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## A College Youth

The Siuslaw Oar prints a letter from Jaakko Paakkola, a Finnish youth about to matriculate in the Oregon Agricultural college. He has been employed in the Florence district as a fisherman, but senses the value of education for progress in life far keener than most of our 100 percent Americans and is willing to work to attain the object. That perhaps, is one reason why so many of our foreign born make good, despite their handicaps, in a strange land speaking a strange tongue. The letter speaks for itself:

Corvallis, Oregon, Nov. 27, 1929.  
 I write few lines to the Oar readers and let you know that I am here at Corvallis, Ore. I will begin school Oregon State Agricultural college December 2. First I will take Economics, Political Science and English. I have observed that here are much students, the young men and women at college and seem to me they are eagerly to education. I understand that the "Sciences is the Key to Education."  
 Seems to me we are going towards a better society which gives all the people, not few, better opportunity to life and living and education. We people must do work that way that we get better today and better tomorrow.  
 May you send that Oar to me.

Yours truly, Jaakko Paakkola.

For Jaakko Paakkola we have nothing but commendation and he may prove a fine football player, but we cannot help but wonder what scholastic requirements if any, are necessary to matriculation in the Oregon Agricultural college? This youth, may of course be an accredited high school graduate—we have seen some that didn't know much more about the English language, or of course he may have passed the required entrance examinations, for we have also seen some of those who have. So perhaps it is small wonder the O. A. C. enrollment increases like a snowball rolling down hill.

## Another Noble Experiment

Secretary of Labor James J. Davis in a recent radio broadcast urged an eight hour day for housewives as a practical means of uplifting humanity, and improving the status of the fair sex by giving them a square deal.

The suggestion has interesting possibilities. If the housewife's day began at 6 o'clock in the morning, it would then end at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and mother would have the rest of the day, after getting breakfast, sending the kids off to school, doing the housework, preparing luncheon and doing the dishes, to improve her mind by playing bridge, visiting neighbors, going to movies and in other feminine ways. The children could look after themselves until father came home from work, stopping to do the marketing on the way and then get the dinner, and help with their lessons.

Or if mother's day began at noon, father could get the breakfast, get the kids off and wash the dishes before he left for work, and mother finish up the day. In either case, father would realize that he is giving mother a square deal even if he had to put in an extra shift himself. But what would father do, if like union labor, the women became discontented with an 8 hour day and demanded a six hour day, and a five day week?

The only practical way the Davis program could be carried out is to return to the old Mormon system of several wives. Then the days could be divided into regular shifts, with one wife on duty during all the working hours and if the five day week was enforced, the simple device of adding a new wife would solve the problem.

We submit Secretary Davis' noble experiment as a sample of the statesmanship guiding the nation's uplift.

## A Farce Ends

The District of Columbia grand jury has dismissed the famous Wall Street liquor banquet exposed by Senator Brookhart of Iowa, which has occupied so much space in the papers.

Reporting that it had insufficient evidence to indict, the jury said it had heard various witnesses, but had deemed that the lack of evidence, "together with the extraordinary lapse of time between the alleged violations and the revelation of facts relating to this affair, make it impracticable for the grand jury to consider the matter further."

Of course there could be no indictments, for there had been no violation of the law. It is not yet a crime, at least in Washington, to offer a guest a drink. If the notoriety seeking Brookhart thought a crime had been committed, he should, according to his own code of ethics, have immediately reported the alleged violation to the district attorney, instead of waiting for three years.

However, Mr. Brookhart has salvaged his tender conscience, albeit somewhat tardily, and has won a unique place among the bouncers by belatedly playing the role of snooper to incriminate the host whose hospitality he accepted.

Thus ends another of the many much adas about nothing farces prohibition has inflicted on the nation.

## LARGE FOOT IS BEST SO CHIROPODISTS SAY

Chicago (P)—"Give the little girl a big foot," advises Dr. Harold H. Hedrick, director of research for the Illinois Association of Chiropractors.

