



PVT. RICHARD S. WALKER, USMC, Camp Pendleton, California, has returned to his base after spending 10 days leave with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Newton Walker, 2330 Oak Street.



PATRICIA HICKEY, WAC, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Niles Hickey, Gilchrist, completed basic training at Fort McClellan, Alabama, recently and has been assigned to Fort MacArthur, California, as a clerk-typist. She is a graduate of Gilchrist High School.

Former Klamath Resident Dies

Word has been received of the death on December 7 at The Dalles, of a former resident of Klamath County, Henry Francis Ezell, who farmed near Klamath Falls on Summers Lane for many years. He lived here for 45 years until August of this year. He was 78 years old.

Mr. Ezell was born at Gardnerville, Nevada, September 15, 1876. Funeral services were held in The Dalles December 10. Surviving are a brother, James M. Ezell of The Dalles, a niece and six nephews.

Relatives here include a sister-in-law, Mrs. Margaret E. Ezell, three nephews, Stanley, Wesley and Irving Ezell and a niece, Mrs. Beulah Cotter.

RECOGNITION NEW DELHI (AP) — India has decided to extend de facto recognition to the Indochina kingdom of Laos and will establish a consulate general there in the next few months, Deputy Foreign Minister A. K. Chandra announced Wednesday.

FEE BERLIN (AP) — A West Berlin doctor said Wednesday he has been unable to collect a 2,000 mark (\$476) fee which he is asking from Soviet officials for consultations connected with Joseph Stalin's health in March 1953. He is Dr. Fritz Heese.

State Game Officials Plan Battle For Loaded Gun Law

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR. SALEM (AP) — The Game Commission is getting ready for the third round in its attempt to make it illegal to carry loaded guns in automobiles. It lost the first two rounds in the 1951 and 1953 legislatures while being convinced by Eastern Oregon ranchers that such a law would make it impossible for them to hunt coyotes and other predatory animals.

Lakeview High Plans Concert

LAKEVIEW — A Christmas concert by the Lakeview High School Band and Chorus will be featured at the December 20 PTA meeting, according to Mr. and Mrs. Carter Fetsch, PTA co-presidents. The concert will be at 8 o'clock at the Bernard Daly School. James Arment, band director, announces the band selections will include: "The Christmas Suite for Band," two professional marches, "Joy to the World," and "Angels We Have Heard on High."

The commission will make another try next month when the 1953 Legislature meets. The commission will argue that making it illegal to carry loaded guns in cars would reduce hunting deaths and injuries, make it easier for police to arrest criminals, and curb the unlawful practice of hunting from automobiles.

Christmas Piano Recital Planned

LAKEVIEW — Pupils of Mrs. Herbert H. Sanderson will appear in her annual Christmas tree piano recital December 18 at 8 o'clock at the First Presbyterian Church. Students playing are: Bruce MacKay, Linda Fletcher, John Bach, Pat Hanson, Miriam Griffin, Gordon Griffin, Mary Alice Stephens, James Griener, Dennis Hanson, Graham Mercer, Judy Kelso, Ann Mercer, Ruthie Troxell, David Morris, Sharon Wallace, Kerry Adams, Carol Kelso, David Brattain, Leslie Miller, Susan Brattain, Barbara Knudson, Richard Taylor, Lorna Toner, Sharon Drinkwater, Marjery Blair, Mary Lee Scoville, Arpad Kovacs, David Griffin, Craig MacKay and Susan Julier.

SUICIDE

TOKYO (AP) — The suicide rate in the land of hara kiri spurted to a postwar high of 54 persons a day average during the first five months of this year. The Welfare Ministry said the rate was up to 20.2 from last year's 19.6 per 100,000 population. It blamed economic distress.

INVESTIGATION

HAKODATE, Japan (AP) — A 617-ton training ship from Hokkaido University's fisheries department left Wednesday to investigate tuna fishing grounds in the Indian Ocean. Kyodo News Services reported.

State Budget Director L. J. Young says he'll have the new state budget completed by Dec. 30. It won't be a nice Christmas present for the Legislature, either. It will show that, for the two years beginning next July 1, Oregon's expenses will be \$60,000,000 more than its revenues. About \$50,000,000 of this could be raised by a property tax.

That means that \$10,000,000 of new revenue, or \$15,000,000 a year, will have to be found from new tax sources. Where will the Legislature get \$15,000,000 a year more? There will be another hard-fought battle to pass a sales tax, already defeated five times by the people. The Republican leadership in the Legislature has consistently favored a sales tax, but the Democrats have fought it.

The State Tax Commission says a 2 per cent sales tax would raise \$40,000,000 a year. If the people approved it, the state would be rolling in money. If such a tax exempted food bought in grocery stores, it still would raise \$15,000,000 a year.

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