# West Salem School Holiday Will Start Thursday Night

West Salem, Dec. 21—Students of the West Salem elementary schools will be dismissed Thursday evening for Christmas vacation which is scheduled to continue until January 3. A former plan to permit a vacation conforming with neighboring schools was altered by the directors Monday evening, when it was decided a full week would be required to complete repair and reconditioning of the lower grade building, which was damaged by fire.

Completion of the work on the roof yesterday removed the danger of further damage to the building from weather conditions. Repainting of the interior, rebuilding of the flue and installations of fire escapes for the first floor class rooms is included in the work slated for next week.

Despite the disruption in the school's routine as a result of the fire, the customary Christmas program will be presented again this year. The program will be presented Thursday evening by the pupils of the four lower grades. Definite announcement regarding the program will be published at a later date.

**Legion Groups Give**

West Salem—Sixty were in attendance at the Christmas dinner and program given Saturday evening at the Legion home by members of the post and auxiliary of Kingwood Post of the American Legion. Motion pictures of scenic spots in the North American continent were shown by Miss Hodge as part of the evening's entertainment. Santa Claus made his usual visit bringing treats and gifts for the children.

# Stocks Decline Irregularly

New York, Dec. 21 (AP)—Financial markets today generally shifted gears into reverse.

Stocks, after five successive sessions without an average loss, turned irregularly lower following a fairly steady opening and, while scattered specialties managed to contest the trend with moderate success, losses of fractions to a point or so were widely distributed near the close. Transfers approximately 700,000 shares.

Most bonds and commodities trailed with stocks.

Profit taking on the lengthy upswing in securities was a retarding influence. Speculative and investment contingents, while still looking for a year-end bulge when commitments liquidated for tax purposes may be reinstated, inclined to step warily as the holidays approached.

Attracting bids were Francisco sugar, which edged into new high ground for 1943; Cuban-American sugar, American Telephone, Texas Co., Sears Roebuck and Dow Chemical. Laggards included U. S. Steel, Bethlehem, Chrysler, U. S. Rubber, Santa Fe, Schenley, Du Pont, General Electric and Westinghouse.

# Bearish Trend Grain Futures

Chicago, Dec. 21 (U.P.)—Grain futures slumped on the board of trade today. The bearish trend was induced by the annual government crop report and talk of a wheat ceiling lower than had been anticipated.

Wheat was off ⅞ to 1⅞ cents a bushel; oats unchanged to off ⅞, rye off ⅜ to 1½, and barley off 1⅛.

The trade showed little inclination to take market positions until ceiling prices have been announced and until the market carrying the basic parity price is known.

Initial demand encouraged by the crop report was reversed in later trade as the commodity credit corporation futures showed that demand for feed wheat had slackened since the advance in prices.

Rye advanced on the opening but receded sharply under profit-taking. Commission houses and local traders acted on both sides of the market.

The crop report met a mixed reaction, some considering it bullish but others stressing the continued limited demand for the cash article coupled with the increase in the visible supply.

Grainmen showed little interest in oats and the market sagged in sympathy with the falling off in feed wheat demand.

Barley priced little interest in oats and the market sagged in sympathy with the falling off in feed wheat demand.

Barley prices reacted to the reduction in trade maximum prices. Grain circles maintained the cash barley ceiling conflicted with future contracts. The exchange established the $1.28 barley ceiling on future delivery contracts but did not define the OPA price ceilings as pertaining to actual grain.

# Foremen at Fords Stage Demonstration

Detroit, Dec. 21 (AP)—A group of supervisors, members of the Independent Foremen's Association of America, left their jobs at the Willow Run bomber plant, Ford Motor company officials said today, and participated in a demonstration in the factory.

Some 500 foremen paraded through the plant this morning, a company spokesman said, and at least 100 left the plant later.

The demonstration was in protest against the disciplining of a committeeman who had attempted to discuss union matters with company officials but was refused recognition, a union spokesman declared.

Departure of the foremen, the company said, threatened to disrupt production schedules.

**To Buy Brazilian Rice**

London, Dec. 21 (U.P.)—The United States and Great Britain have reached an agreement with Brazil to purchase Brazilian rice surpluses harvested in 1944-45, expected to exceed 200,000 tons.

# Packers Meat Prices Set

Portland, Dec. 21 (U.P.)—Portland offices of the OPA and WFA today announced maximum and minimum prices packers may pay for live cattle on the Portland market in order to qualify for full subsidy payment, following preparation of differentials by national heads of these agencies.