The bigger the foot the better its chance of being perfect, he says. The chiroprodists reason that the girl who wears a No. 8 knows she's out of bounds and won't try to force her foot into a smaller size. Hence it has an opportunity for normal development.

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## FORECLOSURES ON DELINQUENT TAXES START

Four hundred delinquent tax foreclosures on property in Marion county ordered by the county court with \$3000 set aside in the budget as an estimated cost of prosecuting the proceedings are seen as an added reason why the county court shaved its budget down to the minimum it considered could be stood this year. "This will be the first time for 19 years that foreclosure proceedings against delinquent tax titles have been started by the county and during that period the county has abouted payment of the city, school and state taxes."

Edward Keech, who has been engaged by the county to prosecute the foreclosures, states that a total has not been struck as to the amount of taxes delinquent, but he is certain that \$100 a foreclosure would be a reasonable figure and they would probably run much higher. At \$100 apiece the total would be \$40,000 and it may run up to \$100,000 or better when the final figures with interest are tabulated. For instance just slipping through the delinquencies one showed \$39 a year due for six years with interest still to be added, and another showed \$6.25 due in 1918 with this amount running up to \$16.24 for last year and the taxes running along for 19 years.

Some have run for 10 years, and some for varying periods. Delinquency proceedings may be started at the expiration of three years. Because of these complications it may be some little time before the total is arrived at.

County Judge Slegmund instructed Attorney Keech to write to every delinquent wherever an address is available and advise that delinquency foreclosures are to be started and it is possible some may come in and pay up before the suits are instituted.

However, when the proceedings are fully carried through the property in question will come under the title of the county and as such be eliminated from the tax rolls. It is possible that this will result in another fat chunk being removed from the assessment rolls in addition to the \$137,000 taken off by the national bank tax decision.

"These delinquent taxes have been a constant expense as they had to be carried forward every year in addition to the county paying the state, city and school taxes out of them," said County Judge Slegmund. "Our idea is to foreclose and sell these as rapidly as we can for the county but also to get them back on the tax rolls where they will once more produce some revenue for the county."  
 "I presume the fact that we have these 400 delinquencies to take care of is not known to many people of the county but it is another indication of why it is necessary to shave down the budget as far as possible and at the same time carry on the work of the county."

**AIRWAY FARES CUT**  
 London (P)—Air fares between London and Paris over the Imperial Airways line have been reduced for the 8 a. m. airliner from four pounds fifteen shillings (approximately \$23.75) to three pounds ten shillings (approximately \$15.50) thus for the first time becoming actually cheaper than the first-class railroad and boat fares between the two cities, via the Dover-Calais route. At the same time somewhat smaller reductions have been made for the winter on the London to Switzerland air route.

**MRS. CRABTREE BETTER**  
 Stayton—Mrs. William Crabtree who has been ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. E. Hald, four miles north of Salem for several months, has recovered sufficiently to be moved home. She is only able to be up a short time.

## BABY HELPS CO-EDS LEARN HOUSEKEEPING

Knoxville, Tenn. (P)—A home with everything from a kitchen stove to a baby is provided for instruction of University of Tennessee co-eds.

Each year 30 seniors in home economics live three months in the "practice house," a two-story affair near the campus. They prepare their food, do all the work and manage the budget.  
 Some time ago girls then in the home adopted a baby, and succeeding classes have kept it. They feed, clothe and, later on, plan to send it to school.  
 It's a boy.

## SPECIAL PRIZES FOR OUTDOOR ILLUMINATION

A new feature of the outdoor Christmas illumination contest this year will be special prizes offered for the best decorated church entrances and the best decorated service stations in the city, it was announced by the committee in charge Monday. The contest is being sponsored by the Salem Advertising club.

