

# WETS LAUNCH STRONG DRIVE

### Calamitous Picture Painted At Hearing by Foes of 18th Amendment

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the committee to reason together but "not with fanaticism." These, he said, are foes "of religion as well as individual liberty."

"No law can ever be enforced that is destructive of right and individual liberty," he exclaimed. "What opportunity has there been for the conscientious opponents of prohibition to be heard? These hearings will open the doors to let them present their side of the question fully."

In his testimony Liggett said there were 700 speak-easies in Washington, D. C., and not less than 4,000 bootleggers and that he had come to the conclusion that there were not less than 1,600,000 gallons of hard liquor consumed here each year. He added that arrests for drunkenness in Washington had tripled during the prohibition decade, even considering the increase of population.

### Conditions in Boston Described by Witness

Asserting that he had made a painstaking investigation of Boston he said there were at least 4,000 open speak-easies there and 15,000 people who purveyed liquor illegally in that city.

"I want to say," he said, "that the police of Boston and the state police of Massachusetts are very largely corrupted as a result of this prohibition act. I have positive evidence in affidavit form, and affidavits substantiated by several persons in each case, that not only are the police corrupted but even ex-governors and their secretaries and commissioners of public safety have been illegally selling liquor on a wholesale scale."

Later Liggett was interrogated by Representative Stobbs, republican, Massachusetts, as to whether he referred to the plural in speaking of ex-governors and commissioners of public safety.

The witness replied that he meant only one of each.

"The witness testified that a 'white slave ring of international scope' was operating in Massachusetts, Connecticut, Pennsylvania and Michigan. He also said there was \$22,000,000 a year being spent for drugs in Detroit, and blamed a growth of the drug traffic on prohibition.

Liquor plentiful in Kansas, claim he made. Turning to Kansas, where, he said, they recently celebrated the 50th anniversary of state-wide prohibition, he declared he could go into any town as a total stranger and get a very good drink of liquor within 15 minutes after arriving. Within five minutes after entering a hotel in Topeka, he said, a bellboy offered to sell him a pint of alcohol. In 16 counties in Kansas, he declared he had found similar conditions.

"Wichita is wide open, Liggett said. 'I went into one of the classic roadhouses in Wichita; it compared very favorably indeed with the better class of roadhouses in New York and it was running wide open; gambling going on upstairs with the roof the limit and 75 people were playing as I watched the game and stakes high.'

Although praising Detroit for what he called "mass production," Liggett said that "mass production in crime is also coming into its fullest flower in the city of Detroit."

Former Mayor and Police Chief Quoted

"I have it on the authority of the ex-mayor and also the present chief of police," the magazine writer continued, "that there are today 200,000 speak-easies in the city of Detroit."

