

## Oregon School Head Elected

### KERR NAMED AS OREGON CHANCELLOR

Noted Corvallis Educator,  
O. S. C. President, Is  
Selected by Board

### ZOOK LOSES OUT BY 5 TO 4 VOTE

Members of Board Report  
Discussion of Candi-  
dates and Election as  
"Smooth, Harmonious"

PORTLAND, Sept. 7 (AP)—Dr. William J. Kerr, for 25 years president of Oregon State College, is chancellor of Oregon's institutions of higher education.

The state college president was elected to the post, which pays \$12,000 a year at the late afternoon session yesterday of the board of higher education. Earlier, by a vote of 5 to 4 the board rejected the application of Dr. George Frederick Zook, president of Akron (Ohio) university, the only out-of-state educator who had been approached in connection with the position.

Members of the board said that the discussion of candidates and ultimate election was "smooth and harmonious throughout."

By virtue of the appointment Dr. Kerr will have direct charge of the University of Oregon, of Oregon State college, the three normal schools, at Monmouth, La Grande and Ashland, and of the Portland medical school. Presidents will preside over each, however, and will be responsible to Dr. Kerr.

The vote by which Dr. Kerr was advanced to his new position was 4 to 3, two members of the board not voting.

Those casting their votes for him were C. C. Colt, B. P. Irvine, E. C. Pease and Herman Oliver.

Those voting against the appointment were Mr. Cornelia Marvin Pierce, F. E. Callister and E. O. Sammons.

Neither C. L. Starr, president of the board, nor Albert Burch voted.

At the night session of the board it was voted to leave a letter of advice with pay to Dr. Arnold Bennett Hall, president of the University of Oregon, who has resigned. The leave will extend to Dec. 31, the effective date of his resignation.

Dr. Kerr's term as chancellor began with his acceptance, which followed immediately upon his notification of the board's action late Tuesday.

Dr. Kerr probably will have his

(Continued on Page Four)

### SCHOOL OPENS; REGISTRATION AT COVE 200

By Mrs. A. G. Conklin  
(Observer Correspondent)

COVE, Ore., Sept. 7 (Special)—School began here Monday with an enrollment of about 200. The figures are not exact, but approximately so.

This was the largest enrollment in the high school in years. Last year 87 was the total enrollment and on previous years the number varied from 55, 50 and sometimes 55, but this year school starts with 65, and a few more are expected.

The work of the first day consisted mostly of registration and plans for the year and after the pupils were dismissed a teachers' meeting was held. The faculty is K. La Violette, principal; J. R. Price, assistant; Mrs. Eva Good, commercial; Miss Jean Williams, English; Mrs. Alice Mills, 7th and 8th grades; Miss Stella Edvalson, 5th and 6th; Mrs. Eva Duncan, 3d and 4th; and Mrs. Hattie Powell, 1st and 2d.

### New L. H. S. Students To Report Thursday

Although students who attended La Grande High last year are not required to report until Monday morning at 8:50 o'clock, all incoming freshmen and all high school students new to the La Grande district are asked to report at the high school at 1:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Incoming freshmen from schools outside of La Grande district must bring their eighth grade diplomas and all incoming students whose parents do not reside in Union county must get a certificate of residence from their county superintendent before reporting to Principal A. L. Giralapp.

Schools throughout La Grande will begin the fall semester Monday morning.

WEATHER FORECAST  
Oregon: Fair tonight and Thursday but fog and rain on the coast; normal temperature; gentle changeable winds offshore.

WEATHER TODAY  
7 a. m.—61 above.  
Minimum: 55 above.  
Condition: Clear.

WEATHER YESTERDAY  
Maximum 91, minimum 55 above.  
Condition: Clear. Range: 36 degrees.

WEATHER SEPT. 7, 1931  
Maximum 78, minimum 42 above.  
Condition: Partly cloudy.  
Rain .02 of inch. Range: 36 degrees.

### Program To Be Presented At Blossom Show

Neighborhood Club Makes  
Final Arrangements—  
Yard Judging to Begin  
Tomorrow

A varied and interesting musical program, arranged by Mrs. A. L. Richardson, chairman, will be presented during the afternoon and evening at the annual flower show which will be sponsored by the La Grande Neighborhood club Friday at the La Grande hotel. Mrs. John Thelsen, general chairman, announced today. The flower show is the closing activity of Mrs. S. B. Morgan's year as president and during the past summer she has been working with her committee making arrangements for the event, one of the leading affairs of the early fall.

