

OPA Develops Mail Problem 'Headache'

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persons in the armed services along with those in "institutions of involuntary confinement" could not apply for ration book 3, whether or not they were fed in organized messes.

One official here said he was "on the phone for 24 hours straight" answering complaints. Newspaper and press association offices got their share of indignant inquiries from Washington's big military population.

This dilemma finally prompted Paul M. O'Leary, rationing director, to issue a statement saying exclusion of servicemen and servicewomen was only temporary, and that a "simple method" of getting books in their hands would be worked out later.

They were excluded from the mailing, he said, because they were subject to transfer on short notice and might be stationed elsewhere when the book comes into use.

An official frankly said he was keeping his "fingers crossed" over how the substantial number of the nation's illiterates would be fed this summer, since they can't be expected to fill out the blanks themselves. Regional offices were working feverishly, he said, to figure this one out. Previous ration books were obtained through registrations conducted by volunteer staffs of teachers, using their own classrooms for the job.

WASHINGTON, May 22—(AP) Red stamp "J," worth 16 points of rationed meats and fats, will be good throughout June instead of expiring May 31.

In announcing this Saturday night, the office of price administration said it took that action to avoid a rush on retailers on the Saturday preceding Memorial day.

OPA also announced that four new series of red stamps (a total of 64 points) will become valid at weekly intervals beginning May 30 and will be good for meats-fats purchases through June 30.

The extension of the validity of stamp "J" leaves stamps "E," "F," "G" and "H" expiring May 31. Stamp "J" becomes valid Sunday.

The schedule of validity dates of the new red stamps each good for 16 points and all expiring June 30, follows: "K" May 30; "L" June 6; "M" June 13 and "N" June 20.

4 Oregon Men Are Wounded In Battle

WASHINGTON, May 22—(AP) The war department Saturday released a list of US casualties which included nine Pacific northwest men. They were wounded in action in the middle east, North African, Pacific and southwest Pacific areas.

The list included: Wounded in the north African area:

Oregon: Browning, Pvt. Alvin B.; uncle, Glen R. Hadley, Fossil; Ferguson, Pfc. David J.; mother, Mrs. Melissa Ferguson, 2735 98th avenue, Portland.

Moore, Staff Sgt. Warner K.; mother, Mrs. Florence W. Moore, 223 SE 81st avenue, Portland.

Wounded in the Pacific area—Oregon: Oakes, 1st Lt. Lyle R.; wife, Mrs. Velma G. Oakes, 353 E. Maple street, Hillsboro.

Mrs. Davis Gets Home Ec Teaching Post at Silverton

SILVERTON — Mrs. Charles Davis, Silverton, has signed a contract to teach home economics in the high school here, Supt. H. W. Adams, who is secretary of the school board, announced Saturday. Prior to coming to Silverton, Mrs. Davis was for several years with the Corvallis school system in a supervisory capacity, Adams said.

