

LIST PRIZES IN LIGHTING PLAN FOR CHRISTMAS

Contest in Illumination for Home Yards Opens December 22—Chamber Posts Handsome Prizes—Open to All Residents.

The decoration of homes on the outside as well as on the inside is fast becoming an important manifestation of the Christmas spirit as the Christmas tree itself.

No longer is all the gaiety of the holiday season closely shut within the walls of our homes. Everywhere it has become the custom to twine strings of tiny, twinkling, colorful lights about the porches and eaves of the houses to festoon them from the hedges and trees on the lawn, to nestle them in wreaths at the windows. Where once only darkness and bleakness greeted home-coming footsteps, now these gay little lights cause hearts to beat little lighter, cause the pleasant consciousness that the season of friendliness, of hospitality, of good cheer is present again.

To add zest to this happy custom, the Medford chamber of commerce is arranging to conduct a contest here with splendid prizes for the winners. This contest is open to every resident of Medford not connected with the local electric stores or the power company.

Open Dec. 22
It is slated to open on December 22, and close January 2, which secures plenty of time for judging and also means that all local people and visitors to the city will have an opportunity to see the attractive displays. Judging will be conducted on the basis of general artistic appearance of houses of grounds and residences, trees and shrubs may be illuminated in this contest. Prizes are most attractive and will include the following:

1st prize—\$25.00 electric Perculator set.
2nd prize—\$15.00 waffle iron.
3rd prize—\$10.00 automatic toaster.
4th prize—\$5.00 automatic electric iron.

Considerable interest has already been shown in this local Christmas contest and it is anticipated that a large number of entries will compete for the above prizes. Entries must be made with the chamber of commerce not later than December 22nd.

PORTLAND POLICE CONTINUE HERDING DRIVERS TO JAIL

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 15.—Names of 171 more motorists were on the police docket today as a result of arrests in the police war on traffic law violators. The total for the week up to last night was 1244 and fines aggregating more than \$5500 had been imposed. Today's grind in the police court added to this amount.

Arrests last night included 25 for speeding, 24 for parking violations, 21 for failure to stop at through streets and schools, nine for disregarding traffic signals, four for having defective mufflers, three for having improper licenses, five for turning in the middle of a block or congested area, three for reckless driving, three for failing to give name and address after an accident and one for driving while drunk.

A mass meeting under auspices of the Oregon State Motor association has been called for next Tuesday night, at which the traffic situation will be discussed. Effort will be made for greater co-operation between public and police, and suggestions are expected to be made for needed changes in laws and traffic regulations.

MILLS AND SCHOOLS SUFFERED MOST BY NOVEMBER FIRE LOSS

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 15.—(AP)—Fifty-three per cent of the total damage caused by the 53 fires in Oregon, outside of Portland, during the month of November was suffered by the lumber industry and the public schools.

The aggregate loss for November, according to State Fire Marshal Clark A. Lee, was \$142,000, which is less than the lowest November record for the last five years. The loss for the 11-month period to November 30 was \$4,627,000, his was \$1,120,000 more than for the corresponding 11 months of 1927, \$900,000 less than for 1926, \$1,230,000 more than for 1925 and \$260,000 less than for 1924.

James May Withdraws
WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Indications that Senator James May of Washington, would withdraw from the contest for Republican leadership of the senate, to succeed president-elect Curtis were seen about the senate today and an announcement by James as to his intentions was expected.

START INQUIRY CHICAGO BOARD OF EDUCATION

'Whispering Wires' Reveal Alleged Graft in Building Contracts—Newspaper Instigates Investigation—Charges Conspiracy.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 15.—(AP)—Investigation of what the Herald and Examiner describes as "a far-reaching conspiracy to buy and sell contracts for board of education building work" has been started by the state's attorney following a "discovery investigation" conducted by the newspaper.

