

Children Invited to Greet Santa Claus at Downtown Yule Fete

The Weather

Forecast
Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday, probably with occasional rain, little change in temperature.
Highest yesterday 63
Lowest this morning 50

MEDFORD MALL TRIBUNE

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A Reminder

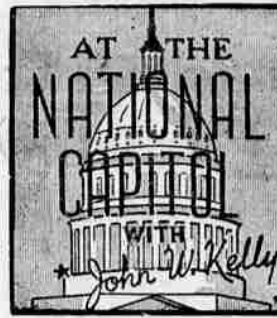
Every Friday this same reminder is given to you. Time to prepare that Classified Ad. for the Sunday morning edition. More people use and read Sunday Classified and always are well repaid.

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MAY SEEK SPECIAL TAX FOR DEFENSE



Washington, D. C., Nov. 24.—Two of President Roosevelt's appointees to the rejuvenated supreme court are on the way to arouse resentment of American veterans and place their patron in a ticklish predicament. The storm will break probably in January.

So long ago that its existence has almost been overlooked, a special committee was appointed by the president to make a study and recommendations for improvement in the civil service. Mr. Roosevelt did not ask the civil service commission for the report, he sought the assistance of outsiders, in order to have an unbiased view. Members of the committee are Associate Justice Stanley Reed and Associate Justice Felix Frankfurter, both appointed on the committee before they were appointed on the bench.

THE report will (unless this section is deleted as, from a political viewpoint, it may be), recommend that the preference given veterans and their wives in civil service be abolished. This recommendation is made in the interest of improving the merit system, and thereby improve the government service.

It is not intended as a reflection on veterans, but by the special privilege now enjoyed by this group it is said to be a handicap to the system.

Too often veterans not competent for a certain position are appointed because of their special standing, whereas the veteran specially qualified for a position should not require the preference accorded by law, as he can make good on his own merits.

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GASOLINE LAMP BLAST COSTS LIFE OF CHILD

Vancouver, Wash., Nov. 24.—(AP)—Elma Jean Spellman, 13, died today of burns received yesterday in a gasoline lamp explosion at her home near Washougal.

The parents smothered the child's flaming clothes and took her to Camas for first aid. The fire had destroyed their home by the time they returned.

SIDE GLANCES

by TRIBUNE REPORTERS
Sim Jarvi, on a three weeks' trip north, sending a postal from Grants Pass asking friends to turn off the oil burner in his home, a chore he forgot himself in the excitement of getting away.

Edward Anthony Schwartz immensely enjoying his first Thanksgiving turkey drumstick.

The lovely June Nealon reporting for work at noon, thus ruining a perfectly good news item about her being sick at home.

Cliff Lord amusing friends with his usual comedian ways while enjoying a stay back in the old home town and advising friends he had taken on the new moniker of C. Wallington Lord or some such ritzy sounding name.

Margaret Warner Forsyth joining the throng of holiday visitors and frequenting her old haunts.

F. R. SAYS ARMING MADE NECESSARY BY WORLD STRIFE

Expenditures May Be Increased by Five Hundred Million Next Fiscal Year.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 24.—(AP)—President Roosevelt disclosed today that some consideration was being given the idea of a special tax to finance expenditures for national defense, which may be increased by \$500,000,000 in the next fiscal year.

These defense expenditures, the president indicated at a press conference, will be in excess of \$2,000,000,000 but probably not as high as \$2,300,000,000. He differentiated, incidentally, between appropriations and expenditures for defense.

Questions about business and taxation led the president into a discussion of defense and its financing.

To Cut Other Spending
Of course, he said, the objective of the administration was to cut down all expenditures which possibly could be whittled at the present time.

Assuming that reductions can be made in the budget, that congress does not appropriate large sums beyond the budget estimates, and that tax revenues increase as they are now, the president said the result would be a reduction in this year's deficit.

But undoubtedly because of the world situation, Mr. Roosevelt continued, a larger sum must be provided for defense—about \$500,000,000 more than was available this year.

The factor, he said, raised a question which he would like to submit to public discussion, which he described as always helpful. The question is: Should we borrow money to pay for emergency expenditures for defense or pay as we go?

Understanding Needed
If the money is borrowed, he said, it means no additional taxes. Paying as we go, he said.

THIRD TERM BEARING IN ROOSEVELT REMARK

Warm Springs, Ga., Nov. 24.—(AP)—President Roosevelt, in an offhand statement that might have a bearing on a third term, told the citizens of this village today that "We've got a little over a year left" to get a new post office.

"I don't know," he said, "that the next administration would give Warm Springs a new post office."

