

Locals

A bunch in a local park and a sign advertising "Young Peoples Meeting" were covered by Monte Thompson, 720 North Commercial, and Gerald Cox last night, and the boys allegedly took them to one of their rooms. They were booked by the police as drunk.

Lutz, Florist, P. 9892, 1278 N. Lib.

Two boys of early teen age were sought by the police Saturday night after one of them had threatened L. R. Fisher, 524 North 19th, with a .22 caliber pistol. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher, warned by the barking of their dog, saw the two in their back yard and called them in as they were going away. When they failed to make a satisfactory explanation of their presence Fisher told his wife to call the police. Thereupon one of the boys drew the gun and told Fisher, "Don't come any closer, or I'll put a slug into you."

See Bondell for roofs, 414 N. Coml.

A car driven by Dewey G. Friedlund of Astoria collided with a parked car owned by the Valley Motor company in front of the Graham Sharkey home at 1340 South Commercial last night. The cars were considerably damaged. Friedlund had a neck injury, but Edward Mulcrone, who was with him, was not hurt. Friedlund said the collision occurred when he averted to avoid colliding with another approaching car.

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The date of the annual Salem Lions club show, proceeds from which will be used in the organization's charity work, has been changed to January 18 and 19. This year's production will consist of an hour's variety show staged by local talent, combined with a first run feature film. Two shows will be held each night at the Grand theatre. A representative of the company which will assist the Lions will arrive this week and it is expected rehearsals will start next Friday.

Congressman James W. Mott, of Salem, left for Washington, D. C., Saturday night to attend the coming session of congress.

5/10/5 Private auto liability and property damage insurance, only \$18.36 annually. \$10,000 private residence liability insurance only \$11.25 for 3 years. \$1000 private residence, burglary, robbery and hold-up insurance only \$15 annually. Insurance Dept. Hawkins & Roberts, Ph. 4109.

Two newspaper boys, one selling for the Capital Journal and the other for the Oregonian, were being praised today by an unidentified woman who called the office to express appreciation for their work. In a hurry to catch a bus at the U. S. National bank building late Saturday afternoon, she forgot that her purse was on the ledge of the window. Missing it, she took the next bus back to the corner in the hope that she might find the purse. The two youngsters, noting the purse, had covered it with a newspaper to keep it dry, and restored it to the owner.

Watch Tuesday's Journal for picture of fine new modern home for sale at a sacrifice. Hawkins & Roberts, Inc.

Van Wieder returned last evening from a three weeks' absence, most of which was spent visiting relatives in Illinois, his former home. He also spent some time with his sister at Baker. The weather, he stated, was spring-like up to the time of his leaving but winter set in in earnest for his return trip and he encountered snow and ice all the way from Iowa through to Pendleton. He made the trip by motor.

The Northeast Chummen's association is scheduled to hold its annual meeting in Seattle this week and a large number of Salem chummen will be in attendance. Every canner in the district is expected

to be present and a number of the canneries will send good sized delegations from their office and operating forces.

More than 80 meetings were held at the Chamber of Commerce rooms during the last year, according to a report in the weekly bulletin. There were 4454 meals served during the nine months that weekly meetings were held by the forum.

"Her Step-Husband," a Salem Community Playhouse production, will be presented at the Eugene Field school auditorium in Silverton Thursday night. In charge of local arrangements are Ernest Ekman, George Mannis and Morton Baker as a committee from the Silverton community band.

Marriage licenses have been issued at Vancouver, Wash., to Alf Nilsson, Portland, and Della J. Kiewer, Salem; Eugene A. Kuenzi, Salem, and Beatrice J. Johnson, 530 North 24th street, Salem; and to Joseph A. Danton, Corvallis, route 1, and Grace M. Armstrong, Portland.

Enil Slovay, Norwegian consul to Portland, will speak at the Rotary club luncheon Wednesday noon. He will discuss conditions in the Scandinavian countries. Mrs. Nels Tinning will play several Norwegian folk songs on the accordion.

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German Ship Fails to Leave Port as Ordered

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Captain Hans Knoch, charged by Uruguay with placing his ship in the category of a belligerent by standing by the Admiral Graf Spee when that German pocket battleship was destroyed by the commander December 17, ran up a German naval ensign Sunday afternoon and steamed from the inner harbor, as the Admiral Graf Spee had done two weeks previously.

