

Pomona Grange Opposes Trade Pacts

Delegation to Get Resolution

300 Attend Installation at Silverton; Roy Rice new Master

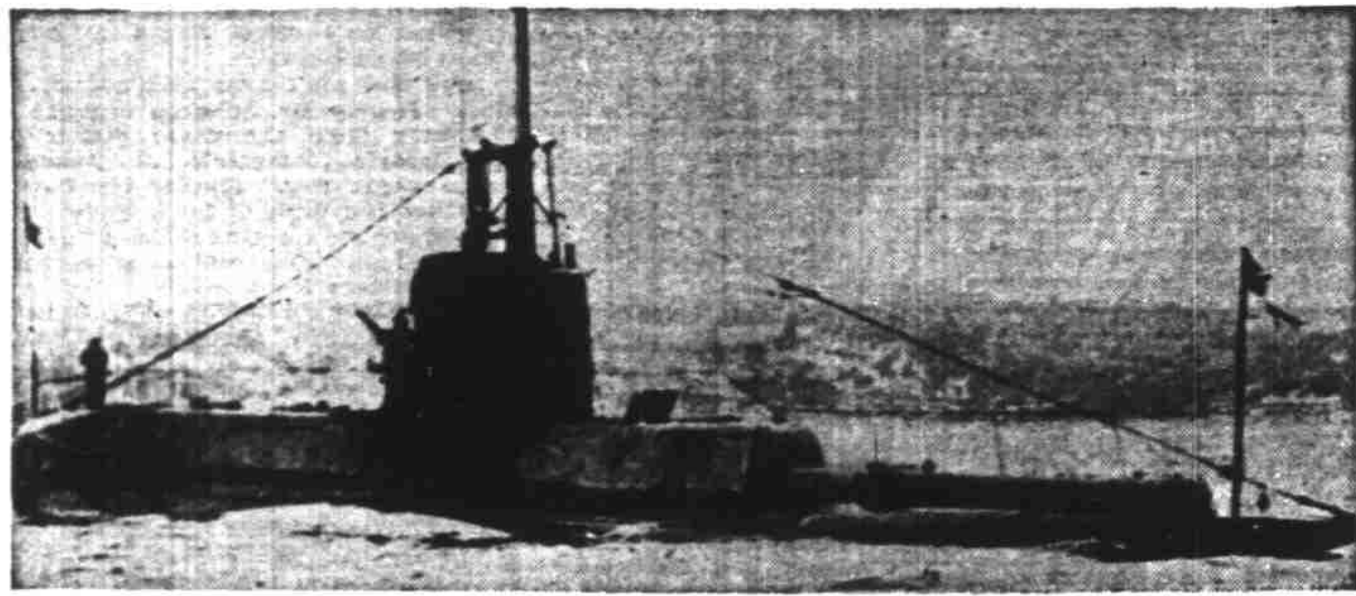
SILVERTON—Resolutions will be sent to Oregon's delegation in congress by Marion County Pomona grange, opposing the continuation of reciprocal trade agreements, according to a decision of Marion County Pomona meeting at Silverton Wednesday. Opposition was taken on the grounds that continuation of such a policy would be injurious to markets of northwest lumber and farm products.

Three hundred grangers gathered for the installation of Marion County Pomona officers, held at the Silverton armory. Elmer S. McClure, state deputy, served as installation officer.

J. O. Farr of Ankeny grange, who has served six years as Pomona master, retired and Roy Rice of Roberts grange took his place.

Other officers installed were Ralph Dent of Red Hills, overseer; Leona Krenz, of Union Hill, lecturer; George Sandner of Stayton, steward; Winnie Tate of Union Hill, assistant steward; Alice Edwards of Turner, chaplain;

British Subs Sunk in Raid on Helgoland Base



Loss of three British submarines—the Seahorse, Starfish and Undine—was acknowledged by the British admiralty January 16, with the statement the vessels had been engaged on "particularly hazardous service" at Helgoland Bight, German's North Sea coast. Berlin reported two submarines had been destroyed and "some of the crews rescued." Normally each craft carries 107 men. Radio-photo shows HMS Starfish pictured recently at the port of London.

Rex Hartley of Ankeny, treasurer; Myrtle Martin at Macleay, secretary; Vernon Scott of Union Hill, gate keeper; Reba Edwards, Theodore Rice and Harriet Blankenship of Roberts, pomona, cures and flora; Elsie Tate of Union Hill, lady assistant steward; W. E. Savage of Chemawa, Willard Stevens of North Howell and J. O. Farr of Ankeny, executive committee.

The visitation program announced for the year includes Union Hill at Red Hill, Stayton April 17, and grange council will meet at Union Hill March 6.

North Howell grange was host Wednesday with noon dinner served in charge of Mrs. Mattie Ferguson, state forester, is nearing completion and probably will be released within the next two weeks, officials announced here Wednesday.

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Audit of Forest Board Due Soon

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Full Vote Given Laymen Delegates

WENATCHEE, Jan. 17—(AP)—A new deal for Methodist church laymen was explained here today following a district address by Bishop J. H. Straughn of Baltimore and Portland. From now on, lay delegates to church conferences will have equal votes with the preachers.

The men's, women's, and young people's group within each church will have a coordinating committee to plan church policies and program, the bishop said.