A prize of \$15 in merchandise will be offered for the winners of top honors in these new divisions. Members of the committee are busy now going the cooperation of the service managers and the congregations of the various churches. A total of \$415 in prizes is being offered this year in thirty-nine divisions. Each of four districts will have three prizes for the best decorated yards, the best decorated windows and the best decorated entrance. The grand prize for the best general display in the city will be \$25.

"We anticipate a highly successful contest this year," said C. R. Smith, chairman of the contest committee. "A good beginning was made last year and folks learned how the home decoration plan should be carried out. There will be few homes in the city without some form of outdoor decoration."  
 "Year by year the displays will grow more beautiful and original and eventually decorating home exteriors at Christmas time will become as traditional as turkey at Thanksgiving or plum pudding at Christmas."

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## TREE SURGEONS PRUNING TREES FOR POWER LINES

Trees in Salem and vicinity that come in contact with the wires of the Portland Electric company are being trimmed by "tree surgeons" brought here for this special purpose. Charles I. Nagel, an expert in this line, with a crew of six men is operating about the city.

Trees growing over wires cause radio interference as well as danger in case of storms causing trees and limbs to fall, power company officials point out. It was with this in view as well as protection to their own property that caused the company to bring the "tree surgeons" here at an estimated cost of \$1300.  
 Nagel has been in business in Portland for the past 29 years and operated three trucks as well as three business cars. His crew of six men is kept busy virtually all the time as his work is not only that of trimming trees but tree surgery as well. Nagel handles work for practically all of the power companies of Oregon and Washington, besides a great many private estates. He has just completed a contract with the city of Longview, whereby cavities in public park trees were filled with 6000 pounds of concrete.

The company believes that the trimming of trees is work for an expert and that an ordinary line-man is not sufficiently versed in the art to properly take care of the job.

## FLOODS IMPEND IN ENGLAND

London (P)—Grave danger of extensive floods arose in Great Britain Tuesday as the week long storms which took a heavy toll of life and property on the European coast abated after a last furious assault.  
 Heavy rains which accompanied the storms added to the flood men-

ace in Wales and other sections of England and the accumulation of heavy rains in November threatened wide damage.

As the storm died down, the most accurate death list of the worst gales in a century was placed at 166, with many persons unaccounted for. In addition to that toll, sixty fishermen in six trawlers were unreported at Yarmouth and Lowestoft. The cruiser, Sufion, was dispatched to search for them but little hope was held that all of them would be found safe.

The heaviest death toll appeared to have been taken in France, where 58 were reported lost at sea or killed in land accidents due to the storm.

The British Isles and surrounding waters were next with 56 dead.

## DAYTON GRADE HONOR PUPILS MONTH LISTED

Dayton—Honor roll students in the Dayton city grade school for the second month are as follows:

- First grade: Donald Willard, Helen Jeanette Dwyer, George Leckband, Jane Hensley, Mary Vivian Muhs and Ross Duzan.
- Second grade: Crystal Metcalf, Jocelle Fulham, Rodney Clark, Peggy Jean Shelburne, David Leckband, Elsie Ellen Metcalf, Elsie Ellen Metcalf, Lucy Mackaben, and Wendell Willard.
- Third grade: Lenabelle Dower, Russell Newhouse, Audrey Filer, and Betty June Defenbaugh.
- Fourth grade: Gertrude Londerhausen.
- Fifth grade: Eloise Wagner and Helen Hadaway.
- Sixth grade: Rose Teague, Rich-

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**BLONDS VS. BRUNETS**  
 Iowa City, Iowa (P)—More blonds have been selected queens of the University of Iowa, but a survey shows that more of the brunet queens have married.  
**OCTOGENARIANS BANQUET**  
 Coulommiers, France (P)—Sixteen octogenarians, the guests of 84-year-

old Albert Grotteray, gathered around a banquet table to toast their advanced ages. Their total age passed 1294 years. All of the men had fought in the war of 1870.

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