

# This Week in WASHINGTON

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AUTOCASTER WASHINGTON BUREAU

Washington, D. C., Jan. 1.—(Auto-caster)—Only a dozen rural counties in the United States have "a decent bit of health machinery such as exists in every large city," declared Dr. C. E. A. Winslow, Yale professor of Public Health, at a recent conference on child welfare. Nevertheless, he said, "we are proud of the fact that there have been created 500 full-time county health units" in the brief period in which this has been developed.

The only answer to the problem of health for the rural mother and child is both a doctor and a nurse "who can render the service of child hygiene to them," Dr. Freeman, said later. And this answer, he said further, "will come from the people working in the field, from those county health departments which have been built up with so much labor in the last 19 years."

Traveling clinics and visiting systems have failed after thorough trial, Dr. Freeman warned, adding that both resident doctor and nurse are absolute essentials. Failure to recognize the rural needs, he concluded, would stamp the conference a failure.

Closely linked to this was the recommendation by the committee on organization, through Miss Ida Curry of New York State Charities Aid, that the county be retained as the unit of local.

Other points stressed many times during the conference included:

Continued consolidation of rural schools and elimination of the old-fashioned one-room schoolhouse;

Extension of vocational guidance units, continuance of small units and sending to them specially equipped workers;

Establishment of a vocational and educational guidance program in every community, conducted by a special department;

Laws to prohibit children under 16 working on farms during hours when schools are in session;

Provision that children under 14 should not be hired out or employed on a contract basis, although light labor may be permitted for short periods outside of school hours for children of 12 to 14.

Cooperative experiments by the federal radio commission, the agriculture department and state authorities in California have shown that short-wave radio transmission can be used effectively in getting market information into the hands of the farmer.

The result will be to make far more effective the marketing program of the federal farm board, it is believed here. Several of the cooperative marketing programs of the board depend almost completely upon the speed with which individual cooperative groups and shipping associations can get a birds-eye view of the principal markets of the country.

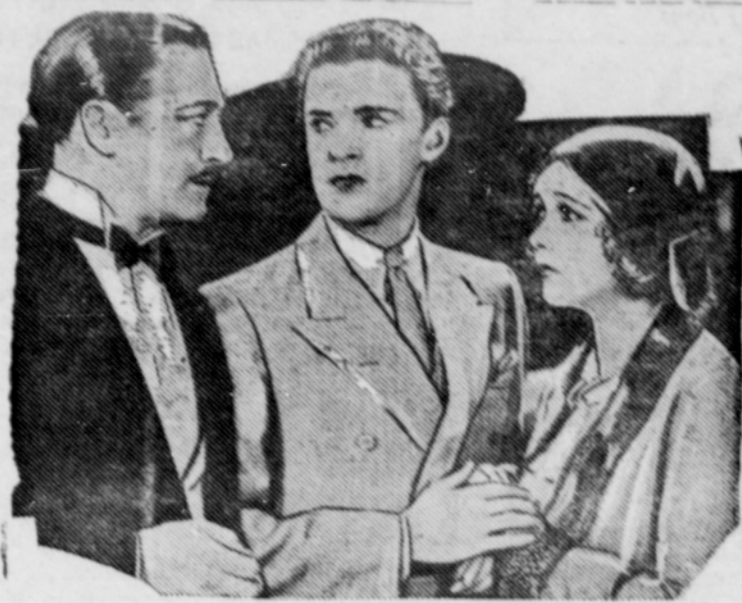
Effectual use of the radio and the probability that the government's market news service will soon be operated entirely by radio can supply the additional speed which is so badly needed to assure quick selection of the best market.

Development of such a system would put in the hands of farmers of every type a trade weapon which middlemen and retailers have always had; complete, accurate and speedy information on the best place to sell or buy.

