

Collection Agency Warning Is Issued

Out-of-State Operators Cannot Be Sued Here Says C. H. Murphy

Operations of non-resident collection agencies are causing Claude H. Murphy, state real estate commissioner, considerable worry, he declared in a statement issued here yesterday.

Most of these agencies operate by mail or through fly-by-night solicitors, Murphy said. Their solicitations are centered largely on merchants, physicians, dentists, hospitals and undertakers, although other business men were reported to have been victimized in many instances.

Murphy said few complaints had been received by the state real estate commissioner relative to the operations of licensed Oregon collection agencies since enactment of the 1933 legislative act placing these agencies under the state real estate department.

License Required

The statute provides that all collection agencies operating in Oregon shall pay an annual license fee and post a bond of \$3,000 to insure proper accounting for all moneys collected for their clients.

Murphy declared that out-of-state collection agencies soliciting business in Oregon through mail order channels could not be reached in the local courts.

"These collection concerns make the most generous promises as to what they can do," Murphy said, "but after once obtaining accounts the client is ignored and is unable to regain possession of the accounts turned over to these collectors."

Murphy said Oregon business men could protect themselves by first ascertaining whether the collection agency is licensed to operate under the Oregon law.

Born 131 Years ago, Lincoln Still Favorite for Drama Roles



Abraham Lincoln, whose birthday we observe today, still remains the greatest historical figure in American history. On stage and screen, Lincoln is being kept alive year after year. Many have played Lincoln, the latest being Raymond Massey, the celebrated English actor. Others who have kept the "Great Emancipator" before American audiences are pictured. Lincoln was born Feb. 12, 1809.

EDITORS: Preparedness for Lincoln's Birthday, Feb. 12.

Lincoln Inaugural Picture Received

Salem Couple Have One of Only Three Copies of old Photograph

Arthur O. Hunt, Salem merchant, yesterday disclosed he had just received one of three extant reproductions of what is held to be the only photograph in existence portraying the inauguration of Abraham Lincoln for his first term as president of the United States.

The print, showing the silk-hatted crowds, the inaugural stands and the White House, with scaffolds erected for construction of a new dome rearing toward the sky, was given to Mrs. Hunt last month while she was in the central states to attend the golden wedding anniversary of her parents in Duluth, Minn. The donor was a relative, Norman Spindler, who has copyrighted his original photograph of the inaugural and the three prints made from it.

Until the Spindler photo was produced, a photograph in the Lincoln museum was believed to be that of the first inauguration scene. It has now been proven that the Spindler photo is of the first inaugural and the other of the second, Hunt said.

Mrs. Hunt left Chicago yesterday for San Francisco and Salem.

In Queen Race



Helen Cross, Salem high school student, who is competing for queen of the winter sports carnival on Mt. Hood February 22-25.

Rate Conference Set for Tuesday

A conference between the Portland Apartment House Owners association and representatives of the Portland General Electric company and Northwestern Electric company, to discuss a lower rate schedule, will be held in Portland Tuesday afternoon, Utilities Commissioner Ormond R. Bean announced Saturday.

Apartment house owners appeared before Commissioner Bean two weeks ago and demanded a lower electric rate. Bean said some of the apartment house owners threatened to defer payment of their current bills unless a lower rate was approved.

"I am satisfied that a satisfactory agreement will be reached at Tuesday's conference," Bean said.

The meeting will be held at 4 p.m. in Commissioner Bean's Portland office.

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Mayor Will Speak On Civic Affairs

SILVERTON — Mayor Zetta Schlador will talk on "Civic Affairs" at the Monday night meeting of the Junior Woman's club meeting at the R. F. Larson home, Miss Juanita Weickert will appear in dance numbers.

Miss LaForest McDonald, president, will be in charge of the business session and Miss Lolita Skipper will be hostess.

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Jobless Benefits Reduced by Half

Unemployment benefits of \$233,408 paid in January were less than half the \$506,673 paid the first month of 1939 and nine per cent less than in December, state unemployment compensation officials reported Saturday.

With nearly 37,000 initial claims for 1940 benefits on file, February checks were expected to make a substantial dent in the trust fund, which has reached the record high of \$9,242,267 after heavy quarterly payments last month. Determinations have been made in about 23,500 claims. Only 1500 of the first 23,000 claims filed are undetermined.

Initial claims dropped off again last week, decreasing from 2337 to 2147 of which 949 were filed in Portland, 187 in Salem, 142 in Klamath Falls, 122 in Marshfield, 111 in Eugene and 94 in Medford.

Monitor Resident Called at Age 73

WOODBURN — Mrs. Dorothy Folk, 73, of Monitor, died at the Woodburn Hospital Saturday morning. Funeral services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Trinity Lutheran church near Monitor.

Woman's Circle Meets at Keizer

KEIZER — Mrs. H. W. Irvine was hostess Wednesday at an afternoon tea for circle number 8 of the women's organization of the First Presbyterian church of Salem. Mrs. Arthur Holden was assistant hostess. Mrs. N. J. Lindgren presided. Devotions were led by Mrs. Bertha Junk Darby.

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Assisting in serving were Mrs. E. A. Lee, Mrs. F. M. Tatman, Mrs. L. J. Young, Mrs. R. H. Patton, Mrs. H. V. Carpenter and Mrs. M. H. Hawkes.

Oiling of Streets Asked at Stayton

STAYTON — The oiling of certain streets in the town of Stayton was asked for in a petition from citizens of Stayton and presented by L. H. Wright.

