

### Mt. Angel Christmas Party For Children Held Tuesday

MT. ANGEL — The American Legion and auxiliary held their annual Christmas party for the children of the members at Memorial hall Tuesday night, before regular meetings of the organizations. Commander Harold Bourbonnais gave a brief introductory talk and presented the program chairman, Theresa Dehler, who introduced seven girls and six boys of her class who gave the Christmas program. The children were James Heggie, Rosemary Schmidt, Carl Wachter, Jerry Vanslow, Ralph Kimlinger, Ronald Schmidt, Gloria and Anita Schneider, Maureen Sauter, An-

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### Salem Obituaries

ELFSTROM — Mrs. Annie J. Elfstrom, at the residence, 900 N. 14th st., December 18. Survived by her husband, E. V. Elfstrom; daughter, Helen Wintermute, Salem; son, Robert L. Elfstrom, Salem; grandchildren, Patricia Ann Elfstrom, Joan Kay Wintermute, Rosemary and Robert L. Elfstrom, jr., Camp Perrin, Tex. Services will be held Tuesday, December 21, at 3 p.m. in the Sough-Barrick chapel with the Rev. Chester W. Hamblin officiating. Interment will be in Belmont Memorial park.

### Auburn Cub Scouts To Hold First Meet

AUBURN — The first pack meeting for Cub Scout troop 108 will be held at the community hall Wednesday night. Orval Prunk is cubmaster. Hand-craft made by the boys will be on display and the members of the three dens will receive their wolf pins. All pack meetings are regular family night meetings with parents expected to attend. The leaders are working for closer cooperation between the boys and their families, with the boys and their fathers working together on many projects.

### Portland Produce

PORTLAND, Dec. 18 — (AP) — Butterfat — Tentative, subject to immediate change. Premium quality maximum to 25 to 1 per cent acidity delivered in Portland, 71-84c; first quality, 69-72c; second quality, 67-70c; valley routes and country points 2c less than first.  
Butter — Wholesale, f.o.b. bulk cubes to wholesalers, Grade AA, 93 score, 59c; A, 92 score, 57c; B, 90 score, 55c; C, 88 score, 54c. Above prices are strictly nominal.  
Cheese — Selling price to Portland wholesalers, Oregon singles, 4 1/2-5 1/2c; Oregon 5-lb. loaf, 47 1/2-55 1/2c.  
Eggs — To wholesalers: A grade large, 24-24 1/2c; A grade medium, 23 1/2-24 1/2c; B grade large, 22 1/2-23 1/2c.  
Live chickens — No. 1 quality f.o.b. Portland: Broilers, under 2 1/2 lbs., 33-34c; fryers, 2 1/2 to 3 lbs., 35-36c; 3 to 4 lbs., 36-37c; roasters, 4 lbs. and over, 38-41c; fowl, leghorns, under 4 lbs., 30c; fowl, leghorns, under 4 lbs., 34-35c; colored fowl, all weights, 30-40c; old roosters, all weights, 16-18c.  
Turkeys — Net to producer on a dressed weight basis, U.S. grade A young toms, 50c; A grade hens 60c. Dressed turkeys to retailers—Grade A young hens, 71-72c; New York style dressed, A grade young toms, 56-58c.  
Rabbits — Average to retailers for live, white, 4 to 5 lbs., 30-32c; 5 to 6 lbs., 26-28c; colored, 2 cents lower; old or heavy does, 13-15c.  
Fresh dressed meats (wholesalers to retailers in dollars per cwt):  
Steers — Good to 100 lbs., 44-47; commercial, 43-45; utility, 42-44.  
Cows — Commercial, 43-47; utility, 42-44; cutter-canner 42-44.  
Hogs — Good, 43-47; hind quarters, 43-47; roasts, 47-50; full loins, 1 1/2 m e d., 46-47; triangles, 43-44; square cuts, 43-44; ribs, 45-47; fore-quarters, 44-45.  
Veal and calf — Good and choice, 44-45; commercial, 42-44; utility, 40-42.  
Lamb — Good choice, 30 to 40 lbs., 42-45; commercial, all weights, 40-41.  
Mutton — Good, 70 lbs. down, 41-42.  
Pork cuts — Loin, No. 1, 8 to 12 lbs., 44-47; shoulders, 16 lbs. down, 40-42; spareribs, 44-54; carcasses, 39-43.  
Wool — Coarse, valley and medium grades, 45c.  
Mohair — 5c lb. on 12-month growth.  
Country killed meats:  
Veal — Top quality, 40-42c; other grades, according to weight and quality.  
Hogs — Light blockers, 32-33c; sows, light, 27-30c; heavy, 28-40c; mutton, 14-18c.  
Beef — Good cows, 27-31c; canners and cutters, 25-27c.  
Onions — 50-lb. Western Ore. yellows, No. 1, med., \$1.75-1.85; large \$1.75-2; Idaho yellows, med., \$1.75-1.85; large, \$2.60-2.65; white, med., \$2.60-2.75.  
Potatoes — Oregon russets, Central district, No. 1-A, \$3.50-3.65; 35 lbs., 90-95c; No. 2, 50 lbs., \$1.20-1.30; Klamath Falls russets No. 1-A, \$2.50-2.65; Wash. Yakima russets, No. 1-A, \$2.50-2.65; 25 lbs., 85c; Idaho russets No. 1-A, \$2.75-2.85.  
Hay — Following prices are strictly nominal: U.S. No. 2 green alfalfa or better, carlots f.o.b. Portland, 47-48; U.S. No. 1 timothy, 47-48; oats and vetch mixed hay, uncertified clover hay, 24-25 ton, baled, on Willamette valley farms.

