

## Snell to Hear Folkes Plea

Gov. Earl Snell will hear arguments in favor of executive clemency for Robert E. Lee Folkes 22, condemned "lower 13" murdered, when a delegation of Oregon citizens visits him here to plead for Folkes' life.

Folkes, who was convicted in Linn county of the first degree murder of Martha Virginia James, pretty navy bride, aboard a limited train near Albany in January, 1943, has lost appeals to both the state and the U. S. supreme courts. He is scheduled for execution in the state's lethal gas chamber on January 5.

Most of the arguments advocating clemency for Folkes are based upon the dissenting opinion of State Supreme Court Justice George Rossman, who held that Folkes was convicted improperly.

Portland, Dec. 21 (AP)—Leroy Lomax, Portland attorney who defended Robert E. Lee Folkes, stated today that he had not aided in publication of a pamphlet appealing for clemency against Folkes' death sentence.

The pamphlet, "The Facts in the Robert Folkes Case," was issued by a group headed by Nicholas Granoff, Portland attorney retained by Folkes' mother. The young negro was sentenced to death for the slaying of Mrs. Martha Virginia James on a train early in 1943.

## Polk County Gravel Case Reaches Court

Portland, Dec. 21 (AP)—Disappearance of 10,000 cubic yards of stockpiled sand and gravel in Polk county in 1942 and 1943 was the issue of a suit in federal court here.

The three plaintiffs—J. H. Gallagher of Corvallis and J. Ira McNutt and Earl L. McNutt of Eugene—sought \$10,000 from the federal government. They contended that the gravel was taken from the stockpiles by soldiers under orders from Camp Adair, while witnesses for the government said the sand and gravel was washed away during high water.

The loss occurred in a rock quarry which the plaintiffs had leased from the Crown Zellerbach Corporation in April, 1942.

## SOCIETY

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### Mrs. Charles Hoyt Hostess Monday

Silverton — Mrs. Charles Hoyt, advisor of the Silverton Junior Woman's club, entertained the group of younger women at her Cherry street home Monday evening at a delightfully planned party.

Refreshments in keeping with the season were served later in the evening.

Guests included Mrs. Pat Grogan, Mrs. Olaf Paulson, Mrs. Ida Brady, Mrs. Melvin Brenden, Mrs. William Woodworth, Mrs. G. W. Enbusk, Mrs. J. Middlemiss, Mrs. Victor Hadley, Mrs. Clifton Hadley, Mrs. Adney Tokstad, Mrs. Howard Coomler, Mrs. Bill Morrison, Mrs. Ole Melund, Mrs. Melvin Hewitt, Mrs. Emanuel Kellerhals, Jr., Mrs. Donald Christenson, Miss Virginia Anderson and Mrs. Harvey Kaser.

### Wood Residence Scene of Party

Brush College — Mrs. Carl Wood, Mrs. Barbara Focht and Mrs. Esther Oliver entertained members of the Brush College Helpers club, their husbands and families with a Christmas party at the Carl Wood home Saturday night.

Charter members of the club, Mrs. Esther Oliver and Mrs. John Schindler, were honored guests.

White candles, holly and mistletoe were used as decorations. Mrs. U. J. Nelke, president, presided at the brief business meeting and appointed Mrs. Karl W. Harritt, Mrs. John Schindler and Mrs. Charles Glaze as a nominating committee.

Mrs. F. E. Wilson invited the group to her home for an all-day meeting to sew for the Red Cross January 4.

Special guests for the evening were Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Andrews of Scio, Mrs. F. A. Wood, Agnes Gritton, Mrs. Delbert Harritt of Portland, James Ware and Carl Wood. Thirty-four members and families were in attendance.

Ground cheddar cheese will go farther if mixed with cottage cheese.

## Polio Drive Off To Early Start

Marion county's 1945 polio fund raising drive got off to an early start last night at a meeting of the executive committee in the Marion hotel. Dr. W. J. Stone, chairman, announced a goal of \$15,000 for the campaign which runs from January 15, to January 30, 1945. This is based on 20 cents per capita, or almost double the 1944 average of 11 cents per capita.

R. W. Minton, appointed by the committee to run the coming drive, said that arrangements have been already been made with schools, churches, movie houses and business firms for distribution of coin collectors. The traditional cardboard collection boxes are being displaced in favor of milk bottles, supplied by Curly's Dairy and Dairy Cooperative.

