

Farmers Hear Chief's Talk

State President Tells of Difficulties in Annual Message

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union state oratorical contest Tuesday afternoon included Don Rowland, Greenwood local, Polk county, first place and a prize of \$15; Vernon Johnson, Bethel local, Marion county, second and \$10.

Other contestants, each receiving a \$5 award were Frances Walbe, Washington county; Irvin Hardiman, Linn; Theis Neal, Wasco; Olive May Warmington, Yamhill.

Convention Banquet Is Scheduled Tonight
Today's meeting will be highlighted by the annual convention banquet at the First Methodist church at 6:30 o'clock. Among speakers will be Governor Charles A. Sprague and James J. Patton, national Farmers union president. E. A. Rhoten of Salem will act as toastmaster.

Committees appointed by State President Harley Libby are:
Credentialed: Mrs. Addie McAdams, Mrs. Alice Sprague, Mrs. A. C. Tiede, Mrs. Verne Alsip, Mrs. Edna Corey, Mrs. Myrtle Eberhard.

Memorial: Mrs. Ethel Fluke, Mrs. Irene Jack, Mrs. F. A. Massee, Mrs. J. M. Davidson, Mrs. John Jenson.

Resolutions: T. J. Primus, Stanley Duda, Roy Clark, Charles Lesfingwell, A. Stambaugh.

Livestock: C. H. Emerson, Ross Cuthforth, Percy Craft, Glenn Southwick, Joe Pitts.

Agriculture: J. P. Sears, F. C. Bieri, Otto Schlottman, Forest Cammack, Harry Walker.

Dairy: Frank Hettwer, Henry Alsip, Edna Corey, Henry Torvend, Nelise Johnson, F. C. Putnam.

Cooperative: Ernest Werner, J. R. Graham, Joe Berni, Homer Smith, Howard Wooden, Frank Amas, Gus Nyman.

Constitution and by-laws: Eddie Ahrens, W. R. Baker, B. C. Hall, George Lane, Walter E. Meyers, Myrtle Eberhard.

Marketing: H. E. Woods, Albert Bochsler, John Dasch, Harry Watkins, Otto Schlottman, Leonard Zielke.

Organization: Floyd Senter, Arthur Pearson, Lester DePriest, Joe Toman, H. A. Flux, Chester L. Mulkey, Andy Nichols, John Albus, Addie McAdams, Bird McCormick.

Legislation: Arthur Ireland, Jess Johnson, Delgar Davidson, George Lane, Ernest Sheiburn, Mrs. John Crabtree, Mrs. Vern Alsip.

Education: Paul Youngman, Luther Chapin, O. E. Dorn, Carl Gregg, Warren Gray, Oscar Johnson, Russell Loftis, Alice Sprague.

Good of the order: Ralph Wilson, Frank Way, Archie Palmer, Gus Schlicker, Charles Lamb, Joe Owens, Earl Genzer, J. O. Beger.

Transportation: Henry Zorn, O. G. McCloughry, C. F. Wells, P. C. McLaughlin, E. B. Henningson.

PGE Leads Tax Pay in County

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and the great majority will pay in amounts less than \$20. The Brown Telephone Line runner 75 from Gervais will pay only 50 cents, the Marquam line number 4 will pay only 41 cents, and line 10 at Marquam, 53 cents.

A total of \$47,355.37 has been levied against the book telephone companies, and only \$504.04 against the hundred-odd small telephone concerns.

Water companies, the assessor reported, will contribute a total of \$1047.82 to county revenues, most of it paid by the A. D. Gardner Water company, the levy against which is \$882. The Mill City Light and Water company will pay \$82.73 and the Tumble Creek Power and Water company will pay a total of \$63.09.

Call Board

ELSONORE
Today—"High Sierra" with Humphrey Bogart and Ida Lupino, plus "Honeymoon for Three," Ann Sheridan and George Brent.

Thursday—Bud Abbott and Lou Costello in "Buck Privates" plus "Victory" with Frederic March and Betty Field.

