



HALL HOTEL SOLD—The Melhase building, a 40-year landmark in Klamath Falls at 4th and Main, was sold this week by the heirs of the late Gus Melhase, to Mr. and Mrs. George Stevens, who operate the Kern hotel. The Melhase building is better known as the Hall hotel.

Melhase Building, Hall Hotel Site, Sold After Lengthy Negotiations; Stevens Buy for Reported \$40,000

A real estate transaction involving the Hall hotel on the landmark corner of 4th and Main, in the making for several weeks, was consummated yesterday.

The Melhase building, better known as the Hall hotel, has been sold by the heirs of the late Gus Melhase to Mr. and Mrs. George Stevens, operators of the Kern hotel, for a reported \$40,000.

The building, used as a hotel continuously since 1907, is dark now and the Stevens plan to remodel.

The sale was made by 19 heirs of the Melhase estate through the Winton company, and the purchase

price included a \$27,500 mortgage held by Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cleghorn, which was paid off yesterday.

The building was erected in 1907 by the Withrow-Melhase corporation and originally housed a pool room downstairs and professional offices upstairs. A short time later it was converted into a hotel and called the Livermore.

In 1909 Bert Hall took over operation and changed the name to the Hall. He operated the hotel for almost 40 years and since his retirement last year the Hall has been under management of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Pedigo.

Gus Melhase died March 28, 1946, at the age of 82, and did not leave a will. But before he died he made gifts of much of his property to Mr. and Mrs. Winfred Cleghorn and J.

Salem Extended Into Polk

SALEM, Oct. 15 (P)—Salem soon will extend into Polk county. Voters here approved last night the annexation of West Salem, the community across the Willamette river from the state capital. The vote unofficially was 726 to 307. Residents of West Salem earlier had approved the merger.

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Spud Workers Pose Problem For Agencies

The regular meeting October 11 of the home service committee of the American Red Cross reported encouragingly on the progress of community effort in handling civic projects. A report was made on the temporary measures that were taken by the county welfare department.

The Salvation Army and the Red Cross to work out a plan of assistance for the migrant crop workers gathered in the potato harvest area. It was brought out that the delay in the harvesting of the crop this year had caused undue hardship amongst some of the people and the local communities had urged that the agencies make a survey and try to meet the unusual conditions.

Assistance
Through a system of screening and assistance from within the communities themselves, assistance was provided for these persons until such time as the employment office was able to make work referrals.

A report was given of efforts being made to meet and handle the excessive transient traffic that Klamath Falls feels the year-around. It is hoped that by cooperation from all the agencies, the city and county governments, a plan could be developed for the assistance of people that are stranded in Klamath Falls without funds or

Russ Explored Antarctica, Byrd Reports

NEW YORK, Oct. 15 (P)—Rear Adm. Richard E. Byrd says Russian ships recently have gone to Antarctica and sent planes on exploration missions over the frozen continent.

"Whether they were looking for uranium or not, I cannot say," Byrd added. "The Russian ships are reported not to have had any names to identify them."

The veteran polar explorer, who spoke at ceremonies in his honor at the Hayden planetarium last night, did not disclose where he obtained his information.

PROGRAMS CANCELLED
NEW YORK, Oct. 15 (P)—A scheduled series of Sunday night radio shows by actress Helen Hayes, whose daughter died last month, has been cancelled.

means of sustenance. Under the permissive policy basis, the home service committee recommended that the Klamath county chapter of the Red Cross accept a responsibility for the immediate temporary needs of the disabled veterans of this group.

Blood Typing
It was reported that several of the service clubs in Klamath Falls were interested in a blood typing program within their own organizations to facilitate the availability of a walking blood donor service for their own members.

Seattle 'Baby Market' Aired

SEATTLE, Oct. 15 (P)—Prosecutor Charles O. Carroll charged a Seattle woman yesterday with operating a "baby brokerage business" whereby she made upward of \$20,000 a year in placing newly born children.

The charge declared that Mrs. Bess E. Gilroy, whom Superior Judge William G. Long termed the operator of a "baby market," violated a state licensing law by placing children for care without having a certificate of approval from the state. He also charged her with the "crime of disposing of infants without an order or relinquishment . . . by placing (the child) in a family home for adoption."

Mrs. Gilroy was not available for comment and her attorney, Ronald W. Meier, said he had not read the memorandum decision rendered earlier by Judge Long.

Smuts Retired In Africa

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, Oct. 15 (P)—Field Marshal Jan Christiaan Smuts, 79, has been relieved of his post as commander-in-chief of South Africa's defense forces in the field and placed on the retired list.

Defense Minister F. C. Erasmus sent a letter to Smuts yesterday telling him of the change. Erasmus said the action was taken by the governor-general in council.

Missionary Services At Chiloquin

CHILOQUIN—Father Francis A. Toner, S. J., will conduct a mission at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic church in late October, according to resident pastor, Father John Puelan. Each evening, October 23-28 starting at 7:30 o'clock special services will be held.

Father Toner is one of four brothers who are Catholic priests. A Gonzaga graduate, he is well known in Spokane and the Pacific coast as a speaker. Last year he made a "Mission Tour" which took him to the largest cities of northeastern United States, including New York and Chicago.

Purpose
Asked to explain the purpose of a mission, Father Toner has said, "Life is a serious business, just as any business is serious. A successful business man takes inventory often, examines his credits and debits. A mission is a time of inventory, a time of looking at the debits and credits of the past and learning from them, so that we may live more successfully and more abundantly in the future."

Subjects for the evening talks of the mission will be as follows: Sunday, "The Purpose of Life"; Mon-

day, "The Obstacle of Life"; Tuesday, "Life's Failure"; Wednesday, "The Beginning of Life"; Thursday, "The Renewal of Life"; Friday, "Eternal Life."

Special Masses will be held during the mission daily at 7:15 a. m. and 8 a. m. First Mass is followed by a period of instruction.

Although the Mission is conducted primarily for Catholics, all are welcome.

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