Reciprocal Trade Program Termed Peace Cornerstone

Washington, Nov. 24.—(AP)—Secretary Hull described the administration's reciprocal trade program today as being the chief cornerstone of world peace.

His press conference statement added official weight to indications the administration wanted to retain the program as a basis for lasting peace when the war in Europe was ended. Hull asserted the program, scheduled to expire next June, would be the foundation for any such real peace.

He was asked whether he knew of suggestions in congress that the trade program be allowed to lapse, with the idea of renewing it after the 1940 election. Declining a direct answer, Hull said as usual he would have a full discussion with congressional leaders regarding all matters of foreign policy.

The secretary of state said also the reciprocal trade treaties were designed to increase domestic employment. He told reporters they should contrast the existing system with the Smoot-Hawley tariff act, which, Hull declared, had thrown 10 to 12 million persons out of work.

BIG BRITISH SHIP SENT TO BOTTOM; SHETLANDS RAIDED

Steamer Mangalore Latest Victim of Mines—Navy Struggles To Halt Losses.

London, Nov. 24.—(AP)—The admiralty announced tonight the cruiser Belfast was damaged "by a torpedo or mine" in the Firth of Forth Tuesday. Casualties were 20 wounded, the admiralty said.

The ship is being repaired. (The German high command announced in Berlin today that a submarine heavily damaged the Belfast, a new 10,000-ton cruiser, in the Firth of Forth in the second serious raid on that base.)

London, Nov. 24.—(AP)—Mines off England's east coast sank another British vessel today, the 8,886-ton steamer Mangalore, as British naval experts struggled to check shipping losses.

German planes flew over the Shetland Islands again, causing two air raid warnings, one of 90 minutes and the other of 42. These islands, off the north coast of Scotland, were bombed Wednesday.

In addition to the Mangalore, whose crew of 77 was saved, the sinking of the 5,133-ton Netherlands tanker Sledrecht by a submarine a week ago was disclosed today when five survivors were landed at a northwest coast port. Twenty-six crewmen were missing.

(The Mangalore was the 83rd British vessel, naval and merchant, lost since the start of the war.)

Silent On Belfast
The admiralty maintained silence on the German assertion that the new, 10,000-ton British cruiser Belfast had been torpedoed and badly damaged by a submarine in the Firth of Forth, Scotland.

The authoritative British press association said Britain's order in council calling for seizure of all German exports, might be put into effect next Tuesday.

Britons, apprehensive watching the list of sunken ships grow, wondered whether the secret weapon which Germany has hinted she possesses might have entered the war at sea.

Within the past six days about 26 British and neutral vessels have been sunk, some by German submarines but most by mines.

The British press charges Germany with sowing magnetic, high explosive mines in shallow east coast shipping lanes with minelaying airplanes and small submarines.

Britain Claims Agents Held by Gestapo Were Endeavoring To See if Peace Offer Bonafide

OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN REVEALS UNDERCOVER EFFORT TO END WAR

London, Nov. 24.—(AP) Authoritative British sources said today the two Britons seized Nov. 9 by the German Gestapo on the German-Netherlands border were endeavoring to see if a German "peace offer was bonafide."

These sources said Captain Richard Henry Stevens and Sigismund Payne Best were acting with the knowledge of the British government when they were "kidnaped."

The "peace proposals" came from "some German sources," a British spokesman said. Everything Stevens and Best learned "was transmitted to their own government and it was in the course of the endeavors to see if the peace offer was bonafide that they were kidnaped," he asserted.

The spokesman confirmed reports from Amsterdam a Netherlands observer was accompanying Best and Stevens when they were taken by the Gestapo.

Answer Plot Charges
Replying to German charges the British inspired the Munich explosion Nov. 8 in which Adolf Hitler escaped death or injury by a few minutes, the British spokesman said the Gestapo must either have known the bomb was in the cellar long before it exploded or admit to "gross inefficiency."

In case they knew, the spokesman continued, the explosion was "either to inflame hatred against the British or whip up the German people's waning enthusiasm for Hitler."

The spokesman did not reveal the nature of the purported peace proposal or from what German faction it was supposed to have come. He said the British believe Stevens and Best, from German reports, are now in Berlin.

\$2,500,000 DEBT IS BIG SURPRISE

New York, Nov. 24.—(AP)—He was a \$30-a-week clerk for the New York Title and Mortgage company and when this or that official said, "Willie, sign here," Willie did. But he never looked at the documents.

So today William Cooper, 60, now head porter at a west side apartment house, learned in federal court that he—yes, Willie himself—owes the company \$2,500,000.

