

**Markade Director Leaving For Visit**

Ruth Holmes Boyd, director of the Markade, plans to leave Friday to spend Christmas with relatives in Spokane. Miss Hazel Swaine will act as director in Mrs. Boyd's absence. Mrs. Boyd wishes to remind all Markade hostesses that the Saturday night dance at the Markade is formal. Mrs. Jack L. Carr and Miss Helen Brown will accompany Mrs. Boyd as far as Portland.

Mrs. Carr plans to meet her husband, an overseas veteran who is coming from a hospital in North Carolina to spend the holidays with her, and Miss Brown will visit her mother.

"Contour flying," close following of the earth's elevation, is the technique used by pilots of the Troop Carrier Command, Army Air Forces, to elude enemy pursuit ships and anti-aircraft guns, according to the Office of War Information.

**EX-MEDFORD MAN FINDS LONG-LOST BROTHER IN LODGE**

Cottage Grove, Ore., Dec. 21 (U.P.)—This is the story of two brothers who were separated 24 years ago in Michigan.

Charles O. Clark, 38, and Oral George Clark, 33, attended an initiation of the Eagles lodge in Cottage Grove. The elder man heard the full name of the other Clark read and found to his amazement it was his long-lost brother.

Not only that, Oral G. Clark had lately moved to Cottage Grove from Medford, Ore., and had been trading at his brother's service station. Charles Clark recalled only that his new customer's name was Clark "but many people have that name, so I thought little more about it."

Efforts here to further identify Oral George Clark were without success, as he is unknown in usual information sources in the city.

**LOCALS**

**In California**—Dr. and Mrs. Frederick H. Johnson are spending the holidays in Los Angeles and San Diego, visiting their son, Lt. George S. Johnson, U. S. naval reserve. The Johnsons expect to be gone a month.

**Returns**—Mrs. J. E. McAlister of 1024 E. Jackson boulevard returned Tuesday from Butte, Mont., where she has spent the past month during the illness and death of her brother, John M. Sullivan. Mr. Sullivan passed away Dec. 6.

**To Portland**—Mrs. Margaret Hulén and daughter, Joan, are planning to leave Medford tomorrow for Portland where they will spend 10 days visiting Bill Hulén, former sports editor of the Mail Tribune now working with the Associated Press bureau in Portland.

**Tilton Assigned**—Mrs. Ethyl Tilton of 225 Talent Court received word this week that her son, Staff Sgt. Alvin L. Tilton, attached to a medical laboratory unit, has been assigned to overseas duty. Sgt. Tilton was home recently on a 15-day furlough from Camp Barkley, Tex., having completed his two years' rotation work in the northwest theater.

Closing time for Sunday Too Late to Classify 5:30 Saturday afternoon—Please remember.

**DIVIDING WORLD INTO 4 SECTIONS IS RED PROPOSAL**

Moscow, Dec. 21.—(U.P.)—Division of the world into four sectors — European, American, Asiatic-Pacific, and African — under one general organization was proposed today in an article in the publication, War and the Working Class, as a method of establishing world security.

Article suggested that conflicts arising between states inside any given section would come under the jurisdiction of that section.

Affairs concerning states from two sections would be taken up at a joint meeting of the corresponding sections and when necessary taken to the general assembly.

The article, written by N. Malinin, frowned on one of the Dumbarton Oaks proposals regarding regional pacts and said such regional blocs of spheres of influence would tend to counter-balance each other and eventually lead to conflict.

**Joseph Stalin, 65, War Strain Ages**

Moscow, Dec. 21.—(U.P.)—Premier Josef Stalin's 65th birthday passed unnoticed, at least publicly, today.

In keeping with an old habit, Stalin was believed spending the day at work at his Kremlin office.

Stalin at 65 appears still in good health and vigorously alert. His appetite remains healthy and he still enjoys a good joke. But the strain of war years is beginning to tell. Stalin's rich black hair had turned unmistakable gray and he looks fatigued.

**Final Tribute To Mexican Actress**

Hollywood, Dec. 21.—(U.P.)—Filmland friends today pay final tribute to Lupe Velez, the fiery Mexican actress who took her own life in preference to becoming an unwed mother.

The actress' body, clad in a lace gown and ermine cape, will lie in state at Forest Lawn Memorial Park today and funeral services will be conducted tomorrow. The body will then be shipped to Mexico City for entombment in the Panteon De Dolores.

**Fire Chief Warns Of Yule Candles**

Fire Chief Roy Elliott today voiced a warning to Christmas decorators to be wary of lighted candles during the Yuletide season. Candles in windows, on tables or mantles, and especially on Christmas trees, are a common cause of fire, and in fires of this sort the flames spread rapidly, Elliott said. His warning applies to church, lodge and school parties as well as home festivities, the fire chief said.

**ASHLAND BASKETBALL TEAM GETS FIRST WIN**

Ashland, Dec. 21.—Ashland high's basketball team hit its stride for the first time this season when they defeated Dunsmuir, Calif., high school, 42 to 18, at Dunsmuir last night. It was the first time the Grizzlies had tasted victory, after bowing to Weed and Coos Bay in other pre-season games.

Jay Samuelson and John Reedy tied for high honors for Ashland with 14 points. Jimmie Jandreau collected nine, Bob O'Hara four and Dommie Provest one. Halftime score favored Ashland, 22 to 10.

Dunsmuir "B" squad defeated Ashland's "B" team, 40 to 28, in the preliminary.

