

# GROVES DENIES ATOMIC SECRETS' THEFT

## WHO DOES WHAT By Paul Jenkins



**ADA WEAVER FOGLEMAN**, at the left above, **MAY ADAMS**, **JUNE TALLEY** and **JESSIE DAVIS**, waitresses, help make a stop at the Hotel Rose dining room a very pleasant affair. Even a little time for a cup of coffee lightens the whole day—and in our time Ada has served me enough coffee to float a flat top.

When I dropped in yesterday with my camera—I had a date for a picture in the banquet room—the prettiest one of the four and each one is pert, asked who I was taking pictures for. "Life," I told her, assuming an importance I didn't feel. "Still life?" she inquired, artlessly. Or, was it. "Still," was the safest answer I could think of. Some people won't let you get away with anything.

I wish this corner of the paper consisted of more than just two columns. It's difficult to squeeze four girls in such a small space and do them justice. Oh shucks—you know what I mean.

**The Weather**  
Mostly cloudy today and Thursday with occasional rain today.  
Sunset today 4:37 p. m.  
Sunrise tomorrow 7:32 a. m.

# The News-Review

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## "Ideal" Father Guns To Death Three Children

Deed Of Former Medford Resident, "Brilliant Engineer," Puzzles

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Dec. 7.—(AP)—A Fort Belvoir construction engineer today shot and killed his three children, police said, as they prepared to leave their home here for school.

The father, John Conner, 38, quietly came out when police ordered him to come from the kitchen of his home with his hands above his head.

His wife, Janet, had run screaming from their home in Cameron valley, a public housing project, to the home of neighbors.

Conner gave no reason for the shootings and showed no emotion, police said.

Mrs. Allen and the Mittens described Conner as "a quiet, intelligent man, a perfect father and husband." All said he had been working "too hard."



**WEIGHING IN**—This was a common sight yesterday at headquarters for the Northwest Turkey show, which started today and runs through Friday. Proof that the show is attracting widespread interest throughout Oregon and the Northwest is shown in this picture as Ivan Elam, left, of Aumsville (near Salem), checks in his entries in the live bird division. Others in the picture are Homer Grow, FFA adviser (hand on scales), and Show Manager George L. Routledge. The show is open to the public and will be held at the Rolletta Roller rink on E. 2nd Ave. S.—(Staff photo).

## "Easy Money" Policy Blocks Investments

Insurance Co. Tycoon Tells House Why Small Business Is Retarded

By DON WHITEHEAD  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—(AP)—The president of America's largest life insurance company said today "The easy money policy of recent years" has cut down the earning power of policyholders' savings.

Leroy A. Lincoln, head of the huge Metropolitan Life Insurance company which is investigating the reasons behind the reported lack of risk capital for small businesses in the United States.

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Lincoln denied that insurance companies can be blamed for any lack of equity capital. If there is

## Famous Novelist Commits Suicide

Gun Ends Suffering



SEBRING, Fla., Dec. 7.—(AP)—Rex Beach, 72, nationally known novelist, was found dead of a pistol wound in the head at his home here this morning.

His death was pronounced suicide by County Judge J. Howard Livingston and Sheriff Broward Coker.

Beach had been suffering from a throat ailment for three years.

His nurse, Miss Tania Simorian, found the writer in his pajamas on the floor of his second story bedroom. The body lay by the bed in which he had slept through the night.

Beach was in the midst of a psychological novel, "Woman in Ambush," on which he had completed 27 chapters. He had not worked on it for several months.

## JAPANESE STILL HATED Pearl Harbor Date Finds Filipinos Remembering Attacks On Own Islands

By FRANK WHITE  
MANILA, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Passage of eight years since Pearl Harbor has failed to soften the hostility of Filipinos toward the Japanese—hostility caused by the unprovoked attack upon the Philippines and brutal outrages during the occupation and liberation campaign.

The feeling still is so strong that the Philippines foreign office reliably is reported to have pointed to the U. S. military academy at West Point in 1929, was a civilian employee of the corps of engineers here from 1937 to 1939.

