



FATAL—Body of Donald L. Schaeffer, 18, of Nashotah, Wis., lies near lampost on Riverside-dr., uprooted when the car he was driving struck it and overturned in New York. Schaeffer's companion, William Justice, 18, of Palmouth, Ky., was uninjured and is being held on a grand larceny charge, as the car was reported stolen in Trenton, N. J. Both were sailors from the U. S. S. Sabine at Brooklyn Navy Yard.

U. S. Currency Tops With \$25 Billions In Gold In Storage

Washington (U.P.)—One hundred years ago California and the world echoed to the cry of "gold." But long before the American discovery at Sutter's mill men had fought and had schemed to get gold and keep it. Indestructible by heat, moisture or corrosive action, found in virtually every corner of the globe, gold for ages has been a standard of value. Today the fascination of gold is still unchallenged, although metals are far scarier and valued even more highly. Not its scarcity, but its very indestructibility and fairly general availability have lifted gold to its eminence. But in the ages gold has been known and used, no nation ever piled up anything comparable to the 700,000,000 ounces owned by the United States and priced at nearly \$25,000,000,000. Started in 1934. The United States started on its way to being the world's champion gold owner in January, 1934, when the treasury buying price for newly-mined gold was raised to \$35 and ounce from \$20.67. At the same time gold was demonetized and it became illegal for Americans to use gold coins or keep possession of currency redeemable in gold. A whole generation of Americans since has grown up without a glimpse of those \$5 and \$10 gold pieces indulgent relatives sometimes handed out at Christmas. The greatest gold hoard in history, held by the United States at Ft. Knox, Ky., in the mints, and the assay offices, has made the American dollar king of the market-place. Since business men everywhere know the United States owns about 80 per cent of the world's gold, the dollar finds ready acceptance. Questions Raised. Many experts insist the United States should be returned to a free circulation of gold internally, but others believe the prohibition of gold ownership is the best way to prevent gold hoarding panics.



UNSCHEDULED STOP—Five persons were slightly injured when this city bus crashed into a service station at Houston, Tex. The bus sideswiped one car, crushed another, smashed the gas pumps and knocked out a pillar supporting the station's canopy, which came to rest atop the bus.

County Grange Heads Meet State Leaders

Six State Grange officers met with representatives from Jackson county Granges in Central Point Grange hall this week, in a conference held for the purpose of instructing new officers and members in latest Grange policies and administration. Instructing during the afternoon and evening sessions were Martin B. Tompkins, Dayton, state grange master; Mrs. K. Ethel Lathrop, home economics; Mrs. Helen Roberts, juvenile superintendent; Miss Bertha J. Beck, secretary; William G. Howes, Medford, state deputy; and Mrs. Beulah Moore, state lecturer. Local problems and procedures were also discussed. About 180 persons attended the meet.

A child's opinion of himself is derived from the parents' attitude toward him.

Directory Of Timber Industry Published

Portland, Jan. 12.—A directory of the forest products industry of western North America has been released for distribution by The Timberman, an international lumber journal published here, the magazine announced today. The 1950 edition of the directory is the most complete such compilation ever published, listing more than 9,500 companies, their addresses, principal equipment and key personnel, and including a separate listing of more than 12,000 individuals and their business titles.

The magazine, in announcing the directory's publication, said that it will be of particular interest to equipment manufacturers serving all segments of the forest products industry, to industrial advertising agencies, school and public libraries, and to the industry itself. The main listings include basic production organizations such as sawmills, logging, shingle, plywood and veneer, box factories, pulp and paper mills and wood preserving plants; wood products plants of all types, wholesale and distribution organizations, trade associations and forestry organizations.

Juniors Plan Work In March Of Dimes Drive

At all classes of Bliss Heine's Juniors Saturday, final details will be given and selections made for participation in the March of Dimes shows. It is important that all members be present, Heine said. Lt. Col. Ktista Stelle, 1st Lt. Marlene Golden and Sergeants Deanna Cuthbertson and Patricia Rector and Bliss Heine took part on a program at Camp White Monday and were on the program at the installation of officers of the Knights of Pythias and Pythian sisters in Medford. The same group will take part Tuesday on a program at the Knights of Pythias at Grants Pass.

