

# PORTLAND CHILD ABDUCTOR STILL SOUGHT

## Police Lack Clue, Suspect Sex Offender

### Tot's Sister, Who Saw Kidnapper, Says He's Not Missing Father

PORTLAND (AP) — Police tried to find the father of a kidnapped 2-year-old girl Friday, meanwhile pursuing all other clues that might lead to the missing tot.

Detective Capt. William Browne said they still feared little Sherrie Ellen Kader had been abducted Wednesday by a sex offender, but also were trying to trace the father.

Browne said the father was George V. Dollard, who separated from the mother two years ago and went to Los Angeles. Dollard now is missing from Los Angeles, Browne said.

Police were getting scores of calls from Portlanders who believed they had seen a man resembling the kidnapper. Some 50 detectives ran down these clues without success.

The girl was grabbed from her yard in a section where four other attempts to abduct children had been made in two months. In one a boy was carried off by a sex offender, and later released. Sex offenders were blamed for the other attempts.

The only description of the kidnapper came from Sherrie's 4-year-old sister, Vickie, who said the man had gray hair, "needed a bath," and wore a "blue suit that zipped all the way."

The mother, Mrs. Jada Z. Kader, 21, said Vickie knew Dollard by sight, and told her he was not the man who made off with Sherrie. Vickie said the man drove her sister away in a dark sedan.

Browne said the missing girl had brown eyes and black hair—cut in bangs. She was wearing a corduroy suit, a blue plastic raincoat and a stocking cap and cowboy boots.

## Good Collection Of Taxes Noted

Tax payments for the 1951-52 year have reached 84 per cent of the amount to be collected, Mrs. Orlene Slattery, head of the county tax department, said Thursday.

Payments have totaled \$2,596,011.42 of the \$3,434,970.95 listed as the year's taxes due.

Actual money paid into the county amounts to \$2,815,156.70. The difference, \$380,854.72, consists of three-percent rebates awarded taxpayers who met the Nov. 15 payment requirement, Mrs. Slattery said.

She commented that the payments were coming in as fast as on previous years.

A total of 28,000 receipts for tax payments have been issued by the department since last Nov. 1.

By comparison the total amount of taxes ten years ago amounted to \$662,254.03, Mrs. Slattery commented.

The tremendous growth in population and increase in private ownership of former county and city lands are factors accounting for the increased taxes, she said.

## Penitentiary Terms Handed To Three Men

Three men received penitentiary sentences Thursday by Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly.

All had pleaded guilty to various charges during previous arraignments.

Paul M. Newcomer, 46, Roseburg, received a year and one-half in the State Penitentiary on a plea of guilty to obtaining money by false pretenses. He was accused of passing a \$64.70 worthless check for the purchase of a rifle and cartridges.

James Leon Deern, 35, Reedsport, got a three-year sentence on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon. He had pleaded guilty to a district attorney's information charging him with assaulting Floyd D. Bradley, Reedsport, and striking him with a pocket knife.

Ethan Earl Billings received a one-year penitentiary sentence on a charge of obtaining money by false pretenses, involving the passing of a \$10 worthless check.

**Hobo Admits Killing 9 Men; Booty Under \$65**

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — A 28-year-old bearded hobo, lounging in his county jail cell on a vagrancy charge, calmly wrote a confession that he killed nine men in two and a half years.

Then Lloyd Gomez told surprised officers "Thursday. 'I'm getting tired of living this way. I'm getting weak, I guess.'"

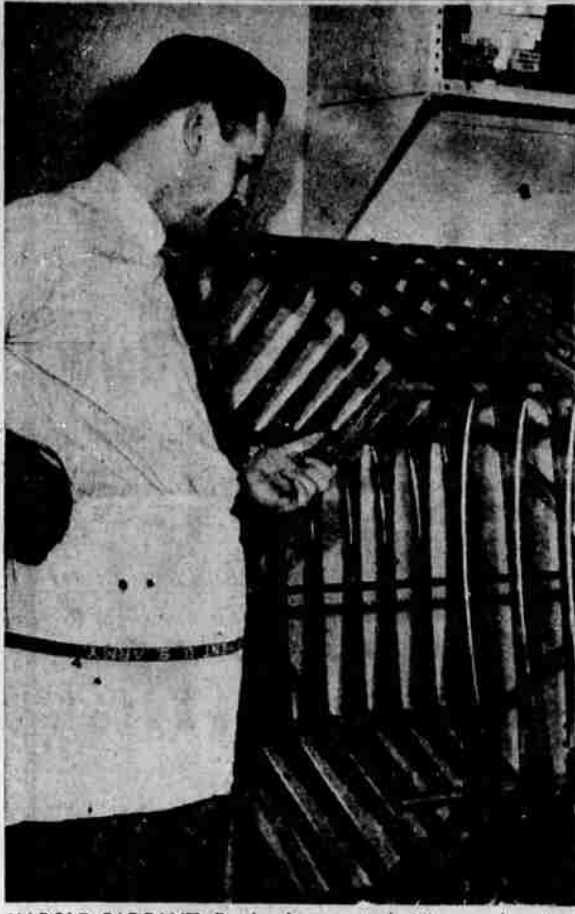
Gomez gave "robbery as the motive but said his total loot was less than \$65.

