

**Weather**  
Increasing cloudiness today with showers; Friday, cloudy with rain. Max. temp. Wed. 61, min. 48. River 2.4 ft. South wind.

## 'Nothing Wrong' Declares Salem Recorder

### In One Ear...

—Paul Hauser's Column

The police department, we may say without fear of contradiction, is experiencing a period of intense rivalry. The boys in blue are watching each other like policemen and concealing their motives like politicians. It is because of a mechanical contrivance that this grievous situation has come about. It is all Paul Hauser's because of the police department's new tricycle.

As motor vehicles go, that tricycle is a well-gentled critter. It won't rear and it won't bite and it's stable. A man could find worse things to ride, say a tank. Yet, for all its virtues, no policeman has yet come forward with an offer to tame the critter. We believe they all fear that the others will think they are show-offs.

Pretty soon people will begin to think none of them wants to ride the tricycle.

#### CULINARY DEPT.

A number of Salem men went hungry last night because their wives had to say in after cooking school. In other words, they forgot their homework.

Ralph Nohlgren, leader of Willamette university band, considers the new yellow spats worn by his musicians responsible for Lamotte's 43 to 6 football victory over College of Puget Sound last week. This week to insure victory over San Jose State college he will issue every member of the band cardinal earmuffs.

#### CHUMP'S GARDEN OF VERSES

The official plant of Oregon is called the Oregon grape. The other day we sat on one; we're no longer in sitting shape.

#### BUTCH AND THE NEW CARS

Butch, the Mayor of State street, lately left his chosen realm to fend for himself and took himself down the length of automobile row to inspect the 1940 models. Butch is a connoisseur of automobiles, albeit he has rarely ridden in them. He can recognize each kind and species as far as the eye can see.

On his recent journey to the motor mart, Butch collected a vast quantity of literature extolling the merits of the products of Detroit's marvel-spinning mechanics. He has inspected these with care. Like the average prospect Butch pays more attention to the pictures than to the technical talk.

He has not yet decided whether to have a Cadillac or a Packard.

### Salem Transient Hotel Is Opened

The Hotel de Minto, Salem's unique hostelry for the housing and care of transients, opened for the winter season yesterday. The "hotel," located on the third floor of the city hall, will operate through the winter on funds provided by the Community Chest and voluntary contributions of foodstuffs.

Operated by the city police department, the Hotel de Minto provides transients a night and morning meal, a night's lodging and bath facilities. Only "one night" stands are allowed and transients are required to move on the next day.

The next day on the opening day was slight, but is expected to swell to 50 or 60 nightly when colder weather sets in.

### Pioneer Settler Dies in Montana

MISSOULA, Mont., Nov. 1 (AP)—Mrs. L. R. McDowell, 65, Phillipsburg, Mont., resident for half a century, died here today after an illness of several months. She was born in Oregon. Her father, the late Dr. William B. Royal, is reputed to have been a pioneer settler in the Pacific northwest.

### Two Hundred Workers Are Added to Marion WPA Rolls

Two hundred workers have been added to the active WPA rolls in Marion county since September 15, low point in the work relief employment year, local representatives of the Works Projects administration announced yesterday. The county now has 1,355 men and 105 women at work on various local projects and an additional 115 men on projects sponsored by other federal agencies.

Despite the increase in the rolls, they are below those of a year ago by 1,019 persons, including those employed on other than WPA projects.

### Guard Veiled In Search for English Ship

Naval Boats Buck Atlantic Gale in Hunt for Freighter

Coulmore Believed Struck by Submarine Near New York

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1 (AP)—Naval and coast guard vessels bucked an Atlantic gale tonight in search for a British freighter which flashed word she had been beset by a submarine about 680 miles from New York.

The scene of the attack as reported by the freighter Coulmore, a 352-foot Collier, was 62.31 miles west of Greenwich, 100 miles inside the Pan American "neutrality zone" fixed at the recent Panama conference.

