

Prohibition Came To End Just 25 Years Ago Friday

By ARTHUR W. EVERETT

NEW YORK (AP)—Twenty-five years ago today—at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 5, 1933—prohibition came to an end in the United States. Never, probably, had so many ever paid so little obedience to a law as 123 million Americans had to the Volstead Act.

The end of prohibition marked the end of an era. Prohibition, the 18th Amendment to the U. S. Constitution, took effect Jan. 16, 1920. The hip flask, the bootlegger, the speakeasy became symbols with the raccoon coat, the Tin Lizzie and short skirts of the nation's incredible Roaring 20s.

As the 20s drew to a close, the movement to repeal prohibition gained impetus. Franklin D. Roosevelt endorsed repeal in his successful 1932 campaign for the presidency. With his election, repeal was assured.

Country Goes Wet

The country went wet once more in the midst of a great depression. Ahead lay the rise of fascism in Europe and World War II, the cold war and the atomic age. The sternness of those post-prohibition years probably account for the soft aura of nostalgia that now surrounds the prohibition era. Actually, the 13 years of prohibition were a failure. Average consumption of illegal hard liquor was 3.32 gallons per adult per year when compared with 2.63 gallons today. It was considered smart to flout the law.

Some of the stuff they peddled was incredibly savage. Raw alcohol—sometimes poisonous—was thinned and tinted into an almost unpalatable mixture. Home brew was hyped with ether to increase its kick. Harsh wine and beer the mellowing influence of time. Inland, in such border cities as Detroit, liquor flowed in a steady illicit stream across the Canadian border. In the East, high-powered fleets from Rum Row off a 12-mile limit of American territorial waters roared by night into Long Island coves to discharge their cargo.

Spawned Underworld

The illegal liquor trade spawned the powerful, ruthless underworld gangs, with their low-slung cars and their machine guns hidden in violin cases. Rum runners traded gunfire with federal agents and with highjackers.

New sinister names became household words in America—Scarface Al Capone, Dutch Schultz, Legs Diamond, the bootleg kings and killers of a giddy, gaudy decade.

The speakeasy flourished, more often than not by means of a payoff to authorities. More than one of them were the forerunners of some of Manhattan's best night restaurants of this day. In rural areas, there were the road houses, or the isolated lakeside summer cottages, their yards crowded with parked cars.

It all came to an end 25 years ago today.

Fired Cannons

In New Orleans, they fired cannons in jubilation. Crowds

whooped it up in Chicago's Loop. They hanged "Old Mac Prohibition" in effigy in Gotham's Times Square.

Said President Roosevelt: "I trust in the good sense of the American people that they will not bring upon themselves the curse of excessive use of intoxicating liquors, to the detriment of health, morals and social integrity."

Well, apparently they didn't in the long run. But on that first day it looked as if many Americans were trying to drink the country dry again.

Liquor now is legal in 46 states, with 400,000 retail outlets selling

anything from a shot to a case. Only Oklahoma and Mississippi still cling to prohibition, and with it, incidentally, the bootlegger.

Not everyone is satisfied, of course. The General Board of Temperance of the Methodist Church says on the 25th anniversary of repeal: "There are a great many alcohol problems facing us today, many of them more acute than they were in the prohibition era."

But for better or worse, on this day a quarter of a century ago there came to an end the so-called noble experiment—an experiment that failed.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS Today and Tomorrow

SATURDAY — DEC. 6

Beta Gamma chapter, ESA sorority, rummage sale, Roseburg Woman's Club on Mosher St., 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., those having rummage to donate may call OR 2-2906 or OR 3-7407.

South Deer Creek Grange, potluck supper, at the hall, 7 p.m.

North Umpqua Home Extension Unit, annual bazaar, multi-purpose room, Glendale High School, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Melrose Grange, public card party, Grange hall, 8 p.m.

Buckeroo Square Dance Club, pre-jamboree dance, at the barn, 8 p.m. to midnight, Eddie K. furnishing music, members bring cake.

Hayloft Square Dance Club, regular dance, Preschorn Barn, 9 p.m., ladies to bring sandwiches.

Ladies Home League, Salvation Army, Christmas gift sale, Graves Music Store, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Glendale High School Journalism class, movie entitled "The Long Gray Line," high school library, 7:30 p.m.

