

Over 2000 Phones Added to Salem System in Last Year

The telephone as an indicator of the growth a community is experiencing is a well known factor, said Harry V. Collins, district manager for the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company as he stated that the Salem exchange now has a total of 20,200 instruments.

Claim \$10 Bills Are Not Money

Los Angeles, Dec. 30 (AP)—Are those \$10 bills in your pocket or the late Wallace Beery's cash box honest-to-goodness money? Attorney Adrian Kragen for the Beery estate says they are not.

How does the man get that way? Listen to Kragen: "If you look in the corner of what you call a \$10 bill, but which is a federal reserve bank note, you will see that it says 'this note is legal tender for all debts, public and private, and is redeemable in lawful money at the United States treasury, or at any federal reserve bank.' Notice how it calls your ten-spot a 'note' and that it's 'redeemable in lawful money.'"

"That's our whole point—it isn't money, it's a note. And notes, if they are taxed at all, should be taxed under the country's solvent credit classification, like accounts receivable or bank accounts, at only \$1 a thousand instead of more than \$5 a hundred."

The estate is demanding a refund of some \$33,000 which Los Angeles county taxed the \$670,000 in currency which Beery left in safety deposit boxes. The county took the orthodox view that it was money and levied a personal property tax of about \$5.50 a \$100.

Kragen says he'll carry the issue to the U.S. supreme court if necessary.

Thomas May Oppose Norblad

Dallas, Ore., Dec. 30 (AP)—State Rep. Lyle Thomas said today that he is considering running against Congressman Walter W. Norblad next year. He will seek the republican nomination in the May primary. Norblad also is a republican.

Mayor Hollis Smith has said he would run for Thomas' seat in the legislature if Thomas does not seek another term.

Thomas is secretary of the Oregon State Farmers union. He has opposed the sales tax in legislative sessions. He has served as a representative from Polk county since 1935. Norblad has been in congress from Oregon's first district since 1946.

Red 'Mystery' Ship Enters Panama Canal

Panama, Panama, Dec. 30 (AP)—The Panama Canal zone was host today to one Russian "mystery" ship and two more were expected momentarily.

The Soviet vessel Trepan arrived at Cristobal last night. The Peramur is due today and the Chiaka also is on the way. All are due to pass through the Panama canal, enroute from the Baltic to Vladivostok.

In Washington the vessels were described as fishing ships, but they were reported there to be without fishing gear and to have extremely powerful radios.

U.S. civil and military officials were reported in Washington to be keeping a close watch on the progress of the ships through waters where large U.S. army-navy-marine-air force exercises will be held from January to mid-March.

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Rocket Plane Record Denied

Washington, Dec. 30 (AP)—The air force has denied a report that its experimental X-1 rocket plane has flown 1989 miles an hour.

"Recent reports of specific speeds which have appeared in the press," it said in a statement late yesterday, "are not correct."

The report was printed by Marvin Miles, aviation editor of the Los Angeles Times. He said he had received it from "reliable informants" who had related that the needle-nosed little plane had made the flight over Muroc Dry Lake, Calif.

Military and aviation experts, commenting on Miles' story before the air force statement appeared, said the X-1 probably could reach such a speed. But they expressed doubt that the necessary engine changes could have been made in the relatively short time since the plane was reported to have flown 964 miles an hour.

Great Ferry System Visioned by Truman

Washington, Dec. 30 (AP)—President Truman said today he dreams of a time when the United States and the islands of the Caribbean will be connected by a great system of ferries.

The President told his idea to Warren R. Austin, United States representative to the United Nations.

Austin leaves Jan. 26 for a visit to the Caribbean at the invitation of the president of Cuba.

Austin said his trip is part of the job of "solidifying the 'rather remarkable harmony' between the American states, and that it has nothing specifically to do with Mr. Truman's idea of a Caribbean ferry system.

Portland Lumberman Dead in Apartment

Lebanon, Dec. 30 (AP)—Benjamin F. Johnson, 46, Portland lumberman, died suddenly here Thursday on a business trip.

Johnson, owner of the B. F. Johnson Lumber Company, was found dead in his apartment here by the manager of Johnson's sawmill here.

Coroner Glenn Huston said death was probably due to a heart ailment but an autopsy was ordered. Police broke into Johnson's apartment after the Portlander failed to answer either telephone calls or knocks, and found him dead on a couch. He is survived by the widow and three children.

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