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A PRAYER FOR A SON—"My son, the Lord be with thee; and give thee wisdom and understanding. . . that thou mayest keep the law of the Lord, thy God." 1 Chron. 22:11, 12.

Every criminal, when arraigned in court, pleads that he's "framed." The way court procedure plays into the criminals' hands, it looks more as if justice is "framed."

Over 153 million dollars' worth of securities offered the public in the second week before Christmas was gobbled up by investors as a pup gobbles a titbit and looks cheerfully and expectantly for another. Nearly half as much had been absorbed the week before. New bond issues to the tune of about \$20,000,000 have been offered within the last few days and are finding takers as if the previous offerings had not existed. There seems to be a good deal of money in the country, one way and another. And a good deal of production of one commodity and another. And quite a life-sized demand for things of assorted varieties.

HARD TESTS FOR DRIVERS

Officials in Leipzig, Germany, certainly take automobile driving seriously. Every prospective driver has to be tested as to his fitness for performing that work intelligently and safely.

A laboratory has been established in which the candidate for a driver's license sits at the steering wheel of a detached control section of an automobile. Close in front of him is a screen on which is thrown a moving picture of traffic in a congested section. He must then manipulate his controls to avoid the dangers presented in the picture. Every move he makes is automatically recorded, revealing any mistakes in judgment and the speed of his reactions. Other bits of equipment show up his psychological and his general steadiness or unsteadiness. Still another machine tests his strength and endurance under strain.

If he gets by all those things satisfactorily and has the price for a car, apparently he is allowed to have his license. There are a lot of foolish drivers in this country whom the public could well afford to eliminate by some such tests.

STARTING WITH THE GOVERNMENT

Just why the United States government should be not only a distributing but a collecting agency for the sale of pistols to irresponsible persons is one of those anachronisms so puzzling to the lay mind. Under existing laws all a criminal needs to do is to write the nearest mail-order house to receive a pistol by return post. He does not even have to inclose money; the postman on his rounds will attend to that detail when he delivers the weapon. State laws regulating the sale of pistols mean little. Even though all other channels be closed, the criminal can get his murderous instrument through the aid of his kindly government. But even such good things as this must sometime come to an end. The House of Representatives, stirred by the rising tide of crime, has at last passed a bill barring pistols from the mails. That bill is now before the Senate. With two months still ahead of Congress, there is little reason why the bill should not be enacted into law.—Dearborn Independent.

Such federal legislation is the only means by which promiscuous selling of firearms can be reasonably retarded. With government restriction on this traffic it will be possible for the states to enact legislation in cooperation. Without it the states are helpless. There has been much talk in recent years of firearm regulation within various states, the ultimate object being registration of pistols and guns of various kinds as a guard against crime. It is generally contended that the unarmed criminal is often too much of a coward to be dangerous. At least it is an experiment worth trying.

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Says Aimee Sent Impertinent Note To Mrs. Ormiston

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 30. (AP)—Cable dispatches to the Times from Sydney, Australia, quoted Mrs. Ruth Peters Ormiston, estranged wife of Kenneth G. Ormiston, co-defendant in the Aimee Semple McPherson case, as saying she is in possession of a "most impertinent" letter purporting to have been written by the evangelist and mailed to her on May 18, the date of the woman pastor's strange disappearance.

While refusing to disclose the contents of the letter, Mrs. Ormiston is said to have announced her intention of using it when she returns to Los Angeles in the early part of next year to institute divorce proceedings against the former Angelus Temple radio operator. Mrs. Ormiston said she received the letter following her arrival in Sydney where she went to live with her father after leaving California last January.

Aimee Gave Her Presents

Mrs. Ormiston charges that she was deserted by her husband on Jan. 22 last, when he left her home in the morning with a friendly "good-bye" and never returned. A special delivery letter, received the following day, offered the explanation that Ormiston had left because of a tubercular infection of his lungs which he feared would later affect his wife. The letter informed Mrs. Ormiston's relatives that she was "free to seek a divorce" while Ormiston would be content to "live on in memories" of a happy married life. Describing her relations with Mrs. McPherson during the two years that her husband was in the employ of Angelus Temple, Mrs. Ormiston said that at first she was only on "speaking terms" with the evangelist. But later, Mrs. Ormiston said, Mrs. McPherson's conduct changed toward her when the evangelist "showered" her with expensive gifts, including orchids, and entertained her at hotel parties.

Aimee Denies 'Impertinency'

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 30. (AP)—Aimee Semple McPherson, evangelist, denied today that a letter she wrote last May to Mrs. Ruth Ormiston "in Sydney, Australia," was "impertinent" as charged by the wife of the former Angelus Temple radio operator, Kenneth G. Ormiston, who is involved with the evangelist and others in the McPherson conspiracy case.

