

3 FRENCHMEN CROSS SAFELY FROM AFRICA

Aviators Approach Coast of Brazil After Safe Hop From Senegal

Jean Mermoz and 2 Companions Start Air Mail Line Over Ocean

RIO JANEIRO, May 13.—(Tuesday)—(AP)—The French aviator, Jean Mermoz, flying from St. Louis, Senegal, with air mail, passed Fernando Do Noronha, 125 miles from Port Natal, his destination, shortly after midnight this morning. The ship was expected to reach its destination at 4:30 a. m. (12:30 a. m. PST).

ST. LOUIS, Senegal, West Africa, May 12.—(AP)—The first attempt at regular air mail service from Paris to Buenos Aires was started today by Jean Mermoz, veteran French aviator.

With two companions Mermoz took off for Port Natal, Brazil, at 11 a. m., local time, and expected to cover the 1,700 miles in less than 20 hours, although he had fuel enough for 26 or 27 hours. His crew is composed of M. Daibry, navigator, and M. Guimie, radio operator.

First Meal Reported By Wireless Message
Winging his way westward over the South Atlantic, Mermoz at 7:15 p. m. (2:5 p. m. EST) got in touch with the wireless station at Dakar.

His message simply said "Just had first meal of bananas and port wine. All well." His position was not given.

The plane carrying 700 gallons of gasoline weighed 11,000 pounds at the start and can average from 100 to 110 miles an hour, although it probably will do 120 later in the flight when the ship is lightened by the use of fuel.

Mermoz carries mail which was shipped from Paris Saturday night and reached St. Louis at 9 o'clock this morning, 38 hours in all. If the flight is successful it should reach Buenos Aires in six days or less.

Mail Transportation Greatly Expedited
Heretofore mail between the two cities has been transported by the African and South American coasters in fast destroyers.

If the airmail line opened by Mermoz is successful the time for the over water portion of the trip will be greatly reduced.

(A dispatch from Rio Janeiro this afternoon indicated that Mermoz was making good time. When seven hours off Senegal he radioed that he was one hour ahead of schedule and had passed the destroyer Rhoce at 22.06 west longitude and 9.35 north latitude, or about 700 miles southwest of Dakar, he reported that the flight was going smoothly.)

Tax Mail Is Yet Being Checked Up

The tax collection division of the county sheriff's office is still hard at work checking over the tax receipts sent in by mail. The payment date was May 6, but the big pile of mail that came in had to be stacked in the vault to wait its turn for entering on the books. The staff hopes to get through the accumulation this week, mailing out receipts to all who mailed in their checks.

Oregon Briefs

WOMAN IN HOSPITAL

REDDING, Cal., May 12.—(AP)—Mrs. L. M. Hedge, 72, Portland, Ore., was taken to the Redding hospital today in a critical condition from injuries received when her automobile plunged over a 40-foot embankment three miles north of here.

Mrs. Hedge, travelling south, attempted to pass another machine when a third automobile headed north forced her car over the embankment. She received a broken shoulder, internal injuries and cuts and bruises. Her nephew, A. L. Maybee of Portland, escaped with minor bruises.

TAKES WET STAND

GRANTS PASS, Ore., May 12.—(AP)—A. C. Hough, Grants Pass attorney and democratic candidate for the nomination of governor, today declared himself in favor of the modification of prohibition and said that "the present day bootleggers and rum runners are more of a national menace than were pre-Volstead saloons."