Undersheriff Harry Knoll said the accuracy of Gomez' descriptions left little doubt that he was telling the truth.

Authorities last fall undertook a statewide search for a man they suspected of from seven to 12 transient slayings in hobo jungles.

## I SAW

By Paul Jenkins



**HAROLD SARGANT**, Portland, x-ray technician, as he stood beside a drying reel in the photographic darkroom at the United States Veterans Facility, inspecting a roll of negatives containing hundreds of images photographed by the six x-ray units now operating in Douglas county in the interests of tuberculosis prevention and control. Harold is with the state board of health and, although he has a portable developing outfit, he was more than pleased to avail himself of the offer, proffered by Doctor John L. Haskins, manager of the bio hospital, to use the fine facilities there. The x-ray units are operated by the United States Bureau of Public Health under the auspices of Oregon State Board of Health and the Douglas County Tuberculosis and Health association.

## VATICAN ISSUE RAISED

### Envoy Appointment Will Spell His Defeat At Polls, Truman Told By Churchmen

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Truman has been advised by a Protestant churchman that his insistence on sending an Ambassador to the Vatican will bring him defeat at the polls if he seeks re-election.

This advice came Thursday from the Rev. Carl McIntire of Collingswood, N. J., president of the International Council of Christian Churches.

## Charge Of Selling Hard Liquor Draws \$300 Fine

Appeal by Derald Whitson, Dilard, to Circuit Court from a district court conviction on illegal sale of hard liquor was dismissed Thursday and the defendant paid his original \$300 fine.

A 30-day jail sentence was suspended by District Judge A. J. Geddes. The appeal had been dismissed by Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly on motion of Whitson's attorney.

Francis E. Brown, 32, Roseburg, pleaded guilty Thursday in Judge Geddes' court to an illegal sale of hard liquor charge and was fined \$25.

## In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Listen to this — which came ticking off the wires from Washington a few minutes ago.

The usual wave of economy demands rolled out of congress today in the wake of President Truman's record \$85,444,000,000 (eighty-five billion, four hundred forty-four million dollar) peace-time spending budget for the fiscal year starting July 1.

"Cuts of up to 14 billion dollars—enough to prevent a federal deficit next year—were demanded.

"But—

"There seemed little likelihood that such a goal — or even anything resembling it — would be attained."

Why not?

Congress, you know, is the KEEPER OF THE PURSE — so designated by the constitution of the United States. The keeper of the purse can do ANYTHING in the way of cutting costs by the

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## The Weather

Mostly cloudy with scattered showers today. Cloudy with occasional rain today and Saturday.

Highest temp. for any Jan. — 77  
Lowest temp. for any Jan. — 41  
Highest temp. last 24 hours — 61  
Lowest temp. last 24 hours — 25  
Precip. last 24 hours — .06  
Precip. from Jan. 1 — 5.16  
Precip. from Sept. 1 — 25.77  
Excess — 7.40  
Sunset today, 5:15 p.m.  
Sunrise tomorrow, 7:35 a.m.

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## American Fliers Down Ten Red Jets In Four Combats

### Toll Likely Eleven, With 3 Damaged

#### South Koreans Slay Or Seize 15,000 Reds Behind Allied Lines

SEOUL, Korea (AP) — Daring American Sabre jet pilots shot down at least 10 Red jets in four flaming air battles over Northwest Korea Friday.

Two Communist MIG-15s exploded almost in the faces of American pilots. The blast blew out the jet power in two Sabres, and the Americans had to go into long dives before their jets flamed into action again.

Two other Reds spiraled down in fiery streamers. A fifth went down in long loops, its pilot still trying to regain control, and exploded as it hit the ground.

