

Mother's Boys Home Opposed

Welfare Board Requests Incorporation Denial, Files Desist Order

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boys or its collection and sale of rummage goods.

"Of course I'll fight it," Mulrooney said. "Why shouldn't I?"

The short, leather faced man who opened headquarters for his home at 1535 South Liberty street here about the first of this year said that he and his attorney had begun to work toward incorporation of the home several months ago and had filed an application for incorporation three weeks ago. He said that he had believed it necessary for the home to be incorporated before receiving a license as a refuge.

Mulrooney's Mother's Boys Home, which he has said is to become eventually a parallel to the famed Father Flanagan's Boys' Town, was started, according to Mulrooney, with an idea, an old idea, and 40 cents.

The home now shelters nine boys, Mulrooney said last night, operates four rummage soliciting trucks, three rummage stores in Eugene and Salem and a salvage depot in Portland. Salem stores are located at 721 South 12th street and 340 North Commercial street.

The home is financed through sale of rummage contributed to solicitors, who are paid employees of the home. Mulrooney said he now has 11 solicitors.

Opposed from the start by established charitable organizations, Mulrooney has told investigators that his only sponsor is the greatest sponsor of all, the Almighty God. The Mother's Boys Home collection truck all bear the motto, "Sponsored, Protected and Guided by the Almighty God."

Mulrooney no longer maintains personal headquarters at the home proper, but directs the organization's rummage and activities from a flat over the rummage store on 12th street.

Five local citizens in addition to Mulrooney and one other member of the home's staff are listed in the organization's rummage incorporation articles as trustees. The outside members are Dr. D. H. Schulze, dean of men at Willamette university; R. W. Tavenner, principal of Leslie Junior high school; James C. G. Shryder, Rev. Stewart Billings, pastor of the Forsyth Square Gospel church, and Orval E. Shryder.

Milk Price Boost Will Be Proposed

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Inspected milk price toward the 40 to 41 cent factory milk price quoted in recent weeks.

Recent decisions by butter prices may alter this situation through the reduction of factory milk prices, a representative of one group of producers said yesterday.

Principal business before the milk board Monday will be the reporting of production and determination of how an impending increase in production quotas shall be distributed. Allocation of a limited amount of the quota increase to producers not now privileged to enter the Salem market is anticipated since for several months Salem has been drawing on the Portland milkshed for a part of its supply.

FSA Fruit Loans Under Restriction

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 27-(AP)—The regional farm security office announced restrictions today on FSA loans to fruit growers.

Manager Walter A. Duffy of the Oregon-Idaho-Washington region said this was in keeping with a policy to aid low-income farmers on diversified family-type farms rather than operators of specialty crop farms.

Orchard districts affected include Hood River and Medford regions in Oregon, Boise and Payette valleys in Idaho, Wenatchee and Okanogan in Washington, where about 25 loans totaling \$600,000 were made during the past season.

"New orchard loans for 1941 operations will be made only to fruit growers on units where a definite program for diversification is agreed to and where the total cost of operating the orchard will not exceed \$2500," Duffy said. "Old FSA borrowers will be eligible for fruit loans on condition the maximum 1941 financing required does not exceed \$7500. The new loans may not exceed \$4500."

Ranking Diplomat Gains Promotion

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27-(AP)—Germany's ranking diplomat in the United States, Hans Thomsen, has been promoted to minister of the first class, one grade below that of ambassador, it was disclosed tonight.

Thomsen, counselor of the German embassy, was promoted in charge of affairs since the ambassador, Hans Dieckhoff, was recalled to Berlin in November, 1938, after the United States brought back its ambassador, Hugh Wilson, from Germany.

The British Arrive in Crete



Members of the crew of a British tank, newly arrived in Crete, exchange smiles with a native of the Greek island.—AP Teletext.

Business Tax for Welfare Board Is Schools Proposed

Almuck Urges Equalizing Load; Council Formed, Safety Education

PORTLAND, Dec. 27-(AP)—Dr. John C. Almuck, Stanford university, proposed today that Oregon's tax burden be shifted from real property to business income.

The professor of education told 1500 delegates to the 41st annual convention of the Oregon Teachers' association that a tax of one business income would produce revenue of \$6,000,000 to \$7,000,000 annually in Oregon.

