# Trees Record Rain Slump In Growth Rings

WASHINGTON (AP)—Trees in the drouth area are recording the slump in rain as clearly as down-dipping graphs of sales reveal the slump in business.

Trees are not growing any better than crops this year where the drouth has hit, says the United States forest service. Whole forests are being delayed a year or two in reaching the size at which they can be cut into logs.

The "inside story" of how the drouth affects trees is told by the "increment borer," a hollow auger used to cut a small core of wood out of a tree's heart. It represents a cross section of the tree's annual growth rings, land against each other like a pile of pennies from the heart out to the bark.

The section that the borer hollows out reveals not only the tree's age but the conditions of growth during every year of its life.

Sections from trees in the drouth stricken states show very thin rings for 1930. Some trees show two rings for the same year. Rain that broke the drouth temporarily encouraged them to a new burst of growth after the first spring spurt had been stopped by lack of moisture.

Study of the rate of growth of sample trees reveals what the future growth of a forest will be. A scientist expert at reading the rings can translate their meaning into board fee or cords of wood that will be available at some future date.

## Health

### HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE

The discovery of the instrument for measuring blood pressure rendered a large service to the medical profession, for the manometer, as the instrument is called, has proved of great value in determining the condition of the patient.

At the same time, however, it has added to the worries of the average man and has made one more topic available for general discussion by the idle and the neurotic.

"I got blood pressure" now runs a close second to "did I ever tell you about my operation?"

High blood pressure is an item of importance, but in most instances is not a disease in itself, but the symptom of or condition associated with certain diseases.

High blood pressure or hypertension may be associated with and may be the result of disease of the kidneys.

Such hypertension usually appears early in life, about the age of 30. It is more common in men than in women. Treatment in this condition, of course, centers primarily on the kidneys.

Hypertension may also be associated with arteriosclerosis, or hardening of the arteries.

This condition appears somewhat later in life. Its existence may not give rise to any symptoms, at least in the early stages, and may be discovered accidentally during a routine or life insurance examination.

Another type of hypertension is called essential hypertension. This type of high blood pressure is not due to either disease of the kidneys or hardening of the arteries.

Its specific cause is as yet undetermined. It occurs most commonly during the midperiod of life.

One may live long and enjoy full mental and physical vigor though suffering from essential hypertension.

### PAYING THE PRICE

When the medical writers while treating of scientific subjects wax critically philosophical, it is usually worth while listening to them.

Dr. David Riesman recently delivered an address on "High Blood Pressure and Longevity," and in his concluding remarks he made the following observations on the American way of living:

"Hypertension is not only a disease of the individual—it is a disease of American life. It is reflected in the tension under which every individual in America lives.

"What are the causes of this American disease? They are, I believe, connected with our striving for wealth. We have created false standards, have deprived ourselves of peace and leisure and have lost the art of living wisely.

"We have had abundant material success, but have we not paid too dearly for it? It may be difficult to persuade the average American that the price has been too high, for he is still convinced that the civilization that he has created on this continent is the best in the world.

"Winston Churchill, the English statesman, accuses us of thinking that when we left Europe we took with us all the virtues and left all the vices behind. No doubt we took many virtues, but it must be admitted that we have evolved a few vices of our own.

"It might be contended that, notwithstanding our way of living, the span of life has been greatly lengthened—nearly 15 years—since 1880. But we find that the apparent prolongation of life to the age of 56 is due primarily to the saving of child life and not to the saving of adult life.

"Statistics clearly show that the span of life after the age of 45 has not been lengthened. It is highly probable that it has been shortened, and that is the price of success."

### ANTS FOR NUT ARMY

HOUSTON, Tex. (AP) — Federal aid is propagating countless tiny black native ants, which would be sent out to battle a highly destructive caseboring insect striking at pecan orchards in Texas, will be sought by L. F. Smith of Houston.

Smith says the caseborer is destroying thousands of dollars' worth of pecans and making pecan growing a hazardous undertaking. A study of the life cycle of the pest leads him to believe it vulnerable to the black ant and a species of white spider.

"I consider the spider would be of little value," he adds, "because it is easily killed by poisonous sprays used by horticulturists. The sprays do not seem to affect the ants."

### SAFETY OF AVIATION VOUCHED FOR BY RUTH

Some Ruth Nichols quotations:

"Anyone who can drive an automobile well can fly."

"Aviation is perfectly safe. I see no reason for accidents if reasonable precautions are taken."

"Woman's greatest contribution to flying is to confine herself to safe and sane flight and to build up confidence."

