

EVERETT RENTS UP 3.4 PER CENT

Residential rents in Everett rose 3.4 per cent between September of last year and January of this year, according to a survey made by the division of research and statistics of the Work Projects Administration. It was announced today by George R. Stuntz, state administrator.

The rent increase was 7 per cent between September of 1940 and January of this year, Stuntz said. Tenants occupying homes in the lower-rent brackets had the greatest proportionate increase, the survey showed.

The survey was made at the request of the Office of Price Administration. It was shown that there was a rent reduction in only 3 per cent of the city's dwellings.

Club to Hear Rupp

Nassak Club members meeting tomorrow night at the Central Y. M. C. A. will hear Wellington Rupp, past president of the club and the man who engineered the city's first and only trial blackout. Speak on "Civilian Defense."



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CHINESE START RIGHT



Training starts early for Chinese children these wartime days. Here the twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Chin, shown with their mother, wear "China" buttons at the age of 2 days. They were born in Seattle General Hospital Monday. The baby on the left weighed 4 pounds 8 ounces, the other 5 pounds 14 ounces. Their father is a curio shop employe. Nurses dubbed the twins the "Double Chins."

\$3,000 for Alki Repairs
The City Council harbor and public grounds committee yesterday afternoon approved appropriation of \$3,000 for repairing and painting the Alki Fieldhouse and natatorium and \$2,000 for grading the Loyal Heights playground.

Indians Discharge Japanese From Oyster-Opening Jobs

In the interests of defense, Indians of the Swinomish Indian Reservation have discharged four alien Japanese oyster operators working for the Indians in LaConner, it was announced today in Seattle.

O. C. Upchurch, superintendent of the Indian agency, made the announcement during a business trip here. Upchurch has charge of about 4,000 Indians in thirteen tribes living in seven counties, and is acting coordinator for Northwest Indian agencies.

Four American-born Japanese still are working in the oyster-opening business, but these too will be let go at the end of the oyster season, probably in less than a month.

Oyster Business Profitable
The Japanese were employed by the Indians to teach Indians the difficult and delicate work of oyster opening, so that Indians themselves can do all the work of their profitably operated and self-administered oyster industry, begun in 1938 with the planting of 600 cases of Japanese oysters. More recent plantings have been made with seed oysters from Willapa Harbor, Upchurch said.

LaConner residents complained of the employment of Japanese by the Indians, fearing their proximity to Fort Whiteman, a suburb of Fort Worden, and possible establishment of a Japanese colony there. Upchurch said the four Japanese still retained work in the oyster-opening house at LaConner, a safe distance from the fort. No Japanese are employed in the oyster beds, which are about a mile from the fort, he said.

Insufficient Notice Charged

"3. Our present contract provides that any grievance which cannot be settled by the business representatives of both organizations will be submitted to the executive board of both organizations and, before a strike can be called, we shall go before the Central Labor Council, which will endeavor to effect a settlement. These provisions of the agreement were not complied with by your organization and I think you will agree that 24 hours' notice is insufficient time to negotiate a contract such as this one."

The letter closed with the comment that: "After 20 years' negotiations which have been carried out according to our agreements, in the past, we did not anticipate the procedure followed by your organization."

Retail meat prices in Seattle now average 22 per cent higher than a year ago, according to dealers, who declare that any wage increases must be absorbed by consumers. Employers said wholesale-price increases have so narrowed the profit for retailers that they cannot absorb any part of the wage increases themselves.

The food committee of the Seattle Municipal Defense Commission yesterday telegraphed a request to Price Administrator Leon Henderson to take steps to "curb high prices of meat and other commodities in the Seattle defense area."

Henderson's office, which has broad price-control powers especially designed to be effective in primary war-industry centers, was asked to designate federal officials or a federal agency to come into Seattle to investigate the food-cost situation.

300 MEAT SHOPS ALEUTIANS GRAB REOPEN; PAY UP BY JAPS SEEN

Seattle's independently owned meat shops, totaling about 300, reopened today under an agreement granting the \$10 weekly pay raise asked by the Meat Cutters' Union, but the operators immediately filed notice to reopen the wage discussions.

Chain-operated shops, totaling some 125, still were closed in the strike, which began last Friday morning. Union officials met late yesterday with Federal Conciliator Charles A. Wheeler and representatives of the Retail Food Industries line, with which major chains are affiliated, to discuss the strike situation, but no settlement was agreed upon.