Glendale Assembly of God, evangelistic services, at the church, James White, Irish evangelist, preaching.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 245 SE Jackson, 7:30 p.m., for more information call OS 9-5400.

Evergreen Old Time Dance Club, KP Hall, Roseburg 9 to 11 p.m.

Swinging 8's Square Dance Club, lessons, 7 to 9 p.m., round dancing 8 to 9, advanced, 9 p.m.

Oalla Square Dance Club, Preschorn Barn, 9 p.m.

Tri'n Square Dance Club, Eagles hall, Myrtle Creek, 9 p.m.

Glendale Shufflers Square Dance Club, high school, 9 p.m.

Whiskey Tastes Switch Noted

NEW YORK (AP)—America's whiskey drinking habits have changed in amount since the repeal of Prohibition and in preference over the last decade, the Bourbon Institute said today.

A statistical survey released on the 25th anniversary of the 21st or repeal, Amendment showed this switch in preference, according to institute figures for the decade from 1948 to 1957: consumption of blended whiskeys declined 39.2 per cent, while straight bourbon consumption increased 248.4 per cent.

For the entire 25 years since repeal, whiskey consumption per capita has dropped from 2.0 gallons in 1933 to 1.16 gallons in 1957, the most recent year figures are available.

Geographically, the survey showed, only New England, middle Atlantic and east north Central states showed a regional preference for blended whisky last year. The west north Central, south Atlantic, east south Central, west south Central, Mountain and Pacific regions preferred straight, with percentages running as high as 87.7 for the east south Central states—Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama.

The institute was formed to promote straight bourbon as the "truly American liquor."

SUNDAY — DEC. 7

Roseburg Road Runners Motorcycle Club, home of Jerry Jones, 511 W. Maple St., 7:30 p.m.

Roseburg Unitarian Fellowship, Coral Room of the Umpqua Hotel, 8 p.m., the Rev. James Mead, Eugene Unitarian Church minister, guest speaker.

Buckeroo Square Dance Club, annual jamboree, at the barn, 1 to 5 p.m.

Glendale Assembly of God, evangelistic services, at the church, 7 p.m., James White, Irish evangelist, preacher.

Roseburg Ground Observer Corps, courthouse auditorium, 7:30 p.m., December reception will be planned, when Roseburg will receive the National Post of the Month award.

Douglas Community Hospital Auxiliary, Christmas shoppers' special luncheon, at home of Mrs. Phil Johnson, Castle Rock, Winston, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Third Polio Shots, Douglas High School, 7 to 8:30 p.m., for adults 18 to 40 years of age.

Neighbors of Woodcraft Thimble Club, home of Ruth France, 836 SE Broadway, noon potluck, business meeting at 1 p.m., afternoon to be spent in social activities.

BPW Club, Christmas party, home of Mrs. Edith Labore, 312 SE Stephens, 8 p.m.

Benson PTA, school gym, 8 p.m., open house held for sixth grade parents.

Umpqua Navy Mothers Club 531, home of Mrs. Bertha Blake, 427 NE Emerald Dr., 7:30 p.m., Christmas gift not to exceed 50 cents.

Elizabeth Heinline Wesleyan Guild, home of Mrs. Margaret Kimmel, 1409 SE Jackson St., 7:30 p.m., Carolyn Walker and Esther Brown, co-hostesses.

Good Earth Garden Club, Christmas party, home of Mrs. Jack (Loree) Alloway on Whistler's Bend Rd., 1 p.m., presents for the gift exchange not to be over 50 cents.

Sutherland Community Christmas Club, fire hall, 8 p.m.

Hucrest PTA, at the school, 8 p.m.

Knights of Pythias, Pythias Hall, 8 p.m., regular session, refreshments.

Winston-Dillard Kiwanis Club, 8:30 p.m.

Buckeroo Square Dance Club, barn, pattern dancing, 8 to 10 p.m.

Hayloft Square Dance Club, beginners' lessons, Preschorn Barn, 8 p.m. Duke Sibley, instructor.

Boots and Calico, beginners' pattern dance lessons, Winston Community Clubhouse, 8 to 10 p.m.

