

Sprague Denies Getting Pleas For Slayer

Governor Charles A. Sprague Wednesday denied reports from the middlewest that he had received petitions asking clemency for John Thomas, 19, who is under sentence to die in the penitentiary lethal gas chamber here October 30 for the slaying of Douglas F. Smith.

The petitions were reported to have been sent to Gov. Sprague from Thomas' former home at Holyoke, Colo. Thomas' parents are now in Salem and have visited their son daily at the prison for the past week.

Smith, at the time of his death, was en route from Idaho to the state of Washington where his mother was gravely ill.

Gov. Sprague refused to comment on reports that Thomas' parents had called at his office.

Salem Masons To Hear Owen On Defense

An explanation of the national defense program by Jerrold Owen, state co-ordinator, will be a feature of the regular meeting of Pacific Lodge No. 50, A.F. & A.M., Friday night at the Masonic temple. Owen will explain the different phases of national defense and the part civilians will play in event of a national emergency. He will also lead an open discussion.

Another feature will be the official visit of H. W. Swafford, district deputy grand master.

Normal Retail Buying Told

A return to normal buying habits in retail stores was reported here Wednesday by Frank Davidson, manager of the Salem Montgomery Ward store, who said extreme ups and downs of recent weeks have leveled out.

The unseasonable variation was credited to rumors of restrictions on installment buying and excise taxes and to actual enforcement of the measures.

Davidson said, "Installment buying regulations help to hold down purchases of merchandise made up of materials needed for national defense. And excise taxes help to raise the money we needed for the national defense program. We must all recognize the importance of both of these measures. But neither of these measures is as drastic as had been expected."

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Sprague Buys First Ducats to Civic Club's Show



First book of tickets for the Lions club annual charity show, a three-act comedy entitled "Swing Out," is sold to Gov. Charles A. Sprague by Miss Gene Bennett, director of the show. Secretary of State Earl Snell, (left) and State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott examine the books, buyers of which have their names printed on the programs as sponsors, preparatory to purchasing. The comedy is scheduled for October 23 and 24 in the Salem high school auditorium, and all proceeds are to go to "Bundles for Britain" and used in the hospital fund.—Statesman photo.

Group Finds "Dream Girl" Of Soldier

EUGENE, Oct. 15—(P)—The Eugene chamber of commerce announced Wednesday that its excursion into the realm of romance was successful—it found Private Chuck's "dream girl."

Private Chuck, whose last name now is revealed as Green, asked the chamber recently to locate the girl, whom he met at Eugene while en route with his outfit from California war games to Fort Lewis.

He complained that he couldn't eat and dreamed of her all the time. She gave him her name on a paper napkin but he lost it and couldn't remember the name. It sounded like Alice.

The chamber finally located Private Chuck's girl at a local bowling establishment. It turned out she was Alice Heinke, a fountain attendant. She said she remembered Chuck but, goodness, she hadn't realized what a hit she made. She promised to write him a letter.

Mt. Angel Plant May Expand for Cheesemaking

MT. ANGEL—The Mt. Angel Cooperative creamery, one of the most modern and progressive creameries in the state, is contemplating another step in expansion, providing the patrons are willing.

Monday night at 8 p.m. the special meeting of all patrons is called at the Mt. Angel auditorium to vote on the advisability of manufacturing cheese and authorizing the necessary expenditure. Cheesemaking has been given consideration by the local plant at different times and the board is now ready to place all the pros and cons before the members for their decision.

Shows State Pictures

TURNER—Mrs. Ethel Gulvin, teacher of Crawford school, wishes to announce that John Wood, state forestry department, will show pictures of Oregon at the schoolhouse tonight, October 16, at 8 o'clock. Pupils, parents and friends are urged to be present.

Salem Grange Prepares to Hold Diamond Jubilee Celebration

Final plans for the diamond jubilee grange celebration scheduled by the Salem group Saturday, October 25, to mark the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Patrons of Husbandry were made at a meeting of the officers Tuesday night.

Minerals Seen Cause of War

Declaring that in his belief raw materials are probably the most important cause of war and that if Germany does not secure oil the present conflict will be over by next summer, Warren Smith, professor of geology at the University of Oregon, summed up the part strategic minerals play in the world situation when he spoke before the Rotary club here Wednesday.

Great Britain and the United States control 70 per cent of the world's supply of these materials, Smith pointed out. Since 1900 more minerals have been used than in all previous history and the tempo is ever increasing.

To establish universal peace after the war the scientific brains of the world should be pooled to see that minerals are so distributed that nations will not have to steal for them, Smith concluded.

Special music for the luncheon was provided by Kathleen Broer, Mrs. James Stone, and Mary East accompanied by Mrs. W. H. East.

Farmers Union News

TALBOT—Sidney Talbot Farmers union met Friday and made plans to give a special program with Mrs. Delmer Davidson in charge, and a pie social on October 24.