"It was just an ordinary friendly letter with no more significance than any of thousands of letters I send out every month to my friends and acquaintances," Mrs. McPherson said.

One thing about the McPherson revolution, they do take life easily down there.



—NEA, London Bureau
DONNA TERESA Martini Marsotti, recently a debutante in Rome, is the beautiful daughter of a mother whose beauty is considered unrivaled throughout Italy.



—NEA, Washington Bureau
ALBERT S. FALL, former secretary of the interior, as he appeared recently at Washington, where he was arraigned on a charge of conspiracy to defraud the government.

Mining Coal—By Hand



Brit' coal mines lack up to date equipment, the miners complain. Perhaps they do—but probably none of them lacks it as much as this mine, at Gwersyl North Wales. The shaft is only a few yards deep, and the workers are lowered in by hand daily. Its output is only a few tons a day.

Judge Bean Fines Law Violator \$500

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 30. (AP)—Tired of allowing persons convicted of violation of the liquor laws to pay fines on the installment plan, Federal Judge Bean today imposed a fine of \$500 upon A. P. Ruks and refused him permission to pay \$50 down and balance monthly. Ruks protested that he did not have \$500 and that he would have to go to jail.

"You should have thought of that when you violated the laws," said Judge Bean. He said the district attorney's office had been having trouble in collecting fines after the first few installments had been paid.

Ruks pleaded guilty to possession and transporting 14 gallons of liquor on Xmas night.

Two Billion Feet of Timber Bought

ASTORIA, Ore., Dec. 30. (AP)—Purchase of approximately two billion feet of Nehalem valley timber by the combined Knappaion Mills and Westport Lumber company milling interests together with plans for building of 11 miles of logging railroad and operation of a 300 man logging camp near Jewell became public here today in partial detail. The timber has been bought from the Nehalem Investment company, the Weight Hudgett interests and John J. Rupp, all extensive owners. It is located on Buster creek in the Nehalem valley and the logs will be taken out over the Kerry line to the Columbia river.

"Why all the shoe ads out this way?" "This is the place where so many cures 'run out of gas'."

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Poison Alcohol Doomed; Mellon Outlines Plans

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30. (AP)—On the theory that more effective prohibition enforcement is bound to drive drinkers to the use of industrial alcohol, Secretary Mellon announced a determination today to eliminate the use of poisons as denaturants.

The secretary's attitude, made known today at the treasury, is that he does not conceive it as a duty of the government to permit poisoning of citizens in order to enforce the law. He expects government chemists soon will be able to denature alcohol so that it will be too distasteful to drink rather than too poisonous.

When the new government denaturing formula goes into effect Jan. 1, certain poisonous substances previously included in it will be eliminated.

The four per cent of wood alcohol provided for in the formula will remain, however, as Mellon does not think that percentage injurious. Under the old formula, two per cent of wood alcohol is used.

The decision not to use poisons in dangerous quantities is based on a conviction on the part of Secretary Mellon that complete prohibition enforcement is impossible.

The modern young fellow doesn't care about leaving footprints on the sands of time. He wants to leave auto tracks.

Former Baker Man Jailed in Salem

SALLEM, Ore., Dec. 30. (AP)—Caught in the act officers say of filling a suit case with merchandise from the store of G. W. Sadler and A. W. Krauss, of Aurora, H. M. Jackson was bound over to the grand jury on a burglary charge Wednesday afternoon. He was released from the penitentiary Nov. 19 after completing a three-year sentence for a similar charge. Jackson was committed from Baker county and is said to have been in San Quentin prison.

The trouble with traffic regulation is that while streets may be one-way, laws are not.

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 - ROLLED OATS—Best white oats, 22½ lb. bag 98c
 - PUFFED RICE—Regular size pkg., 2 pkgs. 29c
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 - PINEAPPLE—Broken slices, No. 2½ can, 2 cans 39c

- ALL WEEK PRICES**
- | SOAPS | SMOKED MEATS |
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| Crystal White Laundry, 10 bars 39c | Picnics, Lean Sugar Cured, pound 19c |
| P. & G. White Naptha, 10 bars 39c | Hams, Armour's Star, fancy lean, pound 39c |
| A. B. Naptha, Large bars, 10 bars 49c | Bacon, Fancy Eastern, corn fed, pound 36c |
| White King Washing Powder, large size, each 49c | KIPPERED SALMON |
| Citrus Washing Powder, large size, 2 pkg. 55c | Extra Fancy Salmon, selected pieces, pound 33c |
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