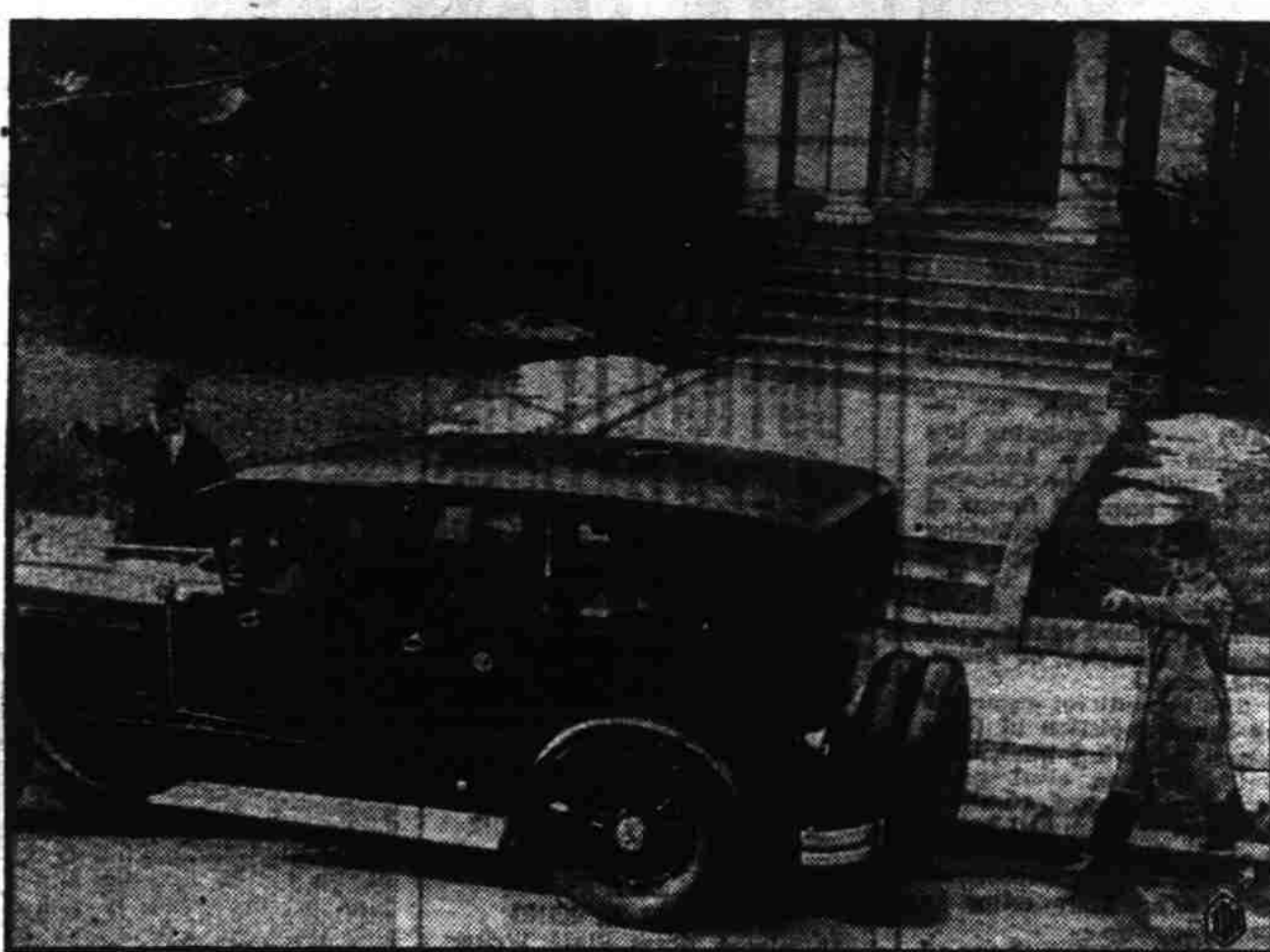
Asserting that arrests for drunkenness in Detroit had almost doubled in the last ten years, Liggett said the city was "in the grip of a bunch of gangsters, racketeers, crooked politicians and grafting politicians."

He described a "very wild party, where the liquor was donated by one of the principal gamblers of Detroit," as follows:

"There were at that drunken revel at the Grand Avenue roadhouse the governor of Michigan, the chief of police of Detroit, the chief of the state police, politicians, clubmen, gamblers, criminals, bootleggers, all three fraternizing in the spirit of the most perfect equality under the god Bacchus."

Liggett also said that four judges of the circuit court of Michigan were at the party, explaining later, however, that three of the judges had not at that time assumed their positions. Asked by Representative Tucker, democrat, Virginia, if he was at the party, the witness replied: "I was

## PRESIDENT VISITS CHIEF JUSTICE TAFT



Secret Service men surrounding the car of President Herbert Hoover, when the latter visited William Howard Taft. The Secret Service men are warning the photographer not to make pictures, with no results, as usual.

not. I am more careful of my associates."

Audience Applauds as Liggett Makes Boast

Representative Michener asked Liggett if he would present proof of this if called upon. The writer replied that he had the proof, but doubt it will be called upon to do so.

