

# TOURNEY HOOPERS ON HAND

State Hoop Show Starts at 1 p. m. With Salem Quint Leading Off Against La Grande Aspirants

Eight Games Scheduled For Today; The Dalles First To Appear; Ticket Sale Reflects Interest

**SCHEDULE FOR TODAY**  
IN STATE TOURNAMENT  
1 p. m.—Salem vs. La Grande  
2 p. m.—Marshfield vs. Columbia Prep  
3 p. m.—Ashland vs. Benson  
4 p. m.—Jefferson vs. Umanine  
5 p. m.—Mill City vs. Astoria  
7:30 p. m.—Corvallis vs. Klamath Falls  
8:30 p. m.—McMinnville vs. The Dalles  
9:30 p. m.—Gardiner vs. Oakridge

By PAUL HAUSER  
While wind, rain and snow beat an appropriate tempo for the climax of a winter sport and threatened to make the 16th annual basketball tournament the first white tourney in history basketball teams from all over Oregon tramped into Salem yesterday ready for the opening today of the race for the state high school basketball championship.  
The Dalles, arriving at noon yesterday, was the first team to put in an appearance and was followed shortly by last year's runner-up Klamath Falls.  
LaGrande and Ashland both arrived yesterday afternoon while Astoria and Marshfield showed up early last night and Umanine, eastern Oregon "B" team, stepped off the train into a snowstorm at 11:30 p. m.  
All other teams, situated close to Salem, will arrive early this morning.

Salem for First Time Plays Opening Game  
Play will begin at 1 o'clock this afternoon when La Grande and Salem clash in the opening encounter. Each of the 16 teams, every one a district champion, will play before the final game winds up about 10:30 o'clock tonight.  
Klamath Falls was the first team to try out the Willamette floor and went through their paces for about an hour. The second place team last year, the Pelicans have brought back six of their last year's squad this year.  
Coach Beryl Hodgen of The Dalles, though reported home in bed with the mumps, labeled the report as grossly exaggerated when he trotted out his trim quint (Turn to page 2, col. 2)

## EPIDEMIC OF CAR THEFTS REPORTED

Car thieves descended on Salem last night and drove away three automobiles, police were notified. The stolen machines were as follows:  
Heavy sedan, Oregon license 130-350, registered to S. S. Harebrook, 460 Academy street, stolen from Church and Chemeketa street intersection.  
Light touring, Oregon 119-417, registered to Emmett Lloyd Gilmer, 322 North 19th, taken from State and High streets.  
Light victoria coupe, Oregon 143-171, registered to Dr. Charles E. Tatro of Jefferson, taken from rear of Oregon building where he has offices.

## Paul Jackson to Stay at Klamath

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., March 19.—(P)—Paul T. Jackson, president of the State High School Athletic association, was re-elected principal of Klamath high last night by the school board despite his previously announced intention to resign.  
He accepted, and will serve his 11th term.

## BODY IS WASHED UP

NEWPORT, Ore., March 19.—(P)—It was believed tonight that a badly decomposed body which washed up on the beach here might be that of Alfred Ferguson, crab fisherman drowned December 13 when his boat swamped. However identification appeared impossible.

## Marion County "B" Hopfuls Face State Champion Quint Late Today



It won't dampen any of the fire of the "Flying Finns," but the state champion Fishermen's opponents in the first round of the state tournament which opens today, the Mill City quint shown above, are coached by an Astoria "great" and pupil of "Honest John" Warren, S. Ellassen. The Mill City squad, from the left, front row: Allen, Selin, McAuley, Smith, Catherwood, Back row, Coach Ellassen, Wichter, Herron, Wood.

## ATTACK ON GERMAN STAND TAKES FORM

Mild British Note Disliked By Others; More Action Talked at Berlin

(By The Associated Press)  
Sentiment against Germany's rearmament slowly took shape Tuesday with the prospect that Britain, France and Italy might meet over the conference table to harmonize their views concerning Adolf Hitler's renewal of compulsory military service.  
Germany, apparently paying little heed to the furor stirred by Hitler's announcement, began a working out plans for the new system.  
It was reported that the Reich is considering an attack on still another clause of the Versailles treaty, that demilitarizing the left bank of the Rhine.  
London—French and Italian displeasure at the "mild" tone of the British protest to Berlin was expected to result in an emergency meeting of their representatives.  
Berlin—By day and night military planes roared above Berlin in a visible demonstration of the Reich's self-delivery from the Versailles treaty. While German officials fixed their eyes on Poland, (Turn to page 3, col. 1)

