

Locals

Townsend club No. 4 will meet in the Highland school building at 8 o'clock p.m. Tuesday. There will be an open forum of questions and answers. The public is invited.

Bishop A. M. Johnson of the United Brethren church will speak Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock p. m. at Mission street, between 12th and University streets.

Some people believe the depression is over and are paying cash, while others not so sure are buying now and paying within 30 weeks. In either case, Frank Doolittle's Service Station is the place to buy tires, tubes, bicycles and radios. Ask to see their budget man.

P.E.P. Teachers' club will meet Tuesday night at 8 o'clock at the Y.M.C.A. for a swimming party.

H. T. Love, watch repairing, 141 S. Liberty St.

February traffic deaths, totaling only seven, set a new all-time low since records of motor vehicle accidents have been kept in Oregon. Secretary of State Snell reported. Seventeen traffic deaths were recorded for the same month last year. February was the third consecutive month to record a decrease in traffic accidents, with a total of 2439 reported as compared to 5442 for February, 1937.

Haircuts 25c at Andy's, 182 S. H.

The afternoon Pidad Study club will meet with Mrs. Walter Spaulding, 1726 Court street, Tuesday at 2 p. m.

Dr. C. B. O'Neill, Ophthalmologist, Newport, Oregon, telephone No. 73, wishes to notify his former patients that his office hours are: Week days 9 a. m. to 4:30 p. m., Saturday 9 a. m. to 12:30 p. m., and Sunday by appointment only.

Arthur Knight was arrested by the state police Sunday night south of the city on a charge of driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

The Service Station association will meet at the Chamber of Commerce Wednesday night at 8:30 o'clock.

First mortgage investments 5 to 6 percent. Hawkins & Roberts, Guardian Bldg.

The Salem Chamber of Commerce is calling for bids on the extensive remodeling to be done to the chamber quarters on Liberty street.

Eva I. Owsley has filed suit for divorce in circuit court against Carl C. Owsley, alleging cruel and inhuman treatment. They were married October 6, 1928. The complaint states that a property settlement has been had with agreement for the defendant to contribute \$20 a month toward support of a minor child in custody of the plaintiff and whose custody the plaintiff desires to keep.

Schuss, foods, beverages, 370 State.

Computation by the county clerk's office of workmen's compensation contributions by the county for the last month shows total contributions of \$633.71 of which \$606.58 is paid by the county and \$27.03 by the workmen. The total payroll was \$10,290.37 with 194 employees on the list, but in a number of cases the employees' names are duplicated by being in different classifications or for some other reason. Due to extraordinary work required on roads and bridges because of flood conditions an extra heavy hauling of gravel, the amount involved is larger than usual for this time of year.

Ph. 8478. Bondell, for Roofing.

A swimming team from San Jose State college, California, will compete against Y.M.C.A. tank men in the local pool tonight at 7:30 o'clock.

Townsend club No. 12 will meet in Wesley hall Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock.

For Roofing, R. L. Elstrom, 6550.

The Federation of Evangelical and Reformed church women of the Portland area, meeting here late last week, voted unanimously in strongly urging senators and congressmen to support the bill prohibiting governmental liquor business, and to oppose H.R. 8115, which would permit the sending of liquor samples through the mail. This vote, by more than 100 delegates, representing 10 congregations, was taken after listening to an address by Mrs. Fred Toose, Sr. Other speakers on the federation program were Mrs. A. F. E. Schierbaum of Mt. Angel, Mrs. Chris Seely of Salem, Rev. A. F. Lenkammer of Portland and Mrs. Melvin Johnson of Salem.

Lutz Florist, Ph. 9592, 1276 N. Liberty.

Kenneth Manning, a graduate of Willamette university, and first baseman for the El Paso club of the Texas-Arizona baseball league, expects to leave within a few days for Norfolk, Va., where he will play during the coming season. Norfolk is a member of the Piedmont league. Manning has been taking graduate work at the University of Southern California and returned to Salem late last week.

