

## PLASTER GRANT AWARDED PRIZE FOR BEST HOPS

O. O. McClellan of Salem is Fuggles Winner, Dayton Man Early Cluster

Discussion of Code Drafted Recently Main Business of State Meeting

A dinner audience which packed the main dining room of the Marion hotel last night applauded Lloyd Plaster and John Grant, Dallas hop growers, when the two men were jointly awarded the sweepstakes prize cup for the best quality hops grown in Oregon this year as well as the best late cluster hops grown this season.

The awards came at the conclusion of a busy day for nearly 400 hop men who gathered here yesterday at the annual meeting of the Oregon Hop Growers association.

To the grand prize winners as well as the winner of the early cluster and fuggles awards will go cups which are in their possession until the next annual meeting of the organization. First prize in the fuggles group went to O. O. McClellan of Salem and in the early clusters group to Paul Londerhausen of Dayton.

Proposed Marketing Agreement is Topic  
The day's business centered around expansion and discussion of proposed marketing agreement for hops grown in Oregon, Washington and California coupled with a series of technical discussions on the technique of hop growing as outlined by professors in the State college at Corvallis.

Growers in their afternoon session, Clifford Noakes presiding, voted unanimously to urge all claimants in the 12 hop growing districts of the state association, to secure early signatures from their members calling for making hops a national basic commodity and the early adoption of the proposed marketing agreement.

As explained by Robin Day, local attorney, who has been active in forming the proposed agreement, marketing of all hops would be centralized through an industry board on which growers and dealers at the three coast states would have proportional representation. This board, if hops are made a basic commodity by congress, would have power to set production quotas, limiting any grower to a yield based on his average yield for three years compared to the quota set up for the state.

The board would be empowered to set a minimum price on hop sales and to set higher prices for best quality hops. Surplus hops now on the market could be bought by the board and disposed of as it saw fit. The board would finance its operating costs by a one-fifth of a cent tax on all hops sold by the grower and a one-fifth of a cent tax paid by the dealer. Money with which to purchase surplus hops would be provided by a flat two cent tax on all hops passing into the hands of the ultimate consumer.

Oregon Delegation Backing Movement  
Through a system of licensing, dealers, brokers and processors would not be allowed to purchase hops legally that did not bear the official tag of the industry board, showing that the grower had complied with the provisions of the marketing agreement and that he had been allotted a ratable quota by the industry board.

Frank E. Needham epitomized (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

## TOO MANY SEEKING TO CUT WOOD NOW

A month ago complaint arose over the county's inability to secure cutters to work on its woodlot at Turner. Now the complaint is that there are too many men seeking jobs there. This was the report yesterday of D. G. Metcalf, SERRA placement officer here.

"We have more woodcutters than we know what to do with now," said Metcalf. "We can use only 20 at Turner. We are attempting now to line up a woodcutting project for the county's lot at Parrish Gap."

At least seven more men are on the woodcutters' waiting list, Metcalf indicated.

The rush to the woodlots came after the wage was raised from \$1 to \$1.25 per cord and the cutters were given permission to work as much as they desired, rather than the previous rule which limited the number who would be allowed on SERRA projects.

## Doesn't Agree About Wealth



Mrs. Margaret Munsell, wife of Harvard graduate who gave her half of his million dollar fortune, gave the other half to charity and is now living in a New York "flaphouse" and looking for a job. Mrs. Munsell has no objection to keeping or spending the \$500,000.

## RECORD RED CROSS RECEIPTS COUNTED

Short of Goal Set, Highly Satisfactory Anyway is Committee's View

Final returns from workers in the Red Cross roll call which closed Thanksgiving day show cash receipts of \$2700, or approximately \$600 more in membership than ever before contributed in Marion county, it was announced last night by Mrs. Helen Lamb, executive secretary of the Willamette chapter, Red Cross.

While \$3000 had been set as the goal for this year's roll call, satisfaction and pleasure with the outcome were nevertheless expressed by Judge George Rossman, chapter chairman, and William McGilchrist, Jr., roll call chairman over the improved showing.

