

JOHN JOKI ENDS LIFE WITH RIFLE ON BIDDLE ROAD

John W. Joki, 46, of 527 Pennsylvania avenue, shot and killed himself with a .22 rifle as he sat in his car on the Biddle road near the Biddle ranch north of the Medford municipal airport yesterday morning, Coroner Frank Perl said last night after an investigation. Death was probably instantaneous, the coroner stated. Time of the suicide was fixed by Coroner Perl at 9 a. m. yesterday. The death was not discovered until 5:30 p. m. when Randolph Glass, a worker at the Biddle ranch who several times during the day had passed the car with the dead man in a sitting position on the back seat, stopped to investigate. Finding Joki dead, Glass immediately notified state police.

The suicidal act was attributed by Coroner Perl to poor health from which Joki had been suffering for some time. After buying a new single-shot .22 rifle and a box of cartridges yesterday morning, Joki drove his car out on the Biddle road and parked it to one side, the coroner reconstructed the act. Mr. Joki went to the back seat and, after smoking a pipe, shot himself through the mouth, Coroner Perl stated, adding there would be no inquest. Funeral services will be held Monday.

Joki, formerly associated with the Huber Packing company, is survived by his wife Sylvia, three sons and a sister.

FITCH NAMED AS HORT. BODY HEAD

Hood River, Dec. 9.—(P)—Chester Fitch of Medford was elected president of the Oregon Horticultural society yesterday. E. A. McCornack, Eugene, was elected first vice-president; Roy Hazeltine, Hood River, second vice-president; George B. Dean, Medford, third vice-president; O. T. McWhorter, re-elected secretary-treasurer; Lyle Melsaac, Parkdale, re-elected trustee to serve with Raymond S. Reter, Medford, and Howard E. Merriam, Goshen.

Reter was given a vote of appreciation for work in behalf of the northwest fruit industry during reciprocal trade treaty discussions.

Death Penalty Asked
Seattle, Dec. 9.—(P)—The prosecution asked a death penalty verdict today in the first degree murder trial of John Frederick Wunders, 22-year-old father accused of killing his 16-months-old daughter last October.

Threat To Fish
Corvallis, Dec. 9.—(P)—High dams on the Willamette river proposed in the Willamette flood control program, would virtually wipe out the Columbia river salmon industry, John C. Veatch, Oregon fish commission chairman, said yesterday.

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A. R. OWEN VISITS IN CITY, COAST

Visiting James H. Owen this week were A. R. Owen of Owen, Wis., his nephew, Charles Vogel of Milwaukee, Wis., William Stout of San Francisco, Cal., and Carlton Blunt of Chicago, Illinois.

A. R. Owen is president of the Del Norte company that has large timber holdings in Del Norte county, California. The others are directors. They have made arrangements while west whereby they transferred approximately seven thousand acres of redwood timber lands to the state of California and the Save the Redwood League, with an option to take 2500 acres more.

Also visiting Mr. Owen this week was Mr. Frank Gilchrist, president of the Gilchrist Lumber company of Gilchrist, Ore., a cousin of A. R. Owen.

CHAS. COPPOCK OF GOLD HILL PASSES

Gold Hill, Dec. 9.—(Sp)—Charles Coppock, a resident of Gold Hill, passed away December 5 in Globe, Ariz., after a year of illness.

Mr. Coppock first came to southern Oregon in 1900, and was well known among the older residents of the Rogue River valley. He had been a resident of Gold Hill for the past 18 years. He was born in Mokena, Ind., in 1856.

His wife, Ellen Hendrix Coppock, preceded him in death in 1937. He is survived by one son, Warren Coppock, of Gold Hill.

Obituary

Mrs. H. W. Davison.
Mrs. H. W. Davison of Central Point died in a local hospital Saturday afternoon. She was 72 years old.

Mrs. Davison was a resident of Central Point for the past 29 years. A complete obituary will be published later. Funeral services will be held in the Federated church, Central Point, at 2 p. m. Monday. Burial will take place in the Central Point cemetery. The Perl funeral home is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Davison is survived by her husband, Harry, two daughters, Mrs. R. M. Wyatt of Central Point and Mrs. C. W. Myers of Portland, and six grandchildren.

Closing time for Too Late to Classify Ads is 1:30 p. m.



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ALFORD EXPLAINS CITY TAX BILLS FOR COMING YEAR

Tax bills for Medford taxpayers will be 20 cents more per \$1000 of assessed value in 1940 than in 1939, it was calculated for the Mail Tribune yesterday by M. L. Alford, recorder.

Thus a taxpayer whose property has an assessed value of \$1000 will pay a combined city tax of \$48.50 next year in comparison with \$48.30 this year. In like manner a taxpayer whose property is assessed at \$2500 will pay \$121.25 in 1940 in comparison with \$120.75 this year.

The combined Medford city tax levy for 1940 is 48.5 mills. This includes the city levy of 18.8 mills, county and state levy of 13.2 mills and school levy of 16.5 mills. The actual city levy alone for 1940 is seven-tenths of a mill smaller than it was this year when it was 19.5 mills.

The following table shows the millage difference in the 1940 and 1939 levies making up the full city levy:

	1940	1939
City	18.8	19.5
School	16.5	15.8
County-state	13.2	13.0

Total millage 48.5 48.3
It was inadvertently stated in the Mail Tribune last Thursday that the combined city levy would be two-tenths of a mill smaller in 1940 than in 1939. Actually, as the millage figures show, the combined city levy will be two-tenths of a mill higher next year than this year.

