

# City Briefs

## WEATHER

OREGON—Cloudy with occasional rain today, according to east portion tonight. Occasional showers Sunday. Snow showers in mountains. Warmer east portion tonight. Fresh to occasional strong southerly wind off coast, becoming southwesterly and diminishing late today.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA—Mostly cloudy north and partly cloudy south portion today, tonight and Sunday with light rain extreme north portion tonight. Considerable fog or low overcast in interior valleys. Cooler north coast by day. Gentle to moderate southerly winds off coast.

KLAMATH FALLS AND VICINITY—Cloudy to partly cloudy with snow showers tonight, decreasing Sunday. High today 46. Low tonight 30. High Sunday 47.

Christmas at Home—Lt. and Mrs. Ray Royce and baby daughter left Roseburg, N. M., December 26 for Klamath Falls for a 10-day leave at home over Christmas. They are visiting the lieutenant's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Len Royce, 616 California avenue. Lt. Royce is a member of the 3rd fighter group as an intelligence officer and pilot flying P-51 Mustangs. He completed 67 combat missions in Italy during the war with the 12th air force.

Christmas Visitors—Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Coull and Tommy of San Luis Obispo arrived in the Wednesday before Christmas to spend the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. William Serrano and daughter, Mrs. Mary Alice Ray, who is home from Hollywood. The Coulls returned home today and Mrs. Ray plans to stay until Monday, January 5, when she will return to resume her studies at a radio school.

In North—Virginia Denton, executive director of Camp Fire Girls, will be out of town from December 26 until January 2 or 3. She is planning to spend several days on a ski trip in the country around Mt. Hood with friends from Portland. Anyone wishing to contact the Camp Fire office may reach the office secretary in the afternoon between 2 and 5 p. m.

Home For Holidays—Bettie Hopkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Banks Hopkins of N. 8th street, is spending the holidays here with her parents. Bettie was graduated last spring from the University of Idaho and has accepted a position with a lumber firm in Spokane, Wash. She will return Sunday morning by plane to Spokane.

Sprains Ankle—Jack Linman, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Linman of 39 Nevada street, was treated at Hillside hospital late yesterday for a sprained ankle received while skiing.

Emergency—Mrs. Marvin Carlson, who lives at the Oregon Vocational school where her husband is a student, was moved to Hillside hospital last night for emergency surgery.

## Street Car Fare Enough

PORTLAND, Dec. 27 (AP)—The city public utilities commissioner asserted today that present street car and bus fares here were sufficient to give Portland Traction company a return of nearly 6 per cent.

The company has contended that the 16-cents-a-ride and 11-rides-for-\$1 rates now in force do not provide enough margin.

Commissioner Dorothy McCullough Lee said a 6 per cent return was indicated in the company's November report. "The difficulties of the company," she said in a statement, "seem largely to arise from the ownership, which demands dividends sufficient to carry the expense of interest and amortization of the loan used by the holding company to purchase the Portland Traction company."

Yugo Driver Machinegunned—TRIESTE, Dec. 27 (AP)—Venezia Giulia police said a Yugoslav sentry last night machinegunned to death a driver who tried to plunge his truck through a Yugoslav barrier into the American-British sector of the free territory.

The other occupants of the truck, a woman and two children, were unhurt. There was no Venezia Giulia police action since the truck stopped inside Yugoslav territory. The driver ignored a Yugoslav order to halt for a check.

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## Storm Plays Hob With New Yorkers

NEW YORK, Dec. 27 (AP)—Times Square early today was filled with new faces—those of suburbanites who found themselves stranded in the city with maybe \$5 or \$10 and time to kill.

The dime beer bars were catering to men who usually head straight home after work. And on the sidewalks outside, where 35.8 inches of snow fell yesterday, there was good natured roistering. Some were gallantly picking up women who had fallen in the snowbanks or needed aid crossing streets.