Instead of going on to self-destruction as the warship did, however, the Tacoma dropped anchor just inside the harbor breakwater.

There had been waterfront reports the Tacoma might go to Buenos Aires, where she might be treated simply as a merchant ship. The Anatolia and the Niemburg, owned by the same company, have been anchored at Buenos Aires since the war began.

Before sailing, the Tacoma discharged to a tug baggage which presumably belonged to the crew. Some of the men had been put ashore beforehand, and the number remaining aboard was not disclosed. One estimate said there were 60.

Alaska Gold Output Shows Slight Decrease

Washington, Jan. 1 (AP)—Mineral production in 1939 in Alaska had a value of \$24,888,000, a decrease of \$2,700,000 compared to the preceding year.

The geological survey, announcing preliminary figures today, said that copper-silver mines which, in the previous year produced nearly \$3,000,000 worth of copper, were not in operation in 1939 but "results as a whole were good, and encourage the belief in the continuing high rate of output of minerals from the territory."

Production in 1938, it pointed out, was fourth highest in the history of the territory. The total worth of minerals produced since 1880 the survey set at \$280,000,000.

Gold production was second highest in value in history with only 1938 topping, by \$270,000. The \$22,900,000 worth produced in 1939, before 1934 gold brought \$20.67 an ounce compared to \$35 an ounce after that date. The survey said on a quantity basis this year's production had exceeded not only in 1938 but in each year from 1905 to 1937 inclusive. Gold produced in the territory since 1880 was said to be worth \$535,587,000.

The gold production was 67 per cent from placer mines and 32 per cent from lodes, or about \$15,556,000 from placer and \$7,344,000 from lodes.

Silver production for the year was 227,300 ounces worth \$154,300, a decrease from the previous year.

Crump Resigns After 5 Seconds as Mayor

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 1 (AP)—On a railroad platform 20 minutes after midnight, dapper Edward H. Crump became mayor of Memphis today by resigning five seconds after accepting his predecessor's invitation to the American Newspaper Guild to hold its 1940 convention here next June.

Crump, fiery political overlord here for three decades, said his action was aimed at the CIO, of which the Guild is an affiliate, and at Watkins Overton, mayor of Memphis the past 12 years and with whom Crump broke last year over municipal purchase of local utilities.

Local Guild officials and Milton Kaufman, executive vice-president of the Guild, assailed Crump's action as "undemocratic" and said it would not change their plans to meet in Memphis.

"I have always believed in fair organized labor and my record speaks, but I am opposed to CIO," Crump said in a statement. "If CIO could entrench itself in Memphis, this city would go back 10 years."

Before resigning Crump advised the city council to elect Rep. Walter Chandler (D, Tenn.), in his place as mayor.

Transfer 8 Ships To the Norwegians

Washington, Jan. 1 (AP)—Eight American merchant ships will be transferred to a Norwegian corporation, the maritime commission having approved the sale a month after administration refusal to let the vessels fly the flag of Panama.

The ships—the President Harding, American Trader, American Merchant, American Farmer, American Banker, American Traveler, American Shipper and American Importer—belong to the United States Lines. They will ply again, under Norwegian ownership, the north Atlantic route from which they were barred by America's neutrality law.

They will operate between New York and Boston and London and Liverpool, employing only foreign seamen. The neutrality law forbids American ships to enter combat zones.

Mr. Roe Injured
Silverton—Mrs. Will Roe sustained a severely sprained ankle Saturday in a fall at her home.

Independence Boy Accident Victim

Albany, Ore., Jan. 1—Injuries received when the truck he was driving collided with a Southern Pacific freight train here late Saturday proved fatal to Norman Kossanke, 14, son of John Kossanke, former Independence service station operator.

Kossanke, who had driven to Albany with the boy, had purchased a truck at an auction and the youth was driving it home when he apparently lost control of the vehicle.

Unaware of the accident, Kossanke was following in the family car and did not know of the occurrence until he reached the scene of the accident and recognized the truck. The ambulance, with the injured youth, had passed him on the way.

Find No Trace Of Prisoners Escaping Jail

W. E. Barges, Jr., 26, who escaped from the Marion county jail Saturday and forced Mrs. A. R. Hunter to drive him to Portland, and Jack Tomlin, 32, who escaped with him, were still at large today. No further clue to their whereabouts is in the hands of officers.