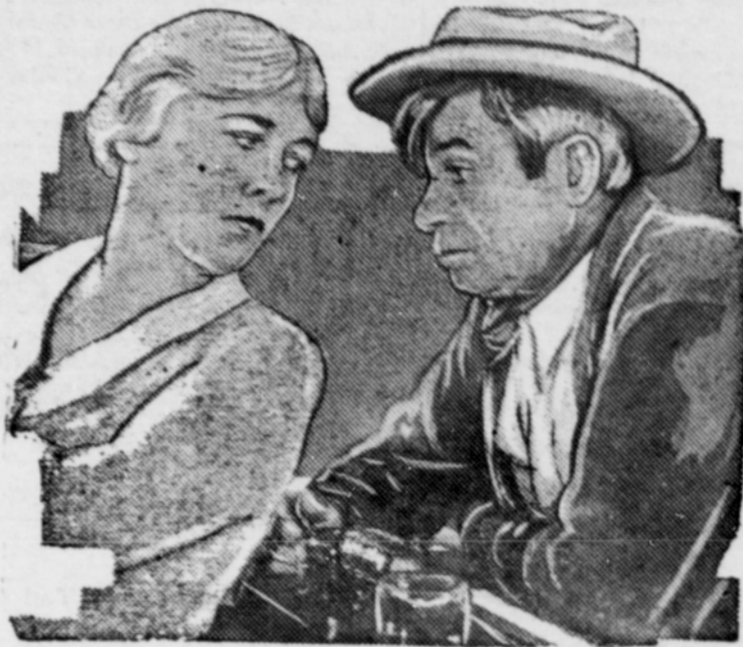
The system would be of special aid to growers of such perishables as fruit and vegetables. This has been proved by the work in California. A representative of the service there says that the daily reports "show carlot shipments made each day from producing sections, destinations, diversions, arrivals, and supplies on the markets, the quality and condition of receipts and prices paid in terminal markets and at points of origin."

Other information which the California system sends out includes: Volume and grade in consuming markets; market activity; the origin of supplies; condition of commodities as they arrive; market preferences and how available commodities meet them; weather conditions at markets and shipping points; supplies in transit from other places; prices offered in producing sections and on the market; condition of the crop; number of cars ordered; availability of farm help.

The far distant past of our country becomes less distant when it is realized that a member of the Washington family who was born at Mount Vernon, on the Potomac, is living in this city today. She is Eleanor Washington Howard, granddaughter of John A. Washington, to whom the Mount Vernon estate was bequeathed by Bushrod Washington after he in turn had received it from George Washington himself. Mrs. Howard, now 75 years old, was born in the room in which Washington died.



A scene from the Universal mystery drama "The Cat Creeps" featuring Helen Twelvetrees, Raymond Hackett, Lilyan Tashman, Jean Hersholt at Fox Rex Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.



Will Rogers and Louise Dresser in a scene from John Golden's "Lightnin'." A Fox Movietone Production now playing at the Fox McDonald Theatre in Eugene.

## SCREEN STAR HAS NARROW ESCAPE FILMING PICTURE

Betty Baker, star of "Bar L Ranch," opening tomorrow night at the Bell theatre, had a very narrow escape from severe injury and possible death during the filming of this epic of the West.

Miss Baker, not needed at the moment, was seated with her maid perhaps a hundred feet from the spot where the cowboys were rounding up a herd of none too passive cattle. Suddenly the cattle made a break and headed straight for the spot where the girls were seated. A warning from the boys brought the girls to their feet but as they ran the maid tripped and Miss Baker stopped to assist her. Yakima Cannutt and Buffalo Bill Jr., tried to head off the animals in the meantime but finding they could not accomplish this, they dashed down and each grabbed one of the girls into his saddle just as the animals came abreast of them.

**Unusual Cast in Western**  
The latest Big 4 all-talking western which opens Friday at the Bell theatre, boasts such a cast of well liked western performers as are seldom if ever seen together in one film. In addition to Buffalo Bill Jr., there is Wally Wales, Yakima Cannutt, Robert Walker and that comedy team, Ben Corbett and Fern Emmett.

The film is a fast moving, action packed western, unusually well acted and directed. The scenic effects are so beautiful and so extraordinary one often gets the feeling that they cannot be real. The recording is clear and of excellent quality.