Theodore J. Swenson, in charge of the FDA market news service at the Portland Union stockyards, said the figures for choice and commercial animals were pretty much in line with those being paid producers at present, but that prices for canners and cutters call for a sharp increase.

The minimum and maximum prices, based on 15 cents a hundred pounds above those for Spokane, Wash., are effective Jan. 2, as follows: choice, $13.75-16.75; good, $14.95-15.95; commercial, $12.20-13.70; utility, $10.15-11.65; canners and cutters, $7.30-8.80; bulls, $8.65-10.15.

# Russian Drive

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of prisoners, were captured.

The aim of the soviet drive, first of the promised winter offensives, appeared to be to cut the Vitebsk-Polotsk railroad and capture Vitebsk, perhaps in conjunction with a renewed assault from the east, for an all-out drive toward the Baltic.

The Germans were counter-attacking heavily in the Korosten area west of Kiev and near Kirovograd in the northern Dnieper bend in desperate attempts to throw back soviet spearheads, poised for thrusts toward Poland and Rumania.

Mention of Korosten for the first time since the Russians fell back to the Makin area, 27 miles to the southeast, indicated the red army may have regained some of the Ukrainian territory they yielded to the German counter-offensive of the past six weeks.

**Counter-Attack Fails**

The Germans broke into one soviet-held town in the Korosten area, but were thrown back by a counter-attack that killed 600 of their officers and men and wrecked 15 of their tanks. The Germans lost 12 additional tanks in another series of futile attacks.

The Germans threw 3000 men and more than 100 tanks into a counter-attack southeast of Kirovograd, but fell back after losing 1200 men, 39 tanks and nine self-propelled guns.

## Markets Briefed

(By the United Press)

Stocks irregular in quiet trading.

Bonds irregularly lower.

Curb stocks irregularly higher.

Cotton off as much as 90 cents a bale.

Wheat off ⅞ to 1⅞ cents.

**It's New Years Gifts Now**

Portland, Dec. 20 (AP)—Christmas packages mailed from now on are going to be New Year's gifts, Postmaster E. T. Hedlund said today. That's the best his swamped staff can do in the face of a 24 percent increase in incoming mail and a 16 percent boost in outgoing.

# Market Quotations

**Portland Eastside Market**

General offerings were limited today on the farmers' eastside wholesale market, with a brief cauliflower deal featuring the session, with sales at $2.25, not enough supply for the demand.

Demand for cabbage good, $1.75, some $2. Sprouts $2.65 box. Spinach quality poor, $1.50-$2 orange box, highest of the season. Carrots at a new high for recent months, 70c dozen bunches. Turnips 80-85c doz.

No local potatoes or onions offered. Apples in nominal offering were snapped up at former prices.

**Portland Wholesale Market**

Butter—AA grade prints 46c, cartons 46¾c. A grade prints 45½c, cartons 46½c. B grade prints 45¼c cartons 46c lb.

Butterfat—First quality, max. of .6 of 1% acidity delivered Portland 52-52½c lb. Prem quality, max. of .35 of 1% acidity, 53-53½c. Valley routes and country points 50-50½c 2nd quality Portland 50-50½c lb.

Eggs — Prices to producers: A large 50c; A med. 45c; A small 40c; B large 41c doz.

Cheese—Selling prices to Portland retailers: Oregon triplets 29c, loaf 29½c lb. Triplets to wholesalers 27c, loaf 27½c lb, f.o.b.

**Portland Produce Exchange**

Butter—Cubes: 93 score 42¾c, 92 score 42¼c, 90 score 42c, 89 score 41½c lb.

Eggs—PDA prices: Grade A large 51c, med. 47c, Grade A small 43c. Grade B large 46c dozen.

Cheese—Oregon triplets 27c, loaf 27½c lb. Jobbers pay ½c lb. less.

Eggs—Prices to retailers in cases, AA (—). A large 53½c, A med. 49½c, A small 45½c doz. To producers: A large 50c, B 42c. A med. 46c, small 41c dozen.

**Live Poultry**

Buying prices—No. 1 grade Leghorn broilers up to 1½ lbs. 30c lb. Colored fryers under 2¼ to 4 lbs 29c; colored roasters over 4 lbs. 29c Leghorn hens under 2¼ lbs. 25½c, over 3½ lbs. 25½c lb. Colored hens 4-5 lbs. 25½c lb., over 5 lbs. 25½c. Old roosters 21½c, stags 21½c lb.

