

Speakers Will Compete Here

Over 100 to Participate in State Contests at Willamette Today

Over a hundred high school students and coaches will arrive on the Willamette university campus this morning to participate in the fourth annual high school contests in extempore speaking, serious and humorous interpretations and original oratory which open this afternoon and continue through Saturday.

Schools entering number 23 to date with Beaverton, Newberg and Chiloquin being the latest entrants. It is expected Astoria and Falls City will also enter. There will be 27 coaches and 90 students on the campus for the contests. This is the largest turnout for the contests and more interest is being shown this year.

Judges for the contests will be coaches of the various schools who will judge all but their own contestants. There will be four school trophies awarded and are kept by a school when it has won twice. Individual trophies will be given to first place awards and medals to second place winners in each contest.

WU Grads Coach

There are five Willamette university graduates who will be here for the tournament as debate coaches of their respective schools. Miss Marjorie Thorne, a graduate of 1937 and prominent in debate, is now on the Taft high school faculty. Other graduates who will be here are Robert Kutch, Dallas; Miss Louise Fletcher, Mill City; Dorsey Dent, Gresham; Walter Lee, Parkrose.

The preliminary contests will be held in Eaton hall and the finals in Waller Hall. The program for the two-day tournament is as follows:

Friday—3:30: Register in Eaton hall; 4:00, Round 1: Interpretation contests and draw for extempore speaking; 5:00, Round 2: extempore speaking, Round 3: oratory; 7:15, Round 2: Interpretations and draw for extempore speaking; 8:15, Round 2, extempore speaking; Round 2: oratory.

Saturday—9:00, Round 3: Interpretations and draw for extempore speaking; 10:00, Round 3: extempore speaking, Round 3: oratory; 1:15, Serious Interpretations and draw for extempore; 1:45, Oratory; 2:15, Extempore speaking; 2:50, Humorous Interpretations.

The schools that will be represented and their coaches are Corvallis, Alice Ingalls; St. Helens, Mianie Heesman; Colton, Mary Elizabeth Collier; Canby, Jane Wilson; Oregon City, Kathryn Sartain; Independence, Paul Robinson; Eugene, Janice Jones; West Linn, C. O. Main; Beaverton, E. G. Webb; Newberg, Marian Hendrick; Chiloquin, Robert Tugman; Sheridan, Allison Fry; Estacada, J. S. Foster; Forest Grove, Gilbert Erlanson; Dallas, R. M. Murphy; Hazel Henry, Robert Kutch, Donald Gobbett, Esther Greenwell; Gresham, Dorsey Dent; Amity, Olive Sawtelle; Franklin, Hazel Kenyon; Seapoope, William L. McQueen; Mill City, Louise Fletcher; Parkrose, Walter Lee; Salem, Norborne Berkley; Taft, Marjorie Thorne.

Hitler Pauses at Grave of Parents in Austria



Unattended by his usual military escort, Conqueror Adolph Hitler is pictured as he stood, bareheaded before the grave of his parents in a tiny village churchyard at Braunau, northern Austria. For a brief instant Hitler had solitude among the headstones of the cemetery. Many of the names of those he knew in his childhood were recalled by him as he glanced at the tombstones.—IIN photo.

highway where it was limited to one-way travel last night. W. E. Chandler, state highway engineer, estimated the snow's depth at 12 1/2 feet on the summit.

Willamette valley roads emerged from flood waters. A temporary bridge on the Pacific highway near Gold Hill was completed.

Lisser Warns of Gland Medicines

A warning to beware of commercialized glandular medicines was issued by Dr. Hans Lisser, clinical professor of medicine, University of California, at a meeting of Willamette valley doctors at the chamber of commerce last night. Persons believing themselves in need of glandular treatment should consult men in the medical profession who specialize in this field, he advised.

Dr. Lisser conducted a clinic for the doctors at Salem General hospital yesterday afternoon and last night addressed a group of more than 75 medical men on latest findings from the study of endocrinology, the science of such glands as the thyroid, thymus and pituitary.

A clinical presentation by a specialist in the field of the study of nephritis, or Bright's disease, is being arranged for the same group here in May under sponsorship of the Marion-Polk-Yamhill Medical society.