Official quarters here said that if it were established that a submarine had fired a torpedo within the neutral zone the United States would consult immediately with other American republics as to what steps to take. Diplomatic Action Probably Would Be Protest

The diplomatic action probably would result in a protest to the offending power, either by the United States and the other American republics individually or by a joint action.

### Flint Is Expected To Pass Bergen

American Ship Thought Worming Way Through Blockade

BERGEN, Norway, Nov. 1 (AP)—The American freighter City of Flint, expected to pass Bergen tomorrow, was believed tonight to be worming a blockade-dodging course southward along the irregular coast of Norway.

Norwegian authorities kept secret any information they might have about the freighter, which is being sailed by a German prize crew, but shipping circles here expressed the belief the ship was heading westward in the vicinity of Bergen. This view was based on calculations of the time required after she left Romsos at 4 p. m. Monday.

The last direct information of the vessel was the report of her being sighted yesterday off Lodingen light, 600 miles north of here, en route from Murmansk, Soviet Russian Arctic port, to some port in Germany.

BERLIN, Nov. 1 (AP)—A German spokesman tonight expressed the belief that there was an even chance that ships of the British blockade would not try very hard to halt the American freighter City of Flint because of the United States' request to both Britain and Germany that nothing be done to endanger the American crew of 41.

Under command of a German prize crew, the City of Flint is en route to Germany from the Russian port of Murmansk.

### Portland Police Arrest Two Men

PORTLAND, Nov. 1 (AP)—Detective Captain J. J. Keegan said today two men had been arrested on assault and battery charges following a complaint by two young women and a man. Keegan said the men arrested gave the names of Buford Brown, 23, and Arthur Lee Waits, 20. Waits was charged also with attempted rape.

The men were arrested after the women complained three men attempted to attack them last night on southwest Barnes road. Two motorists, one of whom was beaten, rescued the girls.

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from private employment may be assigned to WPA project jobs. There are now 147 persons awaiting assignment. Workers applying for WPA jobs are required to present their social security numbers and state employment office identification cards and all WPA workers are required to renew their registrations at the employment offices every 30 days. Continuing eligibility of WPA workers to remain on the work relief rolls is being rechecked by social workers every six months. The WPA officials said there were 375 persons eligible for WPA jobs who at present were in private employment as against 604 so classified September 15. Polk county now has 182 men at work on WPA projects.

### Mails Letter, Gets Answer of Police And Fire Wagons

NEW YORK, Nov. 1 (AP)—Gus Madronis, who doesn't speak English, had two things to do in a hurry today—mail a letter and catch a train for Oregon.

He "mailed" the letter in what he thought was a corner mail box.

Six fire wagons and two police cars responded. A kindly magistrate dismissed the charge, and Madronis was on his way to Oregon—still a little bewildered.

### Finland Ready to Settle With Soviet

Delegation Expected to Say 'No' to Demands of Russia

HELSINKI, Nov. 1 (AP)—Finland is prepared to "make a far-reaching settlement" with Soviet Russia but will reject proposals which "would rob us of the possibility of defending the independence and neutrality of our land," Foreign Minister Erko declared tonight.

Speaking to a defense benefit meeting, the foreign minister declared Foreign Commissioner Molotoff's disclosure of Russia's demands before the Russian parliament yesterday had created a "queer atmosphere."

Erko spoke as a five-man Finnish delegation journeyed toward Moscow to deliver what observers believed was a firm "no" to Soviet demands, as disclosed yesterday, but with counter proposals of its own.

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The area placed under martial law included the entire province of Utrecht except for the provincial capital of the same name. The province is in the central Netherlands and is vital to the inundation scheme.

### Food Rationing in England to Begin

Bacon and Butter Will Be Limited Starting in Mid-December

LONDON, Nov. 1 (AP)—A government announcement that food rationing would begin next month brought to every home in this ship-fed island tonight the war at sea—where two more British ships were sunk and two German pocket battleship raiders were reported to be at large.

