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ASSETS DOUBLED BY FIRST FEDERAL

In announcing action of the board of directors of the First Federal Savings and Loan association of Eugene in voting the institution's dividend at the rate of 3 1/2% per annum, David Auld, secretary, also made public the fact that the home-financing unit has practically doubled its total assets during the past six months and has helped to finance the purchase, construction or modernization of 38 homes in Eugene or its suburbs.

Simultaneously with the voting of the 3 1/2% dividend, the directors ordered the customary addition to reserves set up in the amount of 5% of total net earnings for the period and estimated that upon the closing of its books for the year, an additional sum will be available to be carried over to undistributed net income after provision for dividends and current accretions to reserves.

The secretary added that earnings for the period are computed after making provision for the current premium for insurance of the safety of the principal of each investor account up to \$5,000—each, with the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation of Washington, D. C.

Persian Poet Gives Prize Float Theme

PASADENA, Calif., Jan. 1.—(AP)—Santa Barbara won the grand prize in the Tournament of Roses parade today.

A bright sun brought out a crowd unofficially estimated at 1,000,000 to see the 54 floats bedecked with 3,000,000 blossoms.

Santa Barbara's lavish entry depicted Omar Khayyam and "thou" in the style of the famous Persian poem. In the business class, the Standard Oil company won the grand prize with a "Standard symphony" float showing a Louis XIV garden in sweet peas, orchids and lilies of the valley.

Long Beach won the theme prize of the tournament with a float showing "the June bride" in white robe and veil surrounded by Talisman roses. Portland, Ore., won a special prize.

Loyalists Munch Grapes Amid Fire

MADRID, Jan. 1.—(AP)—Twelve fascist shells exploded in Madrid on the twelve strokes of last midnight, a greeting from insurgent artillery to the new year.

The symbolic gesture was not lost on Madrid's inhabitants whose custom dictates they eat twelve lucky grapes as the ebbing year is tolled out and the new year in.

Militiamen ate their grapes disdainfully as the shells burst in the center of the city. With each explosion they shouted: "Long live the republic."

Peoria News Notes

PEORIA, Jan. 1.—(Special)—Mr. and Mrs. George Schmidt and family drove to Eugene Christmas day to spend the day with the former's sister Miss Minnie Schmidt.

Jack Curtis was an invited guest at the home of his nephew Henry Stock and family who were having a Christmas gathering of relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Chandler of Halsey visited their son George Chandler and family in the Pine Grove section Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Mason Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mason Ed Mason of Peoria and Mr. and Mrs. A. Oatman of Gold Beach drove to Philomath on Christmas day and were guests of Mrs. Belle Mason and son Floyd.

John Patapoff and daughter Dorothy and son Abbie drove to Silverton last Saturday to spend the week-end with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Carl Nichols and daughter Virginia Alice have left for California to be with relatives during the holiday season and will remain for a time before returning.

Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moody were Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McLaren, Wilbur Shaw, Mildred Moody of Halsey, Mr. and Mrs. Moody and Jerry Moody.

Christmas guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Paine were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Heinrich, Margaret and Al Heinrich, and Mr. and Mrs. John Wagner all of Corvallis.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Moody and friends of Portland, drove up last Sunday to spend the day with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moody and family in the Pine Grove section.

The human eye, at a height of five feet from the ground, can see an object 2 1/2 miles away at sea or over a level plain.

Color of automobile license plates is determined by the motor vehicle commissioners of the individual states.

The United States has engaged in 27 wars, beginning with the Revolution and ending with the World War.



IT WAS JUST LIKE Dizzy Dean to drum up a little noise during the intersectional high school football game between Turtle Creek, Pa., High and Florida Military Academy in St. Petersburg. Dean, given the job as honorary referee, cut in on the drum major, and is shown here strutting his stuff along with two sponsors of the game, Jane Piper, left, of Tyrone, Pa., and Virginia Loughnot, of Detroit.

ANTI-LABOR GROUP ASSAILED BY LEWIS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—(AP)—John L. Lewis' warning to "rapacious moguls of industry" today spurred his Committee for Industrial Organization on its 1937 unionization drive.

Lewis, in a nationwide broadcast last night, cautioned industrial leaders in plain terms that labor would not tolerate existing employe policies and that their continuance would destroy gully manufacturers.

Lewis singled out General Motors Corp., nine of whose plants are closed by strikes called by the United Automobile Workers, a C. I. O. union.

He condemned the corporation for "pursuing the dangerous course of refusing to answer the request of the U. A. W. for a national conference for collective bargaining purposes."

"It is absurd," he declared, "for such a corporation to pretend that its policies are settled locally."

U. S. Steel Corp. and General Motors he accused of deliberately violating the national labor relations act by interfering with the organization of



BEING 3000 miles away from the object of his affections couldn't stop George Kamen, in London, from wooing Lenore Prince (above) New York department store buyer whom he met when she was abroad. He devised the cable address "Lenoreadore" dispatched a proposal daily and was accepted in a trans-Atlantic phone finale. Courtship cost \$650.

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FACTIONS BICKER IN COAST STRIKE

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 1.—(AP)—Bitter bickering replaced settlement negotiations as the Pacific coast maritime strike went into the new year with loss from the 64-day blockade of ports estimated by shipping merchants at \$457,000,000.

Union spokesmen denied a statement by T. G. Plant, chairman of the offshore shipowners' committee, that striking deck and engine room officers had been offered concessions.