This statement was loudly applauded by the audience.

Liggett charged that there were "beer farms" and "beer flats" in the home state and "right under the nose" of former Representative Andrew Volstead of Minnesota, author of the dry act, who he said was counselor for the prohibition administrator there.

"There is not a decent speak-easy in the city of Minneapolis," Liggett said, adding that most of the drinking was done in 3,000 "beer flats" run by girls.

"They also have beer farms in the state of Minnesota," he said. "That is one reason why you have not heard so much about farm relief. A good many of the farmers there are making home brew and the more excellent brands of bootleg booze, and a considerable portion of them are throwing their houses open to men and women and boys and girls who drive out from the city because they think they are in no danger of arrest there."

Conditions Claimed Worse Than Before Prohibition

He added that there was more liquor drinking in Minnesota today than there was before prohibition.

The judiciary committee decided at an executive meeting late today to authorize Chairman Graham to consult leaders of both sides and opponents of the 18th amendment before setting a limit on the time the committee will allow for taking testimony.

It was also arranged that after tomorrow's session the committee would adjourn until next Wednesday.

Witnesses said tomorrow will include former Senator Bruce of Maryland, Representative Mary T. Norton, democrat, New Jersey, and Mrs. Charles A. Sebin, of the women's committee for repeal of the 18th amendment.

Liggett said there were still being set up in nearly all the rural regions in the middle west and specifically named Minnesota, North Dakota, Iowa, Kansas and Wisconsin. He said that in Kansas the governor was not satisfied with the "bone dry act" and the Volstead act and had induced the legislature to grant him a special fund of \$40,000 to hire a "squad of snipers extraordinary."

He said he had no doubt that the members of the governor's squad were bootlegging and that every one of them was either "an ex-bootlegger or an ex-convict."

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## The Call Board

By OLIVE M. DOAK

- HOLLYWOOD**  
North Capitol street, North Salem  
Today—"Anybody Here"  
"Seen Kelley?" with Bessie Love and Tom Moore. Manhattan players.  
Friday—"The Greyhound Limited" with Monte Blue.
- GRAND**  
North High between Court and State  
Today—"Her Private Affairs" with Ann Harding, Collins and Singer.  
Friday—"Dick Barthelmess" in "Young Nowheres."
- BLIGH'S CAPITOL**  
State between High and Church  
Today—"Disraeli."  
Friday—"Nix on Dames" with Mae Clark.  
Sunday—"Romance of Rio Grande."
- FOX ELSINORE**  
South High between State and Ferry  
Today—"Maurice Chevalier" in "The Love Parade."  
Saturday—"The Vagabond Lover" with Rudy Vallee and Fanchon and Marco.

Here is a bit of gossip that should interest the screen fans—three decided "types" will appear in the next picture made by Ramon Novarro, "The Singer of Seville." These "types" are Marie Dressler, Ernest Torrence and Ramon himself. It is hard to imagine what there will be in common between Ramon and his partners, but it is easy to see that Marie Dressler and Ernest Torrence should have plenty of things in common to work upon. Not to remember Torrence in "Untamed" and Marie in the Hollywood Review is to get a good laugh.

Many folk have been interested in "what happened to Alma Ruebens?" The answer makes a good human interest story. After a year spent in a hospital fighting the drug habit, acquired she says over a period of four years through a prescription given her by a doctor to quiet a minor ailment.

Now that she is ready to work again, the folk of Hollywood are leading a real hand—not charity but offer of work—and she is coming back again. Edward Everett Horton, that king of comedy of the screen, who is also directing his own films, was the first to place Miss Ruebens and there are others who will follow suit.

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but more especially when made in such places and by a man in Mr. Livesley's position which would give the matter national recognition as there will be some who will believe this statement to represent the sentiments of the people of Oregon and especially of Salem.