Selling prices—No. 1 light hens 24½c lb., med. 25½c, colored 25½-26½c. Colored springs 34c, heavy roasters 34c, broilers 30c, stags 18c. roosters 16-17c lb. Peking ducks, young 20-22c. Geese 21-22c lb. Guinea hens 60c each.

Turkeys—Alive. Gov't. ceilings: Buying prices: hens 42c, toms 38½c lb.

Rabbits — Government ceilings: Average country killed to retailers, 44c lb. Live to producers 24c.

**Fresh Fruits**

Apples—Delicious combination box $3.54, Yakima Jonathans comb. box $3.38. Local Jonathans, face & fill $3.15. Winter Banana $2.50, face-fill Ortley, comb $3.54, face-fill $3.15 Spitzenberg comb. $3.54 box, face-fill $3.23. All prices based on 35-lb. box. Lady apples $1.90 20-lb. box.

Avocadoes—Black, green $3.15-65 box. Fuerte $2.50-3.15; Bueno Eldorado $2.15-2.25.

Bananas—Hands 9.80c, bunches 9.06c lb. Packing extra.

Cranberries—Coast, per bushel: $8.25. Coos Bay $8.25-50. Eastern $25 per 52-lb. box. White $4.78 box.

Dates—Deglet Moor $7.50-$8 per 15-lb. box.

Grapes—Concords $1 lug. Emperor Tokay $3.10-25.

Grapefruit—Riverside $4-$4.14 a case, Ariz. $3-$3.50. Texas white $4.50, pinks $4.90. Cochella $5.35. Florida $4.87.

Lemons—Fancy $5.25-$6.75 case.

Oranges—Valencias $5.59. Texas $5.74 case. Navels $5.25-50. Alabama Satsuma $5 for 40-lb. box.

Pears—Bartletts, Yakima $1.75-$2. Local $2.50 box. Hood River d'Anjous $5. Bosc $4.90 box.

Persimmons—Calif. $2.50-75 lug.

Plums—Local $1-$1.25 box.

Pineapple—Hawaiian 16s $14.50 a crate; 15's $10 crate.

Pomegranites—Calif. $2.50 lug.

Prunes—Local $1.25 box

Tangerines—Calif. $5-$6 orange box. Texas $2.65 ½ box. Florida $3.40 ½ box.

**Fresh Vegetables**

Beans—Calif. green 20c lb.

Beets—Bunches 75c dozen.

Cabbage—Round $1.50 crate. Red 4c lb.

Cauliflower—No. 1 $2.25-50 crate. Calif. $2.50 crate.

Carrots—Local 75c do. bunches. Lugs 75c.

Celery—Ore. green $3 crate, white $3.75; hearts $2-$2.10 per dozen bunches. White $4. Calif. $3.50 crate.

Eggplants—Calif. $4 lug.

Lettuce—Calif. 4s $4.25. Dalles $2.50. Bingen $2-$2.50. Delano 4s $4-$4.25 crate. Mid-Columbia $2 crate. No. 2 90c cental. Deschutes No. 1

Onions—Green 75-85c doz. bunch Yakima $2.12 50-lb. bag.

Peas—Coast $4-$4.50 25-lb box.

Potatoes—Yakima No. 1 $3.25; No. 2 90c cental. Deschutes No. 1 $3.15-25. Idaho $3. Klamath (—). Local $2.50 cental.

Radishes—Local 80-90c doz. bun.

Squash—Danish 60c orange box Hubbard. Marblehead 1½c lb. Cal. $2.75-$3. Bohemian $1.25 crate. Banana 1½c lb.

Spinach—No. 1 $2.10-$2.15 box. Texas $2.50 hamper. Calif. $3.50.

Sweet Potatoes—Cal. 50s $4.50-$5.

Tomatoes—Local hothouse, choice 29-30c, fcy. 31c, ex. fcy. 32c lb. Mexican 22c lb., as is $5.40 lug. Texas 22c lb.

Country Meats—Rollback prices to retailers: Country killed hogs, best butchers 120-140 lbs. 17-18c lb.; vealers, AA 22½c, A 21½c, B 19-19½, C 15-17½c, culls 13½c lb. Cutter-common cows 10c lb. Bulls, cutter-common 14¾c. Lambs AA 26c, A 24½c, B 22½c C 10-20c. Ewes, FS 13¾c, med. 12c, R 10¾c. Beef, AA 21¾c, A 20¾c, B 18¾c, C 14c lb.