GRAND
Today—"Western Union" in technicolor with Robert Young, Randolph Scott, Virginia Gilmore, Slim Summerville.

CAPITOL
Today—James Cagney and Ann Sheridan in "City for Conquest" plus James Stewart and Rosalie Russell in "No Time for Comedy."

HOLLYWOOD
Today—"Rebecca" starring Laurence Olivier and Joan Fontaine, plus Laurel and Hardy in "A Chump at Oxford."

Thursday—Henry Winkler and Carole Landis in "Mystery Sea Raider," plus Hugh Herbert and Peggy Moran in "Slightly Tempted."

LIBERTY
Today—"The Secret Four" with Frank Lawton, plus "Wild Horse Range" with Jack Randall.

Friday—"Pals of the Silver Sage" with Tex Ritter, plus "Queen of the Yukon" with Charles Bickford and Irene Rich.

In One Ear . .

—Paul Hauser's Column

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burn the midnight oil to invent an electric light to save the midnight oil, probably, thought he was doing the world a good turn. He doesn't like cat naps and would rather get his sleep all in one piece and at night, too.

Edison didn't know that. So he went ahead and invented the thing and he never dreamed of juke boxes, which will take from one to forty nickels and make the night melodious from one to forty blocks depending upon the dignity of the establishment and the municipality's antinoise ordinances.

The juke boxes, which have taken the record business off the skids and put it back on the wax, are causing some people so much worry that there's even a bill in the legislature to keep 'em out of the beer parlors. If you're holding any illusions about the juke boxes, that ought to shake 'em down.

There were a lot of things Edison didn't know.

Next week: How to Make Records in Your Hotel Room or Wire Tapping Made Easy.

Speed Law Gets 'Do Pass' Mark

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Thursday, Rep. Frank J. Loneragan, chairman, predicted.

CIO Demands Modified On Reliberating Benefits

CIO demands for striking of experience rating from the compensation act and for liberalizing benefits were modified by Ralph Peoples, CIO spokesman, at the committee's afternoon session.

AFL lobbyists had not yielded on similar demands.

The CIO branch of organized labor is against experience rating in principle but will agree to its being given a two years' trial as it is now set up in the act, Peoples said, with the understanding that certain other specific CIO wants are supplied. These, he said, in their order of importance:

Gov. Sprague Tuesday signed the following bills:

1. Authorizing highway commission to construct cattle guards where stock fences intersect highways.

2. To pay members of the state board of agriculture \$10 a day each while in session.

3. Repealing law prohibiting flashing lights on motor vehicles.

4. Providing that chief justice of state supreme court shall be elected by members of court.

5. Appropriating \$20,000 for sewer system at eastern Oregon state hospital.

6. Providing that counties not having library facilities may contract with adjoining counties for such service.

ance to his constituents, are:

1. Eliminate seasonality.

2. Reduce the waiting period which precedes payment of benefits to claimants.

3. Liberalize benefits if and as the compensation fund will pay them without approaching insolvency.

Chairman Loneragan, who asked compensation commission statisticians Monday night for data on a compromise scale of increased benefits, said at the Tuesday meeting that "if seasonality works as some of us think it should, it would be all right to keep it."

Loneragan also inquired into the feasibility of retaining experience rating, by which employers with stabilized payrolls receive payroll tax reductions, but making as a prerequisite to its going into effect a provision that the compensation fund be above an arbitrarily designated level. He suggested "ten or 12 million dollars" as this level.

Prima Facie Speed Bill Gets Committee Approval

The senate roads and highways committee Tuesday announced its approval of the prima facie speed bill, which would shift from the state to the motorist the burden of proving that the auto driver has not violated the basic traffic rule. The committee report will raise from 45 to 55 miles per hour the designated speed on open highways but leave unchanged those for business and residential districts, which are 20 and 25 miles, respectively.

