

Rebekahs Elect

SPRINGFIELD — New officers for the coming term were elected at a recent meeting of the Juanita Rebekah lodge No. 85. Chosen to serve for the next six months were: Mrs. Helen Ashbridge, noble grand; Mrs. Virginia Smith, vice grand; Mrs. Virginia Gile, recording secretary; Mrs. Isabel McCracken, financial secretary; Mrs. Lavelle Gillespie, treasurer.

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Tarawa Battle Scars Fading

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board now warping and the letters are faded by the salt-loaded trade wind. The sign reads: "Red Beach Two." "Here the first landing was made and the first beachhead established. At the end of 'D' Day, the latter extended only 200 yards along the lagoon and but 70 yards inland but it was never relinquished... the first wave of Marines arrived in amphibious tractors, the second came part way along the western side of the pier, then crossed the reef. Our losses were heavy."

Another marker near a shell-scattered blockhouse says: "The most bitter fighting on the island occurred here." One hundred and thirty-seven Japanese bodies were taken from the blockhouse after the battle.

Heroin Sold
Lt. William Deane Hawkins of El Paso, Texas, who led a scout-sniper platoon down the pier to the beach and earned the Congressional Medal of Honor, participated in the flamethrower and grenade attacks against the blockhouse. He was wounded, but carried on in a drive across the airfield until mortally wounded by a Japanese shell.

Harry E. Maude, British resident commissioner, said all American bodies were taken home by last Dec. 21, 1946. The Army Graves Registration Service unit at that time cleared the cemetery site of all crosses and markers. The plot reverted to a native owner who has replanted it in coconut.

Tarawa now has settled back abruptly to the pace of South Seas life. A copra ship from Suva calls once in six weeks or two months. A Catalina seaplane may fly in once in a month.

Rep. Norblad's Majority High

SALEM, Ore. — (AP) — U. S. Rep. Walter Norblad (R-Ore.) received the second highest majority of all Republican congressional candidates in the nation, complete but unofficial general election figures compiled in Washington, D. C., this week revealed.

His majority was exceeded only by a candidate in New York whose district casts approximately twice the vote of the First Oregon District, which Norblad represents.

Final compilation also showed that Norblad was one of the three Republicans in the country who increased his lead over that of the 1946 GOP landslide election.

Greek Premier's Condition Critical

ATHENS — (AP) — Premier Themistocles Sofoulis was stricken with a heart attack in his office late Wednesday, and his condition was reported critical.

Sofoulis collapsed only six days after the reshuffled cabinet he heads was sworn in. The cabinet is made up of Liberals and Populists. Sofoulis is the leader of the Liberals.

Rain, Snow Seen Thanksgiving

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Rain and snow were predicted Wednesday for many sections of the country on Thanksgiving Day.

The weather bureau, in a special holiday forecast, said occasional rain is expected Thursday in New England, the middle and south Atlantic states, and from lower Michigan into Indiana and Illinois.

Snow flurries will occur through the northern Great Lakes region, the eastern Dakotas, Nebraska and the northern Rockies.

Rain is predicted in western Washington and northwest Oregon by Thursday night.

Fair weather with mostly sunny skies and mild temperatures will prevail in Florida and the Gulf states westward through the southern Rockies and California.

Seasonal temperatures are expected throughout the country.

King Cautioned About Exertion

LONDON — (AP) — The ailment which has impeded circulation in King George VI's legs will force him to take great care not to over-exert himself for the rest of his life, Buckingham Palace sources said Wednesday.

These sources said that the king might be able to make a short visit to Australia after a year's time.

The king received Prime Minister Clement Attlee in his private apartment for an hour's audience last night.

Lots of Yule Trees

SALEM — (AP) — State forester Neil Rogers reported Wednesday the 1948 Christmas tree harvest will be the largest in Oregon history.

Most of the trees cut in the state will fill local markets, but the out of state shipments to California, Kansas and the Hawaiian Islands will exceed the 200,000 reported last year.

Christmas Seals Mailed in County

Twenty-eight thousand letters containing Christmas Seals have been mailed to Lane County residents, with volunteer workers helping the Lane County Tuberculosis and Health office to get seals to the postoffice by the Nov. 22 deadline.

Aiding were the Girl Scouts, Girls League of Woodrow Wilson Junior High School, mothers and volunteer workers from the Children's Hospital School, Women of the Moose, Navy League, Women of the Forty and Eight, and many others.

Loy W. Rowling, county seal sale chairman, urged residents of the county to use the seals on letters and packages. Of the money raised in the county, 75 per cent remains, 20 per cent goes to the Oregon Tuberculosis Assn., and five per cent to the National Tuberculosis Assn.

