

## Greenland Rescue Hinged on Timing; Men Lived in 'Comfort'

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29—(AP)—A precision-timed gamble against bitter Arctic cold lay behind the aerial rescue of 12 U. S. fliers marooned on an ice cap in Greenland, it was disclosed today.

Success of the daring operation, as described by air force officers, depended upon the swiftness of its execution. It was carried out in exactly 38 minutes. If it had taken longer, the jet equipment on the rescue plane might have frozen.

Tonight the 12 rescued castaways were still in Greenland, but tentative plans were in the making to bring at least some of them home for a hero's welcome.

During the day, Lt. Jack McCauley, air force headquarters representative from Washington, expressed hope the men and their two rescuers could be brought to New York for the "biggest possible reception."

### Conflicting Statements

However, there were conflicting statements regarding the air force's welcome plans, and Mayor O'Dwyer's office in New York said it had no information about a reception for the castaway and their two rescuers.

Nine of the 12 who were stranded have been flown to Blue West One, air force base in southern Greenland. The other three, and the two rescue fliers, were awaiting transportation at Blue West Eight base, 270 miles northwest of the 7,800-foot high ice field where the 12 were marooned. They were picked up and flown to safety yesterday.

### Details Revealed

New details of how the men lived and how they fared in their lonely vigil were related by an air force public relations officer at Harmon Field, Newfoundland. He said the men suffered only slight loss of weight and lived in "comparative luxury" as U. S. planes flew over the scene and dropped them food, medical supplies and other equipment by parachute.

The men built a three-room snowhouse, he said, and warmed themselves with portable heaters. They even had electric lights, using equipment including a power generator dropped from the skies.

In addition, films were 'chuted down and the stranded men made a pictorial record of their adventure. Three nights ago, a polar bear prowled within 30 feet of the camp but did not molest the castaways.

On Christmas day, some of the men talked to their wives at a distant Greenland base over a portable radio transmitter.

legal authority to pay a former attorney \$15,000.

Wilber Henderson had sought that sum for his services during negotiations on the distilleries bought by Oregon and Washington. Commissioner Thomas L. Gatch had expressed doubt whether the commission had authority to pay Henderson.

The commission will meet here next week.

## Woman Held On Charge of Check-Passing

A middle-aged woman, identified by police as Arbella Mae Sawchuck, 570 Union st., was held in the city jail Wednesday on \$1,000 bail on a charge of attempting to pass a forged check at a Salem store Wednesday morning. She will be arraigned in district court Thursday.

Police said she admitted passing 15 checks during the past month at several business houses.

Most of the checks were written for amounts under \$20. She told police she could not remember the names signed or amounts on seven checks passed here recently. Eight others ranged in value from \$7.50 to \$18.50.

## Charge Against Men Dropped

Charges that two former convicts stole a pump and other equipment from the Oregon state penitentiary were dropped Wednesday in Marion county circuit court.

Judge George R. Duncan honored a motion by District Attorney Miller B. Hayden to dismiss the larceny indictment against Fred Fisco and Elmer Haab, both of Portland.

Hayden said there was not enough evidence against the men as a material witness could not be located, and also that Portland police officers had promised Haab and Fisco immunity for their assistance in a Portland investigation.