Randolph Marlowe of the Marine Engineer's Beneficial association said the first union conference heard of the concessions was after the last of a long series of futile conferences yesterday.

He quoted Plant as declaring, one coming from the meeting: "We'll give you everything—a pay increase, cash for overtime and union recognition, but we won't give you preference." Marlowe said only the unions had offered concessions at the meeting.

The employers' official statement said, regarding the demand of the engineers' and deck officers' demand for hiring preference to union members: "We cannot permit interference with the selection of our licensed personnel."

Assistant Secretary of Labor Edward F. McGrady, who has termed the officers' preference demand "the toughest nut to crack," planned to leave for Washington today.

McGrady, known as the labor department's "trouble shooter," indicated he will confer with President Roosevelt and Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins on the situation.

HOLLYWOOD HAS HECTIC HOLIDAY

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 1.—(AP)—Businessmen of Hollywood took satisfaction today in recalling the lavish outpouring of money New Year's Eve as film folk, great and small, participated in the most extravagant celebration since the lush days of 1930.

The S. R. O. sign was hung out early in favorite night spots and hotels as the crowds gathered to welcome the new year. Prices of dinner in the more swanky dining rooms and clubs ranged as high as \$25 per plate.

Cover charges were upped from \$3 to \$15 in such places as the Wildfire Bowl, Cotton Club, Cinnabar, Famous Door and other clubs.

While champagne and entertainment reigned indoors, Hollywood boulevard and the business district was jammed so tight with cars that traffic was blocked for miles. Little damage was reported. Fewer-merchants boarded up store fronts.

The film capital was deserted today as Santa Anita and the Rose Bowl were thronged with sports lovers.

BREVITIES

PORTLAND, Jan. 1.—(AP)—Death from auto accident injuries came to two Portlanders on the last day of the year. They were George Gehry, 65, and Emil Fors, 63. Cars struck and fatally injured them last week. The deaths boosted the fiscal year total to 12.

PORTLAND, Jan. 1.—(AP)—The new year found Portland with a cash surplus for the first time in ten years. E. C. Bredemeier, deputy auditor, reported \$117,052 on hand. Last year the city treasury had \$272,354.

PORTLAND, Jan. 1.—(AP)—Paul S. Dick, president of the United States National bank, received an appointment as member of the federal advisory council representing the 12th district.

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HERE is a full face view of little 10-year Charles Mattson, Tacoma lad, who was kidnapped last Sunday. Many observers note a remarkable similarity between his countenance and that of George Weyerhaeuser, of the same city, who was safely returned last year after being abducted.

trict of the federal reserve system. He succeeds M. A. Arnold, president of the Seattle First National bank.

PORTLAND, Jan. 1.—(AP)—The rank and file of the longshore union look to Harry Bridges as its national leader, said Peter J. Innes of New York, Pacific coast representative of the Atlantic and Gulf coast maritime unions. Bridges is president of the coast division and Joseph P. Ryan of New York, national president of the I. L. A.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 1.—(AP)—Tests conducted by the Empire Food and Oil Co. over a six year period indicate several eastern Oregon counties ideally fitted to raise soybeans. George Meewin, manager of the company, told the chamber of commerce.

On Dec. 22 the South Pole is nearer the sun than any other point on earth is at any time.

COAST PRODUCTION HIGH DURING YEAR

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 1.—(AP)—The Far West's rise in 1936 incomes from farms and ranches had had a powerful influence in lifting general business far out of the depression rut—possibly the greatest factor in lifting the general buying power of the Pacific slope area.

Late indications are the region from the Rocky mountains to the coast marketed products worth about \$1,200,000,000 to producers. The advance of total income was around 12 to 14 per cent, federal department of agriculture data indicated.

While parts of the western slope suffered from drought, the region's aggregate income was raised by it. Prices of all grains rose sharply and a number of western states had heavier output to boost returns.

Livestock and livestock products brought better prices on the whole, and were marketed in greater quantities.

ties. Poultrymen faced more perplexing problems, with feed costs rising faster than eggs, while poultry brought lower prices.

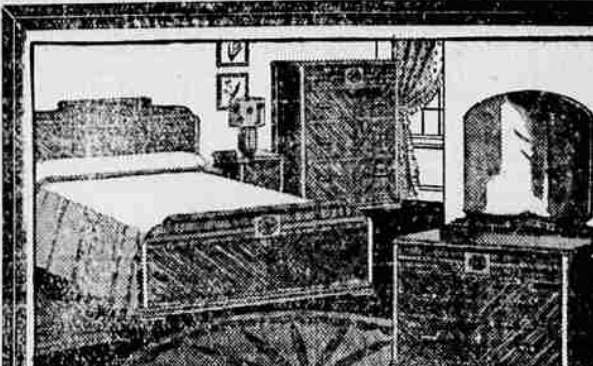
Fruits, on the whole, brought better prices and better returns, though some lines showed marked declines volume marketed—such as California grapes.

Regulations entered into voluntarily by producing groups to adjust flow of fruits into markets to demand brought much better prices than otherwise could have been obtained, notably in citrus fruits and pears.

COMING AND GOING

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Jan. 1.—Mrs. Natalie Flodquist won double honor of being the mother of the last 1936 baby and the first 1937 baby born in New Haven. At midnight she gave birth to a daughter. The baby was preceded by twin brother an hour earlier.

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