

Locals

Theft—Ten cartons of cigarettes were reported taken from the Rogue Dale Market, Shady Cove, some time Saturday night, according to state police. Police said that the market was entered by breaking a door.

Heart Attack—City police received a call at 4 a.m. Sunday requesting an ambulance be sent to the Travelodge Motel, 722 North Riverside ave., where a man had just had a heart attack. Medford Ambulance Service took the man, Tony Manuel Martin, 39, of Ferndale, Calif., to Sacred Heart hospital.

Cologne Synagogue Vandalism Probed

Cologne, Germany—Police in this Rhineland city sought today to determine whether the Christmas Eve desecration of a synagogue here was part of a large-scale anti-Jewish movement.

The local leader of the German Reich party and several other persons have been arrested in connection with the attack on the synagogue, whose walls were daubed with swastikas and the words "Jews get out."

The two chief suspects, Arnold Strunk and Paul J. Schoenen, both 25, are members of the Reich party.

4-H Club News

Sheep Club
Talent—The Sheep club held a meeting at the Wilkin's home recently. Goals for the year were discussed by the 8 members present.

The next meeting will be held Jan. 10 at the Whillock home. The Wilkin girls served refreshments.

Margaret Whillock, Reporter

TEN PERSONS ARRESTED

New York—Police arrested five girls and five young men at a party which they said began Christmas Eve. All were charged with possession of narcotics.

The password to get into the apartment, police said, was "Santa Claus is here, Daddy-O."

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Value of Consumer Dollar to Decline Somewhat in Next Year

Washington—(UPI)—The value of the consumer's dollar will decline another penny or two in 1960.

That is the unofficial forecast of government experts who carefully observe the movements of that national barometer of inflation, the Consumer Price Index.

They predict a one to two per cent increase in living costs during the next 12 months to send the index to record heights again.

Continually climbing costs of services—hospital rates, doctors' fees, haircuts, beauty treatments and similar items—will lead the upturn. Groceries To Be Lower
Housewives will find that

price tags on groceries will be slightly lower but the declines won't offset mark-ups on commodities and services, the experts say. Appliances are expected to cost up to 3 per cent more and apparel about 1 per cent.

The index resumed its steady climb in the past several months after nearly a year of stability during which it rose only about 1.5 per cent.

Latest government figures show that the consumer's dollar is now worth slightly less than 80 cents in terms of 1947-49 prices and that living costs have risen more than 25 per cent in the last decade. The cost of services has

gone up nearly twice as fast as the index as a whole. In this group, the soaring fees for medical care have been the most significant factor, according to Labor Department officials.

Hospital rates have more than doubled in the past decade, they said, and the index has shown sharp rises in doctors' fees and the price of drugs.

Even haircuts cost more than 70 per cent more today than they did 10 years ago and auto insurance rates have gone up 85 per cent.

Spends More
Why do services ride this escalator that never seems to descend?

One explanation is that as the average American's income rises, he spends more on such service items as medical treatment, transportation and personal care, since his basic needs—food clothing and shelter—remain fairly constant. The increased demands push up prices.

Another explanation is that the service trades are traditionally low in productivity—output per man-hour. A barber shop, for example, can give only so many haircuts a day. It can't step up production to absorb higher wages.

The same upward trend in prices is apparent in durable and non-durable commodities—such as cars, TV sets and clothing. But their escalator is moving slower and stops occasionally.

Taxes Push Costs Up
Increased Federal, state and local taxes also are pushing up living costs. The penny-a-gallon boost in gasoline taxes, for instance, was immediately reflected in the index.

Many states are raising sales taxes and other levies to take care of greatly increased demands for public facilities.

Despite the gradual ascent of the cost-of-living, the average factory worker is pretty well keeping up with the inflationary trend.

Labor Department figures show that the buying power of the weekly wages of a factory hand with three dependents is now at 123.4 per cent of the 1947-49 level.

In other words, even though the 1959 dollar is worth less, the factory worker now earns enough extra money to make up for the deflation of the currency in the past 10 years.



MISS AMERICA TO WED—Marilyn VanDerbur of Denver, Colo., Miss America of 1958, and her fiancé, Gary Nady, admire each other and the engagement ring Nady gave the beauty queen. Nady is head football coach at Parsons College in Fairchild, Iowa. No date has been set for the wedding but Miss VanDerbur said it "probably will take place next spring."