It has been discovered that in making their escape they utilized an old steel table knife on the cutting edge of which teeth had been cut or filed. The knife had in the past been among the equipment kept by trustees and evidently had been hidden in the cell.

With this improved hack saw the two prisoners cut through the bolt portion of a hinge on the iron door that was then wrenched from the door and used as a pry to force out the fire escape window in the north wall. The flap, like those on other cell doors, opened and closed an aperture used to convey food into the cells.

Yesterday Sheriff A. C. Burk had all of these hinges flaps removed and the fire escape window reinforced.

Before the escape, Barges was facing a comparatively short prison term on a bad check charge, but it is now possible he will be charged with kidnapping which carries a penalty of from one to 25 years.

California officers who were to take Tomlin and two other prisoners back to that state are in the city. They were informed after their arrival of Tomlin's escape. Upon his release Friday from the state penitentiary he was held on a California fugitive warrant charging violation of parole.

British Aio Sent Finland

London, Jan. 1 (AP)—Great Britain officially went on record as being determined to give Finland generous and substantial assistance to combat the Russian invasion.

The government reaffirmed Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain's promise of aid to Finland in a telegram to Joseph Avenol, secretary general of the League of Nations.

It was understood that Britain was informing Washington and Paris of the help it is granting the Finns.

The assistance, it was said, is usually reliable quarters, does not involve British troops, but it was assumed that there would be an increase in supplies of war materials and vital raw products.

It was believed Sweden and Norway were facilitating transportation of allied provisions destined for Finland.

The British note to Avenol was in reply to a communication sent to all league members as a result of the assembly's recent action in expelling Russia and recommending aid for Finland.

The note emphasized Britain's intention to afford the Finnish government all assistance that she is in a position to give. The message alluded to "the fact that (Britain) already is taking necessary steps to this end."

Many Injured in Skiing Accidents

Mt. Hood, Ore., Jan. 1 (AP)—More than 30 skiing accidents on Mt. Hood Saturday and Sunday resulted in injuries to several winter sports seekers.

Jean Taber, Portland, fractured an ankle; C. J. Shady, Portland, thigh puncture by a ski pole; Janet Hroble, Portland, ankle fracture; Bill Welch, Portland, foot fracture; Momi Bendis, Forest Grove, ankle sprain; Jane Gevirtz, Portland, broken leg; Mrs. Earl Thompson, Seattle, fractured knee.

Licenses Drop Because of Low
Portland, Jan. 1 (AP)—Marriage licenses issued in Portland in 1939 dropped to 1914 from 1938's total of 2,100, county records showed today.

The drop was ascribed to the new state law requiring both applicants to submit to physical and mental examination.

Probe Murder Of Girl Found Slain in Bed

Philadelphia, Jan. 1 (AP)—Police hoped today to find from the men in the life of Mary Vila a clue to the murderer who brutally beat and smothered the 23-year old Argentine beauty and left her nude, mutilated body in her bed.

A dozen persons, including two men known to have been friendly with the girl, were questioned concerning the slaying, discovered by her roommate early yesterday. None of those questioned was formally arraigned.

The roommate, 25-year old Anna Oslowski, made the grisly discovery as she crept into the bed they shared, and felt the cold nude body between blood-soaked sheets. Throwing back the bedclothing, she gasped in horror at the mutilated body and ran, screaming for help.

"There is little doubt," said Captain James Kelly of the homicide squad, "that Miss Vila was killed by someone who knew her well. The killer apparently had access to her room; in fact, may have been waiting for her."

From reports of the coroner's physician, police theorized that the murderer knocked the pretty, unemployed waitress unconscious with blows to the head, smothered her with a pillow and then, to make certain of death, dug strong fingers into her throat, which was still marked when detectives arrived. Mutilations on other parts of the body, some with a sharp instrument, convinced them that the slayer was someone with degenerate tendencies.

From Miss Oslowski, the police learned she and Miss Vila had been together Saturday night but they parted in a tap-room shortly after midnight. Kelly said she told them the dead girl had at least two men friends, one of whom was planning to marry her.

Record Shows Safety in Air

Washington, Jan. 1 (AP)—The nation's airlines closed 1939 with the best safety record in the history of commercial aviation.

An analysis prepared for the United Press by the civil aeronautics authority today showed that there were but two fatal airline accidents in 1939. Nine passengers and three members of the crews were killed.

