

# SEARS GIVES \$7 MILLION TO PENSION FUND

Sears, Roebuck and company has contributed \$7,716,836 to the savings and profit sharing pension fund of their employees as a result of the company's 1942 operations.

This announcement was made today by J. E. Hawkins, manager of Sears local store, upon receipt of the 1942 financial report of pension fund which is issued to all Sears employe-managers of the fund.

Mr. Hawkins stated that 48,322 Sears employes, or 95 per cent of the firm's eligible employes, are sharing in the company contribution on a pro-rata per dollar deposit basis according to length of service. Included among the employes sharing the firm's contribution are approximately 7000 of the 11,000 employes who are now serving in the U. S. armed forces.

Sears' employe profit sharing fund is one of the oldest profit sharing and pension plans in the country. It was started on July 1, 1916. In this 27 year interval, the company has contributed a total of \$52,840,000 to the fund to which has been added the employes' deposits and the increase acquired through dividends and other earnings.

Sears employes, through their membership in the fund, are the company's largest stockholders. On January 31, 1943 the fund held 785,170 shares of Sears stock, or 13.5 per cent of the outstanding shares of the firm. Based on the April 1 market value of the stock held and including the fund's uninvested cash, the members had credited to their accounts at the close of the fund's fiscal year a total of more than sixty-seven million dollars.

## Mailman Davies In Moscow to See Stalin for FDR

MOSCOW, May 19 (AP)—Joseph E. Davies—one of the world's most interesting mailmen at the moment—arrived in Moscow this morning bearing a letter from President Roosevelt for Joseph Stalin.

The former U. S. ambassador to the soviet union, who is reported not to know the contents of the letter, planned to present it on an early date to the Russian premier.

He flew from Kulbyshev to Moscow and planned to stay at the soviet guest house.

## Regional Labor Board to Ponder Sub-Standard Wage

SEATTLE, May 19 (AP)—The regional war labor board today will hear discussion by 18 experts called by the board to help in its determination of what constitutes a sub-standard wage in Washington, Oregon and Alaska. Dr. George B. Noble said last night.

The hearing will be the board's first public one since its formation nearly two months ago.

## OPA Cancels Plans For Grade Labeling

WASHINGTON, May 19 (AP)—The office of price administration announced today it has canceled plans to require grade labeling of the 1943 pack of canned fruits and vegetables.

Instead, OPA said, price maximums will be based on grades, dealer invoices will show the grades of the merchandise, and some method will be provided consumers for ascertaining the grades, but canners will not have to print the grade on the label of the can itself.

A humming bird's neck forms more than one-half of its vertebral column.

## Profit Shares Distributed



The above picture shows several Sears employes receiving their annual profit sharing payments Saturday as members of the company Profit Sharing Pension fund. Shown from left to right are Mildred Myers, Wayne Hunsaker, J. E. Hawkins, store manager; Ron Fisher, Charles Edwards and Marian Adkins.

## Juvenile Officer Relates City Delinquency Problems

"If anyone tells you that we haven't juvenile problems in this town, you just send them to me."

This was the statement made by Juvenile Officer Dave Bridge who presented a week's roundup of demands placed on his office before the city council Monday night.

Bridge told of two girls, 11 and 12 years of age, who came to school with "hangovers." Investigation showed that the 12-year-old had been taught to mix coke highballs for her parents, and that she treated her younger friend to a drink. This same girl was apprehended later for stealing a watch from a rest room.

The juvenile officer went on to tell of other cases including the breaking and entering of several homes in the city where much damage was done by juveniles. In one case, a young boy took part in going into one house where a bottle of wine was accessible, this same child returning to his own home and breaking up his mother's dishes.

The case of the girl who had a desire to destroy after reading "a funny book" was reviewed by Bridge. This girl, the officer said, "smear'd jam all over a neighbor's house."

One woman called his office, Bridge said, and reported that

children had taken three pounds of her precious sugar store and had "scattered it all over."

On Saturday night the juvenile officer was advised that a 14 or 15-year-old boy snatched a woman's purse near the health center, and although both the man and woman gave chase, the youth eluded them.

The officer was called from his bed late Sunday night to take care of a young Indian boy who was found intoxicated on the streets.

"To top all this off," Bridge told the council, "we had the case of the peacock feathers where two young men, old enough to know better, pulled the tail feathers from a bird at the park."

"These are the most serious cases and there are many of a lesser degree. If the council has any ideas on the subject, my office would be pleased to hear from them," said the officer.

## PRISONER SHORTAGE

OLYMPIA, Wash., May 19 (AP)—Now the manpower shortage has reached—of all places—in the prisons.

R. A. McGee, supervisor of Washington institutions, reported today that the state prison and state reformatory were running short on suitable inmate labor

because of the extensive diversion of convict labor into emergency war channels.

## Nazi Press Asks Reprisals on Jews For Dam Bombings

LONDON, May 19 (AP)—Reprisals against Jews "proportionate with the very great damage and loss of life caused by the attack" are being demanded by the Berlin press as a result of the RAF bombing of the Moeche and Eder dams, Reuters dispatches from Stockholm said today.

The dispatch said the demands had given the German people as a whole their first knowledge of the vast destruction done to the vital Ruhr valley industries.

Reuters had said previously that a German-Jewish medical specialist, a refugee from Germany, had suggested the idea for the attacks.

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## LIBRARY BOOK VAN SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

The county library book van trips for the summer months have been arranged in a schedule released by Mary McComb, county librarian.

Every Tuesday, starting May 25 the van will stop at Altamont elementary school from 2 to 3:30 p. m. The last trip is scheduled August 17.

Every other Thursday, starting May 20, the van will be at

Lien's cash store, from 1:30 to 2 p. m.; Junction Service station, 2:15 to 2:45 p. m.; Log Cabin at Weyerhaeuser, 2:45 to 3:15 p. m.; Keno, 3:45 to 4:15 p. m.; Turner Center, 4:25 to 4:45 p. m. Last trip, August 19.

## Klamath Man Put On Probation

PORTLAND, May 19 (AP)—William Birtley, 70, who previously had pleaded guilty to a charge of furnishing wine to an Indian at Klamath Falls, was placed on probation today by Federal Judge Claude McColloch.

Two hundred languages are spoken in India.

## UNION HEADS HELD FOR EXTORTION

NEW YORK, May 19 (AP)—District Attorney Fran S. Hogan announced today the indictment of Joseph S. Fay, international vice president of the union of operating engineers, AFL, and James Bove, international vice president of the Hod Carriers' union, AFL, on charges of extorting more than \$300,000 from construction syndicates building the \$300,000,000 Delaware Aqueduct project.

The two men, who surrendered to Hogan this morning, were charged also with a conspiracy to extort \$703,000 from firms operating in New York and several upstate counties. In the indictment, containing

one count charging conspiracy and six counts charging extortion, Fay and Bove were accused of demanding that companies seeking construction contracts either pay them certain sums of money or that wages higher than the then-prevailing rates be paid union men.

## Banker Killed in Elevator Accident

SPOKANE, May 19 (AP)—Howard C. Price, 66, Portland, Ore., and Battleground, Wash., investment banker, was killed yesterday in a passenger elevator accident in the Davenport hotel.

Coroner Dr. C. J. Adams said Price apparently fainted as he entered the elevator, falling against the operator and causing the elevator to drop sharply. Price was caught in the resulting opening, the coroner said.



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