## Steelhammer Prepares Bills

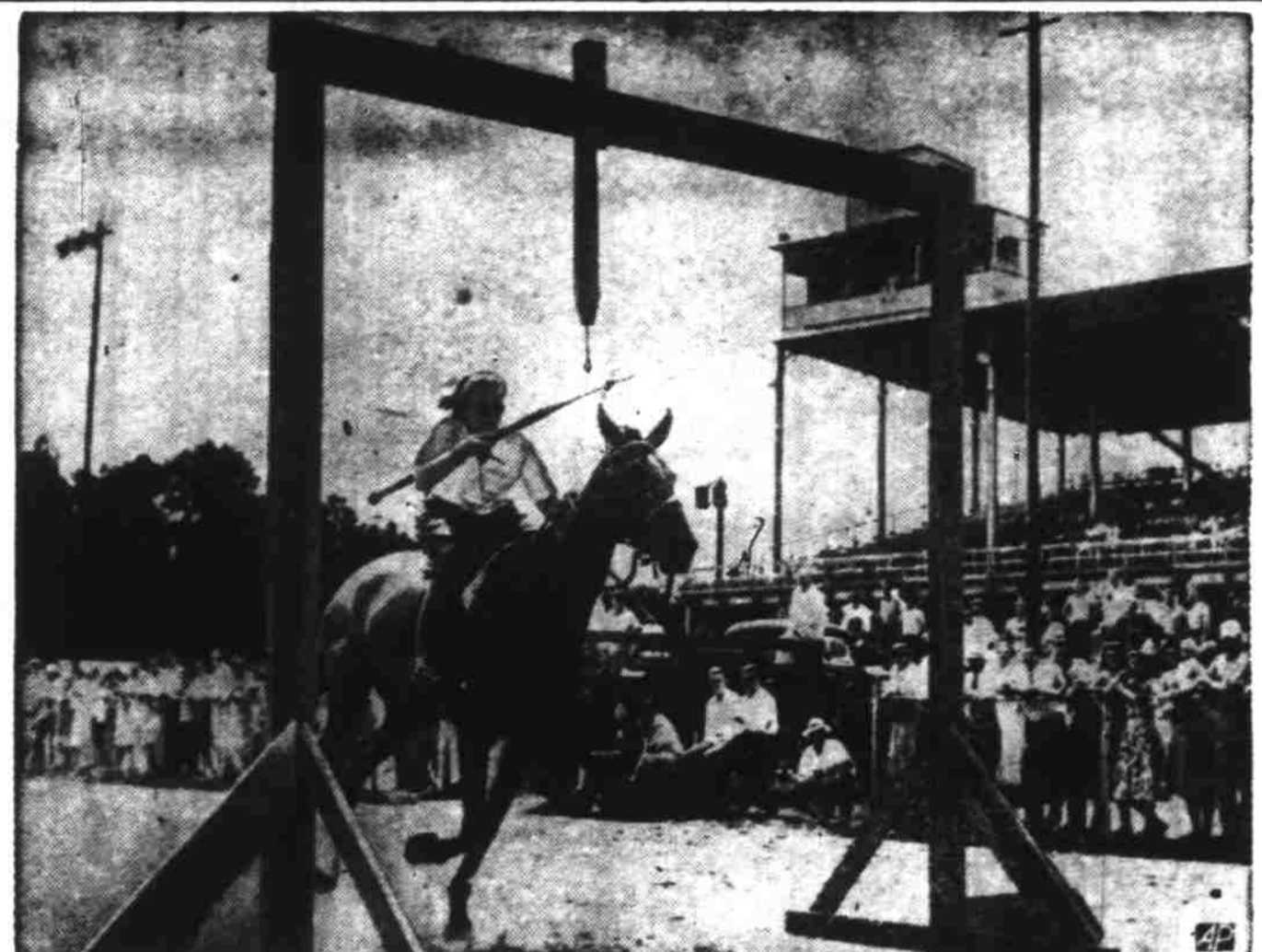
Representative John Steelhammer, Marion county, announced Wednesday he has prepared two bills for the 1949 legislature repealing laws of previous legislative sessions.

One bill would repeal the state withholding tax and the other the birth certificate law. A new bill would be substituted for the latter act.