**Wool, Hides, Hops**

Wool—Government control.

Cascara Bark—Dry 17c lb.

Mohair—1942 12-mos. 45c lb.

Hides—Calves 19-22c, green beef 10c lb. Kip 16c, green bull 6c lb.

Hops—Nominal seed stock 1942 crop $1.40 lb. Seedless $1.50-60 lb.

**Portland Grain**

Portland, Dec. 21 (AP)—Cash grain. Wheat (bid): soft white 1.44½, no Rex 1.45½; white club, west. red 1.45½; hard red winter: ordinary 1.45, 10 pct. 1.46½, 11 pct. 1.49½, 12 pct. 1.51½; hard white baart: 10 pct. 1.47½, 11 pct. 1.48½, 12 pct. 1.49½.

Car receipts: wheat 24, barley 9, millfeed 6, flour 3, hay 2, corn 1, oats 1.

**Portland Livestock**

Portland, Dec. 21 (AP)— (WFA) Cattle 125, calves 35. Market fairly active and mostly steady on limited offerings. Few com.-med. steers at 11.50-13.50, cutter heifers 6.00-7.50. Canner-cutter cows 4.50-6.00, shelly cows down to 3.00, fat dairy type 7.00-75, med. to fairly good beefs 9.50-10.75, odd head heavy cows to 11.50. Com.-med. bulls 7.00-8.50, outstanding heavy beefs to 10.50. Good-choice vealers 13.50-14.50, common-medium 8.50-12.50.

Hogs 250, holdovers 800. Market fairly active on wts. below 230 lbs. mostly steady. Practically no sows sold with liberal supply available. Good-choice barrows and gilts 200-230 lbs. 14.00 to mostly 14.25; 240-270 lbs. 13.75-14.00, heavy wts. not moving, under 200 lbs. 13.75 down to 12.25. Few good sows late Monday 9.00-50. Good-choice feeder pigs 10.00-50.

Sheep 50. Scattered sales steady to weak. Wooled lambs 110 lbs. 12.00, strictly good-choice truck-ins 12.50 up, com. down to 8.00. Good ewes 4.00-50.

Chicago, Dec. 21 (U.P.)—Cash grain. Wheat, No. 3 dark hard 171½. Corn, No. 4 yellow 112½. Oats, No. 2 white 83¾. Barley malting 125-145n, hard 120-130n, feed 115½-125n.

| Wheat | open | high | low | close |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dec. | 1.72¼ | 1.72¼ | 1.71 | 1.71 |
| May | 1.67½ | 1.67½ | 1.65½ | 1.65¾ |
| July | 1.65 | 1.65⅛ | 1.63⅝ | 1.63⅝-¾ |
| Sep. | 1.63⅞ | 1.63⅞ | 1.62⅝ | 1.62½ |

**Chicago Livestock**

Chicago, Dec. 21 (AP) — (WPA) Hogs 24,000, salable 18,000; slow, steady on all weights; sows 10-15 lower, good-choice 200-270 lbs. 13.75, top; over 270 lbs. and under 200 lbs. selling unevenly. Good-choice 280-330 lbs. 12.90-13.25; 170-190 lbs. 12.25 to 13.00, few 150-170 lbs. 11.50-12.50 Good-choice 350-550 lb. sows 11.90-12.15; few choice light wts. up to 12.35; prospective holdover 12,000.

Salable cattle 7000, calves 1000. Choice fed steers and yearlings strong to 15 higher, supply small; all other grades slow, steady with Monday's 25c downturn. Lower grades predominated in crop, bulk 13.25-15.50, early top 16.50; some held 16.75; best yearlings 16.25. All heifers steady, bulk 12.50-15.00 and best 15.75; strictly choice absent. Beef cows weak a shade lower, canners and cutters slow, steady at 7.75 down, practical outside good beefs 11.50. Bulls steady, weighty sausage kinds 11.50 down, light-med. wts. 8.50-10.50. Vealers unchanged at 15.00 down, stock cattle scarce, steady mainly 10.00-12.25.

Sheep 5500 salable 4000. Market not established, asking fully steady. Load strictly good-choice fed western lambs held above 14.75, three loads just good held 14.25, early bids weak to 25 lower at 14.40 down; load of good-choice fed lambs with fall shorn pelts held above 14.00. Load good yearlings held above 12.50.

