

The Oregon Statesman

"No Favor Sways Us; No Fear Shall Awe"
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Where the West Begins

The conference of western republicans at Salt Lake City which was advertised as one in which the western states would unite to drive for regional recognition adjourned with little accomplished toward that end. Mr. Tickle, the California state chairman is quoted as referring to the 11 western states as the "orphan child" of the federal government and as demanding for the west a "place in the sun." Clarence Buddington Kelland, Arizona's contribution to the national committee and erstwhile publicity man for the committee proposed: "We ought to demand dominion status for the 11 western states and acquire the privilege of sending an ambassador to Washington."

All of which strikes us as smart-alecky. Certainly it is not based on facts. The west has its place in the national sun—and not in the sunset either. Study war contract allotments, and the west, especially California, has been generously favored. The coast has had all the business it could handle.

In the matter of public expenditures for reclamation, the act limits the expenditures to the public land states of the west. In the distribution of road funds the west is likewise favored because of its long mileage and its area in public ownership. The west has received such great investments as Boulder, Bonneville and Grand Coulee dams. Eastern states are highly critical of federal bounties to the west.

As far as representation in the government is concerned the west had a fine man in as president, Herbert Hoover, and every one of the western states voted against his reelection. The distribution of senators favors the thinly populated states, many of which are in the west.

This business of waving a sectional flag is sorry stuff. The south cries around over freight rates, and even insists on wallowing in its own mire of political and economic discrimination. The west should attempt a cry-baby stunt. The facts will not bear out the wails. If we start such political provincialism we will have to change the song: "Out where the west begins" and add a few verses that here dwell the tenderfeet, the whiners and moochers. We ought not to get in that class.

Freedom of Trespass

In a case in his court Federal District Judge James A. Fee upheld the ancient right of a person to traverse undeveloped country. This secures to the public a cherished privilege. In the west particularly where farm land merges into woodland and mountainside, the ruling is important. Protection against trespass is all right for settled country, though even there posting is necessary to bar those who would cross the land; but in the open country beyond the fence-lines, in forests and mountains, that country remains free for humans to traverse as for animals.

The decision was rendered in a suit by the administrator of the estate of a person who was electrocuted by coming in contact with live wires on mining property as she was gathering mushrooms there. Judge Fee ruled the person had a right to go on the property and that the company was negligent in failing to maintain its wiring properly and so was liable in the suit.

Our Oregon beaches are public property and the public has freedom of access and use of these beaches, which is not the case in many states. Judge Fee's ruling ensures freedom of the wilds to the public also. There are many people who fight for just that sort of freedom. Maybe it can be smuggled in with the other four.

Radio Reporter Returns

Charles Collingwood, CBS correspondent in London and later in North Africa, whose broadcasts were highly informative during the early days of the invasion of French Africa, is back in this country. Interviewed on the radio the other night he reiterated his view that the United States representatives played along too long with the Vichyite French in North Africa, and as a result, he says, the United States has lost much prestige throughout the region. Now our representatives are trying to retrieve their ground and we have somewhat better relations with the Free French committee at Algiers.

DeGaulle, he says, unquestionably has the support of the majority of Frenchmen. The committee functions, and the government it directs is by no means a one-man show.

Collingwood's comments, coming from one who lived through the period from the first landings up to victory in North Africa, are interesting because they reveal his now-seasoned opinion respecting the American diplomatic adventure in dealings with the French. It is altogether probable that the widespread public criticism altered the direction of subsequent diplomacy, because the Secretary Hull of Moscow was quite different from the Hull of 1942.

Rumor Rate

If you want to see how fast a rumor travels read this AP item:
STOCKHOLM, Dec. 13-(AP)—A roundabout report reaching here today through Ankara and Budapest said President Roosevelt had conferred yesterday at Gibraltar with General Franco of Spain and Premier Antonio Salazar of Portugal.

From Gibraltar to Ankara to Budapest to Stockholm to the USA; and probably the yarn was false to start with. Only Radio Vichy is needed to complete the "Vichy" circle.

Different people have different defense mechanisms. In interviews President Roosevelt does most of the talking, thus preventing his interviewers from driving home their appeals. President Coolidge took a different tack. While really a somewhat talkative person among intimates, he adopted a monk's "rule of silence" as president, and rarely spoke when interviewed. In that way he avoided committing himself. Each person develops his own system.