It was one of the biggest jet victories of the war.

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The air war grew in fury as the day wore on while the ground war lay relatively quiet under a blanket of fresh snow.

SEUL (AP) — An Eighth Army staff officer Friday said South Korean troops killed 8,000 Communists and captured 7,000 in the Chiri Mountains behind Allied lines.

The seven weeks drive against guerrillas cracked their corps of

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## Damages Demanded For Fall In Store

Damages of \$50,000 are asked by Mary L. Halford in a personal injury suit against the Roseburg F. W. Woolworth store.

Bert L. Gilbert, manager of the local store, is also named a defendant.

The complaint was filed Thursday in Circuit Court. Special damages of \$495 are also demanded.

Charging four counts of negligence against the store, the plaintiff alleges she slipped and fell on an "oily and slippery" substance on the floor.

She claims permanent injuries were a result of the fall.

## Crash Sends Roseburg Man To Hospital

A Roseburg man, seriously injured Thursday morning in a car-truck crash, pictured above, has been transferred to the Eugene Sacred Heart Hospital for treatment by an orthopedic specialist, Mercy Hospital attendants reported.

He is Joe L. Brant, 38, of 919 Winchester St., who suffered fractures to his pelvis, right hip, right femur, right knee and two ribs, when his car was struck by a log truck allegedly attempting to pass, state police said.

Brant was driving toward Myrtle Creek, where he is employed by the Fir Manufacturing Company, when the accident occurred.

His condition was described as serious, though he was not believed in immediate danger. Milo Gardner Palmer, Medford, driver of the truck, was cited for passing with insufficient clearance, police said. He was ordered to appear Jan. 31.

Brant's car was a total wreck. (Picture by Charles B. Kosh).

## Canadian-Born Massey Given Governor Post



VINCENT MASSEY

LONDON (AP) — Vincent Massey, one-time farm implement manufacturer and elder brother of Actor Raymond Massey, was approved Friday by King George as the first Canadian-born Governor General of Canada.

Massey will represent the King in the Dominion's replica of the constitutional monarchy by which Britain is governed. His appointment ends 85 years of royal representation by Britons only.

## Reedsport Votes District Change

Voters of the Reedsport elementary school district have elected not to remain in the rural school district, according to Kenneth F. Barneburg, county school superintendent.

With the last school census indicating a 1,000 or more enrollment, making Reedsport a first-class district, the area became eligible to vote on whether to remain in the rural district. The vote Wednesday to withdraw was 33 to 0.

The Reedsport district becomes self-supporting so far as finances are concerned through the change, Barneburg said.

At school elections next June 16, the district will add two more members to its school board, which now has three members.

Reedsport High School District, however, remains in the rural school district. This was voted some two years ago when the high school district became a first-class district.

A special citizens' committee was appointed to study the advisability of the elementary district's withdrawal. This committee's recommendation reportedly was largely responsible for the vote outcome.

## Govt. Action In Plywood Case Kayoed

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Thursday set aside a civil action brought two years ago by the Federal Trade Commission against 15 plywood manufacturers in the Pacific Northwest.

The action ordered the companies and the Douglas Fir Plywood Association to cease and desist from various trade practices tending to limit production and establish uniform prices. The firms are members of the association.

The alleged Federal Trade Act violations were said to have occurred between 1935 and 1941.

Thursday's order was the outgrowth of an appeal by the association.

O. Harry Schrader Jr., managing director of the association, commented in Tacoma, "The decision upholds our contention all along that the case is old and stale and there isn't anything to cease and desist from. Apparently the court agrees."

Companies Listed

The companies involved were the Associated Plywood Mills of Eugene, Ore., the Elliott Bay Mill Co. of Seattle, the Harbor Plywood Corporation of Aberdeen, Wash., the M and M Woodworking Co. of Portland, the Northwest Door Co. of Tacoma, the Oregon-Washington Plywood Co. of Portland, the U.S. Plywood Corp. of Seattle, the Vancouver Veneer Company of Olympia, the West Coast Plywood Co. of Aberdeen, Wash., the Wheeler-Osgood Co. of Tacoma, the Robinson Plywood and Timber Co. of Everett, the Pacific Mutual Door Co. of Tacoma, the Weyerhaeuser Sales Co. of Tacoma, the Bueffell Manufacturing Co. of Tacoma and Anacortes Veneer, Inc. of Anacortes, Wash.

Charges against other companies originally named in the order have been previously dropped.

