

PUBLIC INVITED TO TELEPHONE OFFICES TODAY

Last Word in Communica-
tion Is Description Given
By Those who Know

Open House Hours will be
9 A. M. to 9 P. M.; new
Quarters Complete

"The last word in telephone
equipment," is the verdict of
those experts who have visited the
local plant of the Pacific Tele-
phone company, which will be
open to the inspection of visitors
today.

H. V. Collins, manager of the
Salem office, has issued an invita-
tion to telephone patrons to visit
the building at any time from 9
a. m. to 9 p. m. today when the
new office will have its first open
house. The entire staff will be
on hand to welcome visitors and
aid in showing them about the
building.

As one enters the business of-
fice the first impression is one of
space and dignity. No counters
greet the eye but rather especially
designed desks and comfortable
chairs. All the furniture is of
walnut and every piece is Oregon-
made.

Terminal Rooms
Are Attractive

Two terminal rooms, beautiful-
ly equipped, house the complicated
equipment of the plant. In one
terminal room is located the toll
equipment, and here one sees the
intricate machinery which makes
it possible for the human voice to
be carried across the continent.

All the north circuit lines are
now underground, carried by the
"million-dollar cable," a 266 pair
unit. On this cable amplifiers are
placed at 50-mile intervals, which
explains why one has no difficulty
in hearing a voice many hun-
dreds of miles away.

The southern circuits are still
carried by overhead wires and
here amplifiers are located at 175-
mile intervals. It is planned that
within five years these southern
circuits will be handled by means
of an underground cable similar
to the one now used in the north
section.

In the second terminal room
local lines are terminated. One
1200 pair cable, carrying 2424
tiny wires, enters the office un-
derground and comes to rest in
where each wire is directed to its
particular place on the terminal
rack.

The power room, where nearly
\$60,000 worth of equipment is
housed, will be shown to visitors
and they will learn how this pow-
er, which is purchased from the
local company, is converted into
the energy which makes possible
Salem's excellent telephone ser-
vice.

Safeguards to
Service Unusual

Every effort to safeguard this
service is made. Such mechan-
ical devices as ringing machines
are duplicated so that if one goes
off another immediately begins
work. Extra power is stored in
every battery which is checked
every day. Sufficient power is
stored here not only to operate
the telephone service but to fur-
nish electric lights for the build-
ing for a period of 24 hours
should the city power unit be out
of commission.

Every precaution has been taken
to keep the telephones in order
and automatic devices register
any trouble, whether it be in the
plant, lines or individual tele-
phones.

There are now 56 girls em-
ployed as operators in the local
office. The local distance board
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Present "The Patsy" Tonight



Cast of Associated Student body play, "The Patsy" which is to be staged tonight at Salem high auditorium. It is a comedy in three acts. Roberta Smith takes the title role and opposite her plays Melvin Travis. Upper row, from the left: Shannon Hogue, coach; William Mosher, Carl Collins, Charles Barclay, Melvin Travis, Joe Darby. Lower row: Betty Mae Hartung, Fern Harris, Roberta Smith, Ruth Briedwell.

PAVING PLANTS TO OPERATE IN JULY

Hard Stuff for St. Paul and
Aral Bressler Roads
Will be Mixed

The Marion county paving
plants at St. Paul and Silverton
will be in operation by July 1 to
turn out hard stuff for the Sa-
lem-St. Paul and Aral Corner-
Bressler corner market roads.
Roadmaster Frank Johnson an-
nounced yesterday. Five or six
miles of paving will be done on
each road.

Otto Hoven, who will operate
the St. Paul plant, will start op-
erating on that plant next week.
He will be engaged in this job
but a week or 10 days now, when
he will be taken off the paving
plant to handle the rock crusher
at Marion for a month's run.
Then he will go back to finish
overhauling the St. Paul paving
plant preparatory to getting into
operation there July 1.

Confers With
Court Thursday

Hoven was here yesterday to
call on the court in regard to
matters relative to the two jobs.
L. M. Van Cleave will have
charge of the paving plant at Sil-
verton. This plant was moved to
a new location last fall, but was
not set up, which means that Van
Cleave will put in considerable
time rebuilding this plant before
it is ready for operation.

Johnson says that between 10-
000 and 12,000 yards of gravel
altogether will be placed on the
roads around St. Paul this year.
Ed Rignold of Rignold Brothers
who operate a rock plant at Bar-
low, was in town yesterday to fig-
ure with the court on supplying
all or part of this gravel.

