

# Local News Briefs

**Report Accidents**—Traffic accidents reported yesterday to police involved Mary Akers, 1337 North Winter, and Dr. M. M. Follis on Court between Commercial and Liberty; Emma Gilliam, 1925 Chemeketa, and an unidentified driver at 12th and Chemeketa; Lulu Hamphrey, 429 South 29th, and Dorothy Welsh, Gertrude, on Court between Capitol and Waverly; Dan Williams, 2112 Trade, and an unidentified driver on Ferry between Liberty and Commercial; Mrs. Katherine German, 303 North 23d, and L. D. Deary, Portland, at Capitol and Center; Eleanor L. Steed, 329 Locust, and Kenneth Hysler, 3481 South 12th, on Liberty near Court. Mello Moon, 3bc-40c.

**Takes Permit**—Karl Hinges was issued a building permit yesterday for the erection of a one story dwelling and garage at 2020 Market street to cost \$4223. Other permits issued: C. F. Patton, to reroof a two story apartment house at 423 South High, \$30; Dwight Lear, to reroof a one story building at 1598 Market, \$54; Joseph Nusbaum, to alter a one story dwelling at 1140 North Fourth, \$50; Robert and Goldie Macaulay to alter a two story dwelling at 165 West Washington, \$25; Hawkins & Roberts, to repair fire escapes of an office building at 383 North High, \$50.

**Appointment Discussed**—A group of Oregon pharmacists headed by Frank Nau, Portland, conferred with Governor Charles H. Martin Wednesday regarding the selection of a member of the state board of pharmacy to succeed M. C. Kaegi, whose term expires this month. The group presented the names of several persons to the governor. Others in the group were John Leach and John F. Allen, Portland; A. C. Perry, Salem, and George Steinhilber, Silverton. Kaegi is president of the State Pharmacists' association.

**F. O. E. rummage sale Fri.-Sat.**, 175 S. Commercial.

**Students See Instructions**—The philosophy class of Mt. Angel college came to Salem Tuesday, visiting state institutions. The group, led by Rev. Mark Schmidt, O. S. B., professor of philosophy, got first hand information on methods of caring for the inmates of institutions, and new methods introduced recently were explained to them. The state penitentiary was not included in the itinerary, because the prison's quota of visitors for the day was filled before the class arrived.

**Billy Mezet, Friday - Saturday**

**Two Allowed Trips**—Governor Charles H. Martin authorized a travel requisition of J. M. Odell, head of the state tuberculosis hospital at The Dalles, who will take a short post-graduate course in chest surgery in New York city. J. Lyman Steed, superintendent of the state department of corrections, is authorized to attend a convention of deaf school officials in New York city and visit a number of outstanding deaf institutions in the east.

**Get Marriage Licenses**—Vancouver, Wash., marriage licenses have been issued to Frank Doran, Albany, and Fern E. Palmer, Brownsville; Lloyd R. Kispangh, Morton, and Opal M. McKinney, Lebanon, and to George W. Stallings and Marie Evelyn Eilers, both of Aurora.

**Farmers Attention**—Used Dallas ground limestone, applicable under soil conservation \$3 per ton F. O. B. plant. Orders and information Hawkins and Roberts, Guardian Building.

**Booked by Police**—Floy C. Mudd, 1715 North Capitol, is charged on the police blotter with falling to observe a stop sign. Mrs. J. F. Nelson, route 5, is booked for having no driver's license.

**Girl's League Elected**—Barbara Compton has been elected president of the Girl's League at Salem high. Other officers elected are: Vice president, Maxine Holt; secretary, Carol Clark; treasurer, Elizabeth Grant.

## Obituaries

**Creed**  
Benjamin F. Creed, in this city, at the age of 66 years. Late resident of Silverton. Survived by widow, Ruby, and children August of Thurston, Irene, Gertrude and Jean Creed, all of Silverton. Funeral services Thursday, May 13 at First Christian church, Silverton, 2 p.m. under direction of T. Rigdon company.