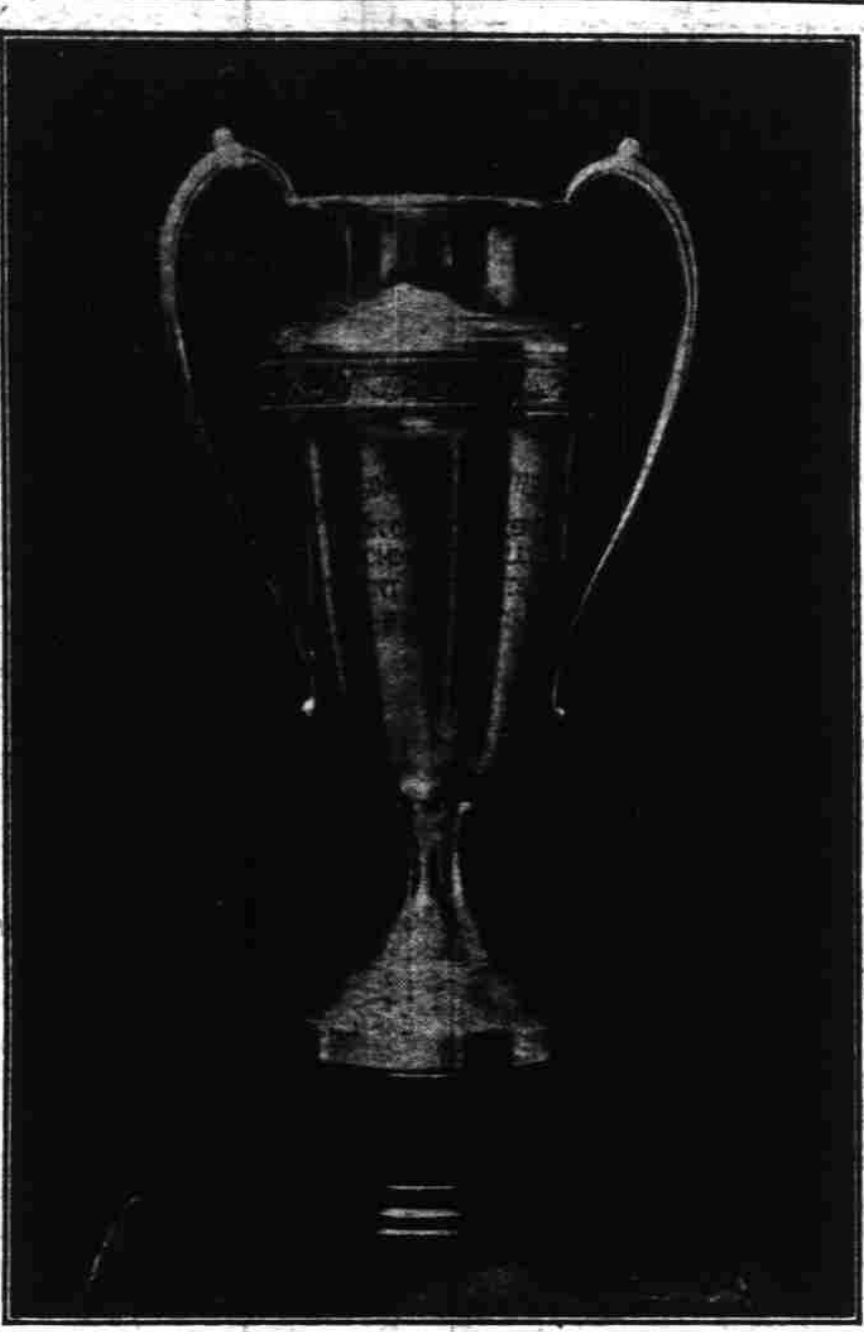
Hough's statement was made here a few hours after he returned from a tour of the state.

BALL PLAYER HURT

REDDING, Ore., May 12.—(AP)—Lester Thompson, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Thompson, Redding, suffered a probable fracture of the skull today when he was struck from a thrown baseball bat. He received a severe scalp wound.

The accident happened on the local school grounds.

Trophy to Be Won Friday Night By Community Club Entertainers



Above is pictured the handsome trophy cup which has been offered by Col. David E. Dow of the Fox Elsinore theatre, to the winner of the final contest for community club entertainers of Marion county in a special program at the theatre Friday night. Silvertown, Turner and Liberty clubs won in the district contests and will be represented in the final event.

Silvertown Community Trio Wins Way To Final Round

MT. ANGEL, May 12.—(Special)—Three young musicians representing Silvertown took first place in the community club talent contest for the northern district of Marion county here tonight, and qualified for the final county contest to be held at the Fox Elsinore theatre in Salem Friday.

The Silvertown entry included a violin solo, a cornet solo and a trumpet solo. Darie Smith, juvenile singer, representing the Hollywood community club of Salem, took second place.

Hubbard was represented by the high school chorus and a dancing specialty, and Mt. Angel by the community band a group of performers from the girls' school. Dr. P. O. Riley, of Hubbard, president of the county federation of community clubs, presided.

Silvertown, Turner and Liberty will be represented in the final contest for the county championship which will close the third annual talent competition, here Friday night at the Fox Elsinore theatre.

