

Martha Shops and Shops

last-minute shoppers had better get busy... A remark that is superfluous, because those who haven't completed Christmas shopping know only two more days are left... Anyway, here are some suggestions which will be of some benefit to buyers.

Our Store
When I went into Your Store yesterday, I found three things that had come in "late"... But just in time, of course, for the last-minute rush before Christmas.

There was a shipment of Narcissus Logs... You've probably seen them before... You grow narcissus yourself, in the log, in your own living room, or kitchen, or wherever you want growing flowers... Logs are 75c and 85c... smaller Narcissus Pots are 50c.

Colorful Cones were in another shipment... Small pine cones to burn in your fireplace will give a beautiful cold flame because of the chemical treatment they have undergone... Sacks are 85c and cones are \$1.50.

There's a lot of Christmas decorations for table or mantel were in today's arrivals, too... Gay green and decorative pieces to add color to your home... Our Store is at 721 Main Street.

Art & Gift Shop
NEW shipment of the exquisite Cordey figurines and other porcelainware arrived at The Art and Gift Shop early this week, along with much other giftware... I'm going to tell you about Cordey line.

You know, probably, that it's old Dresden and made in Germany by refugees from the Nazis.

All this shipment includes fashioned ladies and gentlemen and boys and girls... sets in unusual and beautiful shapes... Separate sets of many designs... Candelsticks... Wall brackets... And so on.

Cordey porcelain is not expensive... Prices run from \$10 a figurine to \$37.50 for one of the console sets... But it's no tax!... And each set is a work of art... The Art and Gift Shop 510 Main Street.

Garcelon's
HAVE you been looking for little chairs for small children?... Well, Garcelon's has some that were made in Mexico and the job was very sturdy... The decorated chairs are in the unpainted ones, speaking of Mexican things, Garcelon told me yesterday that she is closing out two of Mexican baskets at greatly reduced prices... They are now 80c instead of \$1.00... Both come in the shades of Mexican decor... Garcelon's is at 407 Main Street.

Plus Army Planes
At Center
SPOKANE, Dec. 21 (AP)—The new air terminal reported that more than 250 army planes, all light training planes, have been sold as surplus through the Pacific Northwest airplane distributing center at the terminal during the past four months... Only three planes are still in the distribution park, the terminal reported, for delivery to the military.

Curri's

AN ALMOST sure-fire gift is perfume... Or cologne... And if you're careful to choose one that comes from one of the best houses, you really can't go wrong... A fragrance you like yourself is a safe choice, you know.

Curri's carries the perfume and cologne lines of Helena Rubinstein, Tussy, Houbigant, de Raymond, Worth, Roger & Gallet, and others equally good... In all sizes of flacons and bottles, at too many different prices to mention here.

Other items which would make welcome Christmas gifts are dusting powders (Curri's has so many different fragrances that I won't even start by naming one), boxed soap, shower mitts, bath salts, nail polish sets, and so on... Gift wrapped, if you wish.

Curri's is at Ninth and Main Streets.



Whytal's

WHEN at this season of the year a gal has to think of herself a little... So here's a tip to short gals, and women who wear larger sizes, that shipments of the smartest half-size dresses I've seen in a long time arrived at Whytal's while I was talking to Marge Whytal Tuesday afternoon... They should be pressed and on display by this afternoon.

There's a 2-piece style, for young or matronly women, with a long, shirred peplum that tapers to the hips and waist... They're \$22.50.

For younger girls, there are a wifely cute basque-style dresses, with full skirts of striped taffeta, and black tops... Also \$22.50.

And for all ages, 2-piece dresses in rayon serge... That have clever braid decorations on the pockets in white... Long jackets... And come in luscious shades like Chinese fuchsia and charm blue... \$22.50, too.

Another big box contained bolero-type dresses in beautiful crepe prints... They have diekeys with frilly cascades down the front... And another box revealed some gorgeous jersey prints.

All these are half-size dresses, believe it or not... And there were several other styles I didn't take the time to investigate... But Marge told me they all are the perfect-fitting kind, and I could see they are very, very smart looking... So I thought I'd better mention them here... And now.

They're at Whytal's... Ninth and Main Streets.

Studio of Beauty

GOVERNMENT loans to veterans who wish to enter the beauty shop business are available under the "G.I. Bill of Rights". I noticed recently, so I asked Fern Short, who owns the Studio of Beauty, on Whytal's mezzanine, what she thought of it.

