

# Details of State Deaf School Curriculum are Criticized

## CHARGES MADE AGAINST STEED

### Board of Control Arranges Hearing to Air Record of Superintendent

An over-balanced curriculum in which oral instruction has replaced to a large extent the manual language, was stressed by a number of witnesses who testified before the state board of control here Friday in connection with charges preferred against J. Lyman Steed, superintendent of the Oregon state school for the deaf.

Three separate petitions urging the removal of Mr. Steed were presented to the board of control. It was alleged in these petitions that Mr. Steed suffers from the superiority complex, is cold blooded in his attitude toward the pupils, refuses to sanction social activities in the school and does not mingle with his teachers. The charge also was made that he inspires fear in his pupils. The petitions were signed by 85 Portland members of the Oregon association of the deaf, and 18 persons living in Salem.

### Two Former Pupils Present Testimony

John Powell of Medford and Eli Stuart, of Selo, former pupils at the deaf school testified that their progress in the school had been retarded because of the insistence of Steed in featuring oral instruction. Both witnesses said they dropped out of school when it became apparent that they would not be allowed to graduate and attend college. Powell said that some of the pupils were reprimanded when they requested transfer from the oral to manual classes.

Mrs. Earl Hughes of Tiller, at one time in charge of the school dining room, testified that Steed is not a capable instructor and that he had taught the pupils to deceive the public in connection with lip reading. Explanation for Ouster Is Declared Lacking

Milton Hill of Salem testified that he was expelled from the school without any satisfactory explanation from the superintendent. Statements made by another witness that the pupils were not allowed to use sign language on the school grounds were denied by Mrs. Florence Fussing, a teacher at the institution.

The sudden withdrawal of Guy Smith, attorney for the deaf complainants, resulted in considerable confusion at the morning session. Members of the board said they had informed Smith that he would have the privilege of calling any witnesses he desired.

C. H. Linds of Portland, secretary of the Oregon association for the deaf, testified that he had not been informed of this and had made no previous effort to obtain witnesses from the teaching staff of the school. An attempt on the part of the deaf complainants to have a number of the teachers appear and testify at the afternoon session failed.

### Portland Lad Says His Progress Not Satisfactory

Paul Fest of Portland, student at the school, testified that he had been retarded in his learning and had not progressed in grammar. He also said he was marked down in deportment and punished without any explanation from Superintendent Steed or his teachers. Fest said discipline at the institution was strict.

Georgia Propola of Salem, also a student at the school, complained of too many rules and lack of manual training. She said she was scheduled to graduate from the eighth grade four years ago, but had been held back by Mr. Steed. Lucille Lane of Independence, stressed the necessity of more manual training in the institution.

### Undesired Punishment Declared Handed Out

Other witnesses who testified against Steed were Stewart Turnbull of Hood River and Lisle McQuary of Portland. They testified that much of the punishment at the school was not deserved, and that some of the supervisors were not conversant with the sign language.

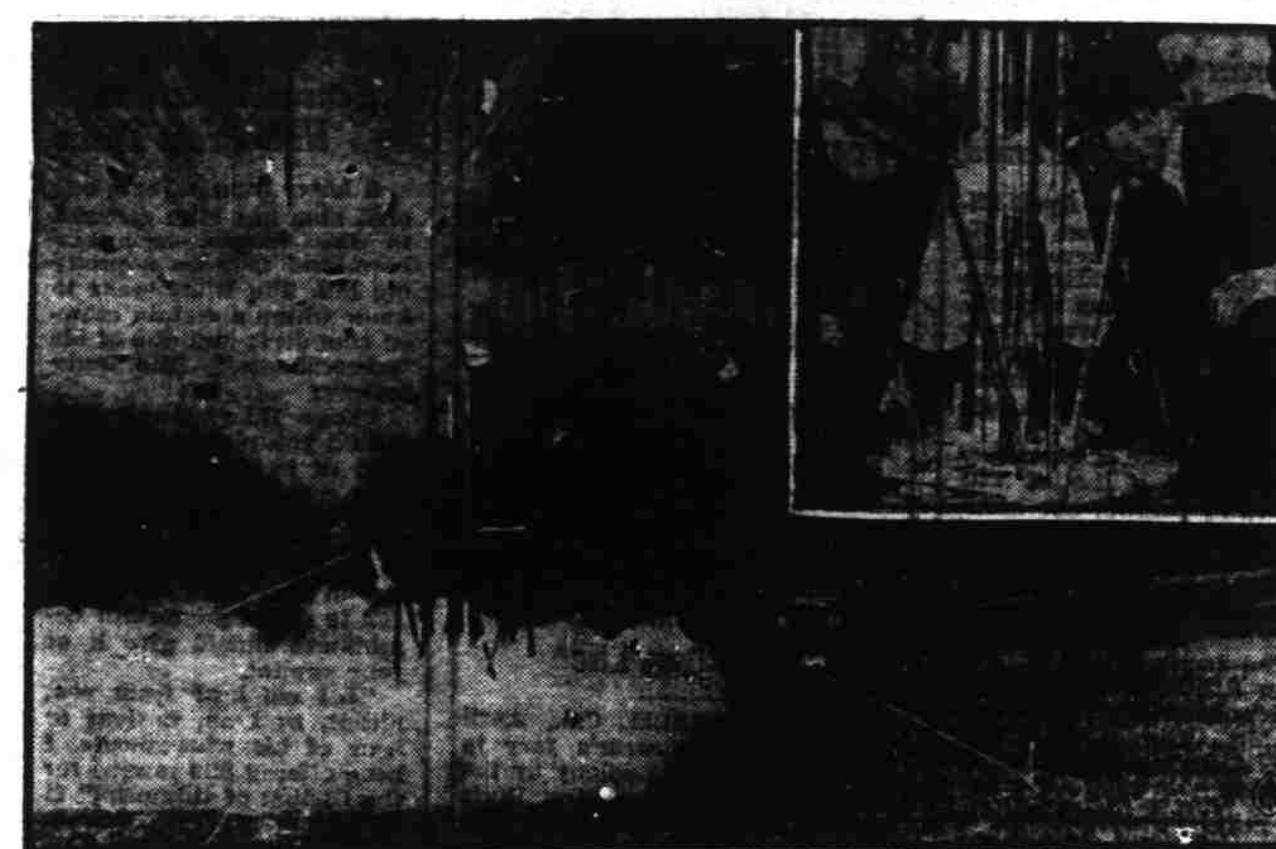
Harry Raymond, husband of one of the teachers at the school, and alleged leader of the movement to oust Steed, testified that the instructors were not satisfied with conditions, but were afraid to testify.