C. A. McCallister, route 6, and Walter A. Stevens, 633 North Front, are on the police blotter for falling

to observe stop signs. C. H. Baker of Freewater is charged with driving past another vehicle without sufficient clearance. George Henry Weaver of Rickreall with one-arm driving, and John Hughes of Salem with violation of the basic speed rule.

An attempt was made Saturday night to burglarize a safe at the Salem Automobile company, but the burglar only succeeded in knocking the knob off the safe door.

Paint & Roofing Mathis 474 Ferry.

Billy Wirtz is recovering from a major operation at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Wirtz of Salem.

Marion county voiture No. 153 of the 40 & 8 society of the American Legion will hold its monthly meeting at Stayton Wednesday night with dinner scheduled to start at 7 o'clock. The meeting was postponed from last week because of the state basketball tournament.

The Salem Federal still pays four percent on insured savings.

Building permits today were: Otto Diekmeyer, to build a one-story dwelling at 1545 Jefferson, \$2000. Dr. Billy Bancroft, to repair a one-story dwelling at 345 Mission, \$50.

Davenport R. Phelps, western representative for the national livestock and meat board of Chicago, with headquarters in San Francisco, will give a practical demonstration and lecture on meat cutting at the weekly meeting of the Kiwanis club Tuesday noon.

Because National Commander Daniel J. Doherty, of Woburn, Mass., is in Portland today and addressing a mass meeting in the evening, Capital Post No. 9 of the American Legion is not holding its regular meeting this evening. Many members of the post and auxiliary plan to attend the evening meeting with state officers and post officers spending the day in conference with the national commander.

Finger wave 25c, permanent 95c. Beauty Nook, 320 State. Next to Ladd & Bush. Phone 6631.

In the case of Henry and Charles Palmer and Mary Way vs. Irene Palmer Sears and Robert B. Sears a reply to the answer alleges that during the crop season of 1935 the land involved in the case failed to pay expenses and showed a deficiency for operation of \$200 which the answer says was paid by Henry Palmer. The answer says he was entitled to \$50 for proportionate share as reimbursement and for this purpose retained \$48 from the balance of the proceeds. He said there remains in his possession \$50 which has been retained for the purpose of applying on the last quarter of 1937 taxes which totaled \$66.36. He says he asked the defendants for their proportion of this or \$4.09 but that they have refused to pay it.

Pool table for sale. Bids must be in by Wed. nite. Chamber of Commerce.

Judge Lewelling today completed taking testimony in the lien foreclosure matter of Louis Neuman vs. Walter H. Zasel and others but deferred any decision pending settlement of another phase of matters concerning the property in another trial.

Confirmation of sale of property of the estate of Marjorie Lucille Knox has been filed in probate.

Yew Park Townsend club will meet tonight at 7:30 o'clock at Shrode hall. There will be a musical program. The public is invited.

The grand jury which renewed its sessions today, it is understood, heard one witness this morning in the matter of the county relief committee investigation and was expected to hear more this afternoon. Investigation into a forgery charge against Dean Maxwell is expected to be taken up today or tomorrow.

Final order closing the estate of Frank P. Haas has been filed in probate.

Lenora Dennis has been named executrix of the \$5000 estate of M. P. Dennis and Louis Bechtel, S. A. Hughes and E. S. Coates as appraisers. An order in connection with the estate allowed Avery Thompson, as attorney, to take the will to the home of Lenora Dennis to secure an affidavit as to the witnesses and identity of the document. This was necessary as Mrs. Dennis is ill at her home.

Order confirming sale of real property of the guardianship estate of Peter Alfred Jespersen has been filed in probate for property sold to S. M. Earle for \$350. First National bank is guardian.

Order based on a stipulation allowing withdrawal exhibits in the in the divorce matter of William Hirtz vs. Gladys Hirtz has been filed with the county clerk.

Formal decree has been filed by Judge Lewelling in the case of Ralph S. and Areta V. Harper against A. L. and Mirtle Kostenborer, holding that a lease on certain Labish land runs to September, 1938.

Frank Powers, of Willamette university, will speak on the relationship of international trade agreements to war and peace at the city library at 7:30 o'clock tonight. The meeting is open to the public.

