

Jefferson Girl Top Twirler at Majorette Meet

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Fast-stepping ash-blond Katharine Specht from Jefferson twirled her baton to the top of the Elks club annual drum majorette contest Thursday night at the Salem high school gymnasium.
Smiles and tears mixed when the judges announced the 18-year-old Jefferson high school senior best over 11 other contestants from northwest Oregon schools. Near flawless control won a lighted baton and a radio for Miss Specht. Her score was 90.
Second place went to comely brunette Elizabeth Johnson of Gresham who twirled to an 89 score.
Overcomes Jitters
Rita Reigle of Newberg with control as rhythmic as her name counted 88.5 on the judges score for third place. Both Elizabeth and Rita were awarded lighted batons.
Fourth and fifth places went to Janet French, Beaverton, and Joyce Ocks, Tigard.
The crowd was estimated at 1,500.
Judges Listed
Judging were Elwood Rickman, former University of Oregon drum major; Reginald Williams, and Capt. Frank Jurasek. Timekeeper was Clinton Stanish, and Orval Lama and Jim Byers audited the score sheets.
Musical accompaniment for the majorettes was furnished by the Salem high school band under the direction of E. Donald Jessup. Judge Joe Felton awarded the prizes for the Elks club.
Other entrants in the contest were Ann Louise Heater, Silverton; Dolores Hughson, Newport; Velma Lou Howard, St. Helens; Theresa Ann Zillig, Canby; Donna Dusick, Forest Grove; Dolly Wagners, Salem; and Mabel Jean McKenzie, Estacada.

Willamette Group To Attend State Education Meet

About 60 Willamette university educational students and faculty members are attending the 46th annual Oregon Education association convention in Portland which will be concluded tomorrow.
The faculty group includes Prof. Kenneth Lottick, Dean Robert Gregg, Charles Barclay, Margaret Allen, and Dr. George Martin.
Martin is panel chairman of discussions of Future Teachers of America delegates at the convention.

Power Firm To Issue Stock

WASHINGTON, March 31—(AP)—The power commission today authorized Mountain States Power Co., Albany, Ore., to issue \$2,000,000 in first mortgage bonds and 50,770 shares of no-par-value common stock.
The stock price will be fixed when it is offered to the public.

County Offices Plan Building Period Move

Funds for rental of space for offices now in the Marion county courthouse will be recommended in the 1949-50 budget, County Judge Grant Murphy said Thursday. The appropriation would be asked only for the first six months of 1950.
The action is called for by impending construction of a new courthouse, for which plans are under consideration by a special commission. It is not expected that construction would get underway before the last half of 1950, but moving of offices and raising of the present structure would take some time beforehand.
Murphy said the city school administration building on Marion street appeared now to be the most logical choice for a temporary location, with about 24,000 square feet of floor space probably available there at a cost of about \$9,000 for the six months. Negotiations are under way with the school district.
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Speaker Says Japan on Road To Recovery

Reappearance of consumer goods on Japanese store counters is a good sign of rehabilitation progress this year, it was reported Thursday by an army major visiting Salem after 2 1/2 years of military government duty in southern Japan.
Maj. John Trussell told Salem Lions club at a luncheon meeting in Marion hotel that democracy and self-sufficiency are the goals of rehabilitation by the Japanese themselves, with guidance by the U. S. army of occupation and its military government units.
Trussell said economic gains in Japan still depend upon U. S. financing in the absence of sufficient Japanese industry to put goods on the international market.
Besides helping restore Japanese economy according to Trussell, military government has been directing Japanese gains in democratic education with high professional standards, public health measures and systematic welfare, responsible press and some degree of autonomy for the state governments.
Maj. Trussell and his family are visiting here at the home of Col. and Mrs. Philip W. Allison, parents of his wife. The major after a 60-day leave will report for duty at Ft. Bliss, Tex.

W. T. Norris Dies from Heart Attack

WOODBURN, March 31—(Special)—William Thomas Norris, 75, of Broadacre died suddenly today in Heinie's pool hall. He suffered a heart attack as he entered the place and died almost immediately.
He was a native of Georgia who had come to Oregon from New Mexico in 1920. He had lived at Broadacre the last five years. He was a member of Harmony lodge 12, AF & AM, in Portland.
Three sons and six daughters survive. Funeral arrangements are being made by Ringo chapel. Interment will be at Riverview mausoleum, Portland.