Newspaper clippings here show that on May 25, 1933, he was found wandering in a remote area of the West Point reservation after having been missing several

## Heirs To \$750,000 Estate Asked To Join Democrats

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Dec. 7.—(AP)—A California peach grower who got rich during the democratic administration has willed his \$750,000 estate to his brothers and sisters with the specific request that they become Democrats.

The will of Harvey B. Whitten, probated yesterday, specifically requested his heirs "to renounce the Republican national party, its policies and platform and to vote henceforth a straight Democratic national party ticket."

The will went on to explain that because Whitten made his money under the Democratic administration it was his "desire that no Republican party member receive anything" from the estate.

A sister, Mrs. Anne Whitten Ross of Charlottesville, Va., said she thought all members of the family were Democrats.

"They may have strayed now and then," Mrs. Ross remarked. "I think Harvey just wanted to be sure they stayed Democrats."

Winston A. Longlois, attorney for the executors, said the will did not disinherit any Republican member of the family but "it's a nice legal question."

## Davidson Denies Plan To Run Against Morse

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Assistant secretary of the Interior C. Girard Davidson isn't talking about published reports that he may resign to run for the Senate against Wayne Morse (R-Ore).

The native Louisianan, who now claims Portland, Ore., as his home, says only that he is "busy with my present job."

He willingly reaffirms his earlier pronouncements that:

He has been "approached" by some Democrats to quit his Washington career and try to win Morse's office.

He is not happy with Morse's stand against a Columbia Valley authority. (Davidson is a leader in President Truman's proposed program for establishment of a valley administration in the Pacific northwest).

He plans eventually to resume the practice of law in Oregon.

## Breaks Leg During X-ray For Arm Break, She Says

MORGANTOWN, W. Va., Dec. 7.—(AP)—Mrs. Isabell Shaffer said she fell off a laboratory table and broke her leg while being X-rayed for a broken arm.

Her \$25,000 damage suit on file in Circuit court against the Monongalia General hospital contends the hospital was negligent and that she lost about \$1,500 in wages she would ordinarily have earned as a waitress because of the accident.

## Boy Scouts in Alaska To Have Shivery Yule

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Boy Scouts can do their daily good deeds with a shiver over the Christmas holidays.

The army's planning to take a troop of boy scouts to its arctic training center at Big Delta, where they can frolic in snow and possible 50 degrees below zero weather.

They will pack into the frozen Tanana valley with skis and heated tents. If the mercury goes beyond 50 below, special arctic equipment will be supplied.

Army ski instructors will teach the scouts cross-country skiing, and they'll be able to take photographs of the Big Delta buffalo herd.

## Judging Started At Turkey Show

Judging opened this morning in the Northwest Turkey show, with competitors from Pacific coast states vying for \$3,500 prize money in both dressed and live bird displays.

Judge F. P. Griffin, Sonoma, Calif., presided over festivities this morning, serving his 18th consecutive year as judge for Northwest turkey shows. Griffin, termed by Show Manager George L. Routledge, as "the outstanding turkey judge in the U. S.," was assisted by Future Farmers of America in grading light young toms in the bronze division.

Some of the finest birds ever gathered under one roof will pass before the judges' critical eyes during the rest of today, Thursday and Friday.

The show, open to the public, is being held at the Rolletta Roller rink on E. 2nd Ave. S.

## Conviction On Drunken Driving Draws \$200 Fine

Elvin Joe Trick, Idlewild Park, was found guilty by a jury of six to a charge of drunk driving, at a trial conducted by Municipal Judge E. B. Riddle Tuesday.

Trick was fined \$200 and his operator's license was revoked for one year, said Judge Riddle, who added that this was Trick's second offense on the same charge this year.

The jury consisted of Mrs. Carlos Page, Mrs. Maurice Newland, Mrs. Greta Berrie, Mrs. Bill Evans, S. J. Shoemaker and H. D. Quine. The jury deliberated about 15 minutes.