Tells of Last Words of Poisoned Girl

St. Helena, Ore., March 21 (AP)—Mrs. Eva Steves testified today that the last words spoken by Mrs. Agnes Joan Ledford to her stepdaughter, Ruth, whom she is charged with poisoning, were:

"Dear, do you know that mother loves you?"

"Yes, and I love you, too," she quoted Ruth as saying in reply.

Mrs. Steves, testifying for the defense in the trial of first degree murder charges against Mrs. Ledford, said the conversation took place Monday morning, September 8, as Mr. and Mrs. Ledford left to take Ruth's sister, Dorothy, to a Portland hospital where she died two days later.

Mrs. Ledford had prepared medicines to be given to Ruth during her absence, Mrs. Steves related. She said about three hours after the girls' father and stepmother left, Ruth became unconscious and died shortly after a doctor had been hurriedly summoned.

Mrs. Steves had previously testified that she visited the Ledford home Friday, September 3, and found both girls ill. She said they told her they were sick as a result of eating wild blackberries, and that their throats and stomachs were sore from vomiting.

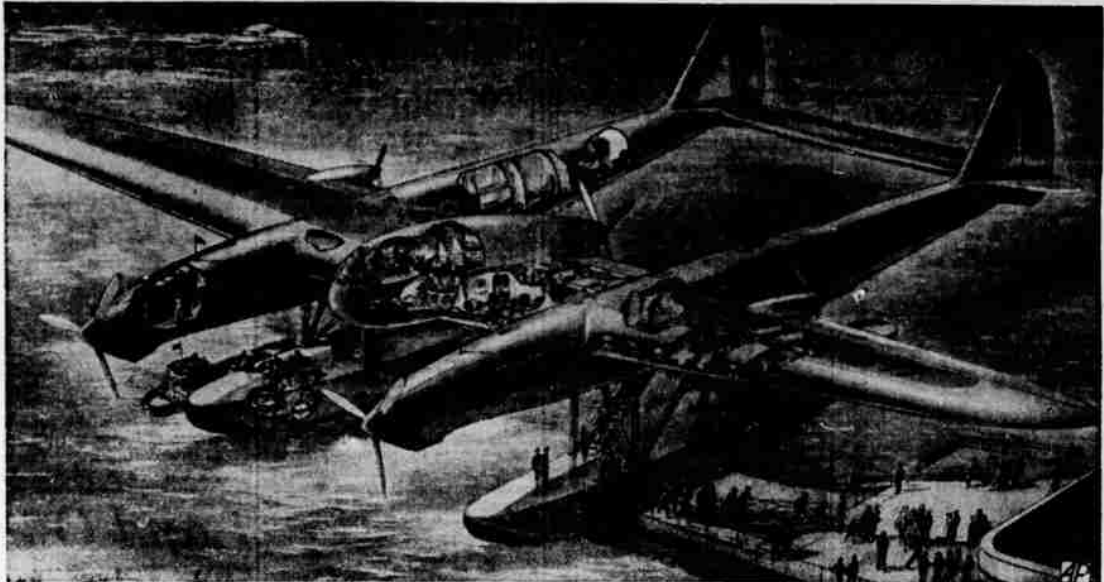
The state charged that the deaths of both girls resulted from poison administered by Mrs. Ledford Saturday, September 4.

Mrs. Steves testified that she visited the girls again Sunday, and noticed no change in their condition since her previous call on Friday.

Other witnesses testified briefly to apparent good feeling and affection existing between the girls and their stepmother.

James Gallogly, a fellow employee of Mr. Ledford at a St. Helena store, told of visiting the Ledford home and observing no friction between members of the family. He said he was shown the Ledford garden and noticed damage from insects.

Mrs. Ledford had testified she had prepared poison, which the state contended had been administered to the girls, for use as an insecticide.



IN PEACE—A 'FLYING YACHT'; IN WAR—A 'DREADNAUGHT' is claim for this Seversky-designed, 150-passenger plane shown in artist's drawing. Ship would weigh 300,000 pounds and have top speed of 300 miles an hour. For war purposes, the plane could carry ten 2,000-pound bombs 12,000 miles, says Seversky Aircraft corporation of Farmingdale, N. Y.