## NOTE TO GERMANY BEING CONSIDERED

WASHINGTON, March 19.—(P)—A protest against Germany's violation of its peace treaty with the United States was held under consideration tonight by the Roosevelt administration but against this was balanced a keen desire to avoid any entanglement in the latest European crisis.  
This country's diplomatic chiefs were known to feel that there were grounds for representations to the German government, since Adolf Hitler's defiance of armament clauses in the Versailles treaty also disregarded similar provisions in the German-American treaty. But it was reiterated officially tonight that no communication had been dispatched to the Reich.  
President Roosevelt continued conference with Secretary Hull and Norman H. Davis, American ambassador-at-large, and officials conceded privately that it was a safe assumption that this government was provoked by Germany's abrupt action.  
At the White House it was made clear earlier in the day, however, that the president would not be rushed into any precipitate action involving the United States in European affairs until the entire situation had been thoroughly analyzed.

## Governor Orders Thorough Probe into Relief Matters

A 30-day probe of state relief administration in Oregon was officially opened yesterday when Governor Charles H. Martin met with his three special investigators and charged them to "get to the bottom of the relief situation in Oregon."  
"You are to approach your duties with open minds," the governor said. "You are not to hold any pre-disposition either to condemn or to absolve the state relief committee or any persons connected with its work."  
Monday the governor had named Verne Dusenberg of Portland as chairman of the investigation committee. Yesterday the three investigators chose Senator E. A. McCormack of Eugene as chairman, and named Dusenberg as executive secretary. Third member of the investigating group is Miss Grace Phelps of Portland, who also attended the meeting yesterday in the governor's office here.  
The investigators are to serve without pay. Provision for the routine expenses of the investigation including the employment of an assistant secretary will be met from the state relief fund.

## LATE SNOW STORM CAUSES ACCIDENTS

Inch-Deep Layer Comes to Salem; Cars Off Road, One Injury Noted

Intermittent rain streaked with hail, turned to snow here at 10:30 o'clock last night and blanketed the city an inch deep with a wet, slushy carpet. Wilson park gave a mid-winter appearance with its trees covered with the snowfall at midnight.  
Persons coming to the city from the upland country reported a number of inches of snow in the foothills.  
Weather predictions for today called for a continuation of the near-freezing temperature with the snow turning to rain during the day.  
Last night's snow storm caused at least three automobiles to slide into ditches north of Salem and apparently was to blame for a heavy roadster driven by Henry Hill, 196 South 23d street, hitting and breaking off a Southern Pacific communications line pole across the highway from the Valley Packing company plant. Mrs. Hill was taken to Salem General hospital to have lacerations above and below the right eye dressed. She later went home.  
One freight truck driver reported having seen three automobiles in the ditches along the Pacific highway north of Salem. Police here received no reports of persons other than Mrs. Hill being injured in accidents.  
The fallen Southern Pacific wires cut off the crossing signals in the vicinity. One motorist barely averted being struck by the southbound Cascade by hurriedly backing off the tracks when he saw its headlight.  
State police reported snow was not as heavy on the highway south of Salem as it was in the city. Traffic was tied up for a few minutes on Prans hill when a truck broke down.

## JURY SOUGHT FOR OSBOURNE'S TRIAL

PORTLAND, Ore., March 19.—(P)—Judge Mackleson of Salem today in selection of a jury to try Joseph J. Osbourne, special policeman, on charges of first degree murder for the fish pool slaying of Simon Mish, Portland furniture dealer.  
It was indicated another hour would be required tomorrow to complete the jury of 12 with two alternates.  
Osbourne, accused of bludgeoning Mish into unconsciousness and slinging his limp form into a fish pond at the rear of his house the night of December 11, appeared unperturbed but interested in today's proceedings. During court recess he chatted and smiled to his sister, Juanita Osbourne.  
A defense questioning of veniremen indicated the defense would seek to bar or discredit statement Osbourne was quoted as giving police following his arrest, state questioning indicated the death penalty would be sought. Police Detective Jack Keegan said Osbourne admitted "biting and drinking with Mish the night of the slaying, but denied any knowledge of the deed."

## Bearcat Debate Squad Topples Lintfield Again

The Willamette university debate squad last night defeated Lintfield college at McMinnville to maintain its lead in the series for district championship with six wins and one loss.  
Laurence Morley and Randall Keeter representing Willamette won a decisive victory over Hatt and Moore of Lintfield.  
Tonight, Willamette's championship debate squad will compete with Pacific university, in the Little Theatre room in Waller hall.