House of Lords Rejects Kernel Of Land Measure

LONDON, May 7.—(AP)—The
House of Lords today threw out
all of the main provisions of the
government's agricultural land
utilization bill by rejecting part
one of the measure. The vote was
82 to 31.

Observers believe this action
may precipitate a crisis for the
bill which opponents have de-
scribed as a measure of unadul-
terated socialism. It already has
passed all readings in the house
of commons and the government
is known to set great store by it.

Al Melvin Funeral Held Portland Student Killed Wasco's Pioneer Gathers Accidental Shot is Fatal

TEAMMATES BEARERS
MEDFORD, Ore., May 7.—
(AP)—Alvin Melvin, injured fa-
tally while high jumping at Yuba
county junior college recently,
was buried here today.

Melvin was a leader in football
and basketball while he attended
high school here. His former
teammates, now students at the
University of Oregon, were pall-
bearers.

Melvin had intended entering
the University of Oregon this
fall.

DRIVER IS HELD
PORTLAND, Ore., May 7.—
(AP)—Glen Melvin, 17, Ben-
son high school student, was in-
jured fatally in a traffic accident
here tonight. He died shortly af-
terward in a hospital.

Fred Elling, 43, alleged driver of
the automobile that struck the
youth, was arrested on a charge
of reckless driving. Bail was set
at \$1000.

TENTH REUNION HELD
THE DALLES, Ore., May 7.—
(AP)—More than 500 Wasco
county pioneers gathered from all
parts of the Pacific northwest for
their tenth annual reunion here
today.

Mrs. Lucy Peters, Portland, was
elected president of the associa-

Obstinate House is Bound to Burn Down, Third Time's Charm

PRINEVILLE, Ore., May
7.—(AP)—A roof fire started
in the Fred Caton resi-
dence here yesterday morn-
ing but was quickly extin-
guished by the fire depart-
ment.

At noon another small
fire was discovered in the
house. It was put out with-
out the aid of the fire de-
partment.

While the family was at
supper a third fire broke
out and even the fire de-
partment couldn't stop it.
The house burned to the
ground. The loss was esti-
mated at \$7000.

FIND ELDERLY MAN DEAD AT HUBBARD

HUBBARD, May 7.—(Special)
—Thomas Hecker, 82, was found
dead about 3 o'clock this after-
noon in his bed at the home of
his son, Earl Hecker with whom
he lived. The body was discovered
by Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Mayhew,
who went to the Hecker home to
buy some eggs. Finding no one at
home they went into the house to
get them.

As they entered the house they
smelled smoke, and tracing it
found Mr. Hecker dead in his bed.
His two sons, Auden and Earl,
and LeRoy in Minnesota, and
three daughters in the east. Mr.
Hecker came here five years ago
from North Dakota.

The body is at the Aurora fun-
eral parlors, from which funeral
announcements will be made
later.

EIGHT BADLY HURT IN GAS EXPLOSION

SACRAMENTO, Cal., May 7.—
(AP)—Eight persons were in-
jured and the safety of hun-
dreds of others menaced when
broken plate glass and pieces of
six-inch concrete sidewalk were
hurled 50 feet by a gas explosion
which tore the entire front from
a downtown store building at 5
p. m. today.

More than 10,000 persons leav-
ing offices and stores for their
homes were in the immediate
neighborhood when the explosion
occurred in the basement of a
store where two gas company
employees had gone to stop a gas
leak. Exact cause of the blast
was not determined.

The building was the building
estimated by fire department of-
ficials at about \$100,000.

Railroads Win Order Against Reduced Rates

CHICAGO, May 7.—(AP)—
Three federal judges sitting en
ban today granted 72 rail-
roads a temporary order restrain-
ing for 60 days the application of
reduced grain rates announced
for June 1 by the Interstate Com-
merce commission.

Circuit Judge William M.
Sparks, presiding, and District
Judges Charles E. Woodward and
Walter C. Lindley deliberated
only five minutes after listening
to two days of argument on be-
half of the western and eastern
carriers, the Interstate Commerce
commission, the traffic regulat-
ing bodies of 14 states and other
interested parties.

OPPOSE WAR DEBT PAYMENTS TO U. S.

