

Cupid Regaining Ground in Douglas

Marriage licenses in Douglas county for 1939 showed recovery during the latter half of the year from the paralysis induced by the state law requiring physical and mental examinations of applicants. County Clerk Roy Azee reported today.

The law, which became effective early in December, 1938, resulted in many persons going to Washington state for marriage licenses. During the first five months of 1939 only 24 licenses were issued in Douglas county, but June, the traditional marriage month, saw 23 applications, very near the normal figure, and subsequent months have maintained the average rate. The effect of more stringent laws in Washington is believed to be partly responsible for the increase during the latter half of the year.

However, the 1939 total is the lowest for several years, showing 136 licenses for the 12 months. Total marriage licenses in other recent years were as follows: 1938, 202; 1937, 236; 1936, 258; 1935, 232.

Roosevelt Urges U. S.

Defense Strengthening

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domestic policies. But for the most part, he touched but briefly on those policies, to examine in a coldly analytical manner the ways in which conflicts across the seas have left an imprint on America and her citizens.

Mr. Roosevelt declared as he had in previous addresses that he hoped the United States would not become involved in those wars. Yet, he asserted, "there is a vast difference between keeping out of war and pretending that this war is none of our business."

Trade Treaties Expoused
With his discussion of international problems, the president linked a defense of the reciprocal trade treaty program—a program which has given every indication of becoming one of the storm centers of the session.

The trade agreements act, he said, "should be extended as an indispensable part of the foundation of any stable and durable peace."

"The first president of the United States warned us against entangling foreign alliances. The present president of the United States subscribes to and follows that precept."

"But trade cooperation with the rest of the world does not violate that precept in any way."

Must Be Prepared
At that point, Mr. Roosevelt made a transition to the defense portions of his speech.

"Even as through these trade agreements we prepare to cooperate in a world that wants peace, we must likewise be prepared to take care of ourselves if the world cannot attain peace," he said.

The general welfare of the people, Mr. Roosevelt asserted, lies behind the army and navy as the ultimate line of defense. While production is back at 1929 level, he said, the unemployment of millions supplies a symptom of unadjusted difficulties in the economic system.

"We refuse the European solution of using the unemployed to build up excessive armaments which eventually result in dictatorships," the chief executive declared.

"We encourage an American way—through an increase of national income which is the only way we can be sure will take up the slack. Much progress has been made; much remains to be done."

But he did not say how far the country had moved toward the goal he set a year ago in his message to congress—a national income of \$80,000,000,000.

At one point in his address Mr. Roosevelt said the time was long past when "any political party or any particular group can curry and capture public favor by labelling itself the 'peace party' or the 'peace bloc.'"

"That label," he said, "belongs to the whole United States and every right thinking man, woman and child within it."

U. S. Position Stands Out
Out of all the military and diplomatic turmoil, propaganda and counter-propaganda of the present wars, Mr. Roosevelt went on, two facts, acknowledged by the world, stand out:

"1.—Never before has the United States government 'done so much as in our recent past to establish and maintain the policy of the good neighbor with its sister nations.'"

"2.—In almost every country there is a true public belief that the United States has been, and will continue to be, 'a potent and active factor in seeking the reestablishment of peace.'"

"In recent years," he said, "we have had a clean record of peace and goodwill. It is an open book that cannot be twisted or defamed. It is a record that must be continued and enlarged."

The senate was in session only 14 minutes, and the house recessed after 42 minutes, while awaiting the presidential message.

Finns Inflict Heavy

Losses on Russ Armies

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through thick fir forests over five feet of snow in temperatures of 20 degrees below zero, Finns said.

Battle Booty Immense
A quarter of a mile from the Finnish headquarters farmhouse, where this is written, is a shambles of what was a Soviet supply column. For two miles weapons, trucks, armored cars, and field kitchens stretch out. Beside them are the dead horses fallen in their tracks and soldiers tumbled in the snow.

