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POLICE CHIEF HALTS REPORT RELEASING TO PRIVATE UNITS

Oakland Official Denies Request of Public Welfare League

Reports of the activities of the Oakland Police Department will be furnished to private organizations, no matter how worthy, it was announced yesterday by Chief Donald L. Marshall.

The declaration was made following receipt of a report from Mrs. Helen Swett Artieda, secretary of the Public Welfare League, of a bootlegging establishment alleged to be patronized by high city officials and a demand for a report of the action taken against the place.

Chief Finds Organizations Expect Him to Report

In her report Mrs. Artieda declared that "good" liquor is manufactured and served the patrons of the place. Though it is a "deserted" house, its proprietor wears large diamonds, she told Chief Marshall.

Commenting on Mrs. Artieda's report, Chief Marshall said: "I do not consider it proper to submit reports of the activities of this department to private organizations, no matter how worthy they are."

"I have been eager to co-operate with any person or individual who wished to assist in enforcing the laws, but I have come to realize that I am expected to make reports to Mrs. Artieda as a matter of police routine and I have discovered that my predecessor did likewise."

Will Report to People of City, Who Pay Salaries

"I think I shall put an end to it and make my reports to the people of Oakland at large, who pay the salaries of myself and the members of my department and am most vitally interested in what we do. No one person or organization is more interested in our work than any other."

"This report of an alleged bootlegging establishment will be investigated and the place will be raided if the report is found to be true. Our action in this respect will be no different from what it has been in the past or what it will be in the future."

Three Injured When S.P. Train Hits Truck

When a truck stalled on the Seventh street line of the Southern Pacific electric trains at Fallon street in Oakland, it was struck by an eastbound train, and three men were injured yesterday afternoon. Lew Hirst, National Hotel, Oakland, suffered lacerated arms and shoulders. George Sanders, 527 Twenty-sixth street, Oakland, has internal injuries and multiple contusions and lacerations. Thomas Barry, Regal Hotel, also Oakland, has contusions of the left hip and a lacerated scalp. Hirst, who was driving the truck, said his brakes failed to hold and his engine stalled. The train, with R. R. Bagdeley as engineer, had just started from a stop. The three men were taken to the Oakland Emergency Hospital in the police ambulance.

Fearing Fire, Man Slashes His Throat

Fearing that he would be burned alive when he discovered a grass fire in a vacant lot just outside his apartment window yesterday, Sol Walt, 35, slashed his throat in the bathroom of his apartment, 1445 Oak street, according to Oakland police. His mother, Mrs. Rose Walt, summoned Max Levy, manager of the apartment house, who called a police ambulance and applied first aid measures. At the Oakland Emergency Hospital Walt's wound was declared superficial. The fire which caused his alarm was extinguished by Oakland firemen without damage to nearby property.

Women Take Over Job of Restoring Furniture Damaged by Flames



Mrs. O. Hoffman (left), Mrs. Mattie French (center) and Mrs. Glenn Reynolds of the Montclair Club engaged in painting up the clubroom furniture.

Club Women Toil To Repair Home Swept by Blaze

Montclair Group \$6500 Short, So Members Do Work to Save Labor

When the Montclair Women's Club building was swept by a fire last winter the club was faced with a problem. The damage was estimated at \$6500, and that sum, or even a large part of it, was hard to get. So the women buckled to and, with their own labor, are working on repairs. Furniture scorched and blistered by the fire is being scraped, sanded and painted or stained. An effort is being made to salvage some of the curtains, or new ones are being sewn. Weeds and rubbish have created a garden problem which is being attacked by the women with hoes, rakes and shovels.

Some of the members working on the task estimate a saving in labor during the past three weeks of \$200. A housewarming is planned for reception of Mrs. P. A. Hassard, president of the club, who is expected to return from an out-of-town visit soon. Among those helping to brighten up the building are Mrs. Olive Hoffman, Mrs. Mattie French and Mrs. Glenn Reynolds.

\$170,151,298 Bid On Road Contract

SACRAMENTO, July 19 (AP)—State highway officials opening bids for a section of highway construction between Niles and Hayward received the shock of their lives when one bid presented was found to total \$170,151,298—an amount equal to the total funds allocated for highway work for the next six years. An error in the contractor's bid for "unequaled excavations" at \$8240 per cubic yard accounted for the huge price asked. The contract was let for \$325,305.