Reparations Unreasonable
Burden on Germany Is
Bergmann's Claim

WASHINGTON, May 7.—(AP)
—Outbursts against present war
debt payments to the United
States and the Smoot-Hawley tar-
iff led to a plea at the interna-
tional chamber of commerce bal-
quet for world cooperation in
combating the difficulties that be-
set business.

Dr. Carl Bergmann, former Ger-
man secretary of state for finance,
late in the day had contended re-
parations were proving an unrea-
sonable burden on Germany, that
those payments were linked with
allied debt settlement with this
country, and the whole matter
was a disturbing factor in inter-
national economics that had to be
reconsidered.

Counseling patience, George
Theunis—former Belgian premier—
reminded the chamber at the
Washington auditorium dinner
that it did not deal with political
questions.

Resolution May
Touch on Issue

"What we are seeking," he said,
"is to be helpful to those who
govern the nations by expressing
our minds and offering the advice
our experience of business dic-
tates."

While it remained a possibility
the chamber would endorse a re-
solution looking toward a study of
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ASTORIA KIWANIS CLUB GETS PRIZE

MIAMI, Fla., May 7.—(AP)—
Members of the Kiwanis Interna-
tional closed their fifteenth an-
nual convention here today after
selecting Detroit for the 1932
meeting, choosing six interna-
tional officers, and presenting
trophies to winners of attendance
and efficiency contests.

Western Canada was awarded
the gold division prize with New
Jersey taking the silver division
away, California-Nevada blue and
Florida white.

The Jersey City, N. J., club
won the gold division prize for
efficiency with Astoria, Oregon,
silver.

Reserve Bank's Rates Reduced

NEW YORK, May 7.—(AP)—
In what Wall Street interpreted as
an effort to stimulate the bond
market as part of a program to
aid business, the federal
reserve bank of New York re-
duced its rediscount rate from 2 to
1½ per cent today.

Late Sports

VANCOUVER, B. C., May 7.—
(AP)—Joe Malcevic, Ulick,
N. Y., took two out of three
falls from Ted Thy, Portland, in
a wrestling exhibition here ton-
ight. The deciding fall came
in the fifth round.

Thy vigorously protested the
ruling of Referee Draper
that his shoulders had been pin-
ned to the mat by an armlock
and a body press.

CALGARY, May 7.—(AP)—
Stan Zbyszko, veteran Pole, dazed
by a blow delivered to the jaw by
the open hand, was pinned to the
mat for the third and deciding
fall by Jack Taylor, Canadian
heavyweight champion, in a
wrestling exhibition here tonight.

STOCKTON, Cal., May 7.—
(AP)—Andy Divodi, New York
welterweight, won by a techni-
cal knockout in the sixth round
over Bobby Vincent, Tulsa,
Okla., tonight.

'TWO GUN' MAN CAUGHT AFTER HOUR'S BATTLE

Machine Guns and Tear gas
Used to Dislodge Pair
In Rooming House

Crowley and Durlinger Both
Admit Slayings, Claim
Of Gotham Police

NEW YORK, May 7.—(AP)—
Nearly 10,000 spectators today
watched officers battle for an
hour with machine guns and tear
gas bombs and eventually cap-
ture Francis "Two Gun" Crowley,
youthful desperado, and Rudolph
Durlinger, reputed confessed
slayer.

The men, together with Helen
Walsh, 16, were trapped by po-
lice on the top floor of a rooming
house, ignoring commands to
surrender. Crowley, whose room
contained a small arsenal, kept a
big detachment of police at bay.
He finally surrendered with his
companions after he was wound-
ed in both legs and the officers
hewed through the roof of the
apartment.

Both Confess to
Slayings, Declared

Two hours after the arrests,
police said Crowley and Durlinger
had confessed to two slayings
and the wounding of a de-
tective.

Durlinger, they said, admitted
the slaying of Virginia Brannen,
a taxi dancer, in Yonkers. Crow-
ley was claimed to have con-
fessed to the fatal shooting of Pa-
trolman Frederick Hirsch Tues-
day night. Police had trailed Dur-
langer to the apartment for ques-
tioning in connection with that
shooting.

Miss Walsh was identified as
Crowley's companion in a motor
car party that opened fire on
Hirsch.

The other shooting victim was
Detective George Schaefer of the
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M'KENZIE NAMED AERO INSPECTOR

PORTLAND, Ore., May 7.—
(AP)—The state board of aero-
nautics today announced the ap-
pointment of Lieutenant Arthur
B. MacKenzie as state aeronautics
inspector. He will take over his
new duties June 6.

