

J. C. PENNEY CO.
BUYS GROCERIA
NO. 1 BUILDING

Sale by Porter J. Neff Announced; Building in Klamath Falls Part Payment.

Sale of the building at 100 North Central avenue now occupied by Groceria No. 1 to the J. C. Penney company has been announced by Porter J. Neff, Medford, former owner. Court records show the consideration to have been \$85,000. The three-story building in Klamath Falls now occupied by the Penney company was obtained by Mr. Neff in the deal.

The Groceria building has a 200-foot frontage on Central avenue and extends 100 feet on Sixth street. It was erected in 1923.

Ray F. Baker, manager of the Penney company here, said this morning that he could make no statements at this time concerning the firm's plans for remodeling the newly acquired building. William A. Gates, Groceria owner and manager, stated that he was considering available sites for a new store but that no definite plans had been made. He added that it would probably be late summer before the business could be moved to a new location.

WILLIAM CROSBY HIT BY AUTO ON SOUTH HIGHWAY

William Roland Crosby, 58, Talent, severely injured at 1:20 p. m. Tuesday when struck by a car on the highway a mile and a half south of Phoenix, was reported today by his physician to be "holding his own." Crosby is in Community Hospital here suffering from a 10-inch scalp wound which tore a large portion of his scalp from his head.

Thomas Lawrence Madden, 24, discharged army veteran, driving from Ventura, Calif., to his home at 3723 S. E. Mill street, Portland, operated the car which struck Crosby according to state police and Deputy Coroner Carlos Morris, who investigated the accident. Madden told officers that the lights of his car, traveling on a curve at the time of the accident, failed to reveal Crosby, walking on the highway. Madden, who claimed he was driving at a moderate speed, was told to remain in the city pending further investigation.

Witness to the accident was Johnny Sutton, Gold Hill, whose southbound car approached the scene as the accident occurred.

Morris reported that two boys were known to have picked up Crosby and driven him to the Talent Junction. Crosby apparently became confused, the deputy coroner said, and continued south on the highway. Papers in the man's clothing issued by Selective Service Board No. 2 gave his address as Box 47, Talent, and the names of Gladys Seward and L. D. Crosby, Graeagle, Calif., as relatives.

Two Die in Smashup Of Luxury Limited

Blaney, S. C., Jan. 2—(U.P.)—The Silver Meteor, luxury streamliner of the Seaboard railroad, was derailed four miles south of here at 5:15 a. m. today.

Two persons were killed and 29 injured. The dead were Mrs. Helen E. Wilson, wife of a Negro soldier of New York city, and her infant daughter, Beverly. Her soldier husband, Alonza H. Wilson, was among the injured.

MOYER WINS T.K.O. IN FIRST PROFESSIONAL GO

Portland, Ore., Jan. 2—(U.P.)—Portland's ex-amateur boxing star, Tommy Moyer, made his professional ring debut here last night by the technical knockout of Tunerio Lopez of Mexico City in the seventh round of a scheduled 10-round main event.

SIDE GLANCES By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Frank Humphrey insisting upon absolute realism when setting up his unique holiday decorations at the Humphrey home.

A crowd of poker devotees growing pale upon discovering their fabulous hands resulted from the fact that a pinocle deck had been broken out by mistake.

Happy New Year to:
R. H. (Just Call Me Nijinsky) Holmes and Al (Just Call Me Fads) Piche.

MEAT PACKERS SET STRIKE

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

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In Triangle Killing



Captain Archie B. Miller, 25, of Bellevue, Tex. (left) was arrested on charges of felonious assault after shooting and seriously wounding Captain Eugene Dale, 27, of Enid, Okla., in the apartment of Mrs. Fay Hancock, 24, attractive ex-Powers model (right). Miller broke into his wife's apartment where Mrs. Miller and her sister were talking with Dale and Arthur Gormley. Miller shot three times before he was disarmed.