Dean Maxwell Confesses to 18 Forgeries

Dallas, Ore., March 21—Dean Maxwell, 23, of Portland, arrested at Dallas Saturday on a charge of forgery of American Express company money orders, has confessed to 18 forgeries, according to Sheriff T. B. Hooker, the officers reported. Maxwell was to be arraigned in justice court today and it was expected he would waive preliminary hearing.

The officers said Maxwell's confession listed 18 forgeries, ranging from \$1 to \$17. He was arrested after passing one of the checks at the Guy Hardware store here, and is said to have passed one at the George Cooper Hardware store at Monmouth. These, it was believed, were the only ones in Polk county. Others were passed, it was said, in other Oregon counties and in southwest Washington.

The arrest was due to a warning sent out by the state police to merchants of Marion and Polk counties last week to be on the lookout for the forger. When he appeared at the Guy hardware store, operated by N. L. Guy and Charles J. Guy, one of the men cashed the order and engaged Maxwell in conversation while the other went to the rear of the store and called the police. The money order had been issued at Yakima, Wash., originally for \$148, but State police said it had been raised, according to information from Yakima, to \$174.8 when presented at Dallas.

The officers said another money order for \$11.0 was purchased at the Western Union office in Salem March 5 and passed at Newburg March 12, having been raised to \$15.10. Eugene, Toledo, Molalla, Beaverton and West Linn in Oregon and Stevenson, Vancouver and Washington in Washington were other cities where money orders were raised and cashed in recent weeks. It was believed the forgeries amounted to about \$500.

Sweeney Files for Commissioner

C. T. Sweeney, democrat of Woodburn, has filed his declaration as a candidate for nomination for the office of county commissioner. He is the first democrat to file. Harley Libby of Marion has filed as a republican candidate and Leroy Hewlett, incumbent, has let it be known he expects to file soon for re-election.

Candidate Sweeney in his declaration says: "I will administer the affairs of the office with no other goal in view but the common good of all the citizens of the county. I will use my best endeavor to see the material used for road work will be purchased at lowest possible cost. I believe in an adequate pension for aged people and I will use my influence to that end. Economy, efficiency and honesty, equal rights to all. Special favors to none."

Committee to Give Aid to Jews

Portland, Ore., March 21 (AP)—Three hundred representatives of Jews in the northwest and Canada formed the American Jewish Joint relief distribution committee here yesterday to rehabilitate destitute and persecuted members of the race.

Rabbi Jonah B. Wise of New York said recent events abroad made the more necessary.

The group named Alfred Shemanski, Seattle, honorary chairman and Aaron Frank, Portland, chairman. Vice-chairmen were named for key cities.

Bar Governors Deny Request

Portland, March 21 (AP)—The board of governors of the Oregon state bar, meeting here, adopted a report of the board of bar examiners recommending denial of a request that John C. Fischer, general counsel of the Bonneville dam administration, be permitted to practice in Oregon without meeting formal requirements.

A special committee on taxation was named, including Ralph Bailey and Fred H. Paulus, Salem; F. E. Van... and Blaine Mc...

Gill and Tompkins Issue Statements

Following are copies of letters addressed to the Capital Journal by Ray W. Gill, state grange master, and Morton Tompkins, overseer of the grange, in reply to allegations

made to them by R. W. Perry of Hood River in reporting the ransacking of his room in a local hotel to police:

To the Editor: I have notice your article entitled "Perry Robbed of Papers and Money," which appears to be a very clever attempt to cast reflections upon me by mentioning a certain affidavit which was signed by Mr. Friesen and which even says that I advised him to "give up with unions." Such a statement or inferred statement which you have attributed as being sworn to by Mr. Friesen is false and without foundation and I wish to further state that the part of the affidavit which you have mentioned and in which Mr. Friesen purports to state he also said and without any foundation. Also that the affidavit of Davis which says I visited his plant during the strike is untrue for I have never visited Mr. Friesen's plant during the time it was being picketed nor for some time before.

