

BASIN BRIEFS

Friends Welcome—Young friends of 6-year-old Linda Bonotto, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bonotto, to 1944 California, are welcome to visit her at her home where she is recovering from a tonsillectomy performed last Wednesday. Linda is a first grader at Conger School.

Home From Hospital — Sverre Munson, 1345 Sargent, was released from Hillside Hospital where he has been for two months. He will convalesce at home and may have visitors.

Jack Marshall—Son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Marshall, Poe Valley Road, has been chosen an official delegate to attend the California Inter-collegiate Press Association convention in Sacramento, February 19-21. He is a freshman agricultural journalism major at California State Polytechnic College, San Luis Obispo, California.

At Fort Benning—Pvt. Robert P. Franck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe P. Franck, 2909 Ward, was graduated from airborne course at Fort Benning on February 6.

Improving—Shirley Mastin, stewardess on United Airlines between New York and Omaha, is a patient in Klamath Valley Hospital where she is recovering from an appendectomy. She will remain with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Mastin, Poe Valley while recovering.

Home—Donald Alexander, Napa, California, was a visitor this week on business. He is a former Klamath Falls resident, son of D.E. Alexander.

Word—has been received from Mrs. Leslie Rogers, that she is spending a few days in Excelsior Springs, Missouri, before continuing on her cruise in South American waters.

New Arrival—Mr. and Mrs. John Loosley, Roseburg, have announced the birth of a son, their first child, born February 12. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Merle Loosley, Malin. John was raised in Klamath County. He is city engineer at Roseburg. Mrs. Loosley is the former Jean Harris, Summer Lake.

Honor — Tulelake Elementary school members of the PTA, will entertain at a Founder's Day silver tea, 2:30 p.m. Friday, February 19, in the elementary school. All past presidents will be honored. An honorary life membership will be presented to the Tulelake citizens judged to have contributed the most to education in the past year.

Tulelake—Garden Club will meet Tuesday, February 16, 2 p.m., at the home of Mrs. Amos Hoyt. The discussion on hotbeds will be presented by Mrs. Don Hurlbert. Everyone is asked to take a seed catalogue to the meeting.

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Investment House Fails In Japan

TOKYO (AP)—The ceiling has fallen in on postwar Japan's biggest financial scheme and Japanese from politicians to Buddhist priests are picking the plaster out of their hair.

Three top political parties, including the Liberal party of Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida, are scurrying out from under the wreckage of the 12-million-dollar investment company, Hozen Keizai Kai.

Government investigators said the company's wizard, Matsuomi Ito, 47, spread contributions lavishly among the three top parties so he could use big names as "advisers."

Collapse of the company, due largely to misfired speculations in the stock market, caught hundreds of thousands of housewives and laborers. Their small investments, baited by promises of 15 per cent interest, had helped build the company.

Also among those caught in the collapse was the abbot of a large Buddhist denomination. Company records show he collected contributions from his flock and gave them to Ito to invest.

Ito is in jail, charged with swindling. Newspapers call him Japan's "Ponzi", a reference to the Boston swindler who once collected millions from gullible Americans.

Investors knew he was speculating in stocks and real estate but looked upon him as a wizard. For a time, he had an amazing run of luck. He paid the promised 15 per cent interest.

A Korean who became a naturalized Japanese, Ito had struggled along as an insurance salesman after the war until he made a hit in the stock market with borrowed cash. Soon he was soliciting contributions.

He poured much of it into stocks but also diverted some to politicians' pockets and spent others on plush houses and women, investigators said.

A year ago, the bottom dropped out of cotton textiles. Ito lost heavily. He scrambled for new money. It followed the same route.

Even at that, investigators say, Ito might have weathered the storm had it not been for Japan's poor farm crop last year, the worst in 15 years. Farmers, short of cash, began badgering Ito for their invested money. Down went Ito's interest to 2 per cent. Then down went Ito's company.

A chain reaction set in among Ito's imitators. More than a dozen similar companies went broke.

A subcommittee of the Diet is investigating the case. Newspapers are clamoring for Ito to be called and give the case a full airing, no matter how high in politics his testimony reaches.

Even Ito's autobiography—once a best-seller—is going begging now. It's titled, "This Is How I Think."

Boy Impaled on Steel Fence Post

PUEBLO, Colo. (AP)—A 10-year-old boy who toppled from a wall and impaled himself on an iron picket fence was recovering early today from shock and loss of blood.

Jack Slate, only son of widowed Mrs. Myrlin Slate, managed to free himself and crawled to the home of a neighbor yesterday.

Hospital officials said the fifth grader was given blood transfusions which restored his strength. A jagged leg wound and severed artery were expected to heal.

PAY RAISE

PORTLAND (AP)—A new salary schedule was announced Friday for teachers in Multnomah County outside Portland. Annual wage increases ranging from \$200 to \$330 were granted. They will be in addition to the regular increments.

Building Workers Get Pay Raise

PORTLAND (AP)—A new wage agreement granting a 7-cent hourly increase to construction workers was announced Friday by the Associated General Contractors and AFL building laborers' union.

The new pay scale, which goes into effect Monday, will increase the basic wage for some 6,000 Oregon laborers to \$2.17 an hour with specialists getting up to \$2.67 an hour.