MacKenzie organized the Mac-
Kenzie-Goff Aviation company
here in 1926. Later he formed
the MacKenzie-Morrow Aviation
company with Jack L. Morrow.
The company was sold 18 months
ago to the American Aircraft cor-
poration and MacKenzie went to
Los Angeles as president.

MacKenzie was a member of
the state board of aeronautics for
eight years. His duties will in-
clude inspection of planes, air-
ports and aviation schools and ex-
amination of pilots.

Lieutenant B. B. Smith was
chosen chairman of the board to
succeed Archie F. Roth, resigned,
and Lee Eyerly, Salem, will suc-
ceed Smith as treasurer. The
third member of the board is Tex
Rankin, Portland.

Cannon Inquiry Is Thwarted by Woman Witness

WASHINGTON, May 7.—(AP)
—Defied by a woman witness, the
senate campaign funds committee
was halted abruptly today in its
inquiry into the disposition of
anti-Smith funds by Bishop James
Cannon, Jr., in the 1928 cam-
paign.

Ada L. Burroughs of Rich-
mond, Va., treasurer of the South-
ern Methodist Churchmen's anti-
Smith organization, left the stand
after declining to answer more
than a score of questions in re-
sponse of a warning of possible pro-
secution.

Later Chairman Nye of the com-
mittee said "Certainly we will
have to cite her to the senate for
contempt."

Admits Burning Family; Murder Charge is Filed

GREELEY, Colo., May 7.—
(AP)—After more than 48 hours
of repeated demands of guilt,
James V. Foster, 49 year old
Greeley salesman, today dictated
and signed a confession that he
set fire to his home last Tuesday
morning, causing the death of his
wife and their three children.

Shortly after the confession
four separate charges of first-de-
gree murder were filed against
him and a coroners jury found
Foster was solely responsible for
the deaths of his family.

British Scientist Found Alive After Two Weeks' Search

Meager Details Contained in Wireless Received
From Greenland; Watkins Sledge Party
Given Credit; Wegener Sought

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, May 7.—(AP)—Augustine
Courtald, young British scientist who was believed to
have been lost on the Greenland ice-cap, was found today
and is on his way back to the base camp near the Greenland
border.

The news that the scientist for whom several parties
had been searching for more than
two weeks, had been found, was
contained in a wireless message
received here from Angmagssalik,
Greenland, by the Danish minis-
try of marine.

The message said Courtald was
returning to the base of the Brit-
ish arctic expedition, of which
he was a member, with G. Wat-
kins, leader of the expedition.

This fact led to the assumption
here that Courtald had been
found by the dog-team rescue party
which set out under Watkins' leadership three weeks ago to
look for him.

The government newspaper So-
dal Demokrat, in a dispatch for
publication tomorrow, will say
that Courtald was found by the
Watkins sledge party only a few
hours after the arrival of Captain
Albin Ahrenberg, Swedish flier, in
his rescue plane.

Search for Wegener

Ahrenberg, who flew over the
ice-cap from Angmagssalik, the
newspaper will say, brought wel-
come food and supplies to both
the rescued and the rescuers.

A message received from Ahren-
berg at Angmagssalik stated the
flier intended to continue on 100
kilometers further across the ice
cap in an effort to ascertain
whether Prof. Albert Wegener,
German scientist, is safe.

Professor Wegener, with a party
is gathering weather data in
Greenland. A search for him was
begun last month.

GOVERNOR OPPOSES BUILDING OF VAULT

Whether the state board of
control will approve the con-
struction of a new fireproof
vault, requested by the secretary
of state, will not be determined
until State Treasurer Holman
has had an opportunity to in-
spect the plans and determine
the necessity for such an im-
provement.

The 1931 legislature appro-
priated \$25,000 for the construc-
tion of the vault and the plans
and specifications have been pre-
pared.

Governor Meier announced
Thursday that he was opposed to
the construction of the vault at
the time. Secretary of State
Hoss countered with the an-
nouncement that the vault was
necessary for the proper protec-
tion of state records.

Mr. Holman, as third member
of the board, probably will have
the deciding vote in the contro-
versy.

At the present time the state
has no vault sufficiently large to
accommodate the state records.

Mrs. Coolidge Is Given Award For Aiding Deaf

NEW YORK, May 7.—(AP)—
Mrs. Calvin Coolidge was hon-
ored tonight for extending a help-
ing hand to the deaf by award of
the gold medal of the National In-
stitute of Social Sciences.

