



THE SLATE OF OFFICERS for World War I veterans met recently at the annual Christmas dinner of the auxiliary at the VFW Hall. Shown here, front row, left to right, are Bob Canoy, commander; J. O. Svegard, judge advocate; Robert Abert, senior vice commander; Howard Wells, quartermaster. Standing, same order, Paul Robertson, trustee; Howard Johnson, adjutant; Ray Grumbles, trustee; Clarence Hunziker, trustee and William Holt, junior vice commander.

Four Perish In Blaze

HOUSTON, Tex. (AP)—A grandmother and her daughter's three children burned to death here Wednesday night while the children's parents were at an automatic laundry.

The dead were Hattie Hardy, 70, and the three children of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Yarbrough, Anthony, 5; Denise, 3; and an 18-month-old male baby.

Neighbors rushed to the washateria to tell Yarbroughs of the fire after the bodies had been taken to a morgue. Yarbrough, 26, and his wife, 24, were hysterical with grief.

Dist. Fire Chief Charles Adams could offer no immediate cause for the fire. He said Mrs. Hardy apparently tried vainly to get the children out of the burning house before she was overcome.

Reap Report Shows Boost

WASHINGTON (AP)—Harvest reports this year for Oregon, like those for the rest of the nation, showed a sharp increase for most crops. But some yields were down from last year.

The U.S. Agriculture Department, in its final production survey of the year, said the national crop index output was 113 per cent of the 1947-49 base average, the same as last year.

Last year's national production surpassed the previous high, set in 1948 and matched in 1956 and 1957, by nearly 11 per cent.

This year's production will meet all anticipated needs and add to surplus supplies, particularly in grains.

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Unnecessary Spending Hurled At Service Group

WASHINGTON (AP)—The General Services Administration was accused today of having spent more than 9 million dollars in unnecessary transportation costs.

The accusation was made by the General Accounting Office, which said the spending was in handling the strategic and critical materials program.

The GAO said the GSA did not select storage locations closest to the domestic source or the ports of entry for materials in excess of stockpile requirements at regular storage sites.

The GSA operates the storage end of the stockpiling program. From July, 1958, through March,

1959, the GAO reported to Congress, about 40 million pounds of ferro-nickel produced by the Hanna Nickel Smelting Company at Riddle, Ore., were shipped to Hammond, Ind., storage center at a cost of about \$600,000. The report said there was sufficient storage space at Riddle.

In the case of manganese, the report said, the GSA incurred shipping costs of about 7½ million dollars by transporting the mineral from Henderson, Nev., to storage depots in Atlas, Ohio, and Large, Pa., "although arrangements could have been made to store the materials at Henderson at a relatively low price."

Manganese acquired from Brazil and delivered at Baltimore, Md., was shipped to Pennsylvania, the GAO said, although suitable storage space was available at the nearby government depot at Curtis Bay. Transportation costs were estimated at \$800,000.

Chromium metal shipped into the Baltimore port by foreign concerns was sent to Warren and

Marion, Ohio, and to Point Pleasant, W. Va., for storage despite the proximity of the Curtis Bay Storage Depot, the report said.

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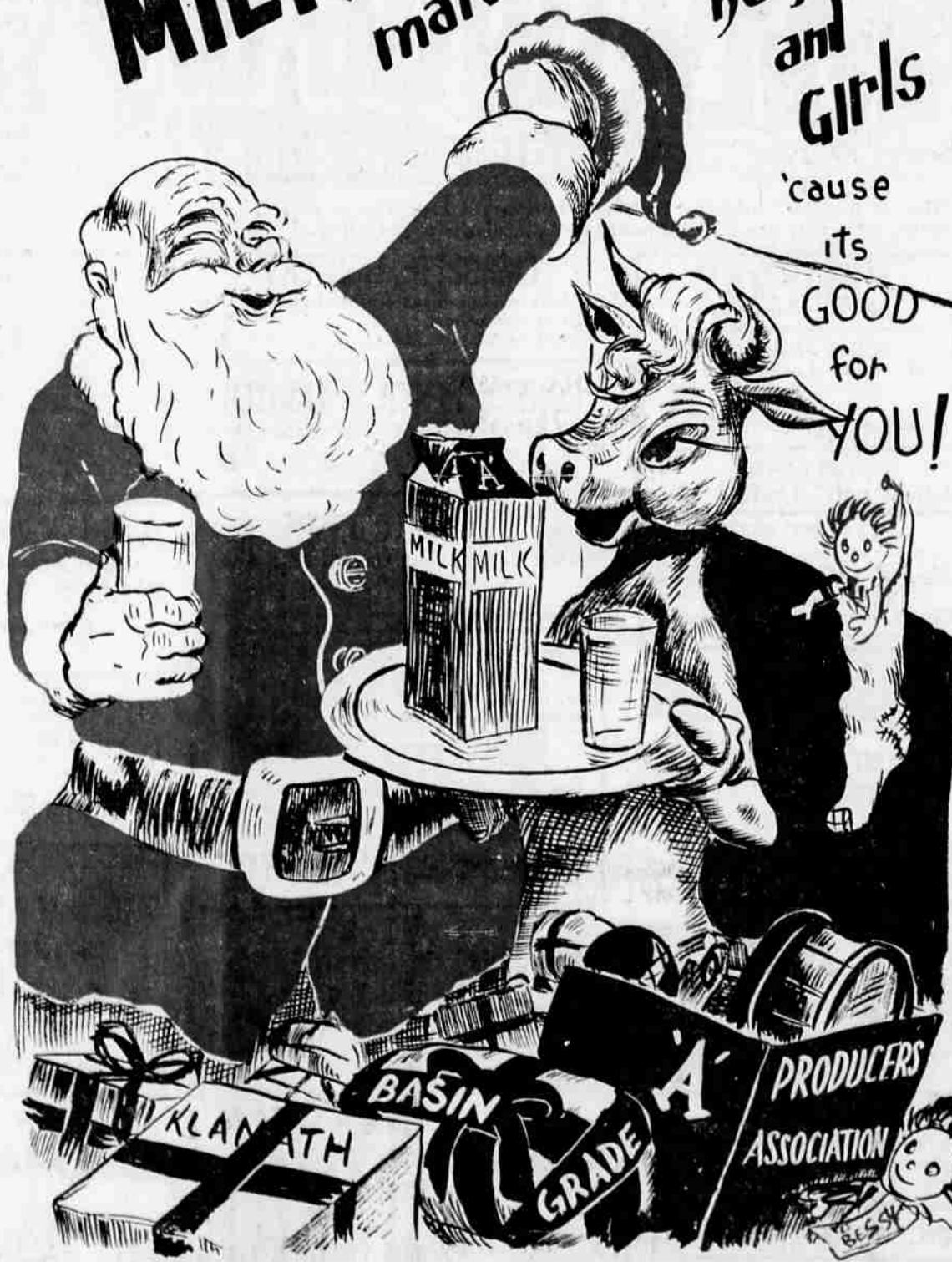
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