



Husband Questioned in Wife's Slaying—Thomas Talle, 37 (second from left) wealthy retired New Mexico cattleman, was surrendered to sheriff's deputies by his attorney, James Boccardo, (left), for questioning in the death of his wife, Margaret Talle, 29 (right), who was found shot at Talle's Montecito Heights home near San Jose, Calif., early Dec. 24. (AP Wirephoto)



Cleveland Transit Strike Called Off

Cleveland, Dec. 27 (AP)—AFL unionists bowed to a court injunction today and called off the city's six-day transit strike.

By a voice vote, members of the AFL-Transit union voted overwhelmingly to abide by an injunction ordering them to give up the strike against the city-owned Cleveland transit system.

Buses and street cars were expected to start rolling almost immediately. The injunction set a 2 p.m. deadline.

Transit officials, however, said no attempt would be made before tomorrow to maintain normal schedules.

Approve Jail Term for Jap Ex-police Chief

Yokohama, Dec. 27 (UPI)—The eighth army commander today approved a 10-year sentence imposed on the former head of Tokyo's dreaded secret police who was convicted of wartime atrocities.

The police chief was Col. Keijiro Atani, who was arrested after a three-year search when a concubine revealed his whereabouts. He was found guilty of failing to provide adequate water, medical care and supplies to allied prisoners held by the secret police in Tokyo.

Martin Will Direct Amity Forum Year

Amity—Directors of the Amity Commercial club have elected Tom D. Martin, for the new president; Dr. Charles H. Law, vice president and re-elected Frank Chambers, secretary. H. N. Wilcox is the retiring president, his term ending Dec. 31. The first meeting of the club for 1950 will be January 4.

Missionary Society At Fleetwood Home

Mill City—Mrs. Floyd Fleetwood entertained the Presbyterian Missionary Society members in her home for the December meeting. Mrs. Lester Hathaway presided over the business meeting at which time officers for the ensuing year were elected.

Present officers were re-elected which includes: Mrs. Hathaway, president; Mrs. W. W. Allen, vice president; Mrs. Fred Grimes, secretary-treasurer.

Announcement was made that there would be a shower for overseas sewing at the next meeting at which time members will bring hospital supplies for patients. Following the meeting there was a short Christmas playlet and Christmas carols by the Presbyterian choir. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

Stoutenburgs Entertain

Grand Island—Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stoutenburg have returned home after four days spent with friends at Coos Bay. They visited also with Mr. and Mrs. Louis Will at their new home at Yachats. They entertained with a family dinner Christmas day.

Aurora Temple Aiding Home

Aurora—Una Temple No. 26, Pythian Sisters of Aurora, was honored by an official visit by Margaret Myers, grand chief of the grand temple of Oregon, at its regular meeting. The staff gave a short drill, during which the grand chief was presented with a corsage of pink carnations and a gift of money for her personal project to purchase a television set for the Pythian home at Vancouver. A solo in her honor was sung by Lavina Nixon of Canby.

Other guests were Mr. Myers, a sister from Ava temple, St. Helens, and 12 sisters from Arion temple, Hubbard. Una temple has sent a year's subscription to Nature Magazine for the fifth and sixth grade rooms of the Aurora school.

Another project recently undertaken is supplying a snack for the local Boy Scout troop after the first meeting of each month. This has been done twice and the boys have expressed

their sincere appreciation. Officers for 1950 were elected with the following chosen to serve:

Dora Thiel, M.E.C.; Lois Schultz, E.S.; Lena Mae Lambert, E.J.; Louise Smith, Mgr.; Emma J. Snyder, secretary; Rae Pursley, treasurer; Alice Miller, protector; Nellie Eppers, guard; Opal Langford, musician. Rebecca Thamer, trustee; Nora Fenske, captain of the degree staff; Lillie Schneider, press correspondent; Agnes Everhart, installing officer; Iona Yoder, past chief.

December 28 will be the annual Christmas party with an exchange of gifts, and annual roll call.

