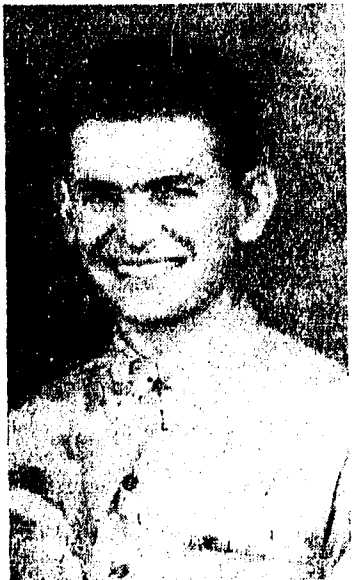




**Service Folks**  
T/Sergeant JOSEPH LELAND HUDTLOFF, son of the Ted Hudtloffs of Calpella and brother of David Hudtloff, is serving in Army



**Joseph Leland Hudtloff**  
Field Artillery Radio and he writes, "Don't look for me until the war's over." He's been around since he entered the service November 13, 1941. He's seen duty on Attu, been in action in the Philippines fighting from the first. Born in Sacramento on June 24, 1920, this young man was holder of the unusual record of attending school for five years without missing a day. He went to Calpella school and Ukiah high school. The above picture of him was taken in the Hawaiian Islands.

★ **JAMES EDWARD DOWLEN**, water tender third class in the navy, is spending a leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Dow-



**James Edward Dowlen**  
son of 309 Clara avenue. "Jimmie" Dowlen has been on active sea duty in the Pacific for nearly one year. He has seen action in seven battles, the last of which was the battle fought on Leyte in the Philippines. He will be here until January 9.

★ For exceptional gallantry in action the Silver Star has been awarded Staff Sergeant WILLIS A. RAY of Ukiah, who was reported missing in action July 28 Sergeant Ray, leader of a medical section with the Second Armored Division in France, volunteered to treat and evacuate several wounded soldiers near Villebaudon France. Moving through heavy fire from both German and American artillery and machine guns he succeeded in carrying several to safety, but failed to return from his last trip.

★ Private ROBERT MITCHELL has been injured in action in the Philippines, according to letter the young man writes to his mother, Mrs. George Dane. He evidently was wounded Thanksgiving Day because he mentions it will be one Thanksgiving he will never forget. At the time of writing he said he was able to sit up in bed and said not to worry, that he was "doing all right." His injury was evidently a shrapnel wound in the thigh. His mother believes he may be coming home soon from information he gave in the letter. "Bob" has been in the service since January, 1943, and is an expert machine gunner with the 34th U. S. Infantry. He was born, reared and educated in Ukiah. To date of December 18, Mrs. Dane had not received government notification that her son had been wounded and his letter was the first intimation after a space of no news from Bob. He said he had not received any letters or packages for some time. For friends wishing to write, Bob's address is given here: Pfc. Robert E. Mitchell, 39408151, Company K, 34th Inf., APO 24, Care Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

★ From RALPH "Bud" PRATHER who is in the U. S. Marines, Christmas cards have been received, indicating that he was trans-ocean bound on December 7



# Dispatch Democrat

UKIAH, MENDOCINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1944

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## FIRE SCORCHES VEVODA'S GARAGE BUILDING

**Damage Held To Repair Shop Supply Room**

Fire in the repair shop of Vevoda Motor Sales garage at School and Smith streets did an undetermined amount of damage early Wednesday evening.

Fire Chief Harley Moore believes that spontaneous ignition of oil soaked rags and work clothes is responsible for the second garage fire in less than three weeks.

Although confined to the repair parts room the damage was considerable. The fire was difficult to reach and resisted the efforts of the department for a considerable time before brought under control. Merchandise and machinery in the room were damaged and destroyed and tires and other supplies stored above the room came in for a share of the loss. The walls and ceiling of the room were damaged to an extent that they will have to be entirely rebuilt.

