

### CHANGES MADE WPA PROGRAM COUNTY WORK

Switches and new decisions in WPA county work were made this morning at a conference of county court officials, a WPA representative and County Engineer Hubbs and an important addition made to the program to get under way next week. This latter, of great importance to North Salem people, was a decision to open up the drainage ditch which runs north from the Silverton road about a mile where it empties into a gully and finds its way into Little Pudding river. This ditch is said to be too small to take care of the water which it draws from in high water periods. It takes off from the Silverton pavement at a point about midway between the state fair grounds and the Middle Grove school and is supposed to take care of the water as far down as the fair grounds. However, it is said it doesn't fulfill the job and the WPA crew will be put at work to take care of all of the water for that distance. John Anderson will be taken from the Champego work where he has been doing duty as foreman and switched up here to have charge of the crew on this ditch.

County Commissioners Melson and Hewlett also decided that the crew which has been doing WPA work on the Silverton school grounds and which it was expected would be transferred to a job near Labish Center will be sent up into the hills above Scotts Mills to improve two roads connecting the Crooked Finger and Abiqua roads. Numerous delegations have been in Salem about those two roads and one of them has to be improved in order to get mail, the mail man refusing to deliver on a considerable portion of the route because of its condition. This is known as the Briar Knox school road. The other road to be improved is known as the Charley Hinz road. Work on these is to start soon.

In addition a switch was made taking a crew from the Van Nuy road and it will be sent to the Whipper road which starts from the Parrish gap road looping around and returning to the place of beginning, serving a large territory. This road will be widened, brush removed and the road straightened as well.

The set up for WPA projects in the county as it looks now in addition to those projects just enumerated is as follows: Near Silver Falls, 7.2 miles; east of Silverton two miles on the Abiqua road; near Independence ferry, 5.2 miles on Bourn Vista road; near Butteville, 2.9 miles county road; near Jefferson, 2.1 miles on Smith road; near Turner, 1.6 miles on Van Nuy road; Marion-West Stayton ditching job; near Sublimity, 3.4 miles on Coon Hollow road; near Salem, Champego and Mt. Angel ditching jobs; near Auburn, ditching job; near Salem, old Turner road general improvement; near Mt. Angel, 6 miles of road; St. Louis-Pacific highway road, 3.5 miles; near Hubbard, ditching 3.4 miles county road; near Champego, improvement 3 miles; near Aurora, ditching, 4.6 miles; near Woodburn-Hubbard road, 3.4 miles; wrecking old county shops; draftman on county road maps; sanitary toilets and septic tanks, and the project for county road signs.

Some of the foregoing projects have been done or are being worked on. These projects do not cover all the work, by any means, contemplated under the \$250,000 blanket WPA road project which is still being worked out.

### CHRISTIAN CHURCH TO PRESENT DRAMA

The First Christian church, Center and High streets, will present its Christmas program Sunday evening at 7:30. The first part of the evening will be devoted to a concert by the choir, with incidental solos by Edith Jones and Frances Denison. Other numbers will be brought by the men's and women's quartettes. Helen Nash, soprano soloist, will sing one of Geoffrey O'Hara's compositions. John Schmidt will direct the choir, Lois Plummer will be at the organ.

"The Gift," a one act drama by Maudie A. Foley, will be presented by the dramatic department of the Crusaders for Christ during the second portion of the evening's entertainment. Beulah Graham will direct the performance. The cast of characters includes: Joel, Orval Cooley; Hulda, Beth DeLapp; Malachi, Linton Parrish; A Stranger, Melvin Holt; Gabriel, Charles Lesh; Martha, Joy Cooley.



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### Boley Fined \$100 for Driving While Drunk

G. W. Boley, route 6, paid a fine of \$100 in police court last night where he was charged with driving an automobile while under the influence of intoxicating liquor. He was arrested the previous night at Center and Commercial streets when his car ran out of gasoline. Boley also received a 30 day jail sentence and six months probation. His driver's license is automatically revoked.

### CALLS HUSBAND CHEFFY-WEFFY

New York, Dec. 21 (AP)—Lady Cavendish, the former Adele Astaire, arrived today from London, where she has been for four years, and announced that she calls her husband "Cheffy-Weffy."

The sister and one-time dancing partner of Fred Astaire also said she feeds her husband raw cabbage. "For his liver condition."

Lord Cavendish—son of the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire—accompanied his wife from London and heard these disclosures with smiling approval.

The former dancer said she had come to visit her brother, but that she would not appear with Astaire in motion pictures.

