

DIVORCE SOUGHT
Grants Pass, Dec. 20.—A decree of divorce and custody of three minor children, with allowance of \$25 per month for each child was asked in a complaint filed at the county clerk's office Tuesday by Margaret Faye Newman against Ray E. Newman. The couple was married June 17, 1937, at Medford.

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COMBAT VETERAN SAYS MAJORITY OPPOSE TRAINING

Man Who Spent Two Years in Guinea Has His Say Before Military Affairs Group

Washington, Dec. 20.—(U.P.)—A recently-discharged army sergeant who spent two and a half years in New Guinea and the Philippines told the House Military Affairs committee today that the "vast majority" of combat soldiers are opposed to universal military training.

Gagged By Army
As the committee prepared to recess, Donnelly rose in the au-

dience and asked to be heard. He said the army had forbidden him to make his views known but that "now that I'm a civilian again I can stand without fear of army regulations before you gentlemen and exercise this priceless heritage—freedom of speech."

The committee told him to go ahead. Donnelly was in uniform but said he was discharged from the army last Oct. 11.

He said that while he was overseas he heard a great many army officers make speeches in favor of peacetime training.

"It seemed to me a very alarming and dangerous departure from American democracy (and) I decided to do what I could to oppose it," he said.

Punishment Threat
He said he wrote Sen. Albert W. Hawkes, R., N. J., but that the letter was returned to him by the army as a violation of army regulations. Furthermore, he said, he was threatened with court martial if he wrote anything further against compulsory military training.

Donnelly said he finally got a letter to Hawkes when an army chaplain to whom he appealed put his censor's stamp on it.

He said the first chaplain to whom he took the letter considered it "too hot to handle" and declined to help him send it.

"Before it's too late," he said, "let's recognize this universal training bill for what it is—the military leaders' bid for power. It is much more dangerous than we can possibly imagine."

Donnelly said he had been in the army four and a half years and was overseas two and a half years. He served with the 24th division.

NEARLY ENTIRE TURKEY CROP ESTIMATED SOLD

Christmas shipment of turkeys the past ten days has been brisk and shippers estimate that 75 per cent of the turkey crop of Jackson and Josephine counties, estimated at 130,000 birds, has been sold, County Agent Robert G. Fowler reports. Value of the crop is estimated at between \$750,000 and a million dollars.

Many growers in the two counties did not receive as much as expected due to the military service curtailment of orders, and over-production throughout the nation. Shippers estimate that growers netted from 55 cents to \$1 per bird.

BIRTHS

BURT—To Mr. and Mrs. Hugh, Grants Pass, Dec. 20, 1945, a girl, 7 pounds, at Sacred Heart hospital.

MILLHOLLIN—To Mr. and Mrs. Max, Rt. 2, Medford, Dec. 20, 1945, a boy, 4 pounds, at Sacred Heart hospital.

VINSON—To Mr. and Mrs. Laurain, route 1, box 14, Dec. 18, 1945, a girl, 6 pounds, at Community hospital.

ROBERTS—To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W., 839 W. 13th, Dec. 19, 1945, a girl, 6 pounds, at Community hospital.

FRANKS—To Mr. and Mrs. Charles W., 1207 East Main, Dec. 20, 1945, a girl, 6 pounds at Community hospital.

NEW U.P. PRESIDENT
Omaha, Neb., Dec. 20.—(U.P.)—George F. Ashby was elected president of the Union Pacific Railroad today, succeeding William M. Jeffers who will retire Feb. 1, 1946.

G.P.-GOLD BEACH ROAD CONNECTION IS AIM OF SURVEY

Grants Pass, Dec. 20.—Planning for eventual connecting roads between Grants Pass and Gold Beach by way of Eden Valley and Agness, a survey crew is now mapping out a proposed link from Agness to Wildhorse, according to Don Cameron, civil engineer for the Siskiyou National Forest.

This link would connect from a proposed bridge across the Rogue at Agness. The forest service hopes to eventually have connection by road from Grants Pass to Gold Beach by way of Mount Reuben, Eden Valley, South Fork of the Coquille river, and Agness.

One survey for a bridge site near Agness was made last March by the Bureau of Public Roads, but Cameron said Tuesday that the site to be used has not definitely been selected.

New construction work now under way in the forest includes a new 142-foot span across the south fork of the Coquille river on the Powers-Agness road. Two others will be built on this road, one at Cole creek and one at Elk creek. These three bridges will be two-lane spans instead of the usual one-lane bridges ordinarily used on forest patrol roads. The wider units are necessary to accommodate the heavy traffic in log hauling now under way.

A 32-foot bridge across Shelley creek on the Patrick's creek road has been completed above the Patrick's Creek Tavern.