## OFFICERS GIVE WORK WEEKLY REBEKAH MEET

Newly elected officers of the Rebekah lodge gave their work at the meeting of the group Monday evening which was held at the I. O. O. F. hall. It was a business session, no social being held. The date for the installation of the officers has not been decided upon as they plan a joint installation with the Odd Fellows, and the two organizations have not discussed the matter together. It will be held sometime in January.

## DR. JOSEPHINE C. BRAUN TO START PRACTICE HERE

Announcement was made yesterday that Dr. Josephine C. Braun, naturopathic physician, will open an office in the First National Bank building on Monday, January 5. She will have her offices in the rooms formerly occupied by Dr. C. H. Phetteplace. Her office hours will be from 1:00 to 5:00 p. m. every afternoon.

**Thurston Man Here**—Ira Gray of Thurston was a visitor in this city yesterday.

**Visits from Lowell**—A. M. Veatch of Lowell was a visitor here Wednesday.

## MYSTERY THRILLER ON TALKIE SCREEN AT REX

"The Cat Creeps," described as one of the greatest mystery stories in the history of stage or motion pictures, and adapted by Universal for the talking screen from John Willard's famous play, "The Cat and the Canary," forms the attraction at the Fox Rex theatre, opening its engagement on Sunday for three days.

This thrilling production presents an all-star cast, headed by Helen Twelvetrees, and including such well known screen artists as Raymond Hackett, Neil Hamilton, Lilyan Tashman, Jean Hersholt, Montagu Love, Lawrence Grant.

"The Cat Creeps" abounds with mystery and suspense, and its entire action deals with the hair-raising events of a single night in a great mansion which has not been occupied for 20 years. Here a group of relatives gather at midnight to listen to the reading of a will, and thus begins a story which brings to the audience a swift succession of laughs and thrills. Breathless terror grips the characters, and the unexplainable death of one of them adds horror to a mystery which is finally brought to a surprising solution just before daylight.

"The Cat and the Canary" has for years been recognized as one of the greatest mystery "thrillers" of the stage, and "The Cat Creeps," it is said, creates to an even greater degree a "creepy" atmosphere of suspense and terror.

## JANE GAVIN TO HEAD GRADUATE NURSE GROUP

Miss Jane Gavin, executive secretary of the Lane County Health association, has been named executive secretary and educational director for the Graduate Nurses association of Oregon and will establish headquarters in Portland after the first of the year. She has been president of the state association for the past year and has been county health nurse for Lane county for one year. She is well known in Springfield having attended many meetings of the Springfield unit of the Lane health association.

**Visits from Camp Creek**—J. T. Rossman of Camp Creek visited with friends in Springfield on Wednesday afternoon.

**Leaburg Resident Here**—W. W. Howman of Leaburg was a business visitor in Springfield yesterday.

**Purchases Feed**—W. S. Whitmer of Jasper purchased feed in Springfield on Wednesday afternoon.

**Visits Friends**—J. J. Cabe of Waterville visited friends in Springfield on Wednesday afternoon.

**Drive to Roseburg**—Mr. and Mrs. Marion Adams and son, Bob, have gone to Roseburg to spend New Year's day.

## WILLAMETTE ROAD COMPLETION SURE

Highway to Be Finished as Far as Oakridge by September 1931; Heavy Construction Work Involved; Siuslaw Road Listed for Completion.

The Willamette highway will be completed as far as Oakridge by September 1, 1931, it was decided at a joint meeting of the state highway commission, the forest officials, and representatives of the bureau of public roads which was held in Portland Tuesday. Funds for the completion of this and three other major projects now under development were allocated at that meeting from money made available immediately for highway development from the special fund provided recently by congress to aid the unemployment problem.

The four major projects considered by the group and the appropriation made for each are: Willamette, \$285,000; North Santiam highway, \$100,000; Siuslaw, \$60,000; and Heppner-Spray road in eastern Oregon, \$75,000.

**Funds Are Loaned State**  
Funds for this work are made available to the state in the nature of loans without interest, which are to be repaid to the government from federal aid money which will be due the state during the next five years.

