

FIRE PROTECTION LACK DENOUNCED

Marion's Grand Jury Finds Fault With Nine State Buildings at Salem.

SALEM, March 19.—(AP)—The Marion county grand jury stressed the alleged lack of fire protection in its completed report late yesterday on conditions in the nine state institutions in and near Salem.

In virtually every case the jurors pointed to the need for more fire extinguishers and automatic sprinkling systems. The institutions were generally found in good shape regarding cleanliness.

Better balanced meals were urged in some plants, as well as replacement of kitchen and tableware. The reports throughout called for larger expenditures by the state both for maintenance and for capital investment.

The jury returned its report after an inspection period covering three months during which all state

institutions were visited. The report on the physical condition of the Marion county courthouse submitted by the grand jury sharply criticized the physical construction of the structure. The building was termed a "veritable firetrap, ill arranged, badly ventilated and overcrowded." The jurors declared that "expenditure of any further sum of money on this building would be comparable to pouring taxpayers' money down a rat hole."

The report declared the jail was "not fit for human habitation," and recommended the janitor force be augmented.

SOCIETY

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V. Hogue, Mrs. Hugh Miller, Mrs. A. E. Carlson, Mrs. William Manning, Mrs. Walter Manning, Mrs. A. B. Grubbe, Mrs. Loyal Stearns and Mrs. H. O. Worthen.

THREE LADIES HONORED ON BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARIES

OAKLAND, March 19.—Mrs. Lizzie McCauley, Mrs. Edith Ackert and Mrs. Ada Davis were the honored guests Friday afternoon, March 13, when a number of their friends gathered at the home of Mrs. McCauley to celebrate the birthday anniversaries of the three ladies. The afternoon was spent in visiting and refreshments were served to Mrs. L. Kruse, Mrs. C. W. Wright, Mrs. Christina Weidman, Mrs. A. H. Goodman, Mrs. Alie Fickie, Mrs. C. H. Maupin, Mrs. Sarah Neas, Mrs. R. H. Wilkins, Mrs. William Morris, Mrs. Scott Goodman, Mrs. Jack Weyforth, Mrs. Hawley Manning, Mrs. Alfred Hand and Miss Esther Jones. The three honored guests were presented with a birthday cake apiece by their friends.

CARD PARTY HONORS PORTLAND GUESTS

OAKLAND, March 19.—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Oakley, of Portland, were honored guests at a "500" party Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E.

Highlights of Mardi Gras Fete



Rex greets his queen

Two of the highlights of the colorful Mardi Gras carnival at New Orleans came when Rex, in the person of R. E. Tipton, steamship official, greeted his queen, Miss Cora Jahneke, during the royal parade, and when Miss Augusta Walsley, daughter of Mayor T. Semmes Walsley, was crowned queen of the most exclusive carnival organization, Comas, at the annual ball.



Miss Augusta Walsley

Stearns. Seven tables of "500" were at play with Mr. and Mrs. Oakley winning the guest prize. Mr. and Mrs. Loyal Stearns won the high score prize and Mr. and Mrs. E. Carlson the consolation prize. Later in the evening dainty refreshments were served to Mr. and

Mrs. Charles Waer, Mr. and Mrs. Wendel Truitt, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Truitt, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Manning, Mr. and Mrs. William Manning, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Worthen, Mrs. Hugh Miller, Mrs. Estelle Garrison, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Grubbe, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Bridges and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Copeland.

RENTAL-BENEFIT SUM 580 MILLION

Rental and benefit payments to farmers cooperating in seven adjustment programs during the calendar year 1935 totaled \$580,821,074.38, according to a report issued by the controller of the agricultural adjustment administration.

The payments included \$130,969,459.25 to cotton producers; \$108,874,715.50 to wheat farmers; \$34,250,172.82 to tobacco farmers; \$237,872,609.00 to corn-hog farmers; \$57,003,822.90 to sugar producers; \$9,383,015.82 to rice growers, and \$2,429,249.93 to peanut farmers.

The total expenditures of the agricultural adjustment administration for the calendar year 1935 were \$701,830,501.81. These included, in addition to the rental and benefit payments: \$51,893,845.16 for drought relief, food conservation, and disease eradication operations; \$11,211,413.03 for removal and conservation of surplus; \$15,896,484.47 for trust fund operations under the Bankhead cotton and rice programs, and \$42,013,484.77 for general administrative expenses.

