

## GADDIS RESIDENCE ON EAST MAIN TO BE BUSINESS SPOT

Sale of their home at 609 East Main street to H. D. Christensen, who plans to move the residence and erect a modern drive-in cleaning establishment, was announced today by Mr. and Mrs. Earl C. Gaddis. Mr. and Mrs. Gaddis have purchased the H. F. Platt home, 815 East Jackson street, and will move to the new home April 1.

Christensen, owner of the Nu-Way cleaners now operating at 404 East Main street, stated that he would move the Gaddis home to the back of the lot, which has 138 feet of frontage on Main street and is 210 feet deep on Hawthorne avenue, and convert it into apartments. He then plans to erect the cleaning establishment on the corner of the lot and will dispose of the remaining Main street frontage in some other fashion.

**Start Indefinite**  
Due to the fact that materials are very difficult to obtain, Christensen stated it would be impossible to say when the work could be started.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaddis, longtime residents of the city, have lived at the Main street address for many years. Gaddis is a former mayor of Medford. Mr. Platt will continue to reside at 815 East Jackson street.

**30,000 CARS IDLE**  
Washington, Jan. 31—(U.P.)—Some 30,000 loaded freight cars are tied up as a result of strikes at industrial plants, the Association of American Railroads said today.

## Daily Weather Report

**FORECASTS**  
Medford and vicinity: Partly cloudy tonight and Friday. Slightly warmer tonight. Saturday: Partly cloudy with light rain west and north portions Friday. Slightly cooler in Willamette valley tonight. Moderate westerly wind off coast.

**LOCAL DATA**  
Temperature a year ago today: Highest 58. Lowest 40.  
Total monthly precipitation 8 inches.  
Excess for the month .76 inches.  
Total precipitation since September 1, 1945, 14.01 inches.  
Excess for the season 4.49 inches.  
Relative humidity at 4:30 p. m. yesterday 57%; 4:30 a. m. today 98%.

**Sunrise** 7:24 a. m. **Sunset** 5:25 p. m.  
Observations taken at 430 A. M., 120 Meridian Time.

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| Boston            | 38 | 17 | .60 |
| Chicago           | 42 | 13 |     |
| Denver            | 30 | 19 |     |
| Detroit           | 47 | 33 |     |
| Evans             | 47 | 33 |     |
| Los Angeles       | 33 | 05 |     |
| Memphis           | 35 | 24 |     |
| New York          | 44 | 33 | .81 |
| Omaha             | 38 | 02 | .09 |
| Phoenix           | 50 | 27 |     |
| Portland          | 44 | 40 | .01 |
| Reno              | 42 | 10 |     |
| San Francisco     | 42 | 37 |     |
| Seattle           | 43 | 34 | .23 |
| Spokane           | 38 | 29 |     |
| Washington, D. C. | 47 | 42 | .15 |
| Yakima            | 34 | 20 |     |

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## Orphaned



(Acme Telephoto)  
Nurse holds Sharon Lee Halliwell, five months old, in Philadelphia, Pa., hospital, where she was treated for face lacerations after being thrown from second story window of burning home by her mother, Mrs. Ardeth Halliwell, 19, just before the mother died in the flames. The baby's father, Walter, also was killed.

## Gold Hill Dance For Polio Benefit

Gold Hill, Jan. 31—A March of Dimes benefit dance will be held here Saturday night with dancing to start at 9 o'clock. The affair will be held in the I.O.O.F. hall with Sonny's orchestra furnishing music.

## ART TREASURES LOST IN BLAZING MANSION

Washington, Jan. 31—(U.P.)—Fire today destroyed more than \$1,000,000 worth of art objects, including two Titian paintings, and other property today when it swept the 35-room mansion of Col. Robert M. Guggenheim. Among articles damaged or destroyed was the Guggenheim collection of old glass, said to be one of the finest in the world.

## GAS CONSUMPTION UP OVER 1944 IN STATE

Salem, Jan. 31—(U.P.)—Secretary of State Robert Farrell reports that gasoline consumption in Oregon during 1945 totaled nearly 270-million gallons, an increase of 16 per cent over the 1944 figure. Gasoline taxes for 1945 amounted to 13 and one-half million dollars.

## HOT FOOT

Portland, Ore., Jan. 31—(U.P.)—Portland firemen extinguished a "hot foot" today. Two trucks responded to a fire call at Charles F. Berg's department store, where they found smoke rising from a shoe, worn by a man's foot in a display window.

## SHIPS GO CHEAP

Washington, Jan. 31—(U.P.)—A House-Senate conference committee has completed a report covering the sale terms of surplus U. S. merchant ships. The committee decided that tankers should be sold at 87½ per cent of their new cost and that all other merchant ships should be sold at 30 per cent of their pre-war domestic cost.

## MARRIAGE BOOM BROUGHT ABOUT BY END OF WAR

New York, N. Y.—A boom in marriages was one response to the return of peace, according to statisticians of the Metropolitan Life Insurance company. In the six months from June through November following V-E day, the number of marriage licenses issued in the larger cities of the United States showed a gain of 18 per cent over the same period of 1944, in contrast to the decline of almost three per cent that had been registered in the period January through May.

