

LIQUOR CONTROL TO TIGHTEN UP BEER LICENSING

50 Per Cent Present Permits to Be Renewed On Restricted Basis—No Music, Entertainment, Dancing

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 14.—(AP)—The Oregon liquor control commission announced Thursday that about 50 per cent of the retail beer licenses outstanding, if, and when, renewed for next year, will be on a "restricted basis." In addition, about 25 per cent of the licenses are being held up by the commission for further investigation.

This will the commission write "diminution" on the score of that universal theme song of the thirty. A "restricted" license will be ordered in cases where the licensee operates in a residential or semi-residential district. It will mean that there will be no music, no dancing and no entertainment.

To Probe Complaints The 25 per cent that will be held up for investigation includes those places against which complaints have been lodged.

The commission discussed a proposal to issue no retail beer license, for drinking on the premises, to any drug or grocery store within the city limits of any incorporated city or town. No action was taken.

The commission gave no position in its recommendations concerning the impending demand of hotel and restaurant men that the Oregon liquor law be amended to permit sale of cocktails and other hard liquors by the glass in public dining rooms.

May Increase Cost There was an indication that the liquor commission will later recommend that the cost of retail beer licenses be materially increased, and that administration of the liquor control act be tightened.

George Sammis, administrator, announced that an additional \$100,000 has been ordered turned over to the state unemployment relief fund. The latest contribution brings the total since February 15 to \$850,000. State stores were opened on that date.

112 KILLED DAILY BY AUTOS IN U. S.

SALEM, Ore.—(UP)—A total of 112 persons are killed by automobiles every day in the United States, according to figures received by William H. Hammond, manager of the motor vehicle operators' and chauffeurs' license division.

The needless sacrifice each day of these lives by carelessness or a crane for speed should certainly bring us to our senses and develop a realization that the time has come for drastic action," Hammond said.

Paradoxically, although the traffic deaths are increasing, safety campaigns are becoming at the same time more successful, Hammond said. Public opinion is growing rapidly on the auto accident problem, he declared.

In 1932 the daily death rate in auto accidents in the nation was 60. Last year it had increased to 97.

TEXAS COUPLE PARENTS AT 14



Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mullins, both aged 14, became the youngest parents in the history of Fort Worth, Tex., when a baby girl was born to them. (Associated Press Photo)

STARS OF FILMS RATED ACCORDING BOX OFFICE PULL

Will Rogers, Gable, Gaynor, Beery, West, Crawford, Crosby, Temple, Dressler, Shearer Are First Ten

By ROBBIN COONS HOLLYWOOD.—(AP)—Every year one of the film trade magazines takes a poll of independent exhibitors and compiles a box-office rating list of stars.

This year, as the result of the Motion Picture Herald's rating, many in Hollywood had their egos deflated while a few who probably knew it anyway were told that they rated "tops" for box-office power.

The magazine rates the 10 leaders as follows, in order of number of times exhibitors mentioned them among their "first 10": Will Rogers, Clark Gable, Janet Gaynor, Wallace Beery, Mae West, Joan Crawford, Bing Crosby, Shirley Temple, Marie Dressler and Norma Shearer.

How They Fared The poll, including pictures between September 1, 1933, and September 1, 1934, showed Katharine Hepburn, just outside the charmed circle, the rating eleven, followed by Joe E. Brown, Claudette Colbert, Jean Harlow, Eddie Cantor, Dick Powell and George Arliss in the order named. Next in line were Warner Baxter, Wheeler and Woolsey, James Cagney, Lionel Barrymore, Marion Davies, Buck Jones and Fredric March.

Many well known stars, highly rated in Hollywood, came farther down the list. Garbo, for instance, shares 29th place with Ann Harding, while Kay Francis, Robert Montgomery, William Powell and Lee Tracy are ranked as somewhat better draws.

Dick Powell and Ruby Keeler each set better ratings separately than as a team, and the same is true of Janet Gaynor and Charles Farrell. Zasu Pitta and Slim Summerville, Dick Powell and Ginger Rogers, and William Powell and Myrna Loy.

Year Makes Difference The first conclusion might seem to be that many a "big name" draws a bigger salary than it is worth at the box office. But the second, returning that is the obvious fact that in such a poll one year can make a lot of difference.