This compared with five fatal accidents each in 1938 and 1937, and eight each in 1936, 1935 and 1934.

The CAA estimated that airlines flew 82,000,000 passenger miles for each passenger fatality as contrasted with 22,308,771 passenger miles per passenger fatality in 1938 and 21,000,515 in 1937, the best previous years.

First of last year's accidents occurred on January 13 when a North-West Airlines plane crashed at Miles City, Mont., killing two passengers and two crew members.

A Braniff Airliner crashed at Oklahoma City on March 25, bringing death to seven passengers and one crew member.

The safety record was established in the face of a 50 per cent increase in the number of passenger miles flown. In 1939 it amounted to more than 750,000,000 passenger miles as against 476,000,000 in 1938.

New Year Baby Born at Hospital

At least one Marion county youngster will go through life celebrating her birthday anniversaries simultaneously with the advent of the new year. She was born at the Salem General hospital at 4:05 this morning, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Doerflinger of Astoria.

The little miss weighed seven pounds and six ounces and was reported as doing well, as was the mother.

At least two additions to the role of New Year babies were in prospect before the day was over. One "prospect" was reported at the Salem General hospital with probable arrival around 2 o'clock this afternoon. At the Salem Deaconess hospital the stock was said to be looming over the horizon with arrival within the next "few hours."

Million Watch Pasadena Parade

Pasadena, Calif., Jan. 1 (AP)—A million persons gathered from far corners of the earth today to watch the 81st renewal of Pasadena's famed Tournament of Roses.

Sixty elaborate floats, covered with millions of flowers, were rushed to completion during the night by weary workers. The weather bureau said rain was in the offing, but probably would not arrive before midnight.

War, Unrest Greet New Year Abroad

(By the Associated Press)
A dolorous heritage of war and unrest around most of the world greeted the newborn year of 1940 today. Germany and the British-French allies, locked in a titanic struggle now nearly four months old, agreed the year would be a momentous one and vied in predictions of victory.



Robert Fechner

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Washington, Jan. 1 (AP)—Robert Fechner, who put depression-ridden youth to work rebuilding America's forests and parks in the CCC, is dead.

President Roosevelt said he had brought into public service "great administrative ability, vision and indefatigable industry."

Fechner, who died yesterday at 63 from a complication of heart and lung ailments, had formed the forest army of unemployed young men and war veterans in the early days of the new deal.

In the seven years that the corps has fought forest fires, rescued lost mountain climbers, aided flood sufferers and those made homeless by tornadoes, about 2,400,000 men have served in its scattered camps.

Fechner, former vice-president of the International Association of Machinists, had been a "boomer machinist" in his day, working at mines, smelters and plantations through Mexico, Central and South America. He worked for a time on the Panama canal.

Because he served with the second Georgia Infantry during the Spanish-American war, he will be buried tomorrow in Arlington national cemetery.

Born in Chattanooga, Tenn., on March 22, 1876, he left public school at 15 to sell periodicals, notions and candy on railway trains.

His widow is the former Clara Dickes of Clinton, Iowa. A sister is Mrs. Walter E. Coney of Savannah, Georgia.

Grain Ungerminated In the Dust Bowl

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 1 (AP)—Wheat in western Kansas and the Oklahoma and Texas panhandles is in very poor condition despite the recent heavy snow, C. W. Lane, crop forecaster for the Santa Fe railroad, said today.

The big question facing wheat growers in these areas is whether ungerminated wheat can make any growth, he said.

Seventy-five per cent of the crop in these areas has not germinated, Lane said.

There is little chance for a wheat crop in these areas unless weather conditions are "nearly ideal" during the remainder of the winter and during the spring, Lane said.

Rainfall Greets Oregon New Year

Portland, Jan. 1 (AP)—Rain washed the new year into many sections of Oregon last midnight and probably will continue tonight and Tuesday.

The rain may turn to snow over the Cascade mountains and in the eastern sections. The Oregon Automobile association said all major highways were open but advised motorists traveling mountain roads to carry chains "just in case."

Portland ended 1939 with 30.75 inches of rain, 10.67 inches less than normal. December made up some lost ground, however, with 8.10 inches falling here instead of the usual 6.72 inches.