The sinking of the Liverpool steamship Broke and a British freighter, east of Cuba, added nearly 10,000 tons to the more than 200,000 tons of British merchant shipping sent to the bottom since the war started.

The unnamed freighter presumably was the 3,670-ton Coulmore which flashed word last night she had been attacked by a submarine about 680 miles east of New York.

Food Minister W. S. Morrison announced that rationing of bacon and butter would start in mid-December with the limit at four ounces of each per week per person. Bacon includes ham.

Morrison said that "for the present" imports of butter and bacon from European sources have been reduced but that there still was enough meat and sugar. Ration books include coupons for meat, sugar, margarine and cooking fats, which may be rationed later.

### President Praises Housing Authority

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1 (AP)—President Roosevelt told the United States housing authority on its second anniversary today that it could take "satisfaction in knowing that a long-felt need is being met" and added that "this is the democratic way, this is the American way."

The President's letter was read by Nathan Straus, administrator of the USHA, in a nation-wide (NBC) broadcast commemorating the anniversary. Straus said that more than 16 housing projects are under construction, nearly 50,000 homes for low-income families are being built and ground will be broken for 25,000 more by the end of the year.

### Flier Sentenced to Life Imprisonment

MACON, Mo., Nov. 1 (AP)—Earrest Pletch, 25-year-old Indiana amateur flier, was sentenced to life imprisonment late today after he pleaded guilty, in a surprise move, to the fantastic airplane slaying of Carl Bivens, Brookfield, Mo., flying instructor. Circuit Judge Henry J. Libby of Shelby said the sentence was in accordance with the wish of Bivens' widow—that Pletch not be given the death penalty.

### Martial Law Is Established in Dutch Villages

500 of Nation's Smaller Towns Are Covered by Decree

Measure Is Said to Be Precautionary in 11 Provinces

THE HAGUE, Nov. 1 (AP)—A royal decree tonight established martial law in key Netherlands defense communities, including 500 of the nation's 1200 smaller towns and villages, to bolster military plans and curb espionage.

Informed circles said the decree, which covered parts of eight of The Netherlands' 11 provinces, was precautionary and not because of any external threats of violation of the country's neutrality.

The whole of Utrecht province, except for its capital of the same name, was placed under martial law.

No large cities were affected by the proclamation, which placed about 500 towns and villages, as well as other strategic areas, under martial law.

Most of Towns Are on German Frontier. These towns and villages are scattered over the entire country, but most of them are situated along the German-Netherlands frontier, in the northern and western seacoast districts and in the regions which would be inundated in case the country were invaded by belligerent armies.

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Small Section Has Already Been Flooded. A small section of Utrecht already has been flooded in testing out the water defense line which Netherlands relies upon to protect the most populous part of the country in the event of invasion.

The strategic island of Ameland, off the north coast, also was named in the proclamation.

Martial law was invoked in the World war, but the present decree covers a greater area. Authoritative quarters said the decree was not directed against the liberty of the press and that no action was contemplated of suppression of any publications.

Premier Jan de Geer threatened yesterday that martial law might be used to prevent circulation of organs of The Netherlands socialist party.

Under the decree the military is empowered to suspend all civil functions, but officials said military measures would be taken only in case of emergency. Authorities Forbid Entrance to Martial Law Areas

Military authorities could forbid entrance to the martial law areas, except undesirable persons, close cafes and theaters, forbid public meetings and ration food. It was pointed out that while martial law was put into force in the first days of the World war in 1914, the military never exercised the right to supersede civil authority.

### Adventurers Bid Admiral Byrd Farewell at New York Banquet



### FRENCH EVACUATE AS GERMANS START PUSH



Threat of a major Nazi attack loomed on the western front following heavy German artillery fire opened for the first time in the war and scouting planes crossed into France near the Maginot Line. Map shows activity in the English Channel to Switzerland during activity which might precede the war's biggest push to date.

### French Drive Off German Forces

Nazis Attempt to Encircle Frontier Village in North Flank

PARIS, Nov. 1 (AP)—A German force of 1,000 men which attempted to encircle an unidentified French frontier village on the northern flank of the western front was reported today to have been driven off by French fire.