"I have had a happy life and a full one."

A French girl is reported to have laughed three hours without stopping. Probably overheard an American tourist giving directions to a cab driver.

# Citizenship Is Refused Because Of War Scruples

WASHINGTON, May 27 (AP)—A Yale theology professor and a Canadian war nurse Monday were refused citizenship by the supreme court because of their scruples against bearing arms in time of war.

One was Douglas C. Macintosh, the other Marie A. Bland.

Their cases have been pending before the court for months, citizenship having been held their privilege by a circuit court of appeals.

The decision was close. Five justices favored exclusion with Chief Justice Hughes and Justices Holmes, Brandeis and Stone dissenting.

Both Macintosh and Miss Bland are Canadians and saw service in France during the World war.

Macintosh would pledge himself to take up arms only if he felt the cause of the United States to be just.

Miss Bland said she would gladly serve as a nurse in any war of the United States but refused to take up arms under any circumstances.

Justice Sutherland delivered the majority opinion of the court. His views coincided with those expressed by the court in the famous Rosika Schwimmer case, Hungarian writer and linguist, who was refused citizenship because of her refusal to take an oath to fight for this government.

Chief Justice Hughes dissented vigorously. He said that congress had not required all applicants for citizenship to take up arms and urged that the religious scruples of those opposing war be respected.

Justices McReynolds, Roberts, Van Devanter and Butler took the view expressed by Justice Sutherland.

Justice Sutherland's voice rose as he delivered his opinion before a crowded court room. He laid especial stress as he outlined what he considered the duties of a citizen.

He said that an applicant must be willing to support the government in time of war as well as in time of peace and that a person asking for citizenship could not be allowed to decide when he would bear arms.

Characterizing war as abominable, Justice Sutherland said that no way had been found of preventing it and said that it was necessary for the life of a nation that it be given the power to call its citizens to its defense in time of stress.

Hughes said the naturalization oath was the same as the oath of office for federal employes and insisted there had never been any suggestion that an officeholder in taking the oath must promise to bear arms.

## *Charges "Piffle" John N. Mann Says*

PORTLAND, May 27 (AP) — Describing statements made against him by former employes as "piffling stuff," John M. Mann, city commissioner of public affairs, declared. "I can refute every one of these charges when the proper time comes." The charges were that he had misused city funds and materials.

J. M. Anderson, former employe of the city water bureau, filed the charges and asked the city council to make a formal investigation of Mann's office.

## PERRY PERSONALS

By Bessie O'Neil
(Observer Correspondent)

PERRY, Ore. (Special) — Mr. and Mrs. J. Anderson and children visited friends and relatives in Union Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Evans and daughter and P. Stein, of La Grande, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stein.

Mrs. Charlie Harris, and a group of friends from La Grande, spent Sunday fishing up the Grande Ronde river.

A. O'Neil and son, Gladi, left for Wallowa, where they will be during shearing.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Myrick and son and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Pierson and daughter, Helen, visited friends in Summerville one day this week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Greenough, of La Grande, and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Huggs, of Elgin, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Greenough, of Perry.

P. V. Carmon, of Perry, is remodeling and painting his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Stringham have as guests for this week friends from Missouri.

The young people of Perry went up Starkey road on a weiner roast Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Blanchard motored to Pendleton recently to visit their daughter, Mrs. Marks, formerly of La Grande.

## Chats With Parents

### "HAPPY BIRTHDAY"

By Alice Judson Peale

The child's birthday is his own special day. He looks forward to it for weeks, even months in advance. He thinks with pride that on that day he can call himself a whole year older—that much nearer being grown up.

On that day for once he is the most important person he knows. He is the pivot of the day's plans. He comes first in everything. The household revolves around him. The gifts and celebrations are all for him. All this is very wonderful, happening as it does to a bit of humanity who on all other days is merely a child.

Surely he has a right to all the happiness and feelings of importance which come to him on his birthday. Especially in large families where one child or another is consistently apt to get the short end of things, it is wholesome to have one day when each child in his turn rates first.

But with all the good wishes and all the good intentions in the world, the "happy birthday" can end in temper tantrums and punishments unless it is wisely planned. There is wisdom in distributing the thrills of the day. The presents might be given at the breakfast table, with the party coming later in the afternoon.

The number of guests and the tempo of entertainment must be decided with consideration for the age and temperament of the child. For one youngster it may be sufficient that his party include three small guests, a treasure hunt and a game of blind man's buff, ice cream and a cake with candles. For another there must be at least twenty at the party and the entertainment must last a few hours if he is to feel that he has had a really fine birthday.