The petition read as follows: "We, the undersigned voters of the town of Stayton, respectfully request the town council to take the necessary measures to have some of our heaviest traveled streets graded and oiled as soon as it can reasonably be done. We would suggest that Water street and Ida west of First, High from Third street west, Florence from Second to Woolen mill, Second street from pavement to highway, from First street straight east to city park, streets passing the public school and Catholic church and school be included."

The fire department reported one fire during the past four months, with a small loss. The firemen have been taking an active part in drills, meetings, inspection of various buildings, and the operation of pumper and equipment.

Farmers' School To Meet Tuesday

"Practical Methods of Improving Breeding" is the topic for discussion at this week's meeting of the part-time farmers school to be held Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. in the agriculture room of the Salem high school, according to J. F. Svinth, Smith-Hughes agriculture instructor in the Salem high school.

At this meeting methods being used in this community, and how they can be improved, will be discussed. All young men out of high school and interested are invited to attend these meetings.

Two Win Awards For Landscaping

GATES — Lillian Blackburn and Betty Kerry were awarded the prize for the best landscaping plans for the school yard.

The senior class of the Gates high school accompanied by Professor Jack Irvin, spent Friday at Silverton at the education program at the high school.

The high school, seventh and eighth grades are preparing two one-act plays to be presented in the near future.

Francis Young, a senior, is again in school after a prolonged illness.

Fox Valley PTA Have Quilting

FOX VALLEY — The ladies of the Fox Valley Parent Teacher association held an all-day quilting party in the school basement. Time was spent working on a "Friendship" quilt the school had given Mrs. Wilson Stevens as a Christmas remembrance from her pupils.

Hot lunches are being served in the school by mothers in the district. New linoleum has been recently furnished by the PTA ladies, to cover the lunch tables in the school basement.

Former Waldo Hills Man to Manage Show

WALDO HILLS — Frank Riches, son of Charles Riches, and formerly a Waldo Hills rancher, will serve as manager of the spring Hereford show and sale set for Spokane, February 29. The allotted 60 bulls and 30 females were entered early. The large number applying for admission made it advisable to limit the number of entries to four to be accepted from any one herd.

Some of Stolen Property Found

Discovery of miscellaneous papers and a money bag taken from the safe in the office of the Prudential Life Insurance company office in the Breyman building November 18 in an alley back of Price's shoe store was reported to police Friday.

The papers, hidden behind some drain pipes, were found by a young boy, whose identity the police did not have.

Families Moving At Hazel Green

HAZEL GREEN — Mr. and Mrs. Harold Harp and seven children have moved to the house in the Hazel Green park located when the Charlie Meyers family moved to Labish Center. They came from Larmer, Colo. Children enrolled in school are Benton Lee, first grade, Rena Lou third, Dale fifth, Eugene seventh, Norma Lee eighth.

Moving to houses on Joseph Ziellinski's property on the Van Cleave road are Mr. and Mrs. George Schaeffer, Silverton, Mr. and Mrs. George Bundridge, Salem, Mr. and Mrs. Chastin (Mary Ziebart) are living in the log house on Rev. Edward Long's farm. The Clarence Earl family moved into the Van Cleave house when Albert Earls moved to Labish.

Hubbard Club Has Valentine Party

HUBBARD — The Hubbard Woman's club held its annual St. Valentine's tea Wednesday afternoon in the Knights of Pythias hall. The meeting opened with group singing and flag salute.

After the business meeting the following program was given: a piano and accordion duet by Laurita and Lucille Kuensting; readings by Beverly Disney; singing by a group of high school girls, accompanied by Mrs. Fern Foster.

Mrs. Necla Buck, state president of the Oregon WCTU gave a talk on the history and work of the children's farm home.

Realtors' Banquet Set Thursday Eve

Valley Products Will Be Served; D. B. Simpson Principal Speaker

Elaborate preparations have been completed for the Willamette Valley Products banquet which the Salem Realty board has arranged for Thursday night, February 16, at the Marion hotel in connection with its annual meeting. Real estate brokers from Marion, Polk, Yamhill, Linn, Benton and Lane counties are being urged to attend. Salem citizens wishing tickets are urged by Leo N. Child, general chairman, to get in touch with William McGilchrist, Jr., or other members of the Salem board.

David B. Simpson, president of the Oregon Association of Real Estate boards, will be the principal speaker. Representative Coe A. McKenna of Multnomah county, who had much to do with passage of the new real estate law in the 1933 legislature, will be called upon and will be accorded recognition for that service.

McKay to Speak

Claude H. Murphy, state real estate commissioner, and board members Ross and Shively will be other speakers in addition to State Senator Douglas McKay who will represent Governor Charles A. Sprague and discuss the Willamette Valley Project. State Senator Ronald Jones will have a novel part in the program; an exposition of the facts relative to the Willamette valley products included in the menu.

President William Bliven of the Salem Realty Board will preside. The dinner will be served at 6:30 p. m. with the program getting under way at 7:45 and closing about 9 o'clock.

In past years this banquet has drawn attendance of 200 or more and this year's promises to be no exception.

Choir at Albany To Give Concert

ALBANY — Under the direction of Lurla Burgess, the choir of the First Methodist church are making plans for a secular concert to be given Thursday night, February 22, in the church. The affair is being planned as a benefit for the purchase of new hymnals, and although there will be no admission charge, a free-will offering will be taken.

The concert will be of an informal nature, with numbers to suit all musical tastes, and American compositions will be specially honored. Ensemble numbers will include choruses, trios, and duets. Between 20 and 25 voices will participate.

Return From East

PLEASANTDALE — Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McFarlane returned home Wednesday from Ansel, Iowa, where they had accompanied the body of A. N. Sheldon, 88, for burial. Mr. Sheldon died January 16.

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