The total \$51,893,845.16 expended for drought relief, food conservation and disease eradication operations during 1935 included \$39,266,562.98 for cattle; \$5,415,963.60 for sheep and goats; \$7,15,118.47 for seed conservation and \$55,200.11 for feed and forage purchases.

OREGON EVENTS FLASHED FROM WIRE SERVICE

PORTLAND, Ore., March 19.—(AP)—Republican headquarters will be opened in Portland next week, Lowell C. Paget announced. Paget, who is president of the Oregon Republican club, said the republican national committee had designated the club as the medium for Oregon activities.

MARSHFIELD, Ore., March 19.—(AP)—Headlights shining from the bottom of Coos river led to the discovery of the car of Albert McCutcheon. His body was dragged from the stream a few hours later. The car was empty when brought ashore. Officials said the machine apparently plunged from the road which borders the stream. McCutcheon resided at Coos river.

PORTLAND, Ore., March 18.—(AP)—Deputy sheriffs said today Andrew Maki of Port Ludlow, Wash., admitted his story of being thrown into the Columbia river was a hoax. Maki reported to officers Tuesday night he was robbed of \$30 and thrown over the Interstate bridge. Deputy Sheriff Christofferson quoted him as saying, "well, you know how it is when a man is down and out." Officers donated him \$1.25.

PORT ORFORD, Ore., March 18.—(AP)—Salvage operations resulted in bringing to shore 436 casks of gasoline and lubricants and other cargo from the stranded steamer Phyllis. The boat was driven ashore last week when its officers decided it was leaking too badly to make port here.

PORTLAND, March 18.—(AP)—A circuit court jury awarded Harry M. Hindson a \$42,250 claim in his suit against the Portland Gas & Coke company. He said his health was impaired by a leaky gas meter at his residence. He asked for \$75,750 damages.

FOREST GROVE, March 18.—The Pacific university men and the Pacific college women debate teams were champions today of the Oregon Independent Association. Final standings in the men's section, which was completed last night, were: Pacific university won 7, lost 1; Pacific college won 5, lost 3; Linfield won 2, lost 3; Albany won 2, lost 4; Willamette won 1, lost 6.

PORTLAND, March 18.—Walter G. Redmond, president of St. Johns Townsend club, announced his candidacy for the republican nomination for state senator.

PORTLAND, March 18.—Death will stare traffic offenders in the face when they enter Municipal Judge Donald E. Long's court. He said today he will place in his court a map of Portland and place a red pin to show the location of each traffic fatality. There have been 24 already this year.

PORTLAND, March 18.—A thief who stole a tennis racket from St. Helen's hall junior college nine years ago had a clear conscience on that score today. The sister superior of St. Helen's received a \$5 bill and a note explaining it. "Although you probably can't find the owner now, this money is to be used by you for anything you may see fit."

PORTLAND, March 18.—State Representative Robert S. Farrell Jr. said today that more than 5,000 friends and supporters petitioned Ralph E. Williams to reconsider his previously announced intention not to seek reelection as republican national committeeman for Oregon.

CALL FOR DOUGLAS COUNTY WARRANTS

Notice is hereby given, that General Fund Warrants issued by Douglas County, Oregon (registered not paid for want of funds) prior to and including Warrant No. 25299, are called for payment on this, the 19th day of March, 1936. Interest ceases on this date. D. H. LENOX, Treasurer, Douglas County, Oregon.

Uncle Sam Confronted by 'Dirty' Task as Agriculturists Move to Conserve Soil

WASHINGTON (AP)—Soil is suddenly playing a stellar role in the nation's affairs. Soil must be conserved, says the federal government, and congress writes a conservation program as substitute for AAA.

For more than 300 years Americans have planted and reaped much as they pleased. Soil always has been waiting for use. Won't it always be there? Don't we raise too much wheat now? If we do, why worry about soil?

Soil is not just land and it isn't always dirt. It isn't earth. It's a special kind of all three. It's that living surface layer which produces plants richly in any given area.

Layer On Layer

Soil has layers. If you could dig up a ten-foot slice from the backyard you could see the different colors. That top layer is almost always the richest one. It is actually alive. There is bacterial and chemical action in it which produces the food that plants need.

It is rock that has been ground to dust by wind and rain and then enriched by decaying vegetation. It is a happy composite that nature turns out after long slow work. It actually takes 400 years to produce an inch of it.

Left alone, Mother Nature would wash away about that amount every 400 years. So there would be a slow, well-balanced change of the surface which would leave this valuable thing called "soil" on top. But 300 years ago the Mayflower landed at Plymouth Rock. It brought a busy tribe followed by

more of their kind. They plowed and planted and their ancestors are still doing it. The wild, protective plants and grasses were cleared from the land. The soil lay exposed to wind and rain between the rows of cotton and corn. It never got a chance to absorb decaying vegetation and rebuild its own health.