Truman To Urge Legislative Plan In Talk to Nation Tomorrow Night

Washington, Jan. 2—(U.P.)—President Truman returned to the capital today from a holiday cruise on the Potomac, prepared to address the nation by a radio tomorrow night (time not given) in behalf of his legislative program.

The Presidential yacht Williamsburg arrived here shortly before 8 a. m. EST after an overnight trip from Quantico, Va. The President had breakfast

fast aboard before leaving for the White House.

Mr. Truman had been aboard the Williamsburg since Friday but it was far from being a complete holiday from his official duties. He met twice with Secretary of State James F. Byrnes on state matters and also with his reconversion and labor advisers in preparation for his radio address.

No Callers Today
The President scheduled no callers for today, concentrating instead on completion of his speech.

Because of work on the speech and on his state of the union message to congress later this month, Mr. Truman will not hold a news conference this week. He plans tentatively to meet reporters next Tuesday at 10:30 a. m.

White House Press Secretary Charles G. Ross reminded reporters today that it was "by no means certain" that the President would go to Capitol Hill to deliver his state of the union message in person, probably on Jan. 15.

May Send Message
There were other indications that Mr. Truman would send the message to congress, rather than present it personally.

The reminder from Ross was prompted by announcement in New York that Mr. Truman would be televised on Capitol Hill as he delivered the message. Ross said that if the President does decide to appear personally, television will be permitted.

BUILDING PERMITS IN FINAL SPURT

Building permits issued by the city during December totaled \$116,055 for 58 permits, records at the city hall show. This included \$93,800 for new residences and \$4,500 for business houses.

Community Hospital applied Monday at the city superintendent's office for permit to remodel the first floor of the building at a cost of \$500 and Vern E. Rose applied for permit to move a residence from 358 South Oakdale avenue to 520 West Main street at a cost of \$1,000.

Driver Cuts Groove In Courthouse Lawn

County authorities are looking for a New Year's celebrant who drove his auto across the south lawn of the courthouse leaving a deep rut, and in making sharp turns threw three large clods of sod. A complete circle of the lawn was made, apparently at high speed and the car miraculously missed half a dozen trees. The driver lost his bearings at the Oakdale avenue and King street intersection and struck out across the lawn. The same thing happened on the Main street side a few days before

Worst Flood in Years Leaves 5 Dead; Damage Is Estimated Over \$5,000,000

PORTLAND CREST FALLS SHORT OF 18-FOOT STAGE

REA Lineman Drowns in Trying Run Electric Line Across Swollen McKenzie

Portland, Ore., Jan. 2—(U.P.)—Oregon's worst flood in years swept on today, leaving five known dead, five others missing and damage estimated to exceed the \$5,000,000 flood of 1943.

The crest of the Willamette river flood reached Portland late Tuesday, falling short of the 18-foot flood stage before passing on to join the Columbia.

Charles S. Pounds, rural electrification administration lineman, was listed as the fifth known victim of the flood when he drowned after falling into the swollen McKenzie river Tuesday as he tried to run an electric line across the stream. His body was not found. Bodies of four other flood victims have been recovered from other swollen streams throughout Oregon.

Seek Missing
Search was still progressing for five other persons reported missing.

In the lower Willamette valley, where the flood wrought the worst havoc, evacuated families were returning to their home and business was returning to normal.

The weather bureau reported the river rapidly falling at all flood points in the Willamette valley.

Virtually all roads in the state were open to traffic with the exception of the South Santiam highway which was closed by a slide.

GROMYKO TO AID ON JAPAN POLICY

London, Jan. 2—(U.P.)—Andrei A. Gromyko, Soviet ambassador to Washington, will be the Russian representative on the Far Eastern commission to formulate Japanese occupation policies for Gen. Douglas MacArthur, the Tass agency announced today.