Yard judging will be held tomorrow and a new method of judging has been instituted, based on attractiveness, neatness and utility. Mrs. A. T. Hill, Mrs. R. F. Murphy and Mrs. Walter Teisman will form the judging committee. La Grande will be divided into two divisions with the railroad as the dividing line, and for each division there will be nine first prizes.

(Continued on Page Four)

### La Grande High Grid Players To Report Thursday

La Grande High school football candidates are asked to report tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock at the athletic field grandstand, according to Coach Ira Woodie, who said today practice would begin either Friday or Monday in preparation for the first game of the grid season—with Walla Walla High here on Oct. 1.

Prospects this year are fair, but the loss of 15 lettermen, including several first team stalwarts, leaves a big hole to fill. About 15 lettermen remain for this fall, although not all of them were first stringers in 1931. Veterans, however, are available for nearly every position, and in addition, Coach Woodie expects a considerable number of new players.

Captain Owsley, two-year center, will be on hand along with Feuerhelm, tackle and guard; Howard, tackle; Alvey and Munial, guards; Corey, end or tackle; Y. Bear, Kimmell, Irwin and Hogeness, candidates for end position, and several other prospective linemen.

In the backfield, there are the DeBolt brothers, Ralph and Earl, fullback; Webb, E. and M. Reynolds and several others.

Spring practice was held this year and Coach Woodie will be able to start his team in formations and scrimmage early this year, it is believed.

Dr. Kerr probably will have his

(Continued on Page Four)

### Variety Theme Of Modern Life, Miss Gray Finds

"Variety" has become the theme of modern living—and the modern wide-awake housewife must realize that she must show variety in her menus.

It is the opinion of Miss Alice Gray (Irene Clara Kerr), noted home economist, that housewives should take advantage of the many attractive new dishes available and to increase her repertoire of recipes.

"The size of the family pocketbook should make little difference in the quality and temptings of meals," says Miss Gray.

She declares that although trifles and pate de foie gras may not appear often on anyone's family menu, it is easy and deliciously simple to use ordinary cuts of meat—even left-overs—in a way to surprise the whole family.

"The American tomato and the Irish potato, both may be the basis of scores of intriguing recipes and, if all else fails, you can have the simplest potato and tomato dishes possible—a creamy baked potato with butter, or sliced tomatoes."

Miss Gray, the famed home economist who will appear here on Sept. 20, 21, 22, 23, to conduct the Observer's "Variety" series, is a strong proponent of utilizing the cheaper and simpler items of food.

"Especially enough," Miss Gray says, "some of the most attractive dishes of the world-famous chefs are prepared from the least expensive ingredients."

(Continued on Page Four)

### Three-Quarters Of Year Plates Ready

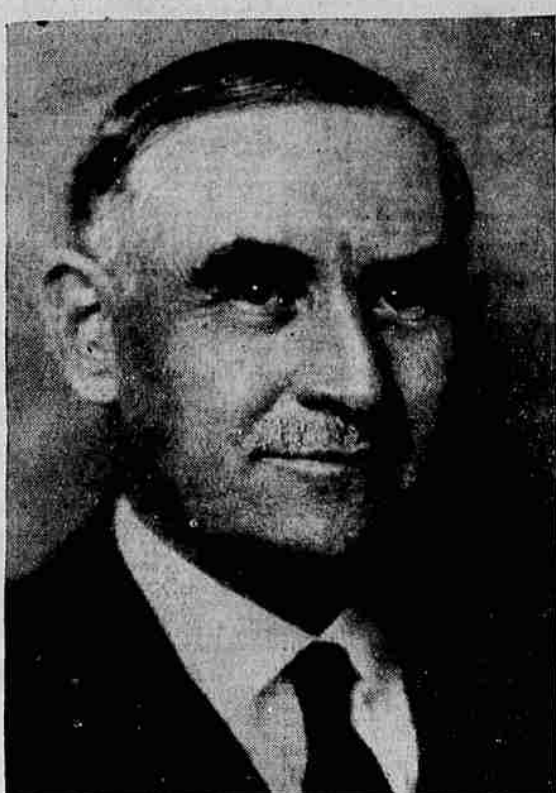
On and after Sept. 21, three-quarter year licenses for automobiles will be procurable at the sheriff's office, Sheriff Jesse Breshears announced this morning.