Silverton as usual stood at the top of the list of communities outside of Salem enrolling. By communities contributions were as follows:

Silverton, \$410.50; Woodburn, \$87.50; Stayton, \$77.25; Jefferson, \$45; Hubbard, \$39.90; Mt. Angel, \$32.75; Gervais, \$23.75; St. Paul, \$23; Sh. w., \$13.45; Scotia Mills, Marion and Donald, \$8 each; Aumsville, \$6; Aurora \$3, and Pratum, \$1.

Illustrating the use made of funds derived from the roll call, Mrs. Lamb pointed out that during the past month seven needy children had been given tonsil operations, five, dental service; and three families supplied with bedding and clothing to replace that lost in fires.

## PUGH CONVICTED IN SYNDICALISM CASE

MEDFORD, Ore., Dec. 8.—(AP)—Kyle Pugh, 48, claiming Josephine county as his residence, was found guilty of criminal syndicalism late this afternoon by a circuit court jury after 25 minutes deliberation.

Pugh through his counsel, Ervin Goodman of Portland, waived time for passing of sentence. Pugh was then sentenced by Judge D. Norton to a term of not less than five years in state prison, and assessed costs of the trial. Notice of appeal to the state supreme court was a serve. Fifteen days for filing of a motion for a new trial was granted.

Pugh was charged in the indictment with the sale, distribution, possession and public display of literature advocating crime and violence in the overthrow of the present government.

Pugh was arrested by state police last September, travelling in a donkey-drawn cart.

## Gridiron Roasts New Deal And Republicans As Well

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—(AP)—The New Deal tonight was put in the roasting oven on the Gridiron club and crisped into fanciful food for laughs.

Nor were the republicans spared. The sharp but good humored fun of the Washington organization of newspapermen presented a bit which pictured the Grand Old Party in such a bad state that Henry P. Fletcher as Faust was eager to sell his soul to Mephistopheles for votes.

## TREATY CHANGE PERILOUS ISSUE FACING EUROPE

France Backs Up Yugoslavia for Preservation of Present Status

Italy Aligned With Hungary for Revised Agreement to Conserve Peace

(Copyright, 1934 by Associated Press) GENEVA, Dec. 8.—Revision of post-war treaties emerged today as the broad, danger-fraught question facing Europe's statesmen, and France took her place squarely beside the little entente for preservation of the territorial status quo.

Italy, meanwhile, aligned herself with her friend and ally, Hungary, in advocating equitable revision of the peace treaty as the best means of conserving the peace of Europe.

As four of Europe's big powers—England, France, Italy and Russia—joined to urge that the Yugoslav-Hungarian friction growing out of the assassination of King Alexander of Yugoslavia at Marseille October 9 not be allowed to disturb peace, the problem of the peace treaties lifted its threatening head behind that central European crisis.

Foreign Minister Pierre Laval, speaking for France, said dramatically "France stands beside Yugoslavia" in this "grave conflict," and repeated his recent assertion before the French chamber of deputies: "Whoever seeks to remove the frontier stone troubles the peace of Europe."

Baron Pompeo Aloisi, the Italian representative, whose government previously had announced its support of Hungary's defense against Yugoslavia's charges that (Turn to Page 2, Col. 3)

## KIDNAP SUSPECTS ARE TAKEN SOUTH

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 8.—(AP)—Closely guarded by federal agents who took elaborate precautions against mishap, two men and two women were to be started tonight on a swift journey to Oklahoma, there to face accusations that link them with the kidnaping last year of Charles F. Urschel, Oklahoma millionaire.

The prisoners were Alvin H. Scott, Edward Feldman, Clara Feldman, his mother, and Margaret E. Lawrence.

Department of justice agents would reveal nothing of the departure plans beyond the single statement they would leave tonight.

The transfer of the Urschel conspiracy suspects to another jurisdiction followed by about 24 hours the discovery of \$30,000 in ransom notes in a cache on the banks of the Lewis river in Washington.

