

# Oil Saved Lives Of Four Seamen

SEATTLE, Dec. 8 (AP)—Oil from the broken army transport Clarksdale Victory played the role of both villain and hero in the moments immediately following the vessel's grounding and breaking up on storm-battered Hippa Island two weeks ago, three of the disaster's four survivors disclosed here last night upon their arrival from Ketchikan, Alaska, by plane.

The three men, brought here for a coast guard investigation into the tragedy that took the lives of 49 shipmates, were 2nd Officer Henry H. Wolfe, 45, Oakland, Calif.; 3rd Officer William M. Rasmussen, 21, Modesto, Calif.; and Seaman Carlos Benabris, 25, Le Guais, Honduras.

All were taken immediately by ambulance to the Seattle marine hospital to continue their recuperation. Two still are on crutches.

The fourth survivor, 3rd Officer Clair E. Driscoll, 32, Los Angeles, is expected to make the trip in two weeks. He still is crippled with "immersion foot" and was left behind in a Ketchikan hospital.

Rasmussen, in recounting the 20 to 30 minutes of terror spent aboard the doomed transport, said it was but seconds after the grounding that everything was coated with oil. The men could neither cling to the rail nor stand amidst.

But when the men finally were knocked from their tentative safety into the sea by towering combers, he said, it was this same oil that provided a protective coating against the icy waters of the North British Columbia coast.

Pending recovery of survivors, no date for the hearing has been set.

# Soil District Plans Talked

With the purpose of considering organization of a soil conservation district for Midland-Henley area, the Klamath county land use committee met Friday in the county agent's office with a group of interested farmers.

Julian Abbott, chairman of the farmers group with seven men present, explained the reason for wanting to organize this soil conservation district. He said the overall drainage program necessary is beyond the means of individuals. The water stands too high and there is too much seepage to be taken care of by small methods and means. About 18,000 acres will be taken into the district.

There were 14 members of the land use committee present with Henry Simon chairman. The committee agreed on a resolution to approve the formation of a district provided the work is limited to soil surveys, drainage and engineering problems and will not conflict with or duplicate program work of state or federal agencies.

The recommendation will be sent to the state soil conservation service committee showing the need for establishing a Midland-Henley district.

# Counterfeit Ring Broken

CHICAGO, Dec. 8 (AP)—The United States secret service announced Saturday it had broken up a counterfeit gang which the federal men said had printed \$600,000 in bogus currency since last July.

It was the biggest such ring to operate in Chicago since 1934, the secret service said.

Harry D. Anheier, agent in charge of the secret service at Chicago, said five men were responsible for production of the worthless currency seized.

The secret service chief credited a farmer near suburban Des Plaines, whom he did not name, with giving the information which led to the seizure of a man who passed a bogus bill purchasing a turkey. After he was seized, Anheier said he informed on the five men who have been charged with conspiracy to counterfeit.

Four of the five, all residents of the Chicago area, appeared before U. S. Commissioner Edwin K. Walker yesterday and their cases were continued to December 18. Bonds ranging from \$7500 to \$1000 were ordered.

# Speech Students Back From Contest

WALLA WALLA, Dec. 8 (AP)—Students from Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana returned home today after sharing honors in the northern division forensic tournament of the Western Speech association.

No sweepstakes prizes were awarded in the three-day competitions but Walla Walla University accumulated five first places in the 19 events, followed by Whitworth with four wins, Whitman and College of Puget Sound with three each.

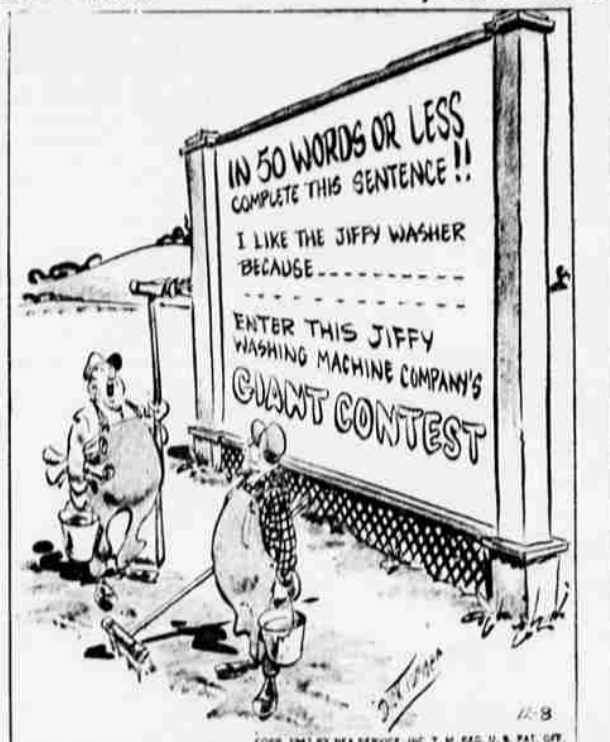
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"My old lady'll probably want me to fill in her entry in this contest—she can't say nothin' in just fifty words!"

