

City Briefs

Returns Home—Gary B. Cozad, constable-elect of the Linkville precinct, returned Friday of last week from a 3000-mile journey which took him to South Bend, Ind., where he took delivery on a new car. Cozad visited two former residents while in the middlewest, Mrs. Molly Moline of Indianapolis and Mrs. Iva Spivey of Minneapolis, Kas. Cozad said he took particular notice of towns the size of Klamath Falls and none were without traffic lights which resulted in easy handling of the traffic problems.

Returns North—W. H. Slimpert of McCarthy, Alaska, left Thursday by train for Portland to spend the holidays with relatives. Slimpert has been a guest here of his niece, Mrs. Carleton W. Hornbrook of Pacific Terrace. For the past 42 years, Slimpert has lived in the interior of Alaska near Cordova, and first went into the north during the gold rush days. He will return to McCarthy the first of the year. During his stay in the states, McCarthy has visited with relatives in the middlewest.

Miss Griffin Here—Berenice Griffin, who has been studying for her masters degree at the University of Oregon where she received a student fellowship, arrived here Thursday to spend a portion of the holidays as a guest of Carolina Vackerelli at the Earley hotel and will also visit with many of her friends. Miss Griffin is on a leave of absence from her teaching position in the county school system.

Music Written—Mrs. Jack Cozort of this city has received word from Mrs. Edna Vink of Glacier Park, Mont., who has recently written a song accepted by the song music publishers of New York City. Mrs. Vink has visited here frequently. The song, "Be Lazy in Love," is the first to be published for Mrs. Vink although she has composed and written music for many years and as a young girl studied at the Conservatory of Music in Chicago.

From Medford—Mrs. Ardath Danielson of Medford, district supervisor of WPA women's projects, spent the past two days in Klamath Falls conferring with Mrs. Walter West, Klamath county supervisor.

To Fort Smith—Mrs. Jack Dyer plans to leave this weekend for Fort Smith, Ark., where she will spend a month visiting her father, R. C. Coleman.

Moving Here—The Rev. A. H. Persing, with Mrs. Persing and their son, David, are moving to Klamath Falls this weekend from Roseburg. Rev. Persing has accepted the pastorate of the Assembly of God church and will have charge of the services starting next Sunday. They will reside at 521 Walnut avenue.

Reports Accident—Robert S. Allen, Chiloquin, reported to the sheriff's office Thursday that he was involved in an accident last Saturday with a car belonging to Arvell Gustafson, Pelican Bay logging camp, 3 1/2 miles south of Chemult. Ice was blamed for the mishap.

Stolen Cars—Wesley Cole, Chiloquin, reported to city police the theft of his 1941 Ford coupe from Chiloquin early Friday morning. Brick Patterson, 411 North Ninth street, reported the theft of his 1937 Ford sedan early Friday morning from Eleventh and Main streets.

Back From South—Mr. and Mrs. William Dunne have returned from a week's visit at San Francisco.

Home From School—Joe Sexton, son of Frank Sexton of the Great Northern Railroad offices, has returned from Oregon State college to spend the Christmas holidays here with his parents.

Returns Home—Madelon Crane, daughter of H. R. Crane of the Crane Lumber mill, Bly, has returned from Oregon State college at Corvallis to spend the Christmas holidays at her home.

To Portland—Mr. and Mrs. Hans Steinenmueller will leave Saturday for Portland to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Cate.

Ill at Home—Mrs. Henry Klinkhammer, 1414 Homedale road, is reported ill at her home.

CARPENTER UNIL SETS CHRISTMAS PARTY SATURDAY

The Carpenters auxiliary is holding its annual Christmas party in the Labor Temple, Ninth and Walnut streets, Saturday night, December 21. All carpenters and their families are urged to attend and enjoy the evening. A program has been arranged by Mrs. Alice Hill, chairman of the ladies committee in charge. A gift exchange will be had for the children. Each child is expected to bring one gift and will in turn receive one gift. Candy and nuts will be distributed by Santa Claus. Carpenters are requested to advise the secretary of the local union of their correct address in order that the union's magazine may be sent to each member. Owing to the fact that Christmas and New Year's each fall on Wednesday, the regular meeting night of the carpenters, the union has voted to meet on Monday night, December 30, giving up both meetings of Christmas and New Years.

VITAL STATISTICS
KIJAC — Born at Hillside hospital, Klamath Falls, Ore., December 19, 1940, to Mr. and Mrs. Karl Kijac, 4660 Thompson avenue, Klamath Falls, a girl. Weight: 6 pounds 5 1/2 ounces.

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KLAMATH MILLS TO OBSERVE HOLIDAY

Most Klamath basin lumber mills will observe Christmas with a one-day shutdown and several will remain closed for a longer period over the holidays. Workmen will be given a vacation Christmas eve and Christmas day at Kesterson Lumber corporation, and Christmas day and Christmas night at Weyerhaeuser Timber company, officials of those two concerns announced. At Ewauna Box company, woods employees will be "down" all next week, and the plant will be closed for one day on Christmas. Long Bell Lumber company will also be closed for the day, as will Big Lakes Box company. The sawmill at Ivory Pine will close Saturday night, December 21, and will remain closed through the holidays, officials of that company stated. A longer winter shutdown, because of weather conditions and variable log supply, is contemplated by some of the larger mills after the first of the year.

FRIDAY LAST DAY OF SCHOOL HERE

Friday was the last day of school before Christmas vacation. Thousands of Klamath county youngsters, from first graders to high school seniors, will be free for all of the coming week to enjoy the holiday without school cares. School will resume on December 31. There will be no school on January 1.

THREE-CAR CRASH REPORT BLAMES PASSING CAR

Accidents do happen, and officers said Friday that this description of a three-way auto crash is typical: Driver of car No. 1 saw car No. 2 on wrong side of road, trying to pass car No. 3. Car No. 1 turned off road to avoid car No. 2. Car No. 2 hit rear of car No. 1. Car No. 2 in wrong trying to pass car No. 3 in face of car No. 1. The above appeared on a report of an accident filed by Mrs. Ethel Smith of Freda street. Local officers said attempting to pass without sufficient clearance, as was evidently done in this case, is one of the principal reasons for serious highway accidents.

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 20 (AP)—The Sacramento county grand jury today indicted five members of AFL unions on charges of conspiracy to commit malicious mischief involving daubing creosote on 10 Sacramento houses constructed by non-union labor.

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NORTHERN CALIF.: Unsettled and mild tonight and Saturday; intermittent light rains in north portion tonight, decreasing southerly wind off coast; Sunday generally fair but unsettled extreme north portion.

WASHINGTON AND OREGON: Rain west and scattered light rains east portion tonight and Saturday; snows in high mountains; moderate temperature; decreasing southerly wind off coast and over inland waters of Washington.

Extended forecast for period December 20 to 25 for far western states: Generally fair in central and southern California and Nevada; unsettled to northward with frequent rains west of Cascade mountains and scattered light rains to eastward of them; temperatures somewhat above normal.

Mail Closing Time (Trains)
Southbound: 6:00 a. m.
Northbound: 9:30 a. m.
Southbound: 5:15 p. m.
Northbound: 8:30 p. m.

(Stages)
Alturas, Lakeview, Rocky Point and Ashland, all close 7:00 a. m.
(Airmail via Medford)
Closing time: 5:15 p. m.

Epworth League—The Methodist church Epworth league has postponed its Christmas party from Friday, December 20, to Friday, December 27. The party will be held at 7:30 at the church.

Plans Complete—All plans for the Christmas party to be held in the clubrooms of the public library Friday evening by VFW post and auxiliary were completed, it was announced. The party was planned for 7:30 to 10 o'clock and a large number of comrades, auxiliary members and their families were expected to attend. Exchange of gifts and treats for the children were scheduled. The tree was donated by the Kurtz farm service. Entertainment was planned. Hostesses were to be Grace Crump, Erma L. Barge, Caroline Williams, Florence Miller, Ella Mullins and Laura Bacon.

Card Party—The Eagles auxiliary drum corps will sponsor a pinocle party Saturday at 8 p. m., in the KC hall banquet room. The public is invited.

