

# MIDLAND EMPIRE NEWS

## Fort Klamath

Friends will be glad to learn that Mrs. Emma Looney has recovered sufficiently from her recent stroke to be removed from the hospital in Ashland to her home there. Mrs. Looney is a well-known Klamath county pioneer, mother of J. K. Looney of Fort Klamath, at whose home she spent the summer. She has many friends in the county.

## Langel Valley

Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Pool and Timothy of Canyonville spent Thanksgiving week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Nork and family. Mr. and Mrs. Bud Peterson of Sweet Home were also Thanksgiving guests of her parents the Norks.

Mrs. Viola Leaver has returned to her home in Klamath Falls after spending Thanksgiving Day and the week-end visiting her two sons and her daughter, Gus and William Page, and Mrs. Henry Orth, and their families.

Calling on old friends in Fort Klamath on Friday were Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Donnelly and daughter, Gwendolyn Jane of Milbrae, Calif. The Donnellys lived here for several years before moving to California to make their home. Donnelly has been employed as local foreman of the state highway department. They spent Thanksgiving in Klamath Falls as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. Gibson.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred B. Castel Jr. have sold their local residence and property to Mr. and Mrs. A. F. MacQuiston, who will take possession next week, moving here from Williamson river, where they purchased a ranch some time ago. Mrs. Castel returned the last of the week from Portland, where she spent Thanksgiving with her husband and her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Hibilly and family of Klamath Falls spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Nork and family.

**NAMED**  
SALEM, Dec. 5 (AP)—The Willamette Production Credit association yesterday announced election of E. A. McCormack, Eugene, to the board of directors.

McCormack will serve out the unexpired term of R. H. Reed, Creswell, who retired from farming. The association is a unit of the farm credit administration.

Charles J. Brisco left Monday for Thechardson Springs, Calif., where he will take the mineral baths for a rheumatic condition from which he has been suffering for the past few weeks. He is accompanied as far as Klamath Falls by his daughter Mrs. Marvin Reeder, and Mrs. Jerry King, who returned home in the evening after spending the day Christmas shopping in Klamath Falls.

Mrs. Evelyn Parke is receiving medical care for a severe throat infection from which she has been suffering the past several days.

Delbert Denton is building a new home for his wife, himself and baby daughter, and the family will move into it on completion in the near future. The new home is adjacent to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Denton, on the Denton ranch, where the young Dentons have been making their home since their marriage.

L. M. Streeter returned this week from Redding, where he had shipped his cattle by rail from Chiloquin for winter feeding. He was accompanied south by Alvin Copeland, the two making the trip by car to superintend arrangements for the care of the stock for the winter. During Streeter's absence, William Brewer did the chores at the Streeter ranch.

Van Branham of Klamath Falls is spending a few days here visiting at the home of his son-in-law daughter and grandson, Mr. and Mrs. James Van Wormer and son Douglas.

Mrs. Lucille Nicholson and children left for Medford this week after having spent a few days packing their belongings at their home here preparatory to spending the winter months at their Medford home. Mrs. Nicholson is the widow of the late Theodore "Ted" Nicholson, whose recent death occurred at Medford when he and his family were planning to return to Fort Klamath the same day he was stricken with a fatal heart attack.

## Gadget To Quiet Trucks

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 5 (AP)—The roar of heavy duty trucks, whose reverberation crack like thunder, can be brought down to a level not much louder than the average passenger car, a National Motor Transport association official said Thursday.

A device developed here in an extensive research program is a "revolutionary" step in quieting diesel and gasoline motor truck noises, Julius Gausson, chairman of the association's equipment and maintenance committee, said in an interview preceding his appearance at the Oregon Motor Transport association convention.

Gausson, head of a Portland petroleum transportation and equipment manufacturing firm, said plans for the device are being sent to all truck manufacturers and to state trucking associations. It will not be patented. He said its development was a cooperative effort by manufacturers and motor transport groups.

A diesel truck, equipped with the device, which Gausson said was a metal chamber inserted in the exhaust pipe between the motor and the muffler to diffuse pressure, was to be demonstrated to truckers tomorrow.

There is no lessening of power, Gausson said, which had been the principal obstacle in development of what he calls the exhaust receiving chamber.