There is a perceptible shift from year to year in the "first 10," where the changes are more evident than in the lower rankings. One hit film may shoot a player from the bottom to a more satisfactory position.

For instance, this year Fred Astaire with a couple of featured roles gets some mention—as much as Ruth Chatterton, Elissa Landi, Adolphe Menjou and several others—but after "The Gay Divorcee" the Astaire-Ginger Rogers team is expected to be much higher next year.

Roosevelt came here to examine the holdings of the Detroit-Cripple Creek Gold Mining Co., of which he is one of the largest stockholders. The company is reported to be ready to spend \$100,000 on its property in development work.

Pearls Hoisted Oyster Business BROCKTON, Mass.—(UP)—Business was exceptionally good at the market lunch counter for a few hours, especially in oysters. Ralph Gilbert, a jewelry clerk, found three pearls in a single oyster he was eating.

STATE COMPETING IN BABY CENSUS

Advice received today at the office of the Oregon state board of health in Portland showed that 17 states are carrying out "baby citizenship" campaigns. These campaigns,

Confesses Slaying



Phillip Kenamer (above) 19 son of Federal Judge Franklin K. Kenamer of Tulsa, Okla., was charged with first degree murder after confessing he killed John P. Corral, 23, dental student, with the latter's own pistol. He said he did it in self defense. (Associated Press Photo)

one of which was started in Oregon December 6, have been completed or started, or are about ready to open, in 38 states. California's and Nevada's begin next month, and Washington's opened in November.

"Picks in Oregon should not forget that they are in competition with other states in the showing made on the baby registration," said Dr. Frederick D. Stricker, secretary of the board. "I am hoping that we will be ahead of Washington and California in the contest, and that we will be at or near the top nationally."

POLICEMEN'S WEST POINT URGED AS CRIME CURB

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Establishment of a "West Point" for training police officers on a nationwide basis was endorsed today by the attorney-general's crime conference.

The conference also voted to ask the states to strengthen their police resources, particularly in view of the "deplorable conditions" in existence.

102 Idahoans Killed by Autos BOISE, Idaho.—(UP)—During ten months of 1934, 102 Idahoans were killed in automobile wrecks, 31 more than during the same period of 1933.

ATTEMPT TO KILL SWEEPSTAKES HAS REVERSE ENGLISH

More People Than Ever Will Buy Tickets Is Belief of Irish Hospital Officials—Saving Is Expected

DUBLIN.—(UP)—Britain's attempt to kill the Irish Hospitals Sweepstakes, which puts millions of British money into Irish coffers, will have the opposite effect, sweep officials here believe.

They estimate that it will save them some \$2,500,000 on each sweep, and that more people than ever will buy tickets.

Britain's attempt to ban the Irish sweepstakes was contained in the betting and lotteries bill recently passed by parliament. Among other things, it curtailed gambling on dog and horse racing and specifically prohibited any publicity for large sweeps.

Buying Tickets Legal At the same time, however, it made it perfectly legal for a person to buy one or more tickets, so long as the British authorities are satisfied that they are for that person alone, and not for sale in Britain.

Hitherto it has been illegal even to buy a ticket, whether it was bought direct from Dublin, or from a British seller. Letters addressed to the sweep offices have been returned to the senders.

In the new year, however, they will be permitted to go through so long as the postoffice officials are satisfied that the applications are for individual senders.

Open Mail At present, it is not quite clear how the postoffice officials will be able to prove this. It is expected that they will open any letters addressed to the sweep headquarters, and if the applications are for more than, say, five or ten tickets, then the letter will be returned to the sender on the assumption that he or she could not reasonably want more than that number for their own use.

The British attitude is that the ban on any publicity, particularly the publication of the lists of prize winners in the newspapers, will kill the

interest in the sweeps so far as Britain is concerned. They also believe that the thousands of people who only buy one ten-shilling ticket, usually after much importuning by selling agents, will not go to the trouble of writing to Dublin for one.

Quilms of Conscience On the other hand, the Irish sweep chiefs declare that since it will now be legal to buy a sweep ticket, very many people, hitherto prevented by qualms of conscience, will buy them. They also expect to save about half a million sterling on each sweep in prizes to sellers of winning tickets, commission to agents, and commission to sellers. Two more tickets—hitherto free—in every book of 12 can now be sold for 19 shillings each, making a saving of \$83,333 on every \$5,000,000 worth of tickets sold.

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