# RUTH NICHOLS: HER CAREER OF THRILLS

(Editor's Note: This is the second of a series of five articles devoted to the career of Ruth Nichols, who eagerly forfeited the divertissements of social life for the thrilling experiences of aviation.)

By Richard Massock

NEW YORK (AP) — Ruth Nichols, airwoman extraordinary, was a model young woman in the age of flapperism.

The girl who now hopes to span the ocean to Europe in a solo flight did not smoke. She was not boy crazy, nor was she clothes crazy.

But she WOULD fly.

That worried her family. They were opposed to her zooming in airplanes and tried to dissuade her from her growing enthusiasm for the aerial sport.

She had earned her wings, but not her parents' consent, when, January 5, 1929, she telephoned from Manhattan to her father at the family home in Rye:

"I may not be home tonight. I expect to stay in town."

The next morning her father, Erickson N. Nichols, read with surprise dispatches from Miami, Fla. His daughter had made the first nonstop flight from New York to Miami.

Furthermore, the plane she was in covered the distance of more than 1,200 miles in 12 hours. On an impulse, she had accompanied Capt. Harry Rogers, her erstwhile teacher, and Maj. M. K. Lee on a hop which was for Rogers a business trip.

It turned out to be the exploit that first spread her name on the front pages.

### Proof of Practicality

"I have always been interested in aviation as a safe and rapid way to travel," she told reporters. "One of my reasons for making the trip was to prove that such trips are practical."

After that her family began to relent. Their acceptance of her career was slow, but the four records she later wrote across the sky seemed to win them over.

She now has their whole-hearted approval of her trans-Atlantic undertaking, the most dangerous of her career.

Ruth Nichols in sports clothes suitable for flying. When this picture was taken she had just stepped from her plane after a relatively short trip through the clouds.

How Miss Nichols looks in aviation garb designed for more eventful flights. The picture was taken while she was on her 12,000-mile air tour of the country.

Daring is a heritage from her father, one of Theodore Roosevelt's Rough Riders in the Spanish-American war. He is retired from business now; for some time he has been in poor health.

From him, too, she acquired a love of horses and her athletic skill. He was a hard riding huntsman, devotee of the colorful sport of county squires, master of hounds for Richmond county (Staten Island). Ruth as a child loved the summer days spent horseback on a Western ranch.

From her demure Quakeress mother she acquired a gentle nature. Ruth, her sister and two brothers were the happy family of tradition.

Her brothers are fliers, too. The elder, Erickson Snowden Nichols, is a cadet in the army flying school at Brooks field, San Antonio. William, a real estate man, is an amateur aviator. He is twin of the sister, Elizabeth Colton Nichols.

### Crash Unnerves Her

Before she began defying lofty hazards Ruth already was acquainted with the dangers of her chosen sport. On a trip around the world in 1924 she flew at Honolulu and Vienna. And in Vienna the plane was cracked up.

This unnerved her, but not for long. In 1926 she flew from Miami to Rye with her 68-year-old aunt, Miss Mary Rowland Haines, as passenger.

The next year Ruth went back to flying school. Her licenses are evidence of her aptitude.

Since 1934 she had possessed the first hydro-airplane license ever given a woman by the Federation Aeronautique Internationale. May 16, 1927, she became the second woman flier to hold a federal transport pilot's license. At the same time she qualified for the first mechanic's license issued to a woman by the United States department of commerce.

Ruth Nichols was off to glory.

## Long Live the King!

Hats off! You're in the presence of the king. Here he is, the great Man o' War, 11 years after he won 20 of his 21 races. This aristocrat of the turf kingdom is 14 years old and hale and hearty as ever, thank you. He resides in kingly quarters at the Idle Hour farm near Lexington, Ky. Thousands of visitors call on him annually and he never fails to strut in regal fashion. This is his latest picture. You're welcome.

## Radio Programs

### THURSDAY PROGRAMS

National Broadcasting Co.: 6, dance orchestra; 7, Amos and Andy; music; 7:30, symphony hour; 8:30, orchestra; 9, musical program; 9:30, Story Teller; 10, string orchestra; 10:30, forest protection; Piano Capers; 11 to 12, dance orchestra.

Columbia Broadcasting system: 6, Lutheran league; 6:30, sports; Parade; 7, orchestra; band; 7:30, Songology; 8, Black and Blue; Dr. Barrows; 8:30, sports; band; 9, Trails of '49; piano; 9:30, male quartet; play; 10, orchestra; answer man; 11, orchestra; 12 to 1 a. m., Vagabond of the Air.

