

### Embassy Denies Egyptian Slavery

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—(AP)—The Egyptian embassy, angrily denying the existence of slavery on the Nile, yesterday branded as a "malicious lie" the story that a pair of Americans have inherited four Egyptian dancing girls.



**PFC WALLACE OVERTON JR.** of the U. S. Marine Corps was home on Christmas leave from Camp J. H. Pendleton, Ocean-side, Calif. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Overton, Roseburg.

Slavery ended in Egypt within ten years after it was abolished in this country, the embassy said, so there couldn't be any such thing as an inheritance of persons.

### U. S. National Leads State In Total Deposits

The United States National bank again leads the state in total deposits as revealed by its year-end statement just issued. With deposits of \$527,181,823, the United States National bank has marked up a deposit increase of \$21,590,224 during the past six months. Total deposits for the Roseburg Branch are \$13,615,088.3, according to Mr. H. E. Schmeer, manager.

### Skipper Of Flying Arrow Unafraid Of Mined Seas

12 passengers aboard. B. Hartman, a German-born American who lived in San Francisco before he went to Shanghai 25 years ago, is returning to resume his import-export business.

Commenting on the bank's continued growth, H. E. Schmeer, manager of the Roseburg branch, said, "We at the United States National firmly believe in the continued industrial and agricultural growth of Oregon. We are proud of the part we have had in Oregon's economic development."

### Snow Slows Roseburg's Travel; Streets Slick

attention of road-clearing crews focused on highway 99. The two highway bus lines serving Roseburg, Greyhound and Pacific Trailways, reported buses were running nearly on schedule up to 9:30 this morning. However, reports of heavy snow falls in the northern part of the state may result in a disruption of time schedules.

### Niles Albert Simmler, Former Resident, Passes

Niles Albert Simmler, 60, resident of Ashland for the past year, died yesterday, Jan. 6, after a very short illness. He was born March 2, 1889, in Anoka, Minn., and came to Oregon 25 years ago. He was a former resident of Roseburg and he and his half-brother, C. W. (Cap) Parker, operated the Roseburg Garage.

Surviving are the widow, Mamie, Ashland; a son, Niles F. Culver City, Calif.; a daughter, Mrs. Olive Diller, Roseburg; a half-brother, C. W. Parker, Roseburg; and four grandchildren.

**PLEADS GUILTY**  
A plea of guilty to a drunk driving charge was entered in municipal court today by Jack A. Montgomery, 31, Roseburg, according to Judge Ira B. Riddle. Montgomery was fined \$100 and had his operators license revoked for a period of one year.

### Man Hangs Self After Escaping Hurts In Wreck

FOREST GROVE, Ore., Jan. 7. (AP)—A pickup truck, with police in hot pursuit, roared into a house at 70 miles an hour early today and no one was hurt. But the fleeing driver, William F. Grummons, 60, Beaverton, hanged himself in his cell a short time later.

**26 Die In Iowa Mental Hospital Catastrophe**  
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the scene became one of horror. The women patients, many of them infirm of both body and mind, beat against the barred windows and screamed their terror. Some fainted away into the smoke and flame.

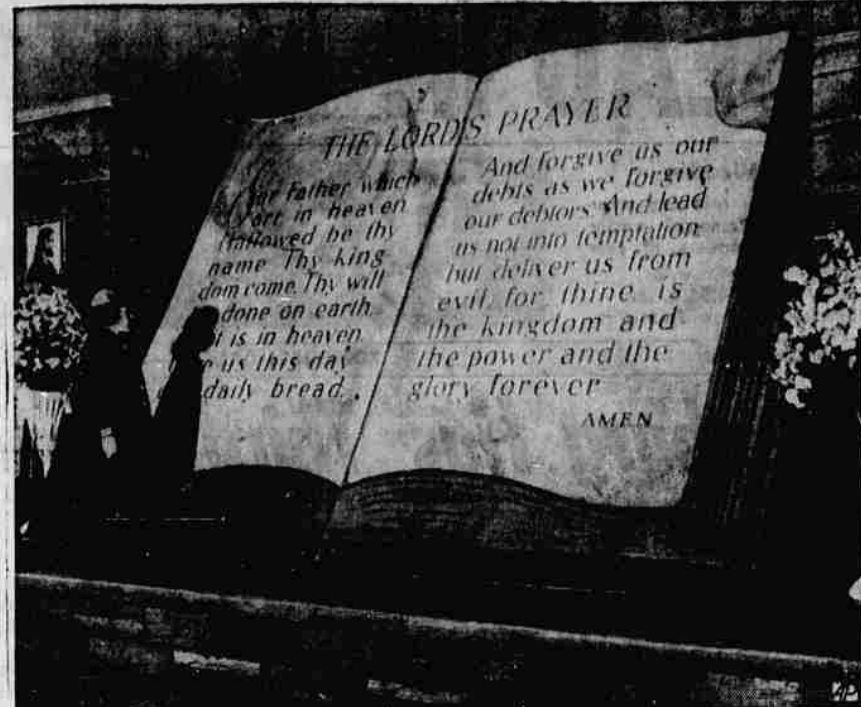
**Britain's Recognition Of China Raises Issue**  
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### Truman Weighs Appeal To End Coal Stoppage

suffering because the administration is withholding aid against the Lewis. Some called on Congress to act and one, Senator Jenner (R-Ind) said: "Somebody seems to be fiddling while the people of this nation are freezing to death."