Theft of Auto Leads Week-End Burglaries

One stolen automobile, several burglary cases and some petty pilfering occupied the attention of the police over the New Year week-end. The stolen automobile is owned by Claude Edwards, route 7, and was taken last night from the 600 block on Ferry street.

Victor Guthrie, 1371 Mission, reported that the double windshield wiper was stolen from his car while it was parked in the 200 block on South High last night. The handle was knocked off one of the doors and the car entered but nothing else was taken.

Charles Stewart, Capital Journal employee, reported the theft of a robe from his car Saturday evening while it was parked back of the Journal office.

O. H. Horning, 960 Shipping, reported that his home was entered last night, evidently by two persons, who forced a screen from a rear window. Drawers in a bedroom were ransacked but nothing was missed.

Mrs. E. W. Bruks, living in a trailer house on route 1, said she had been gone a few days, and when she returned Saturday night discovered that a sewing machine belonging to another person, some Indian blankets and a suit of clothes had been taken from the trailer.

Dean Baughman, 248 South Winter, who several days ago reported the burglary of his home while the family was away, furnished an additional list of stolen articles. These were three alarm clocks, four blankets, two crazy quilts and a large roll of bedding.

Bertha Moore, 536 North 21st, reported that her home was entered, the rugs kicked up and mud scattered about, but nothing taken away.

An intruder was reported Saturday night at the W. J. McKenzie home, 243 North 21st, but he did not get into the house.

2 British Ships Sunk at Sea

London, Jan. 1 (AP)—The British steamer Box Hill, 5677 tons, sank in the North sea yesterday after an explosion which was believed to have resulted in the loss of 20 members of the ship's crew.

Twelve surviving members of the crew of 32 landed at a British port today. They said the Box Hill sank so quickly there was no time to launch lifeboats.

The sinking of the British trawler Barbara Robertson off north Scotland was disclosed today with the landing of survivors, who said a German submarine sent their ship down. One member of the crew was lost.

The survivors were picked up by a warship after more than 12 hours in an open boat which was sighted by a plane.

Bridges' Friends Want Keegan Ousted

Portland, Jan. 1 (AP)—The Maritime Federation of the Pacific Saturday hailed the report of Dean James M. Landis on the Bridges hearing as warranting the removal of Portland Police Detective John J. Keegan.

"It is up to the people of Portland to write the last chapter in the attempt to frame Harry Bridges," George Kell, secretary-treasurer of the federation's Columbia river district council No. 3, said in a statement.

"The people of Portland must rid themselves of Keegan and his nationally famous 'Gestapo,'" Keegan and several other witnesses said the decision was a "white-wash" of Bridges.

Gunshot Wound Fatal to Officer

Portland, Jan. 1 (AP)—Charles McDull, 50, special policeman assigned to the Eastmoreland district here, died of a gunshot wound in the head early Sunday, Coroner R. M. Erwin said.

He had been in ill health.

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ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Real Estate Loans	\$1,002,530.08	Savings and Investment Accounts	\$ 923,075.38
First Mortgage Loans on property in Salem and immediate vicinity		These are accounts of members, each with a minimum insured to \$1,000	
Share Loans	13,005.86	Current Dividend	17,438.37
Share loans on which time loans to members on their accounts		Your net paid dividend payable January 1st, 1940 on the above account	
Federal Home Loan Bank Stock	8,500.00	Mortgage Loans in Process	21,320.25
Our investment in shares of U. S. Federal Home Loan Bank Association		Unpaid mortgage on loans insured by the U. S. Federal Home Loan Bank	78,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	250.00	Reserves and Undistributed Profits	30,344.83
Our office furniture		Not distributed	
Cash in Bank	31,923.68	Total	\$1,056,268.74
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Court News

Police Court
Charles H. Logan, 723 North Commercial, is booked by the police on a charge of failing to give right of way, his car allegedly having struck Charles A. Durbin, a pedestrian, at Commercial and Center. Durbin lives at Silver Creek Falls. Durbin was taken to Salem Deaconess hospital but was not seriously injured.

Booked by the police for violation of the basic speed rule are Dr. Dyser, Portland; E. L. Gray, route 3; M. O. Schuster, Brooks, for failing to observe stop signs. Gray Ray, Rt. 7, R. H. Gray, 1145 North 17th, for running through red lights. M. R. Keown, Corvallis, and S. W. Van Linder, 1225 North Summer.

Townsend Clubs

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