Northwest Broadcasting system: 5:40, markets garden talk; 6, Knights of the Road; concert trio; 6:30, Ward and Chet; Homespun Melodies; 7, talk; singers; sports; 7:30, orchestra; 8, Cheramy Nights; 8:30, Harmony; tenor; 9, Montaville Flowers; 9:30, dance orchestra; 10, Sunshine program; 10:30, Moonlight Melodies; 11, dance orchestra; 12 to 3 a. m., Midnight Revellers.

**Spokane**

KHQ (590): 7 a. m., Town Crier; Alice Blue Gown; Van and Don; 8, Hapyptime; 9, Walt and Norman; music; talk; 10, Magagine of the Air; 11, School of the Air; talks; 1, society; 1:30, Gems of Remembrance; 2, studio parade; 3, service hour; 4, orchestra; 5, musical programs; 6, NBC programs; 9, Evening Highlites; 10, news; Inland Empire Forum; 11, dance music.

**Seattle**

KJR (970): 5:40 to 3 a. m., NBS programs.

**Tacoma**

KVI (760): 9, Skyscrapers; studio programs; 10, orchestra; 10:30, Walkathon; 11, questions and answers; dance orchestra; 12 to 1 a. m., organ.

**Portland**

KEX (1180): 8, musical programs; 8:30, Land of Fulfilled Dreams; 9, NBS; 9:30, vocalists; 10, NBS; 10:30, Walkathon; 11:30, orchestra; 12 to 3 a. m., NBS.

**Oakland**

KLX (880): 7, news; 7:30, piano; read information; 8, Rhinard and Scott; 8:30, Theatre of Air; 9, gospel hymns; 9:30, novelty trio; 10, dance band; 11, Frolic of the Air; 11:30 to 12, dance music.

KGO (790): 6 to 12, NBC programs.

**San Francisco**

KPO (680): ,7 orchestra; 8, mystery play; 8:30, piano; Meeting in the Tavern; 9, Cy Trobbe's Scrapbook; 10, news; Maurice Gunsky; 10:30, dance orchestra; 11:30 to 12, organ.

KFRC (610): 6 to 1 a. m., CBS programs.

**Los Angeles**

KHJ (900): 7, CBS programs; 8:30, studio program; 9, music; 9:30, studio program; 0, news; orchestra; 12 to 1 a. m., organ.

KNX 1050): 7, Watanabe and Archie; Hallroom Boys; 7:30, music; 8, "Rounders"; 8:30, violin and piano; 9, Get Together Party; 9:30, orchestra and guitar; 10, Gossipers; Wranglers; 11 to 12, musical program.

KFI (640): 7, string ensemble; 7:30, NBC programs; 9, talk; orchestra; 9:30, tenor and baritone; 10, news; Nomade; 10:30, organ; 11 to 12, NBC.

**Denver**

KOA (830): 6, NBC programs; 7:15, Listener's Hour; 7:45, violin; 8, orchestra; studio program; 8:30, NBC; 9, sports; Sparklets; 9:30, NBC; 10, Nomads; 10:30 to 11, organ.

**Salt Lake City**

KSL (1130): 6, NBC programs; 7:15, Pep program; 7:45, organ; 8:15, Magic Paintbrush; 8:30, NBC; 9:30, informal studio program; 10, Frolic; 10:30, play.

## *May Impeach Gov. Norton, Tennessee*

NASHVILLE, Tenn., May 27 (AP)—The Tennessee house of representatives yesterday authorized appointment of a committee to decide whether impeachment charges should be recommended against Governor Henry W. Norton.

Appointment of the committee was recommended in a house resolution which was introduced after a majority report of a legislative investigating committee charged the governor had been dominated by Colonel Luke Lea, Nashville publisher and politician, and Rogers Caldwell, former investment banker.

The investigating committee made an extensive inquiry into state affairs after Caldwell's bank, Caldwell and company, failed last fall and precipitated the closing of many other banks. Nearly $7,000,000 in state funds was on deposit in the closed banks.

## *Republicans and Dems Lose by Death*

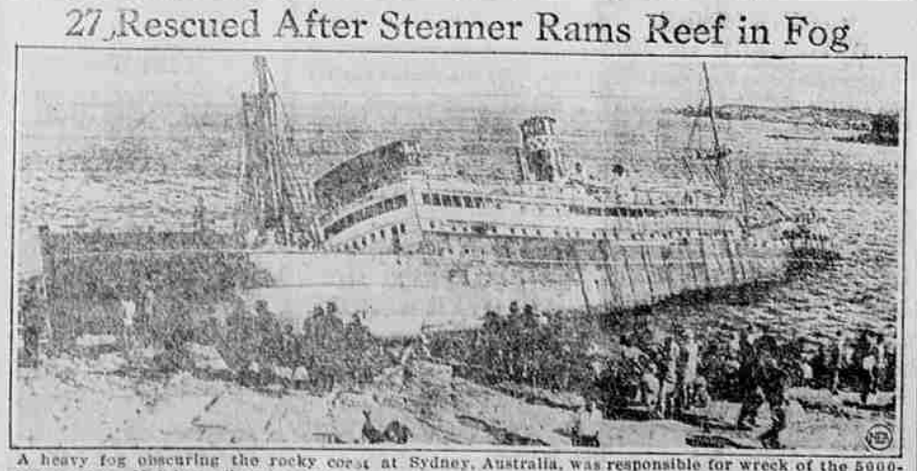
WASHINGTON, May 27 (AP)—Republican and Democratic parties yesterday had suffered equal losses due to death of members of the closely divided house.

The political division now stands: Republicans 216; Democrats 214 and Farmer-Labor 1.

Representative-elect Matthew J. O'Malley, Democrat, of Brooklyn, died before taking the oath of office. He was elected to the vacancy in the seventh New York district caused by the death last November 27 of Representative John F. Quayle.

The Democrats also lost Representative Aswell of Louisiana. The Republicans lost Speaker Longworth and Representative Cooper of Wisconsin. John Overton has been nominated by Louisiana Democrats to succeed Aswell.

## 27 Rescued After Steamer Rams Reef in Fog



A heavy fog obscuring the rocky coast at Sydney, Australia, was responsible for wreck of the 5000-ton steamer, Malabar, shown above after it rammed a reef and the 27 passengers were saved. Because of the calm weather no difficulty was experienced in taking off the passengers, but a few hours later a storm battered the wreck to pieces.

## Stork Brings Triplets—16 Pounds!

Twenty-four hours after Mrs. Jeff Wingo, wife of a Kansas City iceman, gave birth to the triplets with whom she is shown above, she posed for this picture. Two of the new arrivals are boys, weighing five and a half and six pounds. The third is a girl, weight five pounds. There are four other Wingo children. The father says: "Why worry about living in a two-room house when we have blessings like these?"

## Police Find No Clue to Charles Crawford Murder

LOS ANGELES, May 27 (AP)—A third safety deposit box belonging to Charles Crawford, wealthy political boss who was slain last Wednesday with Herbert Spencer, former newspaper man, was found yesterday by authorities and opened, but like the two others previously searched, there was nothing in it to aid investigation of the murders.

Police had hoped that it might contain papers which would throw some light on Crawford's political activities.

As the box was returned to its vault, Chief of Detectives Joseph Taylor said "The case is closed as far as the police are concerned."

Westerday was just another day of silence for David H. Clark, former deputy district attorney and now a candidate for municipal judge, who is charged with the double slaying which his recent chief, District Attorney Buron Fitts, terms a "racketeer murder."

"His defense is good," said Leonard Wilson, one of the defendant's attorneys, but "he has decided to make no public statements concerning it until the matter is presented in court."

No intimation was given by Wilson as to whether it will involve "exposure" threats by Charles Crawford, boss politician, and Herbert Spencer, political writer, who were found shot to death last Wednesday, as was suggested by investigators.

## *Farm Board Jobs Vacant in June*

WASHINGTON, May 27 (AP)—Two positions on the farm board will be available in June for men with good ideas about agriculture.

Samuel R. McKelvie, grain member, and C. C. Teague, vice-chairman and fruits and vegetable specialist, are leaving.

A third, William F. Schilling, dairy member, is expected to be reappointed when his term expires June 15.

Several names have been advanced to President Hoover, but so far he has given no indication who will fill the two vacancies.

McKelvie, now in London, where he represented the United States at the International Wheat conference, will retire to his Nebraska farm when his term expires June 15. He and Schilling were named for a two-year period.

Teague was appointed for one year. Last June he agreed to remain six more months and at the end of that time he was prevailed upon by Mr. Hoover to stay six more.

He leaves June 1 for his Santa Paula, California, home and citrus fruit business.