The council of people's commissars selected Gromyko for the important role. He will be the first Russian to have a direct voice in the control of Japan, since the Russians had abstained from membership in the Far Eastern advisory commission before a new arrangement was made at the Big Three foreign ministers conference.

A United Press dispatch from Moscow reported that Soviet newspapers yesterday gave two paragraphs to the Far Eastern section of Secretary of State James F. Byrnes' radio address. They made no mention whatsoever of MacArthur.

Lyn Charlene Krier Eight-Pound Girl, Is First 1946 Babe

Lyn Charlene Krier, born to Mr. and Mrs. William Krier, 229 S. Front street, at 10:07 a. m. yesterday, was Medford's lone New Year's day baby according to reports so far received.

The girl, weighing 8 pounds, was born at the Community hospital. She is the couple's first child.

Judy and Evelyn May Clarno, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. John Clarno, 1468 Prune street, missed 1946 birthdays by a few hours. They were born at 6:55 p. m. and 7:03 p. m. Monday, at the Osteopathic clinic. The twins are the third and fourth children of the Clarnos who have a girl, aged 6, and a boy, 4.

Ban Discrimination In Race Or Color For Return Trip

Washington, Jan. 2—(U.P.)—Secretary of Navy James Forrestal has taken special steps to end any discrimination because of "race or color" in the return of overseas troops by the navy, it was learned today.

In a directive to all ships and stations, Forrestal ordered naval personnel to "adhere rigidly" to regulations aimed at preventing discrimination.

His order followed a recent report that Negro troops had been left at Le Havre, France, by the escort carrier Croatan because it lacked "suitable accommodations." The army said the navy was responsible for the decision not to ship the Negro troops aboard the Croatan.

STARK BELIEVED FLEET AT PEARL ALERT TO PERIL

Washington, Jan. 2—(U.P.)—Adm. Harold R. Stark, former chief of naval operations, said today he did not expect the Japanese air attack on Pearl Harbor but he thought the fleet there had been properly warned of such a possibility.

Washington, Jan. 2—(U.P.)—The Pearl Harbor investigating committee today selected Seth W. Richardson, former assistant attorney general in the Hoover administration, as its new chief counsel.

Stark told the Pearl Harbor investigating committee that naval authorities in Washington were aware of the possibility of an air assault such as Japan delivered.

"It was our intention to put them on guard against such an attack and we thought we had done so," Stark testified.

Stark pointed out that directives sent to Pacific commanders Nov. 24 and Nov. 27 warned them of the possibility of a Japanese drive "from any direction."

He said the navy had nothing to indicate that an attack on Pearl Harbor was likely. Instead, all the positive information available pointed to the possibility of hostilities in the Far East.

It was for this reason that the war warning mentioned the possibility of an attack on the Philippines, Thailand, and Kra Peninsula and possibly Borneo, Stark said.

But, he added, the mention of those possibilities "did not rule out the chances that Japan would strike in other directions too."

Kitchen Sink Taken By Busy Burglars

Puente, Cal., Jan. 2—(U.P.)—Police today were hunting burglars who reached the ultimate — they took the kitchen sink along with other loot.

Movie cameraman H. L. Underwood told officers he had placed a "For Sale" sign on a vacant house, discovered too late that someone had broken in to take the kitchen sink, water heater, and all the plumbing pipe from the house.

HEADLESS, HANDLESS BODY OF WOMAN FOUND

San Bernardino, Cal., Jan. 2—(U.P.)—The headless and handless nude body of a white woman was found today on High Gear road nearly a mile above Arrowhead Springs hotel, Sheriff Emmett L. Shay announced.

Wrapped in an old blue and white cotton blanket, the body was discovered by passing motorists in a roadside ditch, Shay said.

Investigators found automobile tracks at the side of the highway indicating the body was dumped from a car

HITLER ORDERED SLAUGHTER FOR ALL COMMANDOS

War Crimes Tribunal Told Edict Issued in 1942; S.S. Mass Slaughter Described

Nuernberg, Jan. 2—(U.P.)—Adolf Hitler issued an order in October, 1942, that all American and other allied commandos be "slaughtered" to the last man upon capture, the war crimes tribunal was told today.