The repair shop is located at the north end of the Vevoda building and contained a number of cars and other vehicles for repair. The dense smoke filled the building and billowed out on the School street side in such volume that the entire structure appeared on fire inside.

Fire conscious since the disastrous Norgard garage holocaust of December 11, and in spite of disagreeable weather conditions, Ukiahans turned out in considerable numbers and variously habited.

## James L. Howard, Pioneer Son, Died At Elk Home

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 Friday afternoon at the First Baptist church, Ukiah, for James L. Howard who passed away Wednesday, December 27, at his ranch home near Elk. Rev. Leonard Brown, pastor of the church, will officiate and the services will be in charge of Grace Cannarr of Fort Bragg.

James L. Howard is the last of the 12 children of the late Rev. Mark L. and Rachael Howard, and was born at Ukiah in 1856.

His life devoted to farming, James Howard at one time owned what is now the Kirby Ford ranch north of Ukiah, which he sold and purchased a large acreage near Elk, which was his home at the time of death.

Of his family of wife and two children his daughter, Mrs. Gertrude Beall of Elk, survives. With her and her sons, James and Edward, Mr. Howard had made his home on his ranch, James Beall being in charge. The grandson, Edward, has just returned from France, where he was wounded in action.

## Smith Sentenced To San Quentin for Robbery

George Smith, local mechanic who violated his terms of probation, will go to San Quentin prison to begin his indeterminate sentence of from one to ten years with the New Year.

Smith was placed under ten-year probation by Superior Judge W. D. L. Held after a plea of guilty of charges of robbing a Coyote valley rancher with whom he had been drinking at a local bar. Smith took a purse containing \$800 from his friend's shirt pocket and left the saloon. He was arrested by Ukiah police, who recovered the money.

According to members of the police force Smith had never abided by the terms of his parole in the matter of drink and a certain lady friend, and when he went to Santa Rosa with her and was arrested for disturbing the peace, his parole was revoked.

### HAS SECOND STROKE

Suffering a second stroke of paralysis Wednesday night, Mrs. F. A. Yates is in serious condition at the home of Mrs. Alice Watkins, 648 Walnut avenue. Dr. J. H. Hansen is in attendance.

## C. C. Official Ballot Mailed Tuesday

**Count to Be Made Saturday Afternoon**

Final ballots in the election of five directors for Ukiah Chamber of Commerce were mailed out Tuesdays. These ballots carried names of the ten members of the chamber who received the highest number of votes in the "primary" voting of last week.

To elect the five new directors vote for your five favorites among the ten names on the "official" ballot. Do it today and get the marked ballot back to the chamber headquarters at the earliest possible moment.

Names appearing on the official ballot as the ten candidates from which five are to be selected are: E. H. Balyeat, Herb Cochrane, Luther Hansen, Nemes Smith, Esther Redwine, Louis Loosley, Ray Walsh, W. H. Brown, George Bartlett and Herman Runkel.

The total number of primary votes cast was 65 which is a fair representation of the active membership. All members have received the final ballot and the expressed preference for the five to be chosen should be by a substantially large representation.

The present board membership consists of George Anderson, E. H. Balyeat, Carl Daubeneck, Edgar Dutton, Karl Holzhauser, Fred Nassie, Walter Sandelin, Arthur Schilder, Nemes Smith and Ray Walsh. Nassie, Daubeneck, Dutton, Schilder and Holzhauser are the holdovers.

All ballots should be marked and in the mail not later than Friday morning. The official count is to be made Saturday afternoon.

## Vineyard Owner Sued for Cancelled Agreement

J. A. Waldteufel is defendant in a civil action filed by Charles Rovera, December 20. Judgment is sought for the sum of \$694, costs of suit, etc.

Rovera claims that an agreement between himself and Waldteufel in March, 1944, whereby Rovera was to receive the cuttings from Waldteufel's vineyard in Redwood Valley, was broken last September when Waldteufel notified Rovera that he would not be allowed to perform the work specified by the contract nor take the 1945 cuttings, which are valued at \$750.