No Betting Tax

One of the most powerful "monopolies" in the country is the pari mutuel betting organization. Its power in our own legislature is well known. Recently it persuaded the senate finance committee to cut out the federal tax on pari mutuel betting which would have yielded over 27 millions of new revenue to the government. So while jewelry and theatre admissions, stage fares and telephone charges can be assessed higher taxes the gamblers at the country's race tracks must go scot free of any federal tax.

The race meets generally managed to survive even under orders for saving of tires and gasoline. The statistics show that the "take" of pari mutuel operations is higher than ever before as the flush-pursed public crowds the races to get action on its money.

In eastern and southern states the state governments derive a considerable portion of their revenues from a cut in the pari mutuel receipts. In 1942 even governors were worried lest this source of income be curtailed. Probably the pari mutuel pack used the governors in this emergency to head off federal taxation. While the states do share in the money staked by bettors, the operators of the pari mutuels derive enormous profits.

Under the new law, whiskey, which costs about 60 cents a gallon to make, will bear a federal tax of \$9. The state adds its toll either in tax or profit. Tobacco is likewise very heavily taxed. But no federal tax is levied on pari mutuel betting. It is hard to explain this tax discrimination among vices, unless one knows the strength of the pari mutuel organization.

Unity Against Hitler

Great Britain and the United States moved first to throw their weight in favor of Gen. Tito and his partisans in Yugoslavia by announcing they were giving him the larger share of military supplies rather than Gen. Mihailovich, the "regular" commander, on the ground that Tito was doing more fighting of the axis. Thus is averted a threatened split in support, with the western allies favoring Mihailovich and Russia favoring Tito, whose partisans are reputedly pro-communistic. If a showdown has to come, it is deferred until after the war when the whole problem of Yugoslavia's internal organization will have to be decided.

By moving first the western allies saved loss of face by trailing Russia or open competition by preferring Mihailovich. This of course does not settle the issue, but it does keep first and foremost the single objective of unity in fighting the no. 1 enemy, Hitler.

Art Perry in Medford M-T remarks that since his ousting "Benito Mussolini has had about everything but the carache and fallen arches." But what about the arche de triumphe for the grand entry into Cairo for Christmas dinner a year ago?

Interpreting The War News

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON
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The Nazi front in the Dnieper bend cracked dangerously with Russian capture of Chernyay, last Nazi river-bank rampart impeding progress of the northern jaw of the red army driving to entrap the nazis southeast of Kiev.

Whether taken by storm, as Moscow indicates, or by a long and bitter struggle, as Berlin claimed, the result is the same for the invaders. The nazis are confronted with a swift retreat from the huge bridgehead to save some remnants of forces still deployed there or an equally swift suit of forces from the Kiev bulge to bolster the weakened front in the bend.

For the Nazi high command retreat from the Dnieper bend would involve abandonment of the Nazi army already trapped in the Crimea. Yet withdrawal of forces from the Kiev bulge front to prop the tottering defense line in the bend would mean a greater disaster.

Despite Russian withdrawal at Radomysl 60 miles west of Kiev, there seems to be little possibility that the German counter-offensive against the crucial southwest segment of the wide and deep Russian salient west of Kiev will achieve any tactical or strategic success. German admission of Russian numerical superiority to the south at Chernyay is also an acknowledgement that Soviet troops in the Kiev bulge brought to a halt the biggest Nazi counter attack since the retreat from the volga bend.

What is a repetition of what happened in the battle of the Kursk salient months ago. It is a sure indication that whatever Russian reinforcements were sent into the battle of the bulge, they were sent there for offensive not defensive purposes. And that offensive, aimed at the communications jugular vein of the whole German right flank in Russia, has now begun to roll.

It seems clear that to find troops and equipment to maintain the unsuccessful Kiev bulge counter offensive (or worse), Nazi generals were forced to thin out their lines to the southeast. They are paying the price for that in the loss of Chernyay, and the ever mounting Russian threats to Kiev and Kirovograd, the bastions which are the keys to the nazis escape from the Dnieper bend trap.