A hundred yards away in a

Trying Again



Mrs. Margaret (Ma) Brito, in San Francisco making a new bid for public support for the cause of her sons, John and Coke, who are serving life sentences in Folsom for the slaying of three men in the Siskiyou Mountains three years ago.

school which Russians used for a field hospital the dead are still lying on the floor. In a nearby barn soldiers left untouched a meal of bread and cheese on a table amid boots, gas masks and straw.

Fee Unknown to Russ
Two of the soldiers who escaped Finnish gunfire were captured in the woods today. Driving along the lake road tonight I saw 12 prisoners loaded in a truck, shivering in the cold. At least two had bruised swollen hands without gloves.

At a field prison I talked with some of them through an interpreter. He said the prisoners declared they had not been told against whom they were going to fight.

Theta Rho Club to Meet—Alpha Theta Theta Rho Girls' club will meet tonight at 7:30 o'clock at the I. O. O. F. hall.

Montana Victors Here—Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wright, of Forsyth, Montana, are here visiting the former's mother, Mrs. Mae Wright, in Oakes addition, and also with the former's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Caskey.

PRODUCE
PORTLAND, Jan. 3.—(AP)—Butter, butterfat, eggs, cheese, country meats, live poultry unchanged.

TURKEYS—Selling price, hens, No. 1, 19-20c; toms 16-17c. Buying prices nominal; No. 1 hens, 16c; toms 14-14½c.

Potatoes, hay, wool, mohair, hides, casaca, hops unchanged.

LIVESTOCK
PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 3.—(AP)—(U. S. Dept. Agr.)—HOGS: Market mostly 15-25c lower; light lights and slaughter pigs 25-50c off; good choice 170-215 lb. drives \$6.75-8; extreme top \$7.00; 220-230 lb. butchers mostly \$6.25; light lights and slaughter pigs \$5.50-6.25; packing sows \$4.25-7.75; light weights to \$5.00; few choice light feeder pigs \$5.75; others downward to \$5.25.

CATTLE: Calves, market active, strong; good 800-950 lb. fed steers \$8.75-9.25; common grades down to \$6.75; common-medium heifers \$6.00-7.25; good fed heifers \$8.25; cutters down to \$5.00; cutter-common cows mostly \$4.00-5.00; canners down to \$3.50; fat dairy type cows \$5.25-6.00; good beef cows saleable \$6.25-7.00; sausage hula \$5.50-6.50; good beef hula quotable choice vealers \$9.00-50; select \$10.00; common grades down to \$5.50.

SHEEP: Market steady; few good-choice 84 lb. shorn lambs \$7.50; medium woolled lambs \$7.00; good-choice fed, woolled lambs in carloads saleable \$8.00-50; few good to \$10.00; yearlings \$6.00; older wethers down to \$4.00; good-choice ewes saleable \$3.25-4.00.

WHEAT
PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 3.—(AP)—Open High Low Close
May 88 88½ 88 88½

Stock and Bond Averages
Compiled by The Associated Press, Jan. 3:

20 10 10 10
RR's Ind's U's Fin.
Wednesday 59.9 102.1 96.1 51.9
Prev. day 59.3 102.1 96.1 50.6
Month ago 58.8 101.3 95.8 48.8
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Funeral Set For William L. Scott

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Thursday for William L. Scott, 78, who died at Mercy hospital Tuesday following a short illness.

Born in Jasper county, Iowa, Aug. 4, 1861, Mr. Scott, as a young man, homesteaded in Kansas and in 1907 became register of deeds at Sharon Springs, Kansas, serving in that capacity until 1915. He later became postmaster and served two terms.

He moved to Roseburg in 1924 and devoted himself to development of property north of town, where he made his home.

He was a member of the Presbyterian church.

Surviving are his wife and four sons and daughters, Mrs. Edith Grover, Sharon Springs; Theodore J. Scott, San Diego; Lloyd O. Scott, Port Bragg, California; and Mrs. Lilla Vowel, Roseburg. Mr. Vowel, who is employed as an instructor in the schools at Forest Grove, Oregon, has been at her home here with her daughter, Genevieve, during Mr. Scott's illness.