He recommended that the business tax be tied in with the school tax to further state assistance to schools. At present, he said, the state bears only a small portion of the school cost, but under his plan would contribute half the funds necessary for elementary and high schooling.

Almuck also urged a state fund for education to equalize the taxes on various districts. In some large county districts, he said, the school tax is almost 80 times higher than in other districts within the same county.

Munk Optimistic

Dr. Frank Munk, Reed college lecturer on economics, traced the effect of education on the collapse of mid-European democracies.

"When totalitarianism once begins to decline," he added, "we shall see a glorious rebirth of democracy."

In a meeting called to coincide with the Teachers' convention, James Pelley, principal of the Marysville school, was elected president of the newly organized Oregon Council for Safety Education.

Other officers elected included Dr. V. D. Bain of the state department of education, vice president; Paul H. Washke of the University of Oregon, secretary; Mrs. Clarence W. Wells, president of the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers, treasurer; Victor Phelps, independence training school principal; J. W. Edwards, assistant superintendent of Portland schools; Dr. Clair Langton, Oregon State college, and Stanley Church, state director of traffic safety, board members.

Winds Moderate On Oregon Coast

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them and chains were essential. The Diamond lake highway was closed by snow yesterday from The Dalles-California highway to the junction with No. 209 four miles east of Diamond lake.

Cos county reported some flooding from high tides and water ran over highways near Marshfield yesterday. A few homes were inundated. Lowlands were flooded by a damaged tide gate at the Lillian canal on Coos river. The waterfront from Marshfield to North Bend was blocked for a time by slides.

Newport reported that the Yaquina harbor entrance bell buoy broke loose, drifted ashore and lodged under Yaquina bridge. It was replaced by the coast guard.

Tax Commission Won't Present Bills in 1941

The state tax commission will have no bills for introduction at the 1941 legislative session, Charles V. Galloway, chairman, announced yesterday.

Galloway said the tax commission was not interested in any changes in the tax structure at the present time.

Deputy Poses Policy Issues

Incentive of Unsalaries Service in Question; Oath not on File

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the public which he is presumed to represent.

The public is well aware that police "morals squads" are more often involved in "shakedown" charges and graft convictions than officers in any other field of duty; in the light of that knowledge, the implications of a deputy's operations in that field are obvious.

They are obvious, at any rate, to the pinball operators who, whatever may be the degree of their present righteousness, are undoubtedly in a dither as for the deputy sheriff, he is H. O. Sanders, described by the sheriff as a former member of the Los Angeles police department who came here primarily to visit relatives. The sheriff says he received several letters from him recommending Sanders, and deputized him to investigate pinball conditions which, the sheriff explained, have been bothering him.

Problem Complicated

By Court Decision

The trouble, Sheriff Burk contends is the existence of some admittedly legal machines makes it difficult to detect illegal practices. The supreme court ruling designated as legal those devices played "for amusement only." Some of the machines dispense to the winner metal tokens which are supposed to be of no value except to play the machine again. The sheriff pointed out that the illegal exchange of these tokens for money or merchandise would be difficult to detect, but expressed his opinion that the token-dispensing machines were illegal in any case.

No one has obtained from District Attorney Lyle J. Page a formal opinion on this point. Pinball operators and the state medical society have written statements from District Attorney Bruce Spaulding, outlining his opinion to the general effect that the machines are legal so long as the winner receives nothing of value.

The pertinacity of the Marion county operators appears to involve Deputy Sanders' activities to date only in two particulars. First, they were for a time uncertain as to Sanders' status, which is cleared up, to some degree, by a decision of the Oregon supreme court in the case of the State of Oregon vs. Sanders, an instrument ordinarily filed with the county recorder at the time a deputy takes his oath.

Order Is Disputed

The second matter worrying the pinball operators is the order which, they say, Sanders issued, demanding the removal of their machines from the various establishments where they were being operated. Sanders insists that his order referred only to the "one-ball" machines—those in which the player inserts a nickel and trips the plunger just once for all his amusement. He declares that this type of machine is nothing more nor less than a slot machine.