An associate, reading the truck for the demonstration, said there still was noise—"but it's the quietest truck you ever heard."

## West Coast Cities Crime Average High

PORTLAND, Dec. 5 (AP)—Major crime in large Pacific coast cities is nearly double the national average, Howard Bobbit, agent in charge of the FBI here, told Oregon sheriffs Thursday.

In the first half of this year, Pacific coast cities had 3,955 murders to every 100,000 residents, compared to the average of 2,92, and 1212 robberies compared to the average of 307. Burglary, assault, and auto theft are more frequent in the west, too.

Both Oregon sheriffs and Oregon district attorneys opened their annual conventions here today.

## It's Been A Long, Long Wait

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 5 (AP)—John Wilson, 69, says he has been married to the same woman for 47 years but hasn't seen her since 1900.

Wilson finally got around to doing something about their long separation yesterday. He filed suit for an annulment on grounds of fraud or a divorce on grounds of desertion.

His suit against Tillie Schulauoff Wilson said they were married in New York City on May 4, 1900. He was inducted into the U. S. army two hours after the ceremony and never heard from her again, he stated.

## Paroled Youth Wastes No Time Getting Equipped

Loaded down like a pawnshop full of jewelry, a 22-year-old Everett, Wash., youth was arrested by state police and, following questioning, logged in the Klamath county jail on a charge of vagrancy. The youth, Donald Kenneth Jones, is wanted by Portland police who are expected here. In the meantime he has a 30-day layout in the county jail.

State police said Jones was interrogated first by an SP special agent when he came into the rail-

## Double Slayer Found Guilty

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, Dec. 5 (AP)—A district court jury last night convicted Leon Jones, 43-year-old carpenter from Vancouver, Wash., on two counts of first degree murder for the axe slaying of two men at a little Gerstle river Indian settlement July 30.

The jury recommended against the death penalty. Jones was captured 10 days after the killings after one of the most intensive manhunts in Alaskan history, in which aircraft and civilian and military ground parties participated.

The victims of the killings were Donald Harris, 31, a fellow construction worker of Jones' at the Big Delta military project, and Carl Ahnstrom, 68, a trapper and jeweler who was a bystander at the scene. Officers said the double tragedy followed a prolonged drinking party.

At the time of the crime, Jones' wife and four children resided at Vancouver.

## Police Pick Up Escaptee

The wrong guy picked him up. State police, on an early patrol after midnight this morning, picked up a 16-year-old hitchhiker whose stories failed to jibe. Under questioning at the patrol office, the youth admitted to be an escaper from the Washington state training school at Chehalis.

Officials were advised of the youth's presence today and said the boy, now held in the Klamath county jail, would be returned to Chehalis.

## President Takes It Easy Today

KEY WEST, Fla., Dec. 5 (AP)—President Truman, already rated as a "deep sea dunker," qualified today as a sub mariner in one of the brief formal appearances of his vacation at this tropical naval submarine base.

He was summoned to the surrendered German submarine, the XU-2513, to receive his scroll and plaque as a sub mariner by virtue of his experience here in November, 1946, when he went down 450 feet under the sea in this same undersea craft.

The president seized upon the opportunity at the same occasion to present medals to four naval officers. One of these, Commander George L. Street of Richmond, Va., got a gold star in lieu of a second silver star. The president and Street met before at the White House, when Mr. Truman pinned the Congressional Medal of Honor on the naval officer.

Others honored were Commander I. S. Hartman, who got his gold star in lieu of a second silver star, and

Commander G. H. Whiting and Lt. G. W. Clarke, who received bronze star medals. Meanwhile, the president read aloud to his staff the address he will deliver Saturday dedicating the Everglades national park. The president was known to consider the speech, slated to begin at 2:51 p. m. (EST) as an important conservation policy pronouncement, although his press secretary, Charles G. Ross, cautioned reporters against describing it as "a major policy address."

The chief executive, enjoying to the fullest his third vacation in Florida sunshine, concentrated on sunbathing and sleeping.

**COUNTER**  
PORTLAND, Dec. 5 (AP)—Reed college received a Geiger counter yesterday to use in a nuclear research project to be conducted by Dr. Arthur F. Scott, chemistry professor. The project is financed by a research corporation grant. The Geiger counter measures radiation from radio-active materials.

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