An artillery bombardment lasting an hour was said to have preceded the attack. The French had abandoned a small advance post in the village before the attack reached it.

The Germans held a cluster of houses for a short time before a battalion of Poles counter-attacked and drove the Nazis back to their original line, the French reported. There was no announcement of casualties.

The French general staff reported "habitual activity" during the day by infantry units on both sides.

Military dispatches from the Moselle and Nied river sectors and from the Warndt forest told of French outposts halting German raids in those areas.

### Freezing Mercury Prevails in State

PORTLAND, Nov. 1 (AP)—Freezing temperatures in the mountains and sharp valley atmosphere prevailed today as Oregon entered the final month of autumn.

Baker was the chilliest spot in the state this morning, at 21 degrees, 11 below freezing. Other readings included Bend 29, Brookings 50, Burns 29, Eugene 51, Hood River 30, Lakeview 28, Newport 51, North Bend 52, Pendleton 33, Portland 46, Roseburg 53, Siskiyou Summit 44.

The federal weather bureau predicted little temperature change tonight and Thursday. Clouds probably will form in the west, accompanied by light rains on the coast.

### Senator Holman Lauds McNary at State Rally

States no Man in Public Life Is Better Qualified to Fulfill America's Need for a President Able to Lead Nation to Peace

By RALPH C. CURTIS  
PORTLAND, Nov. 1 (Special)—To fulfill America's need, greater now than ever in history, for a president able to lead the nation along the safe path to peace and orderly, constitutional government, no man in public life is better qualified than Senator Charles L. McNary of Oregon.

Such was the expression of McNary's junior colleague from Oregon in the senate, Rufus C. Holman, keynote speaker at the statewide McNary-for-President rally which drew hundreds of McNary's friends and admirers, some of them of opposite political faith, to the civic auditorium here tonight. At least 50 of those in the audience were from Salem.

Information that letters, telegrams and telephone calls endorsing McNary have been pouring in not only from all parts of Oregon, but also from Washington, Idaho and California was presented by Kern Crandall, state republican central committee chairman. He predicted that the movement would extend to every state west of the Mississippi.

"He can be this man needed to bring us back to sanity," Crandall concluded. His belief was supported by O. M. Plummer, chairman of the meeting, who declared that "the agricultural west will rally around" McNary.

The rally was arranged by A. E. McKelvey, president of the state-wide McNary-for-President club, local chapters of which are being organized in many communities.

The support of Salem, McNary's home town, in this movement was promised by Senator Douglas McKay, who briefly sketched McNary's life and emphasized his continued close association with his lifetime home community.

"He has not lost the common touch," said McKay. "There are men in the administration who would not be unwilling to see America in this European war to take the people's not trying to destroy religion."

He described both Russia and Germany as "the anti-God forces of the world today," and added that with the embargo "we are lending practical aid to those forces that would destroy religion and impeding other forces not trying to destroy religion."

### Western Union Hit By Board Ruling

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1 (AP)—The national labor relations board ordered the Western Union Telegraph company today to disestablish its 20-year old association of Western Union employees as a bargaining agency, and reimburse its employees for association dues deducted from pay envelopes since July 5, 1935.

The board said its order was based on a finding that the association was "supported and dominated" by the company. The national labor relations act designates the support of so-called company unions as an unfair labor practice.

The board also ruled that the company discouraged membership of its employees in other labor organizations by giving employment preference to those who were willing to join the association.

Ashland Youth Dies  
ASHLAND, Nov. 1 (AP)—Injuries suffered Monday when a team of horses ran away with a hay rake were fatal to Don King, 19, son of a city fireman, last night. The youth tried to ride one of the hitched horses. The driver, Russell Fowler, was slightly injured.

