

## TO CHECK VALUE OF VALE TRACTS

Government Economist  
Prepares to Make Sur-  
vey of Improved Land

VALE, Ore. (Special)—As the result of objections of the appraisal of some privately owned improved lands in the Vale irrigation district, H. E. Hayden, government economist, is here to check up on the appraisal made by the Vale board. This checking up has come about as the result of a request made by Robert D. Lytle, attorney for the district, approved by George C. Kreutzer, director of reclamation economics for the bureau of reclamation, at the time of his visit here in August.

While in the vicinity, Mr. Hayden also will check up the number of excess lands and recordable agreements that have been executed by Owyhee project land owners.

**Vale District Signed Up**  
The necessary percentage of lands in the Vale district has been signed up. Inasmuch as it has always been conceded that there are a greater number of irrigable acres within the district than there will be water to irrigate, it is apparent at this time that only land which has been subjected to the recordable and excess land contracts will receive water. Out of those the poorest land will be excluded. Of course, lands that have not been signed up under the contracts at this time water is ready for delivery will be without water.

The owners of approximately 22,000 acres of land in the Vale district have executed the agreements with the government. Approximately 1500 acres in addition are unentered public lands, which brings the total irrigable land pledged to 23,000 acres. The government estimates show that the water supply is sufficient for only about 23,000 out of the total of 22,000, which were appraised.

J. A. Tertling and S. H. Newell, companies, the contractors now at work on the Vale project at Harper, are making good headway in the construction of concrete structures.

**NEW FUEL GAS**  
STUART—A new motor fuel to be used in an airplane is now being tested in the IZ-127 now preparing for flight next spring, has been under development here for four years. The main body of the fuel gas is ethylene and it is claimed that it eliminates the use of benzene, a source of danger. As the new gas has about the same weight as air, it is believed the balance of the ship will not be disturbed by its consumption.

Women are adepts in thrift, says a headline. That means that a woman can save enough on one purchase to buy something else.

## Santa's Latest Photo



See him in person at the Oregon Hardware Co. on Saturday. He will give away 1,000 Toy Balloons. Parents, bring in the Kids!

## THE RABBIT SEASON'S ON



## Floods Leave Indelible Horrors In Minds of New England Children

B. W. W. Chaplin  
(Associated Press Staff Writer)  
WATERBURY, Vt. (AP)—Educators and social workers are wondering whether one of the greatest losses in the New England flood region may not have been one which was not reckoned with at all at first—whether perhaps the very spirit of childhood has not been washed down the swollen rivers and out into the lakes never to be regained.

There are children in this village whose ruddy cheeks pale and whose eyes flutter with a nameless fear when there is talk of those two awful days when the peaceful Windmill ran amuck.

In the brick school house on the hill there is a chalk drawing of a severe lady, hair knotted tight on her head and, swelling brow. Below this caricature, in youthful scrawl is the word "Teacher."

Before that harmless prank could be discovered, before the board was cleaned, the flood waters descended on the village and scenes of horror were enacted which yet may be seen in the youthful eyes that must have laughed in glee at teacher's cartoon.

Miss Alice Jennings, a teacher in the school, who ever since the flood has been working night and day in Red Cross headquarters, told The Associated Press something of what the disaster meant to her former charges.

"Two of my boys," she said, "were in the lower part of town when the first house went down. They had been helping in the rescue work and had come in sight of the house where two of their schoolmates lived. They saw the water high about the house and rising all the time.

"From upper windows leaned the children, and beside them were the frantic parents, screaming for help. The boys rushed to get assistance, but could find none quickly and returned to see what they could do alone. They stood on the edge of the rising flood and saw that house lurch like a man jostled in a crowd. 'Slowly the building tilted upward, tore from the foundation with

"Don't talk about it," they told their mothers. "It was something we never will be able to talk about as long as we live."

The children of Waterbury, at least the younger ones, were evacuated during the days after the flood to the village of Stowe, several miles up the road to Saugus. Notch above the water line.

And one would see them in the streets or peering from the curtained windows of houses, staring as though at visions never to be effaced, uncommunicative, nervous, children who perhaps never again would be lighthearted enough to laugh at a harmless caricature drawn on a school blackboard.