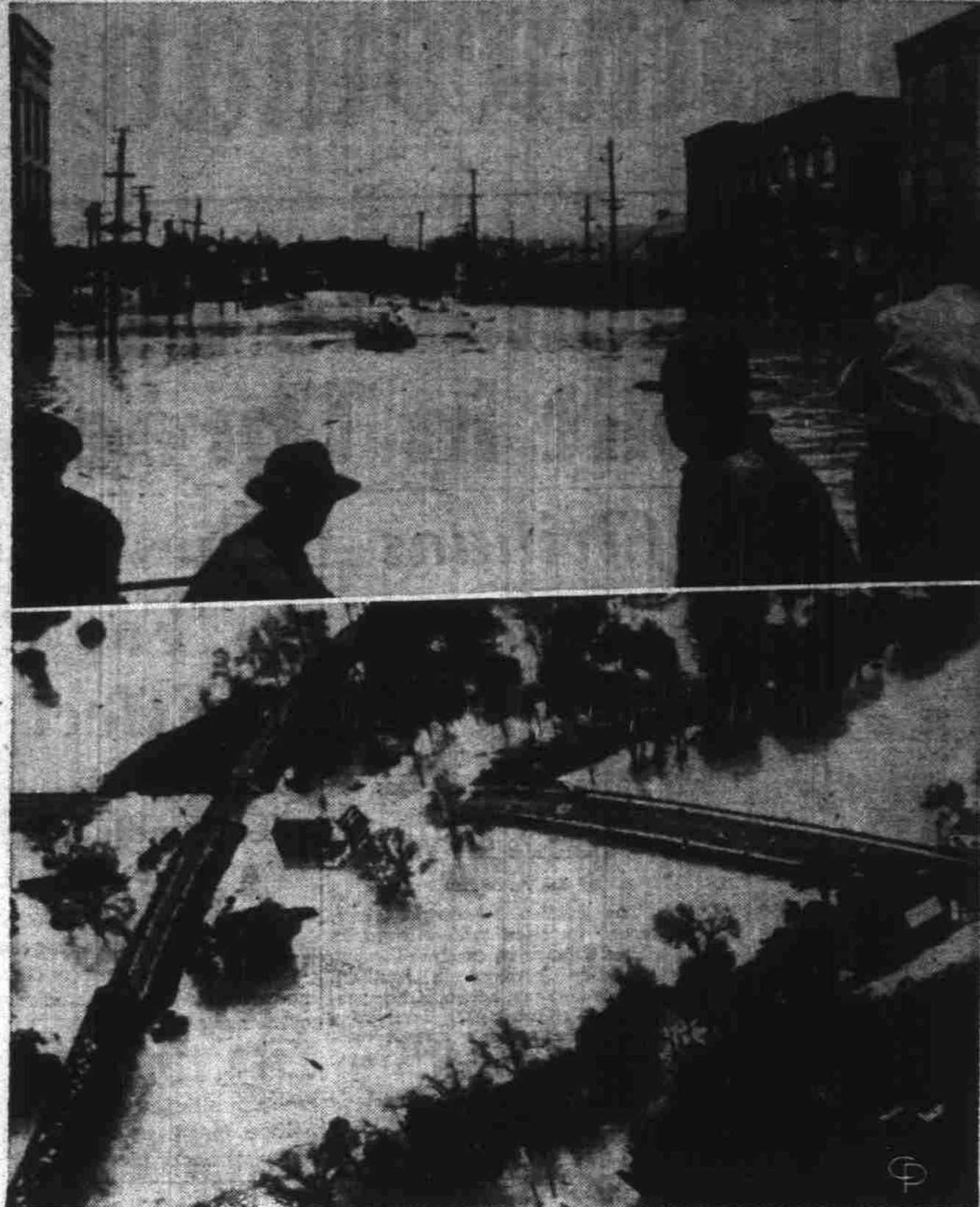
With the announcement of the contract came another of four resignations. Miss Helen Stanbrough, high school teacher, Mrs. Anna Jackson, Miss Waneta Cook and Miss Evelyn Fitzgibbon, all teachers in the grades, have tendered their resignations. Miss Jackson leaves to go to the Portland system; the others have not announced their plans.

Educational Changes Urged

NEW YORK, May 22—(AP)—The commission on liberal education of the association of American colleges made public Saturday a committee report which recommended sweeping changes in methods of college instruction after the war, including the suggestion that the usual entrance requirements be discarded or revised for returning members of the armed forces.

The report proposed that "the educational status of each returning student be determined primarily by the employment of aptitude and achievement tests."

Floods Inundate Central Western States



After days of endless rains, floods were sweeping the central western states. Several persons have been drowned, thousands are homeless, while property and crop damage has not been estimated. At top is a street scene in Peru, Ind., and at bottom is a scene at Logansport, Ind., showing a main road leading to the residential district overrun with flood waters at Fiddle's island, in the Wabash river, is partially inundated. Some 10,000 residents in twenty counties of Indiana were made homeless by the flood. These pictures were taken by fliers from the Bunker Hill naval air station. Troops helped to build levees to protect plants menaced by rampant rivers. Warning that the worst floods in Oklahoma's history were impending sent hundreds from their homes in Oklahoma and Arkansas. (International Soundphoto.)

