

# Cleveland Transit System Paralyzed By Strike

## WHO DOES WHAT By Paul Jenkins



GEORGE BRENT, service manager at Barcus Sales and Service, Packard distributor here, is giving the once-over to a motor out in the lot. It's up to the motor how many more times he goes over it.

George, foreman at Lockwood Motors for many years, came to the Barcus company about 12 months ago. He and his family live not far from the shop, on the Garden Valley road.

## Chas. A. Ricketts Resigns As Director Of City School Band; Successor Is Edson G. Stiles

Charles A. Ricketts, band instructor for the Roseburg public school system, has resigned his position, effective at the beginning of the holiday vacation.

In announcing the resignation, City School Superintendent Paul S. Elliott expressed regret on behalf of the city school board.

Named to succeed Ricketts as band instructor is Edson G. Stiles, Elliott said Stiles comes to Roseburg "highly recommended" and will begin his duties when school resumes, Jan. 3.

Stiles is a graduate of State Teachers college of River Falls, Wis., and Northwestern university where he was granted his master's degree in music.

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At Portland's Rose festival he was noted with appreciation for the activities of the local high school band.

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### The Weather

Partly cloudy today, tonight, and Friday.  
Sunrise tomorrow 7:43 a. m.  
Sunset today 4:40 p. m.

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## Distributors Bid For Compromise Settlement Of Milk Dispute Is Attempted

Continuance Of Present Prices Pending Hearing Advised By Spokesman

Umpqua Valley Milk Producers association representatives went into session at 11 o'clock this morning to consider two compromise offers from the distributors which may bring a temporary truce in the milk war.

Herb Sullivan, spokesman for the distributors, offered first that the distributors continue to pay the present price scale to producers of 90 cents for butter fat and \$1.90 per hundredweight for milk.

Second, the price of butter fat would remain at 90 cents and the price for milk would be raised to \$2.13 per hundredweight, which would result in a consumer increase of one-half cent.

Seventy persons, representing producers, distributors and county court members, were present.

Robert Durbin, representative of the state milk control board, prefaced the meeting by emphasizing that this was not a hearing.

Slot Machines At Issue In Test Case

A raid on the Vets' Lounge by city police last night netted three slot machines and eight money punchboards.

No arrests were made, but complaints are being prepared in justice court today for whatever action may be taken.

The warrant charged the club with "unlawfully possessing, conducting, maintaining and operating slot machines as gambling devices."

The Vets' was one of four local private clubs raided about a year ago by the district attorney and sheriff's deputies.

Boat Lost Off Umpqua's Mouth; Two Men Rescued

COOS BAY, Ore., Dec. 22.—Two men were picked up from the 90-foot fishing vessel Helori that exploded and burned off the mouth of the Umpqua river north of here Wednesday morning.

The Charleston coast guard station said they apparently were the only men aboard although a vessel of that size normally carries a crew of about five.

They were taken aboard the fishing boat Pacific Belle, which saw the explosion some 14 miles off shore shortly after 10 a. m.

The Belle reported that the Helori shortly before noon was "a ball of fire" and still had "three fuel tanks yet to blow."

## M'Arthur Raps Russians For "Hypocrisy"

Failure To Repatriate Japanese War Prisoners Draws Stinging Blast

TOKYO, Dec. 22.—(AP)—General MacArthur today denounced "calous" Soviet "hypocrisy" and started a move for independent investigation of the fate of 376,000 missing Japanese war prisoners captured by the Russians.

He said he had requested Washington to begin negotiations for an investigation either by a neutral nation or the international Red Cross.

The American occupation commander issued one of his strongest attacks against the Soviets today against a Russian walkout of the allied council for Japan yesterday.

The Soviet mission was under determined siege by 200 Japanese representatives of anxious relatives of missing war prisoners.

Police Lt. William Wagner of the homicide squad quoted the saying things were tough enough in her household at Christmas time without another mouth to feed.

Newborn Baby Put Into Incinerator

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 22.—(AP)—Mrs. Louise Beuchamp, mother of six children, threw her newborn baby into a burning apartment house incinerator, police said last night.

Wagner said there was no way of telling before an autopsy whether the child was alive when it was put into the incinerator.

Mrs. Beuchamp was placed under protective custody in city hospital last night. No charges were placed against her immediately, pending an outcome of an autopsy on the dead child.

U. S. Army Quiets Guns To Please German Woman

FRANKFURT, Germany, Dec. 22.—(AP)—A German housewife has won her war with the U. S. Army. She's silenced its guns.

Two weeks ago Mrs. Werner Schelle wrote the commander of U. S. troops here, asking him to point the signal guns in front of Army headquarters in another direction.

Yesterday the Army wrote Mrs. Schelle that the guns would fire their last salute—except for occasional special military events—on Christmas eve.

Government Announces Price Support For Eggs

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—(AP)—The government announced that it will support producer prices of eggs in 1950 at a national average of 37 cents a dozen.