"I'm much too happy and much too lazy even to consider that," she said. "The same thing goes for the stage—and I don't miss dancing."

She laughingly denied that she and Lord Cavendish have a castle in Ireland with 200 rooms and one bath.

"Since that report got out, we've received 1,000,000 letters asking us what we do Saturday night," she said.

Miss Astaire married Lord Cavendish four years ago.

Despite her surface gaiety, she seemed saddened by the loss of their three children, who died at birth.

She was muffled in furs, wore a scoop-brim beret, a dress made by a smart-French couturier, and perfume that costs pounds an ounce.

After ten days in New York, she and Lord Cavendish will go to the west coast. They will return to London in two or three months.

### PRINTS SIMILAR TO FRESNO GIRL SLAYER

Sacramento, Dec. 21 (AP)—Fingerprints of Ed Myers, arrested at Santa Cruz yesterday, show similarity with the supposed slayer of Mary Stammer, of Fresno, said District Attorney Dan Connolly of Fresno county here today.

Myers was brought here during the night by deputy sheriffs from Santa Cruz.

The finger prints which Conway brought to Sacramento were taken in Santa Cruz yesterday. Later today Conway was to take Myers to the state bureau of criminal identification where the suspect will be fingerprinted again.

Conway said Myers told him he had not been in Fresno since 1931.

### MRS. ROOSEVELT PASSES OUT GIFTS

New York, Dec. 21 (AP)—"Uncle Donald" Johnson, who will be five years old on Christmas day, is "delicious," in the view of Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt.

"Uncle Donald" and his nephew, Billy Rider, 4½, were among 35 awestruck children who received sweaters, candy, fruit and games yesterday from the president's wife at the women's Trade Union league.

Too awestruck to speak above a whisper, the children smiled at Mrs. Roosevelt and whispered breathlessly "Thank you."

"Merry Christmas, anyway," said the first lady to those whose words got stuck.

Brooks—Little Lena Ray Fleck of Tillamook is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hayes.

### RELOCATION OF OREGON TRAIL WINS APPROVAL

Relocation of the Old Oregon Trail in East Court street in Pendleton and construction of an overhead viaduct over the railroad lines were approved by the public utilities commissioner in an order issued today.

The project, which had aroused considerable controversy in Pendleton, was the subject of two hearings held in November when protests were filed against the specific project by the city of Pendleton.

The East Court street is used at present for highway purposes, Commissioner Frank C. McColloch stated in issuing his order, and all traffic is required to cross not only the Northern Pacific main line track to Spokane, but also the Union Pacific line and the Walla Walla branch line, within 70 feet of each other.

The total cost of the overhead viaduct would be \$350,000, of which about \$180,000 would come from the bureau of public roads for elimination of crossings.

McColloch's order was conditioned upon the following provisions: "The city of Pendleton to provide for legally closing to all traffic at grade that portion of Court street occupied by Union Pacific railroad crossing.

"State highway commission to construct an underground passage for pedestrians under said track.

"State highway commission to lay a six-inch water main from Beneficial street east along north line of Court street under the railroad tracks and furnish and install fire hydrant opposite the Catholic school.

### SENATOR SCHALL BETTER TODAY

Washington, Dec. 21 (AP)—The condition of Thomas D. Schall, blind Minnesota senator injured Thursday by an automobile, was reported "slightly improved" today in a bulletin issued by Dr. George W. Calver, capitol physician.

The bulletin said: "Senator Schall's condition is regarded as slightly improved. While unconscious most of the time he rouses occasionally. His condition is still considered very critical but somewhat more favorable."

From Mrs. Hugh E. Bierman of Washington, sister of Mrs. Schall, came more encouraging news. She said the senator "moved his left hand," which she felt tended to dispel to some extent the possibility his left side was paralyzed by the injury to his head.

"We feel he is really coming back to consciousness," Mrs. Bierman said. Physicians advised her, she said, he had "improved 25 per cent," but they cautioned against "being too optimistic."

"He opened his eyes this morning," she said.

"We are really encouraged for the first time since the accident."

The 58-year old legislator suffered the head injury, internal hurts and fractures of the left leg as he crossed a highway at Cottage City, Mr. O. R. Leen, of his secretarial staff, was less seriously injured.

### Jefferies to Speak For Townsend Group

Scioto—John J. Jefferies of Portland is to speak at the meeting of the Scioto Townsend club Friday, January 3, according to plans announced by G. L. Flanagan, Sr., president of the local unit. Owing to the busy holiday season, the turkey dinner scheduled for December 20, was postponed. Election of officers soon is to take place.

