

CITY SCHOOLS PLAN CONCERT FOR THURSDAY

The city school concert, postponed a month ago because of the influenza epidemic, will be presented Thursday, January 16, in the Fremont school. It was announced Friday by Lillie Darby, supervisor of music.

Guest artist will be Joy Erickson, 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Erickson, who is the violin pupil of Harry Borel.

There will be two performances, a matinee at 3 p. m. and an evening performance at 7:30 p. m. Admission charge for the matinee will be five cents, evening charge for adults, 25 cents, children 10 cents, Miss Darby announced.

There will be numbers by the band, the orchestra, small ensembles, instrumental numbers and singing. The Pelican school boys' chorus, and the Fairview school girls' chorus will appear. The public is invited.

CITY BRIEFS

Congratulations — Mr. and Mrs. George Flowers of Midland are receiving congratulations on birth of a daughter, born Sunday, January 5, at Klamath Valley hospital. Mrs. Flowers is the former Blanche Bell of Klamath Falls.

From Dunsmuir — Mrs. Timothy Murphy of Dunsmuir spent Friday visiting friends and relatives in Klamath Falls.

Attending School — James Hammond, 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hammond of Merrill, has enrolled in Armstrong's business college at Berkeley. James is a graduate of Sacred Heart academy.

FAMOUS AVIATRIX FEARED DROWNED

LONDON, Jan. 10 (AP)—Amy Mollison of the famous "Flying Mollisons" is feared to have drowned after leaping by parachute over the Thames estuary from a warplane she was ferrying for the British air ministry, it was disclosed Monday night.

The 32-year-old woman flier, who in 1933 flew the Atlantic with her since-divorced husband, Capt. James Mollison, was a member of the wartime air transport auxiliary composed of women fliers who ferry planes from factories to airdromes for the RAF.

She was seen to bail out from her plane Sunday, and although a speedboat was sent out and made a thorough search, no trace of her was found.

She was Britain's most noted air woman, famous in her own right even prior to the July morning of 1933 when she and Capt. Mollison took off from Pendine, Wales, on a non-stop flight to New York. They crashed near Bridgeport, Conn., that night. Neither was hurt.

WAR IS PROBABLE, CALIFORNIAN SAYS

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 10 (AP)—War for the United States "is not only possible but probable," Attorney General Earl Warren told a meeting of law officers as he advised them here Thursday to prepare for the internal defense of California without delay.

The attorney general urged the 400 or more officers to guard particularly against vigilante action in case of emergencies.

"Whatever we do," he declared, "we want to do in the regular process of government."

He advocated cooperation, in guarding against sabotage and other forms of possible internal attack, through the present law enforcement agencies — based "on a philosophy of local self government."

The attorney general said warnings of war were implied in recent utterances by President Roosevelt.

"It is not only possible but even probable," he asserted, "that we will be attacked some way or another by the totalitarian powers."

CALIFORNIA'S SRA MAY BE SCRAPPED BY PROPOSED LAW

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Jan. 10 (AP)—The movement to lift much of the burden of relief from the shoulders of county taxpayers made headway Thursday as the joint legislative fact finding committee speeded the preparation of a series of bills to shift a greater percentage of the cost to the state.

Senator John Phillips, Banning republican, who is drafting the bills said he hopes to have them ready for introduction late Thursday or Friday. Exact figures and percentages, he said, remain to be determined.

As agreed to in principle by the committee, Assemblyman Fred Houser, Alhambra member disclosed, the Alhambra bills would completely wipe out the SRA, unless the administration of unemployment relief in the hands of county welfare departments and retain a very limited supervisory control by the state welfare department.

The state would assume two-thirds of the combined costs of unemployment and indigent relief. At the present time the counties bear the cost of supporting indigents and the state defrays the expense of financial aid to the employable unemployed.

More or less as a companion measure in the proposal, under preparation in the lower house by Assemblywoman Jeanette Daley, also a member of the committee, to transfer also an additional percentage of old age assistance costs from the counties to the state.

This rapidly mounting burden she said is "breaking the backs of county taxpayers" and she proposes that the state appropriate \$13,500,000 to be allocated to counties. Allocations in the case of hard pressed counties would perhaps be sufficient to cut the cost in half.

