

**RETURNED POW MARRIED**



Cpl. Edward S. Dickenson, the soldier who first refused repatriation from the communists in Korea and then changed his mind, poses with his bride the former Miss Lottie Kate Laney, after their marriage at Big Stone Gap, Va. They were married a week after their first date—a trip to the movies. Ed is 23 and Lottie Kate 21. (AP Wire-photo.)

**Donaldson Explains New Social Security Tax Rate**

The social security tax rate for persons whose work counts toward old-age and survivors insurance is scheduled to increase on the first of January, O. L. Donaldson, Jr., acting manager of the Salem social security office, reminded employers, employees and self-employed people today.

This scheduled increase in tax contribution is in accordance with the 1950 amendments to the social security law and was enacted by congress in anticipation of future obligations of the program.

Employees in jobs covered by the law will have 2 per cent instead of the present 1 1/2 per cent deducted from their pay beginning with the first of January up to earnings of \$3600 a year; their employers will contribute an equal amount.

The new rates will apply to all taxable wages paid after December 31, 1953, regardless of when earned.

The social security tax for the self-employed is scheduled to increase from the present 2 1/2 per cent to 3 per cent, for the period commencing January 1, 1954. Since the self-employed whose work is covered by the law pay their tax just once yearly at the time of filing their federal income tax return, they will pay the present 2 1/2 per cent social security tax on their 1953 income that counts toward social security. This will be due not later than March 15, 1954. Their first payments at the increased rate of 3 per cent will be due March 15, 1955, for the calendar year 1954.

In the meantime the Internal Revenue Service reports that employers will be furnished late this year with income tax withholding tables and Federal Insurance Contributions Act (social security taxes) tables reflecting rates applicable next year.

The next scheduled increase, six years from now, in 1960, will be to 3 1/2 per cent each for employer and employee, and to 3 1/2 per cent for the self-employed.

**WOODBURN LEGION**

Woodburn — Regular meetings of Woodburn Post No. 46 of the American Legion and Woodburn auxiliary will be held tonight, Dec. 9, at 8 p.m. in the American Legion hall. All auxiliary members are urged to be present by the president, Mrs. L. B. Detweiler. Refreshments will be served after the meeting to the two units by a committee from the post.

**Soviet Loses L.I. Mansions**

Mineola, N.Y. (AP)—The Russian government lost title to two estates on Long Island Monday for failure to pay taxes—but it still has a chance to regain the ownership.

One estate, in Glen Cove, occupied by Andrei Y. Vishinsky, Soviet deputy foreign minister and permanent delegate to the United Nations, was bought by the Russians for \$120,000 in 1946.

The other, in Syosset, occupied by various Russian staff members, was bought in 1952 for \$80,000.

Joseph Harris, of Baldwin, a real estate dealer, paid a \$2,395 tax lien against the Glen Cove estate and a \$2,918 tax lien against the Syosset place at a Nassau county tax sale Monday.

The Russians have two years to re-possess the estates upon payment to Harris of the tax delinquency plus penalties and interest. The Soviets, who have argued that they have diplomatic exemption from payment of the taxes, similarly lost title to the Glen Cove estate to Harris last June but reclaimed it a week later by paying up.

**Board Uses New Authority**

The city planning and zoning commission exercised new authority Tuesday night by voting permission for a real estate business to be operated at South Commercial and Lincoln.

It was use of variance authority given the commission under the new code, which heretofore has been the sole prerogative of the City Council.

Before the first zoning code was enacted 28 years ago the building was used as a grocery store, and because of this priority has continued in non-conforming status in a residential district, other property owners in the district having successfully resisted its being given general business usage.

W. W. McKinney, attorney for Frank Vinson, owner of the building, told the board the development of supermarkets in the south part of the city has made it impossible to run a small grocery store in the building. The real estate office will be operated by Chester Nelson, who said he would have off-street parking space for at least three cars at the rear. Use of the building for business purposes is limited to real estate.

The commission postponed to next Tuesday night a decision on John B. French's request, represented by Paul Burris, for a permit for two-family use of a house at 210 East Rural, which is a one-family residential zone.

Commission members said they had previously considered zoning the area for two-family houses, but that a petition signed by 208 residents asked that it be restricted to single unit houses. Harvey Gibbons, a neighbor of French, said this petition was submitted because a service station in the district was rumored. French is said to depend on rental for maintenance of his home. City Attorney Chris J. Kowitz said the financial condition of a property owner would not be sufficient grounds for ordering a variance.

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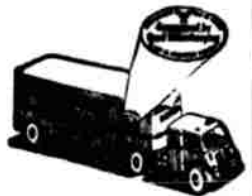


**15 Years Prison For Cop Kidnapers**

Pendleton (AP)—William Edward McEwen, 23, Kennewick, Wash., was sentenced Tuesday to a maximum of 15 years in the state prison for kidnapping a state patrolman, Laurence Kezar, here earlier this fall.

McEwen, who pleaded guilty Saturday, was the second person sentenced. Leonard E. Miller earlier was sentenced to 25 years.

Three other persons also are held in the case, in which Kezar was driven at gunpoint to an isolated spot and left handcuffed to his automobile.



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