

# F.D. MOVES TO AID HOME OWNERS

## WETS TO TAKE COURT APPEAL ON PLEBESITE

Mandamus Action Prob-  
able To Compel Repeal  
Vote In July

Attorney General Rules  
Legislative Act Does  
Not Include Initiatives

A mandamus action to compel the secretary of state to place on the ballot at the special election July 21 the initiative measure on the repeal of the dry amendments to the state constitution, was expected here following the attorney general's opinion late yesterday that the bill calling the election did not provide for vote upon initiatives.

Information at the capitol today indicated the sponsors of the initiative, which was filed in sufficient time with about 40,000 signatures, would take the case to the Oregon supreme court.

The attorney general ruled that the legislative enactment calling for the special election of July 21 made no provision for voting on initiative measures, merely calling for an expression on measures referred by the legislature or placed on the ballot by referendum petition.

Only the title of the enactment (Concluded on page 11, column 4)

## MOORE ADMITS KILLING VICTIM

Hood River, April 13 (AP)—William J. Moore, youthful hitch-hiker, confessed in tears the slaying of Harold Francis O'Connor, New York tourist who befriended him, when placed on the stand by Defense Attorney Tom Garland today.

Moore's habitual mask of indifference was shattered when Garland asked:

"Did you kill O'Connor?"

Moore's voice shook with emotion and tears ran down his cheeks.

"Yes, I guess I did. I don't know where it was that I killed him," said the defendant.

"I do not know how far it was from the body was found. I took the bankers' checks and car. I had no intention of shooting him when I robbed him. I had not planned to pull my gun on him and I don't know why I did it. I only intended to rob him. The gun went off when we were struggling."

The defense counsel drew from Moore replies indicating he had suffered fits when a boy, that two uncles had been feeble-minded, and that an aunt had suicided.

The state rested its case today after the testimony of "Major" Terence Rooney, another hitch-hiker whom Moore had earlier accused of the shooting, had been taken.

## WORK STARTS ON PUBLIC MARKET

Portland, Ore., April 13 (AP)—Equipment of the Ross B. Hammond company, contractors in charge of building the Portland public market, was moved to the site today and actual construction was to start this afternoon.

The building will cost \$775,000, part of which was borrowed from the reconstruction finance corporation.

## Robinson Explains Home Mortgage Bill Offered By Roosevelt

Washington, D. C., April 13 (AP)—Senator Robinson, (D., Ark.), in an explanation of the Roosevelt bill said there are \$20,000,000,000 outstanding in home mortgages. "The administration is making an effort by this bill," he said, "first and primarily to give immediate relief to the small home owner now in distress and to the mortgages holding these mortgages, and to provide for the payment of taxes at the same time, to promote the development of a sound system of permanent home financing."

"The federal home loan bank system, which is now advancing about \$10,000,000 a week, the major portion of it is going into home loans, is not disturbed in any way, and it is expected that these banks will issue bonds, as provided in the

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## Good Evening!

Sips for Supper  
By DON UPJOHN

A couple of Spaulding lumber wagons, hitched together, crossed the cross walk at Ferry and Commercial yesterday afternoon. One of two charming young ladies got rather impatient at the slow progress of the caravan. So she hopped up onto the tongue of the second wagon and jumped through very gracefully and prettily. We're sorry we didn't find out the name of the young lady who so cleverly overcame this obstacle—but we did find out the color of her garters.

Mrs. Jermain, who lives over near Silverton, expects to celebrate her 91st birthday next month with a big party and reception with all her old friends in to congratulate her. Mrs. Jermain has gained considerable weight since she was 27 years old and she is now 91. She had a friend dropped in to pass one along. Which shows if Mrs. Jermain at 27 hadn't taken up the habit she might have continued on to a ripe old age. We didn't find out whether she smoked the same pipe since she was 27 years old but pipe smokers do say that an old well-mellowed pipe is the best.

It's with a feeling of sadness and sorrow we have to say farewell to George Bernard Shaw as his liner pushes its prow out into the waters of the great Atlantic. His first and only visit to America is over. He says we'll see him on these shores no more. Unquestionably he made a great impression on this visit, one long to be remembered by the American people. In our sadness we cannot think of words sufficiently flowery to fit the sorrow we feel individually and the country feels collectively as the parting guest is carried farther and farther away from us. Had we Bernard's vocabulary and power of expression no doubt we could tap the well-springs of our heart and burst forth in a sorrowful flow of words. But as it is we must resort to just a plain, simple American way of saying goodbye. Just to a common ordinary American word which we think fits the theme and its subject. So to George Bernard we wave a genuine wholesome American farewell with the single inspiring word—"Nerts!" Thirty-six point blackface.