With the evidence obtained by the newspaper at their command, State Attorney John A. Swanson and H. Wallace Caldwell, president of the school board, immediately began questioning several persons whose names were contained in the stenographic notes taken from the "whispering wires" by representatives of the newspaper.

Roy W. Ammel, a broker representing cut stone contractors seeking a share of the school building business, was named as the man who assisted in obtaining much of the evidence on which the inquiry is based.

The alleged irregularities had to do with efforts of a group of cut stone contractors to obtain work on school buildings which for a long time has been monopolized by terra cotta manufacturers. The cut stone men finally engaged Ammel to represent them in the effort to get some of the school business which had been denied them for years.

Ammel dealt first with one official then another, he said. A dictaphone was installed in Ammel's office by the Herald and Examiner and representatives of the newspaper listened while Ammel talked with reputed go-betweens of the "higher-ups" until, as the paper said, "the whole thing was dragged into the light."

LIEUTENANT DYER AWARDED TROPHY NAVAL AVIATOR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(AP)—The Herbert Schiff memorial trophy, awarded annually to the naval aviator with the most hours of successful flying, was presented by President Coolidge today to Lieutenant James E. Dyer, of the San Diego naval air station.

Lieut. Dyer's record was 1251 hours and 15 minutes in the air without accident or injury to himself or others, the greatest in the four years that the trophy has been in competition. The presentation was attended by Secretary Wilbur, Admiral Hughes, chief of naval operations, and Rear Admiral Leigh, chief of navigation. The trophy itself, with the names of the individual winners inscribed upon it, is retained in the navy department, while a replica is presented to the victor for his permanent possession.

Lieut. Dyer flew from San Diego here to receive the trophy.

AUTO TRYST ENDS WITH FATAL SHOT

FRANKFORT, Ky., Dec. 15.—(AP)—Orlando Dennis, candidate for sheriff, died early today from gunshot wounds received late last night when fired upon by Campbell Marshall, 50, retired farmer, as he sat in an automobile with the latter's wife.

Mrs. Marshall was struck by a bullet from her husband's weapon but is expected to recover.

Marshall is said to have followed his wife after she left him at home with their children, and shot the couple while they were parked near the county club.

Marshall surrendered following the attack, but attempted no explanation of the crime.

Cocanut Milk and Gin Blend for Cocktail

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Take a green cocanut, cut enough of the husk away for the nut to stand on the table, slice away the top, then pour gin, whiskey or brandy into the cocanut milk.

This is a cocanut highball as known in Brazil and served even in fashionable restaurants, although wine is occasionally substituted for distilled liquors in these places. Tradition says that a lonely Englishman in a tropical country discovered how well gin blended with cocanut milk.

INFLUENZA PEAK IS THOUGHT PAST IN THIS DISTRICT

Figures from the county health headquarters today revealed that 141 new cases of influenza, which is of a mild type, were reported this week in Jackson county. However, despite this large figure, the epidemic, if it can be called such, is believed to be on the wane. With one case of smallpox reported in the Trail district, extra precautions are being taken to prevent a possible outbreak of the disease in that section.

Fears are held by Dr. Emily Bolcom of the health unit that possibly a comparatively large number of Trail residents were exposed to the disease at a dance given last Saturday. Contagion being a comparatively easy matter with smallpox, Dr. Bolcom advises persons who believe themselves exposed to avail themselves of a vaccination as early as possible. Persons who have not been vaccinated for the past five years, are urged to do the same. Vaccinations will be given free of charge by the health unit or may be had from the family physician.

In the Phoenix district, a slight outbreak of scarlet fever was reported this week and several patients have been quarantined.

In Medford, the influenza situation today by City Health Officer E. H. Pickett was declared to be entirely satisfactory, with no alarm to be felt for the general health of the city.

HUSBAND CLAIMS NAGGING BY WIFE CAUSED MURDER

SHREVEPORT, La., Dec. 15.—(AP)—Continued nagging, particularly over petty financial matters, climaxed by a final urge to "Go ahead and kill me" were assigned today as reasons for the slaying of Mrs. Charles Taylor, whose body was found in a locked trunk in a Memphis suburb, early this week.