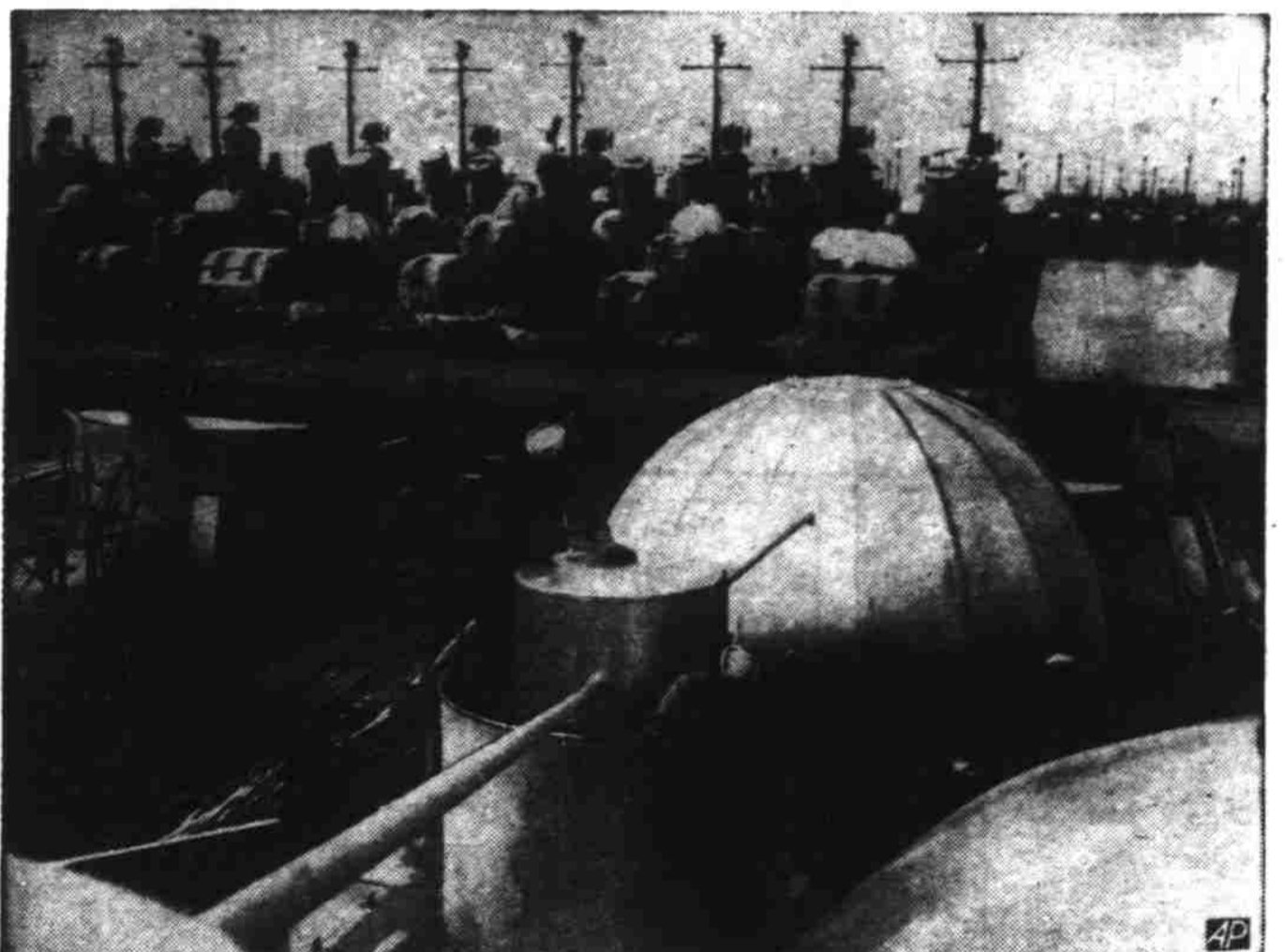
Attorney General George Neuner reported Wednesday his office is flooded with requests to prepare bills for the 1949 legislative session mostly from state departments and legislators.



LAKE MICHIGAN FISHERMAN — Edward J. Nowicki, bundled up in parka, tends his fishing pole as high winds dash spray against shore of Lake Michigan at Chicago.



LIKE MEDIEVAL TIMES — Miss Mary Lou Bartram of Sparrows Point, Md., aims for ring with lance during jousting match at Laurel, Md. In match—famous sport of kings of old—rider tries to spear three rings which slip off holders when pierced correctly.



TO RE-ACTIVATE WARSHIPS — Sailors work on destroyer escorts at San Diego, Calif., as Navy prepares to re-activate some vessels of the Pacific Reserve Fleet. Metal domes are de-humidifiers mounted as protective "cocoon" over anti-aircraft guns.

## Christmas Seal Collections Total \$13,566

Approximately \$13,566 has been collected to date in the Marion county tuberculosis Christmas seal sale although only about one-half the seals sent out have been accounted for, it was reported Wednesday.