Rep. J. D. Perry's bill to consolidate under one commission the unemployment and workmen's compensation commissions, the state labor commission, the state welfare commission and the state conciliation board will be reported out by the house committee on labor and industries without recommendation, the committee decided Tuesday afternoon.

The same report will be made on a bill authorizing the state welfare commission to exercise the same jurisdiction in the in-

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Japan Blames US-Britain

Nippon Acts to Allay Fears of Own People They're Near War

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implement the statement by concrete steps to end her 43-month-old war with China or abandon the "greater east Asia program" that have led her to diplomatic friction with the United States and Britain.

Reports added new detail to the general picture of a Japanese program, perhaps to be coordinated with Germany's next smash in Europe, for extending Japanese domination throughout southeastern Asia and the East Indies.

Salon heard that Japan's naval forces in the Gulf of Siam suddenly had been greatly increased. This would be a likely scene of naval operations connected with Japan's program of southward advance.

Japan's official declaration of peaceful purposes came in the form of a statement handed by the Tokyo government spokesman, Koh Ishii, to representatives of the world press.

Ishii said "Japan is fully prepared to act as mediator or take whatever action is calculated to recover normal conditions not only in greater east Asia (where she claims predominance, endorsed by her alliance with Germany and Italy) but anywhere in the world."

Statement Blames US And Britain for Tension

The statement blamed the United States and Britain for tension in the Pacific. "The Japanese," it said, "can not help feeling a certain amount of anxiety if not misgivings as to the warlike preparations of the British and American governments to meet supposed contingencies in the Pacific and the South Seas."

An authoritative British source in London said it was "unlikely that the Japanese declaration unaccompanied by concrete proof of a Japanese desire for peace will do much to set at rest doubts which are not unreasonably entertained by Japan's neighbors in the Pacific."

Neither Britain nor Germany saw in Japan's meditation gesture any promise of an end to their war. British spokesmen reiterated that victory is the only end of the war acceptable to Britain. Germany, Japan's ally, does not feel herself called on to seek mediation since she is not the weaker party, said a Berlin spokesman, who dismissed the Tokyo declaration as purely theoretical.

But an article published in Berlin with approval of the German high command warned the United States not to rate Japan's military power too lightly.

Aged Persons Attend Meeting

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gram will force us to pay more. Charles Paine of Eugene said "the general feeling in Oregon is that citizens are willing to contribute something to the old people. When good times come, we're inclined to forget that some people are suffering, like these old people."

Fred A. Williams, Salem city attorney, said the bill is "the soundest piece of legislation ever presented to the legislature, because it comes under the head of retirement income, and because it assesses every man, woman and child."

Salem's fare of music has been varied in the past few months, each presentation at the high school auditorium seems to draw a better audience. The patrons last night although sitting through four hours of music, paid tribute to the performers in the best

Highway Fund Tithe Urged

Rep. J. D. Perry (D-Columbia) proposed Tuesday in a house bill to tithe state highway department revenues—which have always been exempt—for the general fund of the state.

The author estimated his bill would divert \$700,000 a year from highway revenues to the general fund.

"This is a way to raise some more money for old age assistance," Perry said.

terests of male workers as of female and minors.

The committee, however, recommended that two workmen's compensation bills and another regulating wages and hours, by Rep. Manley J. Wilson "do not pass."

The senate county affairs committee acted favorably on bills authorizing creation of park and recreational districts, a constitutional amendment empowering counties to adopt a managerial form of government and authorizing counties to spend up to \$3500 a year to advertise their resources.

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War News Briefs

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and Africa, although acknowledging it was at the cost of much bloodshed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18—(P)—The United States served indirect notice on Japan Tuesday that if her intentions are peaceful she should express them in deeds, rather than words.

HONOLULU, Feb. 18—(P)—Japanese living in the Hawaiian Islands were advised to "remain calm and not be upset by rumors of war in the far east, in a statement Tuesday by Olofinio Okuda, acting Japanese consul general.