## Father of Slain Boy Files Charge

PORTLAND, Ore., March 19.—(P)—Paul Vandenberg was charged with manslaughter late today a few hours after a coroner's jury declared his shooting of Vernon Weaver, 17, alleged prowler, was "justifiable homicide."  
The complaint against Vandenberg was signed by L. J. Weaver, father of the slain boy who Vandenberg said was prowling about his premises.  
PNEUMONIA FATAL  
PORTLAND, Ore., March 19.—(P)—Kenneth A. Mayer, 18, one of two recently afflicted with spinal meningitis at Bonneville, Ore., died here today from an attack of pneumonia which struck him as he was recovering from his other illness.  
"DOPE" USER SENTENCED  
PORTLAND, Ore., March 19.—(P)—Mrs. Lillian Smith, formerly of Juneau, Alaska, who was convicted last week of forging narcotics prescriptions, today was sentenced to three years in prison by Federal Judge James Alger Fee.

## POWER BILL IS SLAIN; MARTIN CITES REASONS

Would Indicate Willingness Of State to Build Lines Message Declares

No Need of Haste, Governor Points Out; Obligation On State is Noted

Senate Bill 404—the only utility legislation of any consequence to be passed by the 38th legislative session—was vetoed yesterday by Governor Charles H. Martin in line with predictions the last two days that the bill would meet the governor's disfavor.  
Salient objection to the bill made by the governor was the statement that approval of the measure would indicate to the federal government that Oregon would assume the financial burden of building transmission lines from Bonneville.  
"This is contrary to the position I took during my campaign," the governor said. "The government will have \$30,000,000 or more invested in the Bonneville project and will in all probability make provision in due time for the construction of necessary transmission lines to carry this power to consuming markets. To allow a state bill to assume the burden would amount to a repudiation of my declarations about transmission lines in the 1934 elections and would disregard the people's verdict in the same election on the grantee power bill."  
No Need of Haste  
MARTIN Points Out  
Senate Bill 404 would have provided for a state power district, in charge of three elected commissioners, with authority to build and operate transmission lines and to sell electric power at wholesale or retail. Capital outlays by the board would have been secured through the sale of self-liquidating obligations. The district would have subjected to all taxes the state and its subdivisions applied to privately-owned utilities.  
Governor Martin pointed out in his veto message that the Bonneville project is not likely to be completed before January 1, 1938. He said the 1937 legislative session would have ample opportunity to act intelligently on the transmission line problem and to

## Salem Resident At Coast Shoots Himself Fatally

NEWPORT, Ore., March 19.—(P)—The shooting of a resident of Newport himself through the heart today, the county coroner reported.  
Mackleson is survived by his widow and children four and five years of age, and by his mother, Mrs. Ueber of Brownsville.  
Local morticians were without word at midnight regarding Mackleson's death. His name was not listed in the Salem directory and efforts to check his residence address here were fruitless.

## Street Address Wrong in Story

Abram Volchok yesterday reported the address of his second hand goods business, Star Exchange, 311 North Commercial street, had been published erroneously as the address of the building across the street which H. Steinbeck Monday night requested the city council to permit him to move into. Volchok is conducting business as usual at 311 North Commercial street.  
The Steinbeck matter landed on the council floor after E. C. Bushnell, city building inspector, had condemned the building at 320 North Commercial street which Steinbeck had leased. The council granted him permission to do business there until May 1, when the lease expires.  
FRED GEYER DIES  
CORVALLIS, Ore., March 19.—(P)—Fred A. Geyer, 39, native Oregonian and resident of Corvallis the past 27 years, died at his home here today.

## World News at a Glance

(By the Associated Press)  
Domestic  
WASHINGTON—Administration weighs protest to Germany, shunning precipitate action.  
WASHINGTON—White House approval seen for proposed legislation outlawing war profits and drafting industrialists at army pay.  
MEMPHIS—New floods render 15,000 homeless in parts of Missouri and Arkansas.  
WASHINGTON—Soldiers' bonus debate opens in house; three methods of payment under discussion.  
WASHINGTON—Chain of public power plants, financed in part by federal funds, seen in bills pending in state legislatures.  
CHICAGO—"De Lawd" goes to his eternal green pastures as thousands pay last tribute to Richard B. Harrison, negro actor.  
WASHINGTON—Senate administration forces beat back efforts to slash proposed \$4,880,000,000 work relief fund.  
COLUMBUS—Federal relief director's affidavits charging political corruption in Ohio bring grand jury inquiry, governor is target.  
WASHINGTON—Income tax receipts predicted 30 per cent above year ago.  
Foreign  
BRUSSELS—Premier Theunis and cabinet resign in gold standard controversy.  
LONDON—France, Italy and Great Britain seek to settle differences over German protest as reich pushes military plans.  
TEGUCIGALPA—Grounded excursion schooner wrecked, 116 persons reported saved.  
BERLIN—Government's tests of city's invulnerability to air attack declared successful; city in darkness.  
PARIS—English, French and Italian statements to meet before Anglo-German conversations.  
MOSCOW—Soviet announces arrest of 1074 former aristocrats; many will be exiled.

