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## MRS. HARDING PASSES AWAY THIS MORNING

WIDOW OF LATE EXECUTIVE SUCCEDES TO ILLNESS EARLY TODAY

## HAS BEEN ILL FOR WEEKS

Physicians Have Despaired of Life for Many Days—Was Helper to President During Term

Marion, O., Nov. 21.—(A. P.)—Florence Kling Harding, widow of Warren G. Harding, died here at 8:55, this morning at the White Oaks sanitarium of Dr. Carl W. Sawyer, where she has been ill for the last few weeks. "Death was due directly to a kidney ailment from which she had suffered for years, and which nearly resulted fatally while she was mistress of the White House. She died peacefully," Dr. Sawyer said. Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Monday. Rev. Jesse Swank, who conducted services for President Harding, will be in charge.

Washington, Nov. 21.—(I. N. S.)—With the death of Mrs. Florence Kling Harding, the nation witnesses the passing of one of the most popular mistresses of the White House in history. During the two and a half years she occupied the executive mansion, the widow of the late



Florence Kling Harding

president established herself in the hearts of all who came in contact with her in a manner that has seldom been equaled. Vivacious, sincere and above all, lovable, Mrs. Harding created a profound impression not only upon the national capital, but the country at large.

Mrs. Harding was born August 15, 1860, at Marion, Ohio, the daughter of Amos Kling, prominent banker and business man of the little town, and a direct descendant of an old Mennonite Pennsylvania Dutch family.

In her youth, Mrs. Harding was not in the most robust health, and in striving to keep physically fit,

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## CHILDREN ARE KILLED AND MOTHER IS SUICIDE

Massillon, Ohio, Nov. 21.—(A. P.)—The bodies of Mrs. Donald Burkhardt and her two children were found hanging in their home by their husband and father, when he returned from a hunting trip today. Burkhardt said he found a farewell note from his wife.

## GERMANS FLEEING HOMETOWN IN SEARCH OF BETTER LIVING

Berlin, Nov. 21.—(A. P.)—Emigration from Germany is advancing by leaps and bounds. Within one month the number of Germans hoping to find better luck elsewhere has increased from 1,873 to 4,955. The state of Wurttemberg and the Rhineland country furnished the largest quotas.

In the Rhineland industry has been hard hit by the occupation of the French, and it has proven difficult to get the wheels turning properly again. Many wage earners, despairing of better days, are leaving for North and South America, Russia and other countries in quest of happiness.

That the Wurttemberg quota is large is less surprising. The people of that state always have been characterized by the "wanderlust."

## MASTODONIANS CREEPING UP

Only 5 Credits Separate Them From Leading Side

Only 5 points separate the Mastodontians from the lead acquired by the Dinosaurs in their contest for members of the American Automobile Association. The Mastodontians, through the efforts of their team captain, put in some heavy licks the past few days and have brought their totals to a point where they now threaten their opponents. This morning the standing of the two teams was Dinosaurs 95, Mastodontians 90.

The drive opened last Monday morning when 40 active Cavemen and 25 associate members met at the Chamber of Commerce and began their work. By the end of three hours, they had amassed a total of 101 points. The next day and Wednesday, the two teams declared a truce with no efforts to be made toward the solicitation of members. The Mastodontians now claim that the opposing side slipped in a few extra members on those two days and appear to be getting ready to contest the victory. Yesterday two shock troops were sent out, one from each side, and credits to bring the total to 185 were secured. The total of 143 members were raised in the six hours of work put in by the teams.

The fight is on today to bring the campaign to an end with the town thrown open to both sides. It was expected that a few hours of work would end the drive.

## PHOTOGRAPH PLANET FOUND NEAR SUN

Chicago, Nov. 21.—(I. N. S.)—A new asteroid, for tiny planet, revolving about the sun between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter, has been photographed by astronomers at Yerkes Observatory, Williams Bay, Wis.

