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# **Dust Bowlers Getting Along**

Many Started on Farms West; Some in Labor Camps

By PAUL F. EWING PORTLAND, Dec. 14-(AP)-They have huddled shelterless in ditches, as starved and ragged as any European war refugee, but America's "dust-bowlers" are not

They still are the sturdy farmets, self-possessed and self-reliant, who live next door to every hamlet in America. "The going is tough," they concede, but they

want no pity. Some are well established on new lands, but mostly they are just "getting by"-without things most Americans consider necessities. Many wish they had stayed

at home. Their plight is not petty, but to the observer their courage and cheerful acceptance of "tough going" are magnificent - and the morale of their wives is even

Twenty five per cent of the women in one farm labor camp are high school graduates and two are former teachers. Migration Is Slowing

As the flood of western migration slows to a trickle after ten years of depression, drought and grasshoppers, this is the story of 'dust-bowlers' and their fami-

Since 1930, the great transcontinental highways, No. 66 across the south into California and and No. 30 across the northern plains states into the Pacific northwest, have carried endless caravans.

More than 450,000 persons have poured into the northwest in freight cars, in ramshackle old trucks and automobiles, on foot, with babies in their arms.

Forty one per cent of them were persons with farm backgrounds, seeking land. They came without a penny,

with enough to "eat a couple more days," with enough to buy farms-a few lucky ones. Few Sought Relief They found farms and farm

work scarce, industries overloaded and men idle. They found relief agencies swamped—the few who asked relief. New irrigation projects opened land for a few families; private

on passable farms. The federal farm security administration estimates that there still are 25,000 low income, neardestitute residents and non-resident families in the northwest eager for opportunities to become

reestablished on farms. tion administration loaned money luck holds." to many for farm purchases and leases. Migratory farm labor camps, mobile and permanent were set up for others.

On the Owyhee irrigation profect in eastern Oregon, 1100 drought families have gone back The FSA has financed about

half of them; many live in one or two-room houses devoid of the simplest facilities, some with only earthen floors. Medical services commonly are

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lacking for such diseases as influenza, whooping cough, scarlet fever and rheumatism. Strive for Better Living

"These people have hope and they continue to strive for a better living when they really have a right to despair or revolt against the conditions that surround them," Walter A. Duffy, regional FSA director, told the Tolan congressional investigating committee at San Francisco recently.

"We aren't whipped," John F. Todd, a Thayer and Jefferson county, Neb., farmer now established on an FSA farm near Mc-Minnville, Ore., commented. "Poor farmers in the dust bowl will be poor farmers here. The rest have just as much chance as

"I dusted out in 1934 and started drifting west looking for a green crop. Had a '28 car. \$150. a wife and five sons. We landed with \$50, followed the fruit the first year, weathered the loss of one boy, then settled down to work on farms.

"Last year I made more money from 57 acres than I ever made with 160 acres back home." At the Dayton farm labor camp, Jesse Powell, formerly a farmowner of Custer county, Neb., counseled, other drought-stricken farmers to stay home. One Wishes He'd Stayed

"We had tough sledding last winter," he said. "In this country where it rains so much, farm work shuts down in the winter. We almost starved. I've had steady day work on a farm here since, but I'd have been just as well off-maybe better-to stay in Nebraska. "There are 19 families from

my old neighborhood here and none I know make enough in summer to run through the winter. We'd be sunk if it wasn't for the farm camps, but I'm not discouraged. I think farmers will have bigger opportunities in the next couple of years than ever

Raymond Schuchardt, Antelope county, Neb., another resident of the Dayton camp, left his farm in 1937 and came west a year ago, working in fruit harvests and living in a tent with his wife and four children.

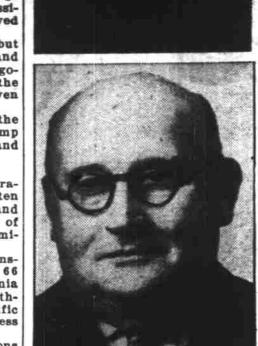
"When we came here," he said, "it was the first time since we left home that we'd been on a board floor.

"It's a toss-up whether we should have stayed in Nebraska or come here. Conditions were pretty bad before we got into the farm camp, even if jobs are a little more plentiful in the Camp Haven to Many
Ray Morehead, 28 - year - old
Oklahoman, and his pretty, 24year-old wife consider the Dayton

camp a haven beyond their They left Oklahoma in 1935 with two babies and \$3.50 to hitch-hike to California. "We got to California with 25 cents." Morehead said. "We thought it was tough then, but

#### Hewitt Reelected Scott Is Sworn





State Treasurer-elect Leslie M. Scott, Portland, who came to Salem yesterday to be sworn in by Supreme Court Judge Percy R. Kelly, below. Scott will take office, succeeding Walter E. Pearson, on January 6. Pearson will serve as state senator from Multnomah county in the 1941 legislature.