"We, residents of Salem, many of us mothers of families and all of us vitally interested in the welfare of our citizens hold that the moral interests of our citizens are and should be superior to any business interests and that any attempt to restore the liquor traffic is a step to lower the morals and we resent the attempt on the part of our mayor to give the impression that the citizens of Salem have any such desire.

"Therefore be it resolved: That we, members of the Woman's Home Missionary society and the Ladies Aid society of the Leslie Memorial church do hereby go on record as opposing any attempt toward attempt toward restoring the liquor traffic in any way."

## POLISH RUNNER IS EASY MILE WINNER

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Stanislaw Petkiewicz, Polish conqueror of Paavo Nurmi, won an easy victory in the invitation mile run at Osceola club indoor track meet at the Seventh Regiment armory tonight.

The Polish diplomat courier led all through the race to beat the record of Paavo Nurmi, won an easy victory in the invitation mile run at Osceola club indoor track meet at the Seventh Regiment armory tonight.

The heavy running but speedy Petkiewicz took the lead at the start of the race and held it until the finish. He moved steadily ahead until he had a lead of about 30 yards on the last lap, then sprinted to break the tape 40 yards ahead of McMillan. The time of 4:28 4-5 was fast for a race run on a flat board track.

DAYTON, Feb. 12.—Miss Velene Goodrich is the new clerk at the Allen drug store. She will be helping out afternoons for a couple of weeks. The place was formerly filled by Mrs. D. L. Young.

## HOLLYWOOD

Home of 25c Talkies Today and Thursday ON THE SCREEN "ANYBODY HERE SEEN KELLY" Starring BESSIE LOVE and TOM MOORE Also Talking Comedy Pathé Review

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## OWNERSHIP OF WATER BACKED

### Failure to Purchase Salem Plant Costs Local Folk Immense Amount

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to pay. And if the city had, say in 1927, purchased the water system, its bonds undoubtedly would not have borne more than 5 per cent interest.

That leaves 2.6 percent above this item for interest, and it figures out to \$31,364.90 as stated. That amount the city would have had to apply toward retirement of the principal. But the story is not yet all told.

Reduction in Interest Estimated at \$2,000

With so much of the principal retired in 1929, and assuming the same costs and expenses, the interest charge would be reduced approximately \$2,000, and there would be that much more to use in retiring more of the principal; and in short, it would work out so that the entire bond debt of the city for the water plant would be retired in about 20 years, at which time the city would be a little over a million dollars richer for having operated the water utility.

It's true that someone would have had to pay the taxes that the city escaped paying; but only a portion of those would be paid in Salem. Part would be paid all over the county, part all over the state; Salem property owners right now are paying higher taxes than they would if McMinnville, Corvallis, Bend, Eugene, Ashland, Astoria, Baker, LaGrande, Medford, Pendleton and St. Helens didn't "own their own" water systems.

In short, according to Mr. Cupper, the city is losing money every day it delays purchasing the water system. It lost money when it failed to install a plant in the first place; it lost when it failed to purchase the utility for \$600,000, and again when it could have had it for \$792,000.

The longer the city delays taking the plant over, the more it will cost, says Mr. Cupper; but it is not yet too late to take it over and make a profit for the citizens and taxpayers.

At the end of 20 years, with the plant entirely paid for, according to the theoretical calculations just made on a basis that

conditions would not change, the city could cut its rates to the consumer in two; that undoubtedly wouldn't happen, but it could if the city didn't decide to make some other improvements in service instead of cutting rates so low.

As a matter of fact, increase in the city's population and demands for extending the service, would necessitate new capital outlay from time to time in the 20 years.

## PASTOR'S STOLEN CAR IS RECOVERED

MONMOUTH, Feb. 12.—L. H. Willard, pastor of the local Evangelical church has received word that his car which was stolen on Sunday evening from the curbing in front of the church, has been located in Marshfield.

According to the message received from the Marshfield chief of police the car is in a garage at Marshfield and unharmed. The thieves were pursued by the police and escaped capture. The General Motors Exchange will return the car to Mr. Willard on Saturday.