## WORK STARTS ON COAST ROAD NEXT MONDAY

LOCAL OFFICE RECEIVES WORD TO START IMPROVEMENT OF REDWOOD

## WORK TO TAKE SIXTY DAYS

Large Force Will Be Put On to Widen Road, Grade and Resurface. No New Construction

Work will start Monday morning on the grading and surfacing of the Redwood highway between Grants Pass and the Oregon-California state line, it was announced today by J. G. Bromley, district highway engineer, following the receipt of a telegram from C. C. Kelley, division engineer, authorizing the improvements. This calls for the widening, grading and surfacing of the present highway only, while the local organizations have been working with the state highway commission to secure new construction to cut down the mileage between this city and the California line. Regardless of this feature, however, the improvement will be of great benefit to the valley and those people living along the road as it has been needed for years.

Engineer Bromley states that he will put a force of men on the work next week to rush the road to completion within 60 days if possible. He expects to engage the county machinery until such time as the state equipment arrives. This is to be sent immediately by the state. The county equipment consists of two caterpillar tractors, two blade scrapers, a scarifier and other smaller machinery needed in road construction. He expects that a force of 50 men will be required on the work. In addition, extra men with scrapers will be employed to clean out the ditches, repair culverts and bridges and do other necessary maintenance work.

When finished, the highway will be like a boulevard, Mr. Bromley said. He intends to make the present road into a first class highway by cutting out sharp turns and widening it to a 24-foot road the entire distance. It will be scarified and smoothed, with fine gravel applied to the surface. This will make it as good as the Crater Lake highway, it is stated. The road will, however, be longer than if the highway department had authorized the construction of the highway along the route laid out by Mr. Bromley some time ago, when the commission promised the construction of the Redwood route.

New bridges and culverts are to be installed wherever needed. The culverts are to be extended to the maximum width. The drainage will be improved. In fact, Mr. Bromley intends to make a first-class road. He will put a camp near Wilderville and

## Rushed



C. Bascom Slemph, secretary to the president, is taking his meals on the run just now. He's swamped with work dictating replies to the thousands of congratulatory telegrams that have come into the White House since election day. He is seen here slipping his coffee while carrying on a telephone conversation.

## PRESIDENT COOLIDGE EXPRESSES SYMPATHY

Washington, Nov. 21.—(A. P.)—President Coolidge sent the following telegram to George B. Christian Jr., former secretary to President Harding at Marion: "Please express to members of Mrs. Harding's family the sincere condolence of Mrs. Coolidge and myself. We share in the fullest measure, and the sorrow her death brings to them. We are disappointed that her brave fight was in vain, but it is a source of pride to know she made it so valiantly as to arouse the admiration of her friends. We never forget her unceasing helpful friendship for us, which will become an increasingly sweet memory. The whole nation mourns for her. Our deepest sympathy goes out to those nearest and dearest to her."

## UNIVERSITY WILL HAVE REPRESENTATIVE IN CONTEST

University of Oregon, Eugene, Nov. 21.—(Special).—Sol Abramson of Portland, a sophomore in the school of journalism, will represent the University of Oregon against the representatives of six other Pacific coast institutions in the second annual intercollegiate extemporaneous speaking contest to be held at Palo Alto, Cal., Dec. 3.

Speakers will appear for Oregon, Stanford, University of Southern California, Washington State College, O. A. C., Willamette and Whitman.

The general subject to be discussed is on the power of the federal courts to overrule acts of congress. An hour before the contest, each speaker is assigned some specific subject bearing on the main topic, and the representatives have only sixty minutes to prepare their discussion. The first prize winner will receive \$75. Second prize is \$50.

## VESPER CONCERT

Methodist Church Sunday, November 23, 1924 by Music Department of GRANTS PASS WOMAN'S CLUB

Mrs. R. H. Tucker, Director  
Miss Carlotta Wiseman, Accompanist  
Robert Neilson, Violinist

Prelude.

Chorus—"Praise Ye the Father"

Gounod

Invocation—Rev. D. Lester Fields

Sextette—"I Will Give You Rest"

West

Mesdames Marks, Knapp, Fies, Woodward, Parsons, Peters

Violin Solo—

(a) "Largo" Handel

(b) "Spring Song" Mendelssohn

Master Harold Kayser

Miss Harriet Kayser, Accompanist

Chorus—"On the Sea" Dudley Buck

Clarinet Solo—Selection from "Cavalleria Rusticana" Mascagni

Joseph Wharton

Silver Offering—Grants Pass Community House Benefit.