The order applied to all commandos, whether they were dropped in Europe and Africa by parachute, or whether they were landed by ship or airplane.

All To Die
"From now on all enemies on so-called commando missions in Europe or Africa challenged by German troops, even if they are to all appearances uniformed soldiers, or demolition troops armed or unarmed in battle or in flight are to be slaughtered to the last man," the order read.

Hitler's order was issued a few weeks after the British and Canadian commando raid on Dieppe, in which a few American Rangers participated. It was dated shortly before the Anglo-American invasion of North Africa.

The order was aimed in part at wiping out allied agents and saboteurs who were harassing the German rear areas.

"Even if when found they appear prepared to surrender no quarter is to be granted on that principle," the order said.

Earlier the tribunal heard evidence that S.S. men, lazily puffing cigars, lined up hundreds of naked Ukrainian Jewish men, women and children in a giant open grave and slaughtered them with tommyguns.

The prosecution prepared to bring witnesses to testify against Ernst Kaltenbrunner, ailing Nazi security police head. This phase of the case if being handled by U. S. Navy Lieut. Whitney Harris, Los Angeles.

Jobless Increase Noted in Country

Washington, Jan. 2—(U.P.)—Unemployed persons in the U. S. numbered 1,710,000 in the week ended Nov. 10, an increase of 160,000 from the corresponding week in October, the census bureau said today.

A rise of 250,000 in the number of unemployed men was partially offset by an increase in women's employment. Total employment in November stood at 51,739,000, an increase of 170,000 from the month previous. The civilian labor force totaled 53,440,000, a rise of 330,000 over October.

South Bend, Ind., Jan. 2—(U.P.)—Studebaker Corporation officials announced today that production and shipment of new automobiles, delayed 13 weeks by a labor dispute affecting a major parts supplier, was underway.

Resumption of shipments to dealers involved output of the first passenger cars produced by Studebaker since January 1942, when production was suspended for output of military goods.

Central Point Building Permits Represent \$130,200 Value in '45

Central Point, Jan. 2—Thirty-seven permits for building structures valued at over \$1,000 each, representing a total valuation of \$130,200 were issued by this city in 1945, according to City Recorder Guy Tex. The figure is unprecedented in Central Point history.

Ten of the permits were issued for commercial structures amounting to \$58,000 and 27 were for new homes totalling

JEWS PLANNING MASS EXODUS TO PALESTINE, CLAIM

UNRRA Chief in Germany Says Project Camouflaged —Atrocity Claims Fake.

Jerusalem, Jan. 2—(U.P.)—Palestine government officials announced today that all further Jewish immigration has been suspended until Great Britain decides what to do with the thousands of Jewish refugees clamoring for admission to the holy land.

Frankfurt, Jan. 2—(U.P.)—Lt. Gen. Sir Frederick E. Morgan, UNRRA chief in Germany, said today that the Jews in Europe apparently had formulated an organized plan for a mass exodus from the continent to Palestine.

New York, Jan. 3—(U.P.)—Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president of the American World Jewish Congress, said today that the statement of an UNRRA official charging European Jews with a mass exodus plan "savors of Nazism at its worst."

He said he would bring the "incredible" statement of Lt. Gen. Sir Frederick E. Morgan, UNRRA chief in Germany, to the attention of a special meeting of the congress.

Morgan said at a press conference that he was unable to put a finger on the purported organization around which such a Jewish movement revolved. He said he believed that the organization was camouflaged clearly.

Morgan said he was becoming more and more convinced that reports of pogroms and atrocities against the Jews in Poland were based less and less on fact.

He charged that such stories were by-products of an organized Jewish plan to force the United Nations to take some action giving the Jews a permanent home.