Plenty of Aluminum Found In United States; Problem Lies in Fabricated Alloys

By DEVON FRANCIS Associated Press Aviation Editor

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 — Though the British have resorted to beating their household aluminum pots and pans into fighting planes, the prospects for ample supplies of the metal for American aircraft manufacture have relieved the defense commission of one raw material worry.

The American problem is, rather, one of fabricated aluminum alloys in the forms of sheets, rods, bars and "extruded" shapes.

Fully half of the earth's surface contains bauxite. In the United States it is known to occur in workable quantities in Arkansas, Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee and Mississippi. From bauxite, sometimes as hard, red-tinged rock, comes "alumina," known as aluminum concentrate.

The alumina must be reduced chemically to make virgin aluminum. That, in turn, must be alloyed with copper, nickel, magnesium and other hardening metals to produce a substance hard enough to stand the violent stresses placed on all-metal warplanes.

Good bauxite deposits are so rich in aluminum that four pounds of the stuff will produce a full pound of virgin metal.

While American aluminum supplies are virtually untapped — and the supplies in the entire hemisphere are almost untouched — two problems, neither critical as yet, do face the armed services and the aircraft industry in assuring themselves a steady flow of aluminum for the 40,000 warplanes scheduled to roll off production lines in the next 18 months.

One is the limited plant facilities for making virgin aluminum concentrate. The United States has only two aluminum concentrate plants, one at Mobile, Ala., and the other at East St. Louis, Ill. A third is being built.

The second problem is the production of fabricated forms. Among them is sheet aluminum alloy, rolled to various thicknesses to cover the fuselage and wings of warplanes. Another form is extrusions, produced by forcing hot but solid aluminum alloys through dies. As in the steel industry, rods and bars constitute an important share of the output of aluminum fabricators.

That any shortage in the pro-

duction of fabricated forms can be avoided is being demonstrated currently by one of the so-called independent companies, Reynolds Metals company, in constructing three factories for sheets, extrusions, rods and bars, on a schedule calling for completion in less than nine months.

Moreover, by late spring or early summer, Reynolds is expected to be one of the nation's two sources of virgin aluminum as well as one of the principal suppliers of what is known in the trade as strong alloy sheet.

The new Reynolds aluminum concentrate plant are going up at Lister, Ala. They will produce 60,000,000 pounds of virgin aluminum a year.

Other reduction plants are in Alcoa, Tenn., Baden, N. C., Massena, N. Y., and Vancouver, Wash.

When one of the west coast airplane manufacturers recently announced it had to curtail production because of a shortage of aluminum, the problem posed was one of the availability of fabricated forms rather than of virgin aluminum. The Aluminum Company of America, for decades the sole producer of this country's virgin aluminum, promptly denied that a shortage existed. This prompted a short statement from the airplane manufacturer that he could not get the metal for airplane making.

Edward R. Stettinius Jr., raw materials expert for the defense commission, denied that any serious shortage of aluminum existed.

The trade itself has conceded that in the next few months temporary shortages may occur in forgings, extrusions, tubing and sheets. Independents have complained occasionally that the industry could keep pace with the demand if they were called into conference by the defense commission before requests for added productions were formulated.

Luzon, in the Japanese group, is the fifteenth largest island in the world, with an area of 41,000 square miles.

Has History Repeated?



One of the most dramatic rumors to come out of the war's strict censorship revolved about the famed Count Felix von Luckner, above, World War Skipper of the German raider "Sea Devil." Reports state that von Luckner is in command of the German raider (possibly a former British ship) which has played havoc with British shipping in the Pacific.

DEATH OF CAT LAID TO EATING OF SNAKE MEAT

Curiosity and a leaning toward snake meat was believed to have taken all nine lives of Mrs. P. J. Towey's cat and the existence of one reptile, owner unknown, Friday.

