

# Fast Freight Plows Into Passenger

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were cut by flying glass and china. Several others were burned when the impact threw them against stoves.

The most seriously hurt among the passengers was 80-year-old Angus Thompson of Aberdeen, S. D., who suffered a brain concussion. Locomotive crews escaped with minor injuries.

The coaches which remained on the tracks were taken to Webster, 12 miles west of here, to await clearing of the line. Doud said wrecking crews expected to have it ready for traffic by daybreak.

Waubay, a town of approximately 1000 population, is in northeastern South Dakota, 175 miles west of Minneapolis.

# Police Find Missing Boy

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home, police said. His grandparents were downtown.

Mrs. Gustafson reported him missing at 5:54 p.m., and all police were alerted to look for the little fellow. All theatres and other places where the youngster might have gone were searched, and the night police didn't even search the hillside. Finally, learning that the lad had an uncle, Bob Walton, 1303 Kane, police went there at 5 o'clock this morning and found Jerry in bed, asleep.

Walton told the officer he had gone to the Washington street address and found Jerry there alone, so had taken his nephew home with him.

# 1st Degree Charge Filed

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the murder charge yesterday afternoon. Yancey is in the county jail.

First degree murder charges include the intent to kill, and in Yancey's original statement to officers after the December 14 shooting, he said that he intended to kill Miss McComb, according to District Attorney Clarence A. Humble.

The grand jury, recently recessed, may be called into session to consider the charge against Yancey, Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg said today.

Yancey is accused of shooting Miss McComb, his 50-year-old neighbor, in the neck. The shooting occurred in the living room of the John Matts residence, 1702 Crescent, Saturday night, December 14. Miss McComb died in Klamath Valley hospital last Saturday.

D. E. Van Vactor, attorney who was called by Yancey after he was arrested, has had several conferences with the man, and said this morning that he had refused to accept the defense.

# Yule Spirit Rules Tonight

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light as Junior chamber of commerce members passed out bags of candy as the grand finale of the program.

For those who stayed at home last night, the Christmas message was brought by carolers who cruised in trucks, singing the best loved carols of the holiday season.

# Real Estate Man Pours Off Theft

PORTLAND, Dec. 24 (AP)—Ralph L. Schroeder, Portland real estate dealer, pleaded guilty yesterday before Circuit Judge Frank L. Lonergan to a charge of larceny by bailee of \$900 belonging to a buyer of a home sold by the agent.

Schroeder was indicted on another charge of larceny involving \$400 and the court sentenced him to five years in prison and paroled him to the state board of parole on condition he makes restitution.

# Tasty Gifts For Christmas



Old people in the county will be recipients of a number of tasty fruit cakes made by girls in the advanced food and home management classes at Klamath Union high school. Two members of the classes are, left, Sharon Williams and Ella Jones, pictured with the gift-wrapped cakes. Their instructor is Helen Stine of the high school staff.

# Gerald Murray Quits Juvenile Officer Post

Gerald L. (Spec) Murray, Klamath county juvenile officer, this morning handed his resignation to Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg, effective January 1. Vandenberg appoints the juvenile officer.

In resigning from his office, Murray said that he wished to

thank his staff, all law enforcement officers and the people of Klamath county for their help and support of the juvenile program.

He also said that the sympathetic understanding of Judge Vandenberg for juvenile problems has made him one of the outstanding judges of juvenile courts in the state.

Murray, who has long been an advocate of more city recreation, and at one time was city recreation officer, said that if the people realize the importance that recreation has in the character building of youth, immediate steps would be taken to revamp and strengthen the recreation department and program of the city.

Spec Murray has been juvenile officer since 1941, but was on a leave of absence with the army for four years. He returned from the service last March.

He said that he will probably remain in Klamath Falls and go into some other type of business here.

# One Injured In Algoma Crash

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were brought to Hillside hospital by ambulance but Tom was uninjured. Albert was dismissed Tuesday morning following treatment.

State police investigated the accident and reported the icy condition to the state highway department. A crew was immediately dispatched to sand that section.