PHONE MEETING SET  
Scioto—The annual meeting of the Scioto Mutual Telephone association is set for Saturday, January 4, according to the by-laws.

### Top of New Reservoir May Be Temptation to Salem Tennis Players

There will be room for four municipal tennis courts on the concrete slab top of Salem's new city reservoir when it is completed, Manager Cuyler Van Patten of the water department said last night. However, it is Van Patten's tentative intention to have, if the commission is agreeable, the shops necessary for the reservoir and the filler system located over one unit of the reservoir.

The dimensions of the reservoir, according to plans completed by the engineers, will be approximately 200 by 400 feet. The location is the northwest corner of the Rural and John streets intersection. The deepest point of excavation will be 24 feet and the concrete slab top, 3½ inches thick, will be about three feet above the ground level.

The excavation will remove an estimated 43,500 cubic yards of earth. Contract for excavation will be let by bids. It is said there is no equipment locally owned elaborate enough to handle the job and bids are looked for from outside cities.

The reinforced concrete construction of the reservoir will be in section with expansion joints at three-foot intervals. Bids will be advertised for as soon as the city council approves the \$200,000 bonds recommended in the special committee report and provided for in an ordinance bill introduced last Monday night. Passage of the bill by suspension of rules was blocked by Alderman E. B. Perrine who thought no reservoir would be necessary if the city got mountain water.

The reservoir location is suitable to water supply from any source. Should the Willamette river be chosen as the source it is probable the filter plant will be located across John street just east of the reservoir.

The water commission at its meeting last night decided to take up for consideration a request from Charles Vick, promoter of an addition on Garden road just outside the city, for a 2000-foot extension of a six-inch main. Under the rules of the commission extensions outside the city are permissible if the annual revenue from them amounts to 12 per cent or more of construction cost.

The commission decided to have an audit of its accounts as of December 31.

Mayor V. E. Kuhn, Alderman Walter Fuhrer and Merrill D. Ohling and Manager Van Patten yesterday made a trip of inspection to possible water sources now being considered. The North Santiam was inspected above Stayton and in the Gates district and the Little North Fork above Melham.

Van Patten told the members of the commission last night that a new billing machine will be in the office between Christmas and New Year's. It will not be the one that has been ordered, but a similar one that is to be demonstrated before the other arrives. At present the city's water billing is being done on the Oregon-Washington Water Service company's offices at Vancouver, Wash.

### LEAP TO DEATH CALLED SUICIDE

San Francisco, Dec. 21 (AP)—Olga Steek's 12-story death plunge was a closed chapter in police records today.

A coroner's jury found the former Polles star came to her death by "suicide" and officially ended what for a brief time police suspected might have been foul play.

The jury heard testimony from Thomas L. Matkins, middle-aged bond salesman and once Miss Steek's husband, and Everett E. Saxe, widower of the one-time stage beauty, and decided she came to her death "by jumping with suicidal intent."

Matkins explained he quarreled with Miss Steek when she assertedly demanded \$250 for a trip to New York to stage a come-back and he refused. Then she insisted on staying with him over-night, he said, and he proceeded to pack a grip.

"The next thing he knew, he testified, Miss Steek 'swished' past him and dived out the window. Panicky, he ran to the home of friends. He said he feared the adverse publicity and the effect on his two sons.

Acerimoniously, Saxe examined Matkins in an effort to disprove the suicide theory but was halted by police Inspector George Engler who said the questioning was "a waste of time."

Saxe testified his wife "abhorred" the mention of suicide and "liked life too well for that."

Miss Steek, 41, was a night club singer.

### 9 INDICTMENTS BY GRAND JURY 5 TRUE BILLS

The Marion county grand jury returned nine indictments this morning—five true bills and four not true bills—and adjourned to meet again January 6. No mention was made in the report of the gambling investigation. Kellaher case or the case of A. N. Dawson involved in an automobile accident which resulted in the death of Mrs. Arthur Andresen. The jury took continuance to January 6 as one of the jurors, John Manning, desires to go to California over the holidays.

Included in the not true bills was one releasing James Preble, local union business agent, from a charge of assault and battery on Paul Traggilo.

The five true bills returned are as follows:

Bernice Dobrosky, assault and battery on G. R. Mudd alleged.

John Stone, assault and battery on John D. Boyce alleged.

Clarence Rodheim, driving a motor vehicle while under influence of intoxicating liquor alleged.

Howard Dickey, uttering forged check alleged.