## Salem Markets

**Compiled from reports of Salem dealers, for the guidance of Capital Journal readers.—(Revised daily).**

**Buying Prices**

Wheat—Red and white $1.25 bu.

Gray oats—No. 2 36-lb. $48 ton.

Barley—No. 2 bright $46 ton.

**Retail Prices**

Egg Mash—$3.75 cwt.

Pullet Grower Mash—$3.70 cwt.

Chick Starter—$4.25 cwt.

Hen Scratch—$2.80 cwt.

Beet Pulp—Plain $2.25.

**Midget Market Reports**

Hogs—165-225 lbs. $14.00; 220-250 lbs. $13.50. Packing sows $9-9.50.

Sheep—1943 spring lambs $10.00-$11.50; ewes $4.50-$5.

Cattle—Top veal dressed 20c, alive 12c lb. Heifers $9-$11. Dairy cows $6-$7. Beef cows $7-$8. Bulls 8.50-$9

Poultry—Heavy colored hens, No. 1, 25c, No. 2 21c lb., colored fryers No. 1 28c lb. Colored broilers 28c. Old roosters 20c lb. White Leghorn hens 23c lb.

Eggs—Buying prices: large grade A white and brown 46c dozen. Extra med. 42c. Standards 42c. Pullets 32c. Cracks 32c dozen.

Eggs —Wholesale prices: Ex. large A white and brown 50c dozen, med. 46c doz. Standard B large 46c doz. Pullets 36c.

Butter—Prints: A grade 45½c, B 44½c, quarters 46¼c lb. Butterfat: Premium 54c. No. 1 53c. No. 2 50c lb.

# Youths Get 8 Years For Bull-pen Death

Grand Island, Neb., Dec. 21 (AP)—Two Portland, Ore., youths must spend eight years in the state penitentiary in connection with the "bull pen" death here Sept. 18 of Jamie Payne, Seminole, Okla.

The youths, Frank Miller and Ted Smith, both 19, pleaded guilty to manslaughter charges in district court yesterday after second degree murder complaints had been dismissed.

At the time of his death, Payne was in the jail "bull pen" on an intoxication charge. Miller and Smith were jailed on charges of disturbing the peace.

John F. McCarthy, county attorney, told the court that a police officer who went to the room to release Payne to a friend found his body sprawled on the blood-spattered floor and Smith and Miller asleep in blood-spotted clothes.

# Fletcher Commands North Pacific Area

Washington, Dec. 21 (AP)—Appointment of Vice Admiral F. J. Fletcher as commander of the north Pacific area was announced today by Secretary of the Navy Knox. Fletcher succeeds Vice Admiral Thomas C. Kinkair, who recently was sent to the southwest Pacific.

Rear Admiral Sherwoode A. Taffinder succeeds Fletcher as commandant of the 13th naval district.

**Flu in California**

San Francisco, Dec. 21 (AP)—The nation's influenza wave began nearing epidemic proportions in northern California today as Grass Valley and Nevada City public schools were closed ahead of the usual Christmas vacation and San Francisco's eight principal shipyards reported sending workers home "by the carloads."

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# Russians Adopt New Anthem

Moscow, Dec. 21 (U.P.)—The Internationale, belligerent marching song of world revolutionaries for almost three-quarters of a century, was discarded as the official anthem of the soviet union today in favor of a nationalistic hymn glorifying the red army and the internal unity of the Russian people.

In a typically symbolic gesture that indicated the change in Russian world politics as clearly as any diplomatic action Moscow ever has taken, the soviets announced that the revolutionary Internationale no longer is considered compatible with the new spirit of the nation.

The battle song, which has been the Russian anthem since the revolution of 1918, "does not reflect the fundamental changes which have occurred in our country as a result of the successes of soviet construction and does not reflect the realities of the soviet state," an official statement said.

The new national anthem, "Hymn of the Soviet Union," will be introduced formally on March 15. Written by a young poet, a newspaperman, and a red army musician, it contains no reference to the international solidarity of the working classes.

The new anthem resulted from a month's long contest in which more than 100 of the soviet union's leading poets and composers participated.

# Fortress' Name Shocks Nazis

Stockholm, Dec. 21 (AP)—The German press has published two pictures described as showing an American flier, Kenneth D. Williams, 21, Charlotte, N. C., and attacking him as "typical of the cynical manner of the American youth which now is bombing Europe's cultural monuments and cities," the German-controlled Scandinavian telegraph bureau reported today from Berlin.