Mail Bag Kicking Has Poor Results

WASHINGTON, March 24.—(AP)—Kicking mail bags is no way of estimating the nation's revenues, Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau ruefully admitted today. He ordered his collectors to abandon the practice.

On March 15, letters containing income tax payments poured into collectors' offices too fast to tabulate. So the collectors counted the mail bags, prodded them a bit with their feet to get the feel of the weight, and dashed off an estimate that collections were 18 per cent ahead of a year ago.

By March 21, the collectors had counted the payments and found the increase was only 5.1 per cent.

After the March 15 estimate, Morgenthau told reporters he was pleased. Today he said he was "disappointed."

Credit Stimulus Search Launched

WASHINGTON, March 24.—(AP)—Federal finance officials, acting under President Roosevelt's orders, are searching for some means of pumping a credit stimulus into the veins of lagging businesses.

Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau disclosed today the president had set up a committee to make the study. Morgenthau is chairman of the committee.

James Roosevelt, son and secretary of the president, attended the committee's first meeting last night.

The finance officials determined to analyze hundreds of letters and other proposals in the hope of finding one or more methods of putting into the hands of business new money to hire more workers and throw off the paralysis of recession.

Roads Are Opened As Storm Abates

PORTLAND, Ore., March 24.—(AP)—Traffic moved over all major routes in Oregon today as rain and snow which ushered spring's official entry abated over the state.

A pilot car guided motorists through 16 inches of water on the coast highway near Coquille. A detour around a slide at Port Orford was open to all traffic except heavy trucks.

Traffic moved between high walls of snow over Sun mountain pass on the The Dalles-California

Charged with Writing Threat to FDR

Just what constitutes a threat will be tested in New York March 30, when Lester D. O'Dell, 35, goes to trial on charges of writing threatening letters to President and Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt and other public figures. O'Dell recently gained national publicity when he sent \$1 to the United States treasury, earmarked as a "payment on account to help posterity foot the debts of the new deal." Both O'Dell and his wife cheerfully admitted that letters had been written to the president. They denied, however, that the letters contained threats or in any way were improper.—IIN photo.

Britain Would Fight, Warned

Chamberlain Neglects to Pledge Armed Aid to Czechoslovakia

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for a conference of non-aggressive powers to resist aggressors.

2. Urged that the league of nations be nursed "back to health" and be made into a "front of overwhelming power."

3. Reaffirmed the government's view that nonintervention still was the best policy in Spain.

4. Reiterated that quickening rearmament, especially for the royal air force, and air raid precautions were essential.

"Rearmament work," he declared, "must have first priority in the nation's efforts."

Purely European in scope, the declaration avoided mention of the Orient.

Chamberlain declared that Britain's friendship talks with Italy were "full of encouragement to those who regard appeasement in Europe as an objective to which the efforts of all men of good will should be directed."

He said Italy had pledged her willingness "loyally to assist" in carrying out the British plan for withdrawal of foreign volunteers from Spain's civil war and reiterated her declaration she had no territorial or economic aims in Spain or the Balearic islands.

The prime minister declared Britain "would fight" to uphold existing treaties, notably those for aid to France and Belgium if there should be unprovoked aggression, and for her "vital interests."

But he refused to make military promises regarding "areas where our vital interests are not concerned in the same degree as they are in the case of France and Belgium."

He offered Britain's help to Germany and Czechoslovakia, with her 3,500,000 Germans, in making peace on the issues of minorities and other problems.

Spark Plugs Can't get Damp



Burnell Coy of West Springfield finds a bicycle the most satisfactory means of transportation through high water on a Lane county road as heavy rains flood many highways in western Oregon.—AP photo.

Sawmill Workers Decline CIO Bolt

PORTLAND, March 25.—(AP)—Employees of the West Oregon Sawmill walked out of an AFL labor temple meeting last night in what spokesmen said was refusal to consider bolting the CIO and re-affiliating with the AFL.

West Oregon men requested the meeting earlier in the week. William Wedel, AFL lumber union official, and marched down in a body last night to attend.

Wedel asserted the action was "engineered by CIO officials for propaganda purposes," but added he thought the group would re-ship singly.