Trainloads of Jews were arriving in Berlin almost daily from Poland, Morgan said. He added that the pockets of most of the Jews were well lined with money, and they were well fed and well clothed. Their stories of persecution of Jews in Poland, he said, were notable for their similarity.

Morgan's representatives have been unable to find any concrete examples of pogroms inside Poland, he said. The stories invariably were that the atrocities "occurred in the next town," Morgan said.

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WEST COAST POPULATION UP 3 MILLION SINCE '41

San Francisco, Jan. 2—(U.P.)—K. W. Hunter, regional U. S. employment service director, predicted today that the West coast's 1946 population will show an increase of more than 3,000,000 over the pre-Pearl Harbor figure.

200,000 TO QUIT JAN. 16 UNLESS PAY BOOST GIVEN

Butchers' Shelves Empty In Two Weeks If Walkout Comes, Says Union Head.

By United Press
Leaders of the United Packinghouse Workers of America (CIO) today called on 200,000 workers to strike Jan. 16 against the nation's meat packers to enforce demands for a 25 cent hourly wage increase.

Lewis J. Clark, international president of the union, said that 95 per cent of the workers in the meat packing industry would join the walkout, which will affect Swift, Armour, Wilson, and Cudahy, the big four of the meat packing industry, and a number of independents.

Two Weeks Supply
"Within two weeks after the start of the strike the butchers' shelves will be bare of meat all the way across the country," Clark said.

Negotiations toward reaching a wage agreement will be continued despite the strike call, Clark said, but he added that he was not hopeful of a settlement. He said Armour and Company had made the best offer by a major packer, an increase of 7½ cents an hour.

He said the union was willing to settle with all the packers for an immediate 17½ cents an hour, with the provision that negotiations would continue for the remainder of the wage demand.

Bus Strike Looms
In Seattle, another strike was threatened when 1,100 bus drivers issued an ultimatum calling for a city-wide tie-up of bus service beginning Jan. 11, unless agreement is reached by that date with the Seattle Transit commission over union wage-hour demands.

Meanwhile, President Truman's fact-finding panel in the steel industry's wage dispute announced in Washington that it would begin work Saturday.

"The first order of business will be to urge the parties to resume collective bargaining" and avoid a nation-wide steel strike scheduled for Jan. 14, the panel said.

Administration labor officials worked overtime to head off threatened strikes by 1,500,000 workers in the next two weeks.

HOLIDAY DEATHS TOTAL OVER 401

By United Press
At least 401 persons met violent deaths over the three-day New Year's holiday week-end. A United Press survey showed today.

Automobile accidents caused 186 of the deaths. The highest accident casualty list was in New York State where 54 persons were killed, 15 in traffic mishaps. California was second with 41, Illinois third, with 30, Texas fourth, with 29, and Pennsylvania fifth, with 28.

California had 25 deaths attributed to molaring accidents. This was the highest number of traffic fatalities reported by any state.

Pennsylvania recorded 15 traffic deaths out of a total of 28 dead, while Michigan and Texas each had 12 traffic deaths although only 18 holiday fatalities of all nature were reported. Only 13 of New York's deaths were blamed on traffic.

Wood Alky Party Fatal For Three

Dugway, Utah, Jan. 2—(U.P.)—Wood alcohol drunk during a New Year's party at the Dugway proving grounds here today had claimed the lives of three servicemen and left three others hospitalized.

Dead of alcohol poisoning were Pvt. James P. Folan, Morse Bluffs, Neb., T/4 George H. Johns, Booneville, Ark., and T/5 John J. Smulck, Bairford, Pa.

Haw Haw Hanging Slated Tomorrow

London, Jan. 2—(U.P.)—William Joyce, "Lord Haw Haw" of the German radio, will be hanged tomorrow at Wandsworth prison. His last hope to escape execution was erased by the decision of James Chuter Ede, home secretary, not to exercise clemency.