This is the first agreement reached in current building trade negotiations, a management spokesman reported. Agreements are yet to be made with carpenters, cement finishers and iron workers.

ASTORIA YOUTH FACES CHARGE

EL RENO, Okla. (AP)—Two men being held here in connection with the bludgeoning slaying of a Hollywood movie talent scout Saturday signed waivers of extradition back to California.

El Reno Police Chief Lee Harvey said the men, Leo J. Densmore, 23, Los Angeles, and George Edward Long, 24, Astoria, Ore., voluntarily signed the waivers but added they continue to refuse to talk.

The two were picked up here Thursday night while driving the car of David L. Johnston, 30, hands some talent scout. His bludgeoned body was found Wednesday at his home in Van Nuys, Calif.

Harvey said the pair admitted seeing Johnston at 2 a.m. Wednesday but would not say anything more.

They still won't say anything but they agreed they might as well go back to California voluntarily, Harvey said.

Inventories High In Most Lines But Bright Spots Seen In Nations Economy

By WALTER BREEDE JR. NEW YORK (AP)—Inventories loomed as an immediate and urgent problem for many businessmen this week. But the advice from industry leaders was: "Hang on tight for a little while; things will soon get better."

Brighter spots on the business scene included a developing boom in new construction.

Meanwhile the inventory question popped up at all levels from the factory down to the local retail store.

Ward's Automotive Reports said dealers' stocks of unsold 1954 cars on Jan. 31 "eased to a new all-time record." No improvement is likely, said Ward's until the end of March.

A panel of top economists told Congress that the softest spot in the economy right now is the curtailment of production dictated in many lines by swollen inventories.

Government statisticians reported year-end were still \$3,800,000,000 dollars higher than at the end of 1952. This despite a December dip of 2 1/2 billion, nearly all of it at the retail level. Manufacturers' inventories actually increased in December. It was noted.

The Labor Department said a drop of 300,000 in factory employment from mid-December to mid-January was the sharpest decline for that period since 1949.

Soft goods (wearing apparel, textiles, shoes), may be in somewhat better shape than "hard" lines, it was indicated. W. Ray Bell, president of the Association of Cotton Textile Merchants, said in his annual report that the textile mills, with three years of almost continuous inventory adjustment behind them, can look for an improvement soon. Textile prices are at rock bottom, he declared, and they should turn upward "in the not-distant future."

Counted among the optimists this week were the two chief partners of the nation's biggest brokerage house, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Beane. Said Charles E. Merrill and Winthrop H. Smith: "The long-term future of American business was never brighter."

Robert Lazarus, Columbus, Ohio, department store tycoon, said he looks for "a good retail year—awfully good."

New construction put in place in January was at "a near record level" for the season, the Commerce and Labor Departments reported. E. W. Dodge Corp. said the nearly \$1,150,000,000 of new construction contracts awarded east of the Rockies last month made it the biggest January on record.

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Jet Fighter Crash Kills Young Pilot

VANCOUVER, B.C. (AP)—A U.S. Air Force F86D Sabre Jet, lost in rain-shrouded skies with useless instruments, crashed Friday on a mountain rising abruptly from the harbor here. The pilot was killed.

Piloted by Lt. Lamar J. Barlow, 25, of Tacoma, Wash., the Sabre crashed in snow at the 2,500-foot level of Grouse Mountain, a popular ski playground. The U.S. Air Force at McChord, Wash., confirmed that Barlow died in the crash.

Wreckage was found 100 yards away from a chairlift climbing the peak. It's a six-mile drive from downtown Vancouver to the foot of the lift.

Pilot Barlow, married but childless, was last heard from just after noon Friday when he reported he was at 20,000 feet 15 miles northwest of the Vancouver airport.

Stationed at McChord Field, near Tacoma, with the 485th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron, he was on a practice flight.

First word of trouble came in repeated calls of "May Day," the call, from Pilot Barlow.

He reported he was 60 miles north and that his instruments had failed.

Radar crews picked up the lone jet and guided it through the murk to a point 15 miles north. After asking for permission to make an emergency landing at the Vancouver airport, Barlow disappeared. He had only 45 minutes fuel left.

An air search was started, then called off for the night at dusk.

David Bouhey, a skier making his way in darkness to one of the many small cabins on the slopes, found pieces of the wreckage scattered in the snow.

Friendly Mailman Hits Jackpot

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—Postman Jack Eldridge hit a mailman's jackpot yesterday.

As he delivered his mail, he found a present in nearly every box. Neighbors learned Eldridge and his wife were expecting their first child and decided to surprise their friendly postman.

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Large advertisement for 'The Payroll Savings Plan' featuring a photo of F. A. Squires and text: 'The Payroll Savings Plan helped me save over \$6,000.00! IT WILL WORK FOR YOU, TOO! says F. A. Squires of Naperville, Ill.' and 'How many times have you said, "Sure, I'd love to save some money. But on my pay, I just can't." Probably, like most people, you've said it often. The answer for you is the one that worked for him. Investing in Savings Bonds through Uncle Sam's simple systematic Payroll Savings Plan!'

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