It will be a benefit for Robert Cole, who has been bedfast for five months with an injured leg, caused from being hit with a baseball while playing at the Jefferson high school. He was a senior in school.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Gray, Marion local, were visitors. Mr. Roberts of Portland, and Mr. Gray spoke on the Coos bay oyster set-up.

Refreshment committee for next meeting is Mr. and Mrs. Len Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Elison, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Eberhardt, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Edsall, and Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Farr.

Officers, wearing regalia, will be seated during a drill led by J. F. Synth, grange overseer. During the dinner state and county deputies, the Pomona master and grange officials will be introduced.

The night's program will include presentation of silver membership certificates to those who have been grange members for 25 years or more. Talks will be given as follows: "Bits of Grange History," William A. Jones, county deputy; "The Pomona Grange," Roy J. Rice, Pomona master; "Grange Ritualism," Arthur J. Brown, state deputy; "Grange Juveniles," Mrs. Josephine Fox, Silverton Hills juvenile grange, and "Why the Grange," Elmer McClure, state deputy.

Those talks will be interspersed with vocal and instrumental music in which Swegle school pupils will have a part. Community singing will be led by W. Biggerstaff with Helen Kleihege at the piano. Announcements about future Salem Grange lecture programs will be made by Fred C. Klaus, town hall meetings and public forums, Theodore G. Nelson and F. E. Neer; prospective public plays, Roy Hewitt. A colored movie, "Milk Goes to Town," produced by the Dairy Cooperative association, and a closing ceremony under the direction of William McKinney, master.

Burial Rites Set At Silverton

SILVERTON—William S. Neal, 54, who died Tuesday at his home near Silverton, will be buried Saturday at 2 p.m. from the Ekman funeral home with interment in Bethany cemetery.

Neal was born in Calhoun county, Ill. Survivors include the widow, Clara; a daughter, Mrs. Ruth Huddleston, Silverton; three sisters and a brother, Annie McClure, Illinois; Celeste Ross, Mollie Graham and James Neal, all of Oklahoma.

High School Senior Class Holds Program

"A Night at Earl Carroll's," was the program theme of the high school senior class Wednesday in the girls league interclass rivalry contest. Kay Hill was chairman.

Solos were sung by Leontine Lebold, Phyllis Neal and Anita Myers. Betty Randall and Pat Lamb sang a duet. Ruth Rempel played two piano numbers and accompanied the singers. Roberta Jean Yocom was announcer.

Other cast members were Olene Melhoff, Dorothy Kenney, Doris Hill, Edith Morley, Maurine Kuescher, Helen Zielinski, Mary Elizabeth Sisson, Dorothy Vandeynde, Carol Smith, Marianne Low, Virginia Pope, Margaret Hughlett, Marjorie Hill, Loretta Gottfried, Yvonne Moffit.

Oregon Takes Second Place At Dairy Show

CORVALLIS, Oct. 15—(P)—Oregon's 4H club dairy production demonstration team took second place in western regional competition at the national dairy show at Memphis, Tenn.

The Oregon State college extension service, announcing word of the award Wednesday, said Virginia and Gerald Bauer, Neskonin, who made up the team, would each receive a \$100 scholarship from a national cheese company.

The team demonstrated washing milking machines to help insure pure milk. The competition was among regional groups with no national winners.

Turkey Grading School At Salem Cancelled

The federal-state turkey grading school scheduled for October 30-31 at Salem has been cancelled because F. L. McKittick, representing the USDA, will be unable to come. No other dates will be set, the department of agriculture announced Wednesday.

Willamette Valley Briefs

Post, Auxiliary Meet

WEST SALEM—The Kingwood post and auxiliary will hold their meetings at the Legion hall tonight at 8 o'clock. Reports will be made by the committee members who attended the state convention.

Birthday Party Given

SUVER—Sharon Ramey was a happy girl when her mother invited five friends to celebrate her birthday. They were Tommy Cook, Richard Kester, David Rawie, Linda Benedict and Jane Damm. Mrs. S. Benedict, Mrs. Ralph Rawie, Mrs. Owen Cook, Mrs. R. Kester, Judy Ramey and Melvin Rawie were also present.

Guests at Turner

TURNER—Mr. and Mrs. Willard Bear of Carlton and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bear were Sunday guests at the E. C. Bear home. Willard Bear, principal of Carlton high school, is supervisor of the defense work classes, organized in the town.

Covers to Be Judged

UNION HILL—Mrs. C. E. Heater will entertain the Union Hill Woman's club Thursday. Program covers will be judged at the meeting.

Return From Mexico

HOPEWELL—Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hickerson and Wayne returned from a month's automobile trip that took them through Arizona and Mexico to San Diego, where they visited their son Lawrence.

Grangers' News

UNION HILL—Friday will be the meeting night of the grange. The lunch committee is Mr. and Mrs. Marion Fischer, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Fox, Mr. and Mrs. M. Gilmour.

UNION HILL—At the grange social meeting Saturday night, "500" was played. Mr. and Mrs. Marion Fischer and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Heater were in charge.

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