

# LYONS NAMED GROWERS HEAD

## John Degnan Elected V-P; Law Changes OK'd

Louis Lyons, prominent farmer of Malin, was named president of the Klamath Potato Growers association at the annual meeting held in the Merrill grade school gym Monday afternoon. He succeeds Scott Warren, Algona, who declined to be a candidate.

John Degnan of Merrill was named vice president of the association. Other directors for the coming year are Warren, Bill Tubach of Poe Valley, LaVern Haskins of Bonanza, Will Blackman of Henley.

The growers voted favorably on three by-law changes.

One would permit associate memberships, the associate members being non-growers and not having voting privileges.

Another changed the method of electing officers from the board of directors to the membership as a whole. The directors are automatically nominated for president and vice president, and the one receiving the highest vote becomes president, second highest vice president.

The third change sets the annual meeting date the second Monday in January each year.

## Graham Tells Of Beating

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 (AP)—Wm. Gen. Wallace H. Graham testified today that he got out of the wheat market—except for one small trade—after President Truman criticized commodities speculators last October, but he said he continued to deal in cotton until December 18.

Under oath before the senate appropriations committee, the president's personal physician said, too, that he assumed personal responsibility for the trades. Previously, he had said publicly in a statement that his broker made commodity purchases for him without his knowledge.

Graham told the committee that all of his dealings on the commodities exchanges, including cotton and cottonseed oil, were closed out December 18.

Graham, who previously said he had "lost his socks" in exchange trading, presented a statement showing that he had made a profit of \$6165.26 in commodities. But he said he lost \$11,912.86 in stock trading and so had a net loss of \$5747.61.

Denying he had any "inside" information on government commodity purchasing, Graham told the committee:

"Nobody with whom I worked in the government and no other government official or employee ever gave me any information about commodities and if they had, I doubt that I would have understood it very well. I am a surgeon, but I am not a financier or economist and never pretended to be one."

## Chiloquin Youth In Far East

Albert J. Rossi, 82, U.S.N. son of Nick Rossi of Chiloquin, has returned to Tsingtau, China, aboard the cruiser USS Atlanta, after visiting many of the important ports in the Western Pacific.

After visiting Hong Kong and Singapore, the ship proceeded to Bruni bay, where it crossed the equator and all "pollywogs" were initiated into the Ancient Order of the Deep as trusted "Shellbacks."

Rossi enlisted in the navy at the local recruiting office and was sworn in at Portland on February 21, 1947.

## Dairymen Open Annual Meeting

ASTORIA, Jan. 13 (AP)—The Oregon Dairymen's association opened its 54th annual meeting here today with a three-day agenda of dairy industry topics listed for delegates.

Committee sessions in advance of the formal opening were held yesterday, discussing herd improvement, dairy products promotion, disease control and resolutions.

Mayor Orval Eaton spoke at the open session today. W. O. Christensen, North Powder, association president, presided. Dr. B. T. Simms, representing the U. S. department of agriculture, was scheduled to discuss livestock disease control in today's principal address.

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## Truman Budget Estimate

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 (AP)—Here, in brief, is President Truman's estimate on how the government will spend and collect in the 1949 fiscal year which starts July 1:

Total outgo: \$39,669,000,000. This compares with \$37,728,000,000 during the current year.

Total income: \$44,477,000,000. Income this year is put at \$45,210,000,000.

Surplus: \$4,808,000,000. For this year the surplus is estimated at \$7,500,000,000.

The national debt: A reduction is forecast from \$28,900,000,000 on June 30, 1947, to \$24,600,000,000 by June 30, 1949. This is based on a budget surplus of more than \$7,000,000,000 this year and more than \$5,000,000,000 next year.

Where most of the government dollars go in the president's budget: \$11,025,000,000 to national defense; \$7,009,000,000 to international affairs and finance, including the Marshall plan; \$6,102,000,000 to veterans' services and benefits; \$5,250,000,000 interest on the national debt; \$1,990,000,000 for tax refunds; \$2,028,000,000 for social welfare, health and security; \$900,000,000 for agriculture and agricultural resources; \$1,646,000,000 for transportation and communications; \$1,157,000,000 for general government.

Where the government looks for most of its income: \$22,506,000,000 in individual income taxes; \$10,909,000,000 in corporation income taxes. The atom: \$600,000,000 for the atomic energy commission to promote the use of atomic energy. This compares with \$456,000,000 being spent this year.

## 209 Persons In Klamath County Draw Security Pay

A total of 209 persons in Klamath county who paid contributions under the federal security act during their working days are now drawing social security checks, according to the most recent compilation of figures by the local FSA office.

They are drawing a total of \$5067 a month. Thirty-three workers' wives who have attained the age of 65 are drawing checks, plus 165 dependent children, 25 widows aged 65 and over, 22 widows of lesser age who have dependent children, and one parent dependent of a retired worker.

In all, 455 checks a month are being paid out in this county by the social security administration, for a total of \$8480.

These figures are as of the end of the 1946-47 fiscal year, June 30, 1947.

The local social security office has administration over seven counties—Klamath, Lake, Jackson, Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson, all in Oregon, and Modoc in California.

The biggest load is in Jackson county, where 724 persons draw something over \$13,000 a month. A total of 377 persons in Jackson county who are drawing social security payments from money paid into the fund during working years leads the local office to believe there is some truth in the theory that persons move to Ashland and Medford to retire.

Jefferson county has only nine persons in that category, Modoc 14, Crook 27, Lake 30 and Deschutes 130. Modoc county's total monthly payment amounts to only \$685.

For the seven counties, 1661 persons draw social security benefits totaling \$30,654 a month.