Now, in some places—particularly in the great, red plains of Oklahoma—soil conservation experts have found that soil washes away at the rate of 25.4 tons an acre every year. At that rate, say the experts, Old King Cotton can't grow there in another 40 years. The earth cotton needs will literally wash out from under it. And that's "erosion."

Crop Rotation Urged

This is the way simplified book-keeping on the nation's soil supply stands today:

Total acres in the United States, 1,902,000,000.
Total tillable acres, 610,000,000.
Total acres which have been, or are, planted in crops, 413,000,000.
Total acres affected by erosion, 300,000,000.

Not all the 300,000,000 acres affected by erosion are seriously damaged. But many of them are so damaged as to make the farmer's return from them hardly worth the labor. In other places erosion has gone so far that deserted barns and stumps stick dead up out of shifting mounds of sand. Dust storms of the last two summers have testified dramatically to the needs of the soil.

Government scientists, after re-

search, say that crop rotation is the way out. It will give the land the natural rest which it needs. To that end government experts expect to enlist virtually all of the 3,000,000 farmers who enlisted in AAA.

At 96, George Isaac Hughes of New Bern, N. C., is enjoying life with his family — Mrs. Hughes, 28, and their 1-year old son, Franklin Roosevelt Hughes.

OPENING DANCE

at
Plantation Inn
Near Coos Junction

Saturday, March 21

Music by Wink and His
Midnight Ramblers
6-Piece Band

Admission: 50c; Ladies Free
New Management

COOTIE CLUB

DANCE

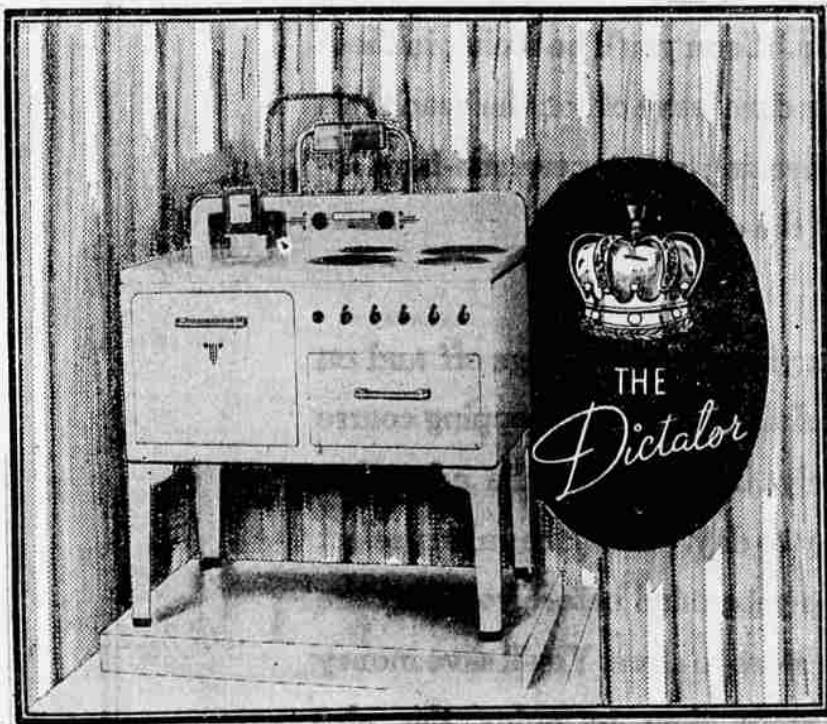
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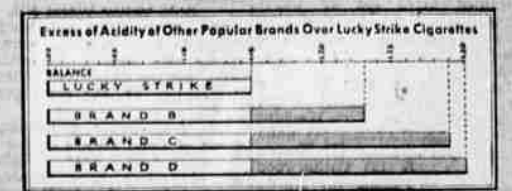
Luckies are less acid. For hundreds of years, tobaccos were selected—and graded in flavor secured—by the roughest sort of rule of thumb methods. Hence, one of the most important innovations made by the Research Department was provision for chemical analysis of selected tobacco samples before purchase; the resulting re-

ports offer the professional buyer an accurate guide and reinforce his expert judgment based on the senses of sight, smell, and touch. Thus extreme variations toward acidity or alkalinity are precluded by such selection and subsequent blending.

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