"It is evident," he said, "that CIO strategists were afraid the men were susceptible to joining the AFL and herded them out of the labor temple immediately after arriving."

The West Oregon mill, which declared it would not operate under an AFL boycott, shut down last Monday.

Chinese Defense Held Successful

SHANGHAI, March 25.—(Friday)—(AP)—Chinese asserted today they had forced back a Japanese outpost from the north bank of the Yellow river, on the northwestern side of the vital central front.

Taking advantage of Japanese troop withdrawals to aid the stalemated Suchow offensive, the Chinese said, two regiments crossed the river and ousted a Japanese garrison seven miles west of Menghsien. They said 400 Japanese were killed.

Menghsien, which the Chinese said was being attacked, is on the north bank of the Yellow river west of Chengchow, where the East-West Lungan and North-South Peiping-Hankow railroads cross. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek has been reported personally commanding Chinese forces in that sector.

Japanese reported 1,000 Chinese were killed in Japanese mopping-up operations in the Lake Tai area, west and south of Shanghai.

Employers Share Guilt Says Hosch

ASTORIA, Ore., March 24.—(AP)—Dr. J. F. Hosch, Bend, candidate for the democratic nomination as governor, said in an interview today he believed employers had as much to do with labor terrorism as employees.

Commenting on a statement he said Governor Charles H. Martin made recently that employers were tied up with violence in labor disorders, Hosch asserted, "why not get at them as well as goons?"

Martin could have well got at these things sooner instead of waiting on public opinion.

"Labor violence started two years ago," he added.

Hosch, who said all violence originated in one of 150 labor groups, declared the 149 others should not be condemned. He added he believed many labor terrorists were planted by employers.

When asked if he favored incorporation of labor groups, Hosch said it would be "possible on the English plan, but not on the American, which would be too stringent."

Infant Daughter Of Burton Dies

Anna Jeanne Burton, infant daughter of Raymond E. Burton, died of pneumonia at an Ellensburg hospital March 22 at the age of two years, according to word received here yesterday. She was born in Salem on May 9, 1935.

Survivors include the father, grandmother, Mrs. Hettie Krickensbaum of Ealem, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Burton of Albany.

Longshoremen at LA Resume Work

SAN PEDRO, Calif., March 24.—(AP)—Los Angeles harbor, paralyzed since March 14, was re-opened today as longshoremen went back to work.

The workers voted to accept a temporary truce, and return to their jobs pending the outcome of federal arbitration of their dispute with the Waterfront Employers' association.

Loading and unloading operations began on 29 ships, requiring the activities of nearly 3,000 longshoremen.

Under provisions of the truce, accepted yesterday by employers, "lifeboards," used for transferring cargo from freight cars to ships in loading, will be employed only on the Matson line docks during arbitration.

Control Board's Action not Valid

The state board of control has no authority to employ or pay an assistant state parole officer, according to a ruling by the Oregon supreme court today.

The board had appointed one as an assistant state parole officer, but the court ruled that the board's action was not valid because it exceeded its authority.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE REAL PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an execution and order of sale issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Marion County this 24th day of February, 1938, upon and pursuant to a decree duly given and made by said court on the 8th day of February, 1938, in and to the pending therein in which THE FEDERAL LAND BANK OF SPOKANE, a corporation, was plaintiff, and LEWIS H. MARTIN, also known as L. H. Martin, and DEETTA MARTIN, husband and wife, said defendants, were defendants, which execution and order of sale was to me directed and commanded me to sell the real property hereinafter described to satisfy said liens and charges in said decree specified, I will on Saturday, the 26th day of March, 1938, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m. at the west door of the County courthouse at Salem, Marion County, Oregon, offer for sale and sell at public auction for cash, subject to redemption as provided by law, all of the right, title and interest of the defendants in said suit, and of all parties claiming by, through or under them, or their heirs, since the 4th day of March, 1925, in or to the following described real property situated in the County of Marion, State of Oregon, to-wit:

Beginning at the Northeast Corner of the John Albright Donation Land Claim in Township Six, South of Range Two, West of the Willamette Meridian, running thence North 77° 45' West along the North boundary line of said claim, 74.45 chains to the most Northerly Northwest Corner of said claim, thence South 13.76 chains, thence South 77° 45' East 74.45 chains to the East boundary line of said claim; thence North 0° 45' East along the East boundary line of said claim 13.72 chains to the place of beginning and containing 100 acres of land, more or less, and being a part of the said John Albright Donation Land Claim No. 62 in Township Six, South of Range Two, West of the Willamette Meridian.

