

U.S. Hop Men To Arrive for Meet Thursday

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Hop growers from Oregon, Washington, California and Idaho will gather for the fourth annual convention of the United States Hop Growers association at Salem Thursday. Last year the convention drew more than 500 to its meeting at Yakima, and two years ago almost as large a group to San Francisco.

The convention comes under the direction of the advisory committee of the U. S. Hop Growers of which Ray J. Glatt, Woodburn, is chairman. Gordon F. Hadley of Independence, is general convention chairman.

Fifty growers are coming from California in a special Southern Pacific daylight car Wednesday. From Yakima 100 growers have indicated their intention of attending with some twenty from Idaho. Between 250 and 300 growers will attend from Oregon.

Featured speaker of the convention will be S. R. Smith, director of the fruit and vegetable branch of the Production and Marketing Administration, Washington, D. C. Smith will speak Thursday afternoon. Hop control comes under this branch of the PMA.

Registration will be held Thursday from 10 to 12 a. m. with the convention proper to get underway at 12:15 at the "who's here" luncheon. Dean Walker, Independence, will serve as chairman of the luncheon.

Governor Douglas McKay will welcome visitors to Oregon and Mayor Robert L. Eittrich to Salem. Frank Kennedy of Independence, will respond to the welcome for the Oregon hop growers with Donald Batt representing Idaho, Tom Tanner, California and Victor Balair, Washington.

In addition to Smith, Thursday afternoon speakers will include Lowell Steen, president of the Oregon Farm Bureau; and Steve Tabacchi, brewmaster of Sick's Salem brewery, and E. L. