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EIGHTY-SIXTH YEAR



Tentative Approval Is Given To Plans of New Courthouse

Submerged, Favored by County Court

T-Shaped Building to Be More Simple in Design Than P.O., Is Word

By STEPHEN C. MERGLER A simply designed four-story and basement white marble building in the shape of a fat block received the county court's tentative approval yesterday afternoon when Architects Morris Whitehouse and W. S. Knighton of Portland brought suggested sketches here for the proposed new courthouse.

To the architect's plans court members and Cuyler VanPatten of the citizens' committee added half-submerged full basement which in effect added another the structure. The story to ground area or the building will be reduced from that of the initial plans to compensate for the added space obtained in the ex-

tra floor. The suggested exterior design Evolution Dispute resembles that of the new Salem federal building but is less Is Launched Again had left it in a spot would be readily seen. ornamented and more austere. Mr. Whitehouse described the design as "modern simplicity with a classic background," 'Story of Mankind" Held **Slightly Inset** Windows Planned Diabolical; Minister Walls of white marble would

Some Changes Matchea Lits of Paper Suggested as Pin Molestation Count Filed Against Sketch Viewed On Follower of Divine

'Adding Basement, Partly Negro Who Pleads Guilty to Vagrancy Held Author of Obscene Note; Attempt to Enter Window in Early Morning Described by Woman

> OHN Arthur Simms, a negro who believes that Father Divine may be God, was sentenced to six months in the county jail on a vagrancy charge in justice court yesterday after an obscene note which he had allegedly thrown into a bedroom identified him as the man who terrorized a Salem

woman early yesterday morning. Simms, brought in by Salemopolice along with four other ne-groes in a general roundup of Missing Whistler groes in a general roundup of colored men, was identified by_a scrap of paper torn from a cheap pocket notebook and thrown in the bedroom window which he raised with a jimmy. The note jibed with a torn page in a notebook found in Simms' possession. The woman had been unable to

positively identify any of the five negroes as the one who molested

Police were called to the house of the woman, whose name was undisclosed, early yesterday morning. She said that she had awakened to find a negro opening her (Turn to page 2, col. 4)

> campus. John D. Wells, campus

> > Variant of Relief

number of persons on relief.

Elmer Goudy, state adminis-

istration following closely.

thousand.

actual need.

Murder Count Son of Editor

Newspaper Feud Blamed for Slaving; Battled **Over Every Issue**

Wounded Man Sent Story to Associated Press as His Last Task

ALTURUS, Calif., March 26-(AP)-The fatal shooting of Claude L. McCracken, 46, newspaper editor whose last efforts included "covering" the story, was blamed tonight by a coroner's jury upon **Etching Regained** Harry French, son of rival publisher. The jury, which heard how Mc-

Priceless Art Work Left Cracken died on an operating table while his wife, who is a in Conspicuous Spot; nuse, and doctors sought to treat him for five bullet wounds, de-**Clues Are Hinted** termined death came from bullets "fired by Harry French."

CORVALLIS, Ore., March 26-A charge of first degree murder was filed tonight by District P-A thief, frightened at what he Attorney K. A. Wylle against had done as irate students search-French, who is 30 and a state emed high and low for clues, abandoned a small, original Whistler ploye. etching stolen yesterday from an Sheriff John Sharp, who said

the shooting climaxed a longexhibition on Oregon State college standing newspaper feud, had been holding French on an open

Activity Asked Chrysler, Lewis Confer; **Congressmen Receive Pleas From Public**

Action Against

Illegal Strike

Labor Secretary Denies Defending Sit-Down; S. P. Has Dispute

(Copyrighted, 1937, by Associated Press) Gov. Frank Murphy strove for settlement of the nation's major labor dispute yesterday while a demand for governmental action to end "sitdown" strikes reached the United States senate. Michigan's governor emerged from prolonged conferences with Walter P. Chrysler, chairman of the motor corporation bearing name, and John L. Lewis, chief of the committee for industrial organization, with word that he was "optimistic and hopeful' that peace would be attained.

Murphy was represented as believing termination of the 19day strike in the Chrysler plants, directly and indirectly affecting almost 80,000 automotive workers, might result in settlement of strikes involving 10,000 Hudson Motor Car Co. employees at Detroit and 2,200 at the Rec Motor Car Co. in Lansing.