### Jones Returns By Plane From San Francisco

Reserves Statement Till Questioning of Books Is Checked Upon

Auditor's Report to Go to Grand Jury Today, Says Prosecutor

CITY RECORDER JONES returned to Salem yesterday afternoon and declared he felt "there is nothing wrong with my affairs as city recorder" in answer to the report of Lester W. Barr, auditor retained last Saturday by the city council, that his books failed to account for \$4081.39.

From his apartment Jones, his voice sounding tired, told a Statesman reporter over the telephone last night that he would make a further statement after investigating the report concerning his office.

"Complete Checkup of All Details" Planned  
"There are so many things have happened here in town that I feel I must make a complete checkup of all details before I make any further statement at this time," the recorder explained.

Jones caught the morning plane out of San Francisco, landed at the Portland airport at 1:32 a. m., and a short time later came to Salem by automobile with friends.

He declared the first inkling he received that his absence from the city since October 21, when he attended a football game at Eugene, had aroused any public notice was conveyed by his secretary, Carey Braden, when he telephoned from San Francisco Tuesday night to advise her he would not return until Sunday.

Went Away to Cure Cold, Jones Explains  
Jones said he also had not had prior notice of the audit's being made and its conclusions. He went away, he said, in an effort to rest up and recover from a severe cold with which he had been suffering for several weeks.

The morning city grand jury will begin this morning taking testimony regarding the auditor's report on the recorder's office. (Turn to Page 2, Col. 6)

### Police Department Has New Tricycle

Foolproof Motorcycle With Rear Wheels Here For Traffic

The police department was just about as tickled as a kid with a new tricycle yesterday.

The reason was that the police department had just got its new tricycle.

The tricycle, which is a foolproof motorcycle with two rear wheels, will be used in checking overtime parking. It is an important adjunct to the police campaign to speed up downtown traffic and will free a number of policemen now engaged in parking checking for traffic control work.

Patrolman Louis Burgess gave the new vehicle its trial run yesterday. What policemen will be permanently assigned to ride it has not yet been decided.

"I can't think of any of them who wouldn't crack it up," Chief of Police Frank A. Minto commented when quizzed.

The motor tricycle is radio equipped and has a capacious luggage compartment between the two rear wheels.

### 1940 County Welfare Budget Estimate to Be Set at \$183,000

The county welfare budget estimate for 1940 will be set at approximately \$183,000, an increase of \$15,000 over the appropriation for this year of \$168,000, County Commissioner Roy S. Nelson revealed yesterday.

Total county estimate for direct relief, old-age assistance, aid to dependent children and blind aid runs to a total of \$459,240, plus \$4000 for indigent medical aid, of which the county would be expected to pay 20 per cent, except in the case of the \$6000 estimate for medical care, of which the county would have to pay 40 per cent.

Increase in the welfare budget Nelson ascribed to the action of previous legislatures in reducing old-age assistance eligibility from 70 to 65 years, and the result that the county has yet to act on over 20 valid applications.

The additional \$15,000, should the county budget committee act favorably on it at its first regular meeting to be held tomorrow at the courthouse, and at future sessions, would allow about 20 new applications to be acted upon favorably during every month of the established relief rate.

With allowance made for new applications and for withdrawal of old applications through death, it is estimated that by January 1, 1941, the number of recipients of old-age relief will have increased from 1690 to 1890. Old-age assistance is now at the average rate of \$21.50 monthly. Applications for relief of dependent children will be handled in a similar fashion, with five new applications added to the relief rolls monthly. The average grant allowed at present is \$42.97 monthly.

Nelson pointed out yesterday that in general relief, old-age and dependent child payments are closely comparable to those of other counties of like size, and the average for the state.

State average for direct relief by counties is \$19.60. In comparison, Marion county pays \$19.55 per person; Lane county, \$23.26; and Clackamas, \$21.39. The state average in old-age payments is \$21.35 per month, as compared with \$21.06 in Marion county and \$20.33 in Lane county. Dependent child relief for the state averages \$40.51 per case, and in Marion county, \$42.07; Lane county, \$34.90, and Clackamas county, \$37.65.