### Charges Of Scandal Made In Belgium Government

BRUSSELS, Belgium, Jan. 7.—(AP)—Arrest of two prominent Catholics on charges of complicity in illegal security trading has brought opposition accusations that Belgium's Catholic government itself is involved in a major financial scandal.



**LORD'S PRAYER IN STONE**—Frances Murphy, 8, reads the Lord's Prayer, carved in stone fourteen feet wide and 9 1/2 feet high in a massive Bible set on a 32-foot base in Chicago's Memorial Estates cemetery. The huge stone book weighs 37 tons.



**SCHOOL'S OUT, BUT PUPILS AREN'T**—Some of the 61 convicts just graduated from the grammar school at Stateville Prison, near Joliet, Ill., proudly show off their diplomas. There to congratulate the students, and take them in tow, was Assistant Warden C. D. Atherton, left.

### Air Force Trys To Raise Plane

ELGIN AIR FORCE BASE, Fla., Jan. 7.—(AP)—The air force today prepared to raise one of its huge B-50 bombers from Choctawhatchee bay, where it plunged yesterday with 11 crewmen aboard.

### ARREST REPORTED

Police Chief Calvin H. Baird today reported the arrest of Meredith Roberts, 29, Roseburg, Friday by city and state police officers. Roberts was lodged in the



**PROPOSED AVIATION ENSIGN**—Mayor L. W. Lohrey of Dayton, O., left above, and Harry Hall of the local Chamber of Commerce study a newly-designed aviation ensign, proposed by Capt. C. B. Smith of San Diego, Calif., for adoption by Congress as the official U. S. aircraft flag. The ensign was flown to Dayton for display at ceremonies honoring the Wright brothers.

county jail on charges of obtaining money and property under false pretenses. Bail was set at \$200 by Justice of the Peace A. J. Geddes.

### "Tick's" Tips On Veterans Hospital

By L. J. "TICK" MALARKEY  
The plaintive note of taps were blown Friday morning and a firing squad saluted for the final time when Fred Nelson was lowered to rest in the VA cemetery among comrades of other days.

Private Nelson enlisted at Portland and was honorably discharged June 2, 1919, at Curtis Bay, Maryland. He served overseas with the 63rd Infantry, Roseburg hospital has been his home since Dec. 2, 1944.

From the office of F. B. Powell, V. A. hospital assistant manager, comes the announcement that radio station KRNR has allotted courtesy time to veteran's affairs and problems. Powell had the following to say:

"We will also cover local news pertaining to our hospital activities which will include special services and its voluntary auxiliary programs, personnel needs and medical problems."

### Dr. Sander Not 'Religious Martyr'

MANCHESTER, N.H., Jan. 7.—(AP)—Dr. Hermann N. Sander, charged with murder in the mercy death of a cancer plagued patient, does not want to be tried as "a religious martyr."

### Graveside Military Rites Held For War I Veteran

Graveside military rites were held at the Veterans cemetery for Fred Frank Nelson, 60, veteran of World War I who died at the Veterans hospital Thursday. Arrangements were in charge of the Long & Orr mortuary.

### The Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Office Roseburg, Oregon  
Cloudy with rain and snow mixed today. Tomorrow mostly cloudy with showers of rain or snow.

Highest temp. for any Jan.	71
Lowest temp. for any Jan.	48
Highest temp. yesterday	52
Lowest temp. last 24 hrs.	32
Precipitation last 24 hrs.	0
Precipitation from Jan. 1	57
Precipitation from Sept. 1	12.03
Deficiency from Jan. 1	43

### Abduction Story Declared Faked In Union Troubles

DETROIT, Jan. 7.—(AP)—A faked story of abduction and threat spread the fantastic record of the CIO Auto union's troubles today.

The bizarre tale was attributed to white-haired William Thomas, 58-year-old night watchman at the auto union headquarters.

With rope marks on his neck and wrists, he was found soaked from a wet snow at the gate of the Henry Ford estate in suburban Dearborn early yesterday.

### Aged Oregon Pioneer Dies In Roseburg

Charles Hiram Aytch, 85, pioneer resident of Oregon, died in Roseburg, Jan. 6, following a prolonged illness. He was born in California on Nov. 5, 1864, and came with his parents to Oregon when a small boy. He lived at Cayonville, near Glendale and at Reedport.

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