

# MAN DIES IN FIRE AT POE VALLEY RANCH

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Fadden were burned and were brought to the Hillside hospital. Pruitt was placed in the county jail on a charge of drunkenness.

The investigators said they believed kerosene or diesel oil had been used in replenishing a low fire, starting the blaze in the building. The structure had 10-inch walls filled with sawdust, and soon turned to a raging inferno. Campbell was burned beyond recognition.

The fire was first sighted by the Barton ranch cook. The bunkhouse stood across the road from the ranch house.

Campbell was a native of Olean, Mo., and a sister, Mrs. Minnie Evans, survives at Eldon, Mo. Campbell had worked two weeks at the Barton ranch and before that was employed as a faller by the Kesterson Lumber company. The remains are at Whitlock's.

Mr. Thrash, who was secretary of the Klamath Sportsmen's association, was widely known in the community. He was office manager of the Peyton Wood company and had lived here since 1932.

**Dies At Dinner**  
Grants Pass visitors were in the Thrash home at 915 Market street when Mr. Thrash sat down at dinner and started to carve the Christmas turkey. He died almost instantly.

A native of Ellensburg, Wash., Mr. Thrash had been active in lodge and sportsmen's circles since coming here. He was a thirty-third degree Mason and a member of Hillah temple of the Shrine. He had been nominated for re-election as secretary of the Sportsmen's association.

Survivors include Mrs. Thrash and two daughters. The obituary will be found elsewhere in this paper. The remains are at Ward's.

Mr. Hawk passed away suddenly at the Hall hotel, apparently from a heart attack. His home was at Dorris, where he had lived for 20 years. The remains are at Ward's.

**APPOINTMENT**  
NEW YORK, Dec. 24 (AP)—Laurence Di Benedetto, president of AAU, today appointed Charles L. Ornstein of New York as chairman of a special national committee for the sale of United States defense bonds and stamps. The AAU recently invested \$15,000 in defense bonds and urged that its 41 district associations do likewise.

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# Another "Santa" Aids Needy Family On Christmas

Through the medium of this newspaper, another Klamath citizen played Santa Claus to a needy family Christmas day. Smiley LaLonde, ex-city policeman, called before Christmas and asked that the newspaper locate a family in serious need. He left an order for all the supplies for a good Christmas dinner.

The family was found through a welfare agency, the Christmas dinner was delivered, and everybody was happy.

# STORIES TOLD BY HAWAII EVACUEES

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cause Japanese submarines have been preying on shipping off the California coast.

Stirring scenes took place at entrances to piers. No public announcement was made of the convoy's arrival, but it was seen moving through the Golden Gate. There was a rush toward the waterfront.

Soldiers and sailors carrying rifles and pistols had blocked off an area extending three blocks from the docks.

Ambulances hurried to the waterfront and removed the navy and army wounded. The city sent four ambulances to care for the civilian injured.

**Threw Potatoes**  
A wounded sailor told of the heroism of his skipper who ordered some of his idle men to throw potatoes at the Japanese raiders.

"Our skipper was a little fellow," the sailor said. "But he certainly was full of fight."

"We had only a three-inch gun where we were, but he wouldn't let anybody else fire it. He peppered away at the Japs as they came over."

"All of a sudden a bomb hit nearby and blew our skipper into the water. Our executive (officer) gave the order to abandon ship."

The sailors started down and just then the skipper's head bobbed up from the water. They told him they were abandoning ship.

"The hell you are!" he shouted. "Get back to your stations!" He ordered a messenger to get a sack of potatoes.

"I mean potatoes," the skipper cried to the surprised messenger. "I got to keep the men occupied at a time like this. Let 'em throw potatoes at the Japs!"

**Christmas Party**  
Football players of Willamette university at Salem, Ore., and San Jose, Calif., State told on their return of doing guard duty after the raids. Coach R. S. "Spec" Keene said his Willamette squad worked their way home by caring for wounded men.

The three children of Captain Merle Williams of the air corps told of a Christmas party on the conveyed ships at sea which was long on fun but short on candy and nuts.

Danny Williams' faith in his father, who remained in the islands, was evident.

"My daddy," said the 6-year-old, "can lick any 10 Japs."

# Family Gets Best Christmas Gift

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 26 (AP)—What was possibly the most wonderful Christmas present in this area came yesterday to Mr. and Mrs. Burton P. Smith of the Battle Ground district near here. Notified by the navy December 11 that their son, Russell, had been killed in the Pearl Harbor raid, they received another telegram Christmas morning from the navy stating that Russell is alive and well and a letter from him is en route.

In Tunis, North Africa, coffee served is as sweet as molasses, as black as ink, and almost as thick as chocolate.

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# ALLIES TO BE READY IN 1943 FOR OFFENSIVE

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United States the same day, no one can say what disaster might have come."

By 1943, he said, production "will enable us to assume the initiative on an ample scale." Applause halted his remarks.

**Long War**  
The British leader said he and President Roosevelt did not hesitate to forecast a "long and hard war" because "our people would rather know the truth."