Over 15,000 Visit Berg's Store On First Day of Grand Opening

Berg's, the big new Salem supermarket with everything from a separate counter for bottle returns to a catering department, attracted Salem area citizens by the thousands Thursday as grand opening festivities began.
A count of paying customers after the first of four "opening days" came to a close at 10 o'clock last night showed 15,000 had gone through the new \$200,000 store during the day, and several thousands more inspected the market and took rides on the merry-go-round and ferris wheel outside. The merry-go-round operated steadily all afternoon and evening, riding a capacity load of 5,000 children.
Elmer O. Berg, proprietor of the market at 12th and Center streets, wore a big smile through the opening and expressed keen happiness over the response to the formal debut of his market.
During most of the day, traffic volume was so heavy at Berg's it looked like bridgehead traffic on lower Center street at the daily 5 o'clock rush.
The new market has 15,000 square feet of floor space and a parking lot for 300 cars. It is open every night until 10 o'clock.
All the special features of the grand opening will continue today, Saturday and Sunday.
Scores of colorful bouquets and messages of congratulations from Berg's fellow citizens added to the festive note of the grand opening.

New Rent Law To Make Few Changes Here

The new federal rent control law is expected to make few, if any, wholesale changes in the local rent picture, it was predicted Thursday by E. G. Clay, area rent representative.
But Clay quickly added he has not yet received full instructions based on the extension of rent control which the president signed into law Wednesday.
About 4,000 rental units are under control in the Salem area which includes all of Marion county and West Salem. At least 90 per cent of the rental units are in Salem proper, Clay said.
It remains likely, however, that the eastern end of Marion county will be decontrolled by an independent action of the housing expediter, said Clay. This decontrol was not written into the rent law, but has been recommended by the housing expediter.

Cattle Rustlers Show Activity

The cattle rustlers appeared to be on the loose again in Marion county Thursday with two reports made to Sheriff Denver Young from sections some distance apart.
J. D. Loth, Woodburn route 1, said a Guernsey cow was stolen Wednesday night from his barn.
Irvin Kreger, Turner route 2, reported three four-month-old bull calves taken from his pasture Wednesday night.

Mill City Tract Proposed Site Of Project

MILL CITY, March 31—(Special)—Construction of 20 to 25 houses for key personnel of Consolidated Builders, Inc., contractor for the Detroit dam project, will begin within a few days.
Officials at the firm's temporary office here said today they are now completing the negotiations with property owners which has secured for Consolidated an eight-acre tract in the heart of Mill City.
Consolidated has acquired for \$2,400 about half the 12-acre city park on the Lions club and has bought additional land adjoining the park from Leonard Herman, Marion county and Mrs. Esther Ogden.
Consolidated officials are not yet decided whether they will contract for the houses or build them with their own labor force. The houses are expected to cost about \$7,500 each.

School Standards Too High, Oregon Educators Told

PORTLAND, Ore., March 31—(AP)—The Oregon Education association meeting opened here today and teachers at once heard that "The standards of our schools are too high."
That statement came from Helen Heffernan, assistant chief of public instruction in California, who told 3000 teachers, "We beam our education at the median -- the average. Obviously average is better than one-half the class can do."
She urged development of a system to give children more individual treatment, more understanding teachers and closer cooperation between teachers and parents.

Valley Obituaries

Lars Opedal
SILVERTON — Lars Opedal, resident of Silverton, for the past 43 years, died at his home, 231 S. Church st., Thursday at the age of 78 years. Opedal was born in Norway, June 1, 1870.
Survivors are the widow, Breta Opedal, Silverton; sons, Tom Opedal, Portland, and Lawrence Opedal, New York City; daughters, Mrs. Martha Larson, Portland, and Mrs. Lillie Russett, Salem; brother, John Opedal, Boise, Idaho; sisters, Ofa Opedal and Mrs. Kristie Swenson, both of Radcliffe, Iowa; 10 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.
Services will be held Friday, April 1 at 2 p. m. at the Immanuel Lutheran church with concluding services at Valley View cemetery. The Rev. S. L. Almie will officiate. Ekman Funeral home is in charge.

City Obituaries

GRAHAM
Baby Boy Douglas Graham, at a local hospital, March 29. Survived by parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Graham, Salem; brothers John and Geard, both of Salem. Graveside services were held Thursday at 10 a. m. in Pleasant Hill cemetery under the direction of Clough-Barrick company.