This late-hour gaiety was a cold comfort to operators of the plush nightclubs, which went begging for customers last night. The people who could afford them weren't going out on such a night; and the stranded folks from points in New Jersey, New England or Westchester county, or Long Island, generally weren't carrying enough money for a "big evening" when the transportation tie-up developed.

Some of the larger night clubs had more entertainers than customers.

The storm had caught even the weatherman by surprise. It moved in from Atlantic ocean areas where the weather bureau does not have observers. At noon, the bureau still was predicting the snow would not exceed 15 inches.

The liner Queen Mary, some of whose passengers brought their luggage to the pier aboard sleds, finally sailed at 4:25 a. m. today after the storm had delayed her departure nearly 12 hours. A horse-drawn sleigh brought two passengers from the Savoy Plaza hotel. Another went aboard at 10 p. m. last night after a trip from North Arlington, N. J. that began at 11:45 a. m. and included a seven-mile trek through snow—with luggage.

At one time officials of bus companies reported 3000 vehicles "lost," their whereabouts temporarily unknown.

And rail lines weren't only announcing "delayed arrivals"; they were announcing "delayed departures" from the crowded terminals.

Many outlying stations were filled with commuters who found bus service suspended between the stations and their homes. In Long Island sections of the city, theatres were opened to house about 2200 persons overnight.

PROMOTED PORTLAND, Dec. 27 (AP)—Fred H. Kennedy, Portland, has been promoted from assistant to regional chief of the division of wildlife and range management for the United States forest service, effective January 1.

He succeeds Lynn H. Douglas who is retiring. The forest service reported.

Convict Booked After Gun Battle

Eugene Earp (left), 26, sits in sheriff's office at Salinas, Calif., as he is booked at the county jail after he and another escaped convict, Heersel Graham, 26, shot it out with peace officers Christmas Day near San Ardo, Calif. Graham, shot four times, was taken to the King City, Calif. hospital. Sheriff Jack L. McCoy, holding one of the weapons he said Earp used, stands in background.

Big Shipment Of Alaska Lumber In

SEATTLE, Dec. 27 (AP)—The Alaska Transportation company's freighter Clove Hitch arrived here yesterday with what company officials believe is the largest shipment of lumber to come to this port from Alaska. The vessel carried 452,000 board feet of spruce loaded in Sitka, Juneau, Wrangell and Ketchikan.

Thirty-Three Hurt In Bus Upset

CARLINVILLE, Ill., Dec. 27 (AP)—Thirty-three persons were injured today when a bus returning here from Alton overturned twice while going down a steep grade six miles south of Carlinville.

John Tingo of Carlinville, the bus driver, who suffered severe injuries, said the wheels of the vehicle apparently locked.

Among those injured were Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wilhite of Boulder, Colo., who had been visiting Wilhite's parents.

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## New Masonic Officers



Here are the new officers of Klamath lodge No. 77, A. F. and A. M. Left to right, first row: Ernest Bubb, Treasurer; Jim Hunter, junior warden; Dick Griffith, worshipful master; William Milne, senior warden; Lawrence K. Phelps, secretary; Back row: Herb Handline, junior steward; Jack Metter, senior deacon; Dale Bebbler, junior deacon; Al Winegar, senior steward; Bob Rockholt, chaplain; Harlan Riggins, tiller. They were installed this week.

## New Dividing Point Set For Union Pacific Line

OMAHA, Dec. 27 (AP)—Rieth, Ore., just south of Pendleton, will be the dividing point between the Oregon and Idaho divisions of the Union Pacific railroad under a re-arrangement of operating divisions which will go into effect January 1.

Changes in the line's operating setup were announced yesterday by President George F. Ashby to provide "continuous direction" over routes carrying major traffic.

Ashby said the present arrangement has proved "a barrier to the continuous flow, not only of transcontinental traffic, but the expanding through traffic within the areas of the railroad."

Originally the operating divisions and district lines were established to conform with the corporate limits of the five properties comprising the line. They are the Union Pacific railroad company, the St. Joseph & Grand Island Railway company, the Oregon Short Line Railroad company, the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company and the Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railroad company.

