



Accused—Mrs. Margaret Russell (above), 88, partially deaf and blind in one eye, is pictured in the Oakland, Calif., jail where she was being held on charges of stealing two cubes of butter from a grocery store. The special police officer who arrested her at the store said he would not have made the arrest "except that she got indignant and tough to me." (Acme Telephoto)

### Widow, 88, May Go to Jail, —Cheered by Many Friends

Oakland, Calif., Dec. 21 (AP)—A chain store manager said today she was determined to press charges against Mrs. Margie Russell, 88-year-old widow accused of stealing two cubes of butter worth 38 cents.

The half-blind, nearly deaf old lady appeared in court before Police Judge Joseph A. Kennedy, holding on to the arm of Attorney Rupert Crittenden, who volunteered to defend her. Crittenden asked for a jury trial and Kennedy set December 22 for trial in extra sessions court.

She earlier had pleaded not guilty to petty theft charges. Mrs. Russell said nothing to the judge in court, but after the session was over, she told Crittenden: "This has spoiled Christmas for me. But it's a grand experience. . . I never knew I had so many friends."

If convicted, she could be fined \$500 and sentenced to six months in jail.

Mrs. Russell, or "Grandma," as her jailmates nicknamed her, was arrested last Thursday by a store detective. She was in jail for four days until her middle-aged son yesterday put up \$200 bail.

"I'm real mad over all this fuss!" she exclaimed. "I didn't steal the butter."

Seven boys received their Wolf badges after having joined the pack November 18, 1949. They are Ralph Morgan, Clay Newell, James Reimann, John Rausch, Pat Kelley, Mike Kelley and John Socolofsky.

Jack Bowman was awarded his Bear badge. John Gallagher was awarded his Webelos badge which is the highest rank of Cub Scouts. He is now ready to join a regular Scout troop.

Service stars and gold and silver arrows were awarded Bill Auman, Dick Buchanan and Arthur McEldowney.

After all business was completed a Christmas party was held for the Cub Scouts with an exchange of gifts. Candy was furnished by mothers of the Cubs and apples were furnished by the pack. There was a good attendance of boys and parents. The pack now has 65 boys enrolled and 62 were present.

### Demonstration Held Upon Decorations

Aumsville—A number of members of the Aumsville extension unit attended the meeting on holiday decorations in Stayton. Miss Betty Ann Boetcher and Miss Eleanor Trindle gave the demonstrations.

Going from here were the Mesdames Charles Wright, Omar Roberts Sr., Omar Roberts Jr., Vernon Roberts, Bland Speer, Jack La Ront, Joe Nicholson, David Wettmer, Elmer Gunther and Marvin Bradley.

### Boost in Bus Express Sought

Portland, Dec. 21 (AP)—A boost in charges for express shipments on Greyhound bus lines in Oregon was asked yesterday by the company.

The bus line proposed a new minimum for packages of less than 10 pounds going not more than 50 miles. It would be 75 cents compared with the present 45 cents. Other rates would go up about 10 percent.

Approval by the state public utilities commission is likely. There was no public opposition at the hearing.

W. H. Egger, Portland, regional manager for the bus company, said "we want to return primarily to the field of fast, emergency service. . . we're actually in the passenger business and are not contemplating entering the express business on a major scale."

Contract rates on packages shipped daily would be nearly doubled within the 50-mile zone, up from \$8 to \$11.25. For greater distances, the boosts would be relatively smaller.

### Secrecy Covers Plan to Move Government Inland in War

Washington, Dec. 21 (AP)—Top secret plans provide for moving some of the government's most important departments and personnel inland in case of wartime attack on Washington.

How much would be moved—and where—would depend on the severity of the attacks.

The National Security Resources board is constantly working over plans to deal with such a situation. No single plan is likely to be adopted and set aside for possible future use. Instead, the board intends to keep revising a number of alternative proposals.

The program is known officially as "security of the nation's capital."

It is based on the assumption that the United States would be attacked, probably by air, if it became involved in another world war.

Military planners point to both the long range of heavy bombers and to the recent announcement that the United States no longer has exclusive possession of the atomic bomb.

Board staff members are quick to add, too, that the atomic bomb is not their only worry "Blockbusters" and incendiary bombs as used in World War II could cause heavy damage in American cities.

One of the first steps to be taken in event of war would be to disperse several governmental departments which do not need to operate in Washington. This was done to a limited extent during World War II because additional space was needed in Washington for war agencies.

After that, an air attack on Washington could result in two things.

One would be that the most important units might move underground in existing buildings, much the same as the British government stayed in London during the German blitz.