HOSS MAKES ANNOUNCEMENT  
SALEM, Sept. 7 (AP)—Secretary of State Hal E. Hoss announced yesterday that three-quarter term automobile license plates would be issued on and after Sept. 21. Applications sent to Salem before the 21st will be filed so that plates may reach owners by mail the 24th.

### Seven Boys, All Under 14, Jailed

Police today arrested seven boys, all less than 14 years of age, whose names were withheld because of their extreme youth and the fact it was their first offense. The boys had in their possession some of the articles stolen from the Walter Lane home on Hemlock about a week ago. Police had recovered most of the missing articles today.

### APPOINTED CHANCELLOR



Dr. W. J. Kerr, president of the Oregon State college since 1907, yesterday was appointed chancellor of the Oregon schools of higher education at a meeting of the state board. Dr. Kerr's appointment followed the defeat of Dr. Zook, of Akron university, by a 5 to 4 vote and the resignation of Dr. Arnold Bennett Hall, president of the University of Oregon, effective Dec. 31.

### NO NEW TEACHER FOR HIGH SCHOOL

Board Decides to Leave  
Vacancy Unfilled—to  
Advertise Bonds

No new teacher will be elected to teach in the La Grande High school to fill the vacancy on the staff, while in the grade schools the same number of rooms will be opened as last year and temporary teachers hired for a week or two, the school board decided last night at a meeting at the high school.

If the number of students enrolled in the grade school makes it necessary, permanent instructors will be hired for the year to fill the present four vacancies.

The \$80,000 bond issued voted by the La Grande to match \$80,000 from the state to erect a training school in connection with the Eastern Oregon Normal school will be advertised

(Continued on Page Four)

### Will Not Name Judges Who Are To Pick Winner

The judges in the contest to select the woman with the most brilliant red hair at the Grand Fair and Home products show on Sept. 21 and 22 will never be announced, in order to avoid possible altercations with the tempers which are supposed to accompany persons of that complexion, according to a decision reached last night by the three fair committees.

(Continued on Page Two)

## Farm Strikers Win "Skirmish"

### No Divorce For the Rudy Vallees; Other News of National Interest

RENO, Nev., Sept. 7 (AP)—There will be no divorce for the Rudy Vallees, the former Pay Webb, actress wife of the crooning radio singer, said here this morning.

"It was all a mistake," Mrs. Vallees told the Associated Press. "I love my husband and always have loved him. I am leaving at noon for Santa Monica and will join Rudy later in New York. I'm so happy."

A sudden realization that her separation from Vallees was all the result of a "childish and foolish quarrel," coupled with a midnight telephone conversation with the radio singer in Atlantic City was responsible for the change in plans.

GRETA GARBO ILL  
STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Sept. 7 (AP)—Greta Garbo was confined today to her island home near here with a bad cold.

Attendants said she was in a fretful mood, because of her inability to be with her mother in Stockholm, who also is ill.

CONNECTICUT FOR REPEAL  
NEW HAVEN, Conn., Sept. 7 (AP)—Repeal of the eighteenth amendment and immediate modification of the Volstead act was endorsed today by the resolutions committee preparing a platform for presentation before the Republican state convention.

The prohibition plank also recommended the return to the states of

(Continued on Page Two)

## SCHOOL BILL VICIOUS ONE BROWN SAYS

Neither Ashland Nor La  
Grande Tricked by Jun-  
ior College Idea

WOULD PUT E. O. N.  
OUT OF BUSINESS

Zorn-MacPherson Meas-  
ure Also Would Aban-  
don \$712,464.86 Normal  
at Monmouth.

"The Zorn-MacPherson school moving bill is a vicious measure," Alexander G. Brown, secretary of the University of Oregon alumni association, declared here last night at a meeting held at the city hall, "and neither Ashland nor La Grande has been tricked by the junior college provisions of the act."

"These two communities realize that junior colleges would not long be operated at general state expense if they were ever established at all, and looking at the available finances for higher education in this state it is easy to see that one of two things would happen to the institutions in these communities."