The northwest branch of the new united church, which emerged from the combination of the Methodist Episcopal church, the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and the Methodist Protestant church at Kansas City last May meets in Seattle in March.

Men, women and young people will have their own sections.

Portland School Attendance Down

PORTLAND, Jan. 17—(AP)—An influenza epidemic cut attendance at Portland public schools about 4000 today.

Absences were primarily in the grade school and kindergarten classes, school and health authorities said, although some thought the epidemic was waning.

Absences ranging from 8 to 30 per cent were reported by some schools, compared with the season's normal of 4 per cent. One kindergarten was reduced from 25 to 10 students.

The administrative office reported 75 teachers ill.

274 New Cases of Influenza Listed

PORTLAND, Jan. 17—(AP)—The state health department reported today 274 new cases of influenza in Oregon for the week ending January 13, 87 of them in Clackamas county.

Reports from other sections included Baker 2, Douglas 8, Klamath 16, Lake 5, Lane 12, Marion 5, Linn 22, Portland 31, Umatilla 9, Union 5.

Klamath county had 57 of the 141 cases of measles. The Portland health officer reported 3, 10 cases of measles Monday and seven yesterday, bringing the total for the month to 61.

Extension Certain On Rural Service

PORTLAND, Jan. 17—(AP)—Freight and passenger service on the Portland Electric Power company's interurban lines to Gresham and Oregon City will be continued for at least three more months.

T. W. Dezell, one of the independent trustees of the company, said substantial economies in operation had been effected in the last three months and further study might result in continued operation on a successful financial basis.

Woman on Trial For Man's Murder

TACOMA, Jan. 17—(AP)—Initial testimony in the first degree murder trial of Margaret Zawicki, 25, charged with the slaying of John Reese, 70, near Ashford last October 11, was offered in superior court here late today.

Dr. T. H. Long, Pierce county coroner, was the first witness called after most of the day had been spent in the selection of a jury satisfactory to prosecution and defense requirements.

1 Dead, 3 Hurt VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 17—(AP)—One man was fatally injured and three others seriously hurt Tuesday when automobiles driven by Ben Richards, Yale, Wash., and W. C. McCall, Vancouver, collided north of here.

County Officers Con Tax Problem

BEND, Jan. 17—(AP)—Methods of gaining federal contributions to replace taxes formerly received from lands taken over by the government were discussed yesterday by judges and commissioners from seven counties.

Western Oregon county representatives will be asked by the group to pay half the cost of presenting legislation to congress.

Those attending the session included Morris C. Bowker, Roseburg, chairman of the committee on federal contributions in lieu of taxes; Earl B. Day of Gold Hill; U. F. Reeder, Klamath Falls, and J. R. Heckman, Lakeview.

Blaze Continues In Mine at Baker

BAKER, Jan. 17—(AP)—A fire burning since Monday in the 50-year-old Flagstaff gold mine six miles from here continued unabated today, threatening an old stamp mill and other buildings.

The blaze centered in one of the main shafts and miners feared it might explode a supply of dynamite 100 feet underground.

State police were informed two workers escaped uninjured from the old mine, recently reopened for tests by Charles C. Nutter of California.

School Chairman Claims Increase

PORTLAND, Jan. 17—(AP)—The public school system in Portland has been "immeasurably strengthened," Frank G. Smith, chairman of the board, said today.

In replying to recent statements by Director Dean B. Webster that the school district is "facing a crisis" and "heading for disaster," Smith said the district actually is in "a position to continue to improve in every way, especially in service to the school children."

Autoist Killed

EPHRATA, Jan. 17—(AP)—Carl Clark, 45, of Grand Coulee, was killed Tuesday when his car and a truck driven by John H. Kirkland, of Hartline, collided on the highway nine miles south of Quincy.



DR. CHAN LAM CHINESE MEDICINE CO. 393 1/2 Court St., corner Liberty. Office open Tuesday & Saturday only, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. 6 to 7 p.m. Consultation, blood pressure & urine tests are free of charge.

High Public Debt Held Danger Sign

Wharton Warns Rotarians Socialism at End of Present US Path

Socialism lies at the end of the road of ever-increasing taxes and mounting public debt which the United States is traveling, Wallace S. Wharton, member of the state tax commission, warned in addressing the Salem Rotary luncheon Wednesday noon. The discussion of public ownership of the railroads is a signpost indicating what will happen to all business when the load becomes too great.

Federal grants of aid a program started 12 years ago and therefore not strictly a new deal device, are nullifying the constitutional reservation of powers to the states, Wharton also declared, adding that there are "strings" attached to every allocation of federal funds.

Wharton explained that he did not consider the tax situation hopeless, but that no solution is possible until the general public gives the problem serious thought.

One difficulty, he pointed out, is that this year's taxes pay for last year's expenditures authorized year before last.

At present in the United States 21 per cent of gross income goes for government, Wharton pointed out, but he voiced a suspicion that counting hidden taxes, it is closer to 35 per cent.

In 1912 taxes for all purposes and governmental units amounted to little over two billion dollars; in 1938 with nowhere near comparable increase in population and business volume, they exceeded 14 billion; but at the same time governmental expenditures amounted to more than 18 billion, helping to boost the public debt which was five billion dollars in 1913, to 56 billion. The federal debt which was 34 per cent of the total in 1902, is now 70 per cent.

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