We bet when Bernard reads that "I'll burn him up—whiskers and all."

Who but our old friend Orey Coffey should have charge of ticket sale for the police dance at the Crystal Gardens Monday night. Orey's staging a big campaign to put over the sale. And won't he smash his guns if it doesn't go over. We understand maybe Orey will have his new teeth in time for the dance and will accompany the orchestra in a checking solo.

## FOURTEEN NATIONS HAVE PART IN FAIR

Chicago, April 13 (AP)—Fourteen foreign countries will be officially represented at a Century of Progress exposition, Major Felix J. Streyckmann, chief of the foreign participation division, said today.

The countries officially represented include China, Czechoslovakia, the Dominican Republic, Egypt, the Irish Free State, Italy, Japan, Morocco, Sweden, Norway, Mexico, Belgium, Denmark and Poland.

Americans of Ukrainian descent have raised funds for a Ukrainian pavilion. The Pasternak Institute of France will send a scientific exhibit. There will be historical and cultural Cuban representation and the British are sending the Royal Scot, crack railway train.

## HOLY THURSDAY AT SISTINE CHAPEL

Vatican City, April 13 (AP)—The elaborate sacred function of Holy Thursday was carried out in the Sistine chapel today. In the presence of the Holy See, the college of cardinals, members of European nobility and pilgrims from all parts of the world.

Of utmost significance to millions of devout Catholics, the ceremonies were in the full pomp and pageantry of the Catholic church. His Holiness, wearing a precious mitre and carrying a crozier except for his head, was a rich mantle of purple and gold, was born aloft in the Sedia Gestatoria through the portals from the papal apartments, followed by the solemn procession of cardinals. It was the first time since 1870 the pope attended the Holy Thursday function.

BLOCKS AKRON PROBE  
Washington, April 13 (AP)—Senate action on a resolution for a joint congressional investigation of the Akron disaster was blocked today by Minority Leader McNary when it was offered by Senator Trammell, democrat, Florida.

## BRITON DENIES SPYING CHARGE OF ASSOCIATE

Thornton Repudiates  
Confessions of Espion-  
age Made On Arrest

Denies In Detail Admis-  
sions of Macdonald  
Regarding Sabotage

Moscow, April 13 (AP)—Two British engineers accused of espionage and sabotage faced each other today across the courtroom, one turning state's evidence and the other denying every charge.

William H. Macdonald, the only one of six accused employees of the Metropolitan-Vickers Electric company to plead guilty when the trial began yesterday, amplified previous testimony to the effect that he acted under the instructions of L. C. Thornton, another defendant, in gathering military and economic information which subsequently was sent to England.

Macdonald caused a stir by declaring he had made incriminating statements at the time of his arrest because of the methods of the Russian secret police. He said they had shown him a statement which they said had been made by Thornton in which Thornton admitted having Macdonald to collect information. He acknowledged his guilt of all the charges against him, however.

Thornton denied "confessions" made at the time of his arrest, declaring he had been frightened and (Concluded on page 11, column 4)

## SNOW FALLS IN EAST AND WEST

Boston, April 13 (AP)—A heavy easterly storm buried large sections of New England under snow today that ranged in depth up to 28 inches, disabled hundreds of miles of wires, delayed transportation and washed out railroad tracks.

One automobile traffic death was attributed to the blinding snow. Most schools closed.

Farmers in sections of Connecticut feared that serious damage might result. The gale piled up high tides and aurf along the coast.

Albany, N. Y., April 13 (AP)—A blanket of sloppy, slippery slush covered eastern New York today. The mixture of snow and rain which fell all day yesterday retarded highway travel and made automobile operations unusually hazardous.

Fourteen inches of snow fell in the Heidelberg mountains, to the west of this city.

Main highways through the southern section of the Adirondacks were under a thick coat of slush.

Denver, Colo., April 13 (AP)—Another abundant snowfall, weighted with priceless tons of water, lay over a large portion of Colorado and Wyoming today.