A variety of rumors concerning the fate of their business also disturbs the pinball men, who insist that all they want is a guess-proof interpretation of the law so they may abide by it; but the public's interest in the affair centers principally in the payless status of the deputy sheriff, which inspires queries as to just what he expects to get out of the "job."

If speculation is limited to the routine, legitimate business of a deputy sheriff, there doesn't seem to be "any future in it."

Hobbits Have Child

SILVERTON—Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Hoblitt are reporting the birth of a daughter, born Tuesday of this week.

Anniversary Is Dinner Occasion

SILVER CLIFF—A pre-holiday dinner Sunday night honored the wedding anniversaries of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Hubbard of Silver Cliff and Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Garver of Silverton.

The affair was planned by members of the silver Cliff Women's club with members of their families invited and was held at the Garver home. After dinner a Christmas party was enjoyed.

Those present were the honored couples, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Krenz, Mr. and Mrs. Romey Latta, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Fox and children, Frances and Floyd, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Parrish, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stevenson and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Tucker.

WPA Project Okehed, Multnomah Sub-Jail

PORTLAND, Dec. 27-(AP)—A \$273,319 WPA project at the Multnomah county sub-jail has been approved, Rep. Homer Angell (R-Ore.) informed county authorities today.

The project calls for construction of two dormitories, a dining hall, administration building and auxiliary quarters.

Janice Jones One of 9 Given UO Scholarships

EUGENE, Dec. 27-(AP)—Janice Jones, Salem, was among nine University of Oregon co-eds awarded winter term scholarships of tuition for outstanding scholarship and character.

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Late Sports

SEATTLE, Dec. 27-(AP)—Seattle defeated the Vancouver Lions tonight 5 to 3 and climbed into a first place tie with the Canadians in the Pacific Coast Hockey league standings.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 27-(AP)—The University of Indiana basketball team swamped the Bruins of the University of California at Los Angeles tonight, 51 to 26.

SEATTLE, Dec. 27-(AP)—A looping "last hope" shot by Pat Dorsey, former University of Washington basketball player, gave an all-star team a 39-38 victory over Coach Hec Edmundson's Husky varsity in the final seconds of a game here tonight.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27-(AP)—Stanford University of Nebraska basketball team here tonight, winning 57 to 46, before a sell-out crowd of 8,000 in the civic auditorium.

Tolerance Theme Of Chief Justice

Inter-Faith Conference's Citation Is Awarded; Defends Minority

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27-(AP)—Chief Justice Hughes asserted today that "racism and bigotry, racial animosities and intolerance" are "the deadly enemies of true democracy."

He made this statement in accepting a citation from the national conference of Christians and Jews which praised his "contribution to the improvement of human relations" and "advocacy of national unity."

The chief justice, together with the late Newton D. Baker, of Cleveland, and the late Dr. S. Parkes Cadman of Brooklyn, organized the national conference in 1928. He was chosen to receive the citation by a group of national leaders.

Speaking at a private ceremony at his home after officials of the conference had presented the award, the chief justice said:

"I wish that Newton Baker and Dr. Cadman were here to share with us the privileges of this occasion. They have very generously referred to my part in the founding of this national conference and I am deeply grateful that I had the opportunity to join in this organized effort to promote a continuous and effective expression of our common faith which vitalizes our democracy."

"Popular elections express the will of the people, but back of that will must be the true democratic spirit which alone can save us from the excesses of the rule of force."

Majority cannot be conserved by majority rule unless the majority hold sacred basic individual rights regardless of race or creed, so that, along with our differences of view, political and religious, we have a deep and abiding sense of the unity which binds us together and of our capacity for friendly cooperation in pursuit of common ideals of justice."

Pacific and Gulf Coasts Hard Hit

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the storm for 48 hours, backing 30 to 40-foot waves, off Point Arena.

The two boats, tiny specks on an angry sea, rode out the storm lashed together and the guardsmen came ashore weary but unhurt.

The 22 men of the Stanwood crew abandoned ship at the height of the storm and after a terrific struggle, were transferred to a coast guard cutter.

Chief Boatwain's Mate D. M. Thomas, 35, recent winner of a coast guard medal of honor, said "They were the biggest seas I ever saw."