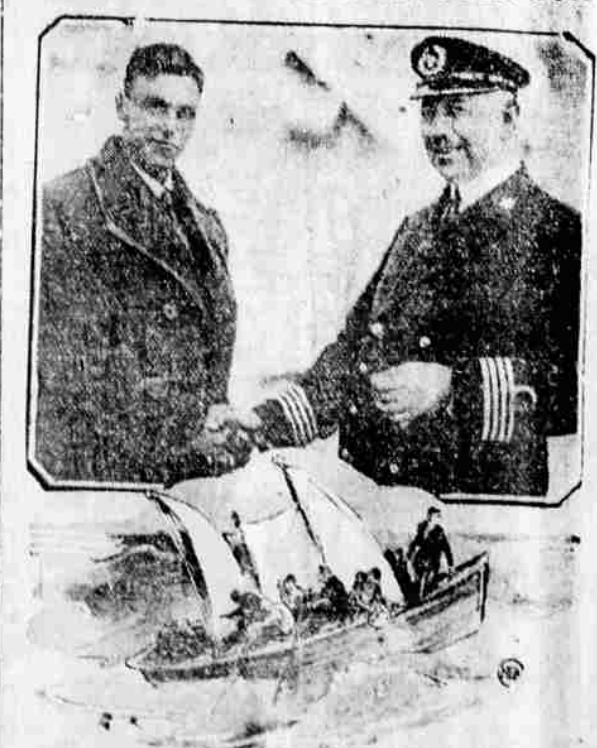
Briefly they told their tale, and then would say no more. It's better to stop for a minute at a railroad crossing than forever.

## Double Slayer Meets His Brother



This picture was taken when Henry Mott (left), confessed slayer of his wife and sister-in-law in New Orleans, met his brother Joe (right), whose wife he killed. The photograph was taken while the brothers sat on a bench in the yard of the parish prison. Joe was held as a suspect for a time before Henry, who fled, was captured.

## AFTER SEVEN DAYS IN AN OPEN BOAT



(NEA Service, New York Bureau)  
Captain William D. Potter (left) of the four-master Horatio Foss, thanks Captain Jacobus de Koning, of the S. S. Volendam, for rescuing him and eight of his crew from the open boat in which they took refuge when the schooner sank in a gale. After seven days adrift, the shipwrecked seafarers were attempting to sail their life craft into Bermuda, when the outboard Volendam, attracted by a flare, picked them up.

## NEWSPAPER MEN MEET IN EUGENE

Annual State Conference  
to Be Held on February  
9, 10 and 11

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON,  
Eugene, Ore., Nov. 24 (Special)—February 9 and 10, have been definitely set for the annual state newspaper conference to be held at the school of journalism at the university. It is announced by Ralph H. Cronise, of Albany, president. The change was made from the tentative dates in January at the request of the executive committee of the State Editorial association following a recent meeting. Reasons for the change are that the executive committee has important matters that will come to a head in February, and also that H. W. Sawyer, publisher of the Bond Bulletin, will be back in Oregon from an extended trip east in February. He is president of the State Editorial association.

The program committee, recently appointed, is already at work and the most extensive and most interesting session in the history of the conference is already guaranteed by the members. Members of the committee are Sheldon Sackett, McMinnville; Telephone Register, McMinnville; L. D. Felsheim, Bandon Western World; Don Wilson, Benton County Cour-

## THEY KILLED A GRANDMOTHER



For \$27,000 in cash and securities, these two youths killed an aged woman, according to their confession to St. Louis police. They are Leonard Cota (left) of Bennettsville, Ia., and Harold Cramer of Great Falls, Mont. The victim, Leonard's grandmother, a Mrs. Melitnick of Zwingle, Ia., kept large sums in the house. Heavily armed, and with hair matted, the youths aroused the suspicions of St. Louis police.

ler, Corvallis; Walter W. H. May, W. Allen, school of journalism, The Oregonian, Portland; Marie chairman; Hal E. Hoss and Mr. Chessman, Astoria Bulletin; Eric Cronise, ex-officio members.

One of the most important matters that will be brought up will be the proposal that a field agent be employed by the editors and publishers of the state in conjunction with the school of journalism. The duties of such a position, and the question of what type of man was wanted to fill it, will be taken up at this time.

Other topics relating to all branches of publishing and editing will be discussed under the leadership of experts. The usual meeting of the press association, and the annual banquet will, of course, be important features of the conference. There will be a special section for the publishers of daily papers.

## SILK CULTURE DISAPPOINTS

CAIRO—Experiments with silk worm culture in Egypt have produced rather dismal results, due largely to a lack of the mulberry trees which are fertile pasture for the cocoons. It also has been found that the climate breeds in the trees pests which are injurious to cotton and it is believed probable that the government will not permit further planting of the trees, hoping thereby to protect the staple cotton crop.

## WOULD LIFT RICE BAN

MANILA—Rice planters are urging the government to remove the ban on the exportation of rice from the Philippine Islands to countries other than the United States. The embargo is part of a plan to lessen imports of the islands' staple food-stuff.

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