Farmers who have been haunted by the spectre of another dry season hailed the snow as the most effective farm relief possible. It was the second general snowfall within four days.

## WET FORCES NAME CANDIDATES TODAY

Portland, April 13 (AP)—A confederation of wet forces will enter the campaign as a united group in support of wet delegates to the state constitutional convention on prohibition, delegates to which will be elected July 21.

Eight representatives, two from each of four organizations favoring repeal of the 18th Amendment, met here today to select 24 candidates to the convention.

The organization represented were the Women's National Organization for Prohibition Reform, the Oregon League of Repeal of the 18th Amendment, the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment, and the Crusaders.

Several Willamette valley hop-growers attended a preliminary organization meeting here yesterday.

## Beer Injunction To Be Argued On During Afternoon

Whether beer of the 3.2 per cent variety, defined as non-intoxicating and exempt from the prohibitions of the Volstead act by the national congress, can legally be sold in Salem under the prohibitory restrictions of the city charter and ordinances will, to all intents and purposes, be determined when Circuit Judge L. G. Lewelling hands down his findings in the injunction proceedings brought by Carl Kahle, local cigar store proprietor, against the city recorder and chief of police.

Upon the petition of his attorneys, Carson & Carson, Kahle was last Saturday granted a temporary injunction by Circuit Judge L. H. McMahon restraining the recorder and police chief from further interfering with the sale of 3.2 beer in the city.

The temporary writ also has the effect of staying the prosecution of Kahle in municipal court on a charge of unlawfully selling the beverage. Backed by other dealers who wish to sell beer in the city Kahle (Concluded on page 10, column 1)

## ARMY CASHIERS YOUNG OFFICER

London, April 13 (AP)—Lieut. Norman Bailie-Stewart, convicted by court martial of betraying his country's military secrets, was cashiered from the army today and sentenced to five years imprisonment.

Bailie-Stewart, a dashing young officer of the Seaforth Highlanders, has been held a prisoner in the tower of London since his arrest several months ago, and the case has been the sensation of Britain. He is 24.

It was alleged he had a love affair with a German enchantress named Marie Louise, and that he received money from her—about \$200—for disclosing secrets of British tanks and other military matters.

He denied "selling his country for fifty pounds" and said the girl had paid him because he was her lover.

Of the nine specific charges against Bailie-Stewart, the king today confirmed the court martial's finding on the second, fourth and ninth.

The second charge was that he obtained information useful to an enemy for a purpose prejudicial to the interests of the state. The fourth was that he collected military information that might be useful to an enemy, and the ninth that he communicated to a German agent known as "Waldemar Obst" information that might be useful to an enemy.

## PUT SUMMER BAN ON PLACER MINING

Portland, April 13 (AP)—Ralph P. Cowgill, engineer of the state game commission, announced here today he is drawing an order to prohibit between April 15 and Nov. 30, placer mining which results in muddying fishing streams.

Where settling ponds are provided miners will be permitted to operate throughout the year.

Under the new order the miners would be allowed to operate undisturbed except in the April 15-Nov. 30 period, permitting work when there is plenty of water and when the cost is smallest.

The engineer said he proposes to issue no permits unless the miners agree not to dump tailings and mud into the streams. Dumping of this mud into streams, it was said, has destroyed many miles of good fishing in the Rogue river and other streams of southern Oregon.

If the practice is continued sport fishing will be a thing of the past.

## EDUCATION FOR FORESTRY CAMPS

Washington, April 13 (AP)—Educational facilities will be provided in the work camps of the civilian conservation corps.

As explained today by Secretary Dern, the men, in forestry camps under supervision of army officers, will cease work every day at about 4 o'clock and will be allowed several hours for study.

The University of Oregon was the first to volunteer to render service. The educational program will deal chiefly with forestry and other subjects which the men may select.

## Hen Combination And Food Provider

Royal Oak, Mich., April 13 (AP)—Fred Burton thinks his pet hen, Aurora, is the only combination alarm clock and breakfast provider existing.

Each morning at dawn the hen flaps through a window into Burton's bedroom and pecks at the co-verlet until he is awakened. Then Aurora often clambers onto a dresser and lays a breakfast egg.