OBITUARIES

AMBROSE F. BARRACLOUGH

Funeral services for Ambrose F. Barraclough, 73, who died Saturday in Los Angeles, will be held at Conger-Morris downtown chapel Wednesday at 10 a.m. Bishop Dwaine E. Nelson of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints will officiate. Committal will be in Memory Gardens.

Mr. Barraclough was born in 1886 in Salt Lake City, Utah. On April 6, 1910, in Beaver, Utah, he was married to Nancy Griffith, who survives. He owned and operated the City Market in Ashland from 1936 until 1941, when he moved to Medford. He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Survivors, besides his wife, include five sons Donald Barraclough, Los Angeles, M/Sgt. Nile Barraclough, Bellevue, Nebr., Jack Barraclough, Albuquerque, N.M., Max and Ned Barraclough, both of Medford; one daughter, Mrs. Zoe Stagg, Los Angeles, and 14 grandchildren.

LAURA FARLOW

Funeral services for Mrs. Laura Farlow, of Rogue River, who died Wednesday, will be held in the Hope Presbyterian church, Rogue River, Wednesday at 2 p.m. The Rev. Robert L. Maxson will officiate. Committal will be in Woodville cemetery, at Rogue River. Conger-Morris Funeral home is in charge of arrangements.

GARY SPAUR

Gary Spaur, 5-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack W. Spaur, Crescent City, Calif., died this morning in a local hospital. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Conger-Morris, funeral directors.

LORA MARIE GREEN

Funeral services for Lora Marie Green, 3-weeks-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph D. Green, of 43 Oak st., Central Point, were held this morning at Conger-Morris Funeral home. The Rev. Duane Alvord of St. Mark's Episcopal church, officiated. Committal will be in Hillcrest Memorial park.

The baby was born Dec. 2 in Medford. Survivors, in addition to the parents, include a brother, Rockland, and the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh F. Kinney, Swiss home, Ore., and Ralph B. Green, Ashland.

ANDREW D. MITCHELL

Funeral services for Andrew Dow Mitchell, 72, of 508 South Grape st., who died Saturday, will be held in Conger-Morris Hillcrest chapel, North Phoenix rd., at 1:30 p.m. Thursday. The Rev. Lester Wilcox Jr., of the First Baptist church, will officiate. Committal will be in Hillcrest Memorial park.

Mr. Mitchell was born March 6, 1887, in Gainsville, Mo. On June 27, 1921 at Branson, Colo., he was married to

Flora May Gray who survives.

He was a member of the First Baptist church of Medford. He enlisted in World War I, serving with the Signal Corps, and was discharged in 1919.

Survivors, besides his wife, include one son, Darrell Mitchell, Williams, Ore.; three daughters, Mrs. Faye Lamb, and Mrs. Marian Shuler, both of Medford, and Mrs. Shirley Gardner, Hayfork, Calif.; one brother, Huston Mitchell, Hollis, Okla., and a sister, Mrs. Maggie Baxter, Santa Barbara, Calif.; and 11 grandchildren.

Funeral services will include Scott Darby, Clayton Fields, Donald Minear, Donn Pratt, Gerald Parsons, and Fred Landers.

VELA M. HOPKINS

Funeral services for Mrs. Vela Matilda Hopkins, 59, wife of Elmer J. Hopkins, who died at their home, 1164 Woodrow lane, Thursday, will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Chapel Mortuary. The Rev. Tyley Evans, pastor of the Grace Bible church, will officiate. Interment will be in the Mountain View cemetery at Ashland.

Casket bearers will be George Anderson, James Lehman, Jerry Lehman, Victor Lehman, George Williams, and Paul Williams. Honorary pall bearers will be Cecil Carter, Ted Goodman, and J. K. Stagers.

Mrs. Hopkins, the daughter of LaRanz and Katherine Phillips McBride, was born in what is now McAlester, Okla., on Aug. 23, 1900. She was also married in McAlester, on July 29, 1919, to Elmer James Hopkins, who survives. She was a member of the Baptist church. The family came to Medford in 1951, where Mr. Hopkins is an employee of the Cascade Wood Products company.