Chorus—"List the Cherubic Host" Gaul

Bass Solo, J. M. Isham

Vocal Solo—"The Good Shepherd" Van de Water

Mrs. A. N. Parsons

Chorus—"When the Roses Bloom" Reichardt

Benediction—Rev. D. Lester Fields (Please clip this for reference)

will work out from that place.

The new road over the Elk creek divide will be opened to travel about the last of 1925. When that highway is made accessible to travel, the distance to the state line from Grants Pass will be 45 miles, instead of 52.

While local people show some satisfaction over the fact that the road is to be improved, it is quite generally regretted that the state highway commission did not see fit to stand by its promise of new construction, which would materially cut down the mileage between this city and the line. Mr. Bromley, however, intends to give the people of the valley as good a road as it is possible to construct using the present route.

## GIRL SINGS TO ENCOURAGE SIX IN OPEN BOAT

YOUNG GIRL GIVES COURAGE TO COMPANIONS AFTER SHIPWRECK

## SHIP WENT DOWN ON MONDAY

Party Drifted Several Days in Stormy Sea—Suffered Intensely From Cold and Exposure

Boston, Nov. 21.—(A. P.)—The story of a girl, singing while facing death in an open boat at sea to keep up the courage of her shipwrecked companions, was told here today when the girl, Katherine Woodworth, 18, Mrs. L. Bishop, wife of the skipper of the wrecked schooner Susan B. and five men were landed here. They had been drifting in the life boat since Monday night when the schooner went down in the storm that swept the coast the first of the week. The party had little food, and suffered intensely from cold. The girl sang many times to keep up the spirits of her companions until rescued.

## QUINCY SCOTT TO SPEAK

Field Executive of Boy Scouts Is Chamber Talker

Quincy Scott, field executive of Boy Scouts of America, will be the speaker at Monday noon luncheon of the Chamber of Commerce at the Oxford Hotel. Mr. Scott's subject will be "Boy Scout Organizations." Inasmuch as there is a movement on foot to increase the number of Boy Scout organizations in Grants Pass, the coming of Mr. Scott at this time is fortunate.

It appears that there is to be in Southern Oregon, a permanent executive, whose duty will be to help select and train scout and assistant scout masters, and to give such other advice as may be necessary. Right now, the need in Grant Pass of more scout masters is imperative. Mr. Scott's address will deal with the possibilities of enlarging the scope of the Boy Scout activities.

## UNEMPLOYED WORKERS SHOW GREAT INCREASE

London, Nov. 21.—(A. P.)—Nearly 11 percent of workers in Great Britain and Ireland were unemployed on September 28, according to figures published by the Ministry of Labor Gazette. The number of applicants for employment registered at the employment exchanges had grown from 1,152,000 at the end of August to 1,205,000 on September 29.

The Gazette also records another advance of four points in the cost of living on October 1, the index figures being 76 against 72 on September 1 and 69 on June 1. These figures indicate a percentage advance in prices over the pre-war level.

## Aids Nurses



Mrs. Calvin Coolidge has enlisted as a volunteer in the Instructive Visiting Nurse Society. Gertrude H. Bowling, director of the organization is seen here pinning one of its badges on the "first lady."

## SUPREME COURT HOLDS FOR SEATTLE COMPANY

Washington, Nov. 21.—(A. P.)—The District Columbia supreme court today in a case brought by the Skinner & Eddy Corporation, of Seattle, held that Comptroller General McCarl has no jurisdiction in claims against the government, arising out of the Fleet Corporation contracts.

## AMERICAN ENGINEERS START TO REBUILD JAPANESE BRIDGES

Tokio, Nov. 21.—(A. P.)—An American company has obtained the contract for two of the most important pieces of engineering in the Tokio reconstruction program. The Foundation Company of New York will build the foundations for two bridges over the Sunida River which will replace those destroyed in the earthquake of 1923. These are the Etai and Kiyosu bridges. The contract amounts to about \$2,000,000. It calls for the foundations to start 80 feet under water, work being done by the compressed air diving system. L. R. Craft and N. Englander, New York engineers, are in Tokio to superintend the work, which is expected to take about three years. Japanese engineers estimate that with their methods it would require six years.