In this news item Mr. Friesen is quoted as having sworn to through an affidavit that I told him that grangers were not permitted to pass through picket lines and that I advised him to "give up with unions." Such a statement or inferred statement which you have attributed as being sworn to by Mr. Friesen is false and without foundation and I wish to further state that the part of the affidavit which you have mentioned and in which Mr. Friesen purports to state he also said and without any foundation. Also that the affidavit of Davis which says I visited his plant during the strike is untrue for I have never visited Mr. Friesen's plant during the time it was being picketed nor for some time before.

Streams Falling To Normal Stage

Portland, March 21 (AP)—Spring ruled officially in Oregon today but winter declined to hasten from the scene.

Winter's final act before it retired at 10:43 o'clock last night resulted in tumbling temperatures. Portland shivered in a minimum of 33 degrees.

Travel was restored on all major highways except the coast road. High water still blocked the road between Coquille and Bandon. Motorists were required to use a detour on the Pacific highway about a mile north of Gold Hill.

The Willamette river returned to normal today after two inches of rain in 48 hours sent it over the Pacific highway at Judkin's Point. The stream dropped at Albany after reaching the season's crest of 22.4 feet.

Snowy reached an all-time record of 186 inches at the Crater lake government camp. The fall extended into sections of the Rogue river valley.

Southern Pacific railroad crews sandbagged tracks to stem rising waters in the Coos Bay area. A mile of track was damaged near Cedar Point.

Mrs. Roosevelt Rests in Seattle

Portland, March 21 (AP)—The problems of war and peace have become major issues with America's younger generation. Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt told interviewers here yesterday.

The first lady paused briefly at the municipal airport while en route to Seattle to visit her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Boettiger.

"The young people are thinking more about war and peace than are the women these days," she remarked.

"The women of the country have always been worried regarding war, yet I don't think the world situation has made the older folk any more concerned than they were but it seems that the younger generation is realizing more and more the horrors of war."

Many Young Men On Jobless List

Washington, March 21 (AP)—More than 40 per cent of Oregon's 28-432 totally unemployed are between 15 and 24 years old, John D. Biggers, unemployment census administrator, announced today.

The youngest group, 15 to 25 years, represented 25.8 per cent and 25 to 35 years group 20.5 per cent.

The largest age group among the 14,373 persons employed in emergency work was between 45 and 54 years.

Of the total unemployed 10,181 have two dependents, 14,696 have one and 1821 more than six.

State Grange Officials Reply To R. W. Perry

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did not he would lose the patronage of grange members because they are not permitted to pass picket lines, Tompkins said:

"Such a statement or inferred statement... is false and without foundation and I wish to further state that that part of the affidavit in which Mr. Friesen purports to quote me as also false and without any foundation."

Tompkins also declared that the "Grange has no tie-up with any organized labor union and any grange member has the privilege of making his own decision as to whether he will trade with any particular place or not, even though it be picketed or otherwise."

Almost simultaneously with the issuance of the Gill and Tompkins statements, Friesen made public a letter addressed to Gill reiterating the charges against Tompkins and requesting from the grange master a true statement of the grange's attitude toward picketed businesses.

Stating that his rebuilt plant is practically ready to resume operations and that for several years prior to the fire which destroyed it he had employed the patronage of many members of the Grange," Friesen wrote to Gill:

"During a period of several months immediately prior to the fire my plant was picketed by agents of the union in an endeavor to compel me to unionize the plant and to force my employees to join the union against their own will.

"My refusal to resort to coercion to force loyal and satisfied employees to sign up with the union and contribute to such a reign of labor terror as has been revealed by subsequent developments resulted in destruction of the plant and enforced idleness of the crew.

"During the period of this unjustified picketing—there existed no dispute between myself and my employees—I was visited by Mr. Morton Tompkins of Grand Island, overseer of the Oregon State Grange, with whom I had done business for several years; I was informed by Mr. Tompkins that unless our plant was unionized and the pickets removed members of the Grange would not be permitted to deal with me. He also stated that he was an officer of the Oregon State Grange and members of the Grange are not permitted to pass a union picket line.