'Keep Oregon Green' Group Organized Throughout State

Reaching into nearly every Oregon county and into many walks of life, Governor Snell this week has selected seventy-five state leaders to serve on the general state-wide Keep Oregon Green committee and three working or policy forming committees. The main idea is to enlist the support of every man and woman in Oregon to help prevent careless, man-caused fires in our valuable forest lands.

Selected from this county are Charles P. Fray, Charles A. Sprague and Rex Putnam, all of Salem.

"This year we must keep smoke from our skies," the governor stated as he picked the men and women on whose shoulders will fall the responsibility of reducing man-caused forest fires to the zero point. "Smoke from forest fires would make an ideal smoke screen to cover enemy attack on our state, and would likewise keep our eyes of the air force from reconnaissance."

Heading the all-important nine-man executive or governing committee of Keep Oregon Green is Edmund Hayes, Portland lumberman, who is accepting responsibility for directing the KOG program for the third straight year. Other members of the executive committee named by Snell are: John B. Woods, Stuart Mair, Paul Stevens, John C. Kuhns and W. H. Hoenig, of Portland; Nelson S. Rogers, Salem, and H. J. Cox and Arthur W. Prialux of Eugene.

An innovation this year is the selection by Governor Snell of eight leaders in the radio industry in Oregon to head up a radio committee for KOG. These people will have charge of policy of radio programs and will coordinate radio support in Oregon's broadcasting outlets with the general committee's work. Radio members are: Lee Bishop, Medford; Henry Swartwood, Q. Cox, Hal Wilson, Wilbur Sherman and Mary Elizabeth Gilmore, Portland; Sheldon F. Sackett, Marshfield; and Burton Hutton, Corvallis.

Newspapers like radio stations have given strenuous support to the Keep Oregon Green campaign during the past three years and Governor Snell in recognition of the job already done and the need for state-wide support this season has named a newspaper advisory committee for Keep Oregon Green. The newspaper committee members are: Tom Humphrey, associate editor, Portland Oregon Journal; Robert W. Sawyer, publisher, Bend Bulletin; Lamar Newkirk, editor, Lincoln County Leader; Robert Nelson, managing editor, The Oregonian; and Mac Epley, editor, Klamath Falls Herald.

From almost every county in Oregon come the 53 members of the general state-wide committee named during the week by the governor. Every person invited has agreed to do everything possible in his section to insure another record year in low number of forest fires.

Members of the committee include: Ray Andrews, Ed F. Averill, Alton Collins, Fred S. Cutler, S. V. Fullaway, George T. Gerlinger, Frederick Greenwood, A. F. Harting, Mrs. Jessie M. Hon-

Conferees Eye New Tax Compromise

WASHINGTON, May 22—(AP)—Still deadlocked on fundamental issues, members of a senate-house conference committee studied Saturday night a compromise proposal to abate the first \$50 of tax and 75 per cent of all over that amount in putting the nation's taxpayers on a pay-as-you-go basis.

Various explained by members, this compromise apparently would free from 1942 obligations approximately 7,000,000 persons who became federal income taxpayers for the first time under lowered exemptions put into effect last year. All other taxpayers would deduct \$50 from their 1942 tax debt and pay 25 per cent of the remainder in the next two years while meeting their current tax obligations for those years.

Morrison Rite Held at Dallas

DALLAS — Funeral services were held Thursday at the Henkel & Bollman Funeral home for Horatio Morrison, 83, who passed away Tuesday following a few days' illness.