Mr. Brown states that first they would be turned over to the communities to operate at their own expense, usual in junior colleges, and the second is that they would be closed, which is more probable.

Costly to Taxpayers  
"The bill in effect puts the Ashland and La Grande Normal schools out of business and they would join the \$712,464.86 abandoned plant at Monmouth as part of the educational history of the state." According to valuations reported by the state board of higher education, the abandonment of the three schools would cost the taxpayers approximately \$1,200,000.

Instances in which La Grande and Ashland have shown their faith in the state and their interest in the normal schools was cited in the voting an \$80,000 bond issue on Sept. 10, 1931 to finance a training school. Ashland also provided a large sum for their school.

Normal schools at Ashland and La Grande provide higher educational facilities for young men and young

(Continued on Page Two)

## FIRST OF 1932 TURKEY CROP IS ON MARKET

PORTLAND, Sept. 7 (AP)—First of the 1932 turkey crop has reached the Portland market and were found to be of good quality, earliness of the season considered.

The birds, coming from Dallas, were dressed and while not what would be called finished stuff later in the season, they were in prime condition for this date. The average weight was around 10 pounds. The birds had quick growth and were well fattened, age considered.

On Friday he will dedicate the new memorial building, returning to Portland Saturday afternoon for the official, formal reception.

Stevens was accompanied by Mrs. Stevens and Mr. Henry J. Stevens, 3d, and by Thomas Bird, assistant national publicity director of the legion.

While the rest of the nation talked about it, the legion stepped into the battle against unemployment and put one million persons back to work.

"We did not ask if they were members of the legion, or even if they had been in the service," Stevens said. "All we asked was 'are you an American citizen, and do you want a job?'"

The legion will show a decrease in membership of about six or seven percent this year, Stevens believes, due to business conditions. Last year the membership was 1,063,000.

BOMB KILLS 2  
IN PORTLAND  
LATE TUESDAY

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 7 (AP)—A terrific blast which tore one man to pieces and fatally injured another, demolished five rooms in a hotel and jarring the downtown district late Tuesday night, was today attributed by police to the premature explosion of an infernal machine the two men were believed to have been manufacturing.

Detectives today said they had positively identified the dead men as Gilbert McCune, 23, and Forrest Edward Wright, 25. McCune, earlier tentatively identified as M. C. Barton from papers found in his clothing, died four hours after the blast. Wright's body was blown to bits.

The explosion wrecked most of the first floor of the new Willard hotel where the two men had been living since Aug. 30.

SILOUS CITY, Iowa, Sept. 7 (AP)—Nearly 100 Plymouth county deputy sheriffs, armed with shotguns, pistols and clubs were turned back by a crowd of 600 farm holiday strikers today when the officers made an attempt to escort 22 truckloads of livestock through the picket lines at James, Iowa.

The cattle truckers, from northwestern Iowa, assembled at the LeMars ball park and asked Sheriff Ralph Rippey to provide an escort.

Rippey swore in all available men as deputies and started for James.

The deputies, in four trucks, preceded the caravan of 22 livestock trucks, which they reached James where they were halted by the group of farmers, who had placed heavy timber in the way.

(Continued on Page Four)

## Round-Up To Open Gates on Thursday

PENDLETON, Sept. 7 (AP)—The west's greatest epic, the Pendleton Round-Up, reviving the thrilling days of western plains life, will be staged here for the 23rd year when the gates of the big arena open tomorrow to permit the entry of what is expected to be a record crowd.

## New York To Elect Mayor On November 8

### CONDIT WILL NOT SEEK TO RETAIN POST

Melville and Lottes Not  
Ready to Make State-  
ment of Intentions

CITY CANDIDATES  
MUST FILE SOON

No Announcements of  
Any Other Candidacies  
Heard With Less Than  
Month for Nominations

With less than a month in which to file nominating petitions, no announcement of candidates for the city commission has been made.

Of the three commissioners now in office, only one has a definite announcement to make. William Condit, elected two years ago and now completing his term of office, stated to an Observer reporter that he would not be a candidate for re-election.

V. R. Melville, chairman of the city commission, and completing his second term of office, had not reached a decision as to his future course.

Fritz Lottes, who was appointed to the office of commissioner following the death of Frank Rohan, elected in November, 1930, and who is completing his first term of office, had no statement to make.

No rumors as to any other candidacies have been heard.