Rovera deducts what he claims would have been the cost to himself in pruning and digging around the vines had he been allowed to do the work and asks for \$694, the difference between the value of the cuttings and his costs for the work.

Hale McCowen is attorney for Rovera.

## Sleeping Facilities at Jail Are the Bunk

Awhile back, when guests at the county jail worked overtime to take the old shack apart, they wrecked two of the bunks getting the iron bars with which they hoped to escape.

Prisoners are confined in the cage where the accommodations are for 16 persons. Today the guest list is 19 and the sleeping facilities are two short of the customary 16.

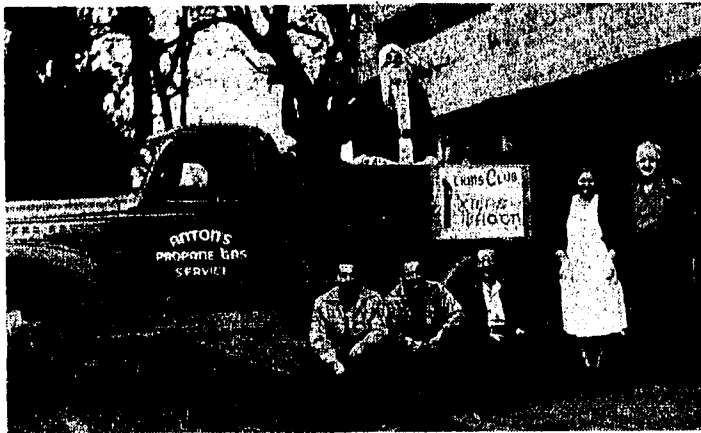
Perhaps not in years has the bastille guest list contained the names of so many super bad boys. Right now there is a preponderance of ex-convicts among those present.

## Mrs. Herbert Shuster Is Suing for Divorce

A complaint filed the day after Christmas by Emily Shuster, through the law firm of Burke & Rawles, charges that her husband, Herbert Shuster, in a little over six months after their Reno wedding, "disregarding the solemnity of his marriage vows, wilfully and without cause deserted and abandoned" her, against her will and without her consent.

The Shusters were married July 3, 1940, and the separation complaint of took place on January 15, 1941.

## LIONS CLUB CHRISTMAS JOY CHARIOT



His reindeer being unable to travel in the mild winter climate of Ukiah valley, Santa Claus was compelled to enlist the aid of Ukiah Lions in the distribution of Christmas cheer among local children and stepped up his schedule to arrive in Ukiah Saturday afternoon. Enlisted as his aids and shown here from left to right are Al Anton, Carl Daubeneck, Dan Cohen, Edith Kronk and Jack O'Callaghan. Starting out at 2:30 sharp, Santa distributed candy to more than 90 children before he had completed his rounds, and had visited more than a score of homes where Christmas needed a bit of a lift. Children at the Albertinum home and shut-ins at the county detention home were remembered. Chap Williams, another member of the Lions party, is present, incognito.

DEMOCRAT ENGRAVING

—Schneider Photo

## City Asked To Join Flood Control

V. M. Moir, representing the Russian River Flood Control Association, was before the city council at their meeting of Wednesday night and explained the aims of the association's flood control program and asked that Mayor or Poulos name a member of the council to the committee representing the cities and counties of the basin.

The council adopted resolutions expressing the city's appreciation to the Mendocino State Hospital firemen for their prompt and effective aid during the recent fire which destroyed the Norgard garage and contents.

Dr. J. H. Hansen's report on the state of the city's health showed no serious contagions active at this time. However, he did urge serious consideration of the menace offered by the presence of rats. An order was made for the purchase of an oil burning water heater for the municipal clubhouse and R. F. Clarke was authorized to buy such a heater for the city at a cost of approximately \$1100.