## 1945 Figures Up

Marriages in 1945, the statisticians report, were well above the figure for 1940, when selective service first went into effect. At that time, following the fall of France, marriages increased in number and rose to a peak when the draft act was being discussed in congress during August 1940. This spurt was followed by a sharp recession in the months following the passage of the act. Commenting on this, the statisticians say, "In 1941, the year in which the country entered the war, the number of marriages in the large cities reached an even higher level than the year before. Aside from the usual June peak in 1941 there was an unusually high point in December, the month of Pearl Harbor. The unseasonably high points in December 1941 and January 1942 may have been induced, in part, by marriages in anticipation of the draft of men in the ages from 37 to 45."

## Wage Is Factor

The migration of workers from rural areas and small towns to the larger cities housing the war industries, and the high wages which prevailed, the statisticians point out, were important factors in the general rise in marriages from 1940 to the peak in 1942. There also was a general disposition among the men in the armed forces to marry before leaving for overseas service.

A decline in marriages occurred in 1943 and 1944, while millions of marriageable men were being sent abroad. This trend was not general in the entire country. In the south, where there were large encampments of soldiers, marriages continued to increase in 1943. In the far west, which had become the home of newly developed aviation, shipbuilding and other war

industries, marriages showed continued gains into 1945. For the country as a whole, however, the decline persisted from the marriage peak in 1942 through the early months of 1945.

## V-E Day Brings Rise

With the return of large numbers of men from Europe after V-E day and the demobilization of men of the armed forces still in this country, marriages rose to a high level during July and August. These factors continued during the fall months and were augmented by the return of men from the Pacific and Asiatic areas after the defeat of Japan. The withdrawal of large numbers of women from the labor force by the closing of war industries is also a factor in the recent increase in marriages.

## Movie Program In 3 Jackson County Towns Inaugurated

Showing of a full length program of up to date movies one night per week in three Jackson county towns was initiated by Fred Scott of Medford with a presentation at the Talent city hall last night.

Scott goes to Eagle Point this evening with his mobile equipment and to Jacksonville tomorrow. Presentations two nights a week in each of the towns is contemplated if the current project proves successful but for a while Scott will maintain the Wednesday, Thursday, Friday schedule as outlined.

The Jacksonville showing will be at the city hall and Scott is arranging use of the Oasis dance hall at Eagle Point and only temporarily utilizing Grange hall facilities.

## Boy Scout News

Cub Pack 8 will hold its monthly meeting in the Jackson school gymnasium at 8 p. m. today. Parents and friends are urged to attend. Dens 1 and 2 will present a minstrel show.

**TRUMAN IN SHRINE**  
Washington, Jan. 31—(U.P.)—President Truman was presented with an honorary life membership in the Shrine Temple Ben All of Sacramento, Calif., today by Rep. Clair Engle, D., Calif.

## SUICIDE

Winona, Minn., Jan. 31—(U.P.)—Coroner R. B. Tweedy said today that Earl Russell Thoenen, 44, general counsel for the J. R. Watkins Co., a patent medicine concern, committed suicide yesterday by shooting himself. Concern over an impending divorce from the former Marie King, daughter of E. L. King, Sr., president of the Watkins firm, was said to have been cause of the suicide.

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## Medford Students Make Honor Roll At Oregon State

A number of Medford students attending Oregon State college at Corvallis were listed on the honor roll for the college for the fall term. Robert Crews was one of 22 students who made straight "A" grades for all subjects.

Others listed on the honor roll were Lois Ann Hubbard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Hubbard, 828 Minnesota avenue; Dorothy Mae Dodge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Dodge, 519 King street; Jean Brennessoltz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Brennessoltz, Arnold Lane; Dorothy Durst, daughter of Mrs. L. H. Durst; and June Jarmin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merle Jarmin, 823 Sherman street.

## \$26,000 PAID OUT OF STATE ACCIDENT FUND

Salem, Jan. 31—(U.P.)—The Oregon State Industrial Accident commission reports claims

totaling more than \$26,000 were paid during 1945 out of the motor vehicle accident fund. Nearly \$21,000 went to hospitals and more than \$5,000 to doctors.

## More Revealing Evening Gowns Held Possible

Hollywood, Jan. 31—(U.P.)—Renie, who designs gowns for some of Hollywood's most curvaceous stars, made a bit of fashion history today when she predicted evening gowns with exposed bosoms.

"Of course," she admitted, "it will take a while for this to become popular."

Cameras, on hand to photograph the original models, said for their part they thought it would become an overnight sensation.

"The woman who wears it first will have to have a lot of courage," she explained. "A lot of curves too," she added as an afterthought.

Thursday, Jan. 31, 1946 MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE—NINE

**SILK COMING**  
Tokyo, Jan. 31—(U.P.)—For the first time in five years a merchant ship flying the Rising Sun sailed the Pacific today with a cargo of Japanese raw silk for the United States. The silk was being sent to America as payment for American commodities imported to Japan.

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