Property Seizure Deplored by Group

As the governor conferred with Chrysler, Lewis and other representatives of the striking United Automobile Workers Union at Lansing, industrial unrest drew increasing attention at Washing-

> To the senate and Vice-President Garner came a telegram

Chrysler and Lewis Confer Upon Settlement of Big Motors Strike

labor dispute which has thrown more than 80,000 persons out of work, being greeted by Norman Hill, secretary to Governor Frank Murphy, as they entered the governor's office at Lansing to confer on peace terms.—International Illustrated News soundphoto.



McDonough, Is Basis;

Raids Continuing

Judge Steiger said Brady de-

"I told Brady," Steiger continu-

Raids ordered several days ago

by Mayor Angelo J. Rossi con

tinued as police avowedly went

out to "clean up the town." Elev-

en men and 62 women were ar-

rested in raids on alleged race

Wheat Outlook Bright

Young people of many Salem

services to be held at Belcrest

Memorial park, rain or shine. The

worship will start with a 15 min-

ute prelude of organ music begin-

ning at 5:45 to be followed by a

program of vocal and instrument-

al numbers by musicians from

five churches and a short medi-

tation on "Toward the Dawn of a New Day" by Rev. Alfred Crom-

well of the Dallas First Christian

Trumpet solo, "Inflammatus,"

the order of which will be:

church.

crest service.

be legally outlawed, a moral ob-

ligation may remain."

booking establishments.

Is Highway Officials'

consideration by the states. Senators Burke (N., Neb.) and O'Mahoney (D., Wyo.), both of whom have proposed amendments as an alternative for the president's plan, were of the opinion that this could be done, and were considering the desirability of revising their amendments ac ingly. The hearings of the senate judiciary committee were in recess for the Easter weekend. They will resume Tuesday and run through next week, with the following witnesses: Professor Erwin Griswold, prolessor of constitutional law at Harvard; Walter Dodd, Chicago lawyer; Dorothy Thompson, newspaper columnist; and Henry M. Bates, dean of law at Michigan university. All are opponents of the bill.



Connally Plan Held Designed To Meet Need

Method of Ratification Without Delay Topic; **Proposals Heard**

Steiwer Avers District Judges Deny Need for **Increased Number**

WASHINGTON, March 26 -Senator Connally (D., Tex.), an opponent of the Roosevelt court legislation, produced a new constitutional amendment idea tonight with the explanation that it "just so happens" it would carry out the wishes of the president. His suggestion was that the size of the supreme court be fixed at nine, with retirement of justices made voluntary at seventy years of age and compulsory at 75. The amendment would remove five present members of the court

immediately upon ratification. Connally's proposal capped a day of widespread discussion of constitutional amendments, substitute for the White House proposal to appoint six new justices to the tribunal unless six incumbents past 70 retire forth-

The talk was devoted particu-

larly to the possibility of quick

ratification of an amendment by

having congress provide the means

and establish the date for early

with. **Quick** Ratification By States Sought

surmount a granite base, with slight window insets extending from near, ground level to third floor to supply the modern soaring vertical line effect. A simple uncovered main entrance leading in from a broad stone stair flight up a gradual terrace would front on High street and a secondary entrance would face on Church street.

The original sketches showed and south, facing High street. with the stem of the 'T' extending eastward 145 feet. Both the old and the revised plans center the building inside the square formed by the four largest evergreen trees now standing on the courthouse grounds. Although the revised plans

place the first floor only about five feet above the street level, provision is to be made for fullheight windows in the basement. which will house health and relief offices as well as boiler room and spacious storage vaults. proved by the state board of edu-Fourth Floor In

Penthouse Style

The fourth floor, over the broad west section, would be of the penthouse type, shut off from street view by a parapetlike extension of the main extrior walls of the building. This unit would house the jail and auxiliary units, the "T" stem on the fourth floor level would provide ceiling space in the cencourtrooms and the stem base

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Eggs Used For Theatre Ticket To Help Needy

Only three eggs, for admission to The Statesman-**Capitol theatre matinee this** morning, but those eggs will go a long way toward help-ing the needy of Marion county, and giving a good time to the youngsters who go to the big show.

Each youngster who wants to attend the matinee this morning, will be admitted for one colored egg, and two fresh ones. The decorated eggs will be judgdecorated eggs will be judg-ed during the show, and prizes awarded for the best. A complete screen pro-gram will include Jackie Cooper in "Dinky", a com-edy, a cartoon and a news reel. Bill Hagedorn, Chief of the Mickey Mousers, is in charge of the egg judging. Judges will be Jackie Thompson, Jean Holstien Thompson, Jean Holstien and Eleanor Kasberg.