WOMAN'S CORPS FRAUD CHARGED

'Colonel' Fulton Named in Tacoma Warrant; Salem Had Unit

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 18—(P)—Organization of a chapter of the National Service league ambulance corps for women here, with orders for special uniforms, backfired with a fraud charge Tuesday.

County Prosecutor Thor Tollefson filed a complaint against "Colonel" Harriet Virginia Fulton, who has organized branches of the league along the Pacific coast. It charged that last December 13 she "did unlawfully and feloniously obtain from the National Service league of Tacoma, with the intent to defraud, the sum of \$250, by the aid of fraudulent and false representation."

Tollefson said he believed she and her husband, James Fulton, now were in California.

The Salem unit of the National Service league ambulance corps for women will not disband but probably will function as a member of the newly-named Oregon Women's Ambulance Corps, Mrs. Bertha Ray, former captain, said Tuesday night. The unit has severed all connections with the national organization, she declared.

Mrs. Ray, who resigned her captaincy recently and was succeeded by Mrs. Alice Traver, said 23 uniforms had been paid for and 22 received. The unit was advised recently by "Colonel" Fulton that the 23rd uniform would accompany a shipment consigned to the Portland unit from San Francisco.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 18—(P)—"Colonel" Harriet Virginia Fulton, whose arrest was ordered by Tacoma authorities today, organized a unit here last September.

'Carmen' Pulls Large Crowd

By MAXINE BUREN

The La Scala opera company's presentation of "Carmen" last night drew a large audience, and although the company fell far short of Metropolitan perfection, most of those attending agreed they spent an enjoyable evening, listening to music they liked and knew.

The two leads, Joyce Zickhardt as "Carmen," and Giovanni Zavatti as "Don Jose" were considerably hampered by an over-large chorus on a rather small stage.

This was especially noticeable in the last act, when on the stage alone, they accomplished a far better performance than at any other time during the opera. Acoustical difficulties known to exist on this stage may have had much to do with the lack of volume in voices.

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Congressional Plan Is Voted

Benton, too, Goes to Southern Oregon in Committee Report

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first district, rather than the fourth.

Southern Delegation May Fight for Own Bill

The southern Oregon delegation may continue the fight for its own bill but Rep. William M. McAllister (R-Jackson) said he doubted whether he would file a minority report asking that the fourth district include only Coos, Curry, Douglas, Lane, Jackson and Josephine counties.

A minority report will be filed by Reps. Richard I. Neuberger (D-Multnomah) and J. D. Perry (D-Columbia), who will ask the house to adopt Neuberger's bill to have a fourth district comprising Multnomah county outside Portland, Lane and Douglas counties west of the coast range, and Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Coos, Curry, Lincoln, Tillamook and Washington counties.

Under the committee-approved bill, there would be 290,375 persons in the first district, 210,991 in the second, 355,099 in the third, and 184,105 in the fourth, and 339,489 in the fifth.

Substitution for Minority Reports Will Be Debated

The house fight today will center on whether either of the possible minority reports should be substituted for the majority report. After that is settled, a bill probably will be passed.

Opposition from another quarter is expected from Rep. A. Rennie (R-Benton), who told the committee he objected to their proposal to put Benton county in the fourth district.

Rep. Frank J. Loneragan (R-Multnomah) was the only committee member voting for his motion for a congressman at large.

Under the committee proposal, there would be 69,629 republicans and 62,001 democrats in the fourth district, and 86,477 republicans and 73,193 democrats left in the fourth.

Chairman John Steelhammer (R-Marion) said he would file the

committee reports at 10 a.m., after which the debate will begin.

The committee's next job will be to reappropriate the legislature.

At the other end of the capitol, the senate will begin debate at 10:30 a.m. on the bill to permit increase in truck lengths and weight limits from 55 to 65 feet and from 54,000 to 68,000 pounds. The action will be on the senate roads and highways committee's 6 to 1 report recommending passage of the bill.