The proposed truck route through the city was discussed at some length and a decision made to seek local help in finding the cost of the right-of-way and needed structures before making the survey.

A five-year contract with Vincent Lotti for exclusive rights of garbage disposal was approved.

## Buells Hear From Son In Jap Prison Camp

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Buell of Redwood Valley this week received the first word in over a year from their son Edward, who is a prisoner of war of Japan in the Osaka camp. The letter is brief and was written on typical Japanese paper, without date or cancellation. It said the writer had received letters from home in August, 1933, and January, 1944; that he was in good health, and wondered how Orrin and the "new place" were doing. He said he was looking forward to quite a vacation when "this little excursion is over," and mentions that he probably won't know the kids when he sees them. Edward Buell is water tender first class, now 28 years of age, and has been with the navy since October, 1933, except for two years.

## Ivan Myers Interned In Japan

The first word which his family at Hopland has had of Ivan Myers in 18 months was contained in a message picked up in this country during a recent propaganda broadcast from Japan. Myers is a civilian internee held a prisoner at Osaka.

The message said, "I am still alive and in good health. I hope to see you soon and may this message relieve your mind. Would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

Mr. Myers' son Wilbur is a sergeant with the air forces in England for more than a year.

## Swindler Doubles His Take

The fictitious check man who nicked the Fraga hardware store \$15 on a check for \$56.50 worked the same swindle, the same day, at Portlock's hardware.

At Portlock's, as at Fraga's, he purchased a number of articles of hardware and had them made ready for delivery, to be taken out and paid for in the afternoon, when his employer got in from the country and wrote him a pay check.

The two checks tendered in payment were for identical amounts, made payable to the same person, signed with the name of C. L. Crawford and gave a fictitious rural route and box numbers and Hopland as the post office. Except for the box numbers both checks were as alike as could be. At both places the goods purchased were left in the store and the balance between the amount of the checks and the goods was around \$15 each.

## Ukiahans Pleased With High School's Annual Concert

A representative audience of music lovers was delighted Thursday evening with the Christmas concert by the Ukiah high school music department under the direction of M. Murov. Appreciation of the musical treat is evidenced by the very favorable comment from those who attended.

The program was pretentious in its length and in variety and theme. High school band and chorus and the combined high school and community orchestras each had major parts in the program, which reflected great credit on the school, the director and members of the organizations who gave their time and talents to rehearsals which brought the program to its point of perfection.

## Return to Ukiah and Buy Property on Jones

Mr. and Mrs. William Lewis, former residents, who have owned extensive real estate in Ukiah which they disposed of some time ago to remove to Oroville, returned last week and have bought the former Dr. G. T. Barklow home at Dora and Jones streets and will again make their home in Ukiah, this time they say, for good. This property, built about nine years ago, is a five-room residence, with service porch and faces on Jones street. The transaction was made through the Fred Nassie real estate offices.

### AT CRAWFORD HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Crawford and son, Lieut. Philip Crawford, home from foreign service, and daughter Patricia entertained in their home on Christmas day. The family gathering included Mr. and Mrs. Charles Crawford, Jr., and two children and Mr. Crawford's sister-in-law, Miss Betty Davidson of Fort Bragg; Mrs. Nellie Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. Perle Crawford and Mr. and Mrs. Herb Lawford.

## ALLENTHORP MILL WORKER IN FRESNO JAILBREAK

**Wheelbarrow Man Was Under Shadow**

Mendocino county authorities have a certain interest in the capture of the five prisoners who broke from the Fresno jail on December 14.

One of the escapes was Clarence James Morris, brother-in-law of Jean Ridgway, 18, who was taken from the Morris home at Wheelbarrow ranch last October after a neighbor woman had written Sheriff Broadbuss of her suspicions that the girl was being used by her sister and husband in immoral traffic.