Man Denies Guilt In Girl's Charges

Charged with attacking Miss Ethel Chapman, 995 Forty-first street, at his home Wednesday, Eugene Legault, 809 Lerida avenue, pleaded not guilty before Police Judge Edward J. Tyrrell of Oakland yesterday. The case was continued to this morning, when a date for trial will be set. Legault is at liberty on \$250 bail on the battery charge.

Oakland Driver Examiners Find Job Not One of Roses

In enforcement of the spirit of the new motor vehicle law requiring new licenses for motorists whose driving permits were issued prior to 1927, William Ellison and C. J. Prentice, in charge of the examining bureau at Thirteenth and Franklin streets, yesterday announced that sixty-five applicants had failed to pass the quiz in one day. Cheating or ignorance of the motor vehicle law were cited as the reasons of the failures. One unidentified applicant set a

Lack of Gold in Teeth Saves Man From County Jail

Looked Like Errant Spouse, Says Woman, but When He Smiled She Doubted

John Porter is glad he hasn't a gold crown on any of his front teeth. The lack of such a dental adornment saved him yesterday from a trip to the Alameda County Jail. Here's how.

Mrs. Bessie May Potter, 805 East Eighteenth street, Oakland, had a warrant issued for her divorced husband, William, charging failure to provide for their children. The warrant was given to Deputy Sheriffs J. L. Davis and Harry Nelson to serve. They heard that Potter was working near Alvarado for the Pacific Gas and Electric Company, and started out accompanied by Mrs. Potter in search of the man. Along the highway they spied a crew of men at work. The Sheriff's car slowed down. Mrs. Potter pointed at a man in the group. Davis walked over and placed a hand on the man's shoulder.

"Is your name Potter?" he asked. Thinking Davis said "Porter," the man replied in the affirmative.

"Then you're under arrest for failure to provide," announced the deputy. Porter professed innocence, but he was taken over to the automobile. Mrs. Potter took a good look.

"Yes," she declared. "I'm pretty sure he's my husband."

"Lady," insisted Porter, "I never saw you before."

AIRPORT LEASE DETAILS WILL BE TAKEN UP BY COMMITTEE

Alameda Mayor Calls for Meeting on Proposal for Monday

Details of the proposal for a lease on sixty-eight additional acres of tidelands, made recently by the officials of the Alameda airport, will be thrashed out and discussed at a special committee meeting which has been called for Monday night at 7:30 in the Alameda City Hall by Mayor Victor L. Schafer of that city.

The following night the council will meet in special session to vote on the application, it is announced.

Lively Fight Expected Over \$3 Monthly Lease

That a lively fight over the proposal to lease the city-owned property at \$3 a month per acre will develop is thought probable as a resolution for delayed action on the matter which was proposed by Councilman William H. Henning was adopted previously.

The additional land is asked by the airport officials to take the place of that which they have agreed to offer to the army air base and with which they wish to extend their proposed hydroplane terminal and yacht harbor westward, it is announced.

Opposition Based on Desire for Higher Rent

The opposition to the new grant is based on the fact that it is thought that a higher rental should be obtained for the proposed acreage than that paid for the first grant, while officials of the port state that they should be granted the new land at the same price they were

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Woman Speeder Loses License to Drive

Helen C. Brown, laboratory worker at the Parlati Hospital, pleaded guilty to speeding thirty-five miles an hour in a twenty-mile zone yesterday in the Berkeley court of Harry Pulcifer. Miss Brown, who resides at 994 Euclid avenue, stated that her services were needed at the hospital on several surgical cases and in her haste to reach the institution she disregarded the law. Her license, was revoked by Judge Pulcifer, who warned her to start for her work earlier.

Man Buys Auto, Pens Check, Goes to Jail

Purchaser of a \$1360 automobile Sunday, Earl C. Moore, 26, was arrested by Oakland police yesterday when the check which he offered as payment was returned marked "no funds." Moore was arrested by Sergeant M. J. Buckley when George H. Dean, employee of the auto sales agency at Twenty-second street and Broadway, pointed him out at Sixth and Grove streets as "Arthur C. Kline," maker of the check. In a room he occupied at a hotel police found baggage marked "A. C. K., N. Y." which Moore admitted stealing from A. C. Killiam, 1540 Clay street, San Francisco.

Snake Conservation Gives Bay Motorist Handy Alibi

"Well, we started something, but we'll finish it."