**Elford**  
Mrs. Marguerite Elford, in this city May 11, at the age of 62 years. Survived by the widower, George C. Elford, Salem, and the following: a daughter, Mrs. Kenneth King, Salem, two sons, Jack of Salem, and Mervyn of Detroit, Ore., four sisters, Mrs. Anna Landon, Salem, Mrs. J. L. Peacock, Portland, Mrs. Sadie Hoye and Mrs. Bella Graham, both of Sastachewan, Can. Four brothers, Rev. T. H. Robertson of Ohio, R. C. Robertson of Victoria, B. C., and J. W. and Archie Robertson, both of Sastachewan. Funeral services Friday, May 14, at 2 p.m. from Cough-Barrick chapel, North Cemetery. Dr. W. J. Sippel officiating.

**Young**  
W. C. Young, aged 79 years, at the residence, 2310 Fourth street, May 12. Survived by sons, Ralph of San Francisco and Miles of Portland, and a sister, Mrs. Mable Austin of Dolgerville, N. Y. Funeral announcements later from the Cough-Barrick Co.

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## Coming Events

May 16—Meeting of Salem Christian Youth Council at Y. M. C. A., 8 p. m.

May 18—Twenty-Three club sponsors Richard Haliburton, noted world traveler and writer, in lecture at Leafe auditorium.

May 19-23—Annual convention of the Oregon-Washington conference of the Evangelical church, Salem.

May 20—Concert by Madrigal chorus, Salem Civic Male chorus soloists under direction of Prof. E. W. Hobson, American Lutheran church.

May 25—Salem Missouri club meeting, 7:30 p.m., 246 1/2 North Commercial street.

May 31-June 1—Chemawab Indian Celebration.

June 10-13—Oregon state trapshoot at Salem traps.

**Contract Awarded**—A contract covering fishing rights on Pillar Rock sands in the lower Columbia river was awarded Wednesday by the state land board to the Barbey Packing company and the Columbia River Packing company on a joint bid. The two companies offered to pay the state one cent per pound for all Chinook, Blueback and Steelhead salmon taken up until August. After that time the poundage fee was fixed at one-fourth cent per pound. The bidders agreed to pay a minimum of \$2000 in poundage fees during the 1937 season.

**Ordinance Under Fire**—Validity of a Portland ordinance providing a license structure for foreign automobiles and posting a bond of \$1000 to protect persons damaged by the negligence or unlawful act of the driver of any rented motor vehicle, was referred to the state supreme court Wednesday. The circuit court for Multnomah county held for the city in a suit brought by the Covey Drive Yourself and Garage, Inc., which asked an order restraining enforcement of the ordinance.

**FHA loans on building or remodeling**. Gabriel Powder & Supply Co., 610 N. Capitol.

**Court Refresher Comes**—Air conditioning equipment for Circuit Judge L. H. McMahan's court room here arrived yesterday and installation was begun immediately. The judge ordered the installation last March. He said the necessity of opening windows for fresh air had caused him and numerous jurors to catch cold. In addition the air became fouled easily because of the low courtroom ceiling and lack of regulated ventilation, he explained.

**Start School Audit**—Auditing of Salem school district affairs for the two-year period, 1935-36 and 1936-37, will be undertaken within a short time. S. W. Starr, head of the state auditing department, reported yesterday. The second year of the period to be covered in the audit does not end until June 21. The audit was requested by the school board recently following a series of meetings at which the matter was heatedly advocated and objected to.

**Cash paid for State Savings & Loan Stock**, 309 U. S. Bank Building, Salem, Oregon.

**Check Traffic Here**—Two state highway department workers were stationed at the Court and Liberty street intersection yesterday to make a test recount of automobile traffic. The recount was one of several to be made from time to time to check up on the full week's survey made last fall. John Beakley, department traffic engineer, said an attempt was being made to obtain accurate picture of year-round traffic conditions.

**Lutz florist**, 1276 N. Lib. Ph 9592.

**Work on City Audit**—Representatives from the state auditing department have begun their inspection of city of Salem financial records but are uncertain when they will be able to complete the audit, ordered by the city council, according to S. W. Starr, head of the department. City bookkeeping ran behind city business last year while Deputy Recorder Alford Munkle was serving as acting city treasurer during the illness of C. O. Rice.

**To Address Seniors**—Prof. William C. Jones of Willamette university will address the graduating seniors of the senior and junior high schools of Grants Pass today. He will talk on "When is a Man Educated?" to members of the Junior high school class and "Cracked Americanism" before the senior high graduates.

