

2,200 New Cars Delivered in '48 to Waiting Salem Motorists

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Delivery of approximately 2,200 new passenger cars has been accomplished during 1948 by Salem auto dealers. But, while many persons are shortening the lists by not buying when their names reach the top, it will probably be a year, or maybe two, before all makes will be delivered when sold.

- That is the picture Salem's 17 new car dealers presented to The Statesman this week.

And on used cars, they generally expect the market to return somewhat nearer "normal" early in the year. Fairly good in general during 1948, it has been "flat" for most firms during the past two months, occasioned by seasonal and other factors. Older vehicles were said to be holding their own on sales and prices, but the postwar models have been sitting for long periods.

Only two dealers say they are selling "off the floor," and they have been nearly all year. They are the Kaiser-Frazer and Crosley agencies.

List Discounted
While more than 10,000 names are on lists for new models, these are discounted heavily because of duplications, higher prices and tighter installment credit requirements. Some dealers feel that only about 10 per cent of the names will become actual sales, while others expect cancellations as low as 5 per cent or less.

The supply is rapidly catching up in the higher-priced autos, and in another six months, most dealers expect to have to begin "sell-in" such models.

In combination with some buyer resistance to prices, which have risen during the year as much as 14 per cent on some makes, it is felt that the manufacturers on the whole are catching up with the demand by increased production. While some makes and some models have not gone up in price, most have experienced a boost in the 5-10 per cent bracket. In combination with this to discourage many sales is the reimposition of regulation W, requiring a down payment of one-third and a maximum of 18 months to finish paying.

This acts also to put the brakes on used car trading.

Truck Sales Similar

In general, truck sales are in much the same position as passenger vehicles. More than 800 new trucks were delivered by Salem dealers during 1948. For most makes this has served to catch up with the demand for the heavier models, principally those bigger than the 1½-ton. There is still a waiting list for pickups and other light models. Prices on trucks have come up during the year from one-half of one per cent to as much as 10 per cent.

So, while some customers now getting delivery of '49 cars have been waiting as long as three years, it is anticipated that those who order now will probably be served in about two years or less. Other buyers can wait in and drive out with every indication that the number of dealers in such a situation will be considerably larger during 1949.

Red-German Police Totalled

BERLIN, Jan. 1-(AP)-The communist police-army in eastern Germany has a strength of 42,000 troops and may reach 100,000 during 1949, Western Allied Intelligence experts said today.

They cautioned against "hysterical over estimates" of the present or future fighting worth of this force under modern conditions of warfare.

It is organized on military, not police lines. But its chief mission may only be to enforce the communist will in case of civil disorders. Its first assignment apparently will be to patrol the zonal frontier.

Driver of Stalled Car Killed on Icy Road

KLAMATH FALLS, Jan. 1-(AP)-A Klamath Falls man whose car had stalled was struck and killed today as he stood beside it on the California highway near Tulelake.

The victim was George Andrew Hafen, 31, an employee of the U. S. Reclamation bureau. Police said a car driven by Jack Alexander skidded on ice and crashed into Hafen.

Denver Scene Of Mob Riots

DENVER, Jan. 1-(AP)- Rioting and mob rule prevailed in Denver's wildest New Year's celebration.

One mob formed in the downtown theater district as midnight shows ended. Crowds mauled up and down 16th street, main business thoroughfare. Women were assaulted and one stripped nude. Shop windows were broken, traffic was snarled and at least one auto overturned.

Police Sergeant Wally Lawless said the rioting started when a gang of teen-age boys and youths began grabbing girls and forcing them into store doorways to kiss and molest them. Escorts immediately began fighting.

Dutch Army Still on Move

BATAVIA, Java, Sunday, Jan. 2-(AP)- A Dutch informant said today The Netherlands army is advancing toward the port of Benkoelen - last major Sumatra town not in Dutch hands.

There has been no formal proclamation of the end of hostilities. It appeared likely, however, that the Dutch would occupy all major centers of the Indonesian republic within a few days. The Netherlands assured the security council in Paris Wednesday that hostilities would cease in Sumatra a day or two after the end in Java.

A Dutch spokesman said yesterday the Java phase of the war was over.

The army has issued no communiqué since Friday. A reliable source said the Dutch advance toward Benkoelen is continuing without much opposition.

Idaho Snow Maroons 17

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 1-(AP)-New snow, driven by brisk winds, covered much of Idaho today, marooning at least 17 persons in the mountains northeast of here.