Junior Duplicate Bridge Club, Gold Room in Umpqua Hotel, 7:30 p.m.

Green Sanitary District board of directors, Green School, 8 p.m.

Roseburg Junior Academy board meeting, school, Military Ave. and Umpqua St., 8 p.m.

Riddle Bethel Job's Daughters, Masonic Temple, Riddle, 7:30 p.m.

Women of the Moose, Moose Hall, 8 p.m., initiation.

Valentine chapter 99, OES, Myrtle Creek.

Roseburg City Council, city hall, 7:30 p.m.

Roseburg Jaycees, VFW Hall, Garden Valley Rd., 7 p.m.

Alaska Man Visits Family In Dixonville

By MRS. CHARLES FORRESTER

Ivan Branton of Palmer, Alaska, is visiting his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Anderson, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Branton, in Dixonville.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Karcher and sons and Mrs. Jennie Karcher drove to Reedport to spend Thanksgiving day with the Bud Karchers. Wally Foster of Portland visited former classmates, Jerry Rust, Albert Radcliffe and John Hatfield, over the holidays. Foster's father is a former school principal of the Deer Creek School.

Couple Visit

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ford of Eugene were Thanksgiving day guests in the Pat Melton home.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Houck and children drove to Gason Thanksgiving day to visit Hout's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Houck.

Mrs. Leroy Graves visited her daughter, Mrs. Evelyn Johnson, in Port Orford recently.

Betty and Bonnie Rust are having a siege of chicken pot. Jerry Rust, Glendale High student, was absent from school last week with a light case of influenza.

Thanksgiving day dinner guests in the Ernest Weber home were Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Johnson and children from Reedport, Mr. and Mrs. George Weber and family of Dunsmuir, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Kenny of Cook Bay, Mr. and Mrs. Harry of Sutton, Laguna Beach, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Weber and family of Roseburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Hiatt and children drove to Cottage Grove for Thanksgiving with Mrs. Hiatt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wilson, and her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. William Turcott, and Mrs. Grace Marshall and son.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Goodwin of Corvallis are visiting the Clarence Anderson home.

Drive To Corvallis

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Devitt and son, Timmy, recently drove to Corvallis to see Devitt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Devitt.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Webb and Mrs. Webb's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Webb, recently drove to Corvallis to see Mr. and Mrs. Greg Kuykendall.

Recent guests of the Harold McCormack home were McCormack's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Lamb of Corvallis, and her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Mary Eastman, where they had a family dinner. All of Mrs. E. A. McCormack's children and grandchildren were present.

Sergeant Prepares For Third Round Of Fight For Dog

RAMSGATE, England (AP)—A U. S. Air Force sergeant today prepared for the third round of a legal fight with his former girl friend over ownership of a 4-year-old Alaskan dog.

Sgt. Otto Virgin flew in this week from the Tucson, Ariz., air base, 6,000 miles away, to do battle for Ricky, the odd-dog-out of his broken romance with Margaret Perkins.

"I love that dog and he loved me," said the 32-year-old sergeant from Milwaukee, Wis. "My Christmas will be a lot happier if I win him back—even if it leaves me broke."

Virgin and Margaret stopped going out together last June, shortly before the Air Force ordered him back to the States. He claimed the dog, saying he had only allowed her to take care of it for him.

Margaret claimed he had given her the animal and got a court order to prevent him taking it out of the country. The sergeant planned to defy the order but finally took Ricky ashore from the Queen Elizabeth an hour before he sailed for America.

Last month Virgin cabled a British lawyer to get Ricky made over to him. A judge ordered Miss Perkins not to destroy the dog or take it out of the country. She said she didn't plan to do either.

Virgin now is asking the court to declare Ricky his, and to award him "damages for detention."

"People say I am silly to go to all this trouble," said the sergeant, "but Ricky and I love each other. There is a feeling between us."

"After all these cases I'm broke. I haven't even got Ricky's fare home. But I'm hoping to borrow it."

Kettering's Estate Put At Over \$200 Million

DAYTON, Ohio (AP)—The late Charles F. Kettering, automotive genius and former General Motors research head, left an estate conservatively estimated at a little more than 200 million dollars.