This is the admission of traffic officers in the Hayward district in reference to a plea to motorists to watch for gopher snakes on the highways and steer clear of the dangerous reptiles seeking warmer quarters in the low lands. The near arrest of a Livermore rancher, whose name was not taken, is being used as a case in point.

Officer Walter Alves pulled alongside the rancher after the latter's machine was seen to swing wide on the highway, endangering traffic

Leader in Meeting Held By Notable Social Workers



Miss Emily Noble, social economist at the University of California, who has been an active member of the institute on the Berkeley campus.

Social Workers Close Convention On U. of C. Campus

Ten-Day Session Declared the Most Successful in History of the West

Bringing to a close "the most successful conference of its kind in the West," in the words of its executives, members of the Institute of Social Work last night were preparing to leave Berkeley after a ten-day series of meetings on the University of California campus.

Social service workers from many States participated in the discussions which followed lectures by eminent members of the profession, according to Miss Emily Noble, member of the institute committee, the chairman of which was Dr. Jessica Peixotto. Miss Noble, who is a social economist on the University of California faculty, participated in all phases of the institute.

The final speaker on the list of distinguished experts who addressed the institute was Miss Kate McMahon, director of medical social work at Simmons College, Massachusetts. Miss McMahon, as part of her message to Western workers, outlined the many new advances that are being made to train social workers in Eastern universities. Far greater progress than has ever before

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Car Wheels Kill Man Sitting on Santa Fe Tracks

'Didn't Hear Engine Approach,' Says Companion, Who Had Narrow Escape

ANTIOCH, July 19.—Unaware of the approach of the switch engine while he was sitting on the Santa Fe tracks here last evening with a friend, George Creag, 40, a recent arrival from Pittsburg, was instantly killed when he was run over and his body cut in half by a freight car into which the engine had backed. Creag and T. B. Flynn of 618 Fourth street, Antioch, were sitting on the tracks a few feet from a string of freight cars, enjoying the cool breeze from the river, when the accident occurred.

Creag came to Antioch yesterday after he had resigned his position with the Columbia Steel plant in Pittsburg and was to have reported for work this morning at the paper mill here.

Flynn could give no reason for their failure to know of the approach of the engine other than to say "we didn't hear the engine coming and the first I was aware of the oncoming train was as it caught Creag under the wheels. I managed to escape just in time."

Creag had rented quarters in the Benjamin L. Jonas residence at Antioch.

Coroner to Inquire Into Rios Deaths

Inquests into the deaths of Joaquin and Santos Rios of 651 Second street, Richmond, will be conducted by Coroner Aubrey Wilson next Tuesday night, starting at 7:30 o'clock. Rios shot and killed his wife early in the week after an argument over what has been termed unfounded jealousy on the part of the husband. He was killed when trapped by police in the old Santa Fe Hotel at First street and Ohio avenue. Double funeral service was held in Richmond yesterday forenoon for the two, who were afterward buried in St. Joseph's cemetery.

CONVENTIONS IN OAKLAND DRAW 50,000 IN HALF YEAR

Thirty-Six Meetings Since Christmas Have Been Profitable

Oakland's commanding position as a convention center is evidenced in a report issued by the convention bureau of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce. Approximately 50,000 delegates and visitors were brought to the city during the six months' period from January 1 to June 30 when thirty-six conventions and attending events were held in Oakland.

"Aside from the actual large sums of money thrown into channels of trade, the benefits resulting to Oakland from the many people visiting the city are numerous. A satisfied, well-entertained convention visitor is one of the best and most desired advertising assets for Oakland and in each visitor there is a potential resident for the city," according to the report. "A total of seventy-nine conventions" (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

Ornamental Lighting Contract Awarded

Contract for installing an ornamental lighting system on Grand avenue, Lake Park avenue, Trestle Glen road and other streets was awarded to the Western States Construction Company of Los Angeles by the Oakland City Council yesterday. The contract price is \$51,000. The contractor has agreed that the standards shall be cast in Oakland foundries by Oakland labor, it was announced by Cliff Brooks, secretary to Charles C. Young, Commissioner of Public Health and Safety.

MARKET
Washington and Clay at 10th

BEST FOODS
BREAD & BUTTER
PICKLES
25c
JAR 14c
Grocerteria

FRESH BAKED
LAYER CAKES
ASSORTED ICINGS
20c EA.
Nassau Baker
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SMALL, SWEET, JUICY
ORANGES
WHILE 1650 DOZEN LAST
3c DOZ.
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