

TEN SALEM ESSAYS TO ENTER CONTEST

Names of Contestants Withheld Under International Contest Rules

Following the closing of the home lighting contest in Salem, ten prize winning essays and primers have been sent to compete in the international contest, according to W. M. Hamilton, local manager of the contest. Names of the ten students who will compete in the international contest have been withheld from publication because it is the stipulation of the contest that the names be announced after the award of the international prizes.

Returns from the contest will be known in Salem about the latter part of March or the first of April. The committee in charge plans to finish the work as soon as possible after the first of the coming year.

The prizes for which the local essays and primers are competing consist of a first prize of a \$15.00 medal electrical home to be built on lots provided by the winner. The second prize, to one boy and one girl, a \$1200 scholarship in any American or Canadian college of accepted standard; two third prizes of a \$500 scholarship, two fourth prizes of a \$200 scholarship, two fifth prizes of a \$300 scholarship, and two sixth prizes of a \$300 scholarship each.

The judges who will name the winner of the international con-

test are Franklin T. Griffith, president of the National Electric Light Association and of the Portland Electric Power company, Portland; William McAndrews, superintendent of schools, Chicago; Mrs. William Brown McInney, B. C. Forbes, editor Forbes magazine; Miss Sarah L. Rhodes, principal P. S. Brooklyn, N. Y.; Geo. D. Sheppardson, professor of electrical engineering, University of Minnesota, and Prof. G. R. Anderson, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada.

Checks and prizes to the Salem students who won prizes in the national home lighting contest were awarded Thursday and Friday. Not all of the awards, however, have been given to the students. On the coming Monday it is expected that the students at the J. L. Parrish junior high school will be given their prizes. There are several prize winners at the school.

EXECUTIVES HERE FOR YMCA MEETING

Representatives From Oregon and Idaho Make Plans for Next Year

The executive committee of the association of boys' work, laymen and secretaries of the Oregon and Idaho district met at the Salem YMCA yesterday for their annual meeting. Delegates were present from various sections of Oregon and Idaho. The main purpose of the meeting was to arrange for the boys' work for the ensuing year.

Those meeting here Friday were J. C. Meehan, president of the association, Portland secretary; W. F. Walters, chairman, boys' executive at Eugene; A. E. Yount, state boys' work secretary from Portland; H. C. Rector, secretary at the east side YMCA, Portland, and Clarence E. Oliver, boys' secretary at the Salem YMCA.

Plans for the Eastern Park boys' work convention to be held next July were discussed and perfected. At that time delegates from various parts of the United States will gather to outline the boys' work for the nation.

The executive committee also discussed the tentative plans for the visit of Arthur Cotton, international boys' work secretary, who is to be on the Pacific coast sometime in January. The committee also discussed plans for the annual meeting of the association of the YMCA next spring.

Richmond School Meeting Held at Church Last Night

That there is a need of an auditorium, a children's playground, and the beautifying of the school grounds at the Richmond school was brought out at the community gathering of the Richmond district last night. About 200 people were present at the meeting, which was held in the sanctuary of the Central Congregational church.

The program which preceded the discussion was presented in part by the pupils of the Fifth grade of the Richmond school, under the direction of Mrs. Walter Zozel. Other program numbers were given.

A committee of nine persons was appointed to carry out the ideas suggested and to report at the next meeting, with Mayor John B. Giesy as chairman.

Refreshments were served by the Hub Sunday school class of the Central Congregational church.

WORK FINISHED ON POLK CO. BUDGET

Total Expenditure of \$414,831.25 Called for in Report Submitted

The Polk county budget, as prepared by the budget committee for approval by the taxpayers at budget meeting to be held on December 29, calls for a total expenditure of \$414,831.25, with \$403,731.25 to be raised and \$11,100 estimated to come from other sources.

Work on the budget was completed this week by the budget committee composed of the county court and L. D. Brown, Ira C. Powell and N. L. Guy. Mr. Brown acted as chairman and Mr. Powell as secretary.

The budget as it stands is approximately \$10,000 under the requested budget of last year, and \$31,750 over the approved budget of last year. In preparing the budget the committee has been faced with an increase in the state levy of \$23,105, due to the defeat of the income tax, which last year was applied on state taxes. The state levy is approximately at the \$17.25 level, or \$300 in excess of the \$16.95 placed upon Polk county at that time.

The requests for funds by the various county offices received little alteration at the hands of the committee. The sheriff's office request was cut \$140 from \$7290, and the superior court's office was cut \$140 to \$3810.

The high school tuition fund shows an increase of \$3500 over 1923, to a total of \$25,000 and the common school fund an increase of \$2500, approximately \$2500 for a total of \$54,000. The general road fund estimate has been cut \$4000 under 1923 and is \$14,000 under 1923. The budget calls for \$45,000 for this item.