Taylor, her husband, arrested yesterday in Shreveport, confessed to officers that he had slain his wife December 3 and left her body in the trunk. Taylor said he struck her with a poker when she taunted him to slay her.

Taylor insisted yesterday that he loved his wife, but that her continual nagging had caused him to commit the crime. Taylor added that he planned to take his own life, but that his unexpected arrest yesterday had prevented him from carrying out his plans. He expressed a desire to return immediately to Memphis, assuring officers that he would not resist extradition.

INSURANCE OF RECLUSE FOR CATHOLIC DIOCESE

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 15.—(AP)—The Catholic diocese of Portland in Oregon was \$1000 richer today because Tim Delacour, a recluse of Canemah, Ore., who died recently as a result of an accident, had made it beneficiary in an accident policy which he obtained in connection with a newspaper subscription.

Delacour was struck down by an automobile as he walked along the highway on November 14. He had renewed his policy five weeks before his death.

Navy Increase Sought
WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(AP)—An increase in the navy because of the attitude of Great Britain on armaments was demanded in the senate today by Senator Gillett, Republican, Massachusetts.

Had the Oregon tuberculosis death rate of 1923 kept up through 1927, Oregon would have suffered a loss of 700 persons by this disease in 1927 instead of 514, the actual toll for last year.

GANNA WALSKA HAS INFLUENZA, UNABLE TO SING

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Mme. Ganna Walska (Mrs. Harold F. McCormick) has been stricken with influenza, and although it is only a mild attack, she has found it necessary to cancel her concert scheduled for Orchestra hall this afternoon.

A statement by two attending physicians said only that Mme. Walska was confined to bed by influenza and that it would be impossible for her to fill the engagement.

Harry E. Vogel, in charge of arrangements for the concert, said that those who had purchased tickets should hold them, to be used at a later date to be fixed upon Mme. Walska's recovery.



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The influenza attack was sudden. Mme. Walska having been the center of attention at the opera Wednesday night when she occupied the McCormick box during the performance of "Don Giovanni."

Since returning to Chicago after an absence of years, Mme. Walska has settled herself in the Harold F. McCormick town house and has indicated that she intends to make her permanent home here, except for annual trips to Europe during the spring and summer months.

Postponement of the concert recalls that Mme. Walska's previous scheduled appearances here invariably have been attended by unforeseen developments which have necessitated their cancellation.

SENATOR EXPECTS APPROVAL OF DAM BILL BY COOLIDGE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Confidence was expressed by Senator Oddie, Republican, Nevada, after a call at the White House today that President Coolidge would approve the Boulder Dam bill as passed by the senate.

The senator, who took an active part in discussion of the measure said he went over with Mr. Coolidge all the important senate changes in the bill and was wholly satisfied with his interview.

The senate bill was received in the house shortly after it met today, but action was withheld pending a decision by the irrigation committee as to whether it would request concurrence or to send it to the conference.

SARATOGA SETS NEW NAVAL MARK

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 15.—(AP)—The United States navy has outdone itself. Its huge airplane carrier Saratoga was hailed today as the most powerful ship afloat after breaking the world's record for power recently set by her sister ship Lexington.

Steaming over almost the same sea course on which the Lexington exactly one month ago had set a maritime record, the Saratoga's turbo-electric power plant developed the astounding peak of 215,518 horsepower, which drove the 44,000-ton monster through the sea at a speed of 34.99 knots, or more than 40 statute miles. The Lexington's record was 208,761 horsepower and a speed of 34.82 knots.

Hold Husband
CANTON, Ohio, Dec. 15.—(AP)—At the request of Coroner T. C. McQuate, Wilbur O. Heldman, who said his young wife killed a Canton coal dealer and a week later ended her own life, today was committed to the county jail for further questioning.