Beach front property was badly damaged by combers that piled 25 feet into the air and washed away foundations ordinarily 50 feet above the high water mark.

Heavy fog, with some rain and light winds prevailed along the major part of the eastern seaboard, but northeast storm warnings were posted late at night from the Virginia Capes to south of Block Island.

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Debate Raging On US Policy

Author Kelland Asserts Propaganda Prepares for Belligerency

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added, "Does not result from furnishing the implements of war."

Thus far, President Roosevelt has kept silent on these demands. At his press conference today he replied for comment and replied that the easiest way to answer was to say he had no news.

To another inquiry as to whether he might touch on the subject in his radio address Sunday night, Mr. Roosevelt said he could not say because he had not completed the speech.

The chief executive also declined to comment on the telegram he received yesterday.

Among those whose signatures were attached to the message were a number of persons prominent in education, industry, literature or other fields. The action was described as that of individuals and without sponsorship by any organization.

"Same Old Crowd"

Wheeler charged

Wheeler asserted that the petitioners were "the same old crowd" that has been urging us step by step toward the European war.

"Analyze this group," he said, "and you will find some of those who are financially interested—international bankers with connections in Europe—former attorneys for British embassy, those who are emotionally affected by what is taking place in Europe, and those who are more English than Americans."

"It is also significant that no farm, labor, mothers or youth organizations are represented in the group."

"It doesn't take any courage for a group like this, who won't have to be in the front line trenches, or who won't be leased or loaned to Great Britain, or won't do any of the fighting, to urge on the president that we go to war, because that is what the petition means in no uncertain terms."

Ackerman Given Year, Road Camp

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that his refusal was based upon religious scruples.

He asserted that the discipline of his church justified his course and permitted him to "differ with my country because I feel there was a challenge to his primary loyalty to God. His 'utter hatred' of conflict, he said, was inspired by the 'brilliant and futile sacrifice by participants in the first world war.'

Sanders told the court that he would have received considerable notice of the selective service act than comply with it" because of his conscientious objections—he is a Quaker. "To register as it provides would be to register approval," he added.

Judge Fee, after passing sentence, issued a warning to "persons who sent letters to the court trying to influence the... decisions. Such acts constitute contempt"

He added that the court "in these instances presumes the letters have been written in ignorance."

US Attorney Carl Donough said both men probably would have been placed in deferred classes if they had registered. Both would have received considerable notice as conscientious objectors and Ackerman's service would have been deferred because of his calling and dependents, Donough added.

Sergeant Fisher Resigns Position

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partment several months ago, told fellow officers that he intended to go to eastern Oregon where he will manage a cattle ranch near Baker.

Fisher was for many years a desk sergeant and was later made a plainclothes detective.

Resignation of Fisher will add another vacancy on the force to the four positions to be filled from the eligibility list now awaiting approval of the civil service commission. It will also necessitate holding a civil service examination for the position of sergeant.

Eligibles to take the examination for sergeant, expected to be held shortly after the first of the year, include members of the force with four years service by January 1 all but three of the present patrolmen will be eligible to compete for the vacant sergeant post.

Eire Is Promised Italian Aid, Case Of British Attack

LONDON, Dec. 28-(Saturday)—The Dublin correspondent of the London Daily Mail reported today that the Rome radio had offered full aid support to Ireland in event of "British aggression."

This was the radio's statement, according to the correspondent: "Should the Irish people be forced to fight a war against British aggression they can be assured of the full and wholehearted help of the axis powers. Besides this military help the whole Catholic world would be on their side."

ed, the state board of health announced today.

Included were facilities at Ashland, Baker, Corvallis, Cottage Grove, Eugene, Grants Pass, Hopedale, Klamath Falls, Lakeview, Medford, Nyssa, Ontario, Pendleton, Roseburg and Salem.

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Conscience Puts Added Funds in War Relief Plate

GRESHAM, Dec. 27-(AP)—The British-Chinese refugee relief fund was \$20 to the good today because a Gresham woman became conscience-stricken over selling a tough rooster to A. W. Metzger, local merchant, for one dollar.

The woman wrote Metzger that she had "done a shabby thing," and that the rooster was "not fit for anyone's table." She returned the dollar.