Subject to the rights acquired by deed recorded in Book 97 of Deeds, page 70, records of Marion County, Oregon, to which reference is hereby made.

Together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments, and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining.

Dated this 24th day of February, 1938.

A. C. BURK, Sheriff of Marion County, Ore.

By KENNETH L. RANDALL, Deputy—Feb. 25, Mar. 4, 11, 18, 25, 1938.

Christian Council Forms at Roberts

Community Church Work Expected to Benefit by new Planning

A new organization took root in Roberts last week when the church group organized into the "Christian Workers of Roberts." The organization is to take the place of the formal organized church. It is composed of the Sunday school and the church of the Roberts community. The organization is headed by a chairman aided by the pastor.

The reason for organizing the religious body in such manner was to promote the Christian influence and work in the community to a more efficient degree.

The first meeting of the executive committee of the new organization was held at the home of Mrs. Nobel on Wednesday night. Plans were made for rearranging the Sunday school and for the Easter program. Those in attendance and on the head committee are: Mrs. Johnston, Mrs. Klopp, Mrs. Bruce, Mrs. Newton, chairman, Twild Selmer, Ruth Gilbert, Rosan Goodrich and Lawrence Guderian.

Jetty Funds not Likely This Year

WASHINGTON, March 24.—(AP)—Army engineers said today it was "very doubtful" if funds would be available this year to start construction on the Yaquina bay jetty extension project, authorized by congress at an estimated cost of \$530,000.

One of the engineers explained that the bureau estimated it could spend approximately \$100,000.00 on projects throughout the country but expected an appropriation of only one-third that amount.

He said available funds must be apportioned on a basis of the needs of general commerce.

Invaders Are Met By Shotgun Squad

OREGON CITY, Ore., March 23.—(AP)—Two burglars who broke into a Mulino store early today emerged to find a reception committee of shotgun-armed residents and state police waiting.

Sergeant E. C. Snow said.

The store owner, C. Erickson, Snow said, had a burglar alarm connected with his house and called out neighbors when it rang. They surrounded the store and waited for Douglas Peck and Harold Manning, ex-convicts, were arrested on charges of burglary not in a dwelling. Bond was set at \$3000 each.

PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY
ELECTRIC BUILDING
PORTLAND, OREGON
March 23, 1938

To the Voters of the Proposed Northwest Oregon Bonneville People's Utility District:

THE POSITION OF PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT ON DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRIC POWER

Some of the sponsors of the public utility district have declared and are still claiming that President Roosevelt favors the formation of public utility districts and the establishment of public ownership of the distribution of electric power. On September 21, 1932, at Portland, Oregon, Mr. Roosevelt declared his position on this important matter in a speech which was reported in full in the Portland newspapers, from one of which, the Oregon Journal, we quote the words of Mr. Roosevelt as follows:

"I do not hold with those who advocate government ownership or government operation of all utilities. I state to you categorically that as a broad general rule the development of utilities should remain, with certain exceptions, a function for private initiative and private capital."

In the same speech having special reference to situations such as Bonneville Mr. Roosevelt said:

"State owned or federal owned power sites can and should properly be developed by government itself. When so developed, private capital should be given the first opportunity to transmit and distribute the power on the basis of the best service and the lowest rates to give a reasonable profit only."

There is no record of which we have knowledge that President Roosevelt has ever repudiated or changed the policy he then advocated.

Savings resulting from low cost electric energy generated as a by-product of Federal navigation projects can and will, as soon as available to us, be passed on to the consumers without destroying investment or losing tax revenues, thereby further reducing the low rates in this area which Mr. Roosevelt commended in his Portland speech.

A "NO" vote at the special election on April 8 would not only be in accord with the policy approved by President Roosevelt, but would also be in your own best interest.

Very truly yours,
Franklin T. Griffith
FRANKLIN T. GRIFFITH
President.