## K-Falls Man Admits Killing Wife In Row

KLAMATH FALLS (AP) — LeRoy Plant, 42, railroad mechanic who pleaded guilty to second-degree murder for the stabbing of his wife, will be sentenced in Circuit Court here Saturday.

Plant, who earlier said he could not account for his wife's death last Saturday, changed his story Thursday, and admitted he had stabbed her with a hunting knife after a quarrel over bills.

Some of the items that will be disposed of by the chanting auctioneers include dressed pork, bacon, washing machines, dishes, suitcases, chokers, oil stove, buffet, furniture, household appliances, baby goods, laundry tubs, screen and French doors, dressed poultry and rabbits and miscellaneous merchandise.

There will be plenty of parking space and traffic will be directed by members of the Rotary Club or Sheriff's Reserve.

Dr. John L. Haskins, chairman of the polo auction committee, urges an all-out attendance for the sale.

All members of the Rotary Club have been working on the project, and most of them will be assisting during the actual selling tonight.

## Heat In Australia Takes Lives, Homes

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — More than a dozen people collapsed in Sydney Friday as the city's temperature soared 23.7 degrees in five hours to a ten-year record high of 105.1 early in the afternoon.

The furnace like heat prevented people from seeking refuge at harbor and ocean beaches because the sand was too hot to stand on.

In the rest of New South Wales, where temperatures were even higher, fierce bush fires have destroyed at least 14 homes.

In the central western village of Trida the temperature Thursday reached 124 degrees, only 3.5 degrees below Australia's record at Cloncurry in 1889.

## Condemnation Suits For Highway Filed

Two suits to condemn property on the North Umpqua for relocation of the highway were filed Thursday in Circuit Court by the county.



JOHNNY RAY

Returning With Laurels

## Short Rest In Roseburg With His Parents Aim Of Johnny Ray, Pageantry Of Songs' New Star

Johnny Ray, the latest sensation to be added to the ranks of the sad song singers, returns to Roseburg Saturday for what he hopes will be a rest.

The exact time of the singer's arrival is not known, but he is expected to arrive during the day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ray, 842 Maloy St., Roseburg.

The lucky singer, who sang in Roseburg before going East, arrived in Portland Tuesday. He was given a rousing welcome by relatives, friends and fans who waited nearly three hours for his arrival aboard a United Air Lines plane.

Johnny, who is now a Columbia recording star and composer of the best-selling "Little White Cloud That Cried," observed a busy schedule while in Portland.

He made numerous radio appearances, was guest at a PAL benefit and will attend a record autograph party at 4 this afternoon at the Meier & Frank company store.

The length of the 25-year-old singer's stay in Roseburg is indefinite, but he will probably remain about a week.

Before Johnny began receiving national acclaim for his plaintive song renditions, he sang in Portland and later in Roseburg. He appeared on local stations and sang at Roseburg lodges.

About his unique singing style that has the current crop of bobby soxers swooning, Johnny has this to say:

"I never planned to be a singer. I was a piano player. But I wanted to make a living and it was easier if I sang. So I decided if I was going to sing, then I'd have to do it the way I wanted to. It just sort of developed out of the way I feel."

This is Johnny's first reunion with his parents since they visited him in the Midwest several months ago.

## Truman Hints At Try For Seat In U. S. Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Truman said Thursday he will make known before the deadline for the Senatorial primary in Missouri whether he will run for re-election to the Presidency.

He made this statement—leaving the door open for him possibly to run for the Senate from Missouri—a news conference exchange with reporters which left them as much up in the air as ever on what he intends to do.

The final filing date for the Missouri primary is April 29. It is to be held Aug. 5.

Mr. Truman's remarks were made in a fashion that left reporters uncertain how seriously they were to take the implication that he might run for the Senate.

But in response to one question, Mr. Truman said he did not know what the deadline is for filing in Missouri.

That made it plain that he had not bothered to check on it.

Also on politics, Mr. Truman: 1. Said he did not offer Gov. Adlai Stevenson of Illinois the Democratic presidential nomination in a talk with the governor at Blair House Tuesday night.

2. Said he had no comment on the announcement by Sen. Kefauver (D-Tenn.) for the Democratic presidential nomination other than to say he thought Kefauver is a nice fellow and he thinks he is a good senator.

## Levy Fact Rent

By L. F. Reizenstein

Any earth-shaking reaction to Gen. Eisenhower's proposal for European unification could be ascribed to another derisive guffaw from Andrei Vishinsky.