Wednesday, Mrs. Towey, who lives at 133 South Riverside avenue, found the newly-dead remains of a two-foot snake, head and tail chewed off, on her front lawn. Shortly afterward Mrs. Towey's pet, a black and white house tabby,

Coming Jan. 13 Billy McDonald and his Royal Highlanders Broadway Hall, Malin

showed symptoms of acute indignation. Thursday morning Tabby was found lying near the house, quite dead.

BONNEVILLE POWER URGED FOR OREGON

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (AP) Oregon's electricity bill would have been \$10,000,000 lower in 1938 if the state's power rates had been the same as Tacoma's, R. P. Rankin (D-Miss.) told the House this week.

Long a foe of private utilities, he said: "During the year 1938 the people of our state of Oregon used 1,030,117,000 kilowatt hours of electricity for which they paid \$20,086,066. Under TVA rates the cost would have been \$12,671,592 or \$6,414,474 less; under Tacoma rates the cost would have been \$11,068,879 or \$9,017,187 less; under the Ontario rates the cost would have been \$12,470,054 or \$7,618,012 less.

"We have recently constructed the great Bonneville dam on the Columbia river in Oregon, one of the greatest power structures in the world, and if we can get the electricity generated there distributed to the people of the great northwest country at the standard rates fixed by the Bonneville administrator, we will not only wipe out these overcharges but we will supply electricity to every home and to every business establishment throughout the area at rates below the TVA yardstick rates, and make it one of the richest, most prosperous and

most desirable sections in the world." The federal power commission compiled his figures, Rankin said.

FIREBUG MISFIRES

CHICAGO, (AP) — Detectives Thomas Edwards and Stanley Paukowski, grabbing a snack in a restaurant, perked up when they overheard a patron, using a coffee cup as though it were a microphone, drone these words: "Car 178—calling car 178—go to fire at 10401 avenue L. . . ."

They seized the "announcer," marched him to the address mentioned and—found a fire.

They said the man admitted starting not only that blaze but nine others in the past two years. Explained he: "I don't like dogs so I started the fires to smoke them out."

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Oregon Legislators Hope for 45-Day Session; Some Angry At Failure of Pay-Raise Bill

This is the fourth in a series of six articles on the work to be done by the legislature, which meets in Salem next Monday. Today's subject is taxation and representation.

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR. SALEM, Jan. 10 (AP)—Many legislators have said they hope to go home in 45 days, compared with the 66-day record session they held two years ago.

Some of them are angry because they didn't get their pay increased from \$3 a day for 40 days to \$8 a day for 50 days. The measure failed by a narrow margin at the general election, and Marion county, where the legislators assemble, was more emphatic than any other county that the legislators think it would serve Salem right if they held a short session. This would deprive Salem merchants of considerable revenue.

Here are some of the reasons the 1939 session was so long, as well as some to show why the new session may be shorter. The governor's bills were introduced late in the session, but this time they're ready. There was much wrangling over public power's legislation, but this time there won't be any. The legislature had a hard time balancing the budget, but now it's already balanced. The governor asked for and obtained an increase in income taxes, but this time he wants no new taxes.

Governor Sprague thinks that, since the budget is balanced and since the federal government probably will increase federal taxes to meet the cost of national defense, it would be a good idea to leave taxes as they are. And he even has indicated he would veto any changes in the state's tax structure. But there probably will be some effort to enact a sales tax, the proceeds of which would be

used to offset the property tax. This money would not be extra cash. It would merely be shifting the burden from the property owner to the consumer. However, the people have voted down sales taxes.

Representative Frank J. Longorgan, Portland republican, fought hard at the last session for a sales tax, but he couldn't get it considered. But he'll be back.

Another tough job for the legislature will be representation meaning reapportionment of the state's congressmen and legislators.

Oregon now has three congressmen and, if congress gives it another one on the basis of the 1940 census, it will have four. Dividing the state up into four districts that will please everybody will be a hard nut to crack, so the legislature might have the additional congressman represent the state at large.

The last legislative apportionment was in 1907, although the state constitution requires it be done every decade. Multnomah county has 13 representatives and thinks it should have 20, since it has a third of the state's population. It has six senators and thinks it deserves 10.

But the upstate legislators, whose ranks would be reduced if those of Multnomah county were increased, have blocked reapportionment.

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