Funds are used to help provide free chest X-rays for all adults, health education through schools, clubs, churches and industries, and cooperation with other agencies in the rehabilitation of tuberculosis patients who must be trained for new occupations.

Seals have been sold in the United States for 41 years to fight the disease which kills 50,000 persons annually and which last year killed 316 Oregonians.

Bobby Breen Says He's Sorry

HAYWARD, Wis. — (AP) — A public apology and about \$300 is the price singer Bobby Breen will pay for the 36 hours a posse spent, slogging through snow-choked forests looking for him while he relaxed at a hotel under an assumed name.

The apology—Breen's idea—was issued early Wednesday. The money—Sawyer County Dist. Atty. Winslow Davis' bill—is payable at once.

Breen spent most of Tuesday explaining to Ashland and Sawyer County authorities why he didn't try a little harder to report his whereabouts after his chartered plane was forced down Sunday. The plane was piloted by Kenneth Thompson of Waukesha, who remained with Breen at a Glidden Hotel while searching parties combed the wilderness on the ground and a flyer dared hazardous weather conditions to hunt by air.

BLAST KILLS 23

LISBON, Portugal — (AP) — Twenty-three persons were reported killed and scores injured Wednesday in a blast which wrecked an explosives factory at the village of Amora.

Army Just Keeping Tab

PORTLAND, Ore. — (AP) — Lt. Col. George Creel was kept busy Wednesday explaining what a man in uniform was doing seated at the delegates' table of the national CIO convention.

It's General Bradley's idea, Creel said.

He said Gen. Omar Bradley, Army chief of staff, had decided to keep in touch with labor organizations, management groups, religious bodies and other segments of the U. S. populace.

"We want to find out why they criticize the Army, if they do," Creel said.

Jones Declared Able to Testify

NEW YORK — (AP) — A Federal judge has ruled that Jesse Jones is well enough to be questioned as a witness, after being told that the Texas banker recently stayed up until 2 a.m. playing poker and drinking whisky.

In the ruling Tuesday, Judge Samuel H. Kaufman turned down a plea that it would endanger the health of the 74-year-old former head of the Reconstruction Finance Corp. for him to appear as a witness in a suit.

Attorneys seeking Jones' appearance claimed that if a man's heart can stand the strain of backing a straight in a poker game with a \$4,000 pot, and losing to an opponent's four fours, he can stand the strain of testifying.

Questioning of Jones was sought by attorneys for James A. Moffett, onetime federal housing administrator, in a \$6,000,000 suit against the Arabian American Oil Co., Inc.

Boeing Appeals NLRB Ruling

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Boeing Airplane Company had a quick appeal to the federal court on file Wednesday as a rejoinder to a National Labor Relations Board order to bargain out a new contract with the machinists union.

Only a few hours after the board's edict Tuesday Boeing appealed the case to the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. The company said this move suspends the board order until a final decision.

The NLRB ruled that Boeing failed to bargain with the International Association of Machinists. It said the union's five-month strike of 14,000 workers which ended in September was legal.

Boeing had contended it had a continuing contract with the IAM barring a strike and that the union failed to furnish a 60-day contract

termination notice required by the Taft-Hartley Law.

But the NLRB said the fact that negotiations started 14 months before the strike began and before the Taft-Hartley Act went into effect made such a notice unnecessary. It ordered the company to reinstate the strikers and pay them back wages where they have been denied re-employment.

Attorneys said Boeing and the NLRB have 20 days to file briefs with the appeals court here so argument on the case is unlikely before late January or early February.

Double Disappoint

SALEM — (AP) — A local die hard, also an announcer, got a double disappointment.

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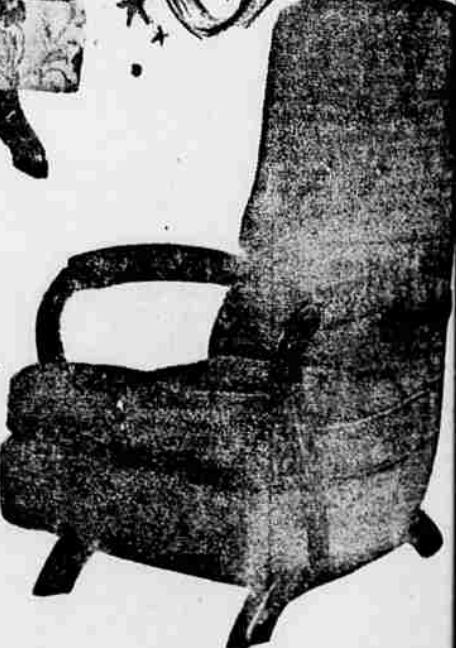
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