DOESN'T LIKE COPS—Detroit (U.P.)—Apparently William Robinson doesn't care for policemen. Two patrolmen reported that he attacked their patrol car with a club, leaving the headlights hanging by wires, smashed windows, a crumpled door, and dents in the entire body.



CLAIMS CITIZENSHIP—Red-haired and sporting a Christian name, Morris Hardy Emerson (above), 18, has filed claim for U. S. citizenship at the U. S. Consulate in Yokohama, Japan. He claims that a wet-nurse brought him to Japan on the death of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William R. Emerson, formerly of San Francisco. Morris said he lost track of the wet-nurse when she was arrested by the Japanese Secret Police in 1942. No action has been taken on his case.

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Man Maddened By Divorce Slays Five

Hammond, Ind., Jan. 12.—(U.P.) Felix Samas, 27, apparently maddened by an impending divorce, shot or stabbed to death his wife, two children and another couple today. Then he set fire to his home and killed himself. Firemen and police found the victims of the wholesale murder and suicide in the blood-spattered, burning home. A .22 caliber pistol and a knife lay by Samas' side. A telephone book was open to the listings of funeral homes. The dead, in addition to Samas, were his wife, Katherine, 24, from whom he had been estranged since before Christmas; their children, Felix Jr., 4, and Phyllis, 18 months; and Richard Norman, 28, and his wife, Shirley, 18, who had been living with Mrs. Samas.

Life expectancy of wild sheep is 12 years.

Ford Building 10 Cars For White House

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 12.—(U.P.)—Ford Motor Company is constructing 10 special Lincoln limousines for the White House. Spokesmen at Ford's Lincoln Mercury division said the order was for nine seven-passenger Cosmopolitan limousines and a seven-passenger convertible. One limousine and the convertible will have special running boards for secret service men guarding President Truman, the announcement said. The limousines will have 145-inch wheelbases with driver's compartments separated from the passengers by a glass partition. Special fittings include a rear compartment radio for Mr. Truman. The cars are being built by an outside custom body builder under supervision of Ford engineers, who designed the automobiles, the announcement said.

Preliminary Work On 1950 Census To Begin Shortly

Eugene, Jan. 12.—Preliminary work on the 1950 census will begin immediately, it was announced today by Ray M. Feves, district supervisor of the bureau of the census here, with actual counting to begin in April.

The preliminary work includes organization of the newly established district office in the armory here, setting up publicity procedures, interview applicants for jobs, and later training office clerks, field crew leaders and enumerators.

Seven Counties—Feves recently returned after attending an administrative training school at Seattle. Territory under his jurisdiction includes Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine, Lane and Linn counties. About 325 enumerators will be employed in this area. Local people will be employed in each area as enumerators, Feves said, and he will visit each county to interview applicants. Dates of his visits will be announced later, he said.

Too Much Nagging; Man Murders Spouse

Pittston, Pa., Jan. 12.—(U.P.)—Mild-mannered Frank Wyckoff, a 79-year-old grandfather, said today he was sorry he bludgeoned his wife of 52 years to death but he "couldn't stand her nagging any longer."

"She kept nagging me and nagging me—about every little thing around the house," police quoted him as saying. "Anything I did was wrong." "I'm sorry it happened," he told detectives. "I'm sorry I didn't die myself."

Wyckoff admitted, according to police, that he killed his wife, Belinda, 77, Tuesday morning by crushing her skull with a heavy iron furnace shaker and then plunged a long kitchen knife into his chest four times "with my own hand."

The retired railroad conductor, still in critical condition at Pittston hospital, will be charged with murder if he recovers, police said.

JOE KNOWS ONIONS

Flint, Mich.—(U.P.)—The judge scratched his head when Joe Reita preferred five days in jail to a \$5 fine for overparking. But Joe didn't hesitate in making his choice. The judge didn't know Joe already was in jail awaiting trial for burglary.

GO EAT ELSEWHERE—Elizabethtown, Ill. (U.P.)—Judge Charles Randolph ordered Rad Brookmeyer released from the county jail, where he was held for contempt of court. The judge explained, "He's eating his head off—and the county's, too."



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