

## Illegal Liquor Sale Declining

Report of Liquor Control Body Shows 232 Held as Violators

Bootlegging in Oregon definitely is on the decline, the annual report of the state liquor control commission released here this week disclosed.

The report showed that during the past fiscal year, ended June 30, 1940, only 232 persons were apprehended for the illegal sale of hard liquor as compared with 297 during the previous 12 months.

Most of the illegal liquor sales were said to have been made in so-called "speakeasies" and night clubs. The largest number of these sales were made on Sundays, holidays and during hours when the state liquor stores and agencies are closed.

Investigations by the law enforcement division of the liquor control commission during the fiscal year numbered 34,193. The majority of these, 23,659, were license investigations. Other investigations included 4195 hard liquor, 3419 complaints, 1894 sanitation, 1705 bad order claims, 329 ownership, and 1081 financial aid.

Violations Total 115  
Violation tickets issued licenses for various infractions of the law aggregated 115 and oral warnings 843. As a result of the investigations the commission held 273 hearings. Eighteen licenses were revoked and 195 others were suspended for a total of 232 days. Letters of warning were sent to 226 licensees.

The law enforcement division now includes 22 inspectors operating under Clyde Warren. The state is divided into seven districts for operating convenience. Major part of the inspectors' time is spent on license investigations and supervision of licensed premises. Every applicant for a license is thoroughly investigated and the premises are given a rigid inspection to see that they comply with the sanitary requirements of the commission.

The report indicated that every complaint received by the commission is investigated. Two schools for inspectors were held during the past fiscal year.

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## Value of State Buildings 24 Million; 61,000 Chairs, 675 Autos in Property

The state of Oregon now owns buildings with an aggregate valuation of \$24,930,218, according to a report released here yesterday by Clifford Mudd, head of the state property control division.

So-called non-expendable property, including equipment, exclusive of that of the state highway commission is valued at \$9,382,246. The state higher educational system equipment was valued at \$2,413,878. This includes equipment used by the University of Oregon, Oregon State college and the three normal schools.

During the period, January 1, 1939, to December 8, 1940, equipment valued at more than \$434,230.70 was shifted from one state activity to another. Officials said this was a direct saving for the reason that the equipment would have been purchased had it not been available from other sources.

Equipment purchased between state departments and institutions last year aggregated a value of \$26,080.

The report showed that the state now owns 675 passenger automobiles, 675 trucks, 61,000 chairs, 2900 desks, 690 adding machines, 10,840 tables, 20 tractors and 2800 typewriters. These are only a few of the classifications of equipment.

The state property control division was created in 1935 and Mudd has been its director since that time. He previously was employed by the state highway commission in a somewhat similar capacity.

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## Wheat League Endorses Area

Asks Certificate Plan at Close of Largest Growers' Meeting

PENDLETON, Ore., Dec. 7.—(AP)—The Eastern Oregon Wheat League endorsed the AAA's wheat program as "fundamentally sound" today but asked a self-financing certificate plan to do away with treasury appropriations.

The league, closing its largest meeting tonight, considered a high loan value plan coupled with marketing quotas but withheld action.

N. E. Dodd, western director of the AAA, told growers that "the tax plan tonight, considered a high loan value plan coupled with marketing quotas but withheld action."

He said that he was advised from Washington today that Great Britain was negotiating for the entire Argentine wheat crop to prevent it reaching enemies, leaving Canada's tremendous surplus still worse conditioned.

"The United States wheat grower will continue to grow wheat for export, however, and as long as he does in the present day kind of world he will continue to need measures to protect his income from the effects of world storms and to keep him a strong force in national defense," Dodd continued.

He listed four ways to protect the American wheat growers from the consequences of "ruinous" world prices in terms of American currency:

1. To continue the present program with yearly financing.

2. To finance the present program with the certificate plan.

3. To adopt the high loan and quota program.

4. To adopt a straight price-fixing scheme.

He added that processors were not as opposed to the certificate plan as they were a year ago—a system, similar to the processing plan applied only to the portion of the crop used domestically.