t's kinda fun thinking of now." Morehead, who now has four children, never had earned a nickel in cash until a year after his marriage—he labored for board and room.

financing established a few others "Some people have had their Salem, has been appointed to the roots out of the ground for too committee to draw up plans for serious condition after his car

them never will make anything. winter term by the senior class at highway early this morning. "Us? We want a chicken ranch the University of Oregon. or a little dairy farm. We don't The show will take the place of Sutherlin, was treated for a The FSA and rural rehabilita- rent. We'll get it, too, if our plans for the show were received broke loose on an incline and

Barnett and Church Also Are Officers of State Group of Liberals

PORTLAND, Dec. 16.-(AP)-A delegate's black eye and reelection of four of five officers featured the close of the Oregon Commonwealth federation here yesterday. Francis J. Murnane, CIO Ply-

wood and Veneer Workers' union delegate, turned up at the meeting with a bruised eye. He claimed t resulted from an attack by five men Saturday night after he had opposed a motion to bar communists from the ballot. The mo-

Only officer not reelected was Gus J. Solomon, Portland, treaswas succeeded by Frank Gordon, secretary of the Columbia river district council of the International Woodworkers of America.

Other officers are: S. Stephenson Smith, Eugene, president; Ralph W. Peoples, Portland, first vice-president; Wendell Barnett, Brooks, second vice-president; Roy R. Hewitt, Salem, third vicepresident; Monroe Sweetland, Portland, executive secretary.

A. C. Heyman, Albany, and A. M. Church, Salem, were named to the executive board.

# **Wodehouse Held** In Silesia Camp

camp in Silesia," according to a tell the government what to do. his daughter, Mrs. Leonora Caze- to control this situation." let, of Tonbridge, Kent, England. Wodehouse was captured by the advancing German forces last June near his villa at Le Touquet,

Mrs. Cazelet wrote Guy Bolton, Wodehouse collaborator, that she was trying to ascertain the exact location of the southeast German camp in an effort to send Wodehouse Christmas parcels.

### **James Pickett to** Plan UO Variety

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Dec. 16-James Pickett,

want to own, but we'd like to of the traditional senior ball. The crushed chest after a stalled truck from Moe Jaffe, an eastern theat- rolled over his body.

rical producer, and the music from Fred Waring.

Pickett, a graduate of Univer-By Commonwealth sity high school, is a senior majoring in law at the university. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard R. Pickett, and is affiliated with Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

## Pacific War Peril Declared Greater

Mind Own Business, Rearm Heavily, Is Formula of Rufus Holman

LAKEVIEW, Dec. 16.-(A)-The Pacific area holds the greatest war danger for the United States, Senator Rufus Holman (R-Ore)

warned today, He urged rearmament "to make this country so strong that no urer, who declined to run and other country will dare attack "Then we should mind our own

business," he said. Holman blamed the sale of iron and cotton to Japan as the reason forcing the United States to build a war machine to match Japan's. "Military authorities tell me that if Alaska is taken by a first class power the defense position of the whole Pacific coast would be untenable," he said.

Hates Profiteering "I hate war profiteering in any form whether by labor or capital. Where are the profits of the French iron in dustry which French iron industry which helped to rearm Germany, or of the English financiers who made

possible rearmament? "Where now are the sit down strikers of France? It is an outrage to draft a lot of men and force them to undergo the rigors NEW YORK, Dec. 16-(P)-P. G. of camp life while at the same workers and writer, is "in an internment to strike in defense industries and the same to strike in th letter received here today from Congress will have to take a hand

# Ice on Highways Causes Mishaps

ROSEBURG, Dec. 16-(AP)-Icecrusted highways sent three persons to the hospital here this weekend, one with serious inju-

E. J. Adams, Seattle, and T. P. Flynn, Portland, suffered minor injuries in the collision of their automobiles near Coos Junction Sunday. S. E. Clark, railroad freight and

passenger agent here, was in a long," he commented. "Some of a variety show to be sponsored skidded off the Drain-Reedsport A fourth person, D. Richardson

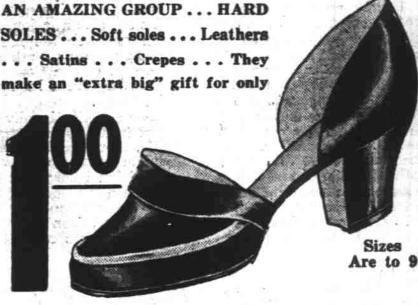
**Death Car Driver** Paroled; in Army

the traffic death of Mrs. Bertha Peuker, received a parole from a

three-year sentence in circui court today.

Judge James P. Stapleton paroled Smith to his commanding PORTLAND, Dec. 16-(P)- Ken-neth Smith, jr., 21, convicted of officer at Fort Lewis. Smith en-involuntary manufacturer after listed shortly after the accident.





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