

NEARLY A TOMB



Mike Pricola, 14, Stockton high school student, at entrance of wooden ice box in Stockton, Calif., that almost became a death tomb for him and four other students. The boys entered the box during a rain storm to eat their lunches. Someone slammed the door and locked it. An anonymous phone call sent police to the scene. They found the youths almost unconscious. (AP Wire-photo)

Liquor History Told After 20 Years Control

December marks Oregon's 20th anniversary as a monopoly liquor control state, and the 20th year since national prohibition was repealed. Since Governor Julius Meier signed the Oregon liquor control act December 15, 1933, and \$107,088 was invested in original working capital, the Oregon liquor control commission has engaged in retail, tax collection and licensing activities which have resulted in distribution of more than \$124 million in net revenue to cities, counties, the general fund and other public coffers.

Despite the impressive million dollars monthly now being distributed to the general fund and to localities, revenue is secondary to the principal purpose of the original "Knox law," which emphasizes control and promotion of temperance in the use of alcoholic beverages. Major control is exercised through licensing, now more restrictive than in the early days of the commission. Since June 30, 1934, when there were 6095 retail licenses, or 6.39 licenses per thousand persons, the number of retail licenses has declined to 5725 in effect November 1, 1953, or 3.76 licenses per thousand population.

Consumption per capita of distilled spirits has fluctuated. Distilled Spirits Institute computes Oregon's per capita consumption at .34 gallons in 1934 (calendar year), 1.07 gallons in 1940, 1.77 gallons in 1945; 1.28 gallons in 1950, and 1.27 gallons in 1952.

Since passage of the Oregon liquor control act, often called the Knox law, the original enactment has remained much the same, with only minor amendments. Dr. William Knox recommended and the legislature adopted the system of "monopoly control," which pertains to the fact that the state has the exclusive right to wholesale distilled spirits. Liquor by the drink legislation, which became effective after popular vote and the subsequent distilled liquor control act, does not affect Oregon's status as a monopoly control state, as the commission still is the only source from which bottled liquor may be purchased by individuals or dispenser licensees.

A few private clubs have master locker privileges allowing sale of bottled liquor to members only, but this must be consumed on the club premises. Despite a 17 per cent drop in the gallons of liquor purchases since the peak sales year of 1947, yearly dollar volume of net sales has not declined in proportion, this being attributed to the fact that the OLCC markup is taken on a higher cost of goods. For the year ending June 30, 1947, Oregonians spent \$42,995,694 for 1,057,073 cases of distilled spirits and higher content wines, representing actual gallonage of 2,592,752 gallons. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1953, gallonage had declined 17 per cent but dollar volume was nearly the same, with \$42,905,714 being spent for 851,645 cases equalling 2,147,204 gallons. Cases represent both cases of fifths and pints. To the consumer, the price has been further elevated because of boost in the federal tax rate, which in 1933 was set at \$1.10 per 100-proof gallon and now is \$10.50 per 100-proof gallon.

From liquor sales are deducted the cost of goods sold and administrative expense. Since inception, \$114,486,435 of the receipts of all operations have come from liquor sales and stores division operations; \$4,795,703 from license fee collections and \$17,218,265 from privilege tax collections, amounting to total earnings of \$136,498,403. Of this amount, \$124,362,319 was distributed in the following manner: Public welfare, unemployment relief and titling funds, \$73,608,603; cities, \$6,737,654; counties, \$5,446,553; state general fund, \$38,569,508. Distributions to the general fund of the state have been made only since the 1950 fiscal year, following 1949 legislation which directed that revenue be channeled to cities, counties or the general fund. During the interim after repeal and before the Knox law

became operative no control law existed, and local governing bodies of their own volition issued many licenses allowing service of alcoholic beverages before the commission began licensing operations in March, 1934. There were 1361 licenses issued by the City of Portland during the interim. The law now allows only the commission to grant, refuse, suspend or cancel licenses to serve, sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages; however, the commission generally insists that each application bear the endorsement of the applicant's local governing body. This is not mandatory, as the law states: "The commission may require of every applicant for a license the recommendation in writing of the county court in the event the place of business of the applicant is outside an incorporated city, and of the city council if the place of business of the applicant is within an incorporated city, and the commission may take such recommendation into consideration before granting or refusing such license."

