

LOCALS

A mass meeting sponsored by the Townsend club of Salem will be held in the Bush school house, Mission and University streets, Wednesday evening, April 21, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of instructing the high school essay contestants in the Townsend plan. Mrs. Nagel of Lacombe will speak. Everyone is invited.

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Rev. Lynn A. Wood, pastor of the Jason Lee Methodist church, was seated as a fraternal delegate last night by the Salem Trades and Labor council. Sixteen locals reported that they would have a total of 30 delegates at the Oregon Commonwealth federation convention in Portland Saturday and Sunday. The federation is an outgrowth of the farmer-labor party movement in Oregon.

Mrs. Russell Starnard, who underwent a major operation at the Salem General hospital Monday morning, is reported improving.

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Planned as a benefit for the building fund, the Salem Heights Woman's club is sponsoring a chicken dinner at the community hall Friday evening, serving to start at 5:30 o'clock. Mrs. C. W. Sawyer is general chairman.

Marriage licenses have been issued at Vancouver, Wash., to Joseph R. Melvin, Salem route 6 and Mrs. Wilhelmina Peters, of Salem; Wells G. Hinesworth and Margaret M. Robinson, both of Corvallis; Howard L. Ernst, Oregon City and Beulah L. Harris, Silverton; Marion M. Maxwell and Bernice E. Gray, both of Woodburn and to Vernon C. Sprague, Delake and Juanita Fox, of Ocean Lake.

"The Psychology of Christian Personality" is the current study and discussion in the WPA adult education class in psychology of personality, carried on through the cooperation of the Salem schools. Members of the class are finding the study of the combination of mental traits and qualities which determine character and personality, interesting. Class sessions are held at the high school on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

A 60-day suspended jail sentence, with a year's probation, was imposed in justice court today on J. H. Cook, charged with vagrancy.

Three more new dwellings for Salem were included among new building permits on record today. They were: Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith, to build a 1 1/2-story dwelling and garage at 460 Mission, \$2610. E. W. E. W. Stripling, to a 1 1/2-story dwelling and garage at 943 South Liberty, \$3500. C. T. Klitt, to build a 1 1/2-story dwelling and garage at 355 Falk, \$2900. Other permits were: William Hobbs, to alter a one-story dwelling at 1065 North 22nd, \$50. A. R. Anderson, to rebuild a chimney at 595 North Front, \$70.

Lyle Johnstone of McMinnville and Alvin Augustus Swegle of Salem are on the city police blotter for failing to observe stop signs. In justice court Forrest C. Freeze pleaded guilty to driving a motor vehicle not having an Oregon license and was fined \$5 and costs. Fred Morse, charged with violation of the basic speed rule, will have a jury trial Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The case of Joe Ciaffoni, charged with the larceny of an automobile, has been continued in justice court to April 29 at 10 o'clock. He was released on his own recognizance.

Motor vehicle accidents reported today were: Mrs. Ted Payne, 148 North Summer, and Maurice W. Walker, 1045 North Summer, at Church and E streets. Herman W. Reibenstein, Salem, and an unidentified car, at Front and Marion. Jack Price, 444 North Cottage, and W. D. Pinson, 280 North 18th, on Pacific highway. Bert Patterson, Portland, and Tom Waddell, 1640 Saginaw, 10 miles north on Pacific highway. C. Walton Larue, Portland, and Lee G. Wilcox, 2315 Center, 10 miles south on Pacific highway.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Townsend club No. 3 will meet with Mrs. Louis Cervena at 201 North 25th street April 22, at 2 p. m., for a quilting bee. All women interested are invited to come. Bring needles.

Final settlement has been entered in probate in the matter of Clara Faust, minor, releasing Anna Faust as guardian, the ward having attained her majority.

Sigurd Ostrem has filed his final account as administrator of the estate of G. B. Ostrem showing receipts of \$372.88, disbursements the same. Appraisal of \$501 was placed on the estate by J. D. Thomas, Gunder Alrick and Eling Teigen.

Alfred L. Adams and Frances Adams Reynolds have filed their final account on the estate of L. J. Adams showing receipts of \$2893.50 and disbursements of \$1971.81.

Millie E. Warren has been named administratrix of the \$590 estate of Edward C. Warner and Glenn L. Briedwell, Clifford G. Rue and C. B. Anderson appraisers.

Edwin L. Baker, filing his final account as executor of the estate of Frances E. Baker, shows receipts of \$4035.45; disbursements of \$2459.25 and in a recapitulation shows assets of \$4231.69.

Rachel Ann Patton, executrix of the estate of L. P. Butler, shows receipts of \$3580.19 and disbursements of \$1242.50 in her final account. Final hearing is set for May 24.

Frank A. Kittredge, chief engineer for National parks, visited in Salem Tuesday night as a guest of his brother-in-law, Fred W. Mears. Mr. Kittredge was on route to his home in Palo Alto, Calif.

Townsend club No. 4 will meet Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock in the Highland school and will have a guest speaker, Prof. Thomas Gentle

RUDY VALLEE FOUND GUILTY OF ASSAULT

Boston, April 21 (AP)—A municipal court judge today convicted Rudy Vallee, radio crooner, and his publicity agent, Harry Paul, of assault on a newspaper photographer.

Vallee's case was filed. Paul was fined \$500, appeared, and was released on \$100 personal recognizance.

Judge Daniel J. Gillen acquitted the photographer, Benedict Fitzgerald, of a counter-assault charge brought by Paul.

The alleged assault occurred April 6 after Fitzgerald snapped a photograph of Vallee and a Miss Evelyn Gresham in the lobby of the Shubert theatre following a performance of "Babes in Arms."

Vallee denied punching Fitzgerald or calling him profane names. Fitzgerald testified Rudy called him a "dirty lousy Irish—" but the crooner insistently reminded the court: "I am of Irish descent myself."

Rudy testified he was about to take Miss Gresham's arm at the theatre checkroom when he suddenly saw a flash.

Harry Paul, my friend, reached for the plate that Fitzgerald had in his hand and grappled for it," the crooner said.

"Take it easy, I told Paul, 'Let him alone and give him back the plate.' I was afraid they would fall down a flight of stairs. Then I went up to Fitzgerald.

"You can take as many pictures of me as you want, I said, but please leave the young lady out of them. I don't believe she cares to be photographed."

The estate of Louis Land has been appraised at \$3439.47 by George H. Riches, H. V. Compton and John H. Brophy.

Order has been entered in probate authorizing sale of real property of the estate of William H. Pogue by C. W. Pogue, administrator.

County Clerk Boyer was today notified by the public utilities commissioner that a hearing set for Friday, April 23, at the courthouse here in the matter of the application of H. A. Austin to operate angles between Eugene and Portland as a common carrier has been postponed to a date to be set later.

The county court was called to the Clearlake section today by water over the road and to look over the situation there.

Default judgment for \$371.50 has been entered in circuit court in the case of James Inish against A. P. Nys and others.

Motion has been filed in the case of C. E. Bunce, by R. H. Bassett, guardian, against Ida Cannon, to have the case placed on the circuit court motion docket.

Transcript of judgment has been filed with the county clerk in Salem justice court for \$172.67 in the case of Emil Folk vs. Anna Laue.

The grand jury was expected to file a report with Judge Lewelling some time this afternoon to cover routine matters and there was also the possibility of its making some report on the audit recently made by the state auditor on the affairs in the constable's office under the late Walter DeLong.

Confirmations of sales have been filed in the cases of Isabella V. Scott vs. Robert H. Scott and Federal Farm Mortgage corporation against John Palmer and others.