## "BOSSY" COMES BACK Gillis, Re-elected Mayor After Six Defeats, Vows Upheaval In City Jobs

NEWBURYPORT, Mass., Dec. 7.—(AP)—Andrew J. "Bossy" Gillis, one-time "bad boy mayor" of this seaport city, came back after six straight setbacks to regain the mayoralty—"slowed down some, but still no diplomat."

Gillis, who amazed Newburyport residents with his antics during his three previous terms, yesterday defeated Mayor John M. Kelleher who was seeking his fifth consecutive term.

In one breath, the 52-year-old Gillis, insisted he was "too old to get as enthusiastic as I used to 22 years ago."

In the next breath he belied his lack of enthusiasm.

"My first act," he said, "will be to tear the police department apart and then fire the fire chief."

"I'm then going to give the highway department quite a shellacking and there are going to be some new faces in city hall."

Served Jail Term

The flamboyant filling station owner first gained notoriety while serving his first term as mayor in 1928. He was sentenced to two months in jail for cutting down elm trees to make an entrance for his gasoline station. He carried out the city's affairs from his cell.

Once he climbed in a second story window of the city's new high school to make an inspection because the school committee refused to give him a key.

On another occasion he indulged his sense of humor by ordering a policeman who worked against his election to ride an aged horse, living out its last few

## Century Feted

SEATTLE, Dec. 7.—(AP)—The Pacific coast's oldest lumber company is celebrating its 100th anniversary this week. It's Pope and Taibot Incorporated which unloaded its first shipload of sawmill machinery at Port Blakely on Bainbridge island a century ago.

It now operates throughout the Northwest.

## Japan "Forgets" Pearl Harbor Day

(By the Associated Press)  
Eight years ago today, a day to remember, a day that was to live in infamy.

The Japanese, whose naval fliers dealt the surprise blow at Pearl Harbor, however, weren't remembering. Nothing was done in Japan on this day to remind them.

Instead, the Japanese were worrying about a "day" of their own—perhaps a "Tokyo day." Many among them fear the cold war will turn hot. That, they believe, would inevitably involve Japan.

Japan never forgets the proximity of Russia. Now Russia says it has added atomic weapons to its arsenal. That makes Japan shiver.

The only observance of the day in the Pacific was at Pearl Harbor itself.

It was a simple service, held at the sad, rusting monument to the day that thrust the United States into the worst war in history.

That monument is the superstructure of the once-proud battleship Arizona. It pokes from the water of the naval anchorage. It has not been disturbed since Japanese bombs buried it there in the water.

## No Contact With Hopkins, Probers Told

Henry Wallace One Who Got Uranium To Russia, Fulton Lewis Declares

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Lt. Gen. Leslie R. Groves testified today that Harry Hopkins never tried to get any atomic blueprints or maps from him.

Groves, wartime head of the atomic bomb project, was before congressional investigators digging into a story of atomic materials going to Russia in lend-lease planes and a mysterious note signed "H. H.," saying "had a hell of a time getting these away from Groves."

C. Racey Jordan, former air force major, told the House Un-American activities committee on Monday that he opened a Russian suit case at Great Falls, Mont., in the winter of 1943-44 and found "Oak Ridge" materials and the "H. H." note.

Groves told the committee:

1. The Russians got some atomic material during the war, but that he doesn't know how many shipments "because we don't know how many leaked through."
2. He found evidence of Russian spying within a month of the time he took charge of the atomic bomb project in 1942.
3. He knows the lend-lease administration was under "pressure" to give the Russians "everything they sought" and that a "great deal of influence" was brought to bear. But he said he did not know who exerted the pressure.

Hopkins was at one time lend-lease administrator. A close friend

## More Box Cars On Way, Advice From Ellsworth

Box cars are on the way to help relieve the current shortage on the Southern Pacific line, Congressman Harry Ellsworth told a group of loggers, lumbermen and other interested parties at a meeting sponsored by the Western Forest Industries association, Tuesday night in the county courthouse.

