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Mighty River's Source Found In Venezuela

NEW YORK—(AP)—The American Geographic Society said Friday an expedition found that a spring at the base of a cliff was the true source of the mighty Orinoco River, second largest in South America.

A letter to the society from Caracas, Venezuela, gave details of the discovery of the long-sought headwaters by seven explorers and a safari of 30 native porters.

The information was radioed to Caracas by the explorers last Nov. 28, one day after the spring was discovered at the foot of a 248-foot escarpment jutting from a 2630-foot mountain.

The expedition reported it scaled the mountain and hacked a large clearing in a jungle on the broad summit. Names of the two French and five Venezuelan explorers along with those of the chief of staff of the Venezuelan army and four Venezuelan cabinet members were engraved on a cement post erected on the site.



VARNAY TO THE RESCUE — Soprano Astrid Varnay leads her charger, Grange, before making her first appearance on Metropolitan Opera House stage in New York City in Wagner's *Gottterdammerung*. She was summoned from Dallas, Tex., to take over role of Brunnhilde for the indisposed Helen Traubel. Miss Varnay arrived in New York less than three hours before curtain time, but the performance began on time.

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WILHI NEWS

Initiating Christmas vacation, junior and senior high held dances Friday afternoon. The Junior high held theirs in the cafeteria while the senior high had a sock dance in the gym. Refreshments were served.

Senior High Pep Club is selling megaphones at all games. The megaphones are maroon and white and have a picture of the Wolverine on them.

A dance will be held Dec. 29 at Willamette High after the Willamette vs. Roosevelt and Uni High vs. Washington games. Helen Johnson, Mayola Jackson, and David Mathews are in charge of arrangements.

Under the chairmanship of Mary Parrett, the following committee from the Senior Class is making arrangements for commencement:

Larry Wolfe, Elvira Jones, Joe Silliman, and Elfrida De Young, Max Ross, treasurer, and Alice Doss, assistant treasurer, sent out the order this week for Senior announcements and cards.

A Christmas party was held by the FHA in Mrs. Bernice Wilcox's room. Each girl was requested to bring a small child under four. Dean Hartung was an excellent Santa Claus. Christmas presents were passed out for the children and gifts were exchanged among the girls. Sugar cookies and ice cream were served.

Tuesday the Senior High Girls' League viewed a style show presented by the home economics department. Clothing modeled was made by the girls. Mrs. Wilcox as announcer and adviser for the affair.

The flag salute led by Allan Linley opened the afternoon assembly Friday. The entire program was given by Grade 8 for the benefit of Grades 7 and 8. Robert Hemphill directed the 8th grade choir in a selection of Christmas carols. "Grandfather's Bright Christmas Plan" was the first of two plays given. "Christmas at the Holly Farm" was the second. Lolita Watson played a violin solo, "Jerusalem." The 8th grade band directed by Donald Covey closed the program. Mrs. Amanda Christensen directed the two plays.

"Distributing points" has been the theme of the last few meetings of the Dramatics Club. Everyone wants a pin, so in order to fulfill requirements each student must earn 150 points by the end of the year. Points are awarded for such activities as:

Holding a major office; working on stage crew; attending plays outside school; and making other public appearances. The two Spanish Clubs held their annual Christmas parties Monday and Tuesday of this week. The Senior High Spanish Club had a chili dinner before the party which was held at the home of Margaret Olmstead. The Grade 9 Spanish Club had theirs in the auditorium. The pinata was featured at both parties.

FBLA members had a polluck dinner from 3 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, in the homemaking room. They enjoyed games and many other activities planned by the girls. Mrs. Inez Loveless, adviser, attended also.

Statement
Abe Bangs, owner of the Bangs Hotel, has asked this paper to state that his hotel was not implicated at all in the recent conviction of Dorothy Farrell for lewd cohabitation. Mrs. Farrell and Arnold Ellefson registered as man and wife, Bangs stated, and since they had luggage, they were given a room as is customary in all hotels in Oregon. The hotel makes every effort to guard against this sort of thing, Bangs said.