The estates of Amy C. Adams, deceased, and her daughter, Genevieve Adams, minor, a guardianship, were both admitted to probate today. The deceased left a \$4100 estate. This is recited as property of the daughter subject to a life interest of Hector Adams, widower, of Amy C. Adams. At his request Homer H. Smith was named administrator of the Amy C. Adams estate and guardian of the Genevieve Adams estate. Ariel Van Fleet, E. M. Page and J. D. Taylor were named appraisers of both estates.

William Powell Likes Casey Jones

Hollywood, Calif., April 21 (AP)—Music has charms to inspire Laine Rainer, but William Powell, her current screen partner, opined today that he prefers his acting straight.

The two are together in "The Emperor's Candlesticks." During her Vienna scenes, Miss Rainer has had none but Viennese waltzes played. For her St. Petersburg scenes, she insists on Russian music.

"Why not 'Casey Jones'?" suggested Powell "for your scenes on the railway trains."

Clark was a likeable chap," Miss Doerfler continued. "He was lonesome. At first we hated each other but we had our youth in common and I helped him learn his parts."

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FIRE DRESS OF HULA DANCER: RESULT FATAL

Los Angeles, April 21 (AP)—Mae Perdue, 22-year-old cafe Hula dancer, was in critical condition today at county general hospital from burns suffered last night when her grass skirt was ignited while she was performing at San Pedro.

The girl, formerly a resident of Portland, Ore., was burned from head to foot as the finger-like skirt flared into flames. Physicians gave her little chance for recovery.

Police accused Matthew Donahue, 37, a mechanic of touching a lighted match to the skirt after the girl assertedly ignored his warnings. Donahue was held on suspicion of assault pending outcome of the girl's fight for life.

Oscar Reilly, San Pedro, was taken into custody as a material witness.

Patrons of the cafe were thrown into confusion as the girl's skirt shot up into flames while she danced to a Hawaiian dance number. Many hurled water and other beverages at the flames while others tried to extinguish them with their coats.

The girl was said to have been dancing professionally for less than a year and last night's performance was reported to be only her fourth as a Hula dancer since making her local debut last Saturday.

Mrs. Norton, Jack L. Smith, a detective, and Frank Keenan, of Winnipeg, Canada, have been indicted for use of the mails to defraud and for conspiracy. Mrs. Norton wrote letters to Gable informing him his real name was "Frank Billings" and that he was the father of Gwendoline, born in 1923.

Gable took the stand late yesterday. He detailed the places where he lived as a boy and a young man. He itemized his movements from 1922 to 1924 when, Mrs. Norton contends, she was having the illicit romance with "Frank Billings."

Then he quietly said "no" to some two dozen questions. He was asked if he had ever communicated with Mrs. Norton, or her representative; if he ever paid her any money; if he ever had seen Gwendoline. He said "no" to all of these queries.

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"No," said Gable.

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Three of these letters were read in court. The most significant one equalled 18 pages when it was copied in a typewriter. It said "Frank Billings" discovered in England, that she was the mistress, not the wife, of the man supposed to be her husband.

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The estate of Margaret Thiel, valued at \$25,000, was admitted to probate today with Willard G. Fisher named as executor. A son, Joseph B. Beck, left a farm of a little over 200 acres, with \$100 each to two grandchildren, Margaret and Thien Grack, and the entire residue is left to a daughter, Mary Leona Fisher.

SAYS ACTOR IN OREGON IN 1922 PLAYING STOCK

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Miss Doerfler told how Gable later lived at her father's ranch near Silverton, Ore., then worked for a lumber company in Silverton.

"Every week-end he would visit me. He would walk the seven miles from Silverton to the ranch on Saturdays. We used to put on overalls and jump from the rafters in the barn onto piles of hay. It was fun."

A motion for a directed verdict to acquit Mrs. Violet Wells Norton of charges she tried to defraud Clark Gable by naming him the father of her daughter was denied today by Federal Judge George Cosgrave.

