

UTILITY AIDE PASSES
San Francisco, Dec. 11.—(U.P.) F. M. Downing, 71, executive vice-president of the Pacific Gas and Electric company where he was employed for 43 years, died here today.

No telephones have been manufactured for civilian use since November 15, 1942.

VIOLENT DEATHS FEWER IN OREGON IS YEAR'S REPORT

Violent deaths have declined this year in Oregon, according to the following article in the December 6 issue of the Oregon Health bulletin:

"Accidental deaths and other deaths by violence have decreased greatly in number during the past 12-month period, it is shown by studies recently made by the Oregon State Board of Health. This steady decline in the number of mortalities from other than natural causes occurred in a period of considerable population growth and continued a trend which first became apparent shortly after the country's entry into the war.

"Dr. Frederick D. Stricker, state health officer, in commenting upon the falling-off of violent deaths, said that wartime conditions were probably an important factor in effecting the decrease in suicides and in fatalities from motor accidents. He observed that universal employment and the consequent elimination of the economic factor, normally a common reason for suicide, account, in part at least, for the lowered suicide rate. Gasoline rationing and the consequent reduction in the amount of pleasure driving were, at the same time, partly responsible for the drop in the number of fatalities from motor accidents.

"There were 169 suicides in the 12-month period ending November 1, 1944, representing a decline of almost 17 per cent from the total for the preceding 12 months. Homicides declined by 12.5 per cent during the same period, motor vehicle accident fatalities by nine per cent (from 274 to 249) and "other accidents by almost six per cent (from 942 to 887).

"Dr. Stricker attached particular significance to the fact that the state's death rate has been declining during a period of rapid population growth, a phenomenon which normally would be expected to increase the over-all death rate."

JAP FORCES IN KWEICHOW ROUTED

Chungking, Dec. 11.—(U.P.) Counterattacking Chinese troops have cleared the remnants of two Japanese invading columns from Kweichow province and crossed the border into Kwangsi province to capture the railway town of Liuchai, 105 miles south of Kweiyang, a military spokesman said today.

At the same time, a U. S. 14th



"I'm buying MY winter outfit at the Post Office this year—to wear in 1955."

'NUBBINS' BETTER DOCTOR REPORTS

Denver, Dec. 11.—(U.P.)—Three-year-old Forrest "Nubbins" Hoffman, for whom a predated Christmas was arranged when it was feared he would not live until December 25, was said today by Mercy hospital attendants to be "getting along very nicely."

The Cheyenne, Wyo., boy underwent an operation last Thursday for a congenital bladder ailment which had threatened his life, and has shown improvement daily since. Barring complications, the lad will be able to return to his home for a second Christmas celebration, his doctor said. The earlier Christmas was November 19.

NEW LABEL PLAN HIT 'RED' MARKET

Washington, Dec. 11.—(U.P.)—A new plan for grade labeling of meat to protect consumers against "red market" butchers—those who take red ration points for non-rationed grades—was announced today by the office of economic stabilization.

Hereafter, OES said, the grade must be stamped on dressed carcasses of beef, veal, lamb and mutton "to appear at intervals of every two inches along all primal cuts."

POLICE DOG PET BLAMED IN DEATH RAINIER MAN, 60

Rainier, Ore., Dec. 11.—(U.P.) The gruesome death of 60-year-old George Wroe in his isolated cabin prompted town and county officials to continue a wide search today for the suspected killed—Wroe's police dog.

Wroe lived alone on an isolated hill in the Hudson Park district. His headless body was found Friday when his nearest neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smooke, went to his lonely cabin to learn why he had not made his daily trip to their home for milk.

They found Wroe's body on the floor. His neck showed signs of having been chewed, and the head was missing. His dog, Queen, lurked, growling, in the room. As Mr. and Mrs. Smooke started to leave for help, the police dog raced out the rear door of the cabin and has eluded everyone since.

Last summer, Wroe suffered a stroke and had to quit his job with the Longview Fiber Co. Officers theorized that the elderly man might have fallen and injured himself, so that he could not ward off an attack from the dog that had been his companion for years.

An intensive search of the surrounding country failed to yield a trace of the missing head. Men were stationed around the Wroe residence, armed with rifles, and ordered to shoot Queen on sight.