Mr. Morrison was born in Dallas county, Iowa. When three years of age he came with his parents to Oregon, crossing the plains in 1862. He has spent most of his life in Polk county, working at the carpenter trade. He was united in marriage to Isabelle Peebles of Dallas in 1909. Mrs. Morrison passed away July 2, 1932.

Mr. Morrison had been a member of the Odd Fellows lodge for 50 years and was also a member of the Christian church.

Surviving are his son, Archie Morrison of Portland; two grandchildren and a sister, Mrs. H. R. Martin.

Ludwig Miller Buried Friday

DALLAS — Funeral services were held Friday at the Salt Creek Baptist church for Ludwig Miller, 77, who passed away at the Bartell hospital, Wednesday following a short illness. Burial was in the Salt Creek cemetery.

Ludwig Miller was born in Poland, February 18, 1866, coming to the United States in 1901. He had spent the past 30 years in Oregon living at Broaddus for several years. Mrs. Miller passed away six years ago. In 1933 he was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Diehm of Dallas, who passed away five months later. The only known relatives surviving are some nephews living in New Jersey.

Spud Quarantine Off

Oregon's potato tuber moth quarantine, which has been on the books in one form or another for more than 25 years, has been lifted, state agricultural department officials announced Saturday.

Removal of the quarantine follows recommendations made by the 1942 meeting of the national plant board.

School Closes Monday

CLEAR LAKE — School will close here Monday, May 24. Margery Evans is the only eighth grade graduate. Mrs. Daily and Mrs. T. B. McClendon, teachers, accompanied the children to Hazel Green Friday where they held their picnic.

Eyewitness Tells of Attu

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hundred yards with a shattered leg and a broken arm. The crawling was down a hillside on which he had to support himself on the broken arm. It is one of the things a man is not supposed to be able to do—but the sergeant is in the hospital tonight.

Nips Chased For myself, today consisted of watching the details of a war through field glasses or occasionally with the naked eye. The longest detail was the chase of three Japanese soldiers across a valley floor by a couple of squadrons of Americans. The entire drama was played out in a full view of a group on a hill, where we sat in the doorway of an abandoned Japanese dugout—a grass mat on the floor, an empty bottle labeled "Wakamoto" in a corner—and were safe except for an occasional sniper's bullet buzzing overhead.

The chase began at the left of the valley where an American patrol scared up the two Japanese, perhaps snipers, much as rabbit hunters might scare up a cottontail-out of a brush pile. The Japanese had a nice lead, and during much of the chase were behind rises which hid them from the pursuing Americans, who had to breast each hillock with extreme caution for fear of ambush. Some Ambushes As a matter of fact, there were some ambushes. The Japanese, one carrying a pack, moved easily, almost casually across the plain, stopping now and then behind a little cover to fire two or three times at the leading pursuers. For a long time, perhaps an hour, the chase went on. To an unprejudiced observer, the Americans would have looked quite silly, so many of them chasing so few.

One American went down and did not get up. We had no way of telling whether he was wounded or dead. Then one of the pursuers came over a rise at the right moment, dropped to a knee and fired. The last of the enemy fell, arms flailing in the air. The other two did not even look around, instead kept moving at the half-running half-walking pace, diagonally across the plain toward the foot of the passes still controlled by their machine guns.

In the end, they came too close to the right side of the American line. A heavy machine gun below us and out of sight under the brow of the hill talked rapidly. Both went down, did not get up again. The chase was over.

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Second Plywood Plant Opens Near Albany

ALBANY—With the opening of the newly installed plywood plant by the Western Door and Plywood corporation, Albany now has two plywood mills. The latest one is housed in a building erected especially for it and adjoining the door plant, and is 300 feet long by 75 feet wide. The present capacity is two carloads per day, with only one shift operating. Later it is proposed to treble the output by the addition of two more shifts.

Feeler logs are being brought to the plant from the forests of eastern Linn county.

With the addition of the plywood mill, this makes the Western Door plant one of, if not the largest, industrial plants in Linn county.