Harry Walker, pointing gun at Charles Pratt alleged.

In addition to the not true bill releasing James Preble, other not true bills were returned as follows:

Releasing Henry Becker from a charge of adultery.

Releasing Herman Dobrosky from a charge of assault and battery on G. R. Mudd.

Releasing Arthur J. Prien from a charge of uttering a forged instrument.

In the case of Howard Dickey, charged with uttering a forged check, Deputy District Attorney Page advised Judge McMahon after return of the indictment that Dickey is but 17 years of age and he was certified over to the juvenile court.

Raymond Shields, who was up on appeal from Woodburn justice court on a sentence of six months in the penitentiary for alleged possession of a stolen automobile, was given a suspended sentence and certified back to the juvenile court, where it is understood he will be returned to the boys' school at Woodburn. While the case was on appeal involving the question of the authority of the Woodburn justice to impose a sentence to the penitentiary for a felony, the matter was not involved in the disposition of the case, Shields' attorney, Guy O. Smith, made the motion for the suspended sentence. Judge McMahon warned the boy that a two year prison sentence might be imposed on him for the crime and the sentence was then held over his head by suspension.

### NEW OFFICERS FOR CHERRY CITY SCOUTS

New officers for 1936 were appointed at a meeting of Cherry City district, Cascade area, Boy Scouts of America, held last night at the chamber of commerce. The district includes Salem and West Salem, north to Chemawa and south as far as Roseburg. Among objectives stated for 1936 were five new troops of Scouts and three new Cub packs, the Cubs being the Junior Scouts.

Dr. B. F. Pound presided and was appointed chairman for 1936. Other officers for the new year are: Vice chairman, Charles Hudkins, secretary, Walter Clark; district commissioner, George Naderman, and the following committee chairman: finance, George Rhoten; court of honor, H. H. Bell; organization, Clifford Harold; rural scouting, King Bartlett; cubbing, Bob Boardman; leadership and training, Harry Wiedmer; health and safety, Walter Lansing. Committees on camping and senior program are yet to be appointed.

James E. Monroe, Scout executive for the district, said the next regular meeting would be the last Friday in January and in alternate months thereafter.

### Clothes Wringer In Holiday Service

Fremont, Neb., Dec. 21 (AP)—Midland college art students merely turned an old fashioned wringer into a new style wrinkle today and began wringing out the old year greeting cards.

Anna Kreinheder, art instructor, said the class used the old clothes wringer, linoleum scraps, knives and printers ink to turn out their greeting cards.

"While the result may not produce acceptable examples of cubism or expressionism," she said, "it is an inexpensive method of making unusual Christmas cards."

### ITALIAN ARMY ORDERED TO RESUME WAR

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secretary, told an audience of conservative party workers: "I trust the nations of the league will show that they are prepared to make themselves resist any attack which may be made on any one of their number."

Thus were the lines drawn taut for a resumption of the explosive-filled economic battle between the League of Nations, under British leadership, and Italy over the question of aggression in east Africa.

The headlined declarations in Rome and London were an aftermath to the failure of the French and British attempts to bring peace to the Italian and Ethiopian arms with a plan providing immense concessions to Mussolini.

In token of Premier Mussolini's determination to defy the league—which means Great Britain in particular—the fascist grand council issued a communique after a meeting with 11 Duce asserting Italy is confident of victory. Mussolini dispatched 4,000 additional militiamen and 800 workmen to east Africa.

Reports meanwhile were current in London that Britain was preparing to sound out other nations, as well as those bordering on the Mediterranean, as to how they were prepared to support sanctions. Political sources said the government was not willing to press at Geneva for imposition of further sanctions until it was assured this policy had the support of other league members.

Diplomatic sources in Paris said the British move to shape a league police force to support sanctions, if necessary, may be launched at a special session of the league council about January 10. France, it was added, was ready to help Britain.

ARMSTRONG HOME  
Aurora—Robert Armstrong was brought home from a Salem hospital and has been reported as recovering nicely from a recent operation. He will be confined to his bed for some time.

HOWARD KELLY HOME  
Hopewere — Howard Kelly came home from Roger Mountain, near Scioto, for a short visit with his mother, Mrs. Neva Kelly, and his grandmother, Mrs. Eva Tanquary of Hopewere.



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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27—7:30 P. M.—"The Great Prophecy that Must be Fulfilled Before The Nations Can Break In Armageddon."  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29—7:30 P. M.—"Why Will An Evolutionist be Shut Out of Heaven?"  
(Even If He Is A Preacher)