Besides her husband, she is survived by two sons, Fred Hopkins, of Jacksonville, and Howard Hopkins, Medford; one daughter, Mrs. Katherine Williams, Prospect; four brothers, Lee McBride, Ray McBride, Arthur McBride, and Marvin McBride, all of Salinas, Calif.; two sisters, Mrs. Zell Bernard, Phoenix, Ariz., and Mrs. Alberta Nelson, of Salinas; and seven grandchildren.

JOSEPH L. WILCOX

Ashland—Joseph Lewis Wilcox, 89, of 48 Gresham st., Ashland, died Sunday.

A native of Wright county, Iowa, Wilcox moved to Ashland in 1927.

Survivors include six sons, Charles, Glenn and Shelby Wilcox, Ashland; Leroy and Guy Wilcox, Grants Pass, and John Wilcox, Sterum, N.D.; 10 grandchildren; 19 great grandchildren and two brothers, Stephen and Albert Wilcox, both of Iowa.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Litwiller Funeral home. In-

Weather

FORECASTS
Medford and vicinity: Valley fog tonight and Tuesday morning with chance of partial clearing Tuesday afternoon. Low tonight 25. High Tuesday 38.

Western Oregon: Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday with patches of night and morning fog or low clouds in valleys. Little change in temperature. Low tonight 23-25. High Tuesday 40-50.

Northern California: Fair with variable high cloudiness tonight and Tuesday. Little change in temperature.

LOCAL DATA
Temperature: Mean yesterday 35; below normal 2.
Record high this date 61 in 1937. Record low this date 16 in 1930.

Precipitation: 24 hours to midnight 9 in. Midnight to 9 a.m. 9 in. Total this month 1.05 in. 1.72 in. below normal.
Total since Sept. 1 2.11 in. 5.89 in. below normal.
Humidity: Lowest yesterday 68%; highest this a.m. 100%.

| City | High | Low | Day | Low | Pre. |
|------------------|------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Brookings | 52 | 38 | | | |
| Crater Lake | 39 | 24 | | | |
| Grants Pass | 49 | 32 | | | |
| Klamath Falls | 36 | 16 | | | |
| Medford | 41 | 24 | | | |
| Portland | 44 | 30 | | | |
| Seattle | 45 | 39 | | | |
| Spokane | 25 | 18 | | | |
| Yakima | 36 | 22 | | | |
| Eureka | 50 | 39 | | | |
| Red Bluff | 50 | 28 | | | |
| Sacramento | 50 | 38 | | | |
| San Francisco | 53 | 47 | | | |
| Los Angeles | 67 | 50 | | | |
| Phoenix | 53 | 38 | | | |
| Denver | 41 | 24 | | | |
| Chicago | 46 | 44 | | | .37 |
| Miami Beach | 76 | 73 | | | |
| New York | 52 | 39 | | | .02 |
| Washington, D.C. | 63 | 45 | | | |

FIVE-DAY FORECAST

(Through Jan. 2):
Western Oregon—Western Washington—Temperatures near normal except below normal in western Washington the latter part of the week. Normal highs near 45. Normal lows 30-35. Precipitation amounts near normal occurring the latter part of the week. Total amounts over the interior is inch on the coast 1 inch, except little or no precipitation, extreme southwestern Oregon.

Northern California—Rain likely near coast. Highs near 45. Lows near 20. Mountains. Temperatures near normal.

Investment Funds

| Fund | Bid | Asked |
|---------------------|-------|-------|
| Bullcock | 13.25 | 14.50 |
| Chem Fund | 11.25 | 12.40 |
| Colonial Ener | 12.84 | 13.81 |
| Eaton Howard Sdk | 16.25 | 16.25 |
| Fidelity | 16.65 | 18.00 |
| Group Sec—Avia—Elec | 9.16 | 10.04 |
| Group Sec—Com Sdk | 14.44 | 15.75 |
| Group Sec—Petrol | 9.75 | 10.58 |
| Group Sec—Steel | 11.14 | 12.20 |
| TV-Elec—Knutson | 7.00 | 8.44 |
| Keystone B-3 | 15.73 | 17.17 |
| Keystone B-4 | 9.51 | 10.39 |
| Keystone B-5 | 14.60 | 15.93 |
| Keystone S-1 | 11.82 | 12.40 |
| Keystone S-2 | 11.89 | 12.97 |
| Keystone S-3 | 14.44 | 15.75 |
| Keystone S-4 | 13.68 | 14.93 |
| Mass Inv Grth Sdk | 14.29 | 15.45 |
| Value Line Inc | 16.08 | 17.53 |
| Wellington | 5.55 | 6.07 |
| | 14.08 | 15.35 |