The Marion county relief office will distribute the fresh eggs to the needy, and those wishing to receive them may call headquarters telephone 7912, or go to the Chambers building, 857 N. High street.

Wants It Banned

INDIANAPOLIS, March 26-(AP) -The Rev. Verdi Allen, whose word for Hendrik Willem Van college art association. Loon's "The Story of Mankind" is "diabolical," said today he would make his Easter sermon the beginning of a campaign to ban the book from the public schools.

"Fathers and mothers of the ficult. state," declared the pastor of the suburban Beech Grove Baptist church, who has stirred up a controversy with his assertions that Darwin's theory of evolution is being taught in the schools, "ought to kick this thing (Van Loon's stolen from the hall. book) back to hell, where it came from not been recovered.

"It is the most diabolical book ever pushed off on our children in the name of science.'

School authorities, taken to task by the minister, said "The Story of Mankind" had been apcaiton as a supplemental text in

(Turn to page 2, col. 6) Intra-Labor Row

May Close Docks SEATLE, March 26 - (AP) Threats to shut down the odd drydock here today from Arthur Fisherman, committee of induster for the third floor circuit trial organization organizer as a development in a jurisdictional struggle with the Seattle Metal

Trades council, American Feder- lief or medical care to those ination of Labor affiliate. The Metal Trades council set Monday as the "deadline" by

which all dry dock workers must quired more medical assistance join craft unions or "get off the than other counties but predicted a marked reduction. The commit-Fisherman said drydock work, tee approved Goudy's suggestion would stop if the Metal Trades that no person over 65 will be council persisted in its course. | certified for WPA work.

Older Boys' Conference Has 235 Registered; Ends Today

Opened by a banquet at the them all and is still short about Presbyterian church attended by 75 business men to take boys to 235 boys from 30 communities in luncheon today. Boys are, as far Marion, Polk and Yamhill coun- as possible, assigned to men whose ties the 17th annual older boys' business is the same as the boy's conference got under way last chosen vocation. Among the boys night for a session which will registered, journalism and law led wind up tonight. as the favorite vocational choices with forestry and husiness admin-

Dean U. G. Dubach of Oregon State college, playing on topics used by boys representing various schools in three minute talks, delivered the principal address of last night's session after a welcome had been given by Mayor V. church. Dean Dubach will give a E. Kuhn. Dwight Adams, Dallas second address while devotions high coach and former physical will be in the hands of Henry director of the Salem Y.M.C.A., Richter of Portland. was toastmaster. Attendance Exceeds **Advance Forecasts**

With nearly 60 more boys pres-ent than anticipated the Y.M.C.A. experienced considerable difficulty dress of the closing session to-

man, found the etching, unharmed, on the campus today. The thief ered. Papers Battled on had left it in a spot where

Each Issue, Stated McCracken published the Modoc The work was entitled the Daily Mail, a mimeographed per-

"Little Nude Figure" and was part iodical. French, who surrendered of a collection of more than 100 (Turn to page 2, col.2) etchings and lithographs of Lessing J. Rosenwald, English collector. The thief had cut it from an

Ice Handed Blame open frame as it was on display in Kidder hall, having been brought here in a traveling art ex-**In Plane Disaster** hibit under the auspices of the J. Leo Fairbanks, head of the

art department, said the work of **Coating of Ailerons Seen** the famous artist was regarded as priceless and expressed the beas Cause of Crash and lief that the thief soon realized **Death of Thirteen** that disposition of it would be dif-

Wells, although declining to PITTSBURGH, March 26-(AP)omment further, said he believed Two separate investigations today he had "a good lead" on the idenattributed the crash of the Transtity of the thief, whose act occontinental and Western Airlines curred but a few weeks after sevplane, in which 13 persons were eral valuable Japanese prints were killed, to the formation of ice on the airliner's control equipment. Unlike the Whistler, they have

While federal and state aeronautical inspectors searched through the splintered wreckage of the giant twin-motored transport that nosed into a cornfield last night, officials of two said ice had formed on the ailerons and sent the plane out of control.

