



"THE MOUSETRAP," a murder mystery written by Agatha Christie, is to be presented by the newly organized Pelican Players on Thursday and Friday, October 20-21. Curtain time will be 8 p.m. in the Pine Grove Room of the Willard Hotel. The public is invited. Every occupant of an English Manor house, scene of the play, is suspected of being the murderer. Sinister situations will chill blood of the audience and the play has the traditional Christie ending. Some members of the cast, left to right, are Larry Holman, Bob Scholl, Vince Raggio, Nancy Hagerman, Jacqueline Scholl, with Pete Lungreen, director.

BALLOT MEASURE 10 IS OUTGROWTH OF CONFUSION

(This is the third of four articles explaining Oregon's 15 ballot measures.)
By PAUL W. HARVEY, Jr., Associated Press Staff Writer
Ballot Measure No. 10 is the outgrowth of the confusion that followed Gov. Mark Hatfield's appointment of Howell Appling Jr. as secretary of state 21 months ago.

It would give the legislature authority to declare an office vacant when the officeholder has been elected to another office in the middle of his term.
If this had been in effect two years ago, Hatfield would have had to resign as secretary of state immediately after he was elected governor. This would have allowed Democratic Gov. Robert Holmes

to appoint the new secretary of state.
Holmes did try that. The Supreme Court ruled against him. So the Democratic 1959 Legislature submitted this measure to the voters.

Supporters contend that when an official is elected to a new office, he should resign from the first office in order to give himself time to prepare for his new duties. But opponents argue that this proposed amendment is an infringement of the voters' choice. It still is a partisan matter. Many Republicans, including Hatfield, oppose it.

Measure No. 11 is a repair job of the provision giving counties home rule, if the counties want it. The home rule amendment was passed by the voters two years ago.

Then it was found that the measure did not carry out the sponsors' intent that home rule counties could issue general obligation bonds for local improvements.

This measure would fix it so they could. Any bonding by a county would require approval of the voters.

There is no opposition to this amendment.
Ballot Measure No. 12 would let the Legislature set up machinery to continue local and state government in event of enemy attack. Nobody opposes this idea.

It would set up a system of succession in office in case the top office holders were killed, and grant emergency powers to certain officials.

Measure No. 13 would authorize the issuance of \$135 million of bonds to provide for loans to enable veterans to buy farms and homes. There is some controversy over this one.

The veterans' loan program started at the end of World War II, and \$150 million worth of bonds have been authorized. That ceiling was reached several months ago, and now the veterans want the

additional bonding authority so the loan program can get rolling again.

The demand for loans is great. But loans now can be granted only as fast as outstanding loans are repaid.

Sponsors of the legislation claim it is needed to give deserving veterans low-interest loans. They point out that this program is self-financing. In fact, it makes a profit for the state. And they say the program is needed to spur the state's economy.

Opponents argue that veterans should not be treated as a preferred class, that the emergency



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Principals Favor Tax

SALEM (AP)—The Oregon Elementary School Principals Association today went on record in favor of a sales tax, federal financial support of schools, payment by the state of 50 per cent of operational costs in local districts and moving the school age entry date up to July 1.
The items were approved by voice vote after a report by Carmelite I. Weddle, Salem, chairman of the legislative committee, on a questionnaire circulated among the principals. All were overwhelmingly approved by 941 principals queried prior to the conference here.
The association approved a sales tax for school purposes, with part of the tax to be used as a property tax offset.
Federal financial support was recommended for both school construction and teachers' salaries.
The principals reaffirmed their support of 50 per cent of the operating costs of schools coming from state funds.

City Combats Land Sinkage

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP)—For years downtown Long Beach has been slowly sinking—and putting up walls to hold off the ocean.
But this subsidence may stop soon, city officials say, because the palm tree-shaded parks, office buildings sites and broad streets now rest on water instead of air. And it's about time, they say, because one building worth \$22 million has dropped 27 feet since the 1930s.
They blame the oil wells. For years hundreds of them have been pumping out the black gold from an abnormally shallow deposit. The sandy earth was left with nothing to beef it up. The surface began subsiding into the shape of a giant bowl.
The center and deepest part is under Long Beach's bustling harbor. The shoreline forms one of the bowl's edges.
As the earth settled, pipelines were pinched off, storm drains and sewers disrupted, railroad tracks buckled and buildings cracked.
Most folks just waited and hoped the sinking would stop. But some decided it wouldn't stop while millions of gallons of oil and large deposits of natural gas were being removed. The only remedy,

they said, was repressurization.
After extensive legal work, the city started a few years ago pumping sea water into the ground. To date, 250 million barrels have gone through perforated pipes into the sandy soil. In the last year the injection has averaged 370,000 barrels a day.
B. N. Hoffmaster, chief harbor engineer, looked at his charts Monday and announced: "Subsidence has stopped in some areas and has been greatly slowed in others in the last 2½ years."
An annual survey shows land sinkage has been virtually eliminated in the downtown area. The giant bowl is several sizes smaller, leaving the harbor the main trouble spot. Here too, subsidence has been drastically cut. The 1938 study indicated the center—where one firm spent \$6 million on dikes—was sinking at the rate of one foot a year. It's half that now.
"If all goes well and plans work out the way we hope they will," said Charles L. Vickers, general manager of the port, "we will be in real good shape to completely eliminate subsidence by a year from now, and possibly as early as next July."

Tom Dewey Sked Told

SALEM (AP)—The schedule for Thomas E. Dewey's visit to Oregon Friday and Saturday was announced today by Republican state headquarters.
Dewey, former New York governor and Republican presidential candidate, will arrive at the Portland airport at 3:55 p.m. from New York. Then will follow a 7 p.m. press conference at the airport, and a 7 p.m. banquet of the Western States chapters convention of the Associated General Contractors of America at the Multnomah Hotel.
On Saturday, he will speak at a breakfast at Hillsboro at 8 a.m., take part in a parade in Portland at 10 a.m., and attend a campaign luncheon at the Multnomah Hotel at 11:15 a.m. Dewey will take off for Yakima, Wash., at 1 p.m., and speak at a fund-raising dinner at Yakima that evening.
He will go to Seattle Sunday morning for a luncheon with GOP leaders, and leave Seattle at 5:45 p.m. Sunday for San Francisco.

Worker Killed

PENDLETON (AP)—A young construction worker was killed today when a self-propelled loader he was operating ran out of control, threw him off and crushed him.
The victim was Gary Meyers of La Grande.

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Vale Grange Wins Award

VALE, Ore. (AP)—The Vale Grange was announced Monday as the national winner of the Grange's community service contest, qualifying for a \$10,000 cash prize.
The Vale unit previously had received a \$1,000 award for being one of the 10 finalists.
Projects which earned the Vale farm organization the national award included sponsorship of the purchase of an ambulance which was then given to Malheur County, a soil conservation educational program for farmers and businessmen, and promotion of and participation in the county fair.

Lawyer Jailed For Three Years

MEDFORD (AP)—O. H. Bengtson, Medford lawyer and former state legislator, has been sentenced to a three-year term in the state correctional institution.
The sentence was passed by Circuit Judge Orval Millard, who presided last week at the trial of Bengtson.
Bengtson, 56, was convicted of embezzlement. He remained free on \$5,000 bail, pending a decision on his motion for a new trial.

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