

LOCALS

AUTO CRASHES BREAK RECORD FOR DECEMBER

Twenty-seven persons were injured and one killed in automobile accidents in Salem during the month of December, the highest number of casualties for a single month within the memory of any member of the Salem police force.

Speeding, the police think, is the main reason for the higher accident rate, which appears to be growing gradually.

Grace George, 17, received a knee injury, shortly after 6 o'clock Monday night when automobiles driven by C. A. George, 1680 South 13th street, and W. J. Crawford, 1710 North Capitol, collided at Church and Mission streets.

Barbara Smith, 11, and Howard Smith, 13, of Portland, and Joseph Miller, 26, of Salem, were injured Sunday evening when vehicles driven by Charles Eppley, 142 South 19th, and P. J. Miller, 1475 North Commercial, collided at 25th and State. The injuries were not serious.

Other motor vehicle accidents recorded today were: M. F. Butler, route 4, and an unidentified driver, at 12th and Hoyt; Edward Kufner, route 6, and A. Rasmussen, at State and Liberty; Adolph Bombeck, 1595 North Fifth, and Lawrence Farrer, Santa Anna, Calif., at Hood and Church; Stanley Picha, 303 South Winter, and Forrest E. Holladay, at Court and High.

HOOD RIVER TO GET DISTILLERY PLANT

Hood River, Ore., Jan. 1 (AP)—Although considerable sentiment has been expressed by growers against sale of cull fruits to any company which would convert them into alcoholic beverages, Hood River will, for the first time in a third of a century, have a distillery in operation today.

Several prominent growers who recently organized the Hood River Distillery Co., have purchased a building formerly used as a flour and feed mill, and will equip it with the newest distilling equipment. The plant will use cherries, cull apples, pears and other fruit next summer.

At the turn of the last century the valley had a prune and apple brandy distillery located on a small stream south of the then small village. Public sentiment never favored the enterprise and its existence was brief. The creek, because of this distillery, was named "Whiskey creek." Several years ago at the urgent appeal of residents of the neighborhood, the name was changed to "Pomona creek."

Pamagusta, Cyprus, will spend \$1,000,000 for harbor extensions.

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Deschutes Water Storage Report Due

Washington, Jan. 1 (AP)—Representative Walter Pierce of Oregon said today he had been informed by the reclamation bureau that a report on the water storage features of the Deschutes irrigation project probably will be ready next March.

A further report on utilization of water resources of the area will be available in midsummer, Pierce said. The information is being supplied through \$50,000 allotted by the public works administration.

UNIFORM GRADE LISTINGS ON ALL FOODS DESIRED

Max Gehlhar, director of the department of agriculture, is launching a movement evidently to secure legislative adoption of a plan for a standard nomenclature in grades for retail use on all food products to do away with the present confusion of gradings on different products. His plan would be simply to use the letters A, B and C on all products to give a complete standardization and do away with the multiplicity of gradings now used.

The legislature already has enacted a law preempting to the state the right to designate the use of the first three letters of the alphabet in grading and the director would like to see this put into practical use. He is sending out literature to that effect to numerous people interested and it is indicated a campaign is getting under way to build up a favorable feeling for the plan.

He points out that a group of experts in grading was put to the test to give present grade designations for the first quality product on such articles as eggs, butter, apples, prunes, potatoes, turkeys, seedless raisins, seeded raisins, rib roast and canned fruits. The average made by this group of experts in giving such gradings was 35 per cent. Again they were asked to tell whether grade names given to them represented first, second, third or fourth quality and these were the grade names given: standard butter, fancy apples, 40-50 prunes, No. 1 potatoes, choice turkeys, choice raisins. Three Crown raisins, prime rib roast, Lallapalooza brand canned fruits. The average as result of this test was 33 per cent.

He declares that it is evident while this kind of grading has worked in wholesale channels it cannot in retail channels until a plan is worked out for a definite number of grades to apply on all products and he believes the A, B, C system the simplest and the best to cover all products uniformly. He says it will not eliminate brand names or cause further complications but will simplify the whole handling of foods.