## GRAHAM CRACKERS TOPIC OF RECIPES

Must Be in on Thursday Noon; Cash Prizes For Best Are Offered

## Workers Protest Asserted Ouster

Scores of Marion county SERA laborers were reported yesterday to be signing a petition decrying the act of the Oregon legislature which was held to be the dismissal of Lloyd M. Sweet, who for two months has served as county SERA safety supervisor. One project head, who did not care to be quoted, said virtually all of his men were signing the petition. He himself knew nothing of the petition until he found it circulating among the workers, he said.  
Sweet is no longer working under the SERA here, said Glenn C. Niles, county relief administrator, when questioned. He said simply that the safety project had been terminated.  
During his service in the county Sweet visited all relief projects to see that property safety precautions were being taken and that equipment was in proper condition. He also looked after the comfort and welfare of the laborers in such matters as clothing and supplying poison oak remedies.  
EFFORTS OF THE SALEM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO OBTAIN AN ENTIRELY NEW POSTOFFICE STRUCTURE HERE ARE PROGRESSING VERY SATISFACTORILY AND THE CHAMBER HAS A GOOD BASIS FOR BELIEVING IT WILL WIN OUT IN ITS FIGHT FOR THE BUILDING, HOWARD HULSEY, CHAMBER PRESIDENT, ANNOUNCED LAST YESTERDAY.  
Hulsey based his statement on two developments: 1. A wire from Senator Charles L. McNary late yesterday announced that "Salem has been placed on the list of projects which will be given consideration in the event additional funds are provided for public building construction."  
2. Over the weekend telegrams from McNary, from Senator Steiwer and an airmail letter from Congressman Mott brought word that the postoffice department had agreed on a thorough survey of the Salem postoffice situation with the view of presenting a report to the treasury department on this city's postoffice needs.  
Hulsey said the chamber sought the construction of a federal building here at a cost of \$500,000, a structure suitable for the growth of the community in the

## VIGOROUS VETO PEN OF MARTIN HITS 25 BILLS

Upset Price on Foreclosure Unconstitutional and Unwise, Declared

Scrapping Redemption Tax For Portland and License Refund Killed Off  
Wielding a vigorous veto pen until the hour of midnight, Governor Charles H. Martin late yesterday had disapproved 25 measures the legislature passed and had stricken two items from another bill, to make a record of having vetoed more proposed laws than any Oregon governor in a decade.  
More than a score of other measures failed to receive the approval of the executive who let them become law without his signature. Midnight found the executive's desk cleared of the 564 measures which the 38th session passed on to him for consideration. He will leave Salem today for a short vacation trip.  
Included in last night's vetoes were two companion senate bills providing that circuit courts in Oregon could set minimum prices below which real or personal property could not be sold in mortgage foreclosure actions.  
Portland Scrip Tax Measure Feels Ax  
The governor also killed House Bill 355, hurried through in the closing days of the session, which would have permitted Multnomah county commissioners to levy a mill to redeem outstanding scrip issued there during the peak of the depression.  
"The approval of this bill would be in conflict with my repeated declarations that I would not approve any bills authorizing additional taxes," the governor declared. He added that voters in Portland had on two occasions voted against redeeming the scrip whose holders took the scrip fully conversant that was to be liquidated out of a stamp tax revenue.  
In disapproving the mortgage foreclosure bills, S. B. 173 and S. B. 179, the governor said Attorney General Van Winkle had advised him that both bills were unconstitutional since they attempted to impair the obligations of contract. He also asserted that the two measures, if made (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

## RIOTING IN HARLEM CAUSES ONE DEATH

NEW YORK, March 20.—(Wednesday)—(P)—One man was wounded fatally, and scores were injured, in hours of rioting by thousands of New York's Harlem negro district last night.  
Lyman Quarterman, 34, negro, died in Harlem hospital early today from a gunshot wound in the abdomen received during last night's rioting at 121st street and Seventh avenue.  
Two other negroes were shot and are in the hospital.  
The rioting thousands smashed store windows, looted shops and attacked pedestrians for hours until several hundred policemen, thrown into the fray, restored order early today.  
Spurred by false reports a negro boy had been beaten to death, a crowd of 1000 demonstrated in front of a 5 and 10 cent store on 125th street. It was dispersed and succeeded by a crowd police estimated at more than 3000 which conducted guerrilla warfare in the streets until midnight.