Communists Hit

Mexico City, Dec. 9.—(P)—The chamber of deputies ended an all-night debate early today without approving dissolution of the communist party in Mexico.

Jap Liner Safe

New York, Dec. 9.—(P)—The Nippon Yusen Kaisha line said today that its London office had communicated with the 6,646-ton liner Azuma Maru and that it reported itself "safe in the north Atlantic."

Sprague To Hearing

Salem, Dec. 9.—(P)—Governor Charles A. Sprague said today he would appear before a joint congressional committee on forestry at a hearing to be held in Portland Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

Refugees Drift South

Oslo, Dec. 9.—(P)—The newspaper Morgenbladet said today that part of the civilian population of northernmost Norway, mostly women and children, was moving south because of the warfare across the nearby Finnish frontier.

DAVIS SENTENCED TO 45 DAYS TERM

Three men Friday received county jail sentences ranging from 20 to 45 days, in the justice of the peace court of William R. Coleman.

Alfred B. Davis, 31, charged with driving a motor vehicle while his operator's license was revoked, was found guilty after a justice court trial and sentenced to 45 days in jail. He pleaded not guilty to the charge. James Kaiser, 26, transient, was sentenced to 30 days in jail on a charge of petty larceny. Kaiser pleaded guilty to stealing an overcoat owned by R. C. Huit of Medford, from the Eagles hall, and selling it at a local second-hand store for 50 cents.

George B. Campbell, 46, was sentenced to 20 days in jail for trespassing on railroad property. Campbell, city police said, attempted to break into a box-car Friday morning.

Noted Dead

Santa Barbara, Calif., Dec. 9.—(P)—Ma, Gen. Edwin Burr Babbitt, 77, who retired from the army in 1924 after 40 years of service, died today at his Montecito home.

Jap Sampan Seized

Honolulu, Dec. 9.—(P)—Naval officers seized the Ebisu Maru, a Japanese-owned fishing sampan, today for sailing inside the forbidden three mile square limit at the entrance of Pearl Harbor naval base.

Plan Ball In January

Portland, Dec. 9.—(P)—Dr. E. T. Hedlund, Portland postmaster, appointed county chairman today for the president's birthday ball January 30. Receipts will be used in the nation-wide campaign against infantile paralysis.

Closing time for Too Late to Classify Ads is 1:30 p. m.

RECORD SALE OF CHRISTMAS SEALS BELIEVED ASSURED

If the parents buy what the school children say they will, the Medford sale of Christmas seals, through booths, will exceed all past records, teachers, cooperating in the annual education program of the Jackson County Public Health association, announced last week. For all the children say "Mama is going to buy Christmas Seals."

Booths at the Medford post-office and the Montgomery Ward store will be managed next week by the following chairmen, appointed by Mrs. Henry Pringle, general chairman:

Monday, Mrs. Louise McPherson; Tuesday, Mrs. O. B. Morrow; Wednesday, Mrs. R. E. Green; Thursday, Mrs. John Mann; Friday, the Jacksonville group of the Jackson County Public Health association, and Saturday, the Medford senior Girl Scouts.

Monday, December 18, Mrs. Howard Hill will be chairman of the day. Tuesday, Mrs. C. S. Butterfield, Mrs. Jack Simpson and Mrs. Don Newbury will act as chairmen. Wednesday, Mrs. R. E. Green will be chairman again, and Thursday, Mrs. Gipsion Driver and Mrs. Harry Nordwick.

Gets Bridge Contract

Salem, Dec. 9.—(P)—J. F. Johnston, Newberg, was awarded a contract today by the state highway commission to build a bridge over the east fork of the Illinois river.

Traffic Toll High

Portland, Dec. 9.—(P)—Portland's 53rd traffic fatality since January 1 was identified today as John Vandegner, 73, fatally injured Thursday by a motorcycle.

OREGON GETS 223 MILES OF STREET AND ROAD FIXED

Washington, Dec. 9.—(P)—During the past fiscal year 223.8 miles of roads and streets in Oregon were improved under the federal-state highway construction program, according to the annual report of the public roads administration. In addition, three highway-railroad

grade crossings were eliminated in Oregon, and two obsolete grade crossings were rebuilt. The work completed cost \$4,586,046, of which \$2,936,760 was federal funds, the balance state funds. On June 30, 1939, the end of the fiscal year, Oregon had 204.8 miles of road estimated to cost \$4,304,847 under contract or approved for contract, and \$2,872,098 of federal funds was available for programmed projects not advanced to the "approved for contract" stage. Federal payments to Oregon for work done amounted to \$2,568,920 during the year. The improvements completed in Oregon during the year were as follows: 153.1 miles on rural portions of the federal-aid highway system, 7.9 miles of city streets, and 62.8 miles of secondary or feeder roads. Oregon's share in the regular federal-aid funds for the present fiscal year is \$1,638,823 for federal-aid highways, \$245,823 for secondary or feeder roads, and \$224,953 for grade-crossing work, making a total of \$2,109,599. These apportionments are included in the \$2,872,098 of federal funds remaining available for programmed projects. The highway and secondary road funds must be matched with approximately equal amounts of state funds. The grade-crossing funds are available without matching.

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