The advancement of this money means the ultimate completion of the road building program in the county one year earlier than originally planned, according to C. P. Barnard, county judge. All of the projects authorized at Portland had been set for completion in 1932 at an earlier meeting of the state highway commission, but with additional funds available work will be started as soon as contracts can be let. Roy Klein, state highway engineer, has already started preparation of surveys and estimates. When this has been completed bids will be called and if it is found that funds remain they will be used on other projects.

**Will Give Employment**  
Completion of the Willamette highway to Oakridge will involve a great amount of construction work, including a new bridge across the Willamette river near Oakridge, much rock blasting and moving of dirt. It will provide a great deal of employment for several months.

The completion of the Siuslaw highway is also pleasing to local people as it will provide a direct short route to the ocean without the necessity of driving over Mapleton hill, which is a long steep grade. The new road will follow the route of the railroad closely and is now well under construction. Several bad dirt slides during the past summer caused unexpected expense and delay, which it was believed would necessitate delayed completion of the road.

## WILL ROGERS APPEARS IN "LIGHTNIN'"; McDONALD

Will Rogers, friend and adviser of Presidents, who has been entertained by the kings and queens of Europe, admired by millions of readers and radio listeners, a democratic, kindly, plain, modest and human personality who outdraws any star in all talking pictures today in the Fox McDonald theatre today in "Lightnin'," his third Fox Movietone success.

Rogers was great in "They Had To See Paris," he was greater in "So This Is London," but he is said to be greatest in "Lightnin'," adapted from John Golden's most successful stage play which has been brought up to date by the famous wit and humorist who portrays the character of "Lightnin'" Bill Jones, "the whimsical odd tippler and picturesque liar."

Charles Rogers, that handsome young favorite of film fandom, whose sparkling zest made his name a household word in such comedies as "Safety in Numbers," "Follow Thru" and "Heads Up," comes to the Fox McDonald Sunday for 3 days in "Along Came Youth," a refreshing romance comedy of sporting (and

kitchen) life in jolly old England. In "Along Came Youth" Rogers is seen as a young American sports man stranded in London after a series of reverses with his string of blooded horses at the race-tracks. Forced to take a job as a chef in the baronial mansion of a visiting South American millionaire, he bluffs his way through the culinary duties, abetted by the comical blundering of his trainer, Stuart Erwin.

## SAWMILL WILL START OPERATIONS ON FRIDAY

The Springfield plant of the Booth-Kelly Lumber company will resume operations again tomorrow morning after the usual Christmas shut down. The sawmill will operate Friday and Saturday of this week and will then return to the three day schedule used during the fall. The planer portion of the mill has been operating this week.

**Has Christmas Dinner**—Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Curtis entertained with a Christmas dinner last Thursday for Mr. and Mrs. Riley Snodgrass and daughter, Maxine, Mrs. A. M. Snodgrass of Shedd and her two sons, Jack and Merle, and Everett Corbin

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## FOX WEST COAST THEATRES

FOX McDONALD  
WILL ROGERS IN "LIGHTNIN'"  
NOW PLAYING! 'TIL LATE SATURDAY NIGHT

Charles ROGERS in "Along Came Youth"  
COMING SUNDAY FOR 3 DAYS  
MONDAY IS REVIVAL NIGHT

FOX REX  
"HER MAN"  
TODAY and FRIDAY

SATURDAY ONLY—  
Buck Jones in "Shadow Ranch"

COMING SUNDAY FOR 3 DAYS  
"The CAT CREEPS"  
HELEN TWELVETREES, RAYMOND HACKETT, NEIL HAMILTON, LILYAN TASHMAN, JEAN HERSHOLT

## Bell Theatre Springfield

Thursday Last Showing  
"Common Clay"

FRIDAY and SATURDAY  
Saturday Matinee  
A Daring Talking Western

"Bar L Ranch"  
starring  
BUFFALO BILL JR.  
WALLY WALES  
YAKIMA CANUTT

SUNDAY and MONDAY  
"Song O My Heart"  
with John McCormack

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday  
"On Your Back"  
with IRENE RICH