"I cannot conceive of the Grange, with its high ideals and patriotism, being a party to such an un-American conspiracy of unfair discrimination and intimidation.

"Does the Oregon State Grange indulge in and condone such practices, and did Mr. Tompkins speak with authority in so advising me?"

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10 Percent Cut in Expenses Defeated

Washington, March 21 (AP)—The senate today defeated the Byrd amendment to the government reorganization bill committing the president to a policy of reducing regular federal expenditures at least 10 per cent.

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Goodenough May Run for Mayor

Edwin C. Goodenough, attorney who was formerly a member of the city council, was being mentioned today as a possible candidate for mayor of Salem. Goodenough had nothing to say either way when questioned about the rumor, merely remarking that there had been some talk about it.

So far the only candidate definitely in the race is W. W. Gnadwick, chain tool manager. Irl S. McSherry and Alderman David O'Hara, both of whom considered running, decided against it.

Goodenough represented the seventh ward in the council and resigned about the first of the year to be a candidate for the office of city attorney, to which Paul R. Hendricks was re-elected.

Nellie T. Ross Selected Again
Washington, March 21 (AP)—President Roosevelt today sent to the senate the nomination of Nellie Taylor Ross of Wyoming, for re-appointment as director of the mint.

Zimmerman Replies to Talk By Griffith

Challenging statements made by Franklin T. Griffith of the Portland General Electric company in a recent address before the chamber of commerce, Peter Zimmerman, former state senator from Yamhill county, described his written report as "reading like a novel" when he replied before the same body today noon.

Zimmerman took particular exception to a report on public utility districts compiled by the hydro-electric commission. "Change governors and you will change the report and I defy Governor Martin to deny it," the speaker asserted.

Statements of Griffith that an increased service and decreased costs to the consumer are not backed up by his actions, Zimmerman said. Preferred stock was characterized as 32nd mortgages only with holding companies and financial houses milking the utility treasury dry. Extensions in quoted instances have been made by Griffith's company only through fear when it was found impossible to obtain cash for extensions.

"Griffith has forgotten what he said in 1915 when he asserted that the cost of generation of power is one of the big items, cost of distribution small and cost of development great," Zimmerman said. The difference between privately owned and publicly owned utilities is that the first is loaded with debt, loaded with interest charges and the funds being milked by charging off earnings into another company while the publically owned concerns amortize indebtedness every year and pay on the principal if any money is left.

Going back to many years ago the speaker said that Griffith lacked the moral courage to obey orders to sell millions of dollars worth of preferred stock with the certificates "little better than soap wrappers." He also charged that Griffith today evades public debate upon the utility question and is "hiding in a hole."

Zimmerman pointed out that the Eugene utilities, municipally controlled, charged 75 cents for the first 15 k. w. hours as against one dollar in Portland with \$4.50 charged for 250 k. w. hours as compared with \$6 in Portland, which has an added advantage of being close to water courses for power development. Savings claimed by Griffith through the purchase of power at Bonneville will not amount to more than \$150 a year and are more than offset by other advantages of the public controlled utilities, based upon generating costs under the TVA as Bonneville generating costs have not yet been figured. At this, Zimmerman said, the PGE expects to purchase only one-third of its required power from that source, further cutting the savings.

"It is the right of the people to serve themselves as they see fit at any time regardless of the cost and when they can prove they can be served best by public rather than private ownership, it naturally follows that it is their duty to do this," Zimmerman said at the opening and closing of his address.

Committee Ties On Equal Rights

Washington, March 21 (AP)—The senate judiciary committee, unable to break its tie vote on the women's equal rights amendment, agreed today to report it to the senate without a recommendation.

The group voted 9 to 9. Chairman Ashurst (D., Ariz.) casting the tying favorable vote. On a previous roll call, the count had been 8 to 8.

"We just agreed to let the senate decide," Ashurst explained.

A constitutional amendment, the proposal would outlaw any legal restrictions because of sex, such as those in some states against women jurors.

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