The need for funds this year is greater than ever, Dr. Stone told his committee, owing to the danger of epidemic in overcrowded cities. Fifty percent of the money raised is retained by the Marion county chapter, while the rest is sent to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, which distributes endowments among hospitals, colleges and foundations for research. No cure has been discovered for infantile paralysis, although treatment has been immensely improved by the discoveries of the famous Sister Kenny from Australia.

Present at the meeting last night were: Mrs. David Wright, vice chairman, Mrs. Ruby Bergavik, secretary; William Gahlsdorf, treasurer, and Miss Maxine Buren, publicity director. Mr. Gahlsdorf resigned after five years of service and Lawrence Fisher was elected in his place.

### Boy Confesses He Killed Little Niece

Dixon, Ill., Dec. 21 (AP)—A 15-year-old boy, who said he was "kill crazy," confessed to police today he slashed his 5-year-old niece to death and left a butcher knife sticking into her mutilated body.

Norman Burton told authorities at Princeton, Ill., that he killed his curly-haired niece, Sara Jane Tyne, "but I don't know why."

After the slaying at the girl's farm home three miles north of

Ohio Village, Ill., yesterday, the boy walked and hitch-hiked about 13 miles to Princeton, where his mother and father live. He spent the night in the city park, although temperatures were far below freezing. At 7 a.m. he went to the home of his father, Charles, and told him of the tragedy. The father took him to the Princeton sheriff's office.

The monetary unit in Afghanistan is "Afghani" worth between nine and ten cents in American money.

## Small Turkeys Hard to Get

San Francisco, Dec. 21 (AP)—The Pacific coast, as well as the whole nation, will have turkey in an abundance never seen before this Christmas but many housewives will have trouble getting small turkeys.

The turkey crop hit record size this year in California, several other states and for the

nation. Both civilian and military supplies are plentiful.

Stocks have gone into storage in the last few weeks at an unprecedented rate. Along the Pacific coast the flow into freezers has been more than seven times as great as a year ago.

Coast freezer stocks totaled more than 13½ million pounds December 1—more than four times last year's hoard. Most of that belongs to the fighting men. It will be shipped for variation of meat diet during early 1945. Heavy shipments have lately been made to Hawaii.

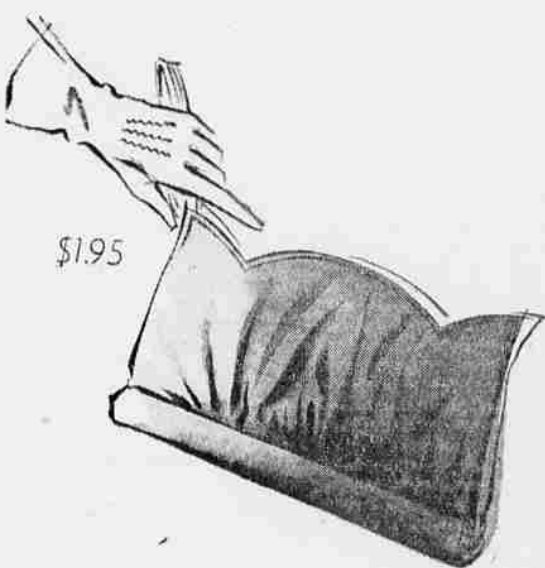
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The industry, in recent years trying to build up turkey as a regular year-around meat, instead of just a holiday treat, seems to have sold the idea to the armed forces, whether intentionally or not.

There will be big supplies through the first half of 1945, as laying hens are marketed. That is why housewives will have little luck getting 12-15 pound turkeys for Christmas. Growers who got 30 cents apiece for turkey eggs during hatching

season this year are keeping hens for another try at that lucrative market. The holdout of turkey hens points a prospective finger toward another big turkey-growing season in 1945.

Turkey prices to consumers are about at ceiling prices here—51 cents a pound. The OPA has told wholesalers they can sell to consumers as low as 49.3 cents a pound. That permission revokes a previous order against wholesalers going into the retail market.



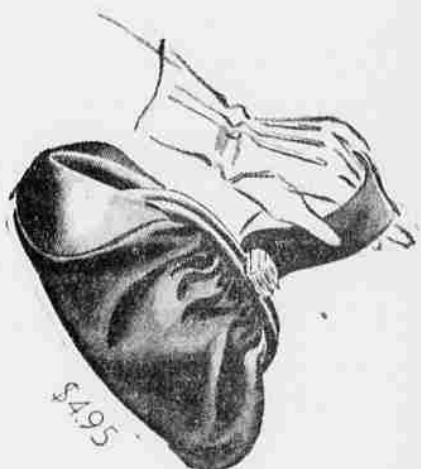
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