The two men and the women were first linked with the case when early last month Scott was critically injured in an automobile accident and \$1,500 in \$20 ransom bills was found in his clothing.

Endurance Pair Fail to Shatter Women's Record  
OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Jean La Rene and Henrietta Sumner were forced down at 10:55 p. m., tonight, less than two days short of their goal of a new endurance record flight for women.

The blonde fliers were in the air 8 days, 10 hours and 13 minutes, as compared to the women's record of 9 days, 23 hours and 45 minutes, held by Frances Marsalis and Helen Ritchie.

"I really don't know what the trouble was yet," said Kenneth Hunter, their manager.

## Largest Holiday Shopping Crowd Noted Saturday

A brisk wind from the northwest and bright blue skies hurried shoppers along Salem's downtown streets yesterday but did not deter the largest crowd of the Christmas season from visiting shops through a busy shopping day. The majority of merchants reported last night that the Saturday trade had been by far the best of the shopping season. Many purchasers were in town from a considerable distance.

## Says Reformed, Wants Freedom



"I am rehabilitated," says Roy Gardner, America's most colorful train robber and desperado, who has sent a dramatic appeal for clemency to President Roosevelt. He points out that he never had any gangster associates.

## OLD COMPANY M REUNION IS HELD

22 Members Gather Here to Talk Reminiscences of Period in Service

Twenty-two members of old M company, the militia unit that was Salem's pride of post-World war days, gathered at the Gray Belle last night for their annual reunion and swapping of soldier day yarns. Of the original company 135 men who went to war with the 182nd Infantry, 110 are still living, as far as is known.

Tuesday marks the 17th anniversary of the outfit's embarking for France's battlefields.

This company it was that marched proudly back to its home city in 1918 following service on the Mexican border, at which it was the only full strength company of militia or regular army in the United States. The camaraderie of these men has held their interests together ever since even though they are strewn north to Petersburg, Alaska, England, France and all parts of the United States. The officers of the company when it sailed were (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)

## NAY TREATY FATE RESTS WITH JAPAN

LONDON, Dec. 8.—(AP)—The fate of the three-power naval conversations rested significantly with the Japanese tonight.

The American delegation let it be understood that unless the Japanese surrender their demand for full equality, they probably will move early next week toward concluding the conversations and returning home.

The Americans feel there is nothing further to do here unless Japan takes a more conciliatory attitude. If the Japanese are unable to give assurances they will change their demands by the time the Washington treaty is denounced, the Americans may pull out.

Sir John Simon, British foreign secretary, played golf secretly today with Japanese Ambassador Matsudaira, in order to discuss the situation, but the outlook remained unchanged because Tokyo has delayed its advice on whether the Japanese should make a new set of proposals.

## Accident Report Goes Unverified

Neither the police nor hospital employes could give any confirmation of reports current downtown Saturday night that "Nip" Rocque, 223 South Liberty, and Connie J. Frigaard, 421 Richmond, were injured seriously in an accident in which Rocque's truck was involved.

Both had broken bones and were taken to a hospital, it was reported, but the Salem General and Dispensary hospital reported no such patients.

Tom Curry was reported to have jumped out of the truck before it crashed, and to have sustained less serious injuries. Location of the alleged accident was not given.

## Blue Mountains Road Hazardous

PENDLETON, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Fog and icy coating over the Old Oregon trail near Kamela made traffic over the Blue mountains hazardous today. Six cars went into the ditch this morning. The fog hung low over the region as far down as Mission.

## REPORTS THAT NOBODY READS ARE PREPARED

Interim Committees Filing Recommendations; Some Members are "Out"

Meier-Holman Squabble Not to End Until Change in Administration

By SHELDON F. SACKETT  
This is annual report season at the statehouse with heads of most of the departments busy preparing the books which almost nobody ever reads. The largest figures will be supplied in the highway commission's summary of its year's activities. The most important report from a legislative standpoint will be the forthcoming report of the interim committee on roads and highways. Work by this committee has been under way for months and the report is expected to contain recommendations on many questions such as truck license fees, the coast toll bridges, the gasoline tax and other road matters certain to be up in the next session. Ordinarily such a report is of moment in legislative programs. It happens that both the senators on the interim committee, Joe Duane and Clyde Williamson, will be forgotten men in the upper house after January 14. Representative George Winslow, a third member, is not to come back.