The policy of requiring local endorsement is one which the commission has adhered to as the opinion of the local governing body helps in determining whether the license is required by public demand and if the applicant will make a suitable licensee. Licenses issued are not transferable nor may they be sold, each change of ownership requiring OLCC approval. No numerical limitation existed prior to 1953, when the distilled liquor control act limited the number of premises to one premises per 2000 state population.

Officers and committee chairmen of the Mooregon Club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. Norman Young on Wayne drive in Manbrin Gardens Tuesday to discuss the Christmas activities of the employees of Moore Business Forms, Inc. Plant Manager Claude A. Miller will be general chairman of the employee's Christmas party which will be held Thursday afternoon, December 24. A buffet luncheon will be served at which time gifts will be exchanged. John Voves, Marion Mulcahy, and Mrs. Don Kandle will work with Miller in planning the program and entertainment so that everyone will participate and enjoy the party.

The annual kiddies party will be held from 3 to 6 on Sunday afternoon, December 20, in the new cafeteria of the factory. This event will be combined with an open house for the families and friends of the employees. Marion Mulcahy is general chairman for this event. Interesting entertainment is planned for the enjoyment of all and of Santa Claus will be there with gifts for the children.

Those attending last Tuesday's meeting were Mrs. Eldon Caley, Mrs. Melvin Case, Mrs. Richard Reimann, Mrs. Don Kandle, Marion Mulcahy, Selma Orav, Claude A. Miller, John Voves, Clyde Eldred, Robert Crossier and the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. F. Norman Young.

The Marion County Parent-Teacher Association will meet at the Monitor School Wednesday night at 8 o'clock. The program will be in charge of Mrs. James D. Bunnell and Mrs. L. E. Marschat. A film will be shown entitled "The Preface to a Life" in connection with the general theme of the meeting which will be "Human Relations." It will be followed by a discussion. Refreshments will be served by the Monitor unit. D. W. Patch is president of the county association.

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Keizer

Keizer — Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Allen of 4770 Fillmore, are the parents of a baby girl born Dec. 4. The child weighs 7 lbs. 3 oz.

The Keizer Ladies Sewing Club met Thursday, Dec. 3, at the home of Mrs. O. D. Noren.

Attending were: Mrs. R.I. Kinney, Mrs. Roy Melahn, Miss Ruth Rullifson, Mrs. R. B. McClay, Miss Alta M. Hall, Mrs. W. G. Earle, Mrs. Ben Claggett, Mrs. John H. Derick, Mrs. M. O. Nichols, Mrs. Roy Mogster, Miss Ethel Hall, Mrs. Nick LeRud, Mrs. Paul Smith and Terry, Mrs. Luther Melton, Mrs. H. M. Broadbent, Mrs. C. E. Shnyder, Mrs. Onas S. Olson, and the hosts, Mrs. O. D. Noren. The next meeting will be Dec. 17 at the H.M. Broadbent home, 872 Sunset Ave.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Wolf and two daughters, Linda and Janet, from Newport spent the week-end with Mr. Wolf's parents, the Fred Wolf's, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wolf are observing their 48th wedding anniversary.

Miss Shirley Hulst of 1180 Dietz Ave. entertained several guests in honor of her 12th birthday. Shirley is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hulst. Those who came to the party were: Karen Pederson, Don a Coburn, Naida Wook, Sharon Ebert, Karen Linn, Marlene Fiske, Karen Ernest, Dorothy Krohn, Beverly Braasch, and Lillie Hayes. Mrs. Hulst served refreshments.

The Keizer PTA will hold a meeting in the school auditorium Dec. 10 at 8 o'clock.