With the spirit which has developed he said it did not matter if it was 1942, '43 or '44. The task ahead, he said, is "not beyond our strength and endurance as long as we have faith in our own cause."

"Mighty strokes of war already have been dealt against the enemy," he continued and with mention of Russian victories, the audience again applauded at length. Maxim Litvinoff, the Russian ambassador, sat smiling.

**Equal Weapons**  
For the first time since the war began, Churchill declared, the British had been able to fight the axis forces with equal weapons in Africa.

"For the first time," he said, "we have made the Hun feel the sharp edge of the tools with which he had subjugated Europe."

He noted that the axis had about 150,000 men in Africa, one-third of them German. The British had set out to destroy this army, he said, adding:

"I have every reason to believe this aim will be fully accomplished."

If the United States is faced with certain "short-comings" in Pacific preparedness, Churchill said, this was in "no small part due to the assistance you are giving us in the defense of the British Isles and in the battle of Libya, and, above all, the help you are giving us in the battle of the Atlantic."

The prime minister, frequently interrupted by applause, said when one took into account the resources of Britain and the United States as well as China—"which so long and so valiantly withstood invasion"—it was difficult to reconcile the Japanese attack on America with prudence "or even with sanity."

One point he set forth was that this country and Great Britain should make it certain that the catastrophe of war does not come again.

"These pestilences break out in the old world," he said, but soon spread to the new world. He added that both nations should join forces to see that "germ centers of hate" are disposed of in the future before war "spreads throughout the entire world."

Churchill said the present war could have been averted five years ago without shedding a drop of blood, if this country and England had forced Germany to abide by her signed agreement.

With scorn the speaker referred in passing to the "boastful Mussolini," who, he said, has "crumpled already" and "is nothing but a vassal and a serf." His listeners laughed.

Ohio's population increased from 6,646,697 to 6,889,623 between 1930 and 1940.

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# DeGaulle Spurns Protest Over Isle Seizure

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governor here, had been taken into custody by Free French forces, and that L. E. Emerson, Newfoundland defense minister, had wired his congratulations to Admiral Emile Muselier whose seamen occupied the island.

**People in Favor**  
Ninety-eight per cent of the 3500 population voted in favor of Free French rule, the news agency said, with only 10 opposing votes cast in yesterday's plebiscite.

(The United States government was reliably reported to be endeavoring to restore the status quo of the islands in conformity with an agreement made recently with French authorities in Martinique to keep France's western Atlantic islands out of the war line-up. The purpose of the Martinique agreement was to keep the Vichy government from moving farther toward the axis. The U. S. state department yesterday characterized the seizure as "an arbitrary action contrary to the agreement of all parties concerned and certainly without the prior knowledge or consent in any sense of the United States government.")

(British officials in London also reported "complete surprise.")

**VICHY, Unoccupied France, Dec. 26 (AP)—**The French declared here today that they "welcomed with satisfaction" the United States state department's condemnation of the DeGaulleist occupation of St. Pierre and Miquelon.

**LONDON, Dec. 26 (AP)—**The French national committee (Free French) charged today that it was "common knowledge" that the radio at St. Pierre, when it was under Vichy domination "was broadcasting meteorological information useful to the enemy."

# Japs Using Small Guns in Luzon Attack, Report

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section said the .25 caliber bullet would not kill a man unless it struck a vital spot.

The battle in the Lingayen area started at 2 a. m. with an artillery duel between Japanese warships and American shore guns.

Opposing the Japanese were Americans and young Filipino troops who are being welded into a first class fight force.

I spent four days in and around the fighting front, including a two-day hike over mountain trails after the Japanese cut the main road southward, forcing me to abandon and burn my automobile.

Part of the Japanese forces turned southward, and by Wednesday night, when I left the foremost area, they had reached Pozorrubio and Binalonan on the main highway to Manila.

# NAVY REPORTS TWO JAP WAR VESSELS SUNK

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land, on which Manila is situated.

Meanwhile, Australia's Prime Minister John Curtin hinted that momentous counter-measures are under way by Britain, the United States and other allied powers to reverse Japan's offensive advantage in the Pacific.

"We are mobilizing the allies against the axis," he said.

**Dutch Ship Sinks**  
Simultaneously, dispatches from Batavia said Dutch warplanes slashing at sea-borne Japanese invasion forces had sunk two Japanese transports and a destroyer.

The destroyer and one transport were sunk off Kuching, the capital of tiny Sarawak, North Borneo, where the Japanese have landed in force and apparently captured Kuching, only 475 miles across the South China sea from Singapore.

The other transport was sunk by a plane on a reconnaissance flight, a Dutch communique said.

**Manila Open City**  
General MacArthur formally proclaimed Manila an open, undefended city to save it from the ravages of air and ground assaults by Japanese invasion forces.

An army spokesman emphasized that the action of proclaiming Manila an open city would not affect the course of the war "which will continue . . . more vigorously than at present," and U. S. High Commissioner Francis B. Sayre declared:

"We will fight to the last man."

Civil officials at the mountain-top summer capital of Baguio, 140 miles north of Manila, were likewise empowered to designate their city undefended.

