

# THE NOME NUGGET

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## \$850.00 In Prizes Solomon Derby Be Held April

At the last meeting of the Nome Kennel Club, held Friday, it was decided to revive the former "Solomon Derby", dog racing classic held here many years ago. The course is from Nome along the Bering Sea ice to Solomon, a distance of 32 miles, and return, making a total distance of 64 miles.

As prizes for the race is was decided to set \$500 as first prize; \$250.00 as second and \$100 as the third prize—exceptionally fine purses for this type of race. The date set for the classic was agreed as April 3rd. An entrance fee of \$15 will be charged, said directors of the Club.

Other dog races and winter events arranged on schedule are as follows:

February 12th, Lincoln's Birthday, a High School Burden Race.

Other races on Washington's birthday, Feb. 22nd, and 27th.

On March 5th, a special Men's Speed Race to Cape Nome and return, the former Marathon Dog Derby with prizes of \$150, \$75 and \$25. This race will take place on the day of the big Kennel Club Carnival, which winds up the Queen Contest for the election of a Miss Nome to go to Fairbanks.

The dog race schedule this year should attract numerous racers from out of town and around Seward Peninsula. The speed race in February and the big Solomon Derby in the early part of April will wind up the dog racing for 1938 and will undoubtedly attract many entrants. All entrants in either race should communicate with Secretary, Wilfred Boucher, in Nome, for further particulars.

## A Magic Hand To Scour The Sea For Gold

GLASCOW, (AP)—A Dutch engineer and his mechanical "clutching hand" are going after the 30,000,000 gold ducats that may have been resting at the bottom of Tobermory bay since the Spanish armada.

The inventor, Herr Van Wiener, will attempt to find the gold in the wreckage of the galleon Duque Florence, off the Isle of Mull, early this year.

The galleon, part of the mighty armada of Phillip of Spain, sailed to war with Queen Elizabeth's fleet in 1588.

When the Armada was annihilated, the Duque Florenca was swept by a gale toward the Scottish coast, where the indignant islanders of Mull scuttled her because her master refused to pay for stores he got.

There she has lain ever since, defying the efforts of many the treasure seeker, who based his hopes on the story that a Greenock diver in 1665 found "one million" in records that there were millions of Cashe on board the said ship, and it tells that it lay under ye Sell of the Gunroome."

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## This Alligator Must Rustle His Own Eats Now

JACKSONVILLE, Florida, (AP)—A scaly old alligator in a Florida swamp south of here has a score to settle with government investigators of the federal alcohol tax unit.

The nine foot saurian was living like a lord on fat young hogs who became tipsy from bootleg still mash until the tax men finally wrecked his meal ticket.

The investigators saw the cagy reptile slide into the water while they were demolishing the still. Nearby were the remains of several half-grown hogs.

The still wreckers said it was obvious the alligator had been lying around the moonshine plant for an easy living. Hogs, they explained, frequent bootleg stills and as soon as a young porker guzzled enough liquor mash to get tipsy and wandered to the water's edge, it was an easy mark for Old Mr. Gator.

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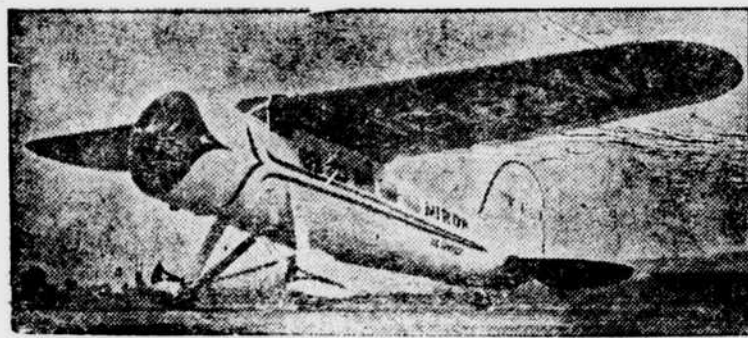
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