R. P. Jacoby of Portland acted as interpreter, while Maurice Warner of Salem, president of the Oregon association for the deaf, assisted at the hearing.

### EUGENE MAN CHOSEN

CHICAGO, April 25.—(AP)—A. C. Dixon of Eugene, Ore., was elected president today of the National Lumber Manufacturers association succeeding E. L. Carpenter of Minneapolis.

## START ON TRIP THAT FAILED



Ludwig Ocenasek, Bohemian inventor, and a party of co-workers watching his largest rocket explode and burst to bits on the start of its journey to the moon. The new rocket is radically different from the usual ones. The largest is three feet in length and 15 pounds in weight. He has succeeded in firing one of his rockets to a height of 4,000 feet. (Inset) The Bohemian engineer, with his son, as they made preparations to fire the rocket at Prague, Czechoslovakia.

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## BOATING CLUB FOR SALEM IS TALKED

Plans for the organization of a boating club in Salem were being formulated Friday, largely as a result of the discussion of future navigation possibilities of the Willamette river at the weekly meeting of the Lions club. The club, for its part, was considering a revival of the regatta which it staged here in connection with the state Lions convention two years ago.

The outlook for expansion of motor boating on the river in case the navigation improvement program is carried out, was discussed at the luncheon by Leland Smith, who presented figures on the growth which has been enjoyed by the boat building industry in recent years. About a million and a half motor boats are now in use in the United States, one for every 15 automobiles, and on the rivers and lakes adjacent to large cities, boats are being used extensively for commuting to the city, he said.

When the river is improved between Salem and Portland, Mr. Smith said, the limits of motor boat navigation from here will be the forks of the Snake and the Columbia, and the Pacific ocean at the mouth of the Columbia. Motor boating is already better organized as a recreation activity at Albany than in Salem, it was indicated Friday when word was received from that city that the annual outdoor motor races will be held May 30 under the auspices of the American Legion, with boats from all part of the Pacific Northwest entered.

## RIESSBACK PLEADS GUILTY IN COURT

Oliver Riessback halted his trial just before his case was to go to the jury in circuit court here Friday morning by rising from his chair and changing his plea from not guilty to guilty. Riessback was being tried on a charge of assault and battery on the person of Dan Sheets, a Mill street grocer.

Nebriga, a Filipino, also changed his plea to a larceny charge. The man had constantly maintained his innocence to the charge of stealing \$350 in cash from Bernardino Deimundo, also a Filipino, but changed his plea from not guilty to guilty. Sentence will be imposed May 21.

Indictment was waived and a plea of guilty was made before Judge Kelly by Ivy Dillon who was charged with passing a forged check on the Oregon Gasoline station. It is said that Dillon is an ex-convict from Walla Walla.

## Engineer Speaks On Water Works

R. H. Corey, division engineer for the Public Works Engineering corporation with headquarters in Salem, was one of the speakers at the third annual meeting of the Pacific northwest section of the American Water Works association, which was held in Portland Thursday and Friday. Mr. Corey spoke on "Water Works Management" at the Friday afternoon session.

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## Spelling Contest Scheduled Today

The annual Marion county spelling contest will be held here today, all pupils entered to be assembled at the senior high school auditorium, North High and Marion streets, before 9 o'clock this morning. Last year around 300 pupils were entered in this event.

## COURT CONSIDERS PROHIBITION CASE

WASHINGTON, April 25.—(AP)—Prohibition occupied the attention of the supreme court today with oral arguments being presented in seven cases challenging the right of the government to elect whether it will give the owner of an automobile seized for the unlawful transportation of liquor a chance to recover it and whether it has the right to require all permits for the use of liquor to be renewed annually.

