

Grable's Figure Tops Among Nation's Salary Reports—Too

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Betty Grable, movieland's best known "figure," Monday was listed as the highest paid woman in the country for the second successive year.

The treasury's annual salary listing showed that the shapely screen star was paid \$299,333 by Twentieth Century-Fox Film Corp. in 1946. She got \$208,000 the previous year.

Highest paid of all was Charles P. Skouras who got a total of \$985,300 in 1946 as president of National Theatre Amusement Co. and president of Fox West Coast Agency Corp. Skouras also was tops the previous year with \$568,143.

Crosby and Hope
Best paid film actor was Crooner Bing Crosby who received \$325,000 from Paramount Pictures, Inc. His friendly rival, Bob Hope, collected \$275,000 from the same company. The figures do not include income from other sources, such as radio and stage appearances.

Miss Grable was ninth on the list of the first 10 high earners and the only woman among the top 10. Her husband, Harry James, swelled the earnings of the pair by another \$100,036.

Here is the list of the top 10:
Skouras—\$985,300.
William Wyler, producer, Samuel Goldwyn Productions, Inc.—\$432,000.
Charles H. Strub, executive vice president, Los Angeles Turf Club, Inc.—\$396,901.

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Idaho Woman's Body Found in Willamette

PORTLAND—(AP)—A woman's body taken from the Willamette River here has been identified as that of Mrs. Jane Douglas, 41, wife of an Idaho surgeon. She had been missing since March 13.

Police said her husband, Dr. W. S. Douglas, Lewiston, Idaho, is en route here for the body.

She was last reported alive the morning of March 13 when she rode from a hotel here to the Union bus depot. She had the taxi driver check her baggage to her home, then disappeared. The search was started after her baggage arrived in Lewiston.

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Britain's Worst Air Disaster Kills 2 Americans, 37 Others

LONDON—(AP)—Thirty-nine persons, two of them Americans, were killed Sunday in a plane collision over suburban London. It was Britain's worst civic air disaster. The government started an inquiry Monday.

Sir Edward Gent, British high commissioner for the Federation of Malaya, died in the crash. He was returning to report on spreading violence in Malaya.

The four-engine aircraft collided in a raincloud, crashed a mile and one-half apart and burned with all aboard.

One was a Swedish Douglas DC-6 of the Scandinavian airlines system on a regular Sunday flight from Stockholm and Copenhagen. It carried 25 passengers and seven crewmen. Stockholm and Copenhagen reports said the passenger

list included two Americans—Frank Wederholt and Gustav Richard Boerger, addresses not available.

The other plane was a Royal Air Force York en route from Malta on the last leg of a flight from Malaya. Aboard were six RAF men and only one passenger—Gent.

Shortly before the collision, the pilot of the Swedish plane radioed that because of heavy rain and low clouds he intended to go back to Amsterdam.

Gent, 53, had been in the British colonial service more than 20 years. He became governor of the Malayan Union in 1946 and his title was changed when more home rule was granted the Asiatic colony early this year.

Finland Turns From Red Grip

HELSINKI—(AP)—Urho Kekkonen, deputy speaker of Parliament and member of the board of the Bank of Finland, was expected Monday to become premier as a result of the parliamentary election last week in which the Communists suffered a stiff setback.

Kekkonen, a close friend of President Juho K. Paasikivi, was expected to have the support of the Communist Party, and to form a coalition cabinet. He is a member of the Agrarian Party.

The Communists lost 13 of their 51 seats in Parliament, while the Agrarians and Social Democrats picked up those dropped by the Communists and others besides. Each jumped from 48 to 56. Thus the Communists fell from first to third place in the party ranking.

The new Parliament will meet July 21 to form a new government.

JOURNAL IN NEW HOME
PORTLAND—(AP)—Publication of the Portland Oregon Journal began Sunday in a remodeled multi-million dollar plant along the Willamette waterfront. Mrs. C. S. Jackson, widow of the newspaper's founder, pressed the electric switch which started the Journal's new and largest press in the Pacific Northwest. It can roll out 135,000 copies hourly.

Springfield Logger Wins Two World Championships

WAVERLY LAKE, Ore.—(AP)—Loggers from Oregon and Washington collected world timber skill crowns at Waverly Lake, Oregon, Monday, along with trophies, wool jackets, coats, axes, saws and leather boots, as a crowd of 20,000 cheered.

M. J. Harper from the mill town of Springfield, Ore., scaled and axed his way to two world titles in high climbing and timber topping.

Harper set a new record of 43.5 seconds climbing from the ground to the top of a 110-foot tree to best by one second defending tiler Al Firschau of Lebanon, Ore.

Harper went up the tree again in the timber topping contest to saw through 18 inches of the upper trunk in a time of 4:18. Clocking began at the start of a 110-foot climb and stopped when the cut top hit the ground.

R. W. Dimick of Jefferson, Ore., retained his world log-chopping laurels by axing through a 14-inch fir peeler core in one minute and 30 seconds. Pete Harlin of Albany, Ore., notched second place with 2:25.5.

The Northwest log-rolling champion, Ralph Ellison of Aberdeen, Wash., put up a corking defense, defeating a field of seven opponents while treadmilling a floating log.

One-Armed Man Robbed and Beaten

OREGON CITY—(AP)—A Portlander was held in jail here Monday in connection with robbery of a one-armed victim who was beaten Sunday.

Deputy Sheriff Joseph Strobe reported Willie A. Allred, 50, Vancouver, Wash., was the victim. Marvin Roy Lawson, 23, Portland, is charged with being one of three men who robbed him. Two others are sought.

Allred said the trio gave him an automobile ride from Molalla and robbed him of \$90 at gunpoint. On returning to Molalla, Allred said, one of the men struck him repeatedly with his fists.

Mrs. Jessie Honeyman, Women's Leader, Dies

PORTLAND—(AP)—Mrs. Jessie M. Honeyman, 96, prominent in working for beautification of Oregon highways and one of the state's most active women's group leaders, died at her home Saturday.

She had helped found the Oregon Roadside Council, was the first president of the Portland Y.W.C.A. and president of the Travelers' Aid Society organized to help visitors here during the Lewis and Clark Exposition in 1905.

Honeyman State Park south of Florence on the Coast Highway was dedicated in her honor. A son and daughter survive.

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Salem Daily Reports New Plant Slated

SALEM—(AP)—The Oregon Statesman plans a new newspaper building on a N. Church and Chemeketa Sts. property.

Charles A. Sprague, editor and publisher, announced purchase of additional property for the Sunday. He reported the Statesman has acquired presses formerly used by The Oregonian for use in new building.

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