The house accepted a senate amendment, providing that the act shall expire Jan. 21, 1943, to the bill authorizing Governor Charles A. Sprague to create a state guard.

Asiatic Navy Strengthened

Great Anzac Force at Singapore Ready for Japanese Move

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would remain outside the conflict; and that Italian peace terms would be severe.

Greece had to weigh the chances of getting British aid fast enough on the one hand, the prospect of being blockaded by the British navy if she succumbed to the axis, and the certainty that her country would become a battleground no matter which course she pursued.

In Athens a government spokesman said Greek troops had advanced along the central Albanian battlefield to occupy Italian fortified positions nearly a mile high in two areas.

In Rome the Italian high command admitted "bitter fighting" was going on in Albania with heavy losses on both sides, but declared the Greeks had not been able to advance.

In Africa, the Italians said, pro-fascist Ethiopians were organizing to aid them fight the British and claimed to be holding their lines.

The British said the Italians had to abandon Dargala and other points in Gogjam province in western Ethiopia because of the activity of native patriots fighting under the banner of Haile Selassie.

The admiral said British naval planes sank a 400-ton German ship in the Mediterranean which was serving the Italians as a supply vessel.

The Germans claimed successful air attacks on the British island fortress of Malta.

GOP Bloc Fights Bill

British Aid Measure Hit by Opposition in US Senate

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creation of the president of the United States; to authorize the making of foreign alliances without the concurrence of the senate as required by the constitution of the United States; to authorize the underwriting of the cost of maintaining the British empire around the world at the expense of the taxpayers of America; to bring the war to our very doors by affording access to our navy yard and ship yard facilities for the warships of belligerent nations; to abandon the Monroe doctrine by the abandonment of its vital principle of not participating in Europe's wars."

Vandenberg summed up his opposition in these words:

"I must oppose it because I deeply believe that in its present form it is a potential and needless threat to the peace and security of the United States; that it impairs democracy at home in the promise of supporting it abroad; that it may lead us ever closer to dire involvement in the fires of war itself; that it could strip us of the essential means, in the last analysis, to implement our pledge to maintain hemispherical defense in this new world . . ."

Johnson's minority report was a bluntly spoken document.

"What is this bill?" he asked. "It is a pure grant of power to the president to do as he pleases with any foreign nation, for any nation or nations, any part, or the whole of the military and naval power of the United States. It is a complete negation of the policy that has been ours in the past and an invitation to the president to take a hand in the game of power politics in every far flung region of the earth."

"It would authorize him to say what nations shall receive, and for any reasons at all to open to them our military and naval equipment, and our resources, and it is perfectly obvious that once commitments have been made, our men will have to guarantee the

Germans Push Into Bulgaria

War Materials Speeded to Force Greek and Italian Peace

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come, Adolf Hitler's Balkan forces would spring at Greece.

(Bern, Switzerland, neutral relay point for Blaken news, reported telephone lines to Turkey from Bern and Sofia were "down" on Tuesday night.)

The newspaper Vreme reported in a Bucharest dispatch that King Boris of Bulgaria had gone to Germany Tuesday, probably to ask for his country an outlet to the Aegean sea through Greece.

German scout and photographic planes flying over Greece from across the Bulgarian frontier—from Bulgarian or Rumanian air-dromes—were reported "to have dived even south of Athens and to have set off as many as three air alarms a day in some towns."

But British quarters in Sofia, Bulgaria, said an early victory expected for their imperial forces in Africa would release large numbers of British soldiers for duty in Greece if needed.

Transport Heywood Given Trial Run

PORTLAND, Feb. 18—(P)—The navy put the USS Heywood through a trial run in the Willamette river Tuesday as a troop transport.

The ship formerly was the Panama-Pacific carrier City of Baltimore. It was converted here into a navy ship.

Power Bills Cut

CANBY, Feb. 18—(P)—The first 11 months of Bonneville power use here resulted in a \$5796 cut in the power bill, city officials said Tuesday.

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