Spokesmen for the railroad assured Ellsworth they would build 3,100 new box cars and convert 900 other pieces of rolling stock, in a recent long-distance phone conversation. The Fourth district representative broached the subject of rail car shortages to railroad men while he was in the east, earlier in the year.

Ellsworth told his listeners 4,000 cars would be added to the number of cars currently engaged in shipping west coast products to other points, thereby reducing the stockpile of raw materials from the loading platforms of many Douglas county timber products shippers.

Congressman Ellsworth also described the alcohol plant in Springfield and what it would do for Oregon's lumber economy. Other topics touched on by Ellsworth were current legislation in Congress that would affect the timber industry, the access road bill and the amendment to the Clark-McNary act.

The Congressman also voiced his continued objections to CVA and cited possible undesirable effects it might have on the lumber industry.

## U. S. Bows To Korean Reds To Free Two Americans

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—(AP)—The United States today announced it will comply with terms broadcast by the north Korea Communists for the release of two Americans held captive since September.

Secretary of State Acheson made the announcement at a news conference which did not, however, bring any word as to whether U. S. Consul General Angus Ward actually has begun his long trip to freedom from Manchuria.

The two men being held in north Korea are Economic cooperation administration officials.

A north Korean broadcast yesterday said the pair will be released if the United States sends someone to get them.

## Anti-Red Workers Form International Union

LONDON, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Leaders of 50,000 anti-Communist trade union workers in 53 countries including the U.S. formally organized the International Confederation to fight for job security for members, and for their right to work where they choose.

No negative votes were cast. But leaders of the French and Belgian Christian (Catholic) Workers unions, representing 1,300,000 workers, abstained from the vote. They did not say why.

The new organization will carry the fight to Communism and the World Federation of Trade Unions. They quit the WFTU early this year because Reds controlled it.

## Slays Wife So She Can't Have Their Children

DALLAS, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Harold Blankenship, 25, who shot his pretty wife to death, says he did it so she couldn't have their children.

Blankenship fired six bullets into his 26-year-old wife yesterday in the downtown office where she worked, then surrendered to an officer.

Blankenship, an art student, had arrived from Tulsa Monday night. He said he and his wife had been separated two weeks and she had filed suit for divorce. They had two sons, Guy, 3 and Gary, 2.

## Manslaughter Verdict Filed In Feud Killing

TOLEDO, Ore., Dec. 7.—(AP)—A circuit court jury early Monday convicted Homer Edwards of manslaughter in the backwoods feud shooting of Melvin Longyear.

Edwards, a 52-year-old rancher, also is accused of killing Melvin's brother, Charles, 22, but it has not been announced whether this trial will follow at once.

The verdict carries a possible penalty of 1 to 15 years in prison.

Edwards argued self-defense in the trial. He said the brothers had been quarreling with him and Charles was shot accidentally in a scuffle. He asserted he then shot Melvin in self-defense.

## Emperor Hirohito Loses House Money To Thief

TOKYO, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Eight years ago Emperor Hirohito was considered sacrosanct by the Japanese.

Today he awakened 150,000 yen (\$4,166 poorer).

A thief, who no longer considered the Emperor sacred, stole the money from the Imperial household account.



**KATHY CORKRUM** is helping Santa Claus make elaborately decorated cookies for Christmas. She is — but perhaps I've said enough. That twinkle in her eye is a bit disconcerting; perhaps, just perhaps, she knows more about what she and jolly old Santa are up to than I do. Kathy is six years old and in the first grade at Fullerton school. She is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Corkrum of 915 Chapman street.—(By Paul Jenkins).

## Lovely Fact Ram

By L. F. Rosensteln  
The Russians appear able to steal any major American secret they desire. So far they haven't learned the combination of the government's gold reserve vault at Fort Knox, Ky., but just give them a little more time.



ANDREW J. GILLIS Will Swing Axe On Jobs