Under the new plan there will be only the Eastern South Central and Northwestern districts, each with a general manager. The Oregon and Idaho divisions will be included in the Northwestern district, with headquarters at Portland, Ore.

Truck Driver Faces Suit

CHICAGO, Dec. 27 (AP)—Harry Carson, 43-year-old truck driver who said he formerly operated a handbook, is being sued by the federal government for \$324,595.92 in unpaid income taxes for the year 1936.

"Some joke," Carson said in commenting on the suit filed in federal district court yesterday. "Maybe I can scrape up the 92 cents."

Carson told reporters that federal agents two years ago had asked him how much he made while operating a handbook in 1936.

"I told them I cleared about \$1000 a day after expenses," Carson said. "I didn't have any books or records. They figured somehow that there were 324 working days and that I owed \$324,595.92."

Carson added he did not know what he had done with the money and said he wouldn't be working as a truck driver if he had any of the money left.

Joseph H. Solon, assistant U. S. attorney, declined comment on Carson's statements. He said his office did not have complete files on the case. Tax officials estimated such a tax would entail a 1936 income of about \$900,000.

Meter Take Sets Record

The biggest intake in city parking meters since their installation was counted Monday, December 22, as the height of the Christmas shopping season. Tally for the period from Thursday, December 18, to Monday was \$711.50.

Another good-sized take was counted today with \$604 from last Monday to Thursday. Total for the holiday shopping rush, from November 24 to Christmas was \$5146.

The meters will soon have their first anniversary. They were set up in Klamath Falls January 25.

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## Time Limit Nearing On Homesteads

Regional Director Richard L. Boke of the U. S. bureau of reclamation today warned that less than a month remains to return applications for the 44 farms available for homesteaders in the Tule lake division of the Klamath project on the Oregon-California border.

The deadline for filing applications is 2:00 p. m., January 1, 1948, by which time they must be in the hands of the examining board at Klamath Falls, Oregon, Boke said.

He urged all those who have already received applications to fill them out and send them in to Klamath Falls before January 1. If they do this, he emphasized, the applications will be reviewed for completeness by the examining board and returned to the senders with notations as to what type of information is lacking and just how to correct the deficiencies.

Applicants who submit their applications after January 1, he added, will have to take their chances on their applications being filled out correctly in the first place, as it will be impossible for the examining board to correct and still process the returns in time to get settlers on the land for spring planting.

Even without returning for correction applications received after January 1, Boke said, the examining board will have to work night and day to assure that farm winners will get on their land in time. Applications will be reviewed as they come in, but experience with last year's homestead opening at Tule lake indicates that 75 of the applications will be received in the last two weeks before the close of filing, half in the last two or three days.

A 10-day appeal period will be allowed for rejected applicants, and then their appeals will have to be reviewed.

When all the appeals are settled, the application numbers of all qualified applicants will be enclosed in capsules and drawn from a glass churn by a disinterested party. Each number drawn will be assigned a definite farm, in contrast with last year's system of allowing the first man whose name was drawn his choice of all the farms available, and so on down the line. Even so, Mr. Boke said, "It will still be a close race between the drawing and planting time. Applicants, therefore, should fill out their forms and send them in to Bureau of Reclamation, Klamath Falls, Oregon, with all possible speed."

On October 22, Secretary of the Interior Krug opened to homesteaders 3500 acres of rich lake-bottom land on the Tule lake division of the Klamath project; applications from World War II veterans were given a 90-day preference period. This land, comprising 44 farm units, is near the 86 farms which were opened in the fall of 1945, and which are now earning good incomes for the 86 World War II veterans out of 1305 qualified applicants whose names came up in a drawing for the farms held at Klamath Falls last Christmas.

Applications for the farms available in this year's opening may still be secured by writing to Bureau of Reclamation, Klamath Falls, Oregon, Sacramento, California or Washington 25, D. C.