Recently the woodworking plant completed making several thousand ready-built houses as a government project, and will start soon on a special job of 6500 special units for airplanes.

The plant is under the management of H. C. Morris and his son, Walter.

Scio Berry Growers Sell 80 Acres Produce to Spencer

SCIO—About 80 acres of strawberries will be marketed by the Scio Fruit and Berry Growers association this year, according to Ed Rubesh, secretary of the organization.

The yield is under contract to the Spencer Canning company of Lebanon at a price to be determined by the federal government. The berries will be delivered by growers at the Scio locker plant beginning about the first of June, from whence a cannery truck will transport them to Lebanon.

Women are employed in hoing the strawberries in this locality and the majority of pickers will be recruited from local housewives.

Commercially grown spinach is being trucked to markets from the Scio locality.

Mrs. King Better

INDEPENDENCE—Mrs. Everett King who fell and broke her leg two weeks ago is recuperating at the home of her daughter in Lebanon.

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Property Purchased

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Capt. and Mrs. Jack Horner and son have moved to the Robinson apartments. Capt. Horner is a doctor at Camp Adair.

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ON THE HOME FRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

"—and if you don't, you must go to prison!" I caught only the tail of the sentence as the boys rode past on their bicycles, and thought how serious life has become even for the very young, but the lad who was stretching to reach the pedals of the bike he should grow up to fit within the next year was not through speaking. "And then," said he, "I leave the scene, and—" here the conversation moved on toward the west faster than I could walk.

"One thing," said the boy in the barber shop to the boy beside him as they bent their heads over a book, "one thing I have always wanted to know: Just what is the difference between ground and land?"

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Japs on Attu Split in Three

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Friday but also Thursday on which yesterday's communique had not reported.

The Japanese positions were described in the communique as being in:

1. The area around Chicago harbor, which dents the north-eastern tip of the island.

2. Chicago valley, which cleaves the snow-covered mountains southwest of the harbor.

3. The barren shores of the north side of Lake Nihoa, which lies probably two or three miles southeast of Chicago area.

While the communique did not go into detail on American positions it appeared that spearheads had been driven through Japan's communication lines in order to effect the isolation of the enemy's positions. Encirclement of all three positions appeared possible.

The Japanese, however, were still holding some advantageously high ground, at least in the area around Chicago harbor, and American casualties were exacted as the mopping up continues.

Meanwhile a army liberator heavy bombers made their first attack in eight days against the big Japanese base and heavily defended installations on Kiska, 172 miles southeast of Attu. Results were not observed due to weather, the communique said.

12 Students From Salem In Graduation

Among the more than 600 candidates for degrees at the 66th annual commencement of the University of Oregon, to be held May 30, are twelve students from Salem, and one from Mill City.

Herbert F. Grant, Jr. is applying for a bachelor of science in education; Merlin Edward Nelson bachelor of science in political science; Donald Coe Roberts, bachelor of science in economics; Marjorie Gene Vandendyne, bachelor of science in business administration; Marion Everett White, bachelor of arts in journalism; George A. Arbuckle, bachelor of science in business administration; Bessie Forsythe, bachelor of science in education; Jack W. Kennedy, bachelor of science in education; Donald Coe Roberts, bachelor of science in biology; Marjorie Riches Whiteley, bachelor of science in education; Delbert Bob Hill, Jr., Mill City, bachelor of science in business administration.

Dr. Donald M. Erb, president of the university, will deliver the commencement address, speaking on "The University and the War of Survival," at the exercise Sunday evening. Baccalaureate services will be held in the morning.

Silverton Tin Drive Clears Rural Roads

SILVERTON—There will be at least 25,000 tin cans less to line rural highways in the Silverton district following the recent federal tin can drive. The above number was collected in the period set aside for that purpose and completed this week. Eugene Field grade school, under the supervision of Dr. A. L. V. Smith, salvage chairman at Silverton, collected the cans. Several rural schools brought their collections to the local school grounds.