To put it in another way, the Nazi offensive against the Kiev bulge, undertaken both to safeguard threatened major communications with the south flank in Russia and to ease pressure on the forces caught in the potential river bend trap, is boomeranging. Its lack of success as a diversionary effort is compromising its authors with crucial decisions that cannot be long delayed.

They must soon sacrifice some part of the southern flank to save the rest or risk a total military disaster in southern Russia at the very moment the German-Russian-United War Council has warned them of coming attacks not only in the east but also in the south and west. By every rule of military logic their answer would be to mass defensively against Russian attempts to expand the Kiev bulge southwestward, and meanwhile pull out of the Dnieper bend under desperate rear guard protection to stand behind the Bug river, or even the Dniester.



When the Midnight Choo-Choo Leaves for Alabam'

Today's Radio Programs

- | KSLM—WEDNESDAY—1390 Kc. | | |
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| 7:00—News | 10:15—Ruth Forbes | 4:45—News |
| 7:05—Marion County Farm and Home Program | 10:30—New | 5:20—Oration to Romance |
| 7:15—Rise 'n' Shine | 10:45—Art Baker's Notebook | 5:15—Supperman |
| 7:30—News | 11:00—The Guiding Light | 5:30—Show Time |
| 7:45—Morning Moods | 11:05—Today's Children | 5:45—Norman Nesbitt |
| 8:00—Cherry City News | 11:30—Light of the World | 6:00—Gabriel Heatter |
| 8:10—Music | 11:45—Hymns of All Churches | 6:15—Gracie Fields |
| 8:30—Tango Time | 12:00—Women of America | 6:30—Soldiers With Wings |
| 9:00—Pastor's Call | 12:15—Ma Perkins | 7:00—John B. Hughes |
| 9:15—It's the Truth | 12:30—Pepper Young's Family | 7:15—Fulton Courier |
| 9:30—Popular Music | 12:45—Night to Happiness | 7:30—Gene Ransger |
| 10:00—A Song and a Dance | 1:00—Backstage Wife | 8:00—Main Line |
| 10:05—Music | 1:15—Stella Dallas | 8:30—Bulldog Drummond |
| 10:30—Musical Sophistications | 1:30—Lorenzo Jones | 9:00—News |
| 12:30—Orchestral | 1:45—Young Widder Brown | 9:15—Today's Top Tunes |
| 12:35—Matinee | 2:00—When a Girl Marries | 9:30—General Malone |
| 1:00—Mal Hallett's Orchestra | 2:30—Just Plain Bill | 9:45—Fulton Lewis, Jr. |
| 1:30—Milday's Melodies | 2:45—Front Page Farrell | 10:00—Treasury Star Parade |
| 1:45—Spotlight on Rhythm | 3:00—Road of Life | 10:15—Bien Venidos Amigo |
| 2:00—Isle of Paradise | 3:15—Vic and Sade | 10:30—News |
| 2:15—US Marines | 3:30—The Personality Hour | 10:45—Music |
| 2:45—Broadway Band Wagon | 4:00—Dr. Kate | 11:00—Halls of Montezuma |
| 3:00—KSLM Concert Hour | 4:15—News of the World | 11:30—Orchestra |
| 4:15—The Aristocrats | 4:30—Caribbean Nights | 11:45—Songs of the Service |
| 4:30—Boys' Town | 4:45—H. V. Kallenberg | |
| 5:00—Natl Industrial Information | 5:00—OK for Release | |
| 5:15—Let's Reminisce | 5:15—Rhythm and Romance | |
| 5:30—Melodies | 5:30—Day Foster, Commentator | |
| 5:45—Tonight's Headlines | 5:45—Lois P. Lochner | |
| 6:15—War News Commentary | 6:00—Eddie Cantor | |
| 6:20—Evening Serenade | 6:05—Mr. District Attorney | |
| 6:45—Music | 7:00—Kay Kyser's Kollege | |
| 7:00—News | 8:00—Fred Waring in Pleasure Time | |
| 7:05—Charlie Hamp's Ballads | 8:15—Commentator | |
| 7:15—This is Your Business | 8:30—Beat the Band | |
| 7:30—Keystone | 9:00—Mr and Mrs. North | |
| 7:45—This is Your Business | 9:30—Scramble Army | |
| 8:00—War Front in Review | 10:00—News Flash | |
| 8:10—Interlude | 10:15—Your Home Town News | |
| 8:15—Hollywood | 10:30—Gardening for Food | |
| 8:30—Mustangs | 10:45—Voice of A Nation | |
| 8:45—Treasury Star Parade | 11:00—Music | |
| 9:00—News | 11:30—Music | |
| 9:15—Old Timers | 11:45—Music | |
| 9:45—Between the Lines | 12:00-T A.M.—Swing Shift | |
| 10:00—Serenade | | |
| 10:30—News | | |