The concern collapsed in 1933 with mortgages and certificates totaling \$720,000,000 outstanding. Willie's signature, it was brought out at the trial of the company and four of its former executives charged with mail fraud and conspiracy, was affixed to a bond covering a Park avenue apartment house. Was Willie surprised!

JEWIS IN POLAND TO RESERVATION

Kattowitz, Germany, Nov. 24.—(AP)—About 5,000 Jewish women, children and infirm men must leave the Kattowitz (formerly Kattowice, Poland) and Reschen areas of German-occupied Poland for a Jewish reservation east of Lublin by December 15, it was disclosed today.

According to orders issued by local authorities, these two districts must be "Jew-free" by the middle of December. The Jews may take only the scantiest belongings.



George Elser (left) was accused by German secret police as the man who set the bomb in the Munich beer hall Nov. 8 which took eight lives and which exploded just 11 minutes after Adolf Hitler left. Also accused were two British secret service agents, Capt. Richard Henry Stevens (center) and Sigismund Payne Best (right), seized by Nazis on the German-Dutch frontier.



MEDFORD GRIDMEN WILLING TO MEET TITLE CHALLENGE

Unless some team wants to challenge Medford's claim to the mythical Oregon state high school football championship, the Black Tornado's 1933 season was completed with the 6 to 0 victory over Coquille here yesterday.

This was decided at a noon meeting today of all members of the varsity squad and Coaches Bill Bowerman, Ed Kirtley and Russ Acheson.

"It was the opinion of the players," Coach Bowerman stated, "that Medford had played a highly representative schedule and had a bonafide claim to the championship. It was brought out that we had issued challenges to every other team in the state with any claim to the crown, including Milwaukie and LaGrande, and that Milwaukie had failed to show interest in a game. La Grande had cancelled their date with us and Portland had ignored us."

However, Coach Bowerman said, it was the unanimous desire of all players that if any other team in Oregon wanted to deny that Medford had the best team, and play a game to prove it, that the Black Tornado would be only too glad to accommodate.

In short, the coach explained, Medford would stand pat on its claim until it was challenged. He added that the players felt their team was the best in the state.

In commenting on a rumor that a top-ranking Oregon team was to be named to travel to Honolulu for a game late in December, at the expense of the A.A.U., Coach Bowerman said that if such were true the Black Tornado would be willing to play any team, any time and any place for that honor. He said that he felt the game, if forthcoming, should be arranged on a basis of which team could make the best financial offer to the other, and that Medford would bid against any other Oregon aggregation for the role of host.

AIR LINE WILL BUILD BIG PORTLAND DEPOT

Portland, Nov. 24.—(AP) Northwest Air Lines will erect a \$60,000 structure to accommodate its operations at the Portland-Columbia Super Airport, Guy W. Talbot, Jr., district traffic manager, revealed today.

United Air Lines recently announced plans for a \$200,000 building program for the new field.

Nazis Charge British Agent Directed Pre-War Sabotage

Berlin, Nov. 24.—(AP)—Captain Richard Henry Stevens, held as a British spy chieftain on charges of direct connection with an attempt on Adolf Hitler's life, was represented officially today as a director of British pre-war sabotage against German, Italian and Japanese shipping.

Hitler's own newspaper, the Voelkischer Beobachter, quoted Stevens, who has been identified by the Gestapo as chief of British intelligence for western Europe, as confessing he used an emigrant German, Waldemar Poetzsch, in plots to wreck ships of the three totalitarian powers.

Planned In London
Stevens was declared to have told Gestapo questioners the sabotage campaign was planned in a secret service office in London, on the ground floor of the "Broadway building."

An official statement charged that from November, 1937, to November, 1938, Poetzsch carried out acts of sabotage on "a number of ships which resulted partly in their destruction, including that of the crew."

The statement did not list the ships in question, saying merely "German, Italian and Japanese ships" were affected.

Moreover, the Voelkischer Beobachter specified three German ships, the 1,110-ton naval oiler Nordner, the 2,883-ton Hestia and the 651-ton Feronia and one Italian ship, the 5,639-ton Felca, as included among the sabotaged vessels.

In Danish Prison
In September, 1938, the statement said, Poetzsch was arrested in a "neutral country" at the insistence of German police but released when "British quarters" interfered. Last June 29, however, the man was sentenced by a Copenhagen municipal court "on a charge of espionage for England," the statement declared.

(In Copenhagen it was reliably reported Poetzsch is serving out a sentence in a Danish prison on charges of espionage. He was sentenced to six months in jail June 30, but on appeal a higher court sentenced him to eight months with 73 days deductible.)

