

Retail Stores Ask OPS Relief As Profits Decline

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Retail store representatives have appealed to the government for price relief, reporting a drop of more than 30 percent in profits of department and specialty stores the first nine months of this year.

Officials of the National Retail Drygoods association conferred here with Price Director Michael V. DiSalle on this situation.

The group released figures indicating typical department store profits from merchandising operations dropped to 1.5 percent the first three quarters of 1951. The NRPGA said this compared with 3.7 percent for the corresponding period in 1950.

Raymond F. Copes, General manager of the NRPGA controllers congress, told a news conference he estimated merchandising profits will decline to 1.9 percent for the entire year. This compares with 5 percent for 1950.

The association represents 7,500 department and specialty stores.

DiSalle said he told the group that the Office of Price Stabilization already is studying the retailers' price regulation in relation to their financial position.

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"FESTIVAL OF THE NATIVITY," a Christmas cantata by William Baines, will be presented at the Junior high school auditorium Wednesday evening at 8, according to Mrs. Hallie Woodward, music director. Some 125 Junior high school students will take part, including a mixed chorus of 80 voices. The Rev. E. Clark Robb will be narrator. The cast is pictured above. A new organ,

purchased through recent magazine sales drives, will be dedicated Wednesday evening. A matinee performance at 2:30 p. m. Friday will also be given for students and persons unable to attend the Wednesday evening program. (Picture by Paul Jenkins)

Western Europe Warned To Speed Unity Plan

STUTTGART, Germany—(AP)—U. S. High Commissioner John J.

McCloy has called upon Western Europe to take "significant steps" for unity within the next six months or face the certainty of increased Soviet pressure.

In a speech to the Wuerthenberg

Baden state parliament, McCloy declared: "The decision to be made in the next six months will be crucial for the future of Europe and for

the future relations of my country to Europe."

More Noel Greetings, Says Western Union Manager

More Christmas-New Year greeting telegrams will be filed this year than in any period since World War II, it was stated Monday by the local Western Union manager.

Advance filing of telegram greetings to date indicate the final total may exceed 2,000,000 messages, he said. Part of the increase is due to the growing number of men and women in military service both here and abroad who send and receive a large number of greeting telegrams.

Greeting telegrams this year are also expected to be longer. This is because telegraph users are now permitted 15 words instead of 10 in telegrams and 50 words instead of 25 in night letters for the basic charge. The 40 percent reduction in the telegram excise tax is also expected to encourage a boom in Christmas greeting volume.

FRANCO HEARING DATED

Band leader Lou Franco's preliminary hearing on a charge of attempted rape has been scheduled for Wednesday afternoon at 1:30.

The hearing is scheduled to determine whether there is sufficient evidence to hold Franco for grand jury action.

Husband-Wife Argument Ended By Shotgun Blast

BREMERTON—(AP)—A young navy yard worker from Gig Harbor stuck a shotgun muzzle under his chin and fingered the trigger on the front porch of the home of his in-laws early Monday.

Sheriff's Deputy George Berg argued quietly with the man, Alfred Valencia, 25. Mrs. Valencia listened breathlessly just inside the front door.

Berg worked in closer. He tried twice to discharge a tear gas cartridge. Both times it failed to go off. Valencia insisted he was going to take his own life.

Finally he pulled the trigger and died.

His wife, Helen, said that earlier he had threatened to kill her, and their two boys, age four and two. After an argument he stomped Mr. and Mrs. Clyde C. Stroh, from the home of his wife's parents, and strode to his automobile. He shot a hole in the top of the car. Berg responded to a frantic telephone call, then tried unsuccessfully to talk Valencia out of killing himself.

Mrs. Valencia told Berg they had argued about "money troubles."

were Warren Ewing, Roseburg; Meryl Barkhurst, Myrtle Creek, and Mrs. Margaret McGee, Canyonville. Barkhurst was alternate for Mrs. Irma Parjari of Reedsport, who was unable to attend. Mrs. Margaret McGee, president of the Douglas County association, and Mrs. Paul Lucas, Roseburg, attended in the interest of the association and local teachers.

Officers elected for the coming year are: Vrea Parrett, Hood River class room teacher, vice-president; Margaret Perry, Independence, NEA director for Oregon; Keith Goldhammer, superintendent from Bandon, was elected to the Board of Trustees for the areas of Coos, Curry and Douglas counties.

The proposed code of ethics was accepted, and the centennial action program, whose purpose is to equalize educational opportunities throughout the nation, was approved.

The Centennial action program was adopted by the NEA in San Francisco, July 3, 1951. Its purpose is to unify and strengthen state and national organizations.

Businessman Tickle Customers

It was disclosed today that a local businessman has been accused of tickling his customers.

The businessman, Calvin Wolf of Expert Furniture Cleaners & Upholsterers directly behind Richie's Root Beer Drive-In on Highway

99 North, explained that he had been tickling his customers for years—in fact, that he gets a certain delight out of it. The tickling alluded to is best described in the words of said businessman. He says: "All my customers are tickle with the work this shop produces." You'll say: "He may tickle us because he's meticulous." Call 3-3191. It's an ad.

County Officials Attend OEA Meet

Douglas county was well represented at the Oregon Education association representative council held in Portland, Dec. 7 and 8. Six votes were counted from this area, but represented different groups.

Supt. Kenneth Barneburg, Roseburg, represented the County School Superintendent association. Robert Bricker, Myrtle Creek, acted as representative for the Classroom Teachers organization. He was elected regional director of Region 3 at the spring OEA meeting.

Al Neet, of Myrtle Creek was representative of Region 3, department of elementary principals. Delegates for Douglas County OEA

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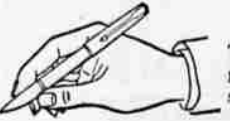
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This year, the firemen bring you the ever-popular Wally Heider and his orchestra, direct from engagements in Albany, Coquille, and the Peacock Room of the Mark Hopkins hotel in San Francisco.

Remember the date: Christmas night, December 25. Dancing starts at 9 p.m. in the Roseburg Armory. Admission is only \$1.50, including tax.

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