## GUARANTEE OF COSTS PUT INTO BIG FARM BILL

Senate Hands Adminis-  
tration First Defeat by  
Vote of 47 to 41

Farm Mortgage Refinan-  
cing Section Passed  
By House 387 to 12

Washington, April 13 (AP)—By six votes the senate today handed the administration its first defeat—inserting a cost of production guarantee into the big farm relief bill.

A coalition of democratic and republican independent senators put it through—47 to 40—in the face of repeatedly registered administration disapproval.

This followed approval by the house of the farm mortgage refinancing section of the relief bill, voted on by that branch separately. It went through 387 to 12 after Speaker Rainey blocked an attempt to substitute a currency inflation plan for the entire plan.

The house, which long ago approved the farm relief bill, voted on mortgage bill to shorten the time needed to bring both branches in agreement once the consolidated bill gets through the senate.

The amendment the senate added to the bill is not mandatory, it is advisory.

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## WRONG COURSE TAKEN BY AKRON

Lakeland, N. J., April 13 (AP)—A change of course to the westward might have saved the dirigible from the disaster which overtook her, it was testified today before the naval court of inquiry.

Lieut. Charles J. Maguire, aerologist, declared:

"Any other course of action than that taken in the last few minutes might possibly have avoided the turbulence encountered by the Akron."

"Continuation of the course to the westward at midnight would, as the situation turned out, would have avoided the more severe portions of the thunderstorm."

The westward course was the one which Lieut. Commander H. V. Wiley said he would have taken had he been in command of the ship.

Commander Frank C. McCord elected to follow a northeast course after passing over Barnegat Light at midnight.

Maguire, who earlier testified to the concern felt by the Akron's aerologist officer before the take-off, said another way to have avoided the storm was to have headed east earlier in the evening.

"I believe if the Akron had headed east at 8 p. m., or possibly as late as 9 p. m., she would have avoided the severe conditions she encountered," he said.

## GERMANY OUSTS JEWISH PROFESSORS

Berlin, April 13 (AP)—The nazification of all Germany continued today with the dismissal of 15 professors from colleges in Berlin, Frankfurt, Kiel, Koenigsberg, Breslau, Bonn and Halle under the new law eliminating Jews.

It was understood a questionnaire would be submitted shortly to all professors, with a view to reorganizing all higher educational institutions by May 1. The reorganization of universities already has begun and the dean and several members of the faculty of the University of Cologne resigned yesterday.

## POSTPONE TEST FLIGHT OF MACON

Akron, Ohio, April 13 (AP)—The first test flight of the U.S.S. dirigible Macdonough to determine whether the navy will accept her was definitely postponed at noon today by Lieutenant Commander Alger H. Dressel, after he had studied weather conditions.

Lakeland, N. J., April 13 (AP)—Lieutenant Commander H. V. Wiley, sole surviving officer of the U. S. S. Akron, said today he probably would go to Akron early next week to make some of the test flights of the U.S.S. Macdonough.

## Details For Refinancing Of Mortgages

Washington, April 13 (AP)—If you are hard pressed to meet mortgage payments on your home, and it does not exceed ten thousand dollars in value, this is the way the Roosevelt plan for refinancing would operate:

Insurance company holds a \$6000 mortgage, for example, on owner's home now valued at \$8000, on which the interest rate is 6 percent or above, but owner is unable to pay.

Either the insurance company or the owner has to approach the "home owners corporation" offices for refinancing.

The insurance company will accept in exchange for the mortgages, bonds issued by the corporation on which the government guarantees 4 percent interest. In return for the (Concluded on page 11, column 4)

## KANSAS SWEEP BY SAND STORM

Kansas City, April 13 (AP)—One of the worst dust and sand storms in years raked portions of the Texas panhandle and the western sections of Oklahoma and Kansas last night and early today.

Top soil was whipped about in the teeth of the gale which reached a maximum velocity of 50 miles an hour.

Reports from Meade, Kansas, said livestock snorted mud from their nostrils while wheat fields were swept bare and dust and sand drifted on highways like snow.

R. L. BonTreba of the state experiment farm at Garden City, Kas., expressed belief the storm put the "finishing touches to much of that section's wheat, already on the edge of going."

Some localities of northwestern Oklahoma reported several inches of earth had been swept from the surface in newly planted fields.