**PHOENIX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PLANS PAGEANT**

Phoenix Presbyterian church Sunday school will present a Christmas pageant at the church Saturday evening, beginning at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Bert Stancilffe is in charge of the program.

A cantata "Lord Of All", will be given by the choir Sunday beginning at 10 a. m.

**FATHER OF LOCAL MAN PASSES UNEXPECTEDLY**

John Thomas, who had been staying with his son, Fred Thomas, 108 Newtown street, passed away unexpectedly Wednesday evening in a local hospital. Arrangements are in care of Conger-Morris chapel.

The log post office at Grimshawes, in the mountains of North Carolina, is called the smallest post office in the country. It is about 4 feet by 5.

This Is Just To Remind You Of Our Holiday Store Hours.



**MANN'S**

Open At 9 o'Clock And Close At 5:30 Saturday Night, December 23rd. Open Until 8:30.

Gifts That Say "Merry Christmas" Throughout the Year

**MIRRORS and PICTURES**

FOR THE HOME!

**PITTSBURGH PAINT STORE**

132 W. Main

Help Build the

**B-29 SUPERFORTRESS**

(THE BIG NEW BOEING BOMBER)



**BOEING REPRESENTATIVE NOW INTERVIEWING IN MEDFORD**

- Free transportation to Seattle, Washington.
- You can be hired now to start after January first
- Men especially needed.
- Physically qualified women also eligible.
- Good pay—Excellent working conditions.
- You will be paid while training.
- Help build America's most needed big bomber.

Don't Delay! Apply At the United States Employment Service Office of the War Manpower Commission, 45 North Fir Street

Those Now Engaged In Essential War Work Need Not Apply

**BOEING**

HELP BUILD FOR VICTORY

**MONTGOMERY WARD'S REPLY TO THE WAR LABOR BOARD**

December 18, 1944

National War Labor Board  
Washington, D. C.

Your telegram of December 14, demanding that Wards comply with the War Labor Board's order covering Wards four Detroit stores, was obviously intended to give to the public the false impression that wages are the major issue.

The board knows very well that Wards has offered to adopt the minimum wage rates recommended by the board. The board knows very well that Wards policy is to pay wages as high as or higher than those paid by other employers in the community for similar employment. The board did not base its wage recommendations upon the survey of competitive rates made by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. R. Davis, chairman of the War Labor Board deliberately attempted in his December 16 press release to mislead the future into believing otherwise. Wards only objection to any of the board's wage recommendations has been in those instances where the board has arbitrarily demanded that Wards substantially increase its rates above those of its competitors in the highly competitive retail field.

The board knows very well that the real issue arises from its attempt to impose upon Wards a closed shop in the form of maintenance of membership, together with the check-off of union dues from wages. Wards has refused to agree to any form of closed shop, or compulsory union membership, because the closed shop violates the American principles of liberty and freedom. The board is well informed as to Wards position.

Mr. Davis is quoted in the press as threatening the cancellation of Wards priorities, the denial of scarce materials to Wards and the seizure of its business if Wards does not comply with the board's demands. These are the tactics by which the board has coerced innumerable employers into granting special privileges to labor unions.

The board knows very well that its orders cannot be legally enforced by such punishments. Congress, which is the sole law making authority under our Constitution, omitted from the War Labor Disputes Act all provisions which would have given board orders the force of law. Congress included in the original draft of the law a section which would have made board orders enforceable in the courts, congress later removed this provision upon the written request of Mr. Davis, who asked that board orders be left as "mere declarations" which no one could be compelled to accept. Mr. Davis' express reason for his request was that the board would then not be "subject to court review of its decisions".

The board knows very well that its orders are consequently unenforceable. The Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia has held, at the request of the Attorney General acting as counsel for the board, that orders of the War Labor Board are merely "advises" which no one has any legal duty to obey. The court held that anyone who refuses to comply with orders of the War Labor Board is not defying a command of the government and that, since the orders are merely advisory, no government official has the right to impose punishments on those who do not comply. The Supreme Court has refused to alter this decision.

The board knows very well, since its orders are legally unenforceable, and since congress has not authorized any punishment for those who reject the advice of the board, that the reprisals with which it threatens Wards are necessarily illegal. The President of the United States knew this when he recently explained to Mr. Petrillo of the American Federation of Musicians why that union could not be compelled to obey a board order.

Wards has violated no law, nor denied to any union a privilege to which it is legally entitled. Wards has many times informed that board that its closed shop demands would require Wards to violate the National Labor Relations Act. Wards cannot in good citizenship accept the board's advice, and give to the union special privileges which Wards believes to be not only unfair and un-economic, but illegal.

The time has come for the board to cease its threats of reprisal upon those who reject its advice. The board policy of granting special privileges to unions had led to a breakdown of collective bargaining and has encouraged strikes in time of war. The board's disregard of the facts and its pretense of an authority which it does not possess have destroyed the confidence of Labor, Industry and the public. The usefulness of the War Labor Board in the settlement of wartime labor disputes has been destroyed.

The best interest of employees and employers and the welfare of the American people demand that congress face the realities of the country's need. The great problem of wages and the closed shop in time of war should be governed by law and must be solved by Congress.

If the board desires a further hearing Wards as always, will be happy to attend.

MONTGOMERY WARD & COMPANY  
SEWELL AVERY  
Chairman

**MONEY TO LOAN!**

ON JEWELRY CAMERAS and MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS Used and unneeded jewelry at great savings

**PEOPLES LOAN CO.**  
229 1/2 E. Main Street  
State License P 137