The charter says that certificates of nominations made by individual electors shall be filed for less than 10 per cent of the total number of electors voting at the last preceding city election and that the certificates must be filed with the recorder not later than 31 days before the day fixed by law for the election. Which means that all of September and a few days in October remain for filing of nominations.

## LEGION LEADER VISITS OREGON

Henry L. Stevens Jr. Con-  
fident Business Recov-  
ery Is Under Way

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 7 (AP)—Confident that business recovery is definitely under way, enthusiastic veterans' organization reached Portland today to attend the 14th annual convention.

He will leave here however, Thursday morning for San Francisco where on Friday he will dedicate the new memorial building, returning to Portland Saturday afternoon for the official, formal reception.

Stevens was accompanied by Mrs. Stevens and Mr. Henry J. Stevens, 3d, and by Thomas Bird, assistant national publicity director of the legion.

While the rest of the nation talked about it, the legion stepped into the battle against unemployment and put one million persons back to work.

"We did not ask if they were members of the legion, or even if they had been in the service," Stevens said. "All we asked was 'are you an American citizen, and do you want a job?'"

The legion will show a decrease in membership of about six or seven percent this year, Stevens believes, due to business conditions. Last year the membership was 1,063,000.

BOMB KILLS 2  
IN PORTLAND  
LATE TUESDAY

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 7 (AP)—A terrific blast which tore one man to pieces and fatally injured another, demolished five rooms in a hotel and jarring the downtown district late Tuesday night, was today attributed by police to the premature explosion of an infernal machine the two men were believed to have been manufacturing.

Detectives today said they had positively identified the dead men as Gilbert McCune, 23, and Forrest Edward Wright, 25. McCune, earlier tentatively identified as M. C. Barton from papers found in his clothing, died four hours after the blast. Wright's body was blown to bits.

The explosion wrecked most of the first floor of the new Willard hotel where the two men had been living since Aug. 30.

SILOUS CITY, Iowa, Sept. 7 (AP)—Nearly 100 Plymouth county deputy sheriffs, armed with shotguns, pistols and clubs were turned back by a crowd of 600 farm holiday strikers today when the officers made an attempt to escort 22 truckloads of livestock through the picket lines at James, Iowa.

The cattle truckers, from northwestern Iowa, assembled at the LeMars ball park and asked Sheriff Ralph Rippey to provide an escort.

Rippey swore in all available men as deputies and started for James.

The deputies, in four trucks, preceded the caravan of 22 livestock trucks, which they reached James where they were halted by the group of farmers, who had placed heavy timber in the way.

(Continued on Page Four)

## Sub-Committee To Study River Data

PORTLAND, Sept. 7 (AP)—Careful and sympathetic consideration of data presented to a senate sub-committee during a hearing here on improvement of the Columbia and Snake rivers was promised by Senator John Thomas, of Idaho.

Senator Thomas is chairman of the committee which held the hearing here Tuesday and today opens a similar hearing in Lewiston, Idaho.

Spokane for inland farmers, particularly wheat growers, told the committee of the desperate need for lower freight rates, which they said would be possible only through use of the rivers, supplemented by trucks as feeders. Some testified that upon lower freight rates depended their continuing in business.

### NEW MAYOR



Chief executive of the world's largest city by virtue of Mayor Jimmy Walker's resignation, Joseph V. McKee is shown above in a smiling pose.

## Jean Harlow Is Questioned; Note Mystery to Her

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 7 (AP)—Conflicting stories of weekend events that culminated with the discovery of the bullet-pierced body of Paul Bern, film producer, and husband of Jean Harlow, screen star, entered the police investigation of the apparent suicide today.

Inspector of Detectives David A. Davidson, head of the police homicide squad, stated he was dissatisfied with the progress his men have made in the case and, pending the inquest Thursday, he would again question domestic help of the producer whose stories differ concerning the events of last Saturday and Sunday.

Instead of dining with Miss Harlow, his bride of two months, on Saturday evening, as stated by John Carmichael, butler at the Bern home, Bern left the film studios in Culver City and drove to the Ambassador hotel a few minutes after 6 p. m.

Harold A. Garrison, chauffeur, told police that he saw Bern leave the hotel and drive to the home of his mother both Saturday and Sunday evenings.