Most of this huge fortune in the form of shares of C. F. Kettering, Inc., was divided between the Kettering Foundation and a separate philanthropic trust. Details of the will filed in Montgomery County Probate Court.

Kettering died Nov. 25.

PRESIDENT ELECT

PORTLAND (AP)—Dr. Charles F. Latta, of Portland, this week was named president-elect of the Multnomah County Medical Society.

He will take office in December, 1959, succeeding Dr. Arthur E. Hunter.

Accountant Says He Spent 18 Months Checking Beck's Accounts, Paid By Union

TACOMA (AP)—A Teamsters' accountant testified this week he spent 18 months in 1949-50 on the union payroll doing nothing but looking after Dave Beck's beer and liquor interests.

Stewart O. Kreiger, deputy administrator of the Western Conference of Teamsters' pension fund, said he received about \$15,000 in salary and expenses from the union during that period.

He was the day's first witness at Beck's income tax trial, now nearing the end of its fourth week. The ex-Teamsters' president is charged with cheating the government out of \$240,000 in taxes in 1950-51.

Kreiger said he warned Beck twice in the summer of 1949 that the money paid for his personal services could have an effect on Beck's income taxes.

Says Not To Worry

"Mr. Beck told me not to worry, that he planned to reimburse me," Kreiger testified.

He said Beck had ever paid back the money to the Western Conference and the Teamsters' Joint Council No. 28 of Seattle, Kreiger said he didn't know.

Kreiger said he went on the Teamsters' payroll May 16, 1949 and was told by Beck to report directly to the K & L beer and liquor enterprises in Seattle, a firm in which the labor leader had a substantial investment.

The accountant said Beck was concerned over his responsibility as a guarantor of a line of credit extended K & L by a Seattle bank and wanted to be freed of his "contingent liability" as soon as possible.

Kreiger also traveled extensively for K & L between May, 1949, and Dec. 1, 1950, with the Teamsters Union picking up the tab. The trips took him to St. Louis to see Anheuser-Busch brewery officials, to Spokane for a beer wholesalers' convention, to San Francisco on a "canned tomato deal" and for five weeks to Alaska collecting delinquent accounts.

K & L had the Budweiser beer franchise in Alaska and also was licensed to distribute liquor in the territory.

Sold Lot, Made Loan

Kreiger testified Beck also sold him a lot for \$1,825 and loaned him \$17,015 to build a house in Beck's Lake Washington "compound," obligations on which he has been paying regularly ever since.

Dr. Glen Conley, Spokane dentist and former University of Washington football player, next took the witness stand and testified that Beck gave him his start in dentistry by lending him \$3,500.

Dr. Conley said he borrowed the money in February 1951. He received the money in currency and later paid it back in monthly installments. He used it to buy dental equipment and furnishings for his office.

Dr. Conley also said he bought \$2,267 worth of furniture through Beck and later repaid that, neither loan nor interest, he testified.

Dr. Conley at one time lived in the Beck "compound" in Seattle. Other testimony showed that Dr. Conley bought a building lot from Beck in the "compound" area in 1951, but later sold it and moved to Spokane.

Wednesday, the government made its first attempt to prove willfulness, or intent, in its case against Beck.

Fairbanks Paper Puts Out Largest Edition

FAIRBANKS (AP)—America's farthest north daily newspaper Wednesday published the largest and most colorful special edition ever to roll off an Alaskan press.

The Fairbanks News-Miner annual progress edition, usually 144 pages, Wednesday contained a record total of 164 pages—the largest full-size newspaper ever to be published in the new 49th state.

The paper was printed partially in four colors and had a press run of more than 35,000 copies.

A four-color cover contains illustrations symbolizing Alaska's wealth of natural resources.

C. W. Snedden, publisher of the News-Miner said the theme of the ninth annual Progress Edition is "Opportunity in Alaska."

Clifford Cernick, editor of the News-Miner and Jerome Sheldon, night editor, coordinated editorial tasks involved in producing the record-size Alaskan edition.

(Note: Sheldon at one time was a staff writer for The News-View.)

Calapooia Free Methodist Church Holding Series

Dr. Rozella Douglas, an ordained minister and Bible lecturer on the Holy Land, is conducting meetings at the Calapooia Free Methodist Church, through to Sunday.