I. W. Ringer, secretary-manager of the Seattle Retail Meat Dealers' Association, the independent organization, yesterday signed a wage-increase agreement for the remainder of his group which had not previously agreed individually to accept union requests.

The revised schedule provides for an increase for journeymen from \$45 to \$55 per week, and for managers and foremen of from \$50 to \$60. Extra men, usually employed Fridays and Saturdays at \$8 and \$9 a day, were raised to \$10 and \$11.

Ringer's letter stated that his organization wished to reopen the new contract for negotiation in accordance with the provision which permits such reopening by either party upon 15 days' notice in writing.

The reason for filing such notice of reopening were given as follows: "1. We feel, through no fault of ours, we were not given sufficient time to negotiate this supplementary agreement, as provided by our contract."

Special privileges were granted many of our organization which were not granted to others. This caused hardship on a great many members of our organization, which we could not allow to continue.

"2. The letter closed with the comment that: 'After 20 years' negotiations which have been carried out according to our agreements, in the past, we did not anticipate the procedure followed by your organization.'"

The Seattle Association of Licensed Public Accountants will hold its monthly dinner meeting at the Hotel Gowman tomorrow evening at 6 o'clock.

Gets Wings BOY SNATCHES PURSE, GETS \$70



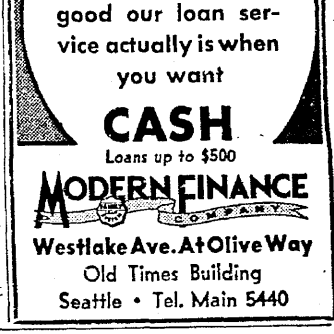
Ensign W. R. Stockard, 25-year-old Seattle youth, who received his wings last week at Corpus Christi, Tex., and has been selected for an officer's training course to become a pilot instructor. A former University of Washington and University of Texas student and graduate of Queen Anne High School, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Stockard, 2236 Franklin Ave. He is due in Seattle today on a 15-day furlough.

Australia is the oldest continent in the world, geologically.

A boy 9 or 10 years old snatched a purse containing \$70 in cash from Mrs. C. Wilkes, 311 Second Ave. N., as she was walking near Second Avenue North and Thomas Street late yesterday afternoon, Mrs. Wilkes reported to police.

Mrs. Wilkes said the boy asked how to get to a certain street, then grabbed her purse and ran. In addition to the cash, the purse contained keys and personal papers.

Sunrise Park Club
Sunrise Park Community Club will meet at 8 o'clock tonight at the home of Carl E. Anderson, 11708 Eighth Ave. N. E.





\$1,000,000 Damage From N. Y. Flood

ROCHESTER, N. Y., March 18.—(UP)—Flood waters from rain-swollen creeks and rivers in Western New York today, after causing an estimated \$1,000,000 damage to homes, highways and bridges.

492 Sterilized In State Under Illegal Law

OLYMPIA, March 18.—(UP)—Four hundred ninety-two persons in state institutions have been sterilized under the 1921 statute recently declared unconstitutional by the State Supreme Court.

The law provided for sterilization of certain mentally deficient and morally degenerate persons, and of habitual criminals. The 492 persons sterilized included all classes, voluntary and involuntary cases, said Director David E. Lockwood, who is in charge of state institutions.

The information he received from the various institutions was not classified as to individual cases. In addition to state institutional cases, there have been a considerable number of sterilizations in the various counties, many of the subjects submitting voluntarily.

Lockwood would not comment on the effect of the high court's action, with regard to those sterilized in the institutions.

Thief Returns Trousers, Asks Rebate; Jailed

Everett Lee Ellis, 37 years old, laborer, was unable to explain to Acting Police Judge Van C. Griffin why he demanded a rebate on a pair of trousers he stole yesterday in a central business district store. Ellis told the court that he had been drinking so much wine he didn't remember what happened.

Detective Lieut. Frank Borneman testified that Ellis stole the trousers and then attempted to return them for cash.

Judge Griffin sentenced Ellis to 20 days in jail for disorderly conduct and suspended 15 days of the sentence.

A writing desk and drawers to hold heading and clothing are included in a bed invented by a Chicago man for use in small rooms.

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