**For Sale**—Large bundles old papers, 16c. Statesman Pub. Co., 215 S. Commercial street.

**Civil Service Exams Set**—Applications for civil service positions are being received at the post-office for the following: examiner for estate tax (internal revenue), \$3200; special instructor Indian arts and crafts, \$3200; production advisor, Indian arts and crafts, \$2600; endocrinologist, bureau dairy industry, \$3800.

## Births

**Croschaw**—To Mr. and Mrs. David Emmett Croschaw, 1560 Bellevue, a daughter, Gloria May, born May 1 at the Deaconess hospital.

**Anderson**—To Mr. and Mrs. George Harold Anderson, 1908 Broadway, a son, James Stephen, born May 4 at the Deaconess hospital.

**Lindauer**—To Mr. and Mrs. Herman Carl Lindauer, route 2, a son, Melvin Lindauer, born May 8 at the Deaconess hospital.

**Bernard**—To Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Bernard, route 4, a son, Roger Allan, born May 12 at home.

**Coffey Undecided**—G. A. Coffey, noted insurance man to be mentioned as a possible candidate for the school board position of Chairman Frank Leer, who will not seek reelection June 21, has not yet made up his mind whether or not to accede to requests of certain groups that he enter the race, he said yesterday. The other, Otto Hoppen, is the only person who has definitely announced his candidacy. Names of Francis E. Manley, Valley Motor company service man, and O. D. "Frosty" Olson florist also have been heard in connection with the election. Olson, however, believes he is inflexible because of residence outside the district.

**Chittim Theft Trouble**—The lure of pocket money to be earned from cutting chittim bark is causing county juvenile authorities more trouble than any other matter at this season; according to Mrs. Nona White, county probation officer. Two boys were in juvenile court yesterday for theft of bark. A number of local men have been obtaining permits to cut the bark on federal forest lands and have reported making good profits under the present favorable market price.

**Hodest Control Planned**—The county court yesterday approved formally its acting as sponsor of a WPA county rodent control program for this season; a unit of which will be conducted between the Abiqua and Butte creeks. The project, which may be expanded to cover the entire county, will cost the court nothing.

**Exhibits Sent Walker**—Circuit Court Clerk Harlan Judd yesterday shipped a large box of exhibits to Judge Arlie G. Walker at McMinnville to assist him in deciding the case of Woodburn Fruit Growers association against Ray Maling, Inc. Last of the exhibits contemplated following close of the trial has been submitted by the plaintiff.

**Rev. Wood to Speak**—Rev. Lynn A. Wood, pastor of Jason Ray Methodist church, will speak at "International Good Will" at the Friday noon luncheon meeting of the Salem Credit association at the Argo hotel. The speech is timely in view of the designation of May 18 as a day devoted throughout the world to international good will.

**Law Not Retroactive**—Estate of decedent who will have died prior to June 7, this year, will not be affected by the act of the last legislature regarding the distribution and settlement of such estates, Attorney General Van Winkle held Wednesday. The state land board asked the attorney general if the 1937 act was retroactive.

**Mothers to Attend Assembly**—The Parents club of the Salem high school band, which has sponsored the organization of the organization's new uniforms, will be present at the 12:50 p. m. band assembly at the school auditorium today. A club meeting will follow the assembly concert.

**Report Mishap**—Minor accidents reported to the sheriff's office yesterday involved C. F. Fish, 1245 North 21st street, Salem, and Anna B. Julian, Lyons, in Myrtlewood, Oregon; Oregon City, and A. L. Holdings, Hubbard, on the Pacific highway between Woodburn and Hubbard.

**Durban Better**—Frank W. Durbin, veteran hop grower and dealer, is reported making satisfactory recovery from a sudden illness suffered last week. However his physician has ordered him to remain in bed for a month or more. He is directing work on his hop farms from his home.

**Officers Named**—The Home Economics club of Salem high school chosen Dorothy Englehart as president. Other officers elected: Vice-president, Lois Wilson; secretary, Jeanne Peffer; librarian, Winnie Ogura; reporter, Mary Alice Cottew; treasurer, Verie McKinney.

**Play Day Delayed**—The county grade school "play day" was postponed a third time yesterday because of the muddy condition of the Leslie field. Wayne G. Harding, county club leader, said he hoped the program could be held today.

**Jackson, Lions Speaker**—Paul T. Jackson, superintendent of the Salem Indian school at Chemawa, will speak at a noon meeting of the Lions club, at the Quella, and present several of his students in native dances.