Big-eared, dimple-checked Gable was slated to be recalled to the stand today by counsel for the 47-year-old woman who the government charges demanded money from the actor to support her daughter, Gwendoline, 13.

Morris Lavine, Mrs. Norton's attorney, was asked if his client, after seeing Gable in court and hearing him testify, still thought he was the "Frank Billings" she says she carried on an illicit romance with in England in 1922 and 1923.

"I can't say," said Lavine. "I'll probably have to base my whole case on that point."

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HOTEL FIRE ROUTS GUESTS



Forty guests fled upper rooms of the 12-story Alcazar Hotel in Miami, Fla., when fire gutted the roof garden. Firemen confined the blaze to the roof in a four-hour battle.

GRAND COULEE DAM HEARING

Washington, April 21 (AP)—Director John Page of the bureau of reclamation, today favored before a senate irrigation sub-committee, a bill designed to eliminate land speculation in the 1,200,000 acres surrounding Grand Coulee dam.

"The bill would enact into law a policy of the reclamation service in operation for 10 years," Page said. "It has been tested on two occasions in the court and held to be valid."

The measure would deny water rights to lands sold for more than a fixed appraisal value set by the reclamation bureau on the basis of its present worth. It would limit the holdings of one person to 40 acres and would require him to sell everything in addition to this acreage at the appraised price.

"I have not received a single protest from the state of Washington on this proposal," Sen. Lewis B. Schwellenbach, D., Wash., said.

Sen. Homer T. Bone, D., Wash., said that this legislation is the "only obstacle" in the way of presidential approval of a supplementary budget item amounting to \$7,750,000.

Without these funds, Bone said, construction on Grand Coulee dam will stop about January 1, 1938, and "leave a huge chunk of concrete in the river, not productive of power or anything else."

Saidie Orr Dunbar Boosted by Oregon

Portland, April 21 (AP)—Mrs. Saidie Orr Dunbar of Portland, whom Oregon delegates plan to nominate for the presidency of the National Federation of Women's clubs at the annual council meeting in Tulsa, will leave tonight with other representatives of the Oregon federation for a pre-convention meeting there.

She is now serving as first vice-president.

The state delegation will include Mrs. A. C. McIntyre of Pendleton, president of the Oregon Federation, and Mrs. H. D. Peterson of Dallas, chairman of juniors.

School Fund Quota On Downward Trend

Hillsboro, April 21 (AP)—Semi-annual distribution of 1937 elementary school funds May 1 will reflect a progressive downward trend, Superintendent O. B. Kraus of Washington county predicted.

Districts will share \$26,637.82 at the rate of \$128.30 for each teacher, with an average daily class attendance of 27 pupils. The rate has decreased from a peak of \$175.95 in 1929.

More Money Needed For Rust Campaign

Washington, April 21 (AP)—The house appropriations committee asked congress today for more funds to cooperate with states and counties to fight blister rust in the white pine forests.

It recommended the agricultural department's share in the 1937-38 battle should be about \$300,000. This is an increase of \$45,000 over the present fiscal year.

In approving the forest service request for additional funds to carry on the control work, particularly in the Pacific northwest, the committee went \$5,000 beyond the amount set aside in the budget.

EXTRADITION OF PARKS REFUSED

Phoenix, Ariz., April 21 (AP)—Acting Governor James H. Kerby today denied the application of Governor Charles Martin of Oregon for the extradition of Ray Parks, sought by Douglas county, Oregon, officials on charges of obtaining money under false pretenses.

Parks was charged with obtaining \$250 on a sight draft. Deputy Sheriff Clifford Thornton and County Attorney J. V. Long of Roseburg, appeared before Kerby.

In denying the application Kerby said "Arizona is not going to act as a collecting agency for a personal debt." He directed that Parks, who was arrested recently at Tucson, be released immediately.