The league urged, by divided votes, appointment instead of election of county assessors and designation of assessors as tax collectors and uniform truck weight and length limits for western states.

S. J. Culley, Weston, was elected president of the league and Heppner was selected for the 1941 convention.

Other officers included R. B. Miller, Adams, vice-president, and C. W. Smith, Corvallis, re-elected secretary-treasurer.

County executive committees named were: Gilliam county, Lloyd Smith, Mayville; Morrow, Louis Bergavin, Ione; Jefferson, John L. Campbell, Madras; Sherman, Millard E. Hahn, Grass Valley; Umatilla, William Kupers, Helix; Union, J. D. Woodell, La Grande; Walla Walla, J. L. Stagg, Enterprise; Baker, to be elected.

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## Hotelmen Declare Housing Sufficient

No Shortage in Portland; Coquille Man Named to Presidency

PORTLAND, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Portland hotelmen declared today that the Oregon Hotel Association, in convention here, declared today.

"Portland has no shortage of decent, safe and sanitary dwellings," delegates said, on the basis of a recent residential and apartment survey.

The association voted to "cooperate in boosting the Oregon Trail's centennial with the idea of creating a 'Travel-the-Oregon-Trail year' in 1943."

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## Naval Recruiter Named for Salem

Fallon Is Called From Naval Reserve After 1902 Enlistment

Robert B. Fallon, chief quartermaster, US navy, has been appointed fulltime recruiting officer at the local naval recruiting office in the postoffice building. It was announced yesterday.

Quartermaster Fallon comes to the Salem station from Eugene, replacing Chief Signalman B. J. Hall, who has been sent to the Lane county station.

Fallon was recently recalled to active duty as a member of the naval reserve corps. As a naval man he is a holdover from the days when the United States navy had only four battleships, the old Texas and the newer ships, the Oregon, Indiana and Massachusetts.

As a boy Fallon enlisted at Spokane in 1902 when the navy was taking kids between the ages 14 and 16 years as apprentice seamen. His first assignment was as a third class to a six-month training period at Goat Island. Then followed a six-month cruise abroad a naval training ship. He was then transferred to the USS Raleigh, under Chief Commander "Fighting Bob" Evans.

Chief Quartermaster Fallon had eight years recruiting duty in the Seattle district previous to his retirement from active service. He is a veteran of the World war, the Mexican campaign and the Nicaraguan and Philippine insurrections.

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## Consider Proposal Of Uniform Laws

20 Already Approved in Oregon; Pistol Act Is Discussed

Oregon members of the national commission on uniform laws, meeting here yesterday, considered a number of bills which may be presented at the 1941 legislative session.

The Oregon members are Sidney Telser and Wilbur Henderson, Portland attorneys, and Justice George Rossmann of the state supreme court.

The national commission originally suggested approximately 60 uniform laws of which 20 previously have been approved in this state.

The so-called uniform pistol act was one of the proposed measures considered by the Oregon committee. This law, if approved, would prohibit the carrying of pistols and certain other firearms unless a license was obtained.

Members of gun clubs and some other organizations would be exempt from complying with the act.

Justice Rossmann said the proposed uniform pistol act would strengthen the present law in Oregon having to do with the ownership of firearms.

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## Laughlin Resigns As School's Head

Withdrawal Said Asked by Sprague; Board Won't Act Soon

The formal resignation of Sam Laughlin, for 10 years superintendent of the state training school for boys near Woodburn, was received by the state board of control here yesterday. The resignation is effective April 1.

Laughlin said the resignation was requested by Governor Charles A. Sprague.

It was not expected that the board would act on the resignation until Leslie M. Scott, Portland, elected state treasurer, succeeded Walter E. Pearson, becomes a member of the board early in January. Secretary of State Earl Sells is the third member of the board.

No comment was made by Laughlin in his letter of resignation, although he previously said he would make a full statement of his position.

Laughlin's decision to resign followed closely on receipt of a report of the Osborne Association, Inc., New York, criticizing the institution.

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