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**United States Boasts World's Youngest-Minded Grandparents**

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK—(AP)—The poor man's philosopher presents his annual soapbox lecture on old age:

One of the things that makes the United States great is that it has the youngest-minded grandmas and grandpas in the world.

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**Portland Notes Slump In November Business**

PORTLAND—(AP)—Business—at least as measured by construction work and banking transactions—continued to slide downhill during November.

Bank clearings through Nov. 30 totalled \$626,000,000, about \$13,000,000 below the previous month.

Building permits also continued the steady decline of the last few months to \$2,500,000. They were still above November of a year ago, however.

spend more hard cash to keep looking young and handsome than to make themselves comfortable. And this is true of the aging bucks as well as the does.

There is a pension psychology rampant in the land, but the old rocking chair philosophy is gone forever. Nobody is looking forward to getting government letuce at 65 just to rent himself a chimney corner. Nope, the old folks at home aren't so anxious to stay home. They want to buy a sports roadster and tour Florida or California. Ask Dr. Townsend.

**Signs of the Times**

People are marrying younger today and living longer. They get through the chillun-raising period sooner, but that doesn't mean they want to call life quits. More and more they spend their declining years declining to admit that their only remaining function is to baby-sit their grandchildren.

Look around you and see who's doing the knitting and quilting. Not gramps. All that's too old-fashioned for her. She's taken up painting—like Grandma Moses. And grandpa's gone fishing.

Who wants to grow old gracefully? Not them. Granny isn't letting those silver threads flow among the gold, 'cause grandpappy don't like 'em. They make him feel too old. So off she hikes to the beauty shop and buys herself a henna tint.

There are more people in their forties and fifties taking rumba lessons than youngsters in their twenties and thirties. And who keeps the night clubs going? Well, it isn't the young men with apples in their hands. They haven't the time or money to afford it.

It's the oldtimers, too, who buy the most lotions and war paint and keep the barbers and dentists in clover. They're going to look their best if it busts an artery.

All these antics of the elderly stir a major grudge in the hearts of the minors.

"Why don't those old fools act their age," they grumble. But this can be put down as plain juvenile resentment. Let 'em wait. They'll have their turn.

It is the glory of our civilization that the old folks won't be crowded off the scene until they are ready to go.

**Oregon Slaying In 1944 Revealed**

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 1—(AP)—A story of the death of a salesman in Oregon on Christmas day 1944, resulted yesterday in a young man being held in jail here.

Detective Chief James J. Pitt said the young man, who identified himself as Robert Thompson, 21, New York City, related some of the circumstances. Pitt said Oregon police has been asked to investigate.

(At Portland, city and state police reported they were checking their files of missing persons and 1944 crimes, but had yet to come across possible related clues.)

Pitt said Thompson told of being picked up on the highway between Seattle and Portland while hitchhiking with a companion Dec. 25, 1944. Near Portland, the three men stopped for a drink of "pop." Thompson said his companion told him he planned to slug the salesman, age about 28 or 30, and steal the car. Thompson was quoted as saying he agreed. After the salesman was slugged they drove into eastern Oregon and the body was hidden in a wooded tract somewhere between Canyon City and John Day.

Pitt said Thompson was arrested in connection with a local slugging case. The story involving Oregon came out during a

**GIRLS WILL BE RUSHED**

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Sessions of the National Interfraternity Conference lasted right up to the last minute before the grand ball, leaving no time for delegates to call for blind dates the arrangements committee had arranged.

So the arrangements committee made another arrangement. The girls would be called for in groups by other fraternity men.

"Oh, no," said the girls. "We don't want to be herded."

So the arrangements committee arranged another arrangement. The girls were asked to get themselves to fraternity houses, where they would dress and be met by their dates. That went over better. "But taking the date home is an individual problem," said the committee.

routine questioning of Thompson, the detective said.

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