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## TENNESSEE BEATS HUEY LONG'S BOYS

(By the Associated Press)  
Two of the mighty "independent" teams of the middle west and a pair of southwest conference stalwarts rumped off with a major share of the honor yesterday as a few hardy teams managed to prolong the life of the 1934 football season for another week.

Notre Dame, Michigan State, Texas Christian and Southern Methodist came out ahead in a quartet of interconference games while Tennessee provided a fine farewell gesture for its retiring coach, Major Bob Neyland, by belting over Huey Long's Louisiana State outfit, 19 to 13, in the final contest of the southeastern conference campaign, breaking a tie in the last two minutes of play.

Michigan State gave a thrilling last-quarter exhibition of running to defeat Texas A. & M. 25 to 13 after they had ended the third period at 6 to 6. Texas Christian turned back the Santa Clara Broncos 9 to 7 on Taldon Menton's fourth period field goal to win considerable prestige for the southwest group through a victory over the team that tied Stanford's Rose Bowl team. The Southern Methodist Mustangs overcame a snow covered gridiron as well as stiff opposition to beat Washington university of St. Louis 7 to 0 on a pass from Nanny Wilson to Louis Smith.

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## Determined Attack on Narcotics Traffic is Begun by Federal Men

More Than 400 Addicts, Peddlers, Members of Powerful Dope Syndicates, Arrested in Roundup in Various Cities

(By the Associated Press)  
GOVERNMENT agents struck a staggering blow at narcotics rings Saturday in a series of raids that stretched across the nation.

More than 400 persons—addicts, peddlers and members of gigantic syndicates—were seized and thousands of dollars worth of the illicit drugs were uncovered. The results of what shaped up as the government's greatest offensive against the evil in the various centers were:

Baltimore—Eight arrested and a store of narcotics described as the largest ever found in the city was seized when federal operatives descended upon the headquarters of a combine doing a mail order business in the illegal stuff.

Cleveland—Answering the tearful pleas of parents to "save our children," a force of agents exposed an organization selling narcotics to high school students and corralled seven men and three women.

Chicago—Federal and city officers swooped down on Chinatown and picked up 11 Chinese in continuation of a week long campaign against the evil that has netted more than 250 prisoners in Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin.

New York—Thirteen persons, including two married couples, were arrested in three raids in New York City. Seven other arrests made in Newark, two in Syracuse and two in Buffalo.

Washington—Army to buy only 500 planes next year instead of 500; officials blame higher prices.

Foreign: GENEVA—France "stands beside Yugoslavia" in her complaint against Hungary, but other powers unsympathetic.

BUDAPEST—Officials guard against any untoward incident in Yugoslav relationship.

ASUNCION—Paraguay reports smashing victory in Chaco and cutting up pieces of seven Bolivian regiments.

SINGAPORE—Bing roundup of spies ramped on eve of British maneuvers.

ADDIS ABABA—Ethiopian government throws back at Italy charges of aggression as result of border skirmish.

LONDON—America intimates that unless Japan drops equality demands, her delegates will move next week to close conference.

BERLIN—General Goering and Dr. Goebbels nearly mobbed by enthusiastic crowds as they beg alms for poor.

Normal December Weather Returns  
(By the Associated Press)  
Normal December weather visited states between the Mississippi and the Atlantic seaboard yesterday, bringing flurries of powdery snow and frigid temperatures.

Additional deaths from fires, smothering mishaps, exposure and other conditions traceable to the cold spell were reported.