The Luther Leaguers of the Faith Lutheran Church conducted the service on Sunday morning. Douglas Coe of "Young Life" was their speaker. Others helping in the service were the choir, Ruth, Ray, Jon, and Carl Holmquist, Stanley Hemmer, Bonnie Esp-

lin, Shirley and Norman Agger, Barbara and Shirley Scholtz.

Luther Leaguers of the Faith Lutheran Church who attended the Southern Conference Missionary meetings were: Stanley Hemmer, Ruth, Ray, Carl and Jon Holquist.

Some of the lucky elk hunters of this community are: H. Lyle Suttler, Harvey Blankenship, E. L. Wright, Clyde Kunze, and James Tooley.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin F. McConnell of 1210 Clearview Drive, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Mary McConnell, to Marvin Black, son of Mr. and Mrs. Burr Black. The wedding is planned for next summer. Miss McConnell is teaching at Langlois south of Coos Bay. Mr. Black has a nursery in Keizer. He is graduate of Oregon State college. Miss McConnell is a graduate of Oregon College of Education.

Brownie Troop No. 31 is under the leadership of Mrs. Helen Pomeroy and Mrs. Virginia Walling. Officers are: President, Kathy Pomeroy; vice-president, Kristin Hansen; secretary, Judy Geil; treasurer, Nancy Jenny; reporter, Barbara Blumenstein. Other members are: Sharon Walling, Judy Locking, Phyllis Hill, Caroline Smith and Christine Dow.

Troop 41 of the Scouts under the leadership of assistant scoutmaster, Marvin Black are looking for land to be used for reforestation, for a wild-life preserve, or a tract where a crop of Christmas trees for future harvest could be cared for.

Mrs. Everett Brown of Blossom Drive is now at home and getting along well, after undergoing surgery at the Salem General Hospital.

Brownie Troop 21 has resumed weekly meetings at the home of Mrs. Milner Mead, 4755 Elizabeth. Members are: president, Judy Saks; treasurer, Patty Braasch; monitor, Linda Denison, Zella Mae

Miller, Marcia Barrett and Lin Mead. Their meetings are held on Thursdays from 4 to 5 p.m.

The Stitch 'N Chat Club had a baby shower in place of their regular meeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. Leslie Gilpin, of 5145 Will Ave. The party was in honor of Mrs. Peter DeMarco, 4649 Harcourt, and her month old son.

Mrs. Gilpin and Mrs. Lionel Domeis were co-hostesses.

The next meeting will be the Christmas party on Dec. 16. It will be held at the home of Mrs. Wesley Wilson, 4790 Harcourt.

The Jolly Bakers have elected officers: Toy Esche, president; Connie James, vice-president; Judy Saks, song leader; Barbara Blumenstein, reporter; Karen Rose, secretary; and Nona Schmidt game leader.

The Keizer Merchants are going to remain open until 9 p.m. from Dec. 14 through Dec. 23.

Design by Jim Shull Accepted by Artists

Jim Shull, Salem high school senior, was notified recently by the Portland Art Museum that a lino-cut print design of a tree stump had been accepted by a panel of artists for showing at the Print Show of Oregon Art at the museum from December 4 through January 3, said Darlie Hermann, art instructor at the high school.

"Not too frequently will a high school student gain recognition for his work," said Miss Hermann, "especially when the work was judged by a panel of artists."

Acceptance of the print makes Shull eligible for possible art membership to the Portland Art Museum. Approximately one-third of the items submitted were selected for the show.

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Court Assignments By Chief Justice

Kern Crandall and Louis K. Starr, Portland attorneys, were appointed by Chief Justice Earl C. Latourette Monday to be circuit judge pro tem in Multnomah county for 30 days, beginning next Wednesday.

Other assignments included: Circuit Judge D. R. Vandenberg, Klamath Falls, to Lake

county to hear Lakeview Drilling company vs. Stark, and Warner Valley Stock Co. vs. Lynch.

Circuit Judge E. H. Howells, Canyon City, to Wasco county to try State vs. Polly.

Circuit Judge M. W. Wilkinson, The Dalles, to Jefferson county to try State vs. Cutting.

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