## *Cunard Skipper Is Retired at Sixty*

NEW YORK, May 27 (AP) — Captain William "Sailor Bill" Prothero, Cunard line skipper for nearly a score of years, has been retired under the 60-year age clause, Cunard officials announced yesterday.

One of the most picturesque figures in the North Atlantic lane, Captain Prothero was placed on the list as a relief master in 1928. This made him a well known figure on every Cunard ship for he relieved the captains every third trip. He established a record crossing of 5 days, 13 hours, 46 minutes as master of the Berengaria on Oct. 5, 1928.

## *Aristide Briand May Not Resign*

PARIS, May 27 (AP)—Foreign Minister Aristide Briand is described by Echo De Paris as having decided not to resign from the French cabinet.

The newspaper says that notwithstanding his defeat in the presidential election he would heed the requests of retiring President Gaston Doumergue and President-Elect Paul Doumer and continue his work in behalf of Pan-European economic cooperation.

M. Briand tendered his resignation to President Doumergue after the unexpected victory of M. Doumer at Versailles and it still is held in abeyance. An announcement was expected after the cabinet meeting today.

## *Convicts Confess Starting of Fire*

COLUMBUS, Ohio, May 27 (AP) — Clinton Grate and Hugh Gibson, Ohio penitentiary convicts, yesterday entered pleas of guilty to second degree murder in connection with the prison fire of a year ago. They were sentenced to life terms.

Three hundred and twenty convicts, locked in their cells, met death in the fire.

Grate has been on trial for first degree murder. He confessed that he and Gibson fired the prison. They asserted they wanted to halt cell block construction, and did not intend to kill anyone. Gibson was to have been tried later.

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## The News Used To Be

### TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
(From Observer, Fri., May 25, 1906)

La Grande Odd Fellows are feeling jubilant today. The La Grande lodge No. 16, I. O. O. F. has been notified that the grand lodge of Oregon which closed its session last night at Portland had designated La Grande as the place of holding its next meeting.

Last evening the contract for the construction of the new building for the La Grande National bank was let to Contractor J. L. Slater.

### TEN YEARS AGO
(From Observer, Fri., May 27, 1921)

The juniors of La Grande High, headed by Principal H. M. Du Bois and teachers, Misses Ora Eckles, Eileen Bowling, Mildred Riddle and next year's principal, E. D. Towler, celebrated the closing of school with a picnic yesterday.

This is the annual commencement night at La Grande High with 48 graduates going forth today with their diplomas after the formal commencement exercises close.

A. Edwin Pryke, physical director of the Y. M. C. A., will leave this evening with his family, Mrs. Pryke and little daughter, Marion, for the Northern Flathead valley in Montana, adjoining the famous Glacier National park.

### ONE YEAR AGO
(From Observer, Wed., May 28, 1930)

H. E. Brady will serve as president of the La Grande Rotary club during the coming year, taking the place left vacant by the resignation of W. C. Perkins.

Charles H. Reynolds set a new local course record at the country club yesterday, turning in a 71, one stroke below par.

When the commencement June 10 completes the first year of the Eastern Oregon Normal school, the records will show that a total of 457 students were enrolled during the summer, fall, winter and spring quarters.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Melhorn are the parents of a baby girl born Monday morning.

# Stock Exchange To Investigate Bear Operations

NEW YORK, May 27 (AP)—The New York stock exchange has, in effect, warned Bears to watch their step.

Members yesterday received a questionnaire from the exchange demanding full information regarding bearish operations of themselves or their clients.

This is the first time, so far as has become publicly known, that the exchange's committee on business conduct has begun an extensive investigation of the Bears since the troublesome days of last autumn.

The exchange's rules impose severe penalties for operations designed to depress share values artificially, although the exchange is not opposed to legitimate short selling.

Richard Whitney, president of the exchange, has said that the investigation of the severe decline last autumn did not disclose excessive or unethical bearish activity.

Although there was no official comment on the questionnaire, Wall street took it for granted the powerful business conduct committee was seeking to check up on possible unethical short selling in a stock market which has been declining almost steadily since February, sending prices back to 1926 levels.

### "WOUNDED" POTOTO HEALS WHEN KEPT AT 60 DEGREES

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP)—Potatoes will heal their own mechanical wounds if they are stored in a humid place at a temperature of about 60 degrees for a week or ten days after harvesting.

The United States department of agriculture has so advised Louisiana potato farmers.

Cuts, abrasions and bruises are covered with new cell tissue if there is no infection by decay organisms.

The potato tuber is a living organism which, under suitable temperature and moisture conditions, is capable of producing new cell tissue, the department explains.

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