Miss Harlow was questioned by police last night after they had been forced to wait for more than 24 hours due to her hysterical condition.

"I can't understand why this terrible thing should have happened," said Garrison, further declared Paul, I have no idea what it means. This 'frightful wrong' he apparently believed he had done me is all a mystery. I can't imagine what it means."

"Paul often talked to me of suicide as a general topic, but never once did he intimate that he himself contemplated such an act. There was nothing between us that was anything of the kind would have caused him to do this."

A cryptic telegram received by Louis B. Mayer, general manager of the film studios where Bern was state producer, from Dr. Ed B. Jones, Bern's personal physician, now in Honolulu, only added to the mystery of the case. It read:

"Understand motive. Will leave at once to testify for you and Miss Harlow."

(Continued on Page Four)

## Hutchinsons Start Greenland Flight

GOTHIAAB, Greenland, Sept. 7 (AP)—The "Flying Hutchinsons" took off on another leg of their New York-London flight this morning. They headed for Angmagssalik on the east coast of Greenland.

FRIDERICHSBACH, Ger., Sept. 7 (AP)—The Graf Zeppelin, German dirigible, arrived here at 5:30 p. m. today, completing its fourth round trip of the year to Pernambuco, Brazil.

GRAF ARRIVES HOME  
FREDERICHSBACH, Ger., Sept. 7 (AP)—The Graf Zeppelin, German dirigible, arrived here at 5:30 p. m. today, completing its fourth round trip of the year to Pernambuco, Brazil.

Wheat Today  
CHICAGO, Sept. 7 (AP)—Bearishly affected by reports of ideal weather for crop movement in Canada, wheat quotations averaged lower today.

Canadian country deliveries of wheat were much larger than a year ago, and houses with Winnipeg connections were persistent sellers here. Speculative buying in Chicago was at a minimum.

Wheat close unsettled, 1 1/2 @ 3/4 under yesterday's finish, corn unchanged to 1/4 off, oats 1/4 @ 3/4 down, and provisions averaged lower today.

SPOKANE, Sept. 7 (AP)—Without drawing a great amount from the Spokane district granaries, wheat quotations soared to 64 1/2 cents a bushel, a new high for the season, here Tuesday.

WINNIPEG, Man., Sept. 7 (AP)—Produce 428,813,000 bushels this year, according to the annual estimate of grain crops compiled by the Winnipeg Free Press. Saskatchewan's expected yield is 1,178,000 bushels, Alberta's 1,081,300, and Manitoba's 41,000,500.

## WALKER NOT PREPARED TO STATE PLANS

Question of Tammany's  
Candidate May Not Be  
Settled for Month

MAYOR MCKEE IN  
ECONOMY MOVE

Cuts Own Salary \$15,000  
—Takes Other Steps to  
Strengthen City's Fi-  
nancial Position.

NEW YORK, Sept. 7 (AP)—John F. Curry, leader of Tammany Hall, indicated today that decision on whether James J. Walker will be Tammany's candidate, should there be a special primary election, this fall, may be delayed for more than a month.

Asked when a decision might be expected on whether former Mayor Walker will be renominated for the office from which he resigned last week, Curry replied it was his understanding that the nominations did not have to be made before October 15.

That was his only comment on that subject, except that he added he had not seen Walker since his resignation.

Election Called  
The board of elections today unanimously received the certification of City Clerk Michael J. Cruise that a vacancy exists for the office of mayor and passed a resolution to meet at 10 o'clock tomorrow for elections on Nov. 8 to fill the vacancy.

S. Howard Cohen, president of the board, presented the resolution immediately after the certification had been received.

Commissioners Valentine J. Hahn, a Republican, and William J. Hoffman, a Democrat, joined with Cohen, Democrat, and Jacob A. Livingston, a Republican, in voting for the resolution.

MCKEE CUTS OWN SALARY  
NEW YORK, Sept. 7 (AP)—Joseph McKee, mayor for less than a week, pulled tight today the purse strings of "six years of spending," as he

(Continued on Page Four)

## FOUR HELD IN BEER GARDEN MURDER CASE

PORTLAND, Sept. 7 (AP)—Four men were held on first degree murder charges here, the result of a police roundup last night as detectives searched the city in quest of the killer of Merle G. Barr, 31, beer garden operator, who was shot to death early Tuesday in his bar room.