An item of \$1000 has been placed in the budget for a 1925 county fair and \$200 for the erection of road and intersection signs throughout the county.

The budget requests for the various county offices compared with the allowances in 1924 and 1923. Sheriff's office—1925, \$7290; 1924, \$6550; 1923, \$7040. Clerk's office—1925, \$7000; 1924, \$6240; 1923, \$6000. Assessor's office—1925, \$3962; 1924, \$4750; 1923, \$4520. School superintendent's office—1925, \$3910; 1924, \$3923; 1923, \$4338.

The bridges and ferries fund has a reduction of \$5000 placing it at \$28,000 as compared with \$33,000 last year and \$42,500 in 1923.

No election expense is contemplated this year while \$5000 was set aside for that purpose in 1924.

STAYTON NEWS

E. D. Philippi is at home, going about on crutches as the result of a fall from a wagon.

W. B. Ellis has rigged up his Ford truck for freight hauling and has established a freight route between here and Gates. He expects to make daily trips.

Wourmens and Frank of the Stayton meat market have improved their slaughter house by laying a cement floor and otherwise improving the sanitary conditions.

Yeoman Bros. have completed the installation of a new radio set at their gas station on Third street, which affords them much entertainment.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hall are laying plans for the entertainment

of their daughter and family who are expected to arrive here in the near future to remain over the coming holiday season.

Dr. W. N. Pinter has secured the services of a competent dentist to assist in his office, and is making preparations to take two weeks' winter vacation. The doctor plans to spend the time motoring through California.

Mrs. Mary Powell, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Cornett of Albany, and their daughter, Merle of Alabama, were Wednesday guests at the W. W. Crabtree home. Mrs. Powell remained for an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. Crabtree; the rest of the party returning to Albany in the evening.

Jack Jones, overseer of the Salem Ditch company for this end of the waterway, has a force of men at work cleaning out the ditch bed, from the Spaniol flouring mills to the mouth of the ditch. Considerable debris was washed into the stream during the recent high water.

Mrs. E. R. Watters this week received notice of the death of her mother in Missouri. Mrs. Watters visited with her mother several months during the summer and was both grieved and shocked to learn of her death. The deceased lady was more than 80 years of age and had been in poor health for some time.

Miss Mildred English, cating postmistress, whose marriage is to be an event of Sunday, Dec. 7, has secured the services of a minister to assist in the office during her absence, and through the holiday season.

CHRISTMAS FUND GROWING EACH DAY

Who Will Provide a Place for the Vegetables, Groceries and Supplies?

The Statesman Christmas Fund is growing each day; did not grow much yesterday but \$2 was added to it, by J. L. Ingrey, who wished to be included in the list of those providing Christmas cheer for the needy families of the city.

And while this is a Christmas fund, it need not be confined to Christmas. There is no good reason why it might not be made to come out of the worst of the winter months, during which time employment is at its lowest ebb in this city and the surrounding country.

Especially may this be true as to donations of vegetables, fruits, groceries and other supplies needed by the deserving poor. The Statesman Christmas Fund man is waiting for some one to provide a place for storing such vegetables and supplies. One man is found, for it will allow of a lot of help from people who would like to assist and have things needed by poor families but are not able to contribute cash.

The following are the cash contributions up to last evening:

- D. A. White \$ 5.00
- Henry Jaquet 5.00
- I. L. McAdams 1.00
- Edis Belle Matheson 2.00
- Ida Mary Matheson 2.00
- Daniel J. Fry 5.00
- Francis Rowell 5.00
- Royal Neighbors 5.00
- J. L. Ingrey 2.00

Total \$32.00

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- Viking Pancake Flour—Entirely new, 2½ lbs. 25c
- Quick Oats—4 minutes, they can't be better, 1½ lbs. 20c
- Health Bran—Made the old fashioned way, 1 lb. 20c

PORTLAND KIWANIS CHORUS IS COMING

Musical Organization of 75 Voices to be Heard at Armory December 20

The Salem Kiwanis club has arranged a treat for the Salem citizens as they have succeeded in getting the famous Portland Kiwanis chorus to appear here December 20 at the armory. This is the biggest thing that has been presented in Salem this year and the local organization is presenting it to the people without cost.

The Portland Kiwanis chorus is composed of 75 voices and some of the most famous talent in the Pacific northwest and in all Portland is included among the membership. Portland critics have deemed it to be one of the best trained choruses on the Pacific coast and much time has been spent in the training of the members. E. Bruce Knowlton is director.

The expense of bringing the Portland organization to Salem will be borne by the Salem Kiwanis. The cost of the armory, advertising, transportation and care of the Portland singers while here will be included and for by the Salem luncheon club.