He also leaves a sister, Mrs. Anna J. Bradway of Beaverton, Oregon, and a number of nieces and nephews in Douglas county.

The funeral services will be conducted at the Roseburg Undertaking company chapel by the Rev. M. H. Roach and interment will follow in the Wilbur cemetery.

Conserve Timber, Wallace Advises

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—(AP)—Construction can insure the nation a perpetual timber supply, Secretary Wallace said in a congressional report yesterday.

He declared the 77 million acres of idle forest lands could produce commercial forests and that annual growth could be increased on the 172 million acres now bearing trees too small for cutting.

Except for imports more than 95 per cent of the forest products consumed domestically or exported come from privately owned commercial forest land, he said. About 129 million acres are farm-owned.

His report stated that the United States contained 630 million acres which, though more valuable for forest growth than plowland, were vital to agriculture.

"Nearly three-fourths of this land exercises definite influences on our water resources," he said. "Neither forests, nor dams nor reservoirs can prevent all floods, but protection and management of forest lands and their vegetation covers helps conserve rainfall, prevent erosion and regulate angry waters."

He asserted the forest lands might be more generally used for grazing than at present. He said most of the 630 million acres of forest land in continental United States are grazed by big game and more than half of it grazed by livestock.

Last year the forest service issued permits for grazing for 220,000 cattle, 5,200,000 sheep, 30,000 horses and 7,000 goats.

He said 1,200,000,000 board feet of commercial timber were harvested on national forests last year.

Unamerican Activities Ebb, Dies Committee Reports
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and the communist party in the United States are agents of foreign powers and should be controlled.

"Reds" Violate Treaty
5.—The communist advocacy of changing the United States government violates the 1923 treaty by which the United States recognized Russia.

6.—There is a "remote possibility" that communists, or fascists might overthrow the nation.

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tion's constitutional government, but a "greater chance" exists that opponents of one form of violence may accept another type they find less objectionable.

7.—Elimination of subversive activities depends on earnest efforts of all groups and on strict law enforcement.

8.—The committee, which expires tonight, should be continued to make certain that the "confusion" among subversive organizations "is turned into complete rout."

Two principal disputes arose in the committee yesterday when it was studying the final draft of the report. A special vote had to be taken before the members agreed to include John L. Lewis in the statement exonerating the bulk of CIO members from being communist sympathizers.

Rep. Dempsey (D-N. M.) moved the committee make public the names of any federal employees it could prove were communists. He and four other committee members said they knew of none. The sixth named only one person in the WPA, and the matter was dropped.

Where "Reds" Lead
The report said that on the basis of testimony, communist leadership was entrenched in these unions:

National Maritime union; United Cannery, Packing and Allied Workers; Federation of Architects, Chemists and Technicians; Fur Workers International union; International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union; American Communications association; United Electrical Radio and Mechanical Workers of America; United Furniture Workers of America.

The committee repeated its contention that the communist party "bores from within" through "front

organizations." It listed these as "fronts":

American League for Peace and Democracy, International Workers Order, American Student union, Friends of the Soviet Union, National Negro congress, Southern Negro Youth congress, League of American Writers, Workers Alliance, Spanish Refugee Relief campaign, North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy, Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.

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Council Asks Dismissal Of Two From Police Force
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poses.

W. C. Harding, secretary of the Roseburg chamber of commerce, urged acceptance of the offer and pledged cooperation on the part of the chamber of commerce. Attorney Thomas Hartfield, president of the junior chamber of commerce, offered the cooperation of that organization and reported that trees and shrubs had been offered, free of charge, for use in landscaping the grounds. He stated his organization would undertake, through volunteer labor, the task of clearing the site and doing the necessary planting. Recorder A. J. Geddes said he had received several offers to remove the existing residence in return for the materials. Further action, the council said, would be postponed until the actual transfer of title is completed.