**Fraternals to Meet**—The Fraternals club will meet at the Golden Pheasant at 6:45 o'clock tonight for its weekly dinner meeting. Special entertainment features are being arranged for.

**W. W. Hill Returns**—William W. Hill was able to return yesterday afternoon to his work as janitor at the county courthouse. He suffered an attack of influenza a week ago and was confined to his home until yesterday.

**Extradition Allowed**—Governor Charles H. Martin yesterday authorized the extradition of Johnny Bostic, alias William Bistwick, who was wanted at Boise, Idaho, for highway robbery. He is under arrest at Pendleton.

**Gets Haaling Permit**—Arch Kimesy obtained a county court permit yesterday to haul logs over a section of the Mill City-Elkhorn road.

**Pass Engineer Exams**  
PORTLAND, May 12—(AP)—C. H. Darby and D. McChambers, both of Salem, were among 13 applicants passing recent board examinations for certificates to practice professional engineering in Oregon.

**Buy More Farm Land**  
AMITY, May 12—Earl L. Massey of this city has bought 140 acres near his farm southwest of Amity, thus making him the owner of over 400 acres of splendid farm land.

# Stockholders Would Settle

## Flaxland Group Proposes Compromise on Debt to Stayton Bank

Former stockholders of the Flaxland Development company have made a compromise offer of settlement of a \$750 judgment won by the state banking department as liquidator of the Bank of Stayton, according to a petition filed in circuit court yesterday for authority to accept the terms. The offer is one of \$500 in lieu of the \$750.

Attachment of equipment of the Salem Diesel Converter company to West Salem was dismissed yesterday by Judge L. H. McMahan on motion of the plaintiff in the action, J. E. Haseltine and company.

**Circuit Court**—Albert Barth vs. Otto Hassing; transcript of Mt. Angel justice court judgment for \$88.35.

Lena I. Dawson vs. Emory Fortune et al; answer of defendant Amcol Mining company.

**Home Owners Loan Corporation** vs. Frances McIntyre, Robin and Eva I. Reed and Marion Diamond; foreclosure on Salem real property under mortgage and obtain \$2,096.47 judgment.

**Susan Shepherd vs. Carra Dunaway**; defense answer to amended complaint.

Angie Carl and F. G. Bowersox vs. Frank E. and Edythe Cary; order confirming sale of real property.

**N. J. Swain vs. Oregon Motor Stages**; plaintiff's motion for change of judge, accompanied by affidavit of W. C. Winslow, plaintiff's attorney, alleging Judge L. H. McMahan to be prejudiced against him.

**Kate D. Griffith and Lizzie A. Kraus vs. Celia Sterling et al**; order appointing John F. Steinhilber as guardian of the person of Kenneth and Dorothy Holloway; guardian's answer admitting allegations.

**Myrtle Sullivan guardianship**; second annual report of Ladd & Bush Trust company, guardian, showing \$93.12 received and \$7.73 paid out.

Lena Gobely estate; appraisal, \$2525, all in postal savings, by W. E. Park, Bessie M. Eilofson and Ruby W. Emery.

**Mary Ellen Finney estate**; order for hearing June 15 on account of Emma Arndt, administratrix, showing \$6289.66 received and \$2584.30 paid out.

J. T. Whittig estate; order discharging Grace H. Whittig as administratrix.

**Kate J. Bodensiek guardianship**; order for hearing May 24 on petition of Agnes M. Dugan for appointment of John Methoff as guardian; estate estimated worth \$1250.

**Anna May Derthick estate**; appraisal, \$400, by G. W. Brand, Vivian Derthick and Irene Derthick.

**Ether C. Plank estate**; order approving semi-annual account of Ladd & Bush Trust company, administrator, showing \$301.87 received and \$57.40 paid out.

**George P. Powers estate**; inheritance tax, showing \$19,000 of \$7.11 each on four bequests of \$1741.27 each made to Mrs. Florence Baker, Mrs. Bertha Compton, Mrs. Myrtle Williams and Philander Powers.

## Many Friends at Moore's Funeral

The Rev. Grover C. Birchett conducted the funeral service yesterday afternoon for the late W. W. Moore, retired Salem business man who died Monday. The services were attended by a large company of friends and business men long acquainted with Mr. Moore. W. H. Wright sang two numbers.

