

CRUELTY SUSPECT SLAPPED IN JAIL

During the justice court hearing Wednesday of Earl Finton, Prospect millworker, ordered held to await grand jury action on a charge of cruelty to a child not his own, it was brought out in the examination of County Juvenile Officer Robert M. Elder, that Elder had slapped Finton twice in the face, with his open hand, while questioning Finton in the county jail shortly after his arrest. The juvenile officer readily admitted the incident. Neither Attorney George A. Codding, defense counsel, or Assistant District Attorney Allison Moulton brought out reasons for the action.

Sheriff Syd I. Brown said he knew nothing of the details. He further stated Deputy Sheriff Vern Smith was in the county jail on other business when the slapping occurred. Deputy Smith was not present, but appeared shortly afterwards. He is now ill with a cold at his home in Ashland, and was not available for comment.

OREGON AUTOISTS FACE GAS DROUTH

Portland, Ore., Dec. 31.—(U.P.)—Sol Stern, member of the Office of Price Administration enforcement division meeting with representatives of major oil companies here today, said Oregon and other Pacific coast states would soon be the most critical gasoline shortage area in the nation.

Stern explained that gasoline from the coast states would be relied upon entirely "when the push begins in the Pacific."

Commenting on other phases of work in his division, Stern said that counterfeit coupons have been seized on the coast recently and showed that use of illegal gasoline stamps is creeping toward the coast from the east.

Slip Gift Causes

Fracas in Store

Chicago, Dec. 31.—(U.P.)—A woman returned an expensive slip she received as a Christmas present from her husband to the department store where it was purchased and asked for credit on her account. The exchange clerk, after checking the woman's account, said two slips had been charged during the Christmas shopping season. The customer insisted she had received only one. "Maybe your husband is cheating on you," the clerk said. It took two men to break up the ensuing fight.

LOW TIRE STOCKS TO FOREGO INVENTORY

Washington, Dec. 31.—(U.P.)—No inventory report will be required from tire dealers who have fewer than six passenger tires and no truck tires or tubes in stock at the end of business today, the Office of Price Administration announced. Approximately 40 per cent of all dealers are affected by the order, OPA said.

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RELAX RATIONING WOMEN'S SHOES

Washington, Dec. 31.—(U.P.)—The Office of Price Administration announced today that during the two-week period, Jan. 17-29, shoe dealers will be allowed to sell ration-free, 15 per cent of their stocks of women's shoes—provided they are sold at \$3 or less a pair.

The action was taken to help dealers dispose of limited quantities of wearable shoes, mostly novelty types, which have not sold well under rationing.

The allowable percentage of ration-free sales will be based on the dealers' September, 1943, inventory report to OPA.

If more than the \$3 top price is charged, ration stamps must be collected, OPA said.

Hubbard Ace Adds Another Jap Zero

Admiral Halsey's Headquarters, South Pacific, Dec. 31.—(U.P.)—Maj. Marion E. Carl, Hubbard, Ore., fifth ranking marine ace in the Pacific war theater, brought his total bag to 18½ Japanese planes by downing a Zero in Tuesday's sweep over Rabaul which cost the Nipponese 26 planes, it was announced today.

Maj. Gregory Boyington, Okanogan, Wash., did not participate in the raid, and remained with a total of 25, one behind the all-time record of 26 held by Maj. Joe Foss in World War II and Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker in World War I.

OPA RESOLVES TO KEEP ANNOYANCE AT MINIMUM

Washington, Dec. 31.—(U.P.)—The new year resolution of the Office of Price Administration will be to give the public no more than "a minimum of annoyance and restriction."

Price Administration Chester Bowles voiced that aspiration as a major OPA objective today in a year-end statement which also warned that tightening of gasoline and tire restrictions seemed "almost certain."

WEATHER

Northern California: Fair today and tonight, partly cloudy in valley. Saturday rain northern part, cloudy southern part. Little change in temperature.

ESQUIRE BANNED BY POSTMASTER

Washington, Dec. 31.—(U.P.)—If there was no joy today in the House of Esquire, no provocative smile from the shapely Varga girl, or no wicked leer from Esqy, that pop-eyed cover man, you could blame it all on Postmaster General Frank C. Walker.

Walker last night reversed the recommendations of his three-man trial board and banned Esquire magazine from the second class mails as of Feb. 28, 1944. The order was the outgrowth of lengthy hearings on Walker's charges that the magazine was obscene, lewd and lascivious.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—(U.P.)—Officials of Esquire magazine said today they would seek an "immediate injunction" to prevent Postmaster General Frank Walker from carrying out his mail revocation order.

Esquire Publisher David A. Smart said Walker's order was "completely arbitrary and against the weight of evidence entered before his reviewing board."

HICCOUGHS FATAL FOR BRIDEGROOM

Camden, N. J., Dec. 31.—(U.P.)—Frank Smith, 24, Collingswood, N. J., gasoline station operator, who suffered a severe attack of hiccoughs on his wedding day, died today, 12 hours after he was married to Alice Walker, Woodlynne, N. J.

Smith began hiccoughing yesterday morning and at four o'clock was taken to the West Jersey Homeopathic hospital, Camden.

The wedding was to have taken place last night in Miss Walker's home town. Instead, the bride, accompanied by Mayor Charles S. Franzen, Woodlynne, together with witnesses and attendances, came to the hospital at the time originally set for the wedding.

The ceremony was performed with Smith making his response from the hospital bed.

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**A Happy
New Year!**

In order to give our employees an extra day of vacation, we will be closed all day Monday.

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THE OLD JUDGE SAYS...



"The men overseas don't mince any words about the way they want to find this country when they come marching home... do they, Judge?"

"They certainly don't, Herb...and they shouldn't. They're doing a masterful job fighting over there to protect our rights and they have good license to expect us to protect theirs back here at home. One thing they're mighty clear on is their stand on prohibition."

"I saw in the paper just the other day the results of a poll taken among American

service men in England by the British Institute of Public Opinion. They asked hundreds of men point blank how they would vote on prohibition. 85% of them stated, in unmistakable terms, that they would vote against it. There's no doubt about it, Herb...the men overseas don't want any action taken on that subject while they're away."

"And they're 100% right, Judge, because I know how I felt when I came home after the last war—only to learn that we had been over there fighting for so impractical a thing as Prohibition."

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American ships steam over the ocean lanes of the world, bringing troops, tanks, guns and shells to strengthen the forces of Victory. American planes streak across the clouds over the universe, destroying the areas where fascism bred—clearing a new trail for the people of freedom. And America's fighting men and women join arms with the fighting strength of the United Nations in unflinching effort to shorten the war and speed the Peace. Behind those ships, those planes, those fighters—are we at home, and our responsibility is great. We must provide the materials of war—and the ships that take them to far flung fronts. And, in the crisis of war, we must guard the system of free enterprise and safeguard the way of life that made America great. We must protect America from forces within as well as from without our borders. Let us remember: We can WIN the war and LOSE the peace unless we are eternally vigilant. That is, and ever will be, the price of liberty! Today, let us launch our Ship of Victory on its voyage to peaceful waters!

**Season's
Greetings**

THOSE who are associated with Copco extend to all who live in "Copcoland" most cordial wishes for a VICTORIOUS and Happy New Year. We are grateful for your goodwill and glad that we have, through the years, been privileged to serve shoulder to shoulder with you in peace and in war. Let us continue our combined efforts toward speeding Victory and building a greater post-war Southern Oregon!

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