Little, if any, provision has been made for such a move at this time. No appropriation has been asked to provide emergency working quarters in Washington.

If repeated attacks made Washington untenable, congress, the executive agencies and the supreme court would move to other locations.

It is reported that no single location has been chosen for a temporary capital.

### Mayor Sounds Safety Note

Mayor Robert L. Elfstrom Tuesday called upon the people of Salem to do their part, along with the National Safety Council and 160 other national co-operating organizations, in holding down accidents during the Christmas holiday celebration.

"Let's take our place in this nationwide holiday safety campaign," the mayor said. "No body can be safe for us—each one of us has to be safe for himself! It is the individual's responsibility to himself and his family to recognize the extra holiday hazards and the extra means to meet and overcome them."

"It cannot be a merry Christmas for Salem unless we make certain it is an accident-free celebration. Needless and preventable accidents that mar the holiday with suffering and tragedy make a hollow mockery of the Yuletide spirit. Let's all remember this and make it a personal responsibility to keep our city's holiday celebration the safest on record."

### Coming Baby Not Mentioned

Lausanne, Switzerland, Dec. 21 (AP)—Aly Khan and his wife, former movie actress Rita Hayworth, held a 20-minute open air news conference Tuesday, but made no mention of the date they expect Rita's baby to arrive.

Rita, throughout the interview, remained seated in her gray automobile. She was dressed in a dark mink coat and had a green silk scarf around her light red hair. She smiled frequently, but seemed tired.

After the photographers had finished, Prince Aly invited the correspondents and photographers inside the Chateau d'Origny, the home of his half brother, Prince Sadruddin. The pictures had been taken outside the house.

Inside, Prince Aly drank a glass of champagne with all of his guests and passed around

### 'Greatest Show on Earth' Hopes to Have Bearded Lady

Washington, Dec. 21 (AP)—The "greatest show on earth," meaning the circus, will have a bearded lady again come spring.

Everybody from John Ringling North on down hopes so, anyhow.

Maybe I can take a bow. It's like this:

A few years ago I was in Chicago watching them put up the big tent and asked the press agent to take me to see the "bearded lady." He fumed and sweated a little under the collar.

The P. A. explained that the Barnum and Bailey people had placed the whiskered lady beside the fire-eater. It's not hard to guess what happened. The lady's beard went up in smoke.

Since that time I have been teasing the circus about its inability to get hold of another lady with a beard. Goodness knows, the circus has tried. It has put ads in the papers. It gets all kinds of mail from gals who are willing to grow beards, but none from any lady who happens to have one ready-made.

So far as the circus knows there isn't a full-grown lady with a full-grown beard in the country.

Well, Frank Braden, the press agent for the show, was in town the other day. He is a gravelly-voiced little man who wears a white arm band with a big black "G" on it. That's in memory of Gargantua, the big gorilla which passed on not long ago.

In the off-season, Frank gets tired of smelling tan bark, looking at lions, high wire performers and circus bands. Not to mention not eating. So he goes around the country plugging movies.

"We're going to have that bearded lady for you," he said. "And I hope you're satisfied."

"You've got John Ringling North so mad he's sending an expedition to the Belgian Congo."

Actually, it's an independent expedition headed by Osa Johnson, the lady explorer and animal hunter.

Her main job will be to bring back a live, full-grown gorilla to replace the late Gargantua.

### Simmons Heads Entomologists

Jerry Simmons, Salem, was elected president of the Busy Bumble Bees 4-H entomology club, led by J. E. Davis, state entomologist, at the club's regular meeting Saturday morning.

Other club officers and members include Johnny Morris, vice president; Roy Simmons, secretary; Lee Golden, reporter; Homer Ding, custodian, and Ronnie Simmons.

The members observed many different insects mounted in display boxes at the state department of entomology. Mr. Davis, club leader, explained interesting facts about the insects.

This is the second 4-H entomology club organized for Salem youth under the supervision of the city 4-H program, Jim Bishop, city extension agent, said. Boys and girls between ages of 9 and 21, who live in Salem, and are interested in insect study and collecting may join these clubs. The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday morning, January 14 at 10 o'clock.

### Officials Are Feted

Falls City — The Rebekahs gave a 7 o'clock dinner at the IOOF dining room for the city officials and wives and the firemen and wives. The invited guests were Chief Young and wife and Assistant Chief Dave Moser and wife of Dallas. This will be an annual affair but instead of having it in December they will arrange another date.

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among them chatting freely. Geislens Are Hosts Rita remained in the car. Hopewell—Twenty members and friends attended the Missionary Society meeting held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Geislens. Refreshments were served by the hostesses. An offering was taken to help in the "Helpers for Relief" project.

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