Over-the-Counter Western Stocks

The following bid and asked quotations, from the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc., do not represent actual transactions. They are a guide to the range within which these securities could have been sold (indicated by the "bid") or bought (indicated by the "asked") at the time of compilation.

| Common Stocks | Bid | Asked |
|---------------------|--------|--------|
| Bank of America | 38 1/2 | 40 1/2 |
| Calif-Pac Utilities | 38 1/2 | 40 1/2 |
| Cascade Plywood | 35 | 37 1/2 |
| Cons Freightways | 19 | 20 1/2 |
| Cope | 33 | 35 1/2 |
| First National Bank | 58 1/2 | 62 1/2 |
| Mortgage-Keuten | 22 1/2 | 24 1/2 |
| Northwest Nat Gas | 16 1/2 | 17 1/2 |
| Pacific Pwr & Lt | 35 1/2 | 37 1/2 |
| Permanente Cement | 22 1/2 | 24 1/2 |
| Portland Gen Elec | 25 1/2 | 27 1/2 |
| US National Bank | 66 | 70 1/2 |
| United Fruit | 40 1/2 | 42 1/2 |
| West Coast Tel | 24 1/2 | 26 1/2 |
| Weyerhaeuser | 40 1/2 | 42 1/2 |

Portland Produce

Portland—(UPI)—Dairy market: Eggs—To retailers: Grade AA extra large, 49-52c; AA large, 46-48c; A large, 44-46c; medium, 42-44c; A small, 32-37c; cartons 1-3c additional.
Butter—To retailers: AA and grade A prints, 70c lb; carton, 1c higher; B prints, 66c.
Cheese—medium, cured—To retailers: A grade cheddar single daisies, 44-51c; processed American cheese, 5-1b. loaf, 42 1/2-44c.

George D. Snyder

Ashland—George Dewey Snyder, 860 Ashland st., Ashland, died Dec. 26 at the age of 51. A native of New York, he moved to Ashland 14 years ago.

Survivors include his wife, Amy; a son, Jack Snyder; two grandchildren; two sisters and four brothers.

Funeral services will be held at Litwiller Funeral home at 2 p.m. Wednesday. Interment will be in Mountain View cemetery.

Motor Vehicle

Director Deplores Rising Death Rate

Salem—(UPI)—Vern L. Hill, director of the Oregon Motor Vehicles Department, deplored today the fast-rising state traffic death toll, possibly headed for an all-time high this year.

The record in Oregon is 482 traffic deaths in 1946. The state toll for 1959 is up to 477.

"The nine Christmas holiday deaths," Hill declared, "five more than for the holiday period of 1958 and the way most people shrug them off as being unavoidable, indicates more than ever how callous we have become about traffic deaths."

"If just five more people are killed in traffic this week," he continued, "the drivers of Oregon will be able to take no pride in the fact that a death record which has stood since 1946 will be broken."

"Police cannot patrol every mile of every highway to prevent this murder by motor vehicle. Only individual drivers can do this by remembering that any mistake on their part or a failure to compensate for the mistake of other drivers can mean that death is only a second away."

Hill said that if individual drivers of policing themselves over New Year's than they did over Christmas, we can only expect a repetition of this traffic toll."

Storms, Traffic Kill Europeans

London—(UPI)—Storms and gales buffeted Europe today from Scandinavia to Italy, adding to the Christmas week end death toll of 421 lives in automobile accidents, avalanches and floods.

Great Britain, Germany and France accounted for more than half the holiday deaths. Germany reported 90 dead, 61 in automobile accidents. There were no official figures available in Britain, but it was estimated that at least 90 persons were killed in traffic accidents. In France, 74 persons were killed, 61 in automobile accidents.