Ant Paste on Toast
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Mrs. Florence Clayton, 21, was in a serious condition in a local hospital today as a result of eating toast for breakfast on which she had spread ant paste, thinking it was honey.

Kansas City Diner
KANSAS CITY, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Police Chief Lincoln B. Toomey today said Kansas City now is drier than it has been for years, because of the impetus given prohibition law enforcement since Mrs. Maud Wilson swung the axe on a soft drink establishment recently.

Josephine Fakes Sues Movie Firm For Last Work

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Josephine Fakes, 17-year-old New York girl who was contracted by Warner Brothers Picture corporation and not put to work, has \$1,000 today in her pocket.

After signing a contract in New York, she testified, she came to Los Angeles, but the company would not put her to work. She said the refusal cost her a lot of money and humiliation.

An agreement whereby the film company is to pay her \$5,000 was reached in superior court.

NEWSPAPER USES CORN STALKS FOR SPECIAL FEATURE

DANVILLE, Ill., Dec. 15.—(AP)—From corn stalks to newspaper in six hours was an epitome of the achievement of modern science today in the publication of the Danville Commercial News.

A special edition of 100 pages, printed on corn stalk paper, was issued by the Commercial News, it being the first time such paper has been used by a newspaper.

This unique edition actually was printed on paper made from stalks grown on farms surrounding Danville. It was described as heralding a new epoch in the paper industry as well as creating a new market for farm products which once were merely waste.

The corn stalk pulp was manufactured by a Danville company and made into paper by a manufacturing company at Kalamazoo, the entire process requiring only six hours of actual operation. Discovery of the use of corn stalks for paper was made by Dr. Bela Dörner of Hungary.

Almost simultaneously with the publication of the Commercial News, the Prairie Farmer, national farm magazine published at Chicago, printed its 260,000 copy edition on corn stalk paper with the remark that this issue was truly a "from the farm back to the farm" movement.

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He declared that it seemed to him a step toward entrance of the United States into the World Court and the League of Nations, and added that he would therefore consider the determining influence of this thought, vote in favor of ratifying the mighty, multilateral Kellogg peace pact.

"May the prayers of the pious," said the senator, "induce heaven to prosper far beyond my present expectations."

QUIET AND SLEEP FOR KING GEORGE BULLETIN REPORT

LONDON, Dec. 15.—(AP)—(8:20 a. m.)—King George's physicians tonight issued the following bulletin on his majesty's condition:

"His majesty had a quiet day, with some sleep. Though the pulse remains steady and the fever is now moderate the exhaustion persists. It has been decided to employ ray therapy as part of the treatment."

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—(AP)—King George, youngest son of the Prince of England, was on his way home aboard the Cunarder Berengaria today after a 10-hour visit to New York.

During his stay the British prince did what most visitors to the city do—visited the Woolworth tower, Bronx Park Zoo, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Bank Officer Found Dead
MIDDLETOWN, Del., Dec. 15.—(AP)—The body of Watson K. Betts, cashier of the closed Peoples' National bank of Middletown, was found today in Drawers creek, near here. Betts left Middletown in his automobile several hours before the directors closed the bank yesterday, and last night his car was found on the bank of the creek, about four miles from here. It evidently had run into a tree.

Third Set wins
YOUNGSTOWN, O., Dec. 15.—(AP)—Mrs. William Headley of Pierpont, north of here, has given birth to the third set of twins in three years. Five of them are girls. There are five other children in the family.

TUNNEY PRAYS FOR RULER'S RECOVERY AT CUP CEREMONY

PORTSMOUTH, Eng., Dec. 15.—(AP)—Gene Tunney today led the Marine corps here in a silent prayer for the recovery of King George.

The incident, touching and dramatic, came while the retired champion was presenting to the British marines a cup given as a gift by American marines. At the end of his address, Tunney said quietly to the assembled officers and men who were drawn up in a square in the marine barracks:

"I now have the privilege of asking that you join me in bowing heads in silent prayer for the recovery of King George."