# Keno Community Sunday School To Give Programs

Entertainment for the children of Keno has been planned by the Keno Community Sunday school and will be presented in the school gymnasium every Friday night.

The first program was given December 5, and consisted of moving picture short reels including a comedy skit, "Old Dog Tray," "football parade," news and "The Night Before Christmas."

There is no admission charged and all children of Keno community, Worden and Ellingson mill and their families are invited. Voluntary contributions will be collected and used for promoting Sunday school activities. The organization is headed by two Keno businessmen, Charles M. Spear and Frank Stroberg.

"There are no picture shows or other forms of entertainment in the vicinity," said Spear, who with Stroberg conceived the community program idea. "The object is," he said, "to keep our children contented and off the streets by offering them good wholesome amusement."

A 16-mm projector is used and each reel lasts about 12 minutes. There will be two shows each Friday night, the first starting at 7:30 p. m. so that the little children can still get to bed early and the second starting at 8:30 p. m. for children whose parents keep their business open later in the evening.

The program for December 12 evening will include an animated cartoon, a news picture and "Three Little Bruins Make Mischief." The last uses real little bears and is a semi-educational film.

Sunday school is held each Sunday at 10 a. m. with classes for children of all ages, held at the Stroberg home.

Sunday school lesson study classes for teachers and adults are held Thursday evening, 7:30, at Spear's home.

# Yule Ship Plans Pushed

SEATTLE, Dec. 8 (AP)—Plans and collections for the Pacific Northwest's Christmas Ship of food and clothing for Europe's needy moved ahead at full speed today.

Among the day's developments:

Robert MacFarlane, vice president of Northern Pacific railroad and Christmas Ship railroad coordinator for the four Northwest states and Alaska, announced that all railroads have pledged full cooperation in transferring collections to Seattle, Tacoma and Portland ports for shipment.

Union cleaners in Portland announced all garments for shipment will be cleaned free of charge. The city's American Federation of Labor central labor council pledged its full support.

Churches in Salem, Ore., contributed \$821. Portland's Eagles lodge donated \$500, and residents of Newberg, Ore., pledged 10,000 pounds of flour.

Trans-Alaska Airline said it will bring any food or clothing cargo from any part of Alaska to Seattle for shipment.

An anonymous donor gave \$1500 worth of canned fish.

Hamrick-Evergreen theatres in Oregon and Washington will be serviced with trailer pictured urging support of the program, and Seattle's retail grocery store customers will find in every store the slogan: "If you need one—buy two and give one to the Christmas Ship."

Turn those no-longer-used articles into cash now! Herald and News Want Ads are inexpensive and bring quick results.

# Is the World a Mess?

By EARL WHITLOCK

Recently a discouraged friend asked me if I had been able to form any belief which would encourage me in these days when the "world is in such a mess"—as he put it. What he wanted, you see, was a ready-made philosophy of life which would save him the trouble of thinking things out for himself. And that's a hard thing to furnish to any friend. What Earl Whitlock fits me would probably be a misfit on him.

But I think his premise is all sour. I don't feel that the world is in a mess. I think it's a pretty good place. There is no major, authorized war on at present. That's something. True there is bitter hunger in spots. There has always been that. But we know, now that if men could just conquer their desire for ruling other men, we have the know-how to produce more than enough food for everyone. It took us centuries to earn that. In other centuries we shall learn how to distribute that bounty equably so that hunger shall be unknown.

Don't be misled by the headlines. Without sensations and threats of disaster, how could the papers get any headlines? So the evil is featured. The good is relegated to small space, inside position. But the good is there and the world is growing better.

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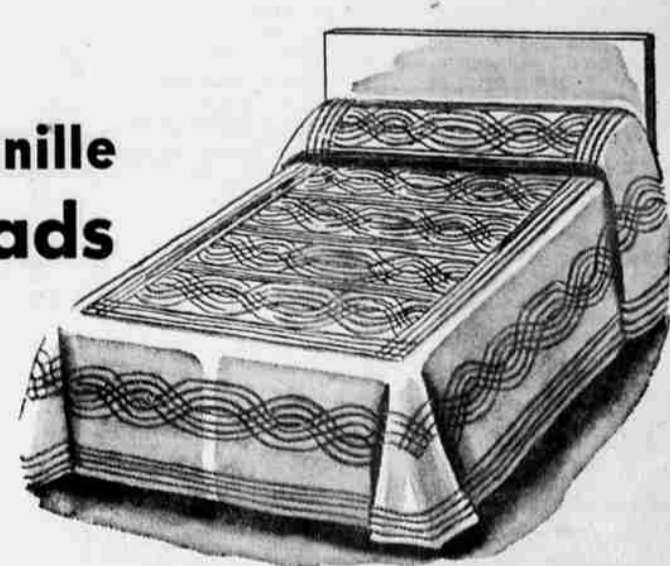
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