The Rev. Mr. Douglas has toured Palestine several times and is showing colored slides of Palestine and the near East each evening at 7:30 p.m. He is also speaking at the morning worship hour Sunday at 11 a.m.

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Fire Threatens Glendale School

By MRS. GERALD FOX

Leaking oil in the boiler room of Glendale High School caused a small fire recently.

Bud Reynolds, custodian, doused the fire before any serious damage had been done, aside from smoking up the gymnasium.

Suffers Cuts

Harry Messinger of Grants Pass, formerly of Wolf Creek, recently suffered lacerations to his right forearm when he lost control of his car and had an accident in the Wolf Creek area.

He was treated at the Glendale Clinic, where multiple shallow cuts, caused by broken window glass, required 110 stitches.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Croff visited her sister near Eureka, Calif., over the Thanksgiving holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Blaser of Glendale spent Thanksgiving holidays with their nephew, Timothy Blaser, and his family in Sutherland.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Buchanan and family of Azalea spent the Thanksgiving holidays at the coast. They visited former Glendale residents, Bud and Nancy Knowles and family.

Mrs. Georgia Dark of Glendale recently visited her parents in Cottage Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Strand and children have returned from a holiday visit with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Hall and sons, and with her cousin and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Selvig, all of Aberdeen, Wash.

Attend Dinner

After their return home, the Strands attended a dinner honoring their 12th wedding anniversary at the Hampton house.

Mary Weeks, Beverly Cox and Gary Miller, all Southern Oregon College students, were among students who spent the four-day Thanksgiving vacation in Glendale.

Mr. and Mrs. Marlen Yoder and family spent Thanksgiving vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Francis Lynn, formerly of Days Creek, now in Othello, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wunsch had as Thanksgiving guests Mrs. Evelyn McNeill and daughter, Mrs. Heather Helen Jean, of Cannon Beach; their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Winniford, and children, of Medford, and Bill Miller.

La Grande Youth Killed When Struck By Car

ELGIN, Ore. (AP)—John Shaffer, 18, La Grande, suffered fatal injuries when he was struck by a car here late Thursday night.

The driver of the jeep, Richard L. Parsons, 33, was enroute to his home here from his job at a service station at the time of the accident. He told Elgin city police that Shaffer had been wearing dark clothing and walking along the right hand side of the road.

Police quoted Parsons as saying that he swerved, but was unable to avoid hitting the youth. Shaffer died in a La Grande hospital about an hour after the accident.

He was Oregon's 416th traffic fatality this year, in the Associated Press tabulation.

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Companies Sign For Developing Argentina Oil

BUENOS AIRES (AP)—Affiliates of Standard Oil Co. (N.J.) and Royal Dutch Shell signed history-making contracts with the day night for development of Argentina's oil resources.

The agreements, described as "service contracts," stipulate that Argentina, through the government-owned oil company, Yacimientos Petroliferos Fiscales (YPF), will retain title to the fields in which the companies will operate and to any oil produced.

The oil is for use in Argentina and will not be sold abroad.

The Jersey Standard affiliate, Esso of Argentina, will explore and develop some 1,185,000 acres on the Limay River, southeast of Plaza Neuquen province. YPF already has fields in production in that area.

Shell reportedly has been awarded seven million acres in the Buenos Aires and Rio Negro provinces and will also engage in offshore operations off the Argentine Atlantic coast.

The contracts call for a total investment by the two companies of 200 million dollars. Esso's contract runs for 20 years.

Woman Continues Serving Spouse Coffee In Bed

LONDON (AP)—For six years Mrs. Margaret Lingham-French took husband John his morning cup of tea in bed. She was still doing it this morning though they were divorced nine days ago.

"It's hard to break the habits of six years of marriage," explained Mrs. Lingham-French, dark-haired and 36. "Even though we are divorced, I still cook his meals and do the washing up. And when I've done the washing up, I'll be darning his socks."

Mrs. Lingham-French won her divorce on the ground of cruelty and moved into another bedroom. But she can't move out of the house because she hasn't yet found an apartment she can afford on the 5 pounds (\$14) a week he agreed to give her for herself and their three children, Margaret, 5, Hilary, 4, and Katrina, 2.

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