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Fire Chief Raises Objections To Recent 'Adverse Publicity'

COTTAGE GROVE—Fire Chief Ernest Shipley asserted Thursday the fire department has been receiving "adverse publicity" and that the public is getting the impression firemen are "lazy."

Shipley referred to publicity received in a recent council meeting when councilmen discussed the question, "Who is going to stoke the city hall furnace at night?" Several councilmen felt firemen should stoke the furnace during the night so regular employees came to work in the morning. Councilmen then turned the furnace heating problem over to the fire department.

Shipley said Thursday the matter has been settled for two weeks.

Irving IOOF To Give Dance

IRVING—A "Hardtimes Dance" sponsored by the local Odd Fellows and Rebekahs will be held at the Irving School Saturday evening, Dec. 22. Women are to wear prints, and men overalls. Kingsley's Serenaders will supply the music. Admission prices are: Adults 75 cents, teenagers 50 cents.

Odd Fellows in charge are Russell Johnson, chairman, Earl Woods, Lowell Graves, Harry Hatfield and Jupe Holmes. Rebekahs serving refreshments include Mrs. A. J. Miglioretto, chairman, Mrs. Arthur Lund and Jack Lee. The public is invited.

Lowell Church Plans Pageant for Christmas

The Lowell Church of Christ is preparing a Christmas program to be presented at the Grange Hall Sunday evening, 8 p.m. There will be a pantomime, "Birth of Jesus" and songs. Bob Hamm is pianist and his wife, Virginia, has charge of the program, assisted by Elaine Lida, wife of Glenn Lida, pastor from the Northwest Christian College.

The Lowell Catholic Group meets at the government warehouse, where it will hold Mass the first and third, Sunday of each month at 10 a.m. Other Sundays Mass will be at 8 a.m.

Prison Guard Accused Of Smuggling Drugs

SALEM—(P)—For the second time this week a guard at the state penitentiary has been accused of illegal activities involving prisoners.

Warden Virgil O'Malley said Thursday that Howard B. Hansen, 27, had been accused of attempting to smuggle a drug similar to benzodrine to prisoners.

Earlier this week another guard, Francis L. McConnell, 26, Salem, was accused of trying to help a prisoner escape. McConnell was arrested Monday and pleaded guilty in district court Thursday.

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New Correspondent Named for Leaburg

LEABURG—Cecil McFadden, former correspondent, has left for service in the Merchant Marines. Mrs. Everett Wearin is the new Register-Guard correspondent appointed to serve Leaburg. She will be happy to get your news. All announcements of organizational affairs should reach the correspondent in time to be printed before the meeting takes place. News may be left at the Wearin home at 13870, Route 2, Springfield, or telephoned to 6-2008.

The square dancing class, which twice has been postponed, meets Friday, Dec. 28, at the Leaburg gym, beginning at 7:45 p.m. Adults and teen-agers are welcome to dance or to be spectators.

Veneta Slates Yule Program

VENETA—The Veneta Baptist Church will present a Christmas program at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 23. Congregation singing will be followed by recitations and skits. A carol will be sung by Lois Ann Gaylord and Doug McCulloch.

A three act play will be presented by Wesley McCulloch, Doug McCulloch, Aleta Rogers, Doug McCulloch, Elwin Hunter, Lois Ann Gaylord, Mrs. E. E. O'Neal, Mrs. W. J. Keith, Bylo Mae Keith, Donna Alcorn, Mrs. Robert Roehm, Mrs. W. J. Keith, Mrs. E. E. O'Neal and Mrs. Nell Faulhaber. Director is Mrs. Guy Charleston.

Augusta Y. O'Neal

Augusta Y. O'Neal, 79, formerly of 631 K St., Springfield, died Thursday, Dec. 20, 1951. Born in Chicago, Feb. 20, 1872, she was married to Arthur Ray O'Neal who died July 22, 1951. She had lived in Springfield 28 years. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 22, 1951 at the Bartholomew-Buell Chapel, with the Rev. Ellsworth Tilton officiating. Interment will be in Rest-Haven Memorial Park.

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