



**V.F.W. BANQUET**—Local past post commanders were honored at a banquet Tuesday evening, Dec. 19, at the V.F.W. hall. 151 members and guests were present at the banquet. Mayor Albert G. Fligel was the guest speaker. Santa Claus attended the affair and passed out candy to the children.

**Rail Union Heads Called To Pass On 3-Year Pact**

CLEVELAND — (AP) — Heads of four railroad operating unions have called in their general chairmen to consider a three-year peace pact with the railroads. Spokesmen for two of the unions expressed dissatisfaction with the plan, and all four were planning to let the chairmen make their own decisions.

James P. Shields, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, said he was "not very well satisfied" and a spokesman for the Order of Railway Conductors declared "we're not satisfied with the peace pact either."

The settlement, granting wage increases and other benefits to about 300,000 workers, was announced last Friday at the White House. Heads of the four unions initiated the agreement.

Shields said it was made plain

that to John R. Steelman, presidential assistant, that final consideration of the plan was up to the union chairman of each of the railroads.

David B. Robertson, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, said "I have no opinions to express on the subject. When you're under government control you take what the government gives you."

The reference was to the fact the government took over operation of the lines last summer to avert threat of a general strike.

W. P. Kennedy, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen said in Minneapolis he would have "no comment" until his union's general chairmen meet here Jan. 4.

The firemen also will hold a

meeting here Jan. 4. Shields likewise said he would make no recommendation for acceptance or rejection.

The chairmen are perfectly able to analyze this," he said. "They'll decide whether to accept or reject it."

**Boys With Yule Gift Weapons Slay Birds**

PORTLAND — (AP) — A humane society officer today reported a heavy toll of birds, killed or wounded by rifles, B-B guns, and bows and arrows, apparently given to youngsters for Christmas.

Edward B. Silva, superintendent of the Oregon Humane society, pointed out it is unlawful for parents to permit ownership of such weapons by minors in Portland.

**O'Mahoney Given Boost For Demo Senate Leader**

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The 1952 election campaign will be on in the Senate "as soon as the chaplain finishes his prayer" to open the new Congress Jan. 3, Senator Hunt (D-Wyo.) forecast.

For that reason, and because their majority will be so slim—49 to 47—the Democrats are going to need the smartest and most experienced floor leader they can get, he told a reporter.

Hunt said he believes his Wyoming colleague, Senator O'Mahoney (D) is the man for the job. "In my opinion there is no more able man in the United States Senate and very few who can compare favorably with him," Hunt said.

With what he called the "critical" 1952 election ahead, Hunt said he believed the job of the majority floor leader in the new Senate will be one of the toughest ever.

These are the qualifications which he said the majority floor leader should have:

He should be a man who has "the greatest ability to think quickly on his feet," and who has a deep knowledge of senate rules, customs and procedures.

He should be a man who cannot be maneuvered by the minority party into taking a defensive position, but who can take the offensive and maintain it.

Hunt said the new majority leader should not be chosen on any basis of "sectionalism," but must represent senators from all states.

Choice of the new majority leader, to replace defeated Senator Lucas (D-Ill.), is regarded by many senators as being between Senator McFarland (D-Ariz.) and O'Mahoney.

**Third Of OSC Students Support Themselves**

CORVALLIS — (AP) — More than a third of Oregon State college students are wholly self-supporting.

The registrar's office reported that its records show nearly half the men and about 12 percent of the women list themselves as earning all of their expenses.

Four-fifths of the 6000 students earn at least part of their expenses. Only 12 percent of the men and 47 percent of the women earn none of their expenses.

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