Mrs. Ranzau Home

Dayton—Mrs. Irene Ranzau returned after spending two months in San Diego, Cal. with her son, Darrell Thompson. She went to Huntington Park to see her grandson, Jerry Thompson, who is attending high school there. Jerry works part time in a book store there and enjoys his school. He attended grade school here and spends his summers here with his grandmother.

Used Cars Too High Declares GE Head

Washington, Dec. 27 (AP)—The head of General Motors figures that around 55 to 60 per cent of autos now running are pre-war.

Charles E. Wilson, making that estimate, added: "The used cars are still overpriced as compared to pre-war—if you put the dollar back in its purchasing power with relation to a new car."

Wilson was interviewed by editors of U.S. News and World Report, weekly news magazine.

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Among other things he said he expects the next new development in the automobile will be "the use of high-octane fuel with more efficient engines." Another way to save fuel would be to lessen a car's weight, he said. "If you can take weight out, make the car just as good a performer and just as convenient for riding."

When Rome was at the height of her power it was said that a bird could travel from one end of the Spanish peninsula to the other by hopping from tree to tree, but Spain now has very little forest area.

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What Were Best Movies Of '49? Five in Running

By BOB THOMAS

Hollywood, Dec. 27 (AP)—Names like Rita Hayworth, Ingrid Bergman, Robert Mitchum and Shirley Temple made the Hollywood news bristle with excitement in the year 1949.

As the old year shuffles to a close, it appears to have been a newsy one, due to the headline-making of those I have mentioned, plus Humphrey Bogart, Robert Walker, Judy Garland, Errol Flynn and others.

But the industry itself spent a quiet year of trying to get back on a sound economic basis. By year's end, the feat is pretty well done.

Hollywood's depression is about licked, although employment still lags behind peak years. The quality of pictures shows much improvement over the trash of the boom years. And the public is beginning to show more faith in the entertainment value of the motion picture.

Fear of television is still in the air, but Hollywood still clings to the belief that good pictures can cure any of its ills.

Aside from these trends, here is how the Hollywood highlights of 1949 look to this reporter:

Best pictures: "All the King's Men," "Battle Ground," "Champion," "The Heiress," "A Letter to Three Wives."

Best foreign film: "The Bicycle Thief."

Nicest comebacks: Marie Wilson, Bill (Hopalong) Boyd.

Best radio show: Jack Benny.

Best hit song: "Riders in the Sky."

Best hit record: Frankie Laine's "Mule Train."

Best male star performances: James Cagney, "White Heat"; Broderick Crawford, "All the King's Men"; Kirk Douglas, "Champion"; Gregory Peck, "12 O'Clock High"; Richard Todd, "The Hasty Heart."

Best female star performances: Jeanne Crain, "Pinky"; Olivia DeHavilland, "The Heiress"; Barbara Hale, "Jolson Sings Again"; Susan Hayward, "My Foolish Heart"; Ann Sothern, "A Letter to Three Wives."

Best newsreel shot: President Truman mimicking H. V. Kaltenborn.

Biggest industry news: Flop of the English film industry.

Best television coverage: The Kathy Fiscus rescue attempt.

Best comedy: "Adam's Rib."

Worst treatment of big name stars: Clark Gable in "Any Number Can Play"; Betty Grable in "Beautiful Blond from Bashful Bend."

Losses of the year: Wallace Beery, Harry Davenport, Richard Dix, Frank Morgan, Sam Wood, Maria Ouspenskaya.

Corniest film: "Mighty Joe Young."

Biggest tempest in a teapot: The Humphrey Bogart panda incident.

Biggest box office star: Bob Hope.

Nicest musical: "In the Good Old Summertime."

Sleeper of the year: "The Widow."

Most notable cycle: Films on the Negro problem.

Wisest move: When Emma Matzo legalized her name to Elizabeth Scott.

Pleasantdale—Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McFarlane of Pleasantdale are assisting in the care of her father, Fred Morgan, 84, who is seriously ill at his home in Lafayette.

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