

# Blast Victim Identified As Boston Office Slayer

BOSTON, June 12 (AP)—Two employees of the far-flung Great Northern Paper company today identified positively a newspaper picture of a man killed in a New Jersey apartment-wrecking explosion as a visitor in the office of President William A. Whitcomb immediately before he was shot to death Monday.

# Bowles Cuts Metal Subsidy

WASHINGTON, June 12 (AP)—Stabilization Director Chester Bowles today ordered a cut in copper and lead subsidies to offset recent price increases for these metals.

walked calmly from Whitcomb's office shortly after employees heard a muffled sound. Police believe the killer used a silenced on the death weapon.

Smith said the man had a pistol in his hand. Miss Shannon, who greeted the stranger when he appeared at the office, said she was "sure" that Hardy was the man.

Hardy died Monday night in the blast which wrecked his apartment. His wife, Emma, suffered severe burns.

Police Chief John R. Schreiber of Westfield said that Mrs. Hardy told him that she drove her husband to New York Sunday and that he had planned to go to Boston to look for a job with an Alhol tool company.

Egan reported that Smith looked at the picture carefully and then said: "Yes, that's him."

Meanwhile, Maine police quoted Mrs. Ethel Hardy, former wife of the Westfield blast victim, as saying that he had been employed by Great Northern as a machinist about 16 years ago.

The woman, who now lives in Millinocket, Me., said she had been divorced from Hardy 14 years ago.

The couple's 18-year-old daughter, Dorothy, will graduate from high school today.

The Westfield explosion occurred shortly after Police Superintendent Edward W. Fallon had ordered a check of every known "George E. Hardy" in the east in tracing an unsigned contract found on Whitcomb's desk.

The contract set forth that the 72-year-old paper magnate would guarantee the "party of the second part, George E. Hardy," a \$25,000 a year lifetime job.

Police expressed the belief that the slayer tried to force the paper executive to sign it.

# New Scout Troop Being Organized

A new Boy Scout troop is now being organized in Klamath Falls, under the sponsorship of the First Presbyterian church, 6th and Pine, and is open to any boy wishing to become a Scout, announced R. H. Lamott, Scout executive, today.

# Krug Predicts Big Crop Yield

EPHRATA, Wash., June 12 (AP)—Secretary of the Interior James Krug said in an interview here yesterday that 400,000 acres of Columbia basin land would be producing irrigated crops by the summer of 1951.

Work will be started this summer, he said, on the McNary dam at Umatilla, Ore., and every effort will be made to start construction by next summer of the Foster Creek dam, 50 miles down the Columbia river from Grand Coulee.

Krug visited Dry Falls state park and the Colville Indian reservation. At Nespelem, Krug was "adopted" into the Colville Indian tribe and given the name "Chief Flying Eagle."

Commissioner of Reclamation Michael W. Strauss, accompanying Krug on his tour of western projects, said he was confident congress would increase the basin appropriation for the coming fiscal year from \$13,000,000 to \$27,000,000.

The house cut the amount to \$13,000,000 and the bill now is before the senate whose appropriations committee, Strauss said, had asked the reclamation bureau to hasten opening the basin to settlers.

# Bread Prices Up One Penny

WASHINGTON, June 12 (AP)—The price of that elusive loaf of bread advanced a penny today with OPA approval.

The increase is effective immediately, along with a price boost of one cent a dozen for bread rolls.

The higher prices apply to all kinds of bread except rye, which went up two cents a loaf April 30.

Prices are being raised, OPA said, because bakers' production costs have climbed as a result of a 25 per cent cut in the amount of flour they may use.

The reduction was ordered to help meet famine relief requirements.

OPA said that before the flour cut, bakers made a "small profit" by spreading their costs over a large output of bread loaves.

It added that the effect of trimming production has been a substantial increase in the cost per loaf.

For this reason, OPA said, bakers "no longer are in a position to continue selling at prices 'frozen' at March, 1942 levels."

# Highway Men Seek Uniform Policies

SALT LAKE CITY, June 12 (AP)—The state legislatures of the 11 western states would be asked to adopt uniform policies of financing their share of the cost of highway construction, under a recommendation made today by Clarence B. Shain, director of the Washington state department of highways, before the 25th annual convention of the Western Association of State Highway Officials.

Shain said he is convinced that "there has been no coherent pattern, nor any organized thinking done by the legislatures of our separate states, in producing revenues for state highway systems, county roads and city streets."

# Vets Will Protest Vanport Transfer

PORTLAND, June 12 (AP)—Transfer of additional East Vanport housing units to other northwest cities will be protested here Saturday by the mayor's special veterans' housing committee.

Bill Triplett, committee member, said Seattle headquarters of the federal public housing agency have not answered letters by the committee asking a halt in transfer of the units out of the city.

He said really board, builders groups and local housing officials would meet Saturday with Fred Cuthbert, new regional housing expeditor, to discuss keeping units the committeeman said were needed in Portland for veterans.

# Craig's Executives Visit Klamath Falls

David F. Engel, president, and I. F. McKinley, supervisor of construction and in charge of Craig's stores on the west coast, were Klamath Falls visitors Wednesday, conferring with Chel Berman, local Craig's manager. Both Engel and McKinley are known here from their previous business visits.

# Jean Elliott Buys Max's Coffee Shop

Jean Elliott, a resident of Klamath Falls for 15 years prior to 1942, has returned and purchased Max's Coffee shop at 535

Main, it was announced this week. The cafe is temporarily closed for alterations and redecorating, and when it is re-opened about June 21, it will be known as Jean's Coffee shop. Art Erickson was the previous owner. The average opossum at birth is so small and light that it would take 270 of them to weigh an ounce.

# Poultrymen To Get Shipment Of Barley

PORTLAND, June 12 (AP)—Oregon poultrymen will receive 50 carloads of barley from mid-west commodity credit corporation stocks, the second allocation in two days, it was reported today.

The production and marketing administration office said the shipment was in addition to 36 carloads of mixed grains allotted the day previous.

# Telephone Bride Reaches Portland

PORTLAND, June 12 (AP)—The British bride whom Murray Peterson, 43, Portland, married by telephone, is now at her Portland home.

Peterson was at Bremerton, Wash., and his bride in South Wales when the ceremony took place. The marriage will be reconsecrated soon at Bremerton navy base chapel, the couple said.

The common American pocket gopher has fur-lined pockets in his cheeks.

# Kemper Picked By Committee

CHICAGO, June 12 (AP)—James S. Kemper, insurance company executive of Chicago, was elected treasurer of the republican national committee today, succeeding Jovett Todd of Louisville, Ky., who resigned.

Kemper, who served as chairman of the national finance committee until April, was chosen for the new post by the national executive committee.

Representative B. Carroll Reece of Tennessee, party chairman, called the executive committee meeting to consider plans for the November congressional elections and to fill the treasury post.

There are more than 8,000,000 farms in the United States.

# Meeting To Study World Relations

PORTLAND, June 12 (AP)—Sessions of the 12th annual Northwest Institute of International Relations open today at Reed college.

Dr. H. F. Peters, head of the German department at Reed, begins the 10-day lecture series tonight with an address on "dynamics of peace—a program for action."

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