The pictures showed Williams with the words "Murder Incorporated" printed on the back of his coveralls. Williams was flying a Fortress called "Murder Incorporated" which was shot down in a raid on Emden Nov. 26, the German press said.

The name of the German-reported Fortress evidently is from "Murder, Inc., the title applied to a gang of Brooklyn, N. Y., killers estimated to have killed 100 persons for a group of gangsters which dealt in liquor, slot machines, gambling houses and other rackets.

Bomber crews run the gamut of imagination in picking names, most of them facetious, for their ships. Any such facetiousness would of course be lost on the German mind. Among names of other bombers are "Hell's Angels," "Wabbit Twacks," "Suzy Q."

# Yanks Capture

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The naval communique said the enemy destroyers fled with the PT boats in pursuit and later were engaged by another force, which included both American and British light coastal ships.

**Canadians in Action**

Allied headquarters here announced that a specially trained mixed American-Canadian unit is in action with the fifth army, but gave no inkling what the unit is being used for.

On the eighth army front, Montgomery's men pushed about a mile north of the Ortona-Orsonga road toward Tollo four miles northwest of the highway.

Both the Fortresses which attacked Elevsis and the Liberators which bomber Sofia fought long, running battles with German fighters.

# 5 Fuhrer Brothers Seek Name Change

Detroit, Dec. 21 (U.P.)— The brothers, Henry, David, Harold, Tobias and Arnold Fuhrer petitioned Federal Judge Thomas C. Murphy for a change of surname "because of the inconveniences suffered due to the designation as fuehrer of that ignominous character, Schickelgruber or Hitler."

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# East Salem Xmas Programs Are Arranged for Schools

East Salem, Dec. 21—Scheduled for this week are three school Christmas programs in the school East of Salem and two church programs. Wednesday night was the night selected for the three schools, Swegle, Fruitland and Middlegrove, with Friday night the church programs.

Last Thursday Fruitland Woman's circle held their annual Christmas dinner at the church, with the usual exchange of gifts. There were 46 present for the dinner and social afternoon.

The epidemic of colds and influenza was the worry of teachers and pupils and all helping with practice for programs this past week but it is believed to be much better this week. At Swegle last week a third and some days more of the children were absent.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray K. Hall of East Turner Road were in Eugene this past week as guests of Mr. Hall's parents.

Miss Marion Thatcher enjoyed a week's vacation visiting at the home of her cousin at Huntington, Oregon. Miss Thratcher and Miss Ruby West, Swegle district girls, have just finished their course in nurse's aid and Sunday spent their first day assisting at a Salem hospital.

Mrs. Arnold Aaserude has as her guests her parents from North Dakota.

Mrs. Clara Massey at 1420 East Turner Road has sold her home to Mr. and Mrs. Jess Smith of Klamath Falls. She and her son, Richard, will move into Salem.

Mrs. Charles Norton spent the week-end with her husband in Portland. Her grandson, Bobbie Norton returned to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Norton after a week's visit at the Norton home on Garden Road.

# Lake Named for Brooklyn Girl

Brooklyn, N. Y., Dec. 21 (AP)—Marine corps Lt. James P. Hackett of Rumson, N. J., formerly an editor of the Newark, N. J., bureau and New York headquarters of the Associated Press, has had a lake in far-off Bougainville in the south Pacific named for a girl in Brooklyn.

"If I don't go down in history, I know I'll go down in geography," said Miss Kathleen Reynolds, 25, once a beauty queen at New York university, when told about Lake Kathleen.

Hackett wrote her that ever since he landed with his amphibious outfit, he had been after the coast and geodetic mapmakers and he finally persuaded them to name the lake for Kathleen. It was officially designated December 9.

She said Hackett's letter gave this description of the lake: "No one has ever gone near it in years, but they will soon. Seems the natives consider it taboo because there are ghosts around it. With your influence the ghosts will either turn out to be very nice ghosts or else they will run away."

# Bombs Carry Cheer to Adolph

London, Dec. 21 (AP)—The crew of the American Flying Fortress "Mr. Smith," gets a kick out of chalking this little greeting on every incendiary bomb they drop, "this is to light your Christmas tree, Hitler."