Portland Livestock

Portland—(UPI)—USDA—Cattle 850. Average cull 1125 lb. fed steers 27.50; low choice 31.10-1000 lb. 27; high good-low choice 1102 lb. 26.50; good steers 24-26; standard 21.50-23.50; utility-standard 1906 lb. Holstein steers 21; good-choice fed heifers 24; utility cows 15-18; canners-cutters 11.50-13.50; cutter bulls 16-18.
Calves 150. Good-choice vealers 28-32; utility-standard 18-27.
Hogs 400. U.S. 1 and 2 butchers 202-212 lb. 15.25-15.50; few 2 and 3 grade 250-275 lb. 13-14.
Sheep 500. High good-choice 95-99 lb. wooded lambs 18; good-choice 70-85 lb. feeders 14-15; ewes around 4-6.

Service Men

Warren M. Foran, aviation electrician's mate first class, U.S. Navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Foran, Eagle Point, is serving with patrol squadron 17 at the Whidbey Island Naval Air station, Oak Harbor.

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Consumer Expected To Be in Spending Mood During 1960

New York—(UPI)—All signs are that the consumer will be in the biggest spending mood in history in 1960.

The experts expect retail sales to climb about 6 to 7 per cent over 1959 and total a record \$230 billion for the year.

This would compare with a 4 per cent rise in 1959, which was less than originally expected because of the steel strike.

Providing the steam for this booming economy will be a sharp rise in after-tax personal income of nearly 6 per cent to an annual rate of more than \$350 billion.

The marathon steel strike also created a pent-up demand that is likely to give 1960 sales an extra lift.

Spurge Expected
In addition, the average American family is expected to demonstrate its confidence in the long-term economic outlook by continuing the big credit spurge of 1959 that saw installment buying climb to more than \$5.2 billion to \$38.5 billion.

The only clouds seen on this otherwise bright horizon are tight money, which is likely to get tighter as the year progresses, and rising prices, particularly for so-called hard or durable goods.

The scarcity of mortgage funds is believed almost certain to put the brakes on new home building in 1960. This in turn will mean lower retail sales of household furnishings and major appliances.

There may be a letdown in consumer sales by the fourth quarter, but many economists believe that deferred buying because of the steel strike has all but ruled out this prospect for 1960 at least.

TV set manufacturers are looking for 1960 sales to expand by about 150,000 units to 6,300,000, but major appliance makers will count themselves lucky if they can realize more than a 1 per cent overall gain. Apparel sales should be up another 5 or 6 per cent.

Higher Debt Expected
In 1959, autos, TV sets and other hard goods showed av-

erage sales gains of up to an estimated 10 per cent, while apparel, food and other soft goods recorded rises of about 6 per cent.

As for consumer debt, it is expected to run higher than ever before in 1960.

Government economists say that rising incomes and strong sales of new autos will probably spark another substantial gain in borrowing-to-buy.

The experts do not see serious dangers in the situation, although it is always possible for individuals to run up excessive debts, lose their jobs or find themselves in over their heads for other reasons.

Government figures show that by the end of 1959 consumer debts had climbed above the 50-billion-dollar mark for the first time. By the end of 1960 they may be another five billion dollars higher.

Put differently, consumers' debts equal about 15 per cent of take-home income, more than ever before. An average of \$900 per household compares with about \$400 a decade ago.

FIGURES ANNOUNCED

Berlin—(UPI)—Five hundred and 75 East Germans sought political asylum in West Berlin during the Christmas holiday, refugee camp officials announced Sunday.

Farm & Garden

Washington—(UPI)—The National Milk Producers Federation has called for closer cooperation between the agriculture department and the Food and Drug Administration in regulating the use of pest control chemicals, drugs and antibiotics.

E. M. Norton, secretary of the Milk Federation, said that some farmers now following practices recommended by the Agriculture Department find themselves confronted by crackdowns from the Food and Drug Administration.

The Milk Federation leader said misuse of drugs and insecticides should not be allowed. But at the same time, he said, farmers should not be penalized for following recommendations of the agriculture department.

Washington—(UPI)—Government economists warn that men may begin producing surpluses again in the near future.

The warning came in an agriculture department report entitled