Tunney then bowed his head, as did the officers and men, and for several minutes the marine square was hushed in silence.

In his speech, making the presentation of the cup, Tunney emphasized the friendliness existing between American and British marines.

RETAIN BASEBALL AS MAJOR SPORT

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 15.—(AP)—Defeating by an overwhelming majority a proposal to drop baseball as a major sport, representatives of the six schools of the Pacific Northwest conference, in session here yesterday, retained all features of previous sport programs. One change, however, will place the opening football practice date on the second Monday in September, permitting more than a week's practice instead of four days before the first pre-season game.

Besides drawing up the football and basketball schedules for 1929, the conference representatives selected track, tennis and baseball series dates.

LOS ANGELES MEXICAN WINS OVER MATT CALO

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Dec. 15.—(AP)—Johnny Lamar, hard punching Los Angeles Mexican, won decisively over Matt Calo of San Francisco in the 10-round main event fight at the American Legion stadium last night. Lamar outclassed and outboxed his victim throughout, beating Calo to every punch after the third round. The Mexican was able to hit at will, peppering the bay city boy with both hands.

A whirlwind-semifinal fight, in which both contestants hit the floor twice, was won by Les Kennedy, Wilmington main event lightweight. He was awarded the decision over Russ Walters of San Pedro in the six-round bout.

LASSMAN SAYS STORIES OF PARALYSIS BOLONEY

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Al Lassman, New York University football captain, who was injured in the game with Carnegie Tech, has returned from Pittsburgh to deny personally the many rumors about his condition. Great care was taken to keep his arrival secret, but after he had reached the hospital where he will remain for the next two weeks, he set at rest the reports that he was paralyzed and not in full control of his mental faculties, by sitting up and saying that such stories were "boloney."

HEAVYWEIGHTS TO WRESTLE FRIDAY RIALTO THEATRE

Assuring a perfectly heated and ventilated place in which to hold a wrestling match, Art Evans, the fullblooded 226-pound Cherokee Indian wrestler, will meet Moose Norbeck, champion heavyweight of the northwest, at the Rialto theatre next Friday night, according to an announcement made by Jack Wood, promoter, today.

Norbeck has not appeared in southern Oregon for sometime, and is regarded as the best man in his class on the Pacific coast. He has wrestled Ira Dorn of Salt Lake City several times this season, putting on some of the best battles ever seen there. Evans hardly knows what defeat means. Evans has been here for several days and is already in hard training for his battle with Norbeck.

KRUSE TAKES TWO FALLS IN ASTORIA

ASTORIA, Ore., Dec. 15.—(AP)—Bob Kruse, of Portland, 205 pounds, took two straight falls from Waldo Keston, Canadian wrestler, in a benefit performance here last night. A series of headlocks, straight arm scissors and airplane suits brought the Canadian to the mat for the first fall, and standing wrist locks applied advantageously, took him down again soon after.

COOL WEATHER WITH FROST IS PREDICTION

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—(AP)—The weather outlook for the week beginning December 16 was announced here today by the United States weather bureau as follows:

Far western states: The outlook is for generally fair weather except that rains are probable during the middle and latter part of the week over the western parts of Washington and Oregon.

Cool weather and frosts the first half and normal temperatures during the second half of the week were also announced.

NO GIRLS KIDNAPED IN MEXICO IS CLAIM OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Additional government troops have been sent to the state of Jalisco in an effort to destroy a band of rebels which raided the town of Jocotitlan on Friday.

A government spokesman today denied reports that 23 of the most attractive women of the town had been kidnapped. He said that investigation had been made showing that the rebels attacked the town and maltreated a number of women but did not carry any off.

New Playhouse FRANK'S Comedians

Will Present Tonight and Sunday Night Only The Comedy Hit "Watch My Speed"

Note:—This will be the last performance of Frank's comedians until Jan. 5. Watch papers for announcements.

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