Library Worker Retained
Upon recommendation of Councilman W. F. Harris, member of the city library board, the council unanimously approved the reappointment of Mrs. G. V. Wimberly to the library board for a term of

three years.

"I know of no one in the city more interested in the library or who has done more to make it one of the best small libraries to be found in Oregon," Mr. Harris said in submitting the appointment of Mrs. Wimberly for ratification.

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Alleyway Bid Rejected
Considerable discussion was had regarding the paving of the alleyway between Lane and Mosher streets back of the Rose hotel. Only one bid was received when the job recently was advertised, and the council last night rejected the bid as being too high. Decision regarding re-advertising was left until a later meeting.

Upon recommendation of the committee on lights, a street light was ordered installed on South Jackson street.

Eighteen Perish in Minneapolis Hotel Fire
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hallways, or dropped to their deaths when the floors burned through and fell.

The number of injured was tentatively set at upwards of 25.

Explosion Heard
No one knew how the fire started. Some residents said they were awakened shortly before 6 a. m. by the sound of an explosion, but its source was not immediately discovered.

Most of the occupants awoke to find the 85-apartment building already an inferno, smoke and flames blocking halls and stairways.

How the blaze spread so quickly through the 45-year-old structure puzzled firemen as they poked about through the wreckage in search of more bodies.

The building is in three sections, and firemen said the fire appeared to start simultaneously in all three.

Two Firemen Hurt
A caretaker said 100 to 125 persons lived in the building.

Two firemen were injured, one suffering a possible broken back when he fell through the roof, the other suffering undetermined injuries.

One woman, hysterical from fright, was seriously injured when she writhed out of a fireman's grasp as he carried her down an ice-coated ladder from the third floor.

Ice Hampers Firemen
The intense cold seriously hampered firefighters. Hoses froze to the ground, ice glazed the apparatus, and water from the hoses froze almost as soon as it touched the building.

John Carlen, caretaker of an apartment house across the street, was one of the first to report the fire. He said one of the three main entrances was already a mass of flames when he noticed the fire, and all nine doors leading out of the triple building were choked

with flames by the time firemen arrived.

Dick Daniels, professional boxer suffered leg injuries and possible internal injuries sustained when he jumped from the window of his third floor apartment.

Passersby, attracted by the fire on their way to work, helped numerous residents out of windows on the lower floor, and helped occupants, many of whom were clad only in night clothing, to the homes of neighbors for shelter against the bitter cold.

The fire was the most disastrous here since the Pillsbury mill fire of 1878, when 18 persons died.

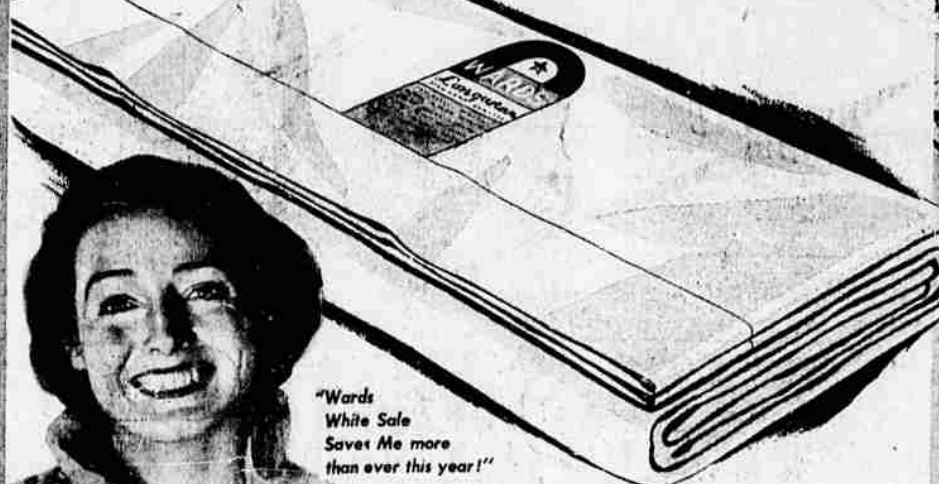
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