The trophy cup which has been offered by Col. David E. Dow of the theatre to be won by the county champions, is on display at the Spa confectionery. Tickets for the Friday night program are also on sale there, and persons planning to attend are being urged by the community club federation officers to purchase their tickets there, so that the club organization will benefit. The clubs will derive no benefit from tickets sold at the theatre.

Pageant Slated At Park School

The Yew Park school will hold its annual child health pageant and May Day exercises on the school grounds this afternoon at 1:15 o'clock. This program was originally scheduled for last week, but was postponed due to unfavorable weather conditions.

Portland Woman Injured Demo Candidate Is Moist Pitched Ball Injures Lad Salmon Fishing Is Better

THE DALLES, Ore., May 12.—(AP)—With the river showing a drop of nearly two feet since last Thursday, commercial salmon fishing of the mid Columbia river was reported much better today.

STEVEDORE HURT

REDDING, Ore., May 12.—(AP)—Harry Jones, 43, a stevedore, suffered a compound fracture of the right leg here this afternoon when lumber that was being lifted aboard the steamer, Dan F. Hanlon slipped from the shakies and struck him. He was taken to a hospital at North Bend where it was said that amputation of the leg may be necessary.

TIME TO BE EXTENDED

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 12.—(AP)—The house today passed the senate bill authorizing the secretary of the interior to extend the time for cutting timber on public lands in Oregon and sent the measure to the White House.

Representative Leavitt, Montana, explained that under this bill the secretary of the interior could extend the limit for ten years.

GOLF TEAM TO PLAY

EUGENE, Ore., May 12.—(AP)—George Will, captain of Oregon's northern division championship golf team, and Vincent Dolp, member of the team, will leave tomorrow for Los Angeles where they will compete in the Pacific Coast conference title play at Los Angeles Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

FROSH WIN 30-7

CORVALLIS, Ore., May 12.—(AP)—The Oregon State freshmen's baseball nine defeated the Eugene high school team here today, 20 to 7.

FACTS DIFFER FROM CLAIMS OF O-W FIRM

Propaganda of Company Refuted by Investigation of Record

Turning Plant's Profits to Public Benefit Seen as Safest Policy

Experiences throughout the United States which operate municipally owned water plants and other utilities, speak for themselves in opposition to the arguments which the local water company is sponsoring in an effort to defeat the proposed municipal purchase of the water system here, according to P. M. Gregory, leader in the municipal ownership campaign.

Mr. Gregory has obtained a considerable volume of information concerning municipal operation of utilities from the Municipal Ownership League of America, some excerpts from which follow:

There are now in the United States a number of towns where practically all local taxation has been wiped out by the surplus earnings of municipally owned utilities. Among the notable instances of the "no-tax towns" may be mentioned Ponca City, Oklahoma; Colby, Kansas and South River, New Jersey. Missouri Municipality Proves Investment Sound
Marshall, Missouri, has a municipally owned water works and power plant obtained through a bond issue of \$136,000; the plant has a capacity of 70,000 g.p.d., the extensions being financed out of earnings of the plant; there is a balance of \$17,000 in the treasury and \$65,500 of the bonds has been retired, leaving a balance of \$120,500. When this is paid, Marshall's tax rate of 6.3 mills, already the lowest of any city of the same size in Missouri, will drop to 2.1 mills.

Duncan, Oklahoma, has reduced its tax rate every year since 1926 as a result of steadily increasing revenues of its municipal water and light departments.

Plant Pays for Self At Colorado Springs

The Colorado Springs municipal light and water plant has almost paid for itself in the first four years of its operation. It will all be paid for by the end of the fifth year.

Everett, Washington, in the first year of municipal ownership of its water works, made a net profit of \$6,260 after paying operating expenses, bond interest and setting aside proper amounts in depreciation and sinking funds.

Macon, Missouri, showed a similar profit on its city owned water and light system after furnishing water and lights free to all municipal departments including street lighting and parks and setting aside \$12,000 for depreciation.

While high school students were busy yesterday circulating numerous petitions to add new names to the student body ballot, Principal Fred Wolf was also busy making final checks before posting a revised list of candidates.