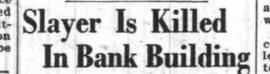
Load Under Probe Dr. John J. McLean, director of the Allegheny county airport PORTLAND, March 26-(AP) where the plane attempted to land The state relief committee today a few moments before the crash, ordered an investigation into the said the disaster was caused by varying relief loads carried by ice collecting on the wings. counties in a move to reduce the

First Instance of

This Trouble, Claim Topping all counties is Wasco L. C. Fritz, eastern region supwith 37.1 persons out of every erintendent of the air line, said thousand on the relief list. Jefnew safety measures would be deferson county is low with 5.7 per veloped to prevent a repetition of the tragedy, declaring:

Mark Weatherford, who "Never before in tests or in launched the inquiry, said there scheduled flying has ice formed was no intention of denying reon the ailerons to an extent that interfered with normal flight. "However, the unusual ice for-

mation causing this accident inditrator, said that Wasco had re-(Turn to page 2, col 1)



CLEVELAND, March 26-(AP)-A city detective and a guard shot and killed Herbert Ridiker, 33year-old former United States marine, in the massive Cleveland Federal Reserve bank tonight after Ridiker had slain his fatherin-law, Charles Graf, 67, in a family quarrel.

Ridiker, former federal bank guard, was admitted to the heavily-guarded building on instruction from the detective who waited within.

"A door guard relayed word he had entered," said Detective Lieutenant Stephen Tozzer. "One de-Bob Woodman, conference tective ordered Ridiker to give president, will preside over toup his gun. He reached for the day's first session at 9 o'clock weapon, instead, and one officer this morning at the Presbyterian and the guard. fired."

Detective John Vonradsek fired two revolver bullets into Ridiker's body and the guard, Sergeant James A. Brown, fired one blast Election of officers will be held from a shotgun. Tozzer said police learned Ridi-

at 4;30, following tours of points of interest starting at 1:30. ker left the Graf home, scene of W. S. Chambers of Portland is scheduled to give the main ad- bang and Detectives Vonradsek unveiling, but nothing like that M. E.

charge since the latter surrend- urging swift steps to end seizure of property by strikers. Signed by President Emeritas O. Lar-

ence Lowell of Harvard university and a group of Bostonians, it set forth: "Armed insurrection - Defiance of law, order and duly

elected authority-is spreading like wildfire. "It is rapidly growing beyond ceed with the probe.

control. What determined action by the governor of Michigan several weeks ago, or a few words der financial obligation to Peter of counsel by the president, McDonough, head of a bail bond would have ended summarily. now challenges the supremacy of government itself." fountain-head of corruption" in Mrs. Perkins Denies the vice picture. Defending Sit-Down

Announcing he would lay the message before the senate Monday. Garner prepared to discuss the troubled labor situation tooffice for more than 20 years. day with President Roosevelt and

congressional leaders. Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins was again heard on the judge." sit-down problem when she sent

legal," to McDonough, but "ad-**Biblical Scenario Author Is Sought** was a police judge.

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LOS ANGELES, March 26-(AP)man who has been trying to sell a biblical scenario to the movies and play the leading role was sought by police tonight in their investigation of extortion notes sent to two members of the film colony in Hollywood.

Police believe the man may be the person who sent the letters demanding \$20,000 each from Anna May Wong, Chinese actress, and David O. Selznick, producer. In both letters, the writer said he resembled Jesus Christ and wanted to play the role of Messiah in

his play. Movie studio executives told authorities that they had been day. annoyed in recent weeks by a man with similar ideas.

Charges of violating the penal code for sending a threatening

last night in connection with a letter written to Evangelist Aimee Semple McPherson, demanding \$200.

lieutenant, said Mrs. Swenson admitted writing the letter, saying she needed \$200 for an automo-



SEATTLE, March 26 world's heavyweight wrestling title he claims here tonight, tossing the mysterious red shadow,

235, out on his ear so many times in the second round that the mystery man was unable to continue.

park system, 5:45 to 6 o'clock. A defeat by the hooded terror was supposed to bring about Warren Biggerstaff of Jason Lee

Claim For System

An Improved system of locating SAN FRANCISCO, March 26automatic traffic signal lights will P)-Charges set off by a sensabe used in conjunction with the tional police graft investigation new motoring regulations to be today reached District Attorney put in effect in Salem's business Matthew A. Brady, nominal head district in the near future, acof the inquiry, when Superior cording to information given at Judge George J. Steiger challengthe state highway department ed the prosecutor's fitness to prohere yesterday.

Motorists approaching an in-Steiger questioned Brady about ersection will look across the published reports that he was unintersection to the far corners to see whether the light is red or green instead of twisting their concern named by undercover innecks to watch a signal located vestigator Edwin Atherton as "a directly on their right.

