In California

Leo D. Rapp, 52, former Roseburg resident, is the new auditor of Kern County, Calif. News of his appointment last Friday is contained in a press clipping received here from Bakersfield, Calif.

Rapp, the son of Mrs. Jessie Rapp-Vinson, and brother of Harry G. Rapp and Wallace A. Rapp, all of Roseburg, left here in 1923 for California. He had been in the automobile business here.

In Bakersfield Rapp went to work as a superior court clerk in 1934, after a number of years of private employment there. He was appointed clerk in 1934. Rapp attended Oregon State College, where he studied engineering and law. He and his wife, who live at 2014 Oregon St., Bakersfield, have a son, Donald, who is an engineering student at the University of Southern California.

The new auditor of Kern County is on the retirement boards of both the State and County Employee Associations and is a member of the county personnel board. He is a veteran of World War I, and a member of the American Legion, VFW, Elks, Odd Fellows and Masons.

Highway Cleared Of Slide Near Canyonville

Pacific Highway 99 was cleared by Highway Department maintenance crews early today, after a slide had blocked traffic south of Canyonville, according to a report from State Police.

The slide, the officers reported, occurred near Mexia's place on Canyon Mountain about four and a half miles south of Canyonville. Several telephone calls came into the police office, and a Highway Department crew was dispatched to the scene.

The slide was reported to have been of considerable proportions. The cause was not known, and it is believed the earth had been loosened by recent rains and subsequent freezing weather.

The sheriff quoted Dr. H. Sherman Hirst, who treated the 31-year-old Mrs. Roosevelt, as saying he understood the wound was self-inflicted and that she had to be restrained from injuring herself further.

But Roosevelt, reached by telephone, said the injury resulted from an accident.

"There is nothing to it," he added.

The cut was described as superficial. It required no stitches.

After treating the blonde actress, Dr. Hirst sent her to Vassar Brothers Hospital here where she spent the night under observation. She was released at noon yesterday.

When informed of Roosevelt's statement that the wound was inflicted accidentally, the sheriff said:

"I can't help what Elliott says. This is what Dr. Hirst told Deputy Sheriff (Hugh) Brennan."

"It is my impression that the cutting was deliberate and I am asking Elliott Roosevelt to appear at the district attorney's office Wednesday morning to appear at 10 o'clock for further details."

Later Close said he had received word from Roosevelt's attorney that the son of the late President would appear.

The Roosevelts were married four years ago, he for the third time and she for the second.

Alleged Knife Wielder Held Under \$1,000 Bail

Harry Brown, 29, of Roseburg, who allegedly wielded an open pocket knife in a Christmas night attack on Carl A. Baker, also of Roseburg, was arraigned Monday before Justice of the Peace Thomas C. Hartfield. He was charged with assault with a dangerous weapon. Brown asked to see an attorney and Hartfield set bail at \$1,000, which he failed to furnish.

Brown was arrested Sunday morning and booked at the County Jail by City Police, who said the night before he had knifed Baker in a fight on N. Stephens St., near the post office. Baker, who signed the assault charge against Brown as prosecuting witness, was taken to Mercy Hospital and later released.

According to the complaint filed in Justice Court, Brown assaulted Baker by "striking, slashing, and cutting" him with an open pocket knife.

Income Tax Fund May Be Used After July 1, Ruling

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 28.—(AP)—The State Legislature can use future income tax revenues to relieve the state deficit, Attorney General Neuner ruled today.

Neuner, in an opinion for Budget Director George Aiken, said all that the Legislature has to do is to amend the personal and corporation income tax laws. Neuner's opinion applies only to income taxes paid after next July 1, since the Supreme Court has ruled that current income tax receipts can be used only to reduce property taxes.

Neuner's opinion, if upheld by the courts, would go a long way toward solving the Legislature's severe financial headache.

Miami-Bound Passenger Plane Missing at Sea

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 28.—(AP)—A twin-engine DC-3 charter plane with an undetermined number of passengers aboard was missing on a flight from San Juan, Puerto Rico, to Miami today.

A widespread air search began soon after dawn.

Russia Left Out of Accord By Six Powers

Germany Offered Hand In Rule of Region But War Production Barred

LONDON, Dec. 28.—(AP)—The western powers set up today a strict international control system to bar Germany's industrial Ruhr valley from war production. The Ruhr was ordered to produce solely for peace.

Their decision was announced in a formal communique as the climax of a six-week conference here attended by representatives of the United States, Britain, France, the Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg.

It contained no admission of Russia as a partner in the international control board to be known as the "Ruhr Authority."

An American spokesman at the embassy said the agreement probably will go into operation in two or three months. He said a military security board provided for in the agreement also will begin functioning within that time. The spokesman said the Americans regard the pact as an executive agreement which will not need congressional approval, as a formal treaty would.

Germany to Participate
The agreement offered Germany a place on the board as soon as it develops a legal government. The Germans will have three votes—the same as the United States, Britain and France will have and two more than each of the Benelux countries which it overran in World War Two.

It set up an international system of inspection—the framework of an industrial police—to keep the Ruhr from becoming once again a war-making industrial machine as it did under Hitler and Kaiser Wilhelm.

It left unsettled the dynamite-laden question of ultimate ownership of the Ruhr's industries—a plain concession to France.

The French want international ownership. Britain prefers German public ownership. The United States favors private enterprise.

The agreement was for an indefinite term, leaving open the possibility the Ruhr might forever continue under international supervision.

French Win Argument
This, too, was a concession to

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Medic-Hospital Merger Opposed by Veterans

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Two big veterans groups—the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars—turned a cold shoulder today on a proposal to merge all government medical and hospital activities.

The merger proposal was made over the weekend by a subcommittee of the Hoover Commission. The Commission, headed by former President Hoover, is studying ways to promote efficiency and economy in government operations.

Col. George E. Hams, director of the VFW rehabilitation and welfare service, asked Hoover in a letter last night to put off a final decision pending a full study by men long experienced in the field.

T. O. Kraehen, national rehabilitation director of the Legion, said in a statement that the Legion is "vigorously opposed" to any action "that will spell the disintegration or absorption" of the Veterans Administration.

Truman Mum on Rap At Soviet 'Welshing'

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 28.—(AP)—President Truman refused today to elaborate on his surprise statement that "certain leaders" in Soviet Russia are "exceedingly anxious" to settle amicably with the United States amicably.

Approached by reporters, the president declined to enlarge on his "off-the-cuff" luncheon revelation yesterday.

"There has been a lot of speculation about your statement concerning certain leaders in Russia," a reporter said. "Could you clarify?"

"You will just have to continue to speculate," the president said. Then his face relaxed to a slow smile.

Drunken Driver Hits Four Police Autos

SAN PEDRO, Calif., Dec. 28.—(AP)—Jesus A. Diaz had great talent—for getting into trouble. Look what happened to him yesterday. He made a right turn in his car, smashed into a police car, then a second police car and then a third police car.

His car veered across the street and hit another car—this one owned by a policeman. He had an audience too—it all happened in front of the police station.

Diaz' next right turn took him into jail on a charge of drunk driving.

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

According to the Federal Bureau of Statistics, living costs took a terrific wallop during November. The average drop (brace yourself!) was eight-tenths of one percent. At that rate there's hope for the present-day underprivileged who manage to survive another 100 years.