

Self-Service Dry Cleaning Plant Opens in Medford

A self-service automatic dry cleaning service, Ramsey's Norge Laundry and Cleaning Village, opened in Medford recently at the corner of 13th st. and South Central ave.

Clyde T. and Margie Ramsey, who have operated a laundry at the site since last May, began the new service last week.

The Village is equipped with dozens of new automatic appliances which will permit dry cleaning of garments and household articles at the same time that regular laundry is going through the other machines. The Medford service is the second of its type in Oregon, the first having opened in Oswego a few weeks ago.

Ramsey said that the inventor of the dry-cleaning machine worked for seven years to perfect the appliance. It is similar to a tumbler-type washing machine and has a 12 minute wash cycle followed by a rinse cycle equivalent to 30 rinses, he explained. The rest of the 50 to 60 minute completion time is for drying.

Stress Ease of Cleaning
The Ramseys stress the ease of cleaning garments, especially those that won't withstand water washing, and the wrinkle-free condition of the articles after cleaning.

Many persons who brought clothing in for a free cleaning during the Village grand opening came back with "pay" loads in the afternoon to show their satisfaction with the new process, the owners reported.

The regular laundry machines at the Village are open for use 24 hours daily, and the dry-cleaning machines are available from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.

The cost of one eight-pound load is less than that of having one average garment commercially dry cleaned, they said.

Highway 30 Crash Leaves Two Dead

Portland—Two men died as a result of a two-car, head-on collision on Highway 30 several miles west of here Wednesday.

It was the second fatal accident on the highway in two days.

The victims were identified as Malden Phillip Schackmann, 41, Pasco, Wash., and Robert Royce Dickenson, 55, Beaverton.

Schackmann was killed in the accident. Dickenson died three hours later in a hospital.

Schackmann's wife, Edwina, 39, and a son, Robert J., 20 months, were hospitalized.

Harry M. Daniels Jr., 41, Shelton, Wash., died Tuesday from injuries suffered after the car he was driving struck an earth mover east of Rufus on Highway 30.

Robbery Suspect Slain in Portland

Portland—A Federal Bureau of Investigation agent shot and killed a bank robbery suspect late Wednesday night when the man resisted arrest at a motel.

Killed was Stockton Van Buren Darnelle, 53. Joseph Thornton, agent in charge of the local FBI office, said Darnelle pulled a gun as agents entered his motel room and was shot in the chest.

Thornton said Darnelle was wanted for the armed robbery of the Tuckwilla bank, near Seattle, last Oct. 18. He said Darnelle also was out on bond in connection with a burglary in Arkansas in December.

Authorities in Seattle said Darnelle was a member of the Homburg Hat gang, broken up last January in a gun battle with San Bruno, Calif., police. One man, Robert B. Herring, was killed and two others were wounded.

Churchill's Trip To London Delayed

New York—Sir Winston Churchill, 86, was trapped on Aristotle Onassis' palatial yacht today by a howling rainstorm which forced the cancellation of his plans to fly back to London.

Churchill's secretary, Anthony Montague Brown, said the former British prime minister would fly home Friday instead of today as planned, weather permitting.

The storm swept the river with sheets of rain and winds with gale force gusts of up to 75 miles an hour whipped the North river into whitecaps, rolling the 325-foot Christina unmercifully at its mooring. Tides in the river were running three to four feet above normal.

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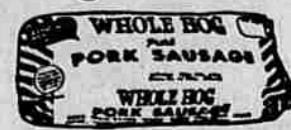


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