

# Oregon Purchase Of Distilleries Under Cross Fire

Salem, Ore., March 2 (AP)—Oregon's legislative liquor investigating committee today contrasted conflicting testimony on the Washington-Oregon purchase of two Kentucky distilleries, including State Treasurer Leslie Scott's flat charge of "manipulation of accounts."

Scott said he always had been suspicious of the legality of the 1943 liquor purchase and contended the liquor commissions of the two states "showed lack of acumen" in dealing with Harry E. Collin of Toledo, O., who held options on the distilleries.

"It looks suspiciously like there has been a mysterious shrinkage of credits and what I consider a manipulation of accounts," Scott said. And referring to the investigations, he said the two legislatures should have worked in concert rather than separately in getting all the facts.

**Issue Cleared**

Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, Jr., also a member of the Oregon state board of control authorizing the purchases with Scott, said the attorney general had cleared legality of the purchase and he knew of no irregularities.

Scott said he based his charges on two audits made of the Waterfill & Frazier and Shawhan distilleries purchase, one by S. E. Ratliff, chief examiner of the division of departmental audits of Washington, the other by the Ray H. Lester company of Portland. He said both reports showed disappearance of certain credits amounting to \$30,000 and increased liability amounting to about \$150,000.

The commissions bought the two distilleries in December, 1943, then sold them back to Collin. After 10,000 barrels were repurchased by Collin, the remaining 68,000 barrels were divided, with 57 per cent to Washington because that state handled the liquidation and 43 per cent to Oregon, amounting to 29,577 barrels for \$3,225,000.

Members of the Oregon liquor commission testified the gross profit will be about \$4,500,000.

Chairman Paul Patterson of the committee, formed on recommendation of Gov. Earl Snel, said reputations of Gov. Snel's appointees to the liquor commission had been impugned during the Washington political campaign last year.

# Head Allied Armies Hurling Nazis Back



(NEA Radio-Telephone)

The commanders of parts of the present major offensive ripping through Germany's western defense, confer somewhere on the front. Left to right: Gen. H. D. G. Crerar, commander First Canadian Army; Lt. Gen. Sir Miles G. Dempsey, commander Second British Army; Field Marshal Bernard L. Montgomery, commander 21st Army Group; Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson, commander American Ninth Army; Air Marshal Sir Arthur Coningham, commander RAF Second Tactical Air Force supporting 21st Army Group drive. British official photo radiocast from London.

## Terrebonne

Terrebonne, March 2 (Special)—Terrebonne grange held its regular meeting Tuesday evening with Master B. C. Allen in charge. Joe Howard, Jr., was voted in as a new member by initiation.

Herby Eby reported that all signers of the A.A.A. must be signed up by May 1.

Borden Beck gave a report on the mechanical schools operating throughout the country.

Nellie Allen, insurance agent, reported two furniture policies were taken out this week.

Ronald MacGregor reported on the work done by the degree team at Powell Butte last Friday evening.

Mrs. L. Knorr was appointed you chairman for this community.

Borden Beck was in charge of the program which consisted of the F.F.A. boys conducting "parliamentary procedure." Those taking part were Art Foss, Fay Scoggins, Gerald Eby, Richard Kribbs, and Nels Hansen.

HE club chairman Mrs. J. J. Phillips reported on club work. Each person is asked to donate old clothing for the Russian relief.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Cyrus

served supper to the group.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith of Forest Grove spent the week-end with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Thornburgh and family.

Mrs. R. L. Knorr received word from her brother, Roy Halley of Gresham, stating that their son, Roy Halley, Jr., a paratrooper in Belgium, was not missing in action, after receiving word from the war department that he had been.

John Saxton was honored at a dinner Saturday on his 71st birthday, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Thornburgh. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith of Forest Grove; Mrs. and Mrs. Eldon McCain, Miss Becky Saxton, Mr. and Mrs. John Saxton, and the host and hostess.

Alvin Phillips, delegate from Terrebonne local No. 278, went to Salem to attend the annual convention of the Farmers union Wednesday, Feb. 21, at the Salem Chamber of commerce.