A truck, donated by the Oregon Bottlers association, picked up the tins for shipment to the detinning plants.

Thirteen to Receive Diplomas at Pringle

PRINGLE — Thirteen eighth graders will receive their diplomas at graduation exercise Monday night at 8 p.m. at the Pringle school. Jerry Nibler, assistant county 4H leader, will be the commencement speaker.

The eighth graders were guests of Mrs. Clara Girod, principal, at a commencement banquet Friday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Curtis. In addition to the graduates, the other Pringle teachers, Mrs. Margaret Wiley and Mrs. Leona Beck, attended the banquet.

Sunnyside School Closes With Picnic

SUNNYSIDE — The annual Sunnyside school picnic was held Wednesday at the school. The picnic dinner was served at noon. School was held Thursday and Friday to complete the school year. Both the teachers, Mrs. Estelle Ferguson and Mrs. Florence Booth, have taken other schools for next year. Mrs. Ferguson will teach at Liberty and Mrs. Booth will teach at Turon.

Church Men to Meet

MILL CITY — The men of the Church of Christ of the Salem district will meet in Mill City Monday, May 24, at 7 o'clock. A banquet will be served by the ladies of the local congregation.

Too Late to Classify

WANTED: Dairy plant worker. Write Box 200, Statesman.

Pvt. R. H. Kenton Prison Sentence Hearing Opens

Hearing on a motion to revoke the suspension of Pvt. Raymond Harding Kenton's one-year prison sentence was opened in Circuit Judge E. M. Page's court Saturday, then continued until Monday when District Attorney Miller Hayden intends to produce several witnesses as to Kenton's behavior since the suspension was ordered.

Hayden read into the record an unsigned statement which he said had been prepared by Capt. Cullin of the Salem air base. The statement was heard, on the understanding that the captain would appear Monday to testify. Objection to its reading was made by Custer E. Ross on Kenton's behalf. Ross said Fred A. Williams would represent Kenton in any further proceedings. Williams was in court Saturday.

Ex-President, Chief Justice's Widow Passes

from 1921 to 1930, the year of his death.

After the death of her husband, Mrs. Taft saw another member of her family take a prominent place in national politics. Her son Robert was elected to the United States senate from Ohio in 1938. Another son, Charles F. Taft, is serving in the wartime job of assistant director of the office of defense health.

A daughter, Mrs. Helen Taft Manning, is a professor of history at Bryn Mawr college, Bryn Mawr, Pa. Others surviving are two sisters, Mrs. H. F. Lippitt of Providence, R.I. and Miss Maria Herron of Cincinnati; and a brother, John W. Herron of Cincinnati.

Mrs. Taft will be buried Tuesday at Arlington national cemetery, at the side of her husband.

New Treason Trial Denied

DETROIT, May 22—(AP)—Federal Judge Arthur J. Tuttle Saturday denied the motion by attorneys for Max Stephan for a new trial of the treason charges on which the former Detroit restaurateur was convicted and sentenced to hang.

Stephan's execution was set for November 13, then was re-set for April 27 after the supreme court denied him a review. It was stayed, however, pending disposition of the petition for reconsideration.

Congregational Self Supporting

NEW YORK, May 22—(AP)—The Congregational conference of Oregon, comprising 48 churches, will become self-supporting and self-directing on June 1, it was announced Saturday by the board of home missions of the Congregational Christian churches.

Heretofore the financial support of the conference has been underwritten by the board.

Convict Nodine, Sister's Slaying

GOLD BEACH, May 22—(AP)—After deliberating 23 hours a circuit court jury Saturday convicted John Nodine, 56, of second degree murder in the fatal shooting of his sister, Catherine Nodine, 52.

Nodine contended he shot in self-defense after his sister and a brother, Kay, attacked him in a dispute over the family ranch in northern Curry county.

Undergoes Operation

PRATUM — Mrs. W. E. Branch is at the Salem General hospital where she underwent a major operation Thursday.



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