## ATTITUDE IS TOLD BY CITY OFFICIALS

PORTLAND, Ore., April 25.—(AP)—Three members of the city council, Mayor Baker, Commissioner Mann and Commissioner Pier testified in circuit court today that the city has not nor will it pay the Carey & Harlan company, rate experts, twice for the same reports on the street railway system under an ordinance which calls for the expenditure of \$18,000 for a new investigation of the street car company's surface property.

## LIBERTY CLUB WINS FIRST IN CONTEST

in setting, costume and program, and Auburn with a pantomime based on Robert W. Service's poem "The Shooting of Dan McGrew" which was recited by one of the cast who was seated in the audience.

The program opened with a talk by Howard F. Zinser, president of the Salem Heights community club. Henry R. Crawford served as master of ceremonies, and following the contest numbers, Dr. P. O. Riley of Hubbard, resident of the county federation of Community clubs delivered a talk on community spirit and cooperation.

The program here tonight was one of several district preliminaries, selecting the numbers which shall qualify for the final contest at the Fox Elsinore theatre in Salem May 16.

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## Excavation Begun on New Cell Block

Excavation for the new cell block to be erected at the Oregon state penitentiary here this year, was started Friday under the direction of Henry Myers, superintendent of the institution. It is proposed to have the structure completed and in readiness for occupancy late in the year.

The cell block will be of cement and steel construction and will accommodate approximately 340 prisoners. This will relieve materially the present congested conditions in the institution. The cost of the structure was estimated at \$87,000, of which \$50,000 was authorized at the recent meeting of the state emergency board.

The population at the prison today was approximately 900, of which number more than 200 are housed outside of the institution walls. The normal capacity of the prison is 500.

Convicts will be used in constructing the new cell block.

## Still Water Again Talked

Improvement of Willamette River Declared of Vital Importance Here

Salem will advance rapidly into the metropolitan class whenever the Willamette river is improved to afford year around navigation, it was emphasized by R. J. Hendricks in a talk at the Lions club luncheon Friday.

The local delegation in congress, especially Senator McNary because he is on the rivers and harbors committee, is taking an interest in the "still water" project for the Willamette, and it will be realized sooner or later, Mr. Hendricks declared. Already the river is listed as a continuing project and assured of an appropriation each year.

## TELEVISION

Jewell Ruth Hirsch, 19, Jersey City, has the honor of being the first child to sing over the radio television. Jewell gave her performance at Lincoln Park in Jersey City recently. She has already acquired quite a radio reputation.

Salem typing students will go to Corvallis this morning to compete in the annual state typing contest. Dorothy Moore and Gertrude Roenicke will comprise the senior team, and Edith Glatysler and Mildred Darr will contest in the beginners' division. The events will be held this morning.

Several other students and five teachers will accompany the contestants. The teachers are: Miss Muriel Wilson, Merritt Davis, Miss Margaret Burroughs, Miss Elizabeth Hoger and E. D. Rosenberg, all of the commercial department. Students who will go include Leone Davidson, Dona Harlan, Leona Casement, Maurine Carmical, Eleanor Wright, Venita LeBranch, Zelpha White and Gladys Hiltner.

Last year, Salem placed fourth in this state event, and for the two years previous to that time, second place was won each year.

## SALEM BABY IS IN NOTED CASE

Authorities Declare Portland Woman Obtained Tiny Tot Here

(Continued from Page 1.) Francisco and obtained possession of the child and took it to Portland.

Mrs. White said that Mrs. Schaefer seemed anxious to take her sister's second child, and promised to give it proper attention. Portland officials, with whom Mrs. Schaefer's clean bill of health, and told Mrs. White that she would make no mistake in placing the child in her custody. During the past 18 months Mrs. White has received numerous letters from Mrs. Schaefer in which she said the baby was doing fine.

Information Requested By Portland Authorities

The Portland officers apparently became aware of Mrs. Schaefer's connection with the Salem founding recently, for the reason that Mrs. White early Friday received a message from Martha Randall of the Portland police department, asking if Mrs. Schaefer had not adopted a baby in Salem in the year 1928. She referred specifically to the infant found on the Hicks doorstep. Mrs. Randall asked Mrs. White to send her all available information regarding the case and samples of Mrs. Schaefer's handwriting.

After receiving this letter Mrs. White received telephone call from Mrs. Schaefer in which the latter asked Mrs. White if she intended to give out any information regarding the baby found at the Hicks home.

Mrs. White replied that she would tell the truth about it, and told Mrs. Schaefer it would be best for her to go to the Portland officials to give them all information available regarding the case.

## Primo Carnera May Be Booked At Local House

Salem sport fans and theatre-goers may get a chance to see Primo Carnera in action next Wednesday evening if plans of the management of Bligh's Capitol theatre materialize, it became known Friday night.

Definite word whether or not the boxer will accept will be received today. If he decides to appear here he will be matched against two local men in an exhibition bout on the stage of the Capitol.

Carnera is booked for another bout in Portland Tuesday.

The Oregon Statesman and the Portland Telegram by carrier; 60 cents per month.

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