In Michigan, where seven have died in the season's first cold wave, 10 degree temperatures obtained while in neighboring Indiana a light but steady snow fell throughout the day, with the recordings in the low 20's and streets generally icy.

The heaviest snow fall in four years—7.5 inches in two days—was reported at Cleveland, where three persons were buried to death in fires and one child died in a coasting accident.

It was near freezing in Washington, where light snows were forecast. In Nebraska the snow had begun to melt. The third day of below-freezing weather descended on Milwaukee, where two persons have died to date in the cold. More snow blanketed Iowa, but milder weather was predicted for today.

Two deaths of exposure were reported in Chicago. In neighboring Michigan City, Ind., two women and a boy were killed in a traffic collision caused by treacherous ice sheets on highways.

## DEATH TOLL OF POISON DRINKS NOW FOURTEEN

Investigation of Denatured Alcohol Ingredients and Sale to Be Sweeping

Most of Bottles Have Plain Warning Label; Price Difference Slight

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 8.—(AP)—Three more men died here tonight, bringing to 14 the number of victims as a wave of death denatured drinkers of denatured alcohol.

In the death epidemic which began last night and continued today with increasing severity, one more man tonight was near death and half a dozen were in critical condition and under observation and treatment.

Police searched north end rooming house and squallid hotels looking for more victims, and also procured many samples of denatured alcohol to see if some unusual lethal ingredient could be found in the poison which many addicts habitually drink after processing.

An examination of the stomach contents of Max Studebaker showed he died from wood alcohol poisoning. Dr. Charles A. Manlove said. Examinations of others were to be made tomorrow.

On some of the victims, bottles were found bearing "poison" signs and skull and crossbones. On other victims, the bottles were unlabeled, police said.

Yesterday afternoon police arrested four men, each with bottles of denatured alcohol. Death quickly overtook two of them.

Ben Votruba, who died shortly after being taken into custody, was known to police as a canned heat addict. Municipal court attaches recalled he had been before the court more than 50 times. He will come no more.

Legal Liquor Sells For Slightly More  
The "dehorn" as it is known in hobo jungle parlance, retails for 35 cents a pint. At the state liquor stores whiskey can be purchased for as little as 65 cents a pint.

"We are picking them up like flies," said an emergency hospital attendant this morning as the death toll mounted.

The coroner said post-mortem examinations would not be made until tomorrow. There was a possibility, he said, that of the dead, one may have died from natural causes.

The sale of denatured alcohol is legal here only if it is sold for drinking. Most of the confirmed users are adept in handling it to rid it of the added ingredients that make the spirits obnoxious and unpalatable.

But no amount of treatment, apparently, could distill from the alcohol the deadly poison that lurked in the bottles sold along the waterfront last night.

Beside several bottles police found the treacherous bottles that had dealt death. Each properly bore the red label of poison and the death's head. City officials feared many more may have died from the poisoned drink and that the bodies may be found later in the lonely, sequestered rooms of the cheap hotels.

The drinkers of denatured alcohol and of the tinned alcoholic heating preparations have long been a source of trouble to police. Even now, with high-content whiskey and gin obtainable cheaply at state liquor stores, addicts of the potent concoctions are abundant in the north end.

LAMSON'S MOTHER DIES OF INJURIES  
PALO ALTO, Calif., Dec. 8.—(AP)—The aged mother of David Lamson died here today while in his San Jose jail cell the son, informed the end was near, sobbed because the charge of wife-murder still hangs over him.

"I wanted to clear myself before that happened," Lamson lamented when informed through a telephone mistake several hours before his mother died that she had already succumbed to injuries received in an automobile accident.

Though the error was corrected, Lamson was notified by his sister, Dr. Margaret Lamson, that there was no hope for the aged mother's recovery.

SURVEY COMPLETED  
LITTLE AMERICA, Antarctica, Dec. 8.—(Via Mackay Radio)—The Marie Byrd land sledging party, 55-days out of Little America, today turned for home, having completed the first geological and biological reconnaissance of the region first discovered by Admiral Richard E. Byrd on a flight five years ago.