Petitions for placing six new candidates on the ballot had been accepted by the principal, and at least one other petition was being circulated. The new candidates are: Louis Minturn for president; Kathryn Shelton for vice-president; Carl Carlin for Clarion annual manager; Howard Mills for yell leader; Madeline McKillop for song leader; and Eldon Olson and Ward Horn for forensic manager. Petition was going the rounds to put Marguerite Harvey up for yell leader.

Rumor at the school yesterday said the new list posted today by Wolf will be minus 18 of the original names nominated at assembly last Thursday. Mr. Wolf stated last night that, as he had before promised, he was making a statement relative to the alleged secret society members seeking office until he was ready to move. He said also that as soon as he has completed his investigations he will make a definite statement.

It is known that Mr. Wolf called several prominent candidates to his office yesterday and told them fairly and frankly that he could not permit their names to go on the ballot because each was a member of a secret society.

Clackamas Road Extension to Be Granted, Word

The public service commission Monday received information from Washington that the interstate commerce commission has granted the Clackamas Eastern railroad a certificate of convenience and necessities authorizing an extension of its line from Clackamas station four miles southeasterly along the Clackamas river.

The extension will connect at Clackamas station with the main line of the Southern Pacific. The Clackamas Eastern was formerly the Portland Southern.

Salmon Fishermen Furnish \$100 Bail

Bail of \$100 each was paid by Roy Hoffman, S. A. Varbel and Edgar Thomas in justice court on Monday, when they were charged with fishing for salmon in the Willamette river with gill net.

Hedring was set for 10 a. m. Tuesday, March 13, in order that the men might have a chance to enter a plea.

Candidates For Job Upon Bench



L. H. McMahan (upper) present circuit judge, and Guy Smith, campaign to succeed him.



Guy Smith, campaign to succeed L. H. McMahan (upper) present circuit judge.

QUIET RACE MADE FOR CIRCUIT JUDGE

Local Attorney Seeking to Unseat Present Occupant in Office

This is the fifth of a series of articles run by The Statesman with the purpose of informing its readers regarding various candidates for office at the primary May 14. Today the experience and training of the two candidates for circuit judge in Marion and Linn counties are discussed.

A quiet race is that for the Republican nomination for circuit judge of Marion and Linn counties. The race is entirely one for the nomination as no democratic aspirants are in the field and the nomination virtually assures election.

Circuit Judge McMahan seeks re-election while opposing him is Guy O. Smith, Salem attorney. Both men are well known in this county and McMahan, especially, is well known in Linn. Both have practiced law for years before either sought the bench.

No mud-slinging has been resorted to by either candidate and only Smith has taken the field with cards and posters.

McMahan's own statement relative to his candidacy is: Established Woodburn Independent '88 and continued it until '92 when he established the Salem Daily Independent and later "McMahan's Week." His war on graft and political corruption is part of the state's history.

As judge he dismissed the bailiff in both Marion and Linn counties, saving to these counties the salary of bailiffs for six years. He abolished the ceremony of lawyers and citizens standing up when the court comes in and he waived aside all technicalities in the trial of cases.

He has mercilessly cut attorney fees in foreclosure cases, and thereby incurred some enemies among a few attorneys who want more than the "reasonable" fees allowed by law. He denounced the \$2500 fee allowed in Dr. Byrd's estate as contrary to morals as well as law.

In the matter of appeals to the supreme court he has been affirmed as often as any other judge in Oregon and last election he carried.

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NOTED LECTURER TO APPEAR IN THIS CITY

Dr. Charles Pease of Spokane, a lecturer and writer of note will be in Salem Wednesday, May 14, and has consented to give his lecture on "The Mediator of Modern Life," at the Emerson room of the Unitarian church. His lecture will begin at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening. This lecture should be a genuine interest to men and women of Salem and particularly to members of art and music clubs, and those those from out of the city who are attending the meetings of the state federation. There is no charge for the lecture and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Dr. Pease is very well known through the northwest. He contributes a daily column to the Spokesman-Review at Spokane, under the title, "As I See It." His visit to Salem offers a treat to those who are at all interested in art and its relation to life and culture.

BRITISH ARMY USES PLANES FOR BOMBING

India Continues to Seethe as Iron Hand Used to Crush Out Rebellion

Gandhi's Second in Command Arrested, Woman Is Placed at Helm

LONDON, May 12.—(AP)—The British Army in India has used airplanes in a bombing raid for the first time in the disorders that have followed upon the civil disobedience campaign. Wedgwood Benn, secretary of state for India, told the house of commons today that the British army has used the northwest frontier who has been within 20 miles of the key city of Peshawar within the last few days, was bombed after he refused to obey an order to leave.