Miss Sittell to Stay In Jail Week More

Waldmohr, Germany, Jan. 1 (AP)—Authorities said Miss Elsa Sittell of New York probably will spend at least seven days more in jail before she is deported from Germany on a charge of having called Reichsfuhrer Hitler a Jew.

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RELIEF OFFICE MOVES TO NEW HEADQUARTERS

Taking advantage of the New Year's holiday, employees of the relief agencies were busily engaged today in moving furnishings and records to their new quarters in the Chambers building on North High street. Although there will be some confusion due to lack of time to become adjusted, all departments will be ready for operation Wednesday morning, Glenn Niles, administrator, states.

Carpenters and painters were working today in an effort to complete their task of remodeling the main floor and mezzanine of the Chambers building, with prospects that the job would be completed or nearly so by night.

The new layout will permit greater efficiency in handling all departments of relief work. Entrance to the place will be through the north doorway leading direct to a central waiting room from where those having business in connection with relief matters will be directed to the proper department. A number of small rooms and booths have been built on the main floor where case workers will operate. To the rear a large room will house the sewing department which has been located on North Capitol street.

The administration and book-keeping offices will be located on the mezzanine floor overlooking High street.

One great advantage of the new relief headquarters will be the elimination of a number of stoves which were necessary in the old plant on North Commercial street since the Chambers building has a central heating plant.

About 40 employees will be housed in the new plant.

EFFORTS TO FLOAT STEAMER FUTILE

Seattle, Jan. 1 (AP)—A second attempt to pull the Alaska Steamship company's noted old gold ship, the Victoria, off the mud of Pointed Island, B. C., failed this morning and the coast guard cutter Haida reported the 86 Alaska-bound passengers will be removed.

Heavy weather prevented the rescue today.

The motorship Northland, which sailed from here for Alaska last night, was ordered today to embark the Victoria's passengers when she arrives off the island early tomorrow.

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Lady Luck Turns Thumbs Down On Beyer And Wife

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Beyer, 730 North 15th street, thought they were having more than their share of bad luck a few days ago. But that wasn't all of it.

First they were in an automobile collision and both were injured. Not badly, but they had to go to the hospital for observation and a bit of medical and surgical attention. The same evening their house caught fire and was considerably damaged, which was more than a general run of tough breaks.

But the Beyers own another house at 345 Hood street, occupied by Glen Ise. At 3:15 o'clock this morning the garage at that address caught fire and burned up, together with an automobile owned by Ise. The fire also reached the house and damaged it to some extent.

It was the first fire in Salem for 1935.

LIARS GET BIGGER AND BETTER, CLAIM

Chicago, Jan. 1 (AP)—The lying business is getting bigger and better, in the opinion of C. C. Hulet, president of the Burlington, Wis., Liars' club.

He expressed this belief yesterday after the club had proclaimed Verne L. Osborn of Centralia, Wash., as the world's champion liar for his story of how his trained mule jumped with him over a 1,000 foot cliff but stopped in the air 10 feet from the ground so Osborn could drop gently to safety.

"It seems to me," Hulet said, "that the liars are getting better all the time. We're thinking of getting a blue eagle because we've given so many people a job. This year's crop is far better than last year's."

DANCE IS SUCCESS

Woodburn—The annual New Year's dance, given by the American Legion Saturday night, was a very enjoyable affair, but the bad weather interfered somewhat with the size of the crowd.

The transfer will be made by lifeboat.

Another attempt to refloat the stranded steamship will be made at high tide, about 10 a. m. tomorrow.

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\$5 DRUNKENNESS FEE BOOSTED ON BEST CUSTOMER

Mike Lane, well known in Salem, especially to the police, was arrested 16 times in 1934 for being drunk. Mike early learned that it cost him a \$5 fine every time, so he got into the habit of having the \$5 ready. In fact Mike got in a way of stowing away a \$5 on all persons so he would have it all ready and wouldn't have to suffer the inconvenience of being locked up.