From Perrytown, in the Texas panhandle, came word of the worst sandstorm in 25 years with 38 tourists unable to venture out on the highways. At Plainview, Texas, livestock exhibitors huddled in barns with their herds and called off a dairy show parade.

Snow was falling in northwestern Kansas today and snow or rain was forecast over most of the area.

## FARLEY ASKS 2 CTS. POSTAGE

Washington, April 13 (AP)—Postmaster General Farley today recommended immediate enactment of legislation empowering President Roosevelt to lower or increase postage rates "as increasing business or the demands of the postal service may make necessary."

Farley said restoration of the two cent rate on all local first class mail—instead of the present three cent rate—would be the first step recommended to the president if the legislation were enacted.

If the reduction results in increased revenue to the department, Farley said the president "will then have ample ground upon which to direct the restoration of the two cent postage rate for all first class mail."

The president's authority would expire July 1, 1934—the time when the three cent rate, which went into effect last July 6, is to end.

## WON'T BE LONG Carnes, France, April 13 (AP)—

Former Mayor James J. Walker and Betty Compton, actress, will be married during Easter week, it was announced today.

## M'Nary And Steiwer Among Those Voting Crop Cost Guarantee

Washington, April 13 (AP)—The roll call by which the senate—voting 47 to 40—today added a production cost guarantee to the administration farm relief bill: Democrats for: Bachman, Bone, Bratton, Bulow, Mrs. Caraway, Clark, Cogan, Dill, Duffy, Erickson, Gurn, Harrison, Kendrick, Long, McCaddoo, McCarran, McGill, Murphy, Neely, Overton, Pittman, Pope, Reynolds, Russell, Smith, Thomas of Oklahoma, Van Nuys and Wheeler—28.

Republicans against: Austin, Barbour, Carey, Goldborough, Hale, Hastings, Hebert, Kean, Keyes, Metcalf, Patterson, Reed, Walcott and White—14.

Grand total again—40.

Senators Harrison (D., Miss.) who had first voted against the production cost plan, changed his vote to (Concluded on page 10, column 7)

## MESSAGE ASKS ACT TO CHECK FORECLOSURES

President Urges Post-  
ponement of Principal  
And Interest Payments

Bond Issue To Meet  
Needs Suggested In  
Appeal to Congress

Washington, April 13 (AP)—President Roosevelt added to his emergency program on Capitol Hill today the proposal to refinance the mortgages on small homes.

In a special message to congress, he asked for legislation to permit readjustment of existing mortgage debts together with a postponement of both interest and principal payments in cases of "extreme need."

He suggested action along the same lines as the refinancing of agricultural mortgages now before congress, with a bond issue to meet the needs.

He told congress the plan of settlement "will provide a standard which should put an end to present uncertain and chaotic conditions that create fear and despair among both home owners and investors."

Bills were introduced in senate and house at once to carry out his recommendations.

Speedy legislative action was in prospect to lift the burden of debt (Concluded on page 11, column 5)

## RILEY'S VICTIM TELLS OF CRIME

Burns, Ore., April 13 (AP)—Mrs. Rosa Thornberg, 58, mother-in-law of Harry Riley, recounted the last few minutes of the life of Hilda Thornberg Riley, at Riley's trial on an uxoricide charge here today.

Mrs. Thornberg who was herself wounded by a bullet from Riley's gun when the Portland inventor of the sawdust burner, assertedly killed his wife and father-in-law, Carey Thornberg, prominent Burns cattleman, gave a graphic description of the scene.

She said Riley had called at the Thornberg home several times to persuade his wife to return to him. She said that he had been courteously treated, but that on the fatal morning when Riley and his wife returned to the kitchen after a long talk, and Mrs. Riley announced her intention of returning to Riley, Thornberg thought she had been forced to say so by Riley.

"You don't have to go unless you want to, Hilda," Mrs. Thornberg quoted her husband as saying.

A moment later, she said, Riley drew his automatic and began firing.

District Attorney J. B. Cook, in his opening statement, revealed for the first time, possession of a threatening letter, to indicate predilection on Riley's part.

A. M. Hodler, attorney for the defense, indicated Riley's case would be built on the contention that he suffered from paranoia, alcoholism and religious fanaticism.

## MITCHELL INDICTED

New York, April 13 (AP)—Charles E. Mitchell, resigned chairman of the boards of the National City bank and National City company, was indicted today on a second charge of income tax evasion.