DIVINE ORDERS TO EAT ARE AWAITED

Stooping Oak, Tenn., April 21 (AP)—Jackson Whitlow entered the 63rd day of a fast "inspired by God" today, hopeful of soon receiving a message "from above" that he might resume eating.

"I won't eat until the Lord commands me to end my fast just as He commanded me to begin it," the 42-year-old mountaineer said.

Whitlow "prayed in the mountains" yesterday, and said he felt stronger.

"My faith gives me strength," he said.

He believed God was preparing him "for some great mission." Earlier this year, he said, God ordered him to give all his possessions to the poor. So he gave the Red Cross \$25 and distributed the rest of his goods among the needy of the mountain country.

Whitlow's weight has dropped from 136 to 106 since he began his fast.

Pinball Ordinance Returned Unsigned

Hillsboro, April 21 (AP)—Declaring the plan "inimical to the best interests of the people," Mayor J. J. Garrett returned unsigned the pinball licensing ordinance, passed unanimously by the city council last week.

The mayor asserted the element of chance was the controlling factor in pinball operation, making them gambling devices.

Cook on Steamer Drowns In Portland

Portland, Ore., April 21 (AP)—Clyde Shires, cook on the river steamer, Skookum, plunged into the Willamette river and was drowned, police were informed. Joe Lincoln, dock employe, said Shires tripped on a cable as he was about to go ashore and fell into the swollen stream. The harbor patrol was seeking the body today.

Two 15-year-old boys, Douglas E. Stevenson and Delbert C. Clark, both of Eugene, are in the protection of Salem police today because a freight train didn't stop last night at Junction City. The boys said they got aboard the train, intending to get off at Junction City, and spend the day fishing. But when the train kept going they couldn't get off until they reached Salem. They said they spent the night in a box car. Police picked them up in the railroad yards. Eugene authorities have not yet been contacted.

ACCUSE MOTT OF INSULTING PARK EXPERT

Washington, April 21 (AP)—Rep. John S. McGroarty, D. Cal., sponsor of a bill for federal purchase of timber land areas as part of Yosemite national park, today accused Rep. James W. Mott, R., Ore., of "insulting" a government witness testifying on the measure before the public lands committee.

The measure would provide for purchase of more than 7,000 acres of valuable sugar pine land. It was supported by H. H. Horning of the national park service, whose qualifications as a logging engineer were questioned by Mott.

Opponents of the bill sought unsuccessfully to force Horning to estimate the cost of acquiring the area. His nearest approximation was based on another purchase, which he said was twice as valuable and cost \$2,500,000.

Horning's qualifications as an expert witness were disputed by Mott after Horning asserted that the lumber firm now operating in the disputed area could utilize trucks to move timber from stands the company had claimed would be inaccessible if the major tract goes to the government.

"Why heckle the witness and insult him as to whether he is an expert logging engineer?" interjected McGroarty.

"I'm not," retorted Mott.

Horning asserted that "the claims that the lumber company would be forced to stop operations are exaggerated."

He said it would take four or six years under the company's plans to complete cutting in the affected area, and charged that the Yosemite valley railroad was opposing the sale on grounds that loss of lumber freight revenue would injure it.

"For many years the railroad has been a losing enterprise and is trying to use this proposal as an alibi," he said.

154,514 CRIME CARDS ON FILE

The state police report to the governor revealed today the state police has on file 154,514 crime cards with finger prints and detailed information. During the month of March 572 sets were taken by the bureau of identification.

Under general law enforcement during the past month the state police made 220 arrests resulting in sentences totaling 102 years and fines assessed at \$2,338. Most arrests were made for drunkenness and larceny.

In the game law division 68 arrests were made resulting in fines of \$1,781. Most arrests were for hunting and fishing without licenses.

Traffic law violation arrests reached the high point of 1,090, resulting in fines of \$9,278. Drivers without operator's licenses constituted the largest number in the list of arrests.

MILLIONAIRE WINS SUIT OF SECRETARY