- | KOIN—CBS—WEDNESDAY—950 Kc. | | |
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| 6:00—Northwest Farm Reporter | 6:15—Breakfast Bulletin | 6:30—Texas Rangers |
| 6:45—KODN Clock | 7:15—News | 7:30—News |
| 7:45—Nelson Pringle, News | 8:00—Consumer News | 8:15—Valiant Lady |
| 8:30—Stories America Loves | 8:45—Aunt Jenny | 9:15—Kate Smith Speaks |
| 9:30—Romance of Helen Trent | 9:45—Our Gal Sunday | 10:15—Life Can Be Beautiful |
| 10:15—Ma Perkins | 10:30—Bernadine Flynn | 10:45—The Goldbergs |
| 11:00—Young Dr. Malone | 11:15—Joyce Jordan | 11:30—Neighbors |
| 11:45—News | 12:00—Neighbor News | 12:30—William Winter, News |
| 12:45—Bachelor's Children | 1:30—New Horizons | 2:00—Mary Martin |
| 1:45—Home Front Matinee | 2:30—American Women | 3:00—News |
| 3:30—Carols | 3:45—The World Today | 4:00—Sam Hayes, News |
| 4:30—Easy Aces | 4:45—Trace of Lost Persons | 5:00—Galen Drake |
| 5:15—Red's Gang | 5:30—Henry Flannery, News | 5:45—News |
| 6:30—Happy Moments in Music | 7:00—Music | 7:15—Hello Soldier |
| 7:45—Lynn Murray Show | 8:00—Home Front Matinee | 8:15—Love a Mystery |
| 8:30—Carols | 9:00—Home Front Matinee | 9:15—Oregon on Guard |
| 9:45—Art Baker | 10:30—Down Memory's Lane | 10:45—Broadway Bandwagon |
| 10:30—News | 11:00—This and That | 11:15—Organ Concert |
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- | KGW—NBC—WEDNESDAY—620 Kc. | | |
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| 4:00—Dawn Patrol | 5:55—Labor News | 6:30—Music from Manhattan |
| 6:30—News Parade | 6:55—Labor News | 7:00—Journal of Living |
| 7:30—Reveille Roundup | 7:45—Sam Hayes | 8:00—Stars of Today |
| 8:15—James Abbe Covers the News | 8:30—David Harum | 9:00—The Open Door |
| 9:15—Old Timers | 9:45—Mirch and Madness | 10:00—Across the Threshold |

The Safety Valve

FIRST WHITE CHILD
Amity, Ore.
Dec. 11, 1943

To the Editor:
In the Statesman of December 10 appeared a news item under a Walla Walla dateline telling of the death of Leander Kirk, and claiming that he was the first white man born in Oregon, giving the date of his birth as 1847. I claim this is an error. I had a half brother, Alonzo Umphlette, who was born January 9, 1847 at Knox Butte. He was thought to be the second white child born in Linn county. Marion Crabtree, son of Fletcher Crabtree, has the distinction of being the first white child born in what is now Linn county in 1846. When Mr. Kirk was born, Jane Elzi Umphlette, mother of Alonzo, died at the birth of her son. She was the first white person to be buried in what is now Linn county, according to C. H. Stewart, historian of Albany. Her grave is in Meeker's Gap, now called Millersburg. I believe overlooking the busy Pacific highway, Mrs. Charles Alexander also gave her death as the first white person to die in Linn county.
If 1847 is the correct year of Mr. Kirk's birth it is reasonable to think that he was not the first child born in Oregon, as there had been a heavy immigration to Oregon before that year, besides the missionaries who were already here. Let's keep the record straight.
John M. Umphlette
Amity, Ore.