This will be a fitting climax to the successful term of office of President Henry Morris. Many notable speakers have been brought to Salem under his leadership.

German Makers of Toys Turn From Tin Soldiers

Vereln Harmonie, and organization of Americans of German extraction, will hold a musical enter-

tainment for members and their families tonight at the St. Paul's Parish hall, 550 Chemeketa street. Following the program there will be a basket dinner.

The program is as follows: Song: America; address by the president; a solo by Mrs. H. H. Harms; an address by F. J. Deckebach; a trio composed of Miss Naomi Whaler, Dr. John R. Sites, and Miss Louise Townsend; cello solo by Dr. John R. Sites; zither solo by William Blumberg, and a baritone solo by Dr. John R. Sites.

AUXILIARY OF SWV ELECTS OFFICERS

Mrs. Fred Thompson, President; Installation Early in January

New officers for the Hal Hibbard post, Spanish War Veterans auxiliary were elected yesterday at a meeting held at the armory. The new officers are: president, Mrs. Fred Thompson; senior vice president, Mrs. Carrie Chase; junior vice president, Mrs. Lulu Humphrey; chaplain, Mrs. Ruth Brant; conductor, Mrs. Percy Pugh; assistant conductor Mrs. Ida May Seymour; guard, Mrs. May Sammons; assistant guard Mrs. Mary Raymond; patriotic instructor, Mrs. Marie Baker; historian, Mrs. Mary Miller; musician, Mrs. Walcher; reporter, Mrs. Myrtle Adams. In addition to the election of officers other business was transacted.

Installation of officers will be held the first meeting in January, when the department officers will be present. The next meeting is to be held December 19 at the home of Mrs. Carle Abrams, 1465 Chemeketa.

STATE GAS TAX HAS HIGH FIGURE

Grand Total of \$243,333.39 Collected During Month of October

The state tax on gasoline and distillate collected on sales made during the month of October 1924, amounted to \$243,333.39, according to a statement compiled Friday by Secretary of State Sam A. Kozler.

Taxes were remitted on 7,760,728 gallons and 420,461 gallons of distillate. Of the total collected, the sum of \$79,709.38 resulted from the operation of the original law imposing a tax of one cent per gallon on gasoline and one-half cent per gallon on distillate, while \$163,623.79 was returned under the additional tax law providing for a uniform rate of two cents per gallon on all kinds of motor vehicle fuels.

As compared with the month of October, 1923, gasoline sales increased approximately 10 per cent, distillate sales remaining about the same.

To date the motor vehicle fuels tax measures have brought to the state treasury the total sum of \$7,345,042.79. Of the amount collected under the law of 1921 there has been returned up to November 30, 1924, the sum of \$218,829.67

to operators of farm tractors, motor boats, commercial cleaning establishments, etc., pursuant to that provision authorizing refunds of taxes on such motor vehicle fuels as are used for purposes other than in the operation of motor vehicles upon the public highways.

Motor vehicle fuels taxes are credited to the state highway fund, becoming available for expenditure in the construction and maintenance of state highways.

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- Catsup, Snider's, large size, on sale 30c
- Mince Meat, None Such, in pkgs., on sale 2 for 35c
- Almonds, on sale 2 lbs. 45c
- Macaroni, on sale 5 lbs. for 25c
- Pop Corn, sale price 3 lbs. for 20c
- Sliced Pineapple (best grade), large size, on sale 30c
- Pears, "Bartlett," large, No. 10 cans, sale price 2 for 65c
- Standard Corn and Beans, on sale, 12 lbs. for \$1
- Coffee, Lipton's sale price 45c
- Flour, Best Valley, sale price \$1.55
- Milk, small cans, sale price 6 for 25c
- Walnuts, on sale 2 lbs. 45c

BUTCHER SHOP—Opened Under New Management

- Tender Round 18c
- Steak 18c
- U. S. Inspected No. 1 20c
- Yeast 20c
- Chops 23c
- Fresh Side 18c
- Pork 18c
- Choice Rib 15c
- Roasts 15c
- Valley Packing Company 20c
- Wieners, none better 20c

That the people of Salem appreciate the low prices we are quoting during this annual Clearance Sale of our's, is evidenced by the large increase in business of each succeeding Bargain Day. Lay in your supplies now for the winter at these low prices.

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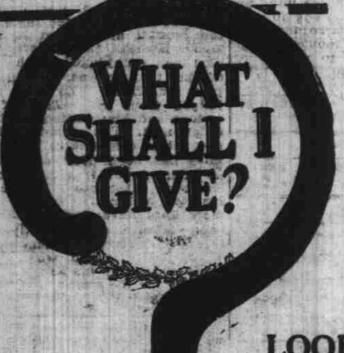
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