Under way now is construction of a new approach to the Redwood Ranger station at Cave Junction. Principle purpose of the new approach is safety, said Cameron.

Livestock

Portland, Ore., Dec. 20.—(U.P.)—Livestock: Cattle 150, calves 25. Very little offered early, receipts delayed by icy roads. Few sales steady. Medium 92 lb. steers \$15.50; cutter heifers \$8.00-9.00; canner-cutter cows \$6.50-8.50; good beef bulls \$12.00; common weaners \$10.00; choice weaners salable to \$14.50 or above.

Hogs 100. Steady. Good-choice 100-275 lb. \$15.00; good sows \$14.00; lightweights \$14.50; choice above 85 lb. feeder pigs quotable to \$15.50.

Sheep 150. Very little available early, but demand limited; market nominal. Good-choice lambs salable \$17.75-14.50; good slaughter ewes salable \$4.50-5.00.

Portland Produce

Portland, Dec. 20.—(U.P.)—Eggs—to retailers, AA grade, 50c; large 44c; A large 37c; A medium 32c; small (pullet) 44c.

Chicago Wheat

Chicago, Dec. 20.—(U.P.)—Wheat: Open High Low Close Dec. 180 1/2 180 1/2 180 1/2 180 1/2 May 177 1/2 177 1/2 177 1/2 177 1/2 July 174 1/2 174 1/2 174 1/2 174 1/2 Sept. 174 1/2 174 1/2 174 1/2 174 1/2

S. F. DAIRY PRICES

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—(U.P.)—Dairy market: Butter: 93 score 48 1/2, 92 score 48, 90 score 47 3/4. Cheese: Loafs 28.2, triplets 27.2. Eggs: Large grade A 57 1/2, medium grade A 52 1/2, small grade A 44 1/2, large grade B 50 1/2.

Wall Street

New York, Dec. 20.—(U.P.)—Stocks declined today on sharply contracted volume as traders remained out of the street because of the heavy snow and the approaching three-day holiday.

A fair volume came into a few individual issues, including Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific, New York Central, Packard, and General American Investors, but the leaders in most instances were very dull.

Net losses ranged to 2 points among the top issues.

Preliminary closing Dow-Jones stock averages: Industrials 189.36, off 1.26; Rails 62.91, off 0.32; Utilities 37.51, up 0.01; 65 Stocks 71.19, off 0.38.

Sales totaled 800,000 shares, least since Aug. 8, compared with 970,000 yesterday.

Today's closing prices on selected stocks: American Tel. & Teleg. 187 3/4 Anaconda 43 3/4 Chrysler 130 Curtiss Wright 7 1/2 General Electric 46 5/8 General Motors 73 3/8 Montgomery Ward 42 1/2 Penn. R. R. 72 Phillips Petroleum 58 J. C. Penney 147 1/2 Radio 17 Southern Pacific 59 1/2 Standard Oil of Cal 48 1/4 Texas Gulf Sulphur 50 Transamerica 20 3/4 United Aircrafts 34 1/4 U. S. Rubber 67 1/4 U. S. Steel 80 1/4

CAPTAIN LAFAVRE STRUCK BY AUTO

Capt. H. B. LaFavre, commanding officer of the Camp White navy hospital, suffered slight injuries Monday evening when he was struck by a car while crossing the street at the corner of Bartlett and Main streets, it was reported today from Camp White. Driver of the car was said to be an army enlisted man from camp.

The accident occurred at dusk. Capt. LaFavre was thrown about 12 feet and suffered hip bruises and a slight wound to one hip caused by the impact of the car headlight against a ring full of keys carried in a pocket, the report stated. The captain absolved the driver from blame.

Grangers Oppose Grants Pass Plan to Meter Parking

Grants Pass, Dec. 20.—Opposition to parking meters in Grants Pass continued to pile up Wednesday as resolutions were being passed by organized groups.

The Courier today received a copy of a resolution passed a week ago by the Fruitdale grange in which it was stated that the grange is on record "as opposing the action of the Grants Pass City council in regard to installing parking meters in the city of Grants Pass."

Signed by Floyd Clark, master, and Florence Carns, secretary of the Fruitdale unit, the resolution states that the farmers of Josephine county and the trade territory of Grants Pass are "busy people and do not want to be worried with parking meters for a two or five minute stop."

Copies of this resolution were

ordered sent to all other subordinate granges in the county and to Pomona grange, and to the city council.

HOPE TO DO BETTER
Fort Collins, Col.—(U.P.)—Colorado hotel proprietors know well what a headache inexperienced help can be. When the

state hotel association held its convention here there wasn't much delay in passing a \$1,000 appropriation to support a University of Denver program for training hotel and restaurant employees.

Uncle is a more important word than father is the language of the Hopi Indians, because the brothers of the mother are charged with training her children in the duties of the various clans.

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