

# PHONE COMPANY TELLS GIGANTIC EXPANSION PLAN

An expenditure of \$400,000,000 for new construction over a five-year period was announced Tuesday by N. R. Powley, president of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company, according to word received by R. B. Hammond, manager. In announcing this unprecedented program, Mr. Powley stated:

"Having done its biggest and most important job throughout the war years, our company, following V-J day, turned to do the biggest and most important peacetime job in its history. Of fundamental significance to every city, town, village and hamlet throughout the Pacific coast, our postwar program is the largest we have ever undertaken for any similar period and it will necessarily require extraordinary amounts of new capital. The consummation of this program will result in increasing our present plant investment by almost 50 per cent, bringing our total plant investment throughout the Pacific coast to more than a billion dollars.

**Service Expansion First**  
 "Our immediate task in which real strides are being made is to give service to all who want it and to restore and to take to new heights our prewar service. In marching forward with the Pacific coast, our program contemplates the restoration as rapidly as possible of the fundamental essentials, necessarily suspended in the war period, which our plant and service require. The execution and speed of the entire program is dependent, however, upon the flow of available manpower, materials, money and the level of business conditions.

"Among the many important phases of this program are (1) provision of plant for growth, (2) replacement of plant to eliminate the temporary war expedients, (3) improvement of customers' equipment, (4) replacement of manual equipment by dial, (5) extension and improvement of rural service so that thousands of additional farms will be adequately supplied with telephone service, (6) two-way communication telephone service to connect motor vehicles, boats of all kinds and trains with any other telephone, (7) strengthening of the toll and long distance network, including provision for television and further use of radio facilities, and (8) many other projects to effect service improvements and extension of services, inclusive of provision of equipment for nation-wide operator dialing on

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toll and long distance calls and subscriber dialing of such calls, in areas where applicable.

"Stepping across the threshold of a new era of tremendous expansion as we did in the latter months of 1945, the year 1946, as we now visualize it, will record an all-time high expenditure of upwards of \$90,000,000 for new construction, which, together with plant and materials reused, will result in gross plant additions for the year of well over \$100,000,000."

# MERGER MESSAGE NEAR COMPLETION

Washington, Dec. 18—(U.P.)—President Truman's message to congress on merger of the armed services is virtually completed and probably will be sent to Capitol Hill Wednesday, White House Press Secretary Charles G. Ross announced today.

Ross' announcement came as congress appeared determined to begin its Christmas recess this week-end without acting on either the president's labor or housing programs.

The merger message will be between 5,000 and 6,000 words long, Ross said. Mr. Truman favors the principle of a merger but he has not indicated the exact kind of a setup he prefers.

Mr. Truman will leave Washington by plane Christmas morning for a three-day visit to his home in Independence, Mo. He will return to Washington Friday, Dec. 28.

# THE GRANGE

**Roxy Ann Grange**  
 Roxy Ann H.E.C. will meet at Grange hall Wednesday at 1 p. m. for a dessert luncheon. This is the annual Christmas party with Roxyanna gift exchange and drawing for new Roxyannas. All ladies of the grange are invited.

Hostesses for the afternoon are Mrs. Don Elliot, Sr., Mrs. Henry Hansen and Mrs. Frank Hansen.

Newly elected officers are reminded of the joint installation at Central Point, Dec. 19.

Roxy Ann Grange will hold its last meeting of the year Friday, Dec. 21 at 8 p. m. Each member is asked to bring a small gift for exchange.

H.E.C. will furnish refreshments.

Members are asked to turn in all sales slips at this time as the quarter closes soon.

**WOULD BUY KOIN**  
 Washington, Dec. 18—(U.P.)—Marshall Field today asked the federal communications commission for permission to buy radio station KOIN, Portland, Ore.

# FEDERAL WORKERS HERE TO RECEIVE EXTENDED HOLIDAY

Conforming to an order announced from the national capital, Medford offices of various federal agencies will be closed Monday, Dec. 24, and Monday, Dec. 31, it was announced today, permitting employees to have an extended holiday period. However, the offices will then remain open Saturday, Dec. 29, and Saturday, Jan. 5, it was stated. Under the ordinary 40-hour week schedule, the offices are not open on Saturday.

Under the holiday schedule, the offices will be closed Dec. 22, 23, 24 and 25 over the Christmas week-end, and the next week-end will be closed Dec. 30, 31 and Jan. 1.

Among the offices affected are the Rogue River National Forest service, the Crater Lake National Park service, the Office of Price Administration, the Selective Service Boards and the Oregon-California Lands Administration.

Postmaster Frank DeSouza states that this order will not apply to postal employees and that the postoffice will be open as usual Monday, Dec. 24, and Dec. 31.