**Baguio Doubtful**  
There was some doubt, however, whether Baguio had not already fallen to the Japanese, who were reported driving swiftly against it from two directions. Many Americans, including women and children, were feared trapped in the city.

A U. S. army bulletin issued at noon, Manila time, acknowledged that Japanese pressure was increasing on the southeastern front from Atimonan, 75 miles below Manila, to Mambuan, on Lamun bay 20 miles north of Atimonan.

On the northern front, other Japanese columns driving from the Aparri beachhead, 250 miles north of Manila, were reported

# Klamath Scouts Want Waste Paper

Klamath Boy Scouts will pick up waste paper from local homes, Executive Dwight Glehrst said Friday.

Local people are asked to bind magazines and papers with string, and to put loose papers in boxes. Call 6918 on Saturday morning, and a truck will be sent for the waste paper.

Mayor John Houston Friday endorsed the waste paper program of the scouts.

# CHRISTMAS TRADE HITS PEAK HERE

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every list, but a generous one with plenty of \$1 to \$5 items under every tree.

Christmas eve buying held up until the minute stores closed and stocks ran low.

No "runs" on merchandise that is expected to run low were reported and the American people have evidently adjusted themselves to the fact that many staple items will not be obtainable until the need for defense production is over. Sales of woolen, cotton and small metal goods, however, averaged far higher than in previous years.

# Stricken Miner Taken to Yreka

MEDFORD, Dec. 26 (AP)—

Fred Smith, 77, of Copper, Calif., prospector found stricken with paralysis in his lonely cabin by a neighbor last Monday, was removed to a Yreka, Calif., hospital Thursday.

The aged man is believed to have lain for two days without food or care before discovery. Hospital attendants said his condition was as good as could be expected. Smith's only known kin is a sister living in Los Angeles.

# DOUBLE-TEAM KINNEY

HOUSTON — A year ago, Clair F. Bee paid "Bat" Bob Kinney the compliment of double-teaming a pair of Long Island university players on the Rice captain and center in a basketball game at Madison Square Garden.

to have reached Taguigarao, 50 miles inland.

With the fall on Britain's Hongkong island, where Japanese attacks cut off the garrison's water supply, allied attention swung toward the defense of Singapore. British troops were reported holding the Japanese along a peninsula-wide line about 300 miles north of that naval base.

# POSTOFFICE AT SPRAGUE HITS RECORD

SPRAGUE RIVER — The Sprague River postoffice reports the best year in the history of the town, according to Mrs. Ben Wolford, postmaster. In fact the increase is almost 100 per cent greater than ever before. In order to accommodate the added business it was necessary for the Wolford's, who own the building to add a large room to the rear of the present quarters. A number of new shelves, desks and tables have been added to make room for the large number of parcels.

Various speculations have been made as to the reason for such an increase during the war year. This has been a very busy season at the Crater Lake and Lumber company and the workers have put in good time and have received fat checks. It is thought that many figure on staying over to work instead of going away on vacations due to the mill closure usually occurring about this time of year. The mill is still going strong with the big problem of finding a chance to close down to make necessary repairs. If the men plan to work right up to Christmas, packages will be mailed to friends and relatives instead of being delivered in person as before.

Another speculation made by a resident was that many feel that this may be the last Christmas for several years, that they will be able to buy gifts. If so they are making hay while the sun shines. The curtailment of goods due to the war will undoubtedly affect Christmas purchases next year. This argument will have to wait until next year to be proved.

Whatever the reason is Mrs. Wilford and her assistant, Miss Pauline Grane are working many hours overtime and they will have a terrific sigh of relief when this unusual rush is over.

**SEEDINGS**  
NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 26 (AP) Ted Schroeder, national doubles champion, has been seeded No. 1 in the Sugar bowl tennis tournament opening Saturday. Wayne Sabin is second, Gardner Mulloy third and Bryan "Betsy" Grant fourth. Seventeen are to compete.

# Winners Named In Christmas Light Contest

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place went to Mrs. C. D. Groves, 2210 Orchard avenue, who had made an illuminated village using the Christmas theme.

Sectional awards went to Barbara King, 2105 Auburn street; Ted Igl, 629 North Third street; C. D. Long, 2400 Oregon avenue; B. H. Trippett, 429 North Third street; Jimmy Crisman, 2219 Garden avenue; Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Bosworth Jr., 544 Conger avenue; Mrs. E. X. Sexton, 22 South Riverside; Mr. and Mrs. Randall E. Smith, 2255 Vine avenue.

Donald Montgomery, 471 Laguna street, and Norma Baker, 336 Cypress street, will be awarded bicycles by the Junior chamber of commerce for obtaining the greatest number of entries in the contest. Donald represents the Roosevelt district, and Norma the Riverside school district. The awards were made Friday morning.

More than 200 displays were lighted in the city during the holidays, these to remain on until New Year's at the request of the junior chamber of commerce. Displays officially registered totaled 134, according to Estle Affleck, chairman of the contest. This is the greatest number arranged during the history of the contest, Affleck stated.

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