- | KOAC—WEDNESDAY—550 Kc. | | |
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| 10:15—News | 10:30—The Homemakers' Hour | 11:00—School of the Air |
| 11:00—Concert Hall | 12:00—News | 12:15—Noon Farm Hour |
| 1:15—U. P. Chronicle | 1:30—Variety Time | 1:45—Problems of Youth |
| 2:00—Memory Book of Music | 2:30—News | 3:15—Music |
| 4:00—A to Z Novelty | 4:15—Red Cross | 4:30—Boake Carter |
| 9:15—Woman's Side of the News | 9:30—Music | 10:15—What's New? |
| 10:30—This and That | 11:00—Buyer's Parade | 11:15—Marketing |
| 11:30—Music | 12:00—News | 12:45—Farm Front |
| 1:00—Harrison Woods | 1:15—All Star Dance Parade | 1:30—Full Speed Ahead |
| 2:00—Ray Dady | 2:30—Texas Rangers | 2:45—You're for a Song |
| 3:00—News | 3:30—Phillip Keyne-Gordon | |

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become soiled and unsanitary, and after a few weeks the requirements were lifted. Whether the masks did any good or not is difficult to say. At least they have never been revived for popular wear.

Since 1918 research into the source and treatment of influenza has been continuous. The cause is traced to a virus so minute that it passes through the porcelain filter of the bacteriologist. Treatment for prevention and cure is still in the testing stage, with sulfa compounds now the favorite remedy, as in the case of certain streptococcal infections like pneumonia. There has been a favorable report on a nasal spray developed by a University of California doctor in cooperation with the navy. But uniformly doctors prescribe rest as the first essential in combating the disease.

Will there be a general epidemic of influenza or other disease accompanying or following this war? That is hard to say. The present influenza attack is in mild form, not different from peace-time flu. Thus far typhus has not caused very serious damage among armies or civilians. The general incidence of disease is probably higher than before the war, especially in occupied countries. For instance "Netherlands News" from sources within The Netherlands reports increase in cases of boils attributed to "the complete lack of soap." A Rotterdam paper reported "a veritable plague of lice among the city's children," difficult to combat because of lack of soaps. And we always think of the Dutch housewife as the soul of cleanliness! The News further reports the greatest epidemic of diphtheria on record and an increase in number of cases of scarlet fever.

The allied countries have been spared serious epidemics. While there is no reason to predict a serious epidemic merely because they have occurred in former wars, it is not at all impossible for some virulent form of disease to arise and spread. There is every reason for people to guard their own health, to keep themselves physically fit. They should treat promptly with rest and suitable medicines such ailments as the common cold which often is merely preliminary to more serious illness. This obligation is the more serious because of the shortage of doctors and nurses and the heavy burdens on hospital facilities. Care in diet, avoidance of physical exhaustion, suitable exercise will help, though germs are noted for being no respecters of persons.

- | KEK—BN—WEDNESDAY—1190 Kc. | | |
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| 6:00—Musical Clock | 6:15—National Farm and Home | 6:45—Western Agriculture |
| 7:00—Music | 7:05—Home Demonstration Agent | 7:15—News |
| 7:30—News | 7:45—The Humbard Family | 8:00—Breakfast Club |
| 9:00—My True Story | 9:30—Breakfast at Sardi's | 10:00—News |
| 10:00—Commentator | 10:30—Andy and Virginia | 10:45—Baby Institute |
| 11:00—Baukhage Talking | 11:15—The Mystery Chef | 11:30—Ladies, Be Seated |
| 12:00—Songs | 12:15—News | 12:30—Livestock Reporter |
| 12:45—News | 1:00—Blue Newsroom Review | 2:00—What's Doing, Ladies |
| 2:30—Voices, Harmony | 2:40—Labor News | 2:45—Gospel Singer |
| 3:00—Hollywood News Flash | 3:15—Kneass With the News | 3:30—Blue Frolics |
| 4:00—News | 4:15—Letters to Santa Claus | 4:30—Hop Harrigan |
| 4:45—The Sea Hound | 4:50—Terry and the Pirates | 5:15—Dick Tracy |
| 5:30—Jack Armstrong | 5:45—Captain Midnight | 6:00—Bank Wagon |
| 6:30—Sports | 6:35—Raymond Gram Swing | 7:15—This is Your Business |
| 7:30—Down the Ways | 8:15—Lum and Abner | 8:30—Battle of the Sexes |
| 9:00—Inspector Hawk and Son | 9:15—Oregon on Guard | 9:30—News |
| 9:45—Art Baker | 10:30—Down Memory's Lane | 10:45—Broadway Bandwagon |
| 11:00—Music | 11:30—This and That | 11:45—Organ Concert |
| 12:00—News | | |

Another good yellow is the sulphur colored Mutabilis. Sunday Best is crimson with a snowy white eye. This last is a semi-climber.