Eleven passengers and a driver were marooned at Twin Springs, halfway between Atlanta and Boise, when the Atlanta stage was stalled by new snow and slides.

A family of five, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Shadley and their three children of Boise, were marooned at a ranch 15 miles above Twin Springs where they had been visiting.

Keith Burns, operator of the Twin Springs resort, said he was not equipped to feed the stage passengers for more than a day. "Unless the road is plowed out we shall be living on elk meat," he said by telephone.

Schoolteacher to Oppose Angell

PORTLAND, Jan. 1-(AP)-Franklin high school teacher Frank M. Learned, who ran third in a field of seven candidates for the city mayoralty last spring, has announced he will seek election to congress.

He said tonight he would try in 1950 for the republican nomination to the Third Oregon congressional district. The job has been held by Homer Angell since 1938.

FLOOD RELIEF TOTALLED
SEATTLE, Jan. 1-(AP)-The American Red Cross reported today it spent \$3,256,555.52 in relief work during the Columbia river floods last summer.

EINSTEIN RECUPERATING
NEW YORK, Jan. 1-(AP)-Prof. Albert Einstein is resting comfortably and his condition is satisfactory following his abdominal operation yesterday, the Brooklyn Jewish hospital said today.

Truman to Stress ERP, T-H Repeal, Social Security

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1-(AP)- Democrats "in the know" predicted today that President Truman will continue to stress these issues when he lays his program before the 81st congress.

The foreign aid; broader social security coverage; repeal of the Taft-Hartley labor law, and anti-inflation legislation.

The program, to be submitted in three installments starting Wednesday with the annual state of the union message, also will emphasize a need for immediate tax revision, they said. Separate messages on the budget and economics will follow.

Bulls in Corn Market Nurse Disappointment

CHICAGO, Jan. 1-(AP)- The bulls in corn on the board of trade were nursing their disappointment today after a week in which prices did not do what they had expected.

The government jumped into the cash corn market with vigor. The bulls had expected that. But the corn market did not respond with any great advantage. That was what the bulls had not expected.

Beginning with Tuesday, when the commodity credit corporation raised its buying price, the government agency took more than a million bushels of cash corn each day. Its total buying for the three days Tuesday through Thursday was 5,825,000 bushels.

This was much more than the CCC had bought in any previous three day period since harvesting of the 1948 crop. The bulls had expected that because they knew the agriculture department had estimated that around 200,000,000 bushels of corn would be shipped abroad this crop year.

As the week ended the Chicago CCC office was bidding 11½ cents a bushel over the Chicago May futures price. The CCC had delivered to Baltimore in January. The Kansas City office was bidding 9 cents over the Chicago May future for January 20 delivery to Gulf of Mexico ports.

This method of government grain buying, which is that normally employed, means the price the government pays moves up or down with the Chicago May future. If the May future sells at \$1.50, the Chicago office buys its grain at \$1.51½. If the May future price sinks a cent the government gets the grain a cent cheaper.

Flood Danger Eases in East

Cold weather and snow sharply eased the flood danger in the northeastern United States yesterday after causing four deaths and property damage running into the millions.

Swollen streams began to subside as rapidly dropping temperatures halted the melting of old snow and changed the new precipitation from rain to white flakes.

However, many persons still were unable to return to their homes. The floods began to cause severe damage Friday after two days of heavy rains and thawing in the New England states, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

DECATUR RECORD PERFECT
DECATUR, Ill., Jan. 1-(AP)-The city of Decatur achieved a record of no traffic fatalities in 1948. W. Glenn Kerwin, chief of police, said he believes it was the first year since automobiles began using Decatur's streets that no one was killed in traffic. Decatur has a population of 59,000.

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Rev. DeShazer Starts Work in Japan Church

TOKYO, Sunday, Jan. 2-(AP)-A stocky young American clergyman today began trying to convert to Christianity some of the Japanese he tried to kill as a member of the Doolittle bombing mission almost seven years ago.

The Rev. Jacob DeShazer of Madras, Ore., preached his first sermon in Japan, then stood at the entrance of the church and shook hands with the Japanese.

"I am very glad to be with you this morning," DeShazer said in opening his sermon, which was translated into Japanese by the Rev. Kaneo Oda. "I am looking forward to a wonderful time with you."

Approximately 180 persons, including a few American soldiers, attended the services in the Free Methodist church, a small, white building in a Tokyo suburb.

The curly-haired young missionary, who spent a few seconds over Tokyo in the Doolittle raid and 40 months as a prisoner of war, said "I expect to stay longer this time."