# DRINKING PARTY ENDS IN TRAGEDY

Portland, Ore., Dec. 18—(U.P.)—An investigation was launched by police today into what they termed "a murder and probable suicide" after the torn and chopped body of a woman and the body of an elderly man were found in a modest westside Portland apartment.

Police said the deaths climaxed an all-night drinking party.

The woman was identified as Alice May Miller, 45, and the man as Francis A. Gray, 50.

The body of the woman, torn and split by a hammer and an ax, was found in the bedroom. Under her body was the head of a claw hammer and another blunt hammer was found nearby. A bloody ax was discovered in the doorway between the kitchen and bedroom.

Gray's body was found in the kitchen near an open gas jet. The coroner said his body bore no bruises or other injuries, but his face, hands and clothes were smeared with blood.

# NIPPON SPIES SEIZED BEFORE PEARL HARBOR

Washington, Dec. 18—(U.P.)—Vice Admiral T. S. Wilkinson told the Pearl Harbor committee today that "two or three" Japanese naval officers were seized for spying at west coast naval installations before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor Dec. 7, 1941.

Wilkinson, former chief of naval intelligence, said the Japanese were accused of spying at Bremerton and Seattle, Wash., and San Francisco and San Pedro, Calif.

# BORED DESK SERGEANT GIVEN NEW HUNT CLUE

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 18—(U.P.)—The desk sergeant was rather bored at first when the woman phoned asking police to find her husband.

"I don't know where he is," she said, "but he should be home with me, because we love each other very much."

After a pause, she concluded: "You might find him at his girl friend's place."

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# SIX MILLION JOBLESS SEEN BEFORE SPRING

Washington, Dec. 18—(U.P.)—Deputy Reconstruction Director Robert R. Nathan estimated today that there will be 6,000,000 unemployed by next spring.

Although this is 2,000,000 less than was figured on shortly after V-J day, Nathan said in an interview that it "still is a pretty sizeable figure."

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# Red Head Believed to Be Bigamist



(Acme Telephoto)  
 Arrested on vagrancy charge, Antonietta Zeszastrikska, 30, is spurned in Kansas City, Mo., jail by William "Lucky" Mace, 32, who identified her as his wife, although she denied his claim. Three marriage licenses have been found in the home of the attractive red-head.

# VFW Yule Program For Service Folk Scheduled Friday

The large Christmas tree standing in the big hall of the USO was decorated last evening by members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and its auxiliary in preparation for their Christmas party for all service and ex-service men and their families to be held Friday, Dec. 21 at 7:30 p. m. Earl Sterigere will be master of ceremonies.

Eve Prentice and her junior accordion band will play Christmas songs and Mrs. Ruby Rusque will be heard in several Christmas readings. Santa will be present in person to distribute goodies to all the children. The Veterans of Foreign Wars request each parent to bring a small gift so that Santa may present it to the child whose name appears upon the package.

Pacific, the USS Admiral Freeman limped into port today to debark 2,948 army personnel, including a large contingent of the much-decorated 2nd engineer special brigade.

# 2 CENT POSTAGE RETURN IS APPROVED IN HOUSE

Washington, Dec. 18—(U.P.)—The House today passed and sent to the Senate a bill to restore the two-cent postage rate on first class local mail.

Passage was on a standing vote of 76 to eight.

A two-cent an ounce rate was in effect on local letter deliveries from July 1, 1933 until March 26, 1944, when as a temporary wartime revenue measure, congress increased the rate to three cents.

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# CITRUS CEILING RETURN VETOED

Washington, Dec. 18—(U.P.)—Stabilization Administrator John C. Collet today turned down a request by the Office of Price Administration to reinstate ceiling prices on fresh citrus fruits.

Collet said that weather conditions and slow shipments had held up the movement of the new crop to market.

Prices of citrus fruits have more than doubled in some cases since controls were lifted on Nov. 19.

Collet pointed out, however, that this seasonal increase in prices should decline during the next few days as the new bumper crop moves to market.

# Snook Wins Prize In Sales Contest

With \$62,500 in new business in the first 10 days of December, Fred W. Snook of Medford clinched the title of "leading division representative" for 1945 and became winner of the \$250 cash prize offered by F. S. Porter, division manager of Investors' Syndicate, in Portland.

Mr. Snook far oversold his quota which hangs up a new record for the division for December.

Closing time for Classified Ads 8:30 a.m.—Too Late to Classify 12:15 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 18, 1945 MEDFORD MAIL-TRIBUNE—THREE

**SHOOTS PARTNER**  
 Weiser, Ida., Dec. 16—(U.P.)— he shot his partner, Frank (Red) McCullough during a quarrel in their isolated cabin at Sand Hollow 18 miles east of here Oct. 28.

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