Active pallbearers were Henry Compton, Harry Love, E. A. Brown, Lee Unruh, Brown E. Sisson, Harry Worth. Honorary pallbearers were Harry Miller, Sidney B. Elliot, D. B. Jarman, J. W. Lewis, Arthur Smither, U. G. Shipley. Services were held at Cough-Barrick chapel, and interment was at Belcrest memorial park.

## Man Accused of Perjury Suicide

YAKIMA, Wash., May 12—(AP)—Otto Goemmer, 50, of Seattle, died late this afternoon of a bullet wound in the temple inflicted, officers said, when he shot himself as he entered the jail yard where he was being taken for questioning by deputy sheriffs.

About the time of the shooting, a warrant for Goemmer's arrest on a perjury charge was filed in superior court. The charge grew out of the administration of the estate of his mother, Mrs. Charles Goemmer. He was removed as executor of the estate in a probate hearing today on petition of his brother, R. R. Goemmer of Yakima.

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# Sage of Salem Speculates

## THE YELLOW STRIPES

There is something about the pavement stripes—Bright paintings of yellow on the streets—Remindful of men in a common cause, Running straight courses, who never meet.

Approve the stripes or not, as we please, Not far do we look before we find They help the man, with a second to spare, Who needs an hour to make up his mind.

I am forced to the conclusion, by sundry observations, that individuals who possess the quality known as "presence of mind" are not noticeably numerous in time of emergency. I have never forgotten the Iowa man, whose oft-repeated motto was "keep your shirt on." The roof of his dwelling took fire from a burning fuse, and he rapidly climbed to the roof carrying one end of the cow rope and calling to his wife to attach the other end to the hydrant. And there was Pluto Gimm, who owned one of the first automobiles brought to this region. Fire started in to describe one or more of the individual acts on the bill. But I begged them to desist and tell me what the applause distinctly noticeable and was the theatre filled with folks, and they said it was. So I reckon vandoville is still alive in Salem and is gradually gaining strength. And that isn't a bad review in itself.

The second showing of the Will Rogers "David Harum" film (or was it the third?) drew a host of customers to the Grand theatre Saturday night. This was the late Otto Schmidt's favorite of all the Rogers films. Personally, I am undecided as between "David Harum" and "State Fair." The kindly spirit and the natural humor of Will Rogers will carry on through the films for years, and it's some what wonderful when one thinks of it isn't it?

The Al G. Barnes-Sells-Floto circus is dated for Salem May 22. Everybody knows this, and the statement is superfluous, but there is something in such a statement that is helpful to ordinary conversation. Like the twin who made talk on a wet day in the play. Said one, holding a hand under the drip of his umbrella, "It's raining." Said the other, catching a handful of drip on his side, "So 'tis." And they smiled as cordially as if they had said something worth saying.

It was brave, indeed, To struggle 'gainst adversity, Handicapped by such a seed. But, altho' some do not like them, They have a place, I ween, In the scheme of Mother Nature, Watching, ever keen, Over the useful garter-anake.

Well, it is pretty difficult at times to tell just what a radish is thinking about.

This is the season of the year when middle west newspapers are spotted with little letters about roses and fruit blossoms from southern California. And middle west readers sigh and tell themselves, well, next year, perhaps. The Exception is a letter from Oregon. Yet there are few of the envy-producing statements about California that are not true of western Oregon, and folks who have gone down there to find a heaven on earth have returned to state that California has few things of which brag about that Oregon hasn't, and a heap more features of an undesirable sort than Oregon possesses. "Say," beamed the dweller at Long Beach to an Oregon acquaintance (it is expected that the Long Beach gentleman had in view a swap of California property), "you should have been here during the earthquake. You'd have loved it!"

It is indeed encouraging to note that to date we have had only six refusals from the total number of prospects called upon.

## Trailer Runaway Proves Damaging

A runaway trailer, broken loose from a car driven by Ross Callahan of Klamath Falls, crashed into the side of the Ira Ferguson machine shop at High and Ferry streets, went part way through an open door and smashed a partition between the shop and the front office.

Callahan had bought the trailer in Portland and was taking it empty to Klamath Falls. He was just opposite the Jorgenson shop on Ferry street when the trailer broke loose and went in its brief but independent and destructive career.