## Postoffice Project Here Receives Encouragement

next three decades. A postoffice committee of the chamber, composed of J. N. Chambers, chairman, T. A. Windishar and W. M. Hamilton, has been working on the project since the first of the year, Hulsey said.  
Senator McNary reported that he had received his information directly from the procurement director of the treasury department. McNary late yesterday announced that "Salem has been placed on the list of projects which will be given consideration in the event additional funds are provided for public building construction."  
The chamber of commerce has already started its work of aiding the surveyors by preparing extensive data on the growth of Salem and beginning the preparation of charts showing the probable growth of the community the next 30 years.  
The present postoffice structure was erected in 1903 at a cost of \$75,000. At that time the official census of Salem was 4256 and the yearly volume of mail handled came to only \$25,000. By 1930 the city's census had increased to 26,266 and the volume of mail handled was exceeding \$240,000. (Turn to page 2, col. 5)

## MERRIAM RECALL VICTORY WON BY TOWNSEND CLUBS

Returns, Incomplete But Decisive Give 3 to 2 Margin For Removal of Lane County Legislator Accused by Pension Adherents of Breach of Promise; City Vote About Even, Rural Ballots Strong for Ouster

Member of House Denies Pledge to Support Particular Pension Plan But Affirms Friendliness to Principle; Quiet Campaign Conducted by Both Sides; Voting is Light With Pension Adherents Out in Force

EUGENE, Ore., March 19.—(AP)—Howard S. Merriam, Lane county legislator, became the first victim of Townsend old age pension grantees, incomplete but conclusive election returns showed tonight.  
With 73 of 96 precincts of today's election reported, the vote stood 6124 in favor of the recall and 395 against.  
In the face of threats that he would be recalled unless he voted to endorse the Townsend pension plan, Merriam refused to endorse the \$200 a month scheme but voted in favor of "an equitable old age pension."  
Merriam appeared to be holding his own in Eugene precincts but was losing heavily in the country areas, early returns indicated.  
The recall election was instituted against the Lane legislator as a result of his vote on the Townsend memorial in the house during legislative session. Lane county Townsend clubs, under the direction of Charles L. Paine, district organizer, started the recall when Merriam refused to heed their threat and change his vote on this issue.  
The campaign aroused considerable interest in the county, both sides conducting intensive campaigns though doing most of their work quietly.  
The Townsends claimed Merriam violated promises to them to vote for the Townsend plan when the Lane legislator insisted he had never made any promise to support the plan although declaring he was for old age pensions in principle.  
The vote, as had been predicted, reflected the Townsend's friends had declared this would militate against his chances of retaining his position, as the organized Townsend club members would be sure to turn out almost full force.  
WASHINGTON, March 19.—(P)—The forest service said today there was no definite program to purchase Oregon timber under the Weeks act despite the authorization by the Oregon legislature for such transactions.  
A spokesman for the service said that no money had been appropriated by congress for purchase under the Weeks act and until money was made available no plans would be made for obtaining timberlands.  
He said that even though money was made available it did not necessarily mean purchases would be made in Oregon for the money would be given to the forest service in a lump sum and the purchases "made in sections where the terms are the most advantageous to the United States."  
Previously all purchases have been made east of the Rocky mountains, he said.  
There is some question whether the act of the Oregon legislature meets the requirements of the Weeks act, the spokesman added, but said that would be determined when the legislative act is received here. He explained, however, that even though the state law does meet the requirements of the federal act, it does not necessarily mean purchases will be made in Oregon.

## TIMBER PURCHASE HERE IS DOUBTFUL

No Money Available Now, is Report; Oregon Enabling Act Under Question

## FOURTH CAR STOLEN

The fourth car theft within a period of a few hours was reported late last night by city police. This car, a coupe bearing Oregon license 130-979 belonging to Roy McDonald, 1005 North Cottage street.

## Olympia Session Virtually Ended; Tax Bill Passed

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 19.—(P)—The Washington legislature, in its fifth day of overtime, was virtually brought to a close tonight when the house passed the \$2,000,000 tax bill, 53 to 39, sending it to the governor.  
The senate approved the measure 25 to 21 this afternoon. It will require about 24 hours to enroll the act before the legislature can adjourn "sine die."  
Both chambers also expected to act shortly on the supplemental appropriation bill.

## Sales Tax Bill Voted in Idaho

BOISE, Idaho, March 19.—(P)—The Idaho senate passed the house-approved 2 per cent retail sales tax bill by a 24-16 vote tonight.  
It now goes to Governor Ross who has endorsed it.  
The vote came after a four hour debate.