## Hall To Speak At Elks Club

ASTORIA, Jan. 13 (AP)—Gov. John H. Hall will lead a delegation of over 250 Elks to the annual mid-winter meeting of the Oregon State Elks association here Saturday.

Other visitors include Secretary of State Earl Newby, district deputy and grand exalted ruler of the Elks in Southern Oregon, and E. L. Hutton, Eugene, state president of the Elks.

Gov. Hall, who recently joined the lodge in Portland, will address a noon luncheon meeting.

## Federal Court Opened, Closed

U. S. Deputy Marshal Paul Hanlin this morning formally opened and closed federal court at the courthouse, calling the next session for January 31.

Hanlin was acting for Judge James Alger Fee. There were no cases ready for action on the federal court docket for Klamath Falls.

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## 46 Survivors Of Transport Rescued

NEW YORK, Jan. 13 (AP)—All 46 survivors who abandoned the army's flame-swept transport Joseph V. Connolly were safe today aboard two other vessels after a dramatic rescue from lifeboats in which they had tossed for 11 hours in raging North Atlantic seas.

Rescue of the 46—the Connolly's 45 crewmen and his lone passenger—was completed last night after an all-day air and sea search for the survivors who abandoned their blazing ship in a northeast gale some 900 miles east of New York.

The half-frozen men were picked up by the army transport Gen. Re E. Callan and the Black Diamond line's Union Victory which sped to the scene after intercepting the stricken Connolly's calls for help earlier in the day. Long-range air force planes from Kindley field in Bermuda aided in the rescue.

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An army sea-going tug left New York harbor yesterday morning to attempt salvage operations but the Callan's master radioed that the tug would "not be able to come within one-half mile of the flaming derelict."

Cause of the fire, which originated in the Connolly's engine-room, had not been determined, the Callan said.

The New York port of embarkation said 27 of the men, including three injured, were taken aboard the Union Victory which was en route to Rotterdam when it answered the Connolly's SOS. The Union Victory was directed to proceed to Halifax, Nova Scotia, where the survivors were to be transferred to the transport General Heintzelman, due January 16.

## Cameraman Quits—Too Monotonous

DETROIT, Jan. 13 (AP)—Tired of "the utter monotony of taking pictures and working with cameras day after day," 30-year-old Douglas C. Giles told FBI men he deserted the army last May after four years' service as a photographer.

Yesterday Giles, who said he had a wife and child in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., was arrested and turned over to army authorities at Selfridge field.

"When we arrested him," reported Detroit FBI Head Harry T. O'Connor, "he was working as a photographer's assistant."

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Daniels has been critically ill for more than a week.

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## High School News and Comment

By MARY LOU CASE

Tonight from 7:30 to 8, the music department will broadcast another in the series of programs over station KFLW. The program, supervised by Andrew Loney, will feature high school solos and ensembles. Among them will be the Mixed Quartet composed of Wilbur Elliot, Catherine Blianas, Rosalie Swedin and Roy Larson, directed by Mrs. Pat Hunt; piano solos by Ronnie Tarr; and vocal numbers from the Girls' Nonette.

Ted Parkinson, an authority on India, presented an assembly to the student body today, discussing and demonstrating on India and its customs. Parkinson belongs to the group of traveling showmen who appear at high schools throughout the country under the national school assembly plan.

One of the largest issues being voted on this Friday by the student body is whether or not to have wrestling as a major sport. At the assembly Monday, two members of the wrestling team, Bill Mosby and Veri Erick, gave their reasons for thinking wrestling should rank with the varsity squads. If the students vote yes, the requirements for receiving a wrestling letter would be mighty stiff. A wrestler would have to win half of his matches and receive a first or second place in the state meet.

The first play assembly ever given by the tumbling team is scheduled for this Thursday. Under the direction of Lillian Rodkey, these 17 girls have worked up a program of pyramids, stands and balances. On the tumbling team are Belle Doris Russell, Wilma Riecks, June Neely, Jessie Tooten, Shirley Beckham, Arlene Brallier, Joyce Dittmanson, Catherine Pence, Donna Lee Perry, Mary Lou Sharp, Bea Gilchrist, Louise Baker, Eloise Woyak, Doris Todd, Marian Mulligan, Doris Alexander and Joyce Copeland.

No snake has eyelids or external openings for its ears.

## Woman Dies In Train Wreck

MIDDLETOWN, Ind., Jan. 13 (AP)—A woman was killed, five others were hurt and the locomotive and six cars of a Pennsylvania railroad train were derailed as the train struck an automobile here early today.

Madeline Simpkins, 38, of New Castle, Ind., riding in the car, was killed. The driver, J. R. Leveridge, about 35, of New Castle, was hurt as were four of the train's passengers.

Sheriff R. L. Padgett of Henry county said the locomotive and the cars remained upright after leaving the rails.

Padgett said four of the 15 passengers in the train, bound from Cincinnati to Chicago, suffered injuries and were removed to St. John's hospital at Anderson. The accident occurred on the west city limits of Middletown, about eight miles southeast of Anderson and about 40 miles northeast of Indianapolis.



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## Greeks Launch Inflation Battle

ATHENS, Jan. 13 (AP)—Dwight P. Griswold, chief of the American mission to aid Greece, said today the Greeks had agreed to impose governmental controls on bank credit to combat inflation and to take other action to "help themselves."

Griswold's statement was made at a news conference. The mission currently is administering a grant of \$200,000,000 from the U. S. treasury.

An authoritative source said large sums of money had been loaned by banks to industrialists for productive purposes and that the loans, instead of being repaid, are being used for speculative purposes.

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