HOLLYWOOD

New Showing — Open 6:45
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Dog Show Set Saturday at Fairgrounds

Salem's annual dog show which attracts canines of 40 or 50 breeds from the western states will open at 1 p. m. Saturday at the state fairgrounds.
Entries number 425, one of the biggest show lists in the 14-year history of the event presented by the Dog Fanciers association of Oregon under local sponsorship of the Salem Lions club.
Outstanding feature of this year's entry list is a class of 75 collies and Shetland sheep dogs, attracted primarily because one of the four dog show judges, Dr. J. P. McCain of Pittsburgh, is considered to be the top U. S. expert on collies and Shetlands.
Other judges will be Kyle Onstott and Kenneth H. Dyer, both of San Francisco, and W. L. Davidson of Portland. The latter will judge the children's handling classes, always an attraction to the spectator public.
J. H. Willett, Salem druggist, is president of the association and general chairman of the dog show for the Lions club.
The club has made arrangements to heat the grandstand building where temperatures at the dog show two years ago proved somewhat chilly for the show dogs and the spectators.
Judging will be conducted Saturday afternoon and evening and all day Sunday in two rings. Saturday schedule: Ring 1 — 1 p. m., toys and hounds; 5 p. m., children's handling; 7 p. m., terriers; ring 2 — 4 p. m., obedience trials.
Sunday judging: Ring 1 — 9 a. m., remaining working dogs, all non-sporting dogs; 1 p. m., sporting dogs; ring 2 — 10 a. m., boxers, dobermans, pinschers, Great Danes, Great Pyrenees, Samoyeds; 2:30 p. m., collies and Shetlands; 7:30 p. m., champion parade; 8 p. m., variety and best in show judging.

War Dead To Be Returned

Bodies of three Salem men who lost their lives in the Pacific during World War II are included in the 1,147 Americans returned aboard the Army Transport Sergeant Jack J. Pendleton.
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\$10,750 Asked As Damages In County Suit

Suit for \$10,750 damages for alleged personal injuries was filed against Marion county and W. P. Crockett, a county employe Thursday by Helen Lindsay.
Mrs. Lindsay's suit alleges negligence by the defendants in an auto accident Aug. 18, 1947, on Silver Falls highway about one mile south of Four Corners, in which she was riding with her husband, Peter Lindsay, and in which Crockett was driving a county dump truck.
The complaint charges that the plaintiff's car was forced into the ditch by the manner in which Crockett drove the truck and that as a result Mrs. Lindsay suffered various neck and head injuries and still suffers "physical pain and mental anguish." The damages sought are \$10,000 general and \$750 special.

Appraisal on Right-of-Way Property Filed

An appraisal of \$1,280 for property owned by Albert E. Wickert, and the last parcel needed by Marion county for extension of Broadway street to North River road, was filed with the county Thursday by a committee of Salem Board of Realtors.
The court has already offered Wickert \$1,400 for the property, and further negotiations will be conducted before condemnation proceeds are filed.

Jersey Meeting Set Ahead to April 3

Because Palm Sunday comes on the second Sunday in April this year, the Clackamas County Jersey Cattle club meeting will be advanced one week, making it the first Sunday in April instead of the customary second Sunday of the month.
The meeting, to be held April 3, will be at the Marquam community hall on highway 215. Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Miller will be hosts. Developments in plans for club activities during spring and early summer will be outlined.

One Auto, Keys Property Sale To Rest in Used Suit Contends Facts Hidden Car Lot Stolen

The thief, who broke into the lot office of the Acme Auto company, Center and Front Street, sometime early Thursday, posed a ticklish problem for owner Mike Steinbock.
Keys to several cars were stolen from the office and one of them used to enable the thief to leave with a 1942 Chevrolet. Though Steinbock has duplicates for all but one of the cars, he is faced with the task of replacing locks or having a number of cars liable to theft.
City detectives said the thief gained entrance to the office by prying open a small window on the north side, cutting the screen and crawling through. Desk drawers in the office were ransacked but nothing was taken but the keys, police said.
Suits for \$39,750, alleging fraudulent concealment of facts in a property sale, was filed in Marion county circuit court Thursday by Walter and Evelyn L. Musgrave against Edward J. and Caroline Lucas.
The Musgraves allege that a sand and gravel operation near West Salem, which they purchased April 2, 1948, from the Lucas' had been ordered to discontinue operations and the sellers had not disclosed that fact prior to the sale.
The order, according to the complaint, came from the Portland district army engineer on Nov. 22, 1946, declaring that continued removal of sand and gravel from the Willamette river bank at that location would "in all probability seriously change the channel of the river" and also "endanger some 20,000 acres of bottom land below the point" of removal. That

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letter said that the Lucas' had not been issued a permit by the engineers for their operations.
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