gela Sprauer, Patty Wagner, Donna Mae Predeek, Marian Rosno, Vincent Dumon and James Ebner. The children were given treats and a special Christmas supper in the basement dining hall while the post and unit meetings were conducted. Serving the children were Mrs. Clarence Ebner, Elizabeth Unger, Mrs. Mae Heggie, Mrs. Elizabeth Kappel, Mrs. Joseph L. Faulhaber, Mrs. Charles Hafner, Mrs. Ernest Crowder was in charge of the decorations.  
During the business session of the post, members voted to subscribe \$50 toward the lighting of Ebner park; a donation of \$5 was allowed for Gifts for the Yanks and Commander Bourbonnais and Fred Lucht reported on the Marion County council held in Salem Friday, stating that Mt. Angel was second high in attendance at the council during the past year.  
Mrs. Fred Lucht reported on the county assembly, stating that the treasury office comes to Mt. Angel in the assembly elections and Mrs. Heggie was selected for the position.  
Mrs. Lucht also reported that she had been instructed to call on a needy family in Monitor and had bought clothes for two youngsters. The unit voted to authorize her to buy whatever was necessary to provide a happy Christmas for two other families.  
The Alfonso Stuppel was reported in the Deaconess hospital, Salem. The resignation from the executive committee by Mrs. Violet Sibley, who left for Colorado, was accepted and Mrs. Cletus Butsch chosen to take her place. Mrs. Clifford Norton stated that \$43.50 worth of gifts were sent to the Gift shop in the veterans hospital, Portland. A silver fork and spoon set were presented to the babies of Mrs. Gene Hoffer and Mrs. Al Saalfeld.  
Elected as future delegates to the Marion County Assembly were Mrs. Gene Hoffer, Loretta Dehler, Mrs. Fred Lucht, Mrs. Mae Heggie and Mrs. Fred Prosser; alternates: Mrs. Ernest Crowder, Mrs. Louise Borkenhagen, Mrs. Clarence Ebner and Mrs. Peter Gores.

Vancouver Man Waives Examination  
Ralph O'Neil Young, Vancouver, Wash., waived preliminary examination in Marion county district court Saturday on a charge of obtaining property under false pretenses and was bound over to the grand jury.  
Young was arrested at Vancouver last week by Deputy Sheriff William DeWall on a warrant charging him with buying an auto from a Salem dealer with a worthless check in early December.

