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Alcoholics Anonymous Anniversary Meeting Sunday

Alcoholics Anonymous, one year old in Eugene, celebrated its first anniversary with a meeting Sunday at 2 p.m. in Friendly House, Eleventh Ave. and Ferry St.

The Eugene group, which meets regularly at Friendly House on Thursday evenings, started when five persons interested in reaching and maintaining sobriety met with an AA member from Portland last September.

The group has enlarged until it has an average weekly attendance of from 20 to 25 persons, and more than a hundred persons have attended meetings during the year. Members of other groups, passing through the city, frequently drop in.

Phone, Mail
The group maintains 24-hour service on a telephone, 4762; it also has a postoffice address, Box 895, for written word. Each day brings both phone calls and written requests for help, and each call is given personal attention. Many who have found other cures unavailing state that they have been able to rehabilitate themselves through AA.

Rules are few in AA. Members admit first that they are powerless to help themselves; they accept the fact that there is a higher power which can help them.

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In this sense only is it a "reli-

Two Drowned In Oregon Lake

LAKE OF THE WOODS, Ore.—(P)—Two men drowned in the lake here Saturday.

The coroner's office identified the victims as Francis M. McCleod, Grants Pass and Richard K. Talbot, Medford city employee.

Witnesses said the two men had rammed their boats in horseplay. McCleod's bigger boat rode up onto the craft in which Talbot was seated and the latter fell into the water, the coroner's office reported. McCleod jumped to the rescue, but the two men disappeared under the water after a struggle before men on shore could reach the spot.

The Medford city worker was one of a group of men at the lake to close the Boy Scout camp on the north edge of the lake after the summer camping season.

TOO MANY MOVIES
CHICAGO—(U)—A man who hasn't been inside a movie theater in 10 years said he was sick of the movies and retired from work. Roy G. Harris, Chicago censorship clerk, said he spent more than 20 years answering complaints from honest critics and cranks about the movies shown in Chicago and now he's "just plain sick of 'em."

Flood Control Meeting Topic

SPRINGFIELD — A second meeting of McKenzie Valley residents considering formation of a flood control sub-district east of here is scheduled for Wednesday at 8 p.m. at Thurston Grange.

A preliminary meeting was held last Wednesday. The group is considering setting up a flood control system under the McKenzie Valley Flood Control District, an organi-

zation covering the entire valley.

The sub-district would provide drainage for the surface water that floods the residential-small farm area east of the state scales on the McKenzie Highway during heavy rains.

A similar district has been formed in the lower valley and work is being planned in Springfield in conjunction with the other projects.

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General Fund Gets \$2628 During August

SPRINGFIELD — Receipts to the general fund here totaled \$2628 in August, City Recorder K. R. Gile reported Monday.

The major items were \$1550 from fines and \$827 from licenses and fees. Dump ground fees totaled \$133, the gasoline tax refund \$69, and miscellaneous \$48.

The August collections brought the total receipts to the general fund to \$6424. The city budget estimate for the year is \$37,550.

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THAT'S FISHERMEN'S LUCK
RHINELANDER, Wis. —(U)—Lester Churney and his son, Frank, were disgusted when

hours of angling produced nothing but a sunburn. They decided to quit. They pulled up their anchor and with it came a 10-inch walleyed pike, caught in the anchor rope.

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HOW THE OIL COMPANIES ARRIVE AT A 12½ CENT AN HOUR OFFER

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LATEST WAGE OFFER CAREFULLY CONSIDERED

When we offered 12½ cents an hour wage increase to the oil workers, we didn't just pull that figure out of the air. We studied these items carefully:

1. The increase in today's cost of living.
2. Oil industry wages compared with other industry.
3. Latest oil industry wage increases in other sections of the country.
4. The effect of inflationary wage increases on the public.

Let's look at each one of these items:

WAGE SCHEDULE OFFERED IS AHEAD OF INCREASE IN LIVING COSTS

Latest government figures show that the cost of living has gone up 72% since 1941. Oil workers pay increases, including the latest schedule offered, would amount to an 83% increase — eleven percentage points ahead of the cost of living increase.

Since the end of the war, oil workers wage increases — including our latest offer — add up to an increase of \$5.22 a day. Our latest offer of 12½ cents an hour actually amounted to a full \$1.00 a day raise.

OIL WORKERS GET MORE PAY THAN MOST

Including the latest increase offered, the average oil worker's pay per day — for those affected by the present negotiations — would amount to \$14.39. This in-

cludes casual labor and skilled labor. It does not include overtime pay or the wages of supervisory employees.

Average daily wages in other representative industries—including overtime:

Food processing	\$11.52
Industrial chemicals	\$12.64
Iron and steel products	\$12.48
Automobiles	\$12.56

(Figures are from the state of California department of labor statistics bulletin — number 288 — July 1948.)

WAGE INCREASE OFFERED MEETS THAT ACCEPTED BY OIL INDUSTRY ELSEWHERE

The wage increase offered brings the total increase per hour to 65.4 cents since the end of the war. This equals the increase accepted by the oil workers union in other parts of the country.

WAGE INCREASES BOOST INFLATIONARY SPIRAL

To agree to an excessive and inflationary wage increase in one industry exerts pressure on all other industries. Everyone is painfully aware that increases in wages are followed by further increases in the prices of all the things we buy. It would be a disservice to the public — and to our employees who are part of the public — to contribute unnecessarily to the inflationary spiral.

THE OIL STRIKE CAN BE SETTLED QUICKLY AND FAIRLY

The individual companies are continuing negotiations with the OWIU-CIO in good faith—as always. We sincerely believe the offer we made to be fair on the basis of the documented facts outlined above. We believe it is in the best interests of the public and our employees themselves to get this strike settled quickly and fairly to everyone concerned.

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