

Church Activities

Wesleyan Service Guild Stages Rummage Sale

The Wesleyan Service Guild of the First Methodist Church will have a rummage sale Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the social hall of the church on Main Street. A large assortment of baby clothes, men's clothing, dishes, utensils and other items will be sold. Mrs. Roy Anderson is in charge of the sale.

Hotel Patrons Sent Scurrying By Fire

SPOKANE — Eighty guests, some in their night clothes, were evacuated safely in freezing weather Tuesday night after fire broke out in two downtown hotels six blocks apart. A fire at the Colonial Hotel at Main and Post at 9:35 p.m. sent 30 people scurrying to safety and 90 minutes later the fire alarm was sounded down the street at the Palm Hotel. Six firemen were overcome by smoke and one was hurt. Smoke and fire damage at both places was extensive. Firemen, who said their equipment was "spread pretty thin" at the height of the fires, reported the Colonial blaze apparently started in the basement of a coffee shop. Damage was tentatively estimated at \$150,000. The fire at the Palm was blamed on a leaky oil burner.

FINNS ELECT PRESIDENT
HELSINKI — The Finns Wednesday elected Urho Kekkonen, 55-year-old premier, as their president for a six-year term. Kekkonen will succeed 85-year-old Juho Paasikivi March 1.

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Khrushchev Called New Dictator Of Soviet Union

LONDON — British commentators pictured Nikita Khrushchev Wednesday as the new dictator of the Soviet Union. They credited him with all the might of the late Joseph Stalin, and the undisputed authority to revise basic Marxist doctrine.

They said his behavior at the opening of the 20th congress of the Soviet Communist Party in Moscow Tuesday and his marathon speech confirmed his position and ended once and for all the "rule by committee" which followed Stalin's death. "Khrushchev the dictator" headlined the conservative Daily Mail, whose diplomatic correspondent wrote Mr. Khrushchev, the 61-year-old Soviet Communist Party leader, has won the struggle for supreme power in Russia. With Stalin-like authority he showed he intends to exercise full control over both home and foreign affairs.

"Khrushchev makes it clear he's boss," said the Laborite Daily Herald. The Daily Sketch echoed: "Khrushchev shows he's boss." Virtually all the papers emphasized Khrushchev's revision of Marxist tenets—his pronouncement that war is not inevitable, that violence and revolutions are not necessary to install communism worldwide, and that the world is not divided into two irreconcilable camps.

Western Airlines Offers New Proposal On Wages

LOS ANGELES — Western Air Lines has submitted a new wage proposal to the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks in an attempt to end more quickly a five-week showdown. Chairman Leverett Edwards of the National Mediation Board said Tuesday the airline "substantially increased its money offer" to \$50, striking clerks and baggage handlers, but rejected the union's demand for a union shop. Union representatives agreed to consider the offer, which was said to amount to \$25 to \$35 more a month. The clerks were demanding \$35. They had received about \$250 monthly.

Mice Said Responsible For Truck's Sluggishness

FORT ROCK, Ore. — Mice were responsible for a \$15 repair bill on Dick Schaub's pickup truck. The vehicle was getting more and more sluggish each day and finally the motor turned over so hard it had to be towed to start. Taken to a garage for repairs, it was discovered that mice had taken padding from the cushion and completely filled the clutch housing, causing enough drag to use up most of the motor's power. Schaub is buying poisoned grain for better truck performance.

RESIGNS POSITION
SALEM — Charles A. Barclay, city purchasing agent and airport manager, resigned Monday. He said he will be campaign manager for State Sen. Mark Hatfield, Republican candidate for secretary of state.



SKINNY STREET, FAT NAME—No need to guess why no cars are allowed on this street in Venice, Italy. This "strait and narrow path," though only eight feet wide, has shops along each side and is a business center. The little street has a big name—Salizze di S. Giovanni Grisostomo.



BEING PAID OFF IN INTEREST—Unexpected dividends on education are being greeted with anticipation by these youngsters in St. Louis, Mo. Their teacher is distributing surplus white mice. Mrs. Elizabeth Allen brought two mice to her class on diet and nutrition. By the time the study was over, the two had multiplied to about a dozen. Youngsters armed with notes from parents permitting them to take the rodents home are, left to right, Randy Herman and Lucia and Bobby Ferguson.

CONTRACT AWARDED
SALEM — A \$499,227 contract for building a 685-foot bridge over the Snake River near Nyssa on the Old Oregon Trail Highway was awarded by the Highway Commission Tuesday. The contract went to Hansen & Parr Construction Co., Spokane, which submitted the lowest of three bids.

Science, Self Help Plan Offered For Farmer To Help Solve Price-Cost Squeeze

SPOKANE — Science and self help were proposed to the Northwest Farm Forum Tuesday as principal ways for the farmer to solve his problems and survive the "price-cost squeeze." "Technology is the balance wheel that will keep our farmers moving ahead with other segments of society," said Dr. Byron T. Shaw, administrator of the agricultural research service in Washington, D. C.

He said there are opportunities in research to develop new uses for farm products, to develop new crops, to develop new markets and to cut production costs. "The first step to new uses for wheat is to get a clear picture of what's in the wheat kernel," he said in a luncheon address. "We believe it will be possible to develop industrial uses as we gain a clearer picture of its chemical and physical properties."

He said wheat use could be increased 60 million bushels a year if everyone would just eat one more slice of bread a day. Earlier, speakers on a panel discussion proposed self help as a remedy for the "squeeze" the higher costs of things a farmer buys and the lower prices he gets for what he sells. The "squeeze" is the discussion topic for the third annual Forum sponsored by the Spokane Chamber of Commerce to "promote free and open discussion by farmers, labor and industry" on agriculture. Russell W. Gowland of the Gowland Farm Service in Minneapolis proposed self-help through careful management for maximum efficiency on the farm.

VETERANS PREFERENCE

SALEM — War veterans have priority for purchase of 15 full-time farm units being offered in the Columbia Basin Project, the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs said Wednesday. Applications must be filed by March 8 with the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation, Ephrata, Wash.

The 15 farms range from 64 to 157 irrigable acres, and in price from \$2,020 to \$10,174. The units will receive water in 1957.

DAM BIDS CALLED

PORTLAND — Bids for repairs at Detroit Dam will be opened here Feb. 28. Army Engineers said Tuesday. The bids once had been scheduled for opening Tuesday. The work includes construction of steel piles for outlets at the dam and repair of the lower re-regulation outlet.

Eugene Cheese Maker Is Champion Of Oregon

CORVALLIS — The champion cottage cheese maker in Oregon is Gerald Johnson, operator of the Eugene Medo-Land Creamery. The trophy was awarded to him at the Oregon Dairy Industries 45th annual four-day convention, which opened Monday. The top sample of medium-cured cheddar cheese was entered by John Haedinger of the Portland Dairy Cooperative Assn. The aged cheddar prize went to Donley Lomen, Nehalem. Andy Fischer, Curly's Dairy, Salem, placed third in cottage cheese making. John Frank, Mt. Angel, was third in medium cured cheddar cheese.

COMPLIMENTS 'MOTHER'

SALEM — Gov. Elmo Smith wrote Mrs. Marshall G. Dunham, Lakeview, Oregon Mother of the Year, Wednesday that "you certainly should be a leading contender for the title of American Mother." He said that all Oregon is proud of her.

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