After receiving an ultimatum to move out with his followers, the Rajah answered by falling trees to block a highway. The British replied with airplanes. The results were not yet known here tonight.

Salt Deposits Are Raided by Nationalists

Other news from India today contained little that was comforting to the British.

Nationalist followers of Mahatma Gandhi raided the salt deposits at Shiroda, but were halted by police, who arrested about 100. Abbas Tyabji, who succeeded Mahatma Gandhi when the latter was interned, assembled his followers for a march to the salt works at Dharasana, but the police stopped that before it started by arresting the leader and a number of followers.

Tyabji in turn was succeeded by Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, poetress, who was educated in England. The trial of Tyabji and 59 volunteers was started immediately after the arrest but later was adjourned until tomorrow.

Government's Methods Become More Strenuous

The break-up of the two salt raids and the arrest of the second leader of the civil disobedience movement showed the government was tightening up to halt the campaign.

Sholapur, where serious riots occurred last week, still appeared to be in a disturbed state. Two battalions of troops were sent from Poona to reinforce the soldiers already watching the unrest in that central district.

It was an important day from the point of view of official utterance on the Indian situation. The viceroy, Lord Irwin, issued a long statement from Simla, disclosing the round-table conference for Indian and British leaders would begin October 20 and reaffirming the government's attitude in the face of the crisis.

Mr. Benn said the first section of the long-awaited Simon report on India would appear June 10, and the second section, containing recommendations, on June 24. He also announced the commander in chief of British troops in India, Sir William Birdwood, was entirely convinced the native troops were loyal to the British.

The hearing for these boys was delayed until Saturday because citations had to be sent to relatives of the boys in Spokane. Jim Taylor has been in trouble here before. They had a bicycle in their possession and had scraped some of the paint off, apparently in an effort to disguise the vehicle, but denied having stolen it and said they found it under a bridge.

A third boy taken into juvenile court Monday was released after a severe lecture. This was Charlie Snyder, 12, who was suspected of poking slugs, in lieu of nickels, into a candy slot machine at a store on E. Winter street. The proprietor found 36 slugs in the machine and there appeared to be about that many pieces of candy in the boy's pockets, although the store man didn't search him because young Snyder, aware of his legal rights despite his tender years, refused to be searched without a warrant.

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She's Candidate For High Place



MRS. CHARLES N. BILYEU

DALLAS WOMAN OUT FOR PRESIDENT JOB

Mrs. Charles Bilyeu Gains Support of Home Group For Position

DALLAS, May 12.—The members of the Dallas Woman's club have endorsed Mrs. Charles N. Bilyeu as a candidate for president of the state federation of women's clubs now in convention at Salem.

In presenting Mrs. Bilyeu the club does so feeling she is well qualified for the position as she has served four years as recording secretary of the federation and is thoroughly familiar with the requirements of the office.

Mrs. Bilyeu has had more than 15 years experience in club work, has served twice as president of the Dallas woman's club, served as assistant county food administrator during the war, is now secretary of the chamber of commerce in Dallas, and is well versed in organization work.

For a number of years the state president has been a Portland woman, and sentiment indicates that a president from some other section would be welcomed, and Mrs. Bilyeu to allow her name to be submitted as a candidate.

AMBASSADOR FROM JAPAN VISITS HERE

High Official to Be in This City on Informal Trip Late This Week

Plans for the visit this week to Salem of the Japanese ambassador to the United States, Katsujirō Debuchi will be completed today when Consul Acino of Portland is expected to come to Salem to confer with Secretary C. E. Wilkerson of the chamber of commerce and leaders in the Japanese colony near here. Preliminary plans learned yesterday indicate that his visit here will be wholly informal. City and chamber officials will defer to the wish of the ambassador, and no attempts will be made to pay him official honors and courtesies which his office as the representative of His Majesty the Mikado entitles him.

It was learned from the office of Consul Acino yesterday that Ambassador Debuchi will arrive on the Cascade from California Thursday afternoon. He will be accompanied from Eugene by local Japanese who meet the train and take the party to the hotel. Later they will be taken to the Lavish Japanese restaurant where a banquet will be tendered to the ambassador and his party at the Marion by his countrymen.