Two Monmouth boys who are missing from their homes are believed to have stolen the car but no clue as to their present whereabouts has been obtained.

## John Brooks Is Taken by Death Early Yesterday

John Winfield Brooks, father of Edward M. Brooks of Salem, died yesterday morning at the home of his son, Charles H., at the Wigrich ranch near Independence, where he had lived since 1925. He had lived near Gervais since 1864 prior to moving to the Wigrich ranch. He was a native of Kentucky and 81 years old.

Besides the two sons mentioned he leaves other children; John T. of Independence; Louis N. of Corvallis, Montana; Mrs. E. M. Herring of Portland; Robert H. of Bay City; and William A. of Gervais. Funeral will be held at the Rigdon chapel here Friday at 1:30 o'clock, interment to be made at Gervais.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Postmaster General Brown today recommended the principle of an eight-hour day for all federal employees in both the field and departmental services.

## LINCOLN PRAISED IN ROTARY TALK HERE

"Born in squalor and poverty, yet he had the characteristics of a nobleman by birth. Untrained in military affairs, yet a wise counsellor and advisor to the generals of the north. Having no advantages of early schooling, yet his Gettysburg address is one of America's finest contributions to English literature. Untutored in statesmanship, yet easily the master of his cabinet and conferees in statesmanship and diplomacy."

Thus did W. Carlton Smith, local physician who was the Lincoln day speaker at the Rotary club luncheon Wednesday, epitomize the exceptional qualities of the martyred president. He added in concluding his evaluation of Lincoln:

"Soldier, scholar and statesman, whose motto in life was: 'With malice toward none, with charity toward all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right'; he fell a martyr to his life's work, but lived to see his ideals triumph and died with a prayer on his lips that all men might be free."

A brief outline of Lincoln's career and of the historical events connected with the slavery problem were included in Mr. Smith's address.

## Connie Mack Is Given \$10,000 As Bok Award

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Cornelius McGillicuddy, better known through the country as Connie Mack, manager of the world's champion Philadelphia Athletics, tonight received the \$10,000 Edward W. Bok award for 1929 for "having rendered the most outstanding success to Philadelphia during the year." The award in the form of a check, was accompanied by a medal and scroll.

The presentation was made privately tonight after a dinner at a downtown hotel attended by the Bok award committee and a number of prominent citizens. In other years the presentation was made a public affair, but the us-

ual exercises were dispensed with this year because of the recent death of Mr. Bok.

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## Eielson Helmet Is Found After Much Searching

MOTORSHIP NANUK, North Cape, Siberia, Feb. 12.—(AP)—The recovery today of the helmet worn by Pilot Car Ben Eielson, American aviator lost November 9 in the wreckage of his plane 80 miles southeast of here spurred searchers to renewed activity. Pilot Joe Crosson reported after his return from the scene of the wreck.

Crosson said that the workers also found a part of the cockpit today and that they expected to clear the ice and frozen snow away from all parts of the wreck within three days. He expressed confidence that the bodies of Eielson and his mechanic, Earl Borland, would be located soon.