## Manslaughter Charge Slated

The highway deaths of Elmer Ritchey of Bly and his five-year-old grandson, Douglas Marlin Ritchey of Cascade, Ida., resulted today in an accusation of involuntary manslaughter against Wilbur Haines of Burns.

The finding was returned by a coroner's jury at Ontario, Ore., late yesterday after a hearing on the deaths of the two near Harper, Ore., last Sunday when the Ritchey car, Cascade bound for the holidays from Bly, ran into Haines' stock trailer.

The jury said Haines left the trailer parked on the road in a "negligent manner" without lights.

State Trooper William Bones testified the trailer extended five feet 10 inches onto the highway. Harold and Everett Ritchey, sons of Elmer Ritchey, were injured in the wreck but released from the Ontario hospital to testify.

In the meantime, funeral services for the Bly resident and his little grandson were being planned here. The bodies are expected to arrive from Ontario late Sunday night and Ward's announced rites for 2 p. m. Tuesday at the First Methodist church, with the Rev. Victor Phillips officiating. Interment will take place in Klamath Memorial park.

Ritchey was flagman for Gary and Fouts, Bly logging outfit. He was en route to Cascade for Christmas with his sons when the accident occurred. Mrs. Ritchey had remained in Bly to spend Christmas with a daughter, Mrs. Max Dillavou. Ritchey was 67 years of age at the time of his death.

## Britain Faces Fresh Crisis

LONDON, Dec. 27 (AP)—Now it's the crisis of bursting braces.

In a year Historian Arthur Bryant bought four pairs of braces (suspenders) made under a government edict limiting the elastic to three inches at the back. "After each occasion," Bryant wrote the Times, "the braces have broken irretrievably within three months."

The Times editorialized today: "The four freedoms are a hollow mockery if our braces are going to be bursting all the time. No nation can be expected to hold up its head if it is also required to hold up its trousers."

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## Local Boy Off For Youth Conference

Merland Phelps, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence K. Phelps of 1987 Auburn, left Friday night for the Methodist Youth conference at Cleveland, O.

Young Phelps will join 70 other Oregon young people in Portland and will go by special train to the eastern city as a delegate of the Klamath Falls Methodist Youth fellowship.

Some 10,000 young people from all the states and many foreign countries are expected to attend the four-day conference, planned for January 1 to 4.

## Head-On Wreck Injures Two

BELLINGHAM, Dec. 27 (AP)—Mrs. Carl E. Carlson and 4-year-old son Kurtis of Seattle (751 N. 77th) were released from a hospital here early today after treatment for minor injuries received in a head-on collision just before midnight last night.

Police arrested Donald J. Rochon, 24, reportedly of Portland, Ore., but formerly of this city, and booked him as driving while under the influence of liquor. Officers said Rochon, driving east, had collided head-on with the Carlson car, driven by Mrs. Carlson's husband, Rochon was released after posting \$300 bail.

## Mexicans To Be Deported

SEATTLE, Dec. 27 (AP)—Immigration service officials reported today that 47 Mexicans were flown from Seattle to El Paso, Tex., for deportation because they were in the United States illegally.

H. F. Schwandt, chief of the detention for the deportation section, said 100 more Mexican aliens are awaiting similar trips. Many of them entered the country originally as farm laborers, while others entered illegally.

Schwandt said air transport reduces the number of guards required as well as providing greater speed. He said only a single guard was sent yesterday with a flight of 27 deportees.

## British Sign Red Wheat Pact

LONDON, Dec. 27 (AP)—An Anglo-Soviet trade agreement providing for barter of Russian grain for British machinery was signed tonight in Moscow, the board of trade announced.

The new trade pact—which the president of the board of trade, J. Harold Wilson, told the house of commons earlier this month had been agreed to "in principle"—ended months of negotiating resumed after a stalemate last summer.

North Dakota's 1945 production of creamery butter totaled 51,041,000 pounds.

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