The neighbor had also written the girl's mother in Kansas who sent money for her daughter's fare home and this was turned over to Broadbuss when he and Deputies White and Hollingsworth went to Wheelbarrow. The girl was brought to Ukiah and kept at the detention home for a few days until she would consent to go to Kansas. A ticket was purchased and she was put aboard a bus which she rode to San Francisco and then doubled back to her sister's home.

Soon after this happened the family left the neighborhood and it is believed the sisters went to Kansas. Morris was arrested in Fresno county for a brutal rape and was one of the five who broke jail early in December.

Morris was employed at the Allenthorp mill. When the sheriff and his deputies called at his home for the girl Morris showed a disposition to oppose the officers and his attitude very nearly got him into trouble.

## Mayor Poulos Attends War Chest V-Meet

Mayor Paul Poulos attended the recent victory meeting of the California War Chest drive at San Francisco at which time Mayor General Julian C. Smith, commanding the Department of the Pacific, U. S. Marine Corps, was guest speaker.

General Smith spoke of the importance of continuing the splendor of work of the USO in this country, and its camp shows abroad, as of the utmost importance in maintaining the high morale of our fighting force.

### SECOND CHILD IS DAUGHTER

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ceccearelli of Talmage have a little daughter born in the wee, sma' hours of Wednesday morning, December 20, at Ukiah General Hospital. The baby, who weighed 8 1/2 pounds at birth, is the second child, the elder child being a son aged two and one-half years. Dr. Nicholas Zbitnoff was the physician attending.

## OPA Puts on New Food Restrictions; Says Stocks Down

To clarify the recent order of the Office of Price Administration which cancelled without notice all but current ration stamps and returned unrationed meats and vegetables to the lists of rationed foods, the Ukiah headquarters of OPA has issued the following statement for the benefit of Redwood Journal readers:

## LABOR SHORTAGE ON FARMS GROWS ACUTE HERE

**Now Need Over Hundred Pruners In Valley**

Mendocino county is developing a farm labor shortage which threatens to become acute unless a lot of folks with nothing more important to do take off their coats and pitch in and help the farmers and vineyardists catch up on the important matter of their winter chores.

Right now among vineyardists, says Erwin Ransdell, Mendocino county farm placement manager, one hundred pruners could be put to work. This particular phase of farm work is away behind its normal schedule and he urges that anyone who has had any experience of this kind, and not engaged in equally vital work, contact the farm labor office in Ukiah or get in touch with some grower.

Ransdell says the shortage is not confined to this locality, but that the situation here compares to that found throughout the county insofar as the farms, ranches and vineyards are concerned.

Aside from being behind their normal schedule the vineyardists and farmers are now contending with weather conditions which is to put them further behind unless additional help is forthcoming.

It appears that the present situation has been brought about to some extent by the exodus of workers who have been here for the past three or four years. Many of these have gone back to the bay districts to re-engage in work there, others, perhaps thinking that the war was about over, have returned to the middle west, from whence they came.

Whatever the reason is, this is no time for idle hands, says Ransdell. The prospects are for another year of war and food shortage at such a time could easily jeopardize the whole situation.

Paul Grothe, Bell Springs rancher, was in Ukiah Tuesday on business at the office of the farm advisor.

"After a study of food supply reports from the War Food Administration, OPA announces that changes in rationing have been necessary because of the unpredictable shift in war conditions.

"Present estimates from the supply agencies indicate that we will have less meat, butter, sugar and processed foods for civilian consumption in the first quarter of 1945 than in any year of the war. Stocks are low. There is no food crisis, but in order to distribute supplies more evenly throughout the country and in order to insure that all American families will have an equal chance to redeem their ration stamps for their fair shares of scarce foods, the rationing program must be tightened.

"Although it has always been the government's intention to give advance notice of invalidation of ration currency, it was obvious that with stocks low, this action had to be taken overnight for the protection of the majority of consumers who have only current stamps. If advance announcement had been made, old coupons in the hands of a few who apparently did not need them in 1944, would have put a heavy drain on stocks, making it impossible for housewives who have only current coupons to redeem them.

