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Police Probe Knife, Club Slayings

OLYMPIA, Dec. 17 (AP)—A butcher knife and a decorated automobile were held today by Thurston county authorities as clues to the brutal slaying of an elderly Olympia man and his wife in their small cottage three blocks from the state capitol.

The stabbed and bludgeoned bodies of the couple, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Jessup, were found late yesterday afternoon by neighbors who had called to investigate their absence.

Prosecutor Van B. Hinkle said the knife, believed to have been used in the slaying, was found in the couple's kitchen.

The man's body had six to eight stab wounds in the area of his heart and the woman appeared to have been hit on the head. Police Detective Sgt. Harold Williamson and George Erickson reported.

Jessup, about 63, was found lying in the bedroom. He was wearing a nightshirt. His wife, Geneva, about 45, was lying on a davenport in the front room. She also was wearing night clothes.

Hinkle said the three-room house showed no signs of a struggle except for a rocking chair overturned in the bedroom. There was no indication of robbery, he said, except for the disappearance of the couple's automobile, found later abandoned in Centralia.

Charles Steele, a resident of the house on the front of the lot, informed Hinkle that he heard a car door slam about 7 a. m. yesterday, when Mrs. Jessup usually left for work at an Olympia mushroom plant. Her husband was retired, the prosecutor said.

TOONERVILLE FOLKS AUNT NEPHEW OFTEN HELPS FRIENDS TO CARRY HOME CHRISTMAS PACKAGES



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Gifts To Vets Not Taxable

Certain gifts made by employers to veterans in school or training need not be reported as income from productive labor in the determination of subsistence allowances, Zeno H. Dent, veteran's administration training officer here, explained today.

Christmas gifts which are reasonable in amount and made by a firm to veterans and non-veterans in the same amount without regard to length of service or to salary do not have to be included in the trainees' wage reports to the VA.

Such gifts in the past have been considered as bonuses and were reportable, Dent said. The general rule that bonuses must be included in earnings still holds, however.

The VA representative added that veterans in college under the GI bill must file monthly earnings reports, if actual earnings are over \$110 a month and also over estimated earnings which the veteran reported at the start of fall term.

Court Hears Tax Case

SALEM, Dec. 17 (AP)—The state supreme court heard arguments today in the Oregon State Federation of Labor suit to declare invalid state income tax increases and the 1 per cent withholding tax.

The case is on appeal from the Marion county circuit court, which ruled against the federation, holding both taxes are constitutional.

The federation contended the measures were illegal because the legislature made their taking effect dependent upon the defeat of the sales tax bill at the special election two months ago.

The income tax increases, accomplished by reducing exemptions, were made effective with all income earned in 1947. The withholding tax would become law next January 1, so a supreme court ruling is expected before that date.

The withholding tax would not be a new levy, but would be a credit against regular income taxes.

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Navy To Aid Army Vessels

SEATTLE, Dec. 17 (AP)—Navy rescue ships raced the tossing North Pacific ocean today to the aid of two disabled army vessels—the rudderless tritane El Caney and the partially flooded cargo boat FS-245.

The El Caney, which has drifted more than 100 miles since its rudder was torn loose and its propeller damaged late Monday, was expected to be intercepted about 9 p. m. (PST) tonight by the navy salvage vessel Bolster.

The navy fleet tug, the Tekesta, is en route to the aid of the FS-245 which hit a rock near Herbert Island in the Aleutians in a storm. It was not known here what time the Tekesta would reach the side of the vessel which has pulled off the rock and proceeded toward Sequam island to ride out the storm, the 13th naval district headquarters said.

Water flooded the chain locker of the FS-245 but the bulkhead was holding.

The El Caney, a transportation corps tanker, was placed about 415 miles southwest of Adak in the outer Aleutians in a radioed report from the master of the stricken ship, Capt. Ole Svehaug of Seattle and Portland.

No Tails, So Landon Out

NEW YORK, Dec. 17 (AP)—Former Governor Alf M. Landon of Kansas, republican presidential candidate in 1936, was barred from the Metropolitan Opera club Monday night because he was not in formal attire.

Landon, who was the guest of George A. Sloan, president of the Metropolitan club and chairman of its board of directors, said he "enjoyed the opera hugely and all that went with it." After the first act they went to the club, adjoining the auditorium.

"Anyway," said Landon, obviously amused by recollection of the situation, "I was barred at the door because I was not wearing tails. And nothing that George said would change the mind of the men at the door who wore a full dress suit."