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### Stock Market Declines After 2-Week Rise

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 — (AP) — The stock market lost a little ground this week after a two-week rise. The average decline was small, though, and some groups advanced. It was a week of adjustment rather than broad price swings. Saturday's two-hour session contributed little to the week. Most quotations varied only by minor fractions and many key issues ended unchanged. The Associated Press average of 60 stocks was unchanged. Only 360,000 shares of stock were traded, smallest Saturday for the past three weeks. Highlight of the week's business was a sudden—and somewhat puzzling—flare-up of demand for gold stocks. Motion picture shares were also given a brief whirl. An obvious, and perhaps the basic, reason for buying interest in both groups was the fact that amusement and gold issues have suffered from neglect for some time while other sections of the market attracted investment and speculative support. Gold issues, for instance, have been selling at the lowest prices in years and several picture issues

are now priced within a shade of the 1948 lows. Another factor was price—both groups contain a large proportion of low-priced issues, an attractive feature to the stock buyer with limited funds. One of the largest stock exchange firms reported that numerous orders to buy golds were of the odd-lot variety—that is, less than 100 shares. any strength during the session was December oats, which held a small fractional gain during early dealings. Later, it slipped with everything else.  
LIBERTY — Mr. and Mrs. William Harrison will have as guest at a Christmas eve party Mr. and Mrs. Traugott Herman, Stella, Lotie, and Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Herman, Penny and Sharon, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Strong and Elsie Mae, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sikel, Don, Betty, Shirley, Billy, Kenny and Judy, Ben Herman, Mr. and Mrs. Don Wenkel, Cherry, Jack, Delores, Billy, Dick, and Phyllis.  
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### Crop Estimate Drops Price

CHICAGO, Dec. 18 — (AP) — An agriculture department final estimate that 1948 crops were the largest on record caused a decline in grains, soybeans and lard on the board of trade today. Soybeans had losses running to 5 cents.  
The department summary simply nailed down what everyone had known all along, but it was not the kind of news to cause anyone to rush into the market and buy. Only important change from a month earlier was an increase of 10,000,000 bushels in the soybean estimate.  
Wheat closed 1/4-1/2 lower, corn was 1/4-1/2 lower, oats were 1/4-1/2 lower, rye was 1/2-1/2 lower, soybeans were 2 1/2 to 5 cents lower and lard was 20 to 35 cents a hundred pounds lower.  
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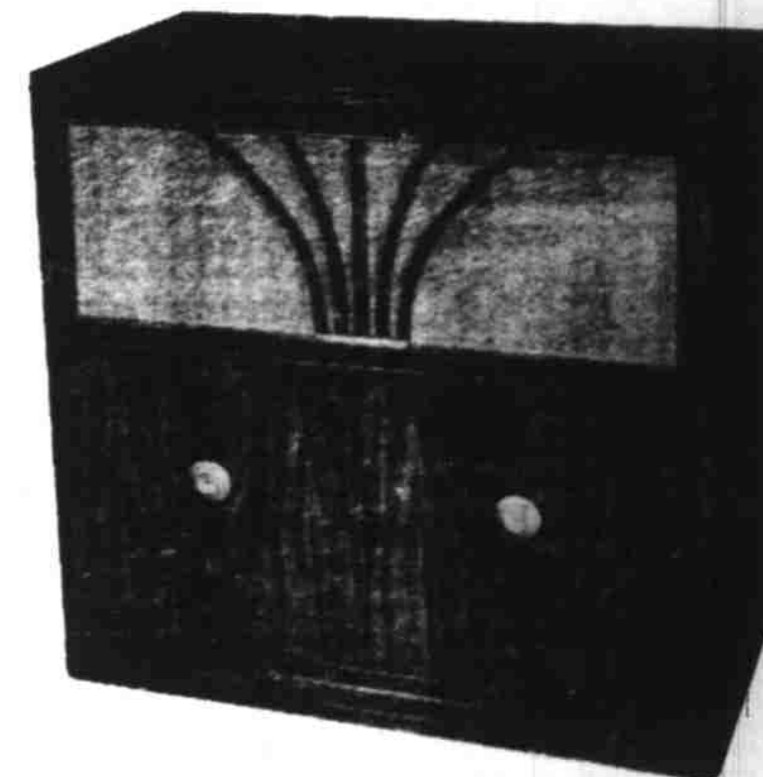
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