The art work is done by the bombardier, Lt. Hugh A. Cuttell, Columbus, O., who lets 'em fly, and Engineer Sgt. Merritt F. Andrews, Jamestown, N.Y. The pilot is Lt. Chester L. Doron, Rochester, N. Y.

# Earl Harding, 63, Dies in Portland

Portland, Dec. 21 (AP)—Funeral arrangements were underway today for Earl P. W. Harding, 63, onetime chemistry instructor and football coach at Oregon State college, who died yesterday.

The Portland chemist, whose home was at Oak Grove, fell dead while inquiring as to the health of a neighbor.

Born in Amity, Harding is survived by his widow, two sisters, Mrs. Grace Bates, Gaston, and Mrs. Blanche Brown, Portland, and a brother, Ralph Harding, Roseburg.

# Roosevelt Declines To Pass Tax Bill

Washington, Dec. 21 (AP)—President Roosevelt declined today to say whether he shared Treasury Secretary Morgenthau's estimate of the tax bill drafted in congress.

He told a news conference questioner he could not say because he did not know what Morgenthau's estimate was.

"It's a very low estimate," he was informed.

"Says you," Mr. Roosevelt retorted.

## Freighter Stevens Launched Monday

Portland, Dec. 21 (AP)—The Liberty freighter Isaac I. Stevens, named for the first governor of Washington territory, was launched yesterday at the Oregon Shipbuilding corporation yards. Stevens, a U.S. military academy graduate, became governor of the territory in 1843 and was credited with pacifying many hostile Indian tribes. He was killed in a civil war battle at Chantilly, Va., in 1862.

# Flu Epidemic Not Abated

(By the Associated Press)

The influenza epidemic continued unabated throughout Oregon today, although no deaths were reported.

Marshfield's schools did not open today as authorities sought to check spread of the malady in the Coos Bay area. Many pupils and teachers were absent Monday. The Chamber of Commerce discontinued meetings until January 6, and a banquet honoring the high school football team was postponed.

North Bend and Oregon City reported 20 percent absenteeism among students, and West Linn high school 25 percent.

More than 35 percent of Portland's elementary school pupils were absent and 205 of the Portland school system's teachers.

Willamette University moved its Christmas holiday up a day and a half to noon today because of an influenza outbreak at Lausanne Hall where men in the navy V-12 program are quartered. Thirty of the apprentice seamen were ill.

# 17 Rural Schools Closed by Epidemic

Seattle, Dec. 21 (U.P.)—A mild flu epidemic in King county resulted in the closing of 17 rural schools yesterday, county health officers announced. Between 30 and 40 percent of the pupils were reported absent from classes.

Dr. Bryan Newsom, county epidemiologist, said the wave of flu was "not alarming," but that operation of schools with a third of the pupils absent was not practical.

"The closure was ordered in the hope that the situation will clear up over the holidays," Dr. Newsom explained.

A more favorable situation was viewed in Seattle, where a slight decrease in the number of cases was reported.

Yakima, Wash., Dec. 21 (U.P.)—Two Yakima county schools have closed prematurely for the Christmas holidays due to a high rate of absenteeism from influenza, it was reported today.

# Two Union Leaders Fined in Portland

Portland, Ore., Dec. 21 (U.P.)—Two former officers of the powerful boilermakers' Union, Local 72, faced fines and suspended jail sentences today after a circuit court halted negotiations for amicable settlement of the union's snarled affairs.

Tom Ray, ex-business agent, was fined $300 and given a five-month suspended sentence by Judge James W. Crawford. Hugh Fagan, deposed recording secretary, was fined $100 and given a 90-day suspended sentence.

In a climax to yesterday's stormy court session Judge Crawford declared voluntary attempts to negotiate the tangled legal status of the union at an end because the international had insisted that election of officers for the union be held in March.

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## Births, Deaths

**Births**

Silverton—To Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Jackson of 834 S. Water St., a son, Dec. 19, at Silverton hospital.

**Deaths**

Field—Herbert E. Field, late resident of 1405 North Summer street, Sunday, December 19, at the age of 85. Husband of Mrs. Helena Field of Salem, father of Mrs. Lois F. Aaen, Buell and Clinton Field of Salem, Mrs. Carrie Larson of Gaston, Ore., Mrs. Irene Hamilton of Boise, Ida., Mrs. Jessie Anderson of Ronan, Mont., Roy Field of Bellingham, Wash., Paul Field of Minneapolis, Minn., Stephen Field of Coeur d'Alene, Ida.; brother of Mrs. Bertha Young of Pittsfield, Ill., and J. Charles Field of Salem. Also survived by 32 grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Services will be held from the Clough-Barrick chapel Wednesday, December 22, at 3 p.m., with Elder G. T. Dickinson officiating. Interment in City View cemetery.