"I said to George, 'Don't worry about me, for I've been barred before from other places because I wasn't wearing tails.'"

Youngsters Send Candy To France

NEW YORK, Dec. 17 (AP)—Christmas candy donated by 600 children of Locust valley, Long Island, was scheduled to leave La Guardia field today by Pan American Airways Clipper for London on the first stage of its journey for delivery to the French village of St. Mere Eglise.

The Normandy town, one of the first to be liberated by allied forces, has been adopted by Locust valley under its newly inaugurated community project known as "Operation Democracy."

The candy, traditionally given to the school children by Locust valley residents, was sent instead overseas at the request of the Locust valley youngsters.

Norblad Asks Grain Ship Check

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Anderson today to guard against any repetition of last year's grain shortage in the Pacific Northwest.

"At the time of the previous shortages," Norblad wrote Anderson, "the grain had been shipped out of our area and our producers want assurance that there will be no repetition of these shipments that will deplete the supplies in our area."

He asked that the agriculture department make inventories and draw a definite plan to provide for adequate grain supplies for dairy, poultry and livestock growers in the area.

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High School
News and Comment
By Mary Lou Case

All dressed up in their Sunday-go-to-meetin' clothes, the members of the senior class came to school today prepared to act like ladies and gentlemen. The dress-up day was instigated by the complaints that are often heard about the "rowdy outfit" at KU, and the seniors are out to prove this statement incorrect.

Another reason for the special day was to understand as an example for the underclassmen, as the seniors are the oldest class in school. A short class meeting was held Tuesday to talk over the idea with President Glenn Lorenz handling the goings-on. Short talks were also rendered by Pat McMillan, Jim Crismon and Stanley Woodruff, principal Mr. Woodruff was, by the way, very much in favor of the day and urged the class to participate wholeheartedly. This day will not in the least affect the keeping of the traditional senior "Hick Day" in the spring.

And with the seniors dressed in their best, the Christmas cantata was presented to the student body. Over an hour in length, the cantata has been the subject of many hours of work for the music, art, dramatics and manual arts departments. Tonight and tomorrow

night's performances start at 8 p. m.

Since the Salem basketball game falls on the same date as the Christmas assembly, some pep will be combined with the usual entertainment. The assembly will be held in the afternoon and it is hoped the alumni home from college will see fit to visit their old alma mater and attend.

Pine boughs and silver pine cones decorated the Teen-Age club last night for the Tri-Hi-Y Christmas party. The girls sang Christmas carols around the Christmas tree and ate hot dogs. The sophomore officers were installed in a ceremony similar to the last installation. Beth Bunch, Totsie Liskie, Arlene Brallier, Louis Linman and Sandra Moore were the five girls installed.

Marshall Report Due On Friday

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AP)—Secretary of State Marshall will report to the nation by radio at 10 p. m. (EST) Friday on the breakup of the European peace conference in London.

The state department in announcing the time of the broadcast, said today Marshall will speak about 20 minutes over the Columbia, American and Mutual networks.

Marshall is expected to arrive about 9 a. m. (EST) Friday from London aboard President Truman's plane, the "Sacred Cow."

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Keno School Program Set

KENO, Dec. 17—The Keno school and community Sunday Keno school will hold a joint Christmas program at the schoolhouse Thursday evening, starting at 8 p. m.

The program includes:
"Pop Reads the Christmas Carol."
A pageant, by the entire school.
"Christmas Carols."
"Mice in Council."
"Wonderdogs in Action."
"The National Anthem."
The last four items on the program are films. The party will also include candy and treats for the children attending.

Motion pictures are shown at the Keno school on Friday nights, but because of the Christmas show the next regular Friday night movie will be shown January 2.

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Mineral Club To Meet Thursday

The Klamath Mineral club will meet Thursday evening, December 18, at 8 p. m. in the chamber of commerce rooms, 323 Main street.

Our Desert Empire will be the subject illustrated by Kodachrome slides to be shown by Kenneth and Edith McLeod.

The Klamath Mineral club is a non-technical organization formed to promote the art of cutting and polishing agate and the semi-precious stones to be found in the Klamath region and also to study the geological and mineral resources of the Klamath basin. The meetings of the club are open to the public.

Firemen Answer Flue Fire Call

City firemen were called out last Tuesday evening to extinguish a flue fire at the W. A. Jolley residence, 1308 California.

The alarm was taken in at 7:04, and the blaze was turned care of in short order with no damage resulting.

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