She said that it does take a good sum of money to start a beauty shop, and that it was a good idea for any veteran who has had previous experience in beauty shop work... But she is wondering if the War Department's special study course on beauty shop operation for interested veterans will give them enough preparation if they haven't.

I asked if she thought very many men would open beauty shops... She looked startled, and then answered, "Oh, some might, but I was thinking only of the WACS, WAVES, SPARS and other service women... And you'd better make your appointment for next week, right now, if you expect to look decent on New Year's Eve." So I did.

Oregon Sets Record In Liquor Sales

PORTLAND, Dec. 21 (AP)—Oregon has set a new record in the sale of alcoholic beverages.

The Oregon liquor control commission announced that in the first 11 months of 1944 its sales reached \$29,400,000, compared with the previous high of \$24,000,000 in 1943.

Sales of wine containing more than 14 per cent of alcohol by volume have decreased since December 7, when they were restricted to state stores by a newly-enacted law. In the last two weeks of November 2314 cases were sold, while in the first two weeks of December the figure declined to 2225.

HUGE SUPPLY OF TURKEYS EYED ON COAST

By WALTER WARREN
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21 (AP)—The Pacific coast, as well as the whole nation, will have turkey in an abundance never seen before this Christmas, but many housewives will have trouble getting small turkeys.

The turkey crop hit record size this year in California, several other states, and for the nation. Both civilian and military supplies are plentiful.

Stocks have gone into storage in the last few weeks at an unprecedented rate. Along the Pacific coast the flow into freezers has been more than seven times as great as a year ago.

Coast freezer stocks totaled more than 13 1/2 million pounds on December 1—more than four times last year's hoard. Most of that belongs to the fighting men. It will be shipped for variation of meat diet during early 1945. Heavy shipments have lately been made to Hawaii.

The industry, in recent years trying to build up turkey as a regular year-round meat, instead of just a holiday treat, seems to have sold the idea to the armed forces, whether intentionally or not.

There will be big supplies through the first half of 1945, as laying hens are marketed. That is why housewives will have little luck getting 12-15 pound turkeys for Christmas. Growers who got 30 cents apiece for turkey eggs during the hatching season this year are keeping hens for another try at that lucrative market. The holdout of turkey hens points a prospective finger toward another big turkey-growing season in 1945.

Turkey prices to consumers are about at ceiling prices here—51 cents a pound. The office of price administration has told wholesalers they can sell to consumers as low as 48.3 cents a pound, beginning tomorrow, December 21. That permission revokes a previous order against wholesalers going into the retail market.

ENSIGN YANCEY DOWNS JAP PLANE

Ensign Robert O. Yancey, who trained at the Klamath naval air station, is credited with shooting down one plane with navy air group 21, which climaxed four months in the Pacific by helping sink three enemy carriers and two cruisers in the Philippine sea battle off Luzon.

Yancey, who was wounded in action, is now home on leave. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Yancey of Prineville, and a relative of Carl E. Yancey, 4009 Homedale, and Frank L. Yancey, 1920 Gary.

ROOTIN' TOOTIN'

SAND SPRINGS, Okla., Dec. 21 (AP)—Herding cattle is even more dangerous than it used to be in the brookin' tootin' west.

The brakes on a truck carrying 43 head of cattle failed at the top of a hill. The truck plunged toward a too-sharp curve, so the driver let it continue its straightaway course. Through a tourist court it went, plowing into a three-car garage, and demolishing a car.

Rolling 135 feet farther, it finally stopped on a railroad track.

After the two truckmen crept out to survey damages, a train roared down on the truck, killing 14 head of the cattle. The men still are hunting for the rest.

Back From Exile



Maurice Thorez, long-exiled secretary-general of the French Communist Party, returned recently from Moscow and is pictured as he urged his fellow-countrymen from an American flag-bedecked platform at a Communist rally in Paris to "first win the war... before promoting the party."

SKATING, BOWLING EYED AT USO MEET

Roller skating and the USO bowling alley were chief topics at the first meeting of the USO program committee Monday. Lynn Roycroft, chairman, announced that there will be extensive bowling alley publicity to service men and that the excellent facility could accommodate many more GI bowlers. Klamath Falls service clubs may soon be asked to compete with service men to bring the groups together.

Roycroft stated that USO's first major dance will be held New Year's Day at the armory. Camp Tulelake's dance band has been obtained for this dance. Margaret Mealey, regional supervisor for USO-NCCS, was a guest at the meeting.