The medium bomber on which DeShazer was bombardier crashed in China after the Tokyo raid. Captured by the Japanese, he originally was sentenced to death but was spared by Emperor Hirohito.

The clergyman became converted while studying the Bible in a Nanking jail, studied for missionary work at Seattle and decided to return to Japan as a Missionary.

Holiday Death Toll Hits 169

By the Associated Press

The New Year was very brief for many Americans.

With a day of the week-end holiday still remaining a survey showed that at least 169 persons died violently from 6 p.m. New Year's eve until midnight Saturday.

Traffic accidents killed 118 persons. Fifty-one others died from a variety of miscellaneous mishaps including gunshots, drowning, plane crashes and fires.

The national safety council had predicted 170 persons would die in traffic accidents during the week-end New Year holiday week-end.

Benton County Dog License Fee Hiked

CORVALLIS, Jan. 1-(AP)-Benton county dogs have killed so many farm animals that dog-owners will have to pay more for licenses this year.

The county court boosted the license fee by 50 cents after finding that dogs killed 375 sheep and goats, plus several hundred turkeys and chickens, during 1948.

Funds from licenses repay farmers for such losses.

Nevada Still Shaking, But Quakes Taper Off

RENO, Nev., Jan. 1-(AP)- Nevada still had the shakes today. One jolt was sufficient to make itself felt in some portions of Reno at 10:46 a.m. (PST).

However, Seismologist Vincent P. Gianella said the earthquake activity is "pretty definitely tapering off."

BOY'S BODY RECOVERED

REDSFORD, Jan. 1-(AP)- The body of Robin Gay, 17, whose boat capsized while he was duck hunting Thursday, was recovered from the Schofield river by state police today.

4 Babies, All Girls Born in Salem on New Year's Day

Salem's first baby New Year for 1949 arrived at 2 a.m. Saturday and was named Sharon Darlene by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Young, 2030 N. 5th st. She was the first of four babies—all girls—born here the first day of 1949.

Sharon Darlene, who weighed 8 pounds, 4½ ounces, was born at Salem General hospital. Her grandparents are Mrs. Bertha Young of Salem and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dowell of Kansas City, Mo.

At 4:32 a.m. a daughter was born at Salem General to Mr. and Mrs. Willard Hunt, Newberg route 1.

The third baby to arrive was a daughter, born by Caesarean section to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Smith, 2495 S. Summer st., at 10:25 a.m. in Salem Memorial hospital.

Fourth baby born New Year's day was a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Glen Simpson, 655 N. 17th st. in Salem General hospital at 7:48 p.m.

Israel, Egypt Naval Forces Stage Battle

TEL AVIV, Israel, Jan. 1-(AP)- A running naval battle was fought at New Year's dawn between Egyptian and Jewish warships off Tel Aviv, Israel announced today.

The battle, which was said here to have been inconclusive, was fought after the city was awakened at 2 a.m. by heavy naval fire and the buzz of planes. Officials said two Egyptian corvettes pumped shells at the blacked out city for half an hour without causing any casualties or doing any damage.

An Israel spokesman immediately threatened that if the Egyptians attacked Tel Aviv one more, either by sea or air, the Israeli navy or airforce, or both, would retaliate against Cairo, the Egyptian capital.

Later it was announced that the Egyptian ships were spotted by planes and pursued by Israeli corvettes in a running battle. The announcement said the raiders escaped southward.

Hit-Run Drivers Damage 3 Cars

Three cars were damaged by hit-run drivers New Year's eve, city police said Saturday.

An auto driven by Ray Ostrin, 150 N. 18th st., was sideswiped by a passing vehicle in the 1000 block of South 12th street.

Parked cars owned by Joseph Kubista, 2395 Cherry ave., and O. B. Allm, Salem route 8, were also slightly damaged when struck while parked in downtown Salem.

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China Premier Asks Support Of Peace Effort

By Harold K. Mills
NANKING, Sunday, Jan. 2-(AP)- Premier Sun Fo in a radio address early today urged the Chinese people to "give their organized support to the peace effort, so the communists will realize what the people desire and will cease military action in the interests of their countrymen."

At the same time, Sun told soldiers at the front they must not be distracted by the government's announcement that it desires peace, but must "redouble their efforts in order to win peace."

Sun's statement, transmitted over the central broadcasting facilities, was seen in this red-throated Chinese capital as an effort to gain public support for the government's current "peace offensive."

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