Metzger asked Rev. Silas Fairham for advice. The minister suggested the money as a "nest egg" in the collection plate at the church program for the British-Chinese fund. The collection, so stimulated, reached \$20, which Rev. Fairham admitted was considerably more than he had expected.

Mystery Prowler Attacks Tiny Isle

Former German Atoll Is Bombarded; Japan's Flag on Raider

MELBOURNE, Australia, Dec. 27-(AP)—A mysterious sea prowler sailing under the colors of Japan carried total war today to a tiny former German atoll in the western Pacific, heavily shelling the island of Nauru at daybreak, the Australian government announced.

The islet, almost exactly on the equator and lying south of the Japanese mandated islands, is mandated to the British empire. Australian Prime Minister Robert G. Menzies announced that buildings and a plant (perhaps a radio station) were pounded badly, but there were no casualties.

He said the attack directly to the "enemy," obviously meaning Germany, said Nauru was completely undefended and "the one I know of this fact, which removes any justification for his action."

Furthermore, he charged, the attack "is a greater crime because it was made under neutral colors. The raider attacked under a Japanese name and Japanese colors—those of a country with whom we are at peace."

(In London, it was said a German raider has been operating in the western Pacific)

Australian officials did not attempt to explain the raider's motive. In shelling Nauru, also known as "Pleasant island," this 8 1/2 mile-long, 5400-acre guano atoll is, however, a considerable exporter of phosphates, sending out nearly 1,000,000 tons a year. Fewer than 2500 people live there. It is about 1350 miles northeast of the Australian mainland.

Existing Pacific highway bottlenecks created by mountainous terrain, obsolete road standards, heavy grades, excessive curvature and inadequate bridges were pointed out.

The conference urged state officials, congress and military authorities to prompt action, with special funds, to modernize the northwest's strategic highways in accordance with US military and naval leaders' recommendations.

Salem was represented at the conference by Mayor W. W. Chadwick, Paul B. Wallace, member of the Salem chamber's highways committee; Floyd Miller, president-elect, and Frank Doerfler, director-elect of the chamber, and Manager Thiesen.

Perkins Defends Right to Strike

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27-(AP)—Secretary of Labor Perkins said today that there was no reason why labor's right to strike should be restricted at this time.

She expressed this view at a press conference when questioned by reporters about some legislators of outlawing strikes in defense industries.

"I see no reason why the right to strike should be modified or abridged," she said. "It hasn't been abused and I don't think it will be abused."

In that connection, labor department statisticians said strike losses were running far below last year. In the first nine months of 1939, they said, 14,254,264 man-days of idleness resulted from strikes while in the similar period of 1940 the loss was 4,369,093 days.

Miss Perkins said she thought two reasons for the reduction were better mediation machinery, and a more public spirited point of view on the part of employers.

Dallas Department Answers Two Calls

DALLAS—The Dallas fire department was called out twice Thursday when fire broke out in Hilton's garage at the corner of Main and Oak street.

The first fire occurred about 2:30 Thursday afternoon when a barrel of crank case oil which had been spilled in the used car lot became ignited. The fire was put out without any damage.

Again Thursday night at about 9:50 an alarm was put in when fire broke out in the furnace room of the garage. The fire caught in the woodwork over the furnace, burning off the roof of the small room. The fire was put out before any serious damage was done. The cause of the fire was not determined, but may have caught from something laid near the furnace to dry.

Ruby Keeler Gets Her Final Decree

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 27-(AP)—Ruby Keeler obtained her final decree of divorce today from Al Joelson.

The dancing actress was 19 when she married Joelson, 45, then a blackface singer, in New York city September 21, 1928. He had been twice married and divorced.

Miss Keeler obtained her inheritance of \$250,000 and a \$100,000 trust fund on December 26, 1939.

Miss Alice Jensen Compliments Niece

BRUSH CREEK—Miss Alice Jensen was hostess Thursday afternoon in company to her niece, Mrs. Raymond Reed of Seattle, who is a holiday guest.

Invited were Mrs. Edwin Hattberg, Mrs. Victor Madison, Miss Lillie L. Madison, Miss Nettie Hattberg of Salem.

London Raided As Truce Ends

Other Regions Attacked; Greeks Claim Capture of 200 Italians