In an intersection crash at 9:30 o'clock Monday night, two persons were treated at Klamath Valley hospital for minor cuts, state police said. The accident occurred at Altamont drive and Airway avenue.

Driver of the Ford coupe was given as Gus Lindh, 1841 Main, and driver of the Dodge sedan was listed as May Hardin, route 1 box 580, Midland. Lindh and a passenger in his car were injured. Doc M. Dougherty was in the Hardin machine and he and the woman were treated for hurts.

# "HIGH FREQUENCY" ROAD TO BE BUILT

LONDON, Dec. 24 (AP)—Start of construction on "the world's first high frequency motor road"—on which cars drawing current from a cable under the concrete can run 125 miles an hour—was reported from Moscow today by Tass.

The Russian news agency said the idea was that of Prof. Georgi Babat, Stalin prize winner, and that construction would cost less than that of a trolley line.

# Basin Potato Shipments In Carloads

	1946	1945
Dec. 23 .....	38	7
Dec. to Date .....	709	708
Season to Date .....	5261	6116

# Bogus Motorman Makes Off With Riders' Carfare

PITTSBURG, Dec. 24 (AP)—The trolley car passengers were all happy and gay, for it is Christmas time.

The motorman on the Carrick street car stepped into the carhouse before starting for the north side last night.

In his absence, a bogus motorman took over, without the passengers realizing it. Then clang, clang went the trolley.

The "motorman" collected the fares and pocketed them. As each rider departed, he gave them an extra helping of transfers and bade each one:

"Merry Christmas!"

Finally, the "motorman" reached another car barn, six miles from the starting point. Twelve passengers remained. The "motorman" rang the bell once more, again wished everyone "Merry Christmas," and left.

After waiting 10 minutes, the passengers scratched their heads and reported the incident. Six miles back, they learned, was the real motorman, sorrowfully hunting his trolley—and a certain mysterious stranger.

# Death Orders Told At Trial

TOKYO, Dec. 24 (AP)—Japanese murdered prisoners of war under special orders from Tokyo, the Dutch prosecutor told the international war crimes tribunal today.

"These were not emotional excesses of revenge, perpetuated by common soldiers whose mental balance had been swept away. They were premeditated acts committed in accordance with special orders," declared Lt. Col. J. S. S. Damate, the prosecutor.

Damate quoted the British commander in Java, J. D. S. Sitwell, as stating he obtained the specific promise of the Japanese that they would abide by the Geneva convention, but later was told "the Japanese will apply the rules of the convention only so far as it suits us to do so."

"There was no discrimination in race or sex," he declared. "The Japanese pronounced death on the spot."

He said one Dutch major told him of seeing 239 persons executed in strict secrecy "to settle the case, whatever it was, right on the spot."

# Local Man Hurt In Auto Wreck

Henry Vacknitz, 35, Malin, suffered a fractured leg, broken ribs and other injuries in an automobile accident near Rawlins, Wyo., Monday night which claimed the life of Aaron Manuel Mogch of Prineville. Delbert Vacknitz, nephew of Henry Vacknitz and also a Malin resident, was driver of the car which plunged down a 15-foot embankment. The driver was uninjured.

Henry Vacknitz is the son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Van Meter of Malin and is understood to have been en route to Worsley, S. D., to spend the holidays with his mother and brother whom he had not seen for several years. His wife, Marie, is planning to leave immediately after Christmas for Rawlins to be with her husband. Mogch is thought to have relatives in the Malin section.

# POWER SHUTOFF CHILLS YULE SPIRIT

PORTLAND, Dec. 24 (AP)—An overload on an 11,000-volt line in northeast Portland tripped out a circuit breaker yesterday with these results:

Electric stoves cooled at the dinner hour, oil furnaces went off, one woman complained she was using up all her Christmas candles to provide illumination, and an irate householder reported that in the darkness he fell over a hoarded stock of yule spirits, breaking all four quarts.