Replying to a query: The fly which has at intervals been mentioned in this column during the past several seasons, or one of its progeny, is a close family resemblance, is still here. But he is a very dejected fly. He sits staring sadly from the window with all his eyes and uttering a grating little noise, which normally, suppose, would be a hissing sound. He is so dejected that he suggests profanity. I judge from the listless manner in which he rubs his hind legs together that the springtime thus far has not turned out at all as he had planned. It frequently happens so with flies—and humans, it is hoped.

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# Sigma Xi Chapter Installed, O. S. C.

## Several From Salem Are Members; Durand Tells Conservation Needs

CORVALLIS, May 12—(AP)—Power is the basis of modern civilization and the present generation has an obligation to those yet unborn to conserve the resources necessary to future progress. W. F. Durand of Stanford university told an all-college convocation at Oregon State college today.

Durand, national president of Sigma Xi, national scientific honorary fraternity, presided this afternoon at the installation of the Oregon state chapter which, he said, gives added prestige to the State college in the field of scientific research.

The speaker characterized developments such as Bonneville dam as "drawing on yearly income," as contrasted to the use of coal, oil, and natural gas which is "living off the principal."

Only aroused public sentiment, he said, can effectively eliminate preventable waste now characterized by limited supplies of gas and fuel oil, adding that the problem is not now generally considered critical, as compared to political, social and economic readjustments.

Officers of the new chapter, all members of the college staff, are F. O. McMillan, president; Don C. Mote, vice-president; W. E. Lawrence, secretary and D. E. Bullis, treasurer.

New members added to the chapter roll included: Active membership, faculty O.S.C.: Miles B. Hatch, M. R. Lewis, D. O. Rogers, B. P. Ruffner. Advanced from associate to active membership: Fred Merrifield and E. E. Christensen, faculty members, and William A. Mosher, Corvallis, graduate student.

Fraternal members, from faculties of neighboring institutions: Daniel Freeman, professor biology, Albany college. Associateship—Graduate students: Vernon C. Bushnell, Paul Gerson Carpenter, Salem; M. Carlton Noel, Corvallis; Charles M. Lord, Anne King Stout, Corvallis; F. W. Johnston, Milwaukie.

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# Saving of Salmon Is Finley's Topic

## Development of Streams Is Warned Against at Rotary Luncheon

The Oregon City-West Linn Rotary club, baby club of the district, came to Salem in force Wednesday and put on the program for the Salem club. The high school quartet, directed by W. W. Nusbaum, scored big with some vocal numbers. Then Arthur S. Trelawny, president of the visiting club, introduced William L. Finley, famous naturalist, who talked on the salmon resources of the Columbia.

Describing the rush for private development of land for agricultural purposes, Finley told how lower Klamath lake, once home of wild fowl, had been drained and was now a vast alkaline desert. Through the tier of northern states, lakes and swamps had been drained, so the water table of the surrounding country had been lowered and now the government is spending large sums to fight the encroaching deserts.

"While rivers are for the use of man," said Finley, "it is always a question when one destroys the river for other purposes. The Columbia river is the greatest salmon stream in the world, producing \$1,000,000 worth of salmon annually, but it is threatened by the dams which are building and planned. No provision at all is being made at Coulee dam, and that will cut off all the upper river as spawning grounds. You cannot maintain the fish supply entirely by artificial propagation."

"Other ways stream life is destroyed are by falling to screen the irrigation ditches so young fish flow out on the lands and die, and by making a stream means for carrying sewage which destroys the insect life on which fish feed."

Finley quoted figures and reports showing that river navigation is costly to the taxpayers so the government could better afford to subsidize the carrying carriers than improve streams. He pleaded for conservation policies for the best use of natural resources and for preservation of the Willamette as the last big spawning ground of the Columbia river salmon.

# Martin to Ignore Sweetland Query

## Mail Controversy Is What Federation Man Seeks, Governor Asserts

Governor Charles H. Martin will not answer the letter of Monroe Sweetland, executive secretary of the Oregon commonwealth federation, charging that the governor was in high office as a political bludgeon.

Sweetland's letter was written to Governor Martin following publication of parts of a letter sent to Charles A. Rice, superintendent of the Portland schools, complaining that Miss Ruth Stone, Franklin high school teacher, had attended meetings of the commonwealth federation and was active in the organization.

A somewhat similar letter was said to have been sent to Chancellor Hunter of the higher educational system alleging that S. Stephenson Smith, professor at the University of Oregon, was one of the federation members.

The letters