Whether the city will take part officially in the welcome will be decided today.

RIOTING REPORTED

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Wealthy Rancher Shoots Youthful Driver Of Taxi

SAN FRANCISCO, May 12.—(AP)—Warren Dutton, 36, wealthy Mendocino county rancher, was in jail here charged with assault with intent to commit murder and Robert Arnold, 20 year old cab driver, was in Mount Zion hospital with five bullets in his body, the victim of Dutton's sudden and unexplained attack early today while a passenger in Arnold's taxi. Slight hope was held for the recovery of Arnold, a bridegroom of six months, who was shot once above the heart, twice through the stomach and twice in the arm.

The shooting occurred while the taxi was enroute up Powell street to a fashionable Nob Hill apartment. The car crashed into a building as Arnold slumped in his seat, and Dutton fled, but a short time later surrendered at police headquarters. He grew hysterical when he was booked.

"I'm being framed," he shouted. "He's a member of a dope ring. When my wife got her divorce she was under the influence of the ring. This driver drove her around town. Anyway, Lenny shot him with blank cartridges." Later Dutton said he had never seen Arnold before.

Mrs. Dutton was admitted yesterday as a patient at the University of California hospital.

From Ukiah it was learned Mrs. Dutton filed a divorce suit there on March 24 charging Dutton with extreme cruelty. Copies of divorce summons and complaint were served here on May 8.

Delegates Welcomed To Salem

Governor Norblad and Mayor Livesley Give Talks

Mock Legislature to Be on Women's Program

In behalf of the city of Salem Mayor T. A. Livesley welcomed over 200 delegates and members of the Oregon federation of women's clubs to the city Monday night in the opening reception meeting of a four day session. This first meeting was held in the Salem Woman's clubhouse on North Cottage street, in behalf of the state of Oregon Governor Al W. Norblad greeted these women and expressed his appreciation of the part played by women in the promotion of the state's progress.

Mrs. G. J. Frankel, president of the federation, presided jointly with Mrs. Harry J. Weldmer, president of the Salem club. After an invocation by Rev. George H. Swift and several musical numbers and readings, Mrs. V. A. Hughes, president of the Salem Etoges club, gave a brief address of welcome.

Previous Hospitality Of This City Recalled

Mrs. G. J. Frankel in her response to the welcomes extended to the federation reminded her listeners that it had been 15 years since the federation had met in Salem but the memory of Salem hospitality had remained bright through that time and it was certain that the present convention would be equally memorable.

Especially attention was called by Mrs. Frankel to the mock legislature which will be one of the outstanding features of the convention and which will be held in the house of representatives. Discussion of bills of interest to women will be held, among which are the free text book bill, pensions for mothers, bill board division, and various others. Some amusing plays will be considered to relieve the seriousness of the meeting.

The action of the convention on both legislative matters and in all other matters represents the opinions of some 10 or 12 thousand women of Oregon.

Registration Expected To Pass 200 Today

Today the sessions will open in the house of representatives. Registrations Monday night showed about 100 women here from all over the state. It is expected that this number will reach over 200 today. Registration will continue in the lobby of the state house today.

Serious consideration as to the next president is already under discussion. Mrs. Charles N. Bilyeu of Dallas has announced her candidacy and the support of her district; Mrs. Corbella Marvin Pearce has been endorsed from her district, but some doubt is held about her eligibility because of her short term of membership. Mrs. Buland of Portland, well known in club circles of the state is a third candidate mentioned, but so far she has made no move. The fact that Mrs. Buland is from Portland seems to be a handicap because the president has come from Portland a bit longer than is satisfactory for many members of the rest of the state.

\$6000 Budget For Scouts Is Now Approved

Budget for Cascade Area council, Boy Scouts of America, for 1931, was approved for \$6,000, at the recent meeting of the executive board. W. L. Phillips presided at the session. Locations were made as follows: Salem \$4,500; Dallas \$300; Monmouth, \$100; Independence, \$200; Woodburn, \$150; Silvertown, \$350; Stayton, \$150; Milwaukie, \$100; Scotts Mills, \$50; Brooks, \$50; and West Salem, \$50. Twenty-two men representing all districts were present at the meeting.

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