MEXICAN OIL TO AMERICAN FIRM

Mexico City, Nov. 24.—(AP)—Usually reliable sources today reported that the government-controlled oil administration had contracted to sell Mexico's entire oil output to an independent American concern.

These sources said the sale was made despite existing contracts with Italy, Germany and South American buyers because the war made it impossible to transport oil to those countries. Because of the immediate benefits of an agreement with a United States concern, Mexico was reported willing to risk the invalidating of previous contracts.

JACKSON COUNTY BUDGET ADOPTED AT PUBLIC MEET

Resolution Commends Drafters For Efforts—Few Ask Questions at Hearing.

Jackson county's budget was adopted as previously published and a resolution was adopted expressing thanks and appreciation to the budget committee for their work, at a public hearing in the courthouse this morning.

The resolution of appreciation was introduced by Bert Harr, stockman of the upper Applegate, and seconded by George Iverson of Medford.

The budget calls for the raising of \$370,715.13 for the general county fund, within the six per cent limitation, and \$12,000 for road bond principal and interest, outside the six per cent limitation, making a total of \$382,715.13.

The amounts budgeted for the various departments and agencies are practically the same as last year.

Iverson Inquires
George Iverson appeared in the role of chief questioner, and wondered why the Old Age Pension fund had been reduced. It is posted at \$42,000, last year it was \$44,100. Iverson said he had received reports from old people, complaining their allowances had been cut.

Commissioner Ralph Billings explained the cut was due to the county's share of the old age assistance fund being reduced from 25 to 20 per cent, with the state furnishing 30 per cent, and the government the balance. Commissioner Billings asked Mr. Iverson if any one had come and told him about the increase they had received. Mr. Iverson replied: "They didn't mention it to me."

Aged Treated Fairly
Commissioner Billings then declared, "the records of the state welfare board shows, Jackson county is treating its old folks very fair."

Mr. Iverson arose more than a dozen times during the course of the meeting, and inquired about various items. He complimented county officials who had reduced their budget demands, and explained, "he came to the meeting in no spirit of animosity."

David Hood of the Oak Grove district, in mentioning the \$4,000 allotment for Pacific Highway advertising and publicity

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FRENCH REPULSE RAID ON MOSELLE

Paris, Nov. 24.—(AP)—The French high command reported a German raid was repulsed today east of the Moselle river on the western front.

"An enemy raid east of the Moselle failed," the night communiqué said. "We took a few prisoners."

"There were local artillery actions and reduced activity in the air during the day."

Radio Highlights

Radio station KMED of Medford will not broadcast any football games Saturday.

By Associated Press (Time is Pacific Standard)
Tonight: Europe — WABC-CBS 5:55, 8; MBS 6, 7:20.
WJZ-NBC — 7:30 Harvard-Yale football rally.

Saturday: football — WJZ-NBC 10:30 a.m. Yale-Harvard; WEAF-NBC, WABC-CBS 11:15; Notre Dame-Southern California; MBS 11:45 Nebraska-Oklahoma.

CHRISTMAS DISPLAYS IN STORE WINDOWS TO BE REVEALED AT 7 P.M.

Thousands of children and their parents are expected to get their first 1939 glimpse of Santa Claus in the downtown Medford district as stores unveil their Yuletide windows at 7 o'clock tonight.

Exactly at the stroke of 7, the jovial Santa Claus will arrive at the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce from his snow-house abode at the North Pole. At the same moment, curtains will be drawn on the 1939 presentation of Christmas scenes and merchandise in Medford stores. The window displays will disclose what is considered smart and economical for Christmas giving this year.

The senior high school band and Mrs. Harry Prentice's combined Medford and Grants Pass accordion bands will also assemble at the chamber of commerce at 7 o'clock. The high school band will play Christmas music at various downtown spots. The accordion band will play either at the chamber of commerce or in a truck that will make a tour of the business area. After appearing at the chamber of commerce, Santa Claus will circulate in the shopping district where he expects to see all the children of the city and county.

Everyone is invited to take part in the Christmas opening celebration. People coming to town by motorcar were reminded of the free parking lot opposite the Mall Tribune office.

The combined accordion band will also give a recital at 7:30 tonight in the Baldwin Piano Shoppe auditorium, 123 West Main street.

HOLIDAY MISHAPS BRING 84 DEATHS

By the Associated Press
At least 84 persons in 25 states were killed in accidents Thursday as the nation observed the first of its two Thanksgivings.

Most of the dead lost their lives in highway disasters. Five were killed while hunting. There were four fire victims and one died by drowning.