## Obituary

**Oliver Franklin Powell**

Lebanon—Oliver Franklin Powell of Berlin died at the Albany general hospital Saturday. Born in Berlin Feb. 18, 1876, and lived in that community his entire life. Survived by a son, Alfred of Culp Creek, Ore.; brothers, Melvin of Camas, Wash., Nelson O. of Portland and Benjamin H. of Lacomb. Services were held Tuesday at the Howe Funeral home. Elder George Simons officiated and Mrs. Ralph Kleen was soloist. Interment was in Powell cemetery at Berlin.

**Mrs. Ella Clem**

Lebanon—Mrs. Ella Clem, 67, died Monday at the home of her son, Clark, at Crawfordsville. Born at Glendale, Ore., May 20, 1876. Surviving are two sons, Tom and Clark of Crawfordsville; four daughters, Mrs. Francis Lamberty of Portland, Mrs. William Stennett of Clackamas, Mrs. Albert Kurth of Alsea and Mrs. Kedric Kelly of Sweet Home. Funeral services from the Howe Funeral home Wednesday at 2 p.m. with Elder George Simons officiating. Interment in IOOF cemetery.

**Benjamin F. Morris**

Lebanon—Benjamin F. Morris, 82, of Sweet Home, died at the Fisler Nursing home in Albany Dec. 20. Born in Sweet Home Dec. 9, 1861, he had resided practically all his life in that vicinity. He had been ill at the nursing home for about two months. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Victor Barr of Sweet Home and Mrs. Fred Furrow of Portland, a son, Aaron of Sweet Home; 10 gandchildren, a brother, Alma T. of Sweet Home. Funeral announcements later by Howe Funeral home.

**Joseph Koenig**

Sublimity—Joseph Koenig, 77, of Sublimity died at his home Dec. 17 after an illness of about two months. Services were held from St. Boniface church Monday at 9 a.m. Born in Alsace Lorraine March 22, 1866, the youngest of nine children, all of whom are deceased. Educated in Alsace Lorraine and lived there until he was about 21 years of age. On coming to America he first settled in Minnesota and later in Montana where he worked for a few years. He and his brother, Louis, came to Oregon in 1897, making the journey by horse and wagon. Settled on the Koenig ranch west of Sublimity where he married Mrs. Elizabeth Larsen of Portland, and to them were born five children. In 1918 the family moved to Sublimity and his sons took over the farm. Survived by his widow; sons, Andrew Larsen, a step son, John and Joseph, all of Sublimity; daughters, Sister M. Antoinette and Sister M. Rigina of the Sisters of St. Mary's, and Agnes Koenig of Sublimity, and four grandchildren.

**Minnie Bell Banta**

Lebanon—Minnie Bell Banta died at the home of her son, Carl, on Lebanon route 1, Monday. Born at Waterloo June 28, 1883. Wife of John H. Banta. Survived by two sons, Carl of Lebanon and Arnold with the U.S. army in Oklahoma; brothers, William and Fred Robertson. Funeral services Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Howe Funeral home. Interment in IOOF cemetery.

**William Guy Warwick**

Woodburn — William Guy Warwick, 54, farmer and lifelong resident of this community, died at the Woodburn hospital Monday. He spent his entire life on the property where he was born Oct. 16, 1889, located on the south pavement near the Pacific highway. Survived by his widow, Mrs. Edna Warwick; daughters, Jessie Belle Warwick of Portland and Grace Warwick of Salem. Funeral services will be held from the Ringo chapel Wednesday at 2 p.m. Rev. George R. Cromley officiating. Interment in Belle Passi cemetery.

**George G. Dunn**

Silverton — Funeral services for George G. Dunn, 83, will be held from the Memorial chapel of the Ekman Funeral home Wednesday at 2 p.m. Interment in Bethany cemetery. Rev. S. L. Almlie officiating.

# Child Beating Case Continued

Medford, Ore., Dec. 21 (U.P.)—Earl Finton, 30, Prospect mill worker, today had continued time to plead his case on a charge of cruelty to a child.

Finton is accused by county officers of unmercifully beating 6-year-old Terry Prather, left in the care of Finton and his wife while the youngster's parents were out of town.

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