"With working stocks of some foods low and the European war continuing with greater intensity

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## License Renewal Will Begin Tuesday January 2

New license plates, the first in four years, will be available to motor vehicle owners beginning Tuesday morning, January 2.

Only one plate will be issued for each vehicle and it will be displayed on the rear. The vehicle owner may obtain the plate by presenting his 1944 registration card (white slip) and the correct amount of the fee as shown in the lower left portion of the card.

The 1944 registration card must show the present address of the applicant and if the applicant has moved he should cross out the old address and print in the new carefully in ink. The 1945 registration card will be mailed to the address shown on the old card.

## CLASSIFIED ADS New This Issue

(ADDITIONAL ADS ON PAGE TWO)

## FRED ORR WANTS

TYPEWRITER, electric drill, floor jack, two 1/4-horse electric motors, Porto-Power body jack, acetylene welding gauge, electric grinder, and any other equipment you have pertaining to body, paint and trimming shop. This is urgently needed.

**FRED ORR**  
Ukiah Auto Body Shop  
301 South State Phone 604

**MAN WANTED** for Rawleigh route. Real opportunity. We help you get started. Write Rawleigh's, Dept. CAL-106-0, Oakland, Calif. 7411p

**CANARY BIRDS WANTED**—Give description and price each. Simon's Notion Store, 884 Main, Fortuna. 7411p

**LOST**—Thursday, in Ukiah, large black shepherd dog with little tan on feet, answers to Zipper, county license 4117; last seen Sunday in Ukiah. Reward will be paid by owner, Wiley Brooks, Potter Valley, for return of dog to poundmaster. 7412c

**WANTED**—Either Chambers gas cook stove or elec. range. Box 764, The Journal. 7413p

**FOR SALE**  
Two-burner Hot Plate  
Writing Desk  
Innerspring Mattress  
Used Chest of Drawers  
GOSSETT'S USED FURNITURE  
Phone 823 7411p

**FOR SALE**—1936 Ford V-8 four-door sedan, good condition, five good tires, 408 Mill St., phone 754R. 7413p

**FOR SALE**—No. 12 DeLaval cream separator, good condition; \$20. 221 Ford St. 7413p

**FOR SALE**—Neon sign, lettering "Waffle Shop." Call 59W or see at Borden's restaurant. 7411c

**FOR SALE**—Near Talmage, 5-rm. furnished modern home, corner lot 70x200, fine shrubs and trees, ideal location, furniture new; price \$4500; without furniture \$3750. Fred A. Nassie, phone 7413c

**IF YOU** have anything to sell, bring it to auction sale at Ukiah on Tuesday, January 9. 7411c

**FOR SALE**—Hop sacks and farm equipment. Mert Lortz, Hopland. 7413p

**FOR SALE**—Lady's navy blue coat, red fox fur collar, good condition. Ph. 715. 7411c

**AUTO TOPS**  
Cushions rebuilt like new.  
UPHOLSTERING  
Auto Painting

**Acme Body & Fender Shop**  
L. B. UNDERHILL  
745 North State Phone 112

**WANTED**—Board and room and wood cutting in Redwood Valley. Box 47, Calpella. 7411p

**NOTICE**  
WILL customers please call at C. C. Starke's electric shop, 200 Mason, before January 15 for work left there. 7410p

**FOR HIRE**—Five-ton flat rack truck with driver. Bob Salzberger, ph. 31 Y 13, Redwood Valley. 7413p

**WANTED**—Fryer rabbits, 4 to 6 pounds. Phone 191; will call. 7413p

**FOR SALE**—Sump or basement pump, 1 1/4-inch outlet; \$40. R. A. Trucker, 315 Clara avenue. Call after 5 p. m. 7413p

**WANTED TO RENT**—4-room furnished house; permanent. Ph. 1433. Vanita Smoley. 7416p