Terrebonne grade school published its first issue of their paper, "Rimrock Echoes," last week. The staff is editor, Loretta Rasmussen; assistant editor, Jimmie Swift; reporters, Stephen Skidgel, Raymond Cyrus and Shirley Phillips; art editor, Raymond Cyrus.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Constant of Redmond spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Olen Vestal and Bertha Inman.

Everett Thornburgh spent a few days last week in Portland on business.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Svarverud and children made a business trip to Eugene over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Taylor and sons of Redmond, spent Monday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Lester Knorr and son.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald MacGregor, Mrs. Crystal Henderson, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Eby were among those who attended Pomona grange held in Bend last Saturday.

Mrs. Milton Felslett entertained her son, Layton, last week at a birthday party. Twenty-three little guests were present. Cake and ice cream were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Folmer Bodtker of Junction City, were guests at the Andy Bodtker home last Sunday evening. Vic Sargent of Hood River, was also there.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Jones spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Lester Knorr. The evening was spent playing cards.

Mrs. Glen Shortreed took her daughter, Arlys, to an optician in Bend Monday.

Mrs. R. L. Knorr spent Thursday in Redmond with Mrs. Minnie Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Foss and children, Art and Marjorie, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herby Eby and family. The occasion was Marjorie Foss and Faye Eby's birthdays.

Mrs. M. Felslett spent last week in Portland where she went through a clinic.

Mrs. Andy Bodtker was hostess to the H.E. club at her home last Thursday afternoon. Mrs. J. J. Phillips, chairman, conducted the meeting. Members were asked to donate clothing for the Russian war relief and bring them to the next meeting which was held at the grange hall Thursday. Mrs. Lester Knorr was hostess. Members are making scrap books for the children's and servicemen's hospitals. Members present were Mesdames E. Parr, M. Jarrard, A. Bodtker, L. Knorr, George MacGregor, D. Ferguson, W. McCain, J. J. Phillips, A. De La Gurra, E. Burger, H. Drew, J. Hanson, J. V. Fressler, and C. Svarverud.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Fressler and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Ferguson attended a surprise birthday party in Redmond for C. K. Ferguson.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Eby were callers at the R. L. Knorr home Tuesday afternoon.

The A.A.A. meeting was held Feb. 23 at the Terrebonne grange hall where committeemen met to make plans for 1945.

Mrs. Rance Williams and infant

son came home from the Redmond hospital last week. They named the baby Leonard Abraham.

Terrebonne degree team went to Powell Butte grange Friday evening to put on the 3rd and 4th degree work. Team was Ronald MacGregor, Pearl Knorr, Alma McClay, Irene MacGregor, Nettie MacGregor, Carrie McCallum, Pearl Drew, Margaret Bodtker, Andy Bodtker, Bettie Allen, Nellie Allen, Earl Dexter, Joine Dexter, Harvey Drew, and Billy Hall. Those from Terrebonne who received the degree work were Mr. and Mrs. A. De La Gurra and Mr. and Mrs. E. Burger.

Terrebonne Parent-Teachers Club will sponsor a pie social Friday, March 3, at the school. A one-act play and other numbers will be presented by the program committee. Everyone is invited and each lady is asked to bring a pie and six sandwiches.

Carl Hershey and son, Bob, were callers at the Bob Knorr home Sunday.

A large group of young people attended the Bend-Redmond basketball game in Bend Friday evening.

## LeRoy E. Wilson Wins New Rating

An Advanced China Air Base, March 2—Promotion of LeRoy E. Wilson, husband of Mrs. Mary A. Wilson, Redmond, Ore., from sergeant to staff sergeant has been announced by a troop carrier squadron of the 14th air force in China.

Sergeant Wilson is an aerial engineer on a C-47 airplane, and has completed over 100 combat missions. He recently was awarded the air medal for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight supplying front line Chinese troops with food and ammunition.

Sergeant Wilson graduated from Redmond high school and formerly was employed by R. G. Raymond, Prineville, when he was inducted into the air forces in August 1942. He came overseas in January 1944 and saw service in North Africa and India prior to coming to China.