More than 90 per cent of forest land now being logged in 37 timber-producing states is being left in condition to re-seed a new tree crop.

SOLONS JITTERY OVER ACT TO UP THEIR SALARIES

Washington, Dec. 11.—(U.P.)—Congress was faced with a legislative stickler today in a bill that almost all members favor but decline to push too vigorously right now for fear their constituents won't understand.

It has to do with the always ticklish question of raising congressional salaries.

Rep. Emanuel Celler, D., N. Y., drew new attention on the issue last week by introducing a bill to increase members' pay from \$10,000 to \$12,500 a year. He noted that members haven't had a pay increase since 1923, when it was hiked from \$7,500.

Most members agree with Celler and would jump at the proposal if they weren't afraid of the reaction back home. They haven't forgotten the "bundles for congress" campaign of a few years back.

Rep. C. Jasper Bell, D., Mo., told the house there is not a man in this room who is making, net, more than \$2,000 a year. "and Rep. Everett M. Dirksen, R., Ill., said there were "dozens of men carrying dinner buckets who are infinitely better off than members of congress."

One member, picked by reporters as an "average" congressman, said in an interview that being in congress keeps him "a little bit in debt."

SOCE Visited By Eagle Pt. Seniors

Southern Oregon College of Education, Ashland, Dec. 9.—Superintendent Glenn Hale of Eagle Point and the senior class of the Eagle Point high school were guests at the Friday assembly of Southern Oregon College of Education, Superintendent Hale was honored as the first student president of SOCE, 1926. Accompanying Superintendent Hale was his son, Frank Hale, former SOCE student, now

in the armed service, stationed at Salt Lake City.

In addition to greetings to visitors, the assembly program consisted of music by the SOCE orchestra, directed by I. A. Mirick; a Christmas story told by Mabel Boggs, and vocal music by a trio consisting of Marilyn Young, Elaine Sutherland and Vyvyan Freeman, accompanied at the piano by Mary Alice Wolford.

Eagle Point students were guests of SOCE students at a theater and skating party in the evening.

EISENHOWER SAYS ARMY NEEDS MORE SHELLS AND QUICK

Paris, Dec. 11.—(U.P.)—Seventeen junketing congressmen in the European war theater had it straight from Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower today that more ammunition must be supplied within the shortest possible time.

No one quarter can be blamed for the shell shortage, including labor and war department estimates, the allied supreme commander told the congressmen who slopped through the mud carrying dinner buckets who are of an advanced command post to visit him Sunday.

Fluctuating conditions of warfare and the weather upset previous estimates of ammunition needs, he explained.

The stop-off at the supreme headquarters advance command post followed an extensive tour of the various fronts.

Gen. Eisenhower took the congressmen into a large room heated by an open fireplace where detailed maps of the war front had been arranged. He personally explained the exact position of the allied armies.

The general answered all questions, the first of which was about the shell shortage. He concluded that discussion with the remark that the main point was that more ammunition was needed and should be supplied in the shortest possible time.

KANSAS SOLDIER GETS MEDAL FOR KILLING 18 NAZIS

Paris, Dec. 11.—(U.P.)—1st Lt. Walter Ehlers, 23, of Manhattan, Kan., credited with killing 18 Germans single-handed, was presented with the congressional medal of honor today by a fellow Kansan, Lt. Gen. John C. H. Lee, deputy commander of U. S. forces in Europe.

Ehlers, who was a staff sergeant in the 18th infantry until two days ago, was cited for gallantry June 9 and 10 at Groville, France.

He bagged 10 of his Germans on June 9 when he led an assault

squad and killed seven of the enemy with rifle and bayonet. He advanced again alone and killed three more Germans in clearing a machine gun nest and enabling his men to knock out two mortar positions.

The next day Ehlers was shot in the back by a sniper but he went on to rescue a wounded comrade, refused hospitalization, and returned to the lines after first aid treatment.

Ehlers received a silver star for gallantry Sept. 21 and he has the Purple Heart.

During the ceremony Lee discovered that he and Ehlers had attended the same high school at Junction City, Kans.

GEN. PRATT IN CHARGE
San Francisco, Dec. 11.—(U.P.) Maj. Gen. Henry C. Pratt has been designated commanding general of the western defense command during the temporary absence of Maj. Gen. Charles H. Bonesteel, local army headquarters announced today.

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