Others who received the medal
at a dinner of the institute were
Frank B. Kellogg, former secre-
tary of state; Grace Abbott, chief
of the children's bureau, United
States department of labor; and
Dr. Richard Clarke Cabot, pro-
fessor of social ethics of Harvard
university.

Business for Those Who Go After It Says Nater

Business will improve in the fu-
ture just as it has always done
in the past, Herman Nater, pre-
sident of the Pacific Coast Adver-
tising clubs told members of the
local Ad club here last night, but
improvements will come to a
firm which knows its business and
improves its business standards.

"In the early years of 1928 and
1929 we really legalized gambling
on a national scale," said Nater.
It was as though everyone had
engaged in big-time "crap shoot-
ing." I realize the stock depres-
sion is not the only cause of defla-
tion but it is a major one."

Nater said business needed
higher ideals, a sense of responsi-
bility to the buyer and a sense
of money being made only when
it is earned.

FOUR DIE AS TRAIN HITS BUS

Crowded School Carrier is
Wrecked, Score Injured;
Freight Moving Slowly is
Witnesses' Report

All of 35 in Conveyance are
Hurt, Some Slightly; the
Driver, Badly Injured,
Says Train not Seen

MERCED, Cal., May 7.—(AP)
—Four elementary school pupils
were killed and more than a score
injured here today when a crowd-
ed school bus was struck by a
freight train locomotive. The im-
pact toppled the bus with its busi-
ness cargo into a ditch, crushing
the children in the wreckage.

The dead:
Robert Fuller, 10.
Dolores Epsen, 8.
Billy Epsen, 8, twin brother of
Dolores.

Janette Abr. 8.
At least six other children and
the bus driver, J. D. Kregger were
in a critical condition tonight.

Two hospitals were taxed beyond
capacity as a result of the acci-
dent and several of the seriously
injured children were being cared
for at their homes.

Bus Stopped and
Train Proceeded

The children, all pupils of the
John C. Fremont school, were
being taken home in the afternoon
when the accident occurred. In-
vestigations by the sheriff's office
disclosed witnesses saw the bus
stop somewhat and then proceed
across the grade crossing directly
in front of the slowly moving
freight train. The crossing was
in the intersection of the Santa
Fe tracks.

The sheriff's office learned
there were 35 children in the bus,
almost all of them being injured,
but some only slightly.

In the hours following the acci-
dent the two hospitals were be-
sieged by anxious parents and
friends of the children.

Kregger said he did not see the
train. Conductor J. A. Holmes
of the freight train said the bus
did not stop at the track, but
drove ahead into the train with
the engine and the train wrecked
and the wigwag signal at the
crossing working.

Train Going at
Eight Mile Speed

The train was a Santa Fe
freight bound from Fresno to
Riverbank, near Modesto. En-
gineer George Parks said the train
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IRVINGHAM PAIR FINALLY RELEASED

"Nothing new" was comment
of Sheriff O. D. Bower upon re-
turn last night from Silverton
where he and District Attorney
John Carson spent the afternoon
and early evening in further ef-
forts to solve the mystery sur-
rounding the murder last Satur-
day morning of James Iverson,
Silverton police officer.

The sheriff and his operatives
declare that no stone shall be
left unturned in search for the
guilty party or parties, and all
who have the slightest grounds
for suspicion in their minds are
given a hearing and their ideas
investigated.

Lester and S. E. Irvingham,
who have been held since Mon-
day for investigation in connec-
tion with the murder, were re-
leased yesterday. S. E. Irvingham
admitted that he had been ar-
rested recently for operating a
still and had served a short term
in the Union county jail.

Dry Agents Who Caused Big Fire Now Suspended

SEATTLE, May 7.—(AP)—
Colonel Amos W. W. Woodcock,
national prohibition agent here late
today, in setting a still house
afire in northwest Pierce county
on Rocky Bay, started a 250
acre fire which destroyed homes
of three families.

Colonel Woodcock promised to
seek compensation from congress
for the families of Gottlieb
Stock, William Neimann and E.
T. Bucknell. After hearing their
complaint, presented by A. L.
Stella, Tacoma attorney, Wood-
cock said he was convinced the
agents, Frederick M. Taylor and
Basili V. Cunningham, did not in-
tend to destroy more than the
shack but "displayed fearful
judgment and were careless be-
yond all reason."