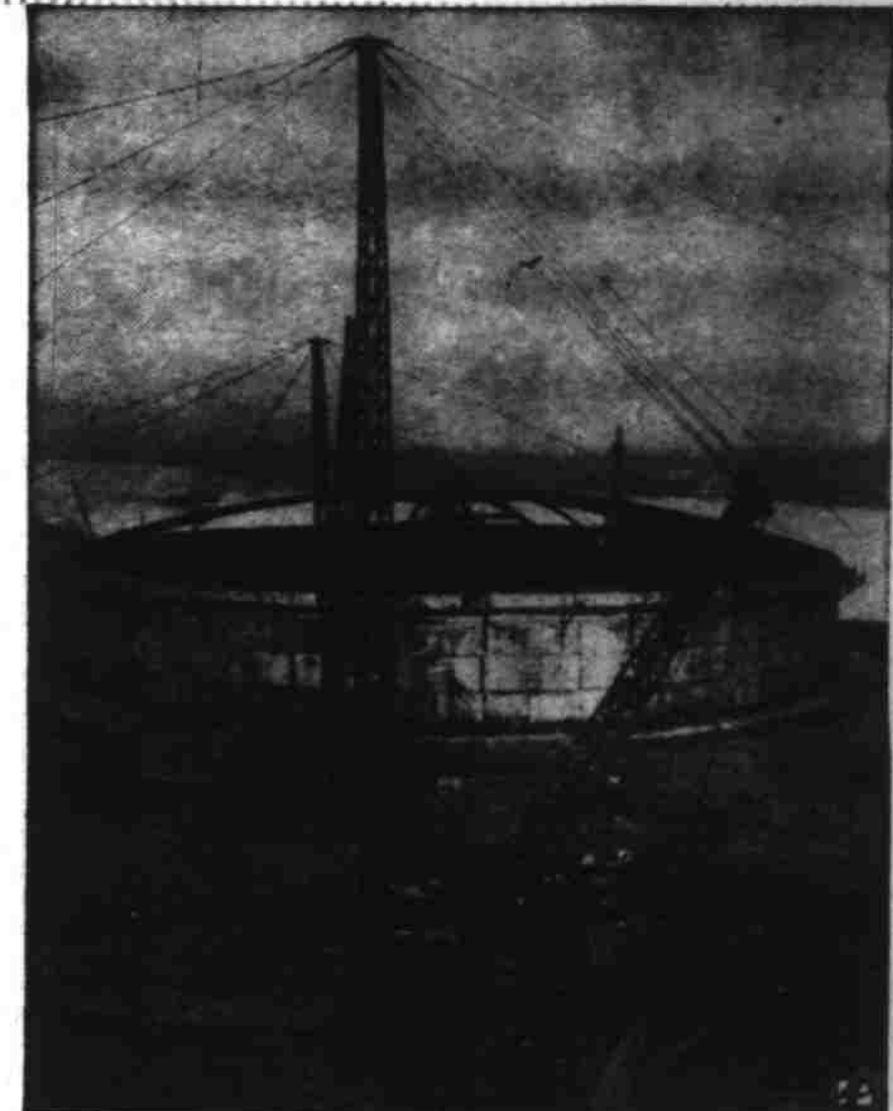
Although the sale is officially over, contributions are still accepted, according to Mrs. Ruby Bunnell, executive secretary of the Marion County Tuberculosis and Health association, agency sponsoring the sale. Seals not purchased should be returned to the office, she said.

The contribution total is that raised through sale of seals by mail and in three booths in downtown Salem, and the sale of bangle pins in the schools.

Mrs. Bunnell also reported the mobile health X-ray unit will be in Marion county for a three-week stay in mid-March. Through it free X-rays will be taken for members of local industries and state institutions, high school students and the general public.

### BID ON DAMSITE BUILDING

WALLA WALLA, Dec. 29—(AP)—Miller-Pierce, Inc., of Pasco submitted the low bid of \$184,990 for construction of a maintenance building at the townsite of the McNary dam project, the army engineers reported today. There were nine bidders.



REBUILDING REFINERY — This is one of three giant new oil storage tanks being built at war-damaged refinery in Hamburg, Germany. This tank and other two under construction will have capacity of around 2,500,000 gallons.

## State Liquor Board Has Authority to Pay Lawyer Fee

PORTLAND, Dec. 29—(AP)—The state liquor control commission was advised by Attorney-General George Neuner today that it has

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Salad & Cooking Oil	Quart	85c
BETTY CROCKER		
Vegetable Soup Mix	3 for	29c
KELLOGG'S		
Rice Krispies	2 pkg.	25c
Chicken Gravy Lynden's	1-oz. can	9c
FRESH FROZEN		
Grapefruit Sections Old South, 18c	2 for	35c
DENNISON		
Chili Con Carne with beans		29c
MT. WHITNEY		
Giant Pitted Olives	Jar	29c
HEINZ PRESERVED		
Sweet Pickles	11-oz. jar	57c
SWIFT'S		
Allsweet Margarine	2 lb.	73c

## Meats

### LUNCH MEATS

Asst. Pound 49c

### HAM LOAF

Pound 59c

### CORN BEEF

Boneless Pound 59c

## Bakery

ROLLS Parker House Doz. 30c

Butter ROLLS Doz. 30c

Butter Horns And Bear Claws Doz. 60c

ASSORTED FRESH

Baked Cakes 49c .85c

## Beverages

Tom & Jerry Batter Qt. jar 69c

7-Up Mixer Plus bottles 6 for 25c

Sparkling Water White Rock Plus bottle 20c

## Cheese

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