



**Family's Eye Saved**—Mary Hope Hodgson, 12, (above) has returned to her Portland, Ore., home following a successful operation that saved the sight of her one good eye—the only eye in the family—her mother and father being blind. Thousands of letters from well-wishers over the nation awaited her, as well as Christmas gifts. (AP Wirephoto.)

### 54 Families in Poverty-Stricken Town Take Hope for Holidays

Shallmar, Md., Dec. 14 (AP)—"Merry Christmas" seems to mean a little more to the 54 families in this poverty-stricken mining town today. There was three days' food ready for distribution and more was being collected in nearby towns.

But the trial was far from over. Earlier reports that the townspeople had been supplied with enough food to last them until Christmas proved to be optimistic.

J. P. Andrich, the school teacher who focused attention on the community's plight after several of his young pupils fainted in his classroom from hunger, was still worried.

"Even if these miners return to work—and the chances don't look too good now—it will be some time before these children get the diets they need," he explained.

He apparently was succeeding in getting started a hot lunch program for the youngsters. Civic and veterans' groups in nearby Cumberland, Md., were formulating plans to begin the service, but the program still is in the planning stage.

He estimated he could feed his 50 students until June for about \$1,500. He added, however, this figure included only the cost of food.

Word got out last Friday of the dire straits of the community, where the only available employment—the Wolf Den Mine—has been idle since last March 31.

Work was spasmodic before then. The mine operated only about three months last year and

### Thursday Deadline Nears For 'Junior Citizen' Naming

Name of Nominee ..... Date of Birth .....

Address .....

Sponsor .....

(Name and address of person submitting nomination)

Achievements and Nature of Service .....

References for Nominee (give three)

Name ..... Address .....

Name ..... Address .....

Name ..... Address .....

Signed .....

(Nominator)

Address .....

A Thursday deadline for nominations of candidates for the young man to be designated Salem's "Junior First Citizen" was announced today by the Salem Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Candidates whose names are submitted by ballot to James I. Elliott, chairman of the Jaycee committee in charge of the program, will be turned over to a group of Salem businessmen for consideration.

The nominations by the public ballot will not constitute a popular vote for any individual but are intended merely to give the public an opportunity to share in the Jaycee program.

The "Junior First Citizen" who will be honored at a banquet in January will be selected by a committee on the basis of:

- (1) Contribution to community welfare and betterment,
- (2) participation in all-around community activities and civic enterprises,
- (3) evidence of lasting contribution to community welfare,
- (4) evidence of leadership ability,
- (5) personal and business progress, and
- (6) cooperation with individuals and civic organizations.

Rules

1. Award will be conferred for achievements, leadership and service to community during calendar year of 1949. Nominee does not need to be a member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

2. Nominee must be at least 21 years of age, and must not have reached his 36th birthday before January 1, 1950.

3. All nominations must be received not later than midnight, December 15, 1949. Mail or deliver nominations to James I. Elliott, 218 N. Liberty.

"Leghorn" hats actually are made in Fiesole, a suburb of Florence, Italy.

hundred new volunteer donors are needed to add to the list, he said.

### Sewage Plans Are Enlarged

Lebanon—Revising plans for Lebanon over-all sewage disposal which originally provided for service to outlying areas which voted against annexation in November, the city council has decided that lines would be so arranged to serve these sections in case they should wish to annex at a later date.

New plans are now being drawn to allow these areas to connect with new city lines by the firm of Cornell, Howland, Hayes and Merrifield of Corvallis, whose engineer, Ralph Rodrick will confer with the city council at its next meeting.

Other business at the council's first December meeting concerned petitions which have been accepted for study on paving and curbing in next summer's surfacing plans. Sections petitioning for this improvement are Fine, from Fifth west to the city limits; E street from Fifth to city limits; F street from C to E, and Filbert street from Milton to Elmora.

City Attorney Kenneth Wilshire was directed to study the council's powers concerning a five mill levy in excess of the regular 6 percent limitation, on an emergency budget fund.

### Tractors Battle On Streets With \$500 Prize Offered

Elgin, Ore., Dec. 14 (AP)—You never know what they'll try next.

Four big tractors battled it out on ice-coated Main street here last week-end in a mechanized tug-of-war to settle a \$500 bet.

While hundreds of residents lined the street and sidewalks, Francis Wade sent his 35-horsepower machine into the battle against a 38-horsepower tractor of the same make entered by Orlan Hug.

The tractors pulled at each end of a 50-foot logging cable, with Wade's driver, Ralph Thompson, taking three straight pulls from Hug's machine, mainly by spinning his wheels to wear through the ice for greater traction.

After Wade had pocketed the \$500, he accepted challenges from Bernal Hug of Elgin and Mike Chandler of La Grande. Wade's tractor took a quick victory over Hug's—but lost to Chandler's machine which had a one-ton weight advantage.

### Past Matrons Guest At Harper Residence

Gervais—The Past Matrons club met at the home of Mrs. Robert M. Harper with 18 members. A one o'clock luncheon was served with Mrs. Sumner Stevens, Mrs. C. M. Van Zuyen and Mrs. William Oddie as co-hostesses.

Mrs. Thomas Ditmars was elected president, Mrs. W. B. Russell, vice president, and Mrs. Sam H. Brown, secretary-treasurer, during the business meeting. A Christmas party with an exchange of gifts concluded the meeting. Mrs. Ralph Sturgis will entertain the club in January.

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### Creamery Employes Xmas Party Guests

Grand Island—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Finnicum, Lavonna and Norman Finnicum of Grand Island, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hoard and family of Unionvale, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Richards and family of Webfoot attended the Christmas party for employes of the Farmers' Cooperative Creamery at McMinnville 4-H club auditorium. Accordion music by Harry Van Bakel of Unity district was a feature of the program. Regular Christmas treats were presented.

### Lovers' Rendezvous At Astoria Ruined

Astoria, Ore., Dec. 14 (AP)—Lovers were warned today that Astoria's famed Astor column is now a tower of light at night. City officials announced they

have completed installation of spotlights to illuminate the tower and its nearby area. The column has been a nocturnal rendezvous for amatory couples. During the Christmas season the city is erecting a lighted star atop the column.

The Italian port of Leghorn is called Livorno in Italian.

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