It is understood that relocation of traffic signals to conform to "This is a serious mess," said the new system is contemplated in Portland. Judge Steiger after the conference with the white-hared 300-

Erection of signs designating pound prosecutor, who has held the new 30-minute parking time limit and painting of four-lane Brady threw up his hands and stripes on the main downtown snapped "Nothing to say. Ask the streets will be carried out as soon as weather permits. The new signs

be rectangular, 18 inches nied "any obligation, moral or high and 12 inches wide, with white background and forest mitted the existence" of a note for green lettering and borders. All for \$1,100 made more than 20 of the old orange and black signs years ago, when the prosecutor eventually will be discarded.

Disabled Vessel ed, "that although the note may Is Taken in Tow

SEATTLE, March 26-(AP)-The coast guard patrol boat Alert division headquarwirelessed ters here at 2:30 p. m. today she had taken in tow the disabled halibut schooner Akutan, adrift since yesterday off Baranof Island, Alaska, after an engine breakdown.

She found the vessel 12 miles CHICAGO, March 26 - (AP) of North Cape. The Akutan mes-With European importations the saged the Alert at Ketchikan yesterday that she was helpless eaviest since the world war, acabout five miles off Whale bay. tual reentry of the United States She is owned by Ole Bjerke and into world export trade stimulated farmers' hopes for prosperity to- | carried a crew of 13 signed on in Ketchikan.

Sunrise Services Will Open

seventy years of age. Easter Observance in Salem

so near the age of senility that he would be willing to quit in two yeafs. I think it ought to be looked into," Burke said. "If he is so Gladness Ringing"Jason Lee quarnear the end of his usefulness, he tet, Warren Biggerstaff, Floyd might better be left where he is." Baumgartner, Bob Klemple and

> VATICAN CITY, March 28-(P) Mourning services in the Sisting chapel-without the accustomed resence of Pope Pius-climaxed

Reading, "The Master's Com-ing," Billie Mudd, First Baptist church

Quartet, "Send the Song of

Scripture, John 20:1-18, Rev.

W. Johnson, First Church of

Group song, "In the Garden.

led by John Friesen, First Church

Clair McFarland.

the Nazarene.

of the Nazarene.

Vocal solo, "In the End of the Sabhath," Mary Elizabeth Kells, The public is invited to par-First Presbyterian church. ticipate in the worship. Last year Address, Rev. Cromwell. 3000 persons attended the Bel-Vocal solo, Rev. James E. amphell, First Evangelical

Pastors of four Salem churches church. will also share in the program, Benediction, Rev. Arno Q. Weniger, Calvary Baptist church. Organ music broadcast over the Persons desiring to attend these

services may reach the park by driving three miles south on the Liberty road, then turning right. Salem Boy Scouts will be on hand Invocation, Rev. P. W. Eriksen, to direct the traffic from that

Burke, announcing this list, expressed the opinion that if the judiciary committee were to vote today on the bill as it stands, the result would be a nine-to-nine tie. He expressed confidence, however, to swinging two present administration supporters to his side, thus changing the vote to 11 to 7 against.

Steiwer Believes Plan Would Carry However, Senator Stelwer (R-

Ore), another foe of the bill, declared he felt that if the voice should be taken now the administration had a good chance of vic-

During the day Senator Stelwer announced he had wired every district judge, or every senior district judge where there are more than one to a district, inquiring about the need of additional judges. Replies from one-half to two-thirds of them, he said, showed that there was no such necessity in most districts, although congestion existed in some places. The Roosevelt program calls for appointment of ney judges to all federal courts where justices

who are 70 do not retire. Burke raised the possibility of a fight against the confirmation of Judge Robert*Lee Williams, whom President Roosevelt nom inated yesterday for promotion from the Oklahoma district court to the circuit court of appeals. Williams had sent a letter to Attorney General Cummings endorsing the Roosevelt court proposal and promising that he will retire two years hence when he reaches

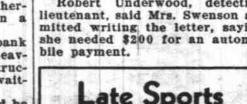
"If he is willing to admit he is

Vatican Observes Day

Good Friday observances tonight.



Imagine Salem, if you can, within the few short years ahead; perusal of the courthouse plan brings visi the stately spread of federal building, statehouse too, perhaps some other structures there, which soon will rise within our view to make our



-(AP)-Dean Detto, 208, Salt Lake City, defended what portion of the

the father-in-law's slaying, for the something in the nature of an and Norman Voss were detailed to occurred. He's still a deep, dark

letter through the mails were filed today against Mrs. Lydia Swenson, and she was held in jail in default of \$25,000 bond. Mrs. Swenson, arrested in Glendale hurches have cooperated to arrange the annual Easter sunrise

Robert Underwood, detective