# MANY SHOCKS

TOKYO, Dec. 24 (AP)—Japan experienced 150 after shocks in the 24 hours following Saturday's violent earthquake and 14 more in the next 12 hours, allied geologists reported today after conferring with Japanese meteorologists.

# Merrill Boy Killed On Hike

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Dr. Trotman responded. He found the child unconscious and the boy failed to regain consciousness at any time. He died at 9:20 at Hillside hospital. Dwight was a seventh grader at Henley school. Names of the children with whom he was hiking were not learned here today. The Tolliver family lives on a small farm east of Merrill and just north of Lost river.

# Drunk Driving Charge Made

Helmuth Houck, 36, 1402 E. Main, pleaded guilty to a drunk driving charge in police court this morning, after he was arrested shortly after midnight on Main street in connection with an automobile accident at 4th and Main.

A car identified by Carl Tomlin, driver for Klamath Bus company, as belonging to Houck, rammed head-on into Tomlin's bus while it was parked at 4th and Main about midnight and then drove away.

The car was found parked heading into the curb just about 6th and Main intersection by city police, and Tomlin said that it was the one which had hit the bus. Houck, located across the street, admitted owning the car but denied driving it at the time of the accident. He was booked on a drunk charge and this morning was given a fine of \$15 or seven and one-half days in the city jail.

# Movie Czar Buys Horse For \$300,000

NEW YORK, Dec. 24 (AP)—Bernborough, the great Australian racehorse purchased by Film Magnate Louis B. Mayer for a reported \$300,000, will be ready for shipment to this country after the 1947 stud season.

Bernborough's veterinarian, D. G. Heslop, said in Melbourne yesterday that the horse's fractured leg bone was knitting satisfactorily but added "I would not advise a particularly long journey for some time."

# GREEK GUERRILLAS SURRENDER TODAY

ATHENS, Dec. 24 (AP)—Greek military authorities announced today that 93 guerrillas had surrendered in Macedonia and 175 more in central Greece under an extended amnesty offer, which now expires December 31.

The announcement estimated that more than 100 guerrillas had been killed in fighting during the past 24 hours. Casualties among government troops were placed at 10 killed or wounded.

# FENDERS STOLEN FROM AUTOMOBILE

Earl Troy Thomas, 32-year-old sawmill worker of 3093 Lodi, was booked at the city jail this morning on a dual count of drunk driving and driving while his license was revoked. He was arrested at 7:30 a. m. on S. 6th between Broad and Market.

J. R. Bagshaw, 125 Lowell, reported to police that two fender skirts were stolen from his car early this morning.

Four drunks appeared in court this morning, and 24 parking tickets were paid.

# Courthouse Records

**Marriage License**  
SCHOLER-REILLY. Orville Ray Scholer, 22, laborer, Native of California, Resident of Klamath Falls, Ore. Julia Ray Bell, 21, housewife, Native of Texas, Resident of Klamath Falls, Ore.  
TEPPER-GILCHRIST. Dwight C. Tepper, 26, student, Native of Minnesota, Resident of Klamath Falls, Ore. Dorothy Lucille Gilchrist, 28, stenographer, Native of California, Resident of Klamath Falls, Ore.  
**Complaints Filed**  
Jacqueline Chambers vs. William Derel Chambers, suit for divorce. Charge, cruel and inhuman treatment. Couple married, May 22, 1946. U. S. Baletine, attorney for plaintiff.  
Veiva Juanita Trippett vs. Bennet H. Trippett, suit for divorce. Charge, cruel and inhuman treatment. Couple married, February 10, 1931. J. C. O'Neill, attorney for plaintiff.  
**Decrees Granted**  
Pauline Babb vs. R. E. Babb.  
Nina Johnson vs. Clinton A. Johnson.  
Carol J. Ashcraft vs. Frank Ashcraft.  
Eather Wilson vs. Ray Wilson.  
Henry W. Hite vs. Margratha Hite.  
Verna May Riggs vs. Ben Riggs.

To Portland—Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Huck and small son Darrell, 414 Oak, left yesterday for Portland to spend Christmas with relatives.