SACKS OF OATS STOLEN AT MALONE

Seventy-five sacks of oats were stolen Thursday night from a warehouse at Malone, Deputy Sheriff Dale Mattoon reported Friday. Mattoon said the grain belonged to Archie Daniels of the Midland company, Portland. It is estimated that business use of passenger cars exceeded 140,000,000 miles in 1939.

GRAND JURY REPORT EXPECTED SATURDAY

The Klamath county grand jurors will report Saturday morning, it was indicated at the courthouse Friday afternoon when the jurors left for an inspection of the county farm and infirmary.

It was understood that all witnesses had been examined by the jurors before they began their tour of county institutions. After returning from the farm, they were to look over the jail and then retire for final voting on proposed bills and the preparation of their report.

The fact the jury was not to come in until Saturday morning led to new speculation about the oratorical intentions of Circuit Judge Edward B. Ashurst. It was pointed out that Saturday morning would be a more auspicious time for a speech to the grand jurors than late Friday afternoon.

The judge failed to make a charge to the jurors when they came in Monday, as many had anticipated he would.

Included in cases investigated by the jurors were the murder charges against Luther Joe Kirk and two charges of involuntary manslaughter resulting from automobile accidents.

Size of Families Continues Decline To 3.8 Average

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP)—For the first time in history, the average American family now numbers less than four persons.

The census bureau, analyzing the results of the 1940 census, reported today that the contemporary household has an average of 3.8 persons. These statistics meant a continuation of the steady decline which has been in progress since the first family computation was made 50 years ago, and corresponded with annual figures of a declining birth rate.

In 1890, the bureau pointed out, the average family consisted of 4.9 persons.

Here's the way the decline has been recorded: 1890, 4.9; 1900, 4.7; 1910, 4.5; 1920, 4.3; 1930, 4.1; 1940, 3.8.

The smallest families were found on the Pacific coast, with the average 3.2 persons per family in California, Oregon and Washington. The largest were in the south Atlantic states which averaged 4.2 for the region. North Carolina was the banner state with 4.5.

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RAILROAD NEWS

Tom Johns, track inspector, and Teddy Geshoff, section foreman for Great Northern railroad, left Friday morning for Detroit to spend the Christmas holidays.

T. G. Hogan, Great Northern claim agent, was here attending to business matters Friday.

William A. Ferrell, who has been attending the University of Washington for the past three months, has returned to take a position as switchman at Bieber, Calif.

Peter J. Lesmeister, traveling freight agent for Great Northern, has returned from a business trip to Bend, Redmond and Prineville.

Two extra passenger cars will be attached to the northbound Westcoast Friday night to take Klamath county school teachers north for the Christmas holidays following the close of school in this section. The train will leave at 9:30 p. m.

Auto Industry Asked for Parts

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP)—Arming America called on the automobile industry today to swing into test production of parts for a powerful fleet of long-range bombers.

An estimated \$20,000,000 worth of initial "educational orders," decided upon by the war department and defense commission, was expected to familiarize automobile plant managers with the manufacture of the intricate parts they will be called upon to supply.

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LABOR DISAVOWS BLAME FOR DELAY

Labor is not at fault in the failure of the national defense program to keep pace with expectations, and the true cause of the delay is lack of raw materials, it was declared here Friday by C. D. Long, member of the local defense committee and business agent for the Klamath Falls carpenters' union.

Commenting on the recent assertion of National Defense Commissioner William Knudsen that defense preparations are about 30 per cent behind schedule, Long said that labor is adequately doing its part. "It's no use to hire moulders for foundries when there's no pig iron on hand," Long declared. "Labor is not holding back the defense program. The trouble is a lack of raw materials on hand at shipyards and plants manufacturing war materials."

Long said most of the country's shipyards and manufacturing plants have had to renovate their equipment to such an extent that it has been impossible to go ahead with actual manufacture of defense needs without long delays. He said the plants will ultimately catch up, however, and when production hits full stride there will be a compensation.

Long described the recent strike at the Vultee Aircraft plant in California as the sole example of a failure on the part of labor to do its part. He said this strike actually held up a part of the defense program, but that it was proved later that workers there had been justified in their demands.

The local labor leader said serious congestion is being created in manufacturing centers and that laborers should not be forwarded to those places until jobs are actually available.

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