TOURNAMENT OF ROSES QUEEN—Meet the Queen of the 1950 Tournament of Roses. She's Marion Brown (above), 19, of Temple City, Calif. She's a blue-eyed blonde, is five feet, six inches tall, weighs 125 pounds, and attends Pasadena City college.—(AP Wirephoto).

Hospital Bids Will Be Opened In Council Rooms

The place for opening of bids tonight at 7:30 for the new Douglas Community hospital has been changed from the Chamber of Commerce rooms to the city council chambers in the city hall.

Annexed Areas Should Report Building Plans

Any persons or firms who are at the present time erecting any building or structure in the newly annexed West Roseburg and Miller's addition-Sleepy Hollow areas should report the fact to City Inspector C. H. Bonolis.

Soldier Slain By Rival For Girl's Affection

JAMESTOWN, Tenn., Dec. 22.—(AP)—A 19-year-old soldier home on furlough was shot and killed by a rival for a young girl's love.

Hopson, Ex-Financial Wizard, Passes Away

GREENWICH, Conn., Dec. 22.—(AP)—Howard C. Hopson, 66, the financial wizard who created a billion-dollar utility empire that crumbled as he went to prison for mail fraud, died yesterday.

Tip Sent On 2 Escaped Oregon Insane Convicts

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 22.—(AP)—A tip from a relative sent police today on a hunt for the two convicts who escaped from the Oregon State hospital's ward for the criminal insane Dec. 2.

Receives Plaque—Mayor Albert G. Fliegel, left, is shown receiving a plaque presented for his "untiring" work in promoting Junior League and Peewee baseball. The presentation was made at the annual American Legion Christmas party Tuesday night in the armory.—(Picture by Paul Jenkins).

## Business Hit In Midst Of Yule Shopping

### Union's Broken Promise Angers Mayor; Vacation Periods, Pay At Issue

CLEVELAND, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Strikers stalled Cleveland's city-owned buses and streetcars today, forcing thousands of commuters and last minute Christmas shoppers to resort to hitchhiking, taxis or footwork.

Less than one-fifth of the AFL transit union's 4,200 members in local 368 voted a strike just before last midnight. They want the Cleveland transit system to continue its policy of 96-hour—12 day—paid vacations.

The walkout caught the nation's sixth largest city by almost complete surprise. Most persons didn't know it had occurred until they heard early morning news broadcasts or waited in vain at bus and car stops.

Share the ride plans were quickly pressed into use, but thousands of persons were left stranded. The city's taxi companies, which operate only 650 vehicles, were swamped with calls.

The prospect for stores expecting last-minute Christmas shopping was bleak. A spokesman for the transit company estimated it would have hauled more than 50,000 shoppers today.

So many calls were received at the transit company that operators started answering with "strike is on."

Bumper-to-bumper traffic was common throughout the downtown area.

FBI Moves Into Dynamite Plot

DETROIT, Dec. 22.—(AP)—The FBI moved in today to have a look at the dynamite plot against the CIO United Auto Workers union.

It marked that federal agency's first formal intervention in what the big labor union calls a "terroristic campaign."

At the same time Detroit police disclosed they were without any sound clues to the origin of Tuesday night's defective dynamite plant at union headquarters.

The FBI, acting under the civil rights law as well as other federal regulations, was ordered to investigate by Attorney General Howard McGrath.

The government's intervention was unprecedented in the UAW-CIO's troubles.

This came as the union guarded its doors and boosted its rewards total to nearly a quarter million dollars.

Neither in the previously attempted assassination of UAW President Walter Reuther, nor the death of his brother, Victor, did the FBI intervene.

Under the government policy the FBI enters a case only when there is evidence or other reason to suspect a violation of federal laws.

C. Of C. Directors Will Be Voted On

Official ballots for the election of Chamber of Commerce directors have been mailed out from the Chamber headquarters. The ballots should be marked and returned to the office of the secretary before 5 p. m. Dec. 30.

The names of eight candidates for directors, of whom four are to be chosen, are contained on the ballot, and spaces are provided for write-in candidates, if preferred.

The directors are to serve for a three-year term. The board of directors consists of 12 members, who will meet and elect their own officers after the first of the year.

The candidates named on the ballot include Charles V. Stanton, J. F. "SP" Dillard, Wayne Crooch, Carl Felker, Fred Lockwood, A. G. "Al" Henninger, Lester F. Nielson and B. R. Shoesmaker.

Holiday Traffic Death Toll May Reach 435

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—(AP)—The nation's death toll in traffic accidents over the three-day Christmas holiday may reach 435, the National Safety Council says.

The pre-holiday estimate is the largest ever made by the council. It said the estimate covers only immediate traffic deaths—persons killed between 6 p. m. Friday and midnight Monday.

Neel H. Dearborn, council president, said: "We are forced to make this estimate by mathematics. It certainly is a terrible thought for the Christmas season. But our hearts tell us the toll will be lower—that the American people will not permit such a tragedy. I hope our mathematics is wrong, and our hearts are right."

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

The over-indulgent and idolatrous spirit of the Russians suggests that they choose for their next premier a man whose birthright occurs in leap year.