Slayer of Everett Man Sentenced

EVERETT, Dec. 21 (AP)—Henri Young, 32, self-confessed slayer of William Buehrig, Everett banker, in a holdup more than 10 years ago which netted \$12,000, was sentenced to life at Walla Walla state penitentiary yesterday by a Snohomish county superior court jury which deliberated less than five hours.

Young was brought here for trial from Alcatraz where he was serving time for robbing a bank at Lind, Wash. He pleaded guilty on arraignment and testified at his trial he had confessed to the slaying because he had turned to religion and wanted to "become a good Catholic."

Thursday Last Day For A-13 Gas Stamps

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP)—Thursday is the last day to use "A-13" gasoline coupons.

On Friday six "A-14" coupons in each basic "A" book will become valid. Each of the new A-14 coupons will be good for four gallons of gasoline. They will remain valid through March 21, 1945.

If it's a "frozen" article you need, advertize for a used one in the classified.

MONTGOMERY WARD'S REPLY TO NATIONAL WAR LABOR BOARD

DECEMBER 18, 1944
NATIONAL WAR LABOR BOARD,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Your telegram of December 14, demanding that Wards comply with the War Labor Board's order covering Wards four Detroit stores, was obviously intended to give to the public the false impression that wages are the main issue

The Board knows very well that Wards has offered to adopt the minimum wage rates recommended by the Board. The Board knows very well that Wards policy is to pay wages as high as or higher than those paid by other employers in the community for similar employment. The Board did not base its wage recommendations upon the survey of competitive rates made by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Mr. Davis, Chairman of the War Labor Board, deliberately attempted in his December 16 press release to mislead the public into believing otherwise. Wards only objection to any of the Board's wage recommendations has been in those instances where the Board has arbitrarily demanded that Wards substantially increase its rates above those of its competitors in the highly competitive retail field.

The Board knows very well that the real issue arises from its attempt to impose upon Wards a closed shop in the form of maintenance of membership, together with the check-off of union dues from wages. Wards has refused to agree to any form of closed shop, or compulsory union membership, because the closed shop violates the American principles of liberty and freedom. The Board is well informed as to Wards position.

Mr. Davis is quoted in the press as threatening the cancellation of Wards priorities, the denial of scarce materials to Wards, and the seizure of its business if Wards does not comply with the Board's demands. These are the tactics by which the Board has coerced innumerable employers into granting special privileges to labor unions.

The Board knows very well that its orders cannot be legally enforced by such punishments: Congress, which is the sole law making authority under our constitution, omitted from the War Labor Disputes Act all provisions which would have given Board orders the force of law. Congress included in the original draft of the law a section which would have made Board orders enforceable in the courts. Congress later removed this provision upon written request of Mr. Davis, who asked that Board orders be left as "mere declarations" which no one could be compelled to accept. Mr. Davis' express reason for his request was that the Board would then not be "subject to court review of its decisions."

The Board knows very well that its orders are consequently unenforceable. The Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia has held, at the request of the Attorney General acting as counsel for the Board, that orders of the War Labor Board are merely "advice" which no one has any legal duty to obey. The Court held that anyone who refuses to comply with orders of the War Labor Board is not defying a command of the government and that, since the orders are merely advisory, no government official has the right to impose punishment on those who do not comply. The Supreme Court has refused to alter this decision.

The Board knows very well, since its orders are legally unenforceable, and since Congress has not authorized any punishment for those who reject the advice of the Board, that the reprisals with which it threatens Wards are necessarily illegal. The President of the United States knew this when he recently explained to Mr. Petrillo of the American Federation of Musicians why that union could not be compelled to obey a Board order.

Wards has violated no law, nor denied to any a union privilege to which it is legally entitled. Wards has many times informed the Board that its closed shop demands would require Wards to violate the National Labor Relations Act. Wards cannot, in good citizenship, accept the Board's advice and give to the union special privileges which Wards believes to be not only unfair and uneconomic, but illegal.

The time has come for the Board to cease its threats of reprisal upon those who reject its advice. The Board's policy of granting special privileges to unions has led to a breakdown of collective bargaining and has encouraged strikes in time of war. The Board's disregard of the facts and its pretense of an authority which it does not possess have destroyed the confidence of labor, industry, and the public. The usefulness of the War Labor Board in the settlement of wartime labor disputes has been destroyed.

The best interest of employees and employers and the welfare of the American people demand that Congress face the realities of the country's need. The great problem of wages and the closed shop in time of war should be governed by law and must be solved by Congress.

If the Board desires a further hearing, Wards, as always, will be happy to attend.

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SEWELL AVERY
Chairman

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We thank you sincerely for your generous patronage and wish you

A Merry Christmas