Last night Mike got drunk again. An officer took him to headquarters. Mike fished about in a pocket, found his \$5 bill and tossed it towards the desk.

"Not any more, Mike," said Sergeant Asa Fisher. "From now on it's going to cost you \$10."

But he didn't have \$10. He wasn't counting on that. So Mike is spending the New Year day in the hoosegow.

The police explain that from the new police judge, A. Warren Jones has come word from now on the penalty for getting drunk is going to be \$10—not \$5—or five days in jail instead of 2 1/2 days. That is according to the city ordinance fixing the penalty.

Moreover, it is said the new judge expects to use the city ordinances as a basis for most penalties, particularly those relative to traffic, and that the 50 cent fine for illegal parking is out from now on. It's going to be a dollar. This doesn't come officially from Judge Jones himself, but it's as the police have heard it's going to be. The new judge will be at the city hall tomorrow.

Pennsylvania Has 4-Inch Snow Blanket

Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 1 (AP)—The heaviest snow of the season—between two and four inches—blanketed Pennsylvania on the first day of the new year.

Five persons were killed and numerous motor accidents reported as ice and sleet covered the highways shortly before midnight. Five persons were shot in Philadelphia celebrations.

Three Appointed on State Pilot Board

A. A. Langkilde, Astoria, L. W. Hartman and N. H. Anderson, both of Portland, today were new members of the Oregon state board of pilot commissioners.

Governor Meier late yesterday named them to succeed Frank M. Sweet, Astoria, William C. McNaught and Clyde Raabe, both of Portland, whose terms expired in 1931 but who have held their positions until the governor's new appointments.

AUDIT OF CITY BOOKS FINISHED

J. B. Protzman, accountant employed to audit the city's books, is finishing up the job today, notwithstanding it is a holiday, and expects to have his report ready some time tomorrow.

For the first time the beer stamp sale account will require a special report. The official revenue figure from this source hasn't been figured out exactly yet, but indications are that the total, dating from the time when the stamps were first put on sale in Salem after repeal, will be not far from \$10,000.

The figures pertaining to traffic ordinance violations will amount to a considerable figure. For December, just closed, for example, the audit shows a total of \$213.87 for these offenses. This shows, says Protzman, that a lot of people are arrested and punished for violating traffic laws, notwithstanding many persons seem to consider them violations in which punishment is easily evaded. The audit shows 23 fines for speeding and 10 for failing to heed stop signs during the month of December.

Silverton—Clyde Ramsby is ill at his home on South Water street. He was reported as some improved Monday.

1934 RAINFALL SLIGHTLY OVER YEARLY AVERAGE

Rainfall for the year just passed was 38.93 inches, or three-fourths of an inch greater than the annual mean average of 38.19 inches. Both November and December contributed heavily to the total and maintained the average, the former having 9.49 inches and the latter 9.33 inches. December, 1933, broke all previous records with a total of 17.54 for the month, with 1917 and 1913 inches the second nearest competitor.

The last few Decembers have brought rainfall in excess of the average allotment for the month. In 1932 there were 7.77 inches; in 1931 there were 10.98 inches and 1930 and 1929 each brought 11.09 inches. Other of the "wet" months were in 1895 with 11.16 inches; 1898 with 8.31 inches; 1920 with 8.29 inches and 1922 with 10.41 inches. Only once has the precipitation dropped below the 2-inch mark, there being 1.95 inches in 1903.

Rain fell on 23 of the 31 days in December, 1934, with a total of 9.38 inches. Of this amount 2.30 inches fell on the 29th and .56 inches the following day. December 12 was next in line with more than a half inch of rainfall in a 24-hour period, there being .84 inches. December 23 brought .73 inches; December 20 a total of .63 inches and December 26 a total of .56 inches.



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