Today's Garden

F. R. C. has asked for "the names of six nice single" roses. Perhaps the best known is Dainty Bess, but recently when I visited a rose grower he told me that he was dropping this variety and in its stead carrying Kathleen Mills as the best pink single rose. It has ten petals, wavy and of very heavy satin finish. The petals are pink edged with wine-rose. It is fragrant and of immense size. I still like the Dainty Bess with its dark stems. Innocence is a twelve-petaled rose of a delicate peach, opening into a big showy bloom centered with golden stamens. Lulu has one of the finest buds in any rose. It is a salmon pink. Cecil is the finest yellow single rose.

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| 3:15—Stars of Today | 3:30—Music | 3:45—Bill Hay |
| 4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr. | 4:15—Johnson Family | 4:30—Rainbow Rendezvous |
| 4:30—Treasury Star Parade | 4:45—Book of the Week | 5:00—On the Upbeat |
| 5:30—Story Time | 5:45—It's Oregon's War | 6:15—News |
| 6:30—Evening Farm Hour | 7:30—Shorthand Contest | |

United Marks Anniversary Of First Plane

A petition to Orville Wright asking that he permit his world's first successful "flying machine" which has been resting for the past 12 years in a museum at South Kensington, England, to be returned to this country after the war, is to be signed here today by pilots, co-pilots, stewardesses and maintenance workers of United Air Lines.

The petition, which will be presented to America's original aviator, is to be signed as part of United's observance today of the 40th anniversary of Wilbur and Orville Wright's first flight in a power-driven airplane at Kitty Hawk, N.C.

The petition, which will bear the signatures of hundreds of United's personnel along its entire 6300 mile system, reads:

WHEREAS, we, the pilots, co-pilots, stewardesses and maintenance men and women of United Air Lines owe so much to you, Orville Wright, and your late brother Wilbur, for the tireless experimentation and research which today makes aviation the powerful economic, social and military force that it is, and—

WHEREAS, we revere the traditions and heritage of aviation in these United States; and—

WHEREAS, your power-driven flying machine which first flew at Kitty Hawk on December 17, 1903, and which now rests in England, is tangible proof of this nation's role in pioneering aviation 40 years ago; and—

WHEREAS, we believe this airplane should be enshrined in these United States rather than in a foreign land—

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, believing our sentiments will be shared by all those in aviation as well as by the public generally, respectfully petition: That you grant your permission to have man's first successful, power-driven airplane returned to this country when peace again comes to the world.

Salem High Students Enter Science Search

Margaret Jane Emmons, George Frum and Jerry Leedy took aptitude tests Saturday at Salem high school which may put them in the running in Westinghouse's annual "science talent search." Examinations were given under the direction of June Philpott, high school science instructor.

Forty students leading in these examinations will be sent to Washington, DC, to attend the science talent institute for five days and to take final examinations. Submission of 1000-word essays is a portion of the preliminary examination.

Winners, one boy and one girl, will receive \$2400 scholarships for four-year training courses; eight others will be awarded \$400 scholarships, while an additional \$3000 will be distributed in smaller scholarships.

In 1942, Alan Voigt of Salem was awarded one of the trips to Washington where he placed as first alternate. Bob Bisbee was awarded an honorable mention in 1943.

Marks' Condition Said Improved

PORTLAND, Dec. 14 (AP)—Condition of Willard L. Marks, state board of higher education president and Albany attorney who collapsed at a board session yesterday, was reported improved today at a hospital here.

Dr. Peck to Speak To Geologists

The Geological society, meeting Thursday night at 8 o'clock in Collins hall on the Willamette university campus, will hear Dr. Morton E. Peck, curator of the Willamette herbarium and former professor of biology at the university here, lecture on plants and parts of Oregon seldom seen.

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