TRAIN KILLS HORSES

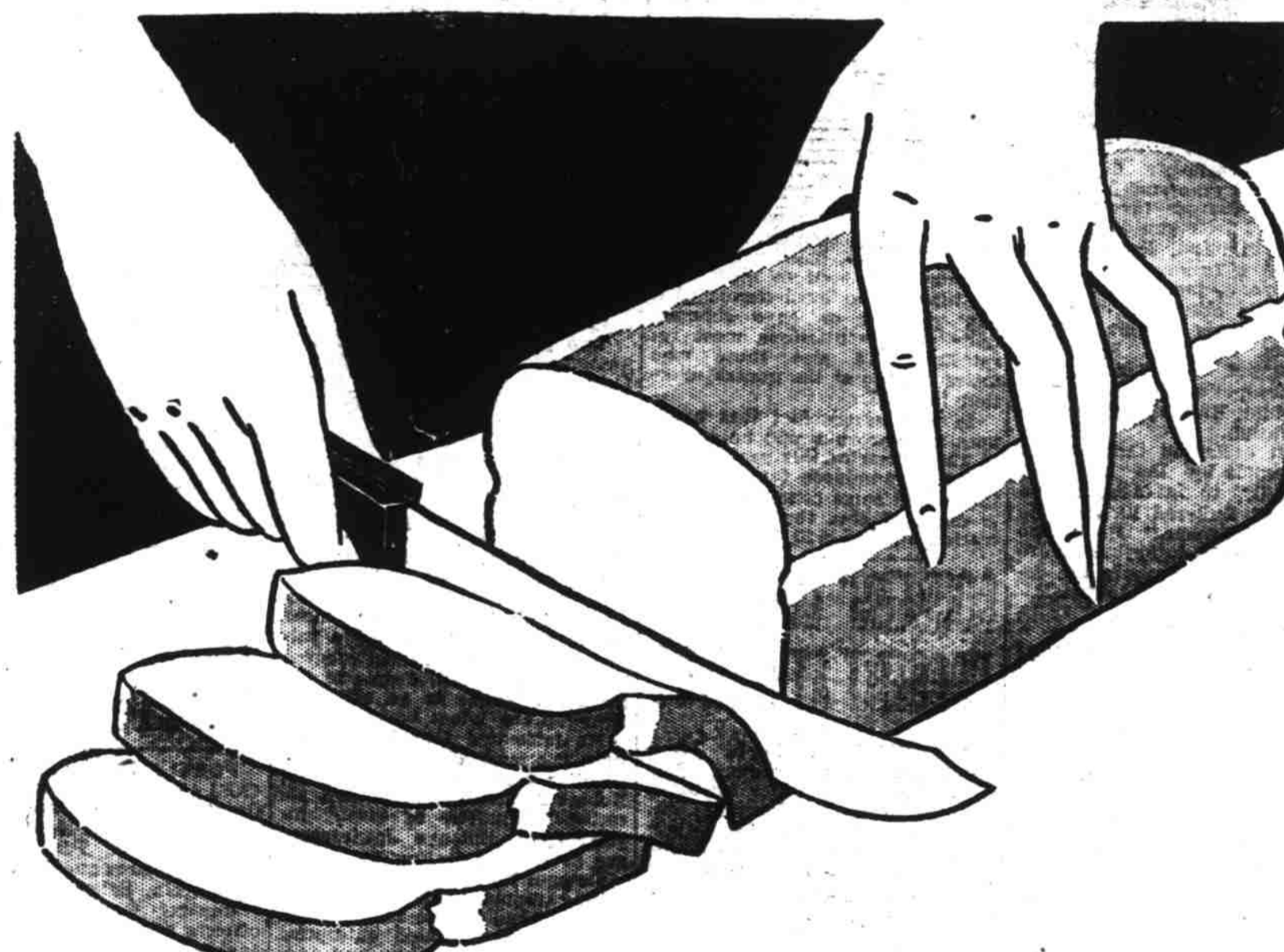
GERVAIS, Feb. 12.—An accident in which two horses were killed and two men and two other horses narrowly escaped occurred on the Oregon Electric crossing at Concomly, 4 miles southwest of Gervais, Saturday morning. Road Patrolmen R. Patterson and Peter Kallinski were working with four horses hitched abreast to a grader. They drove onto the crossing, not seeing an oncoming train in the foggy morning. Both horses were the property of Mr. Patterson.

ORIN SANDBURG DIES

SILVERTON, Feb. 12.—Funeral services for Orin Sandburg, the little four-year-old son of Mrs. Elsie Sandburg, were held at the Evans' Valley cemetery Wednesday afternoon.

Orin died Monday morning following an illness of one week.

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