# Opposition Faced By State P.U.D. Bill

Salem, Ore., March 2 (AP)—The going began to look rougher today for the "P. U. D." bill, (SB 62) which would prevent people's utility districts from acquiring utility facilities outside of their own area, after a public hearing by the house utilities committee last night.

Strong objections to the bill, and to its emergency clause, were presented by PUD representatives and the Oregon grange.

The bill resulted from an attempted bond issue in Hood River in 1943, in which a contemplated purchase of a number of northwestern utilities was defeated narrowly by a vote of the people.

Clatsop county representatives, Sen. Merle R. Chessman, father of the bill, Rep. Fred Hellberg, and Dr. Orval Eaton, mayor of Astoria, appeared for the bill. One amendment suggested by Eaton would prevent discrimination against one city in a PUD system, and would allow municipalities to vote on an issue separately.

**Tompkins Speaker**

Morton Tompkins, state grange master, said that if "the bill is to curb promotional deals" such as the one at Hood River (where evidence showed Promoter Guy Meyers due to gain more than a million dollars), "then make it do that—but don't cripple the PUDs."

Tunis Wyers, Hood River PUD attorney, said that he was familiar with the deal of which the bill is a result, and that "it's nothing to be afraid of."

The bill is "clearly unconstitutional," he said, and pointed out two attorney general's opinions to that effect. He also stated that the bill as drawn would "force a series of small PUDs, where one integrated system would serve all most efficiently."

Another main objection to the bill was the provision that all agents and engineers fees must be paid for by ad valorem taxes. This would work a hardship on operating PUDs, opponents said, because they cannot levy taxes when operating on revenues.

## Yank Guerrilla



One of the few American soldiers who escaped from Bataan in 1942, Lt. Clayton Rollins, above, led a Filipino guerrilla force in northern Luzon for three years until MacArthur's forces invaded the island. He is pictured at U. S. 25th Division headquarters, where he gave valuable information about Jap activities.

# Inquest Into Fire Ends in Tacoma

Tacoma, Wash., March 2 (AP)—Although an inquest jury failed to find evidence of criminal negligence in the death of 19 persons who died in the disastrous Macfar apartments fire Feb. 17, coroner Paul Mellinger said today he would press for legislation requiring automatic fire alarm systems for public buildings.

"I plan to send Gov. Mon Wallgren a copy of the jury's findings in support of legislation pending which I believe will prevent a recurrence of Tacoma's most tragic fire," Mellinger said.

Rep. Dwight Bunnell, Pierce county, previously had introduced a bill calling for automatic alarms in dwelling places housing six families or more, in all rooming houses where 10 or more persons reside and in all apartment houses, hotels and public places. The provisions of the bill are almost identical with a recommendation brought in by the coroner's jury following the inquest yesterday.

**Jury Adds Note**

In spite of its failure to disprove evidence of criminal negligence the jury added:

"There are many buildings in Tacoma in which tenants are not adequately protected from fire because of the lack of automatic alarm systems."

Fire chief C. J. Eisenbacher testified that the high loss of life could be attributed directly to a delay in summoning the fire department and to the panic which prevented tenants from evacuating the blazing building "as they could have if they hadn't lost their heads."

Although Mellinger expressed satisfaction over the jury's recommendation, he said he was disappointed that none of the 22 witnesses could shed light on the origin of the fire.

Tree frogs have special adhesive disks on their toes to enable them to climb trees.

## War Briefs - - -

(By United Press)

**Western Front**—Germans withdrawing across Rhine ahead of reported American breakthrough in Muenchen-Gladbach sector.

**Eastern Front**—Germans rush reserves in attempt to halt red army drive to Baltic.

**Pacific**—B-29's blast Japanese naval base at Singapore; U. S. marines drive through main Japanese defenses to within 1,200 yards of north coast of Iwo; American occupation of Palawan in Philippines cuts Japan's stolen empire in two.

**Air War**—Allied air armadas blast Cologne and eastern front targets in support of American and red armies.

**Italy**—Action remains confined to patrolling.

**QUITE A CARD**

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