## REDWOOD CONDITION IS GOOD

Bulletin Shows Highway Is In Fair Shape Now

Eureka, Cal., Nov. 21.—(A. P.)—Motorists travelling up the Redwood highway will find it in good condition from Sausalito to Laytonville and fair from that town to Garberville, according to a mid-week bulletin issued today by the California State Automobile Association. The bulletin stated that there had been a few slides from Cammings north, but that they were all removed now.

The road is a trifle muddy through the trees and getting chucky, although it is considered good from Garberville to Eureka, according to the automobile association.

North of Eureka the road is good to Arcata, but is getting chucky to Trinidad and Big Lagoon. From Big Lagoon to Stone Lagoon the new highway is closed and all traffic is sent over the old road which is narrow and rough. From Orick to ten miles north of Requa the road is very muddy and slow and chains are advisable. Crescent City to Grants Pass is still passable but is very slow and chains are required.

## TREATIES NOT RECOGNIZED

British Foreign Secretary Sends Notice to Charge d'Affaires

London, Nov. 21.—(A. P.)—The British foreign office today issued for publication a letter from Foreign Secretary Chamberlain to Russian Charge d'Affaires Raczovsky, notifying him that the British government cannot recommend to parliament the treaties with Russia negotiated by the MacDonald government.

## TRANSPORTATION MEN OF PACIFIC COAST ARE MEETING TODAY TO DISCUSS THEIR PROBLEMS

San Francisco, Nov. 21.—(U. P.)—Scores of shippers and transportation men of the Pacific coast gathered here today to attend the meeting of the Pacific Coast Regional Advisory board at the St. Francis Hotel.

The regional advisory board was organized several months ago as a local representative organization of the American Railroad association to aid shippers and transportation men to come to a mutual and advantageous understanding of shipping problems and to minimize losses because of inadequate facilities in moving perishable commodities.

Most of the work to be done during this meeting is expected to bear fruit this winter during movement of late fruits and other perishables, but particularly to be of service next summer when car shortage might be caused by wide demand for railroad rolling stock. Through its various regional advisory boards, the

## LABOR REPORT SAYS POLITICS MUST NOT RULE

DOMINATION OF ORGANIZATION MUST BE KEPT OUT SAYS COMMITTEE

## POLICIES ARE OUTLINED

Would Maintain Non-partisan Body. Ballot Reforms, Increased Primary Interest Wanted

El Paso, Nov. 21.—(A. P.)—A special report on the political policy to the American Federation of Labor's annual convention today by the executive council asserted that the organization must be kept free from political domination and the non-partisan political campaign committee created during the recent campaign must be maintained permanently. Ballot reforms, increased interest in the primaries and the freeing of independent political movements of their narrowly circumscribed limitations would be sought, the report declared.

## HOOVER HAS DECIDED TO STAY IN CABINET

Washington, Nov. 21.—(A. P.)—Secretary Hoover has definitely decided to remain in the cabinet, despite various efforts by commercial organizations to secure his services.

## CITY BUDGET IS NOT CHANGED

Council and Committee Approves Tentative Expenses For City

The council, meeting last night with a number of local citizens acting as a budget committee, approved the tentative budget as prepared by City Auditor H. H. Allyn and the budget will remain as printed in the Courier of Wednesday. This calls for a tax levy of 22 mills for city purposes, a lower rate than that of the past year, when the rate was 22.56 mills.

The council and budget committee, in view of the fact that city valuations are steadily increasing, took the attitude that Grants Pass is due for an exceptionally prosperous year. Due to the increased valuation of the city property, which made it possible to raise 6 per cent more in taxes with a lower levy, it was held that the budget should not be trimmed, as every possible expense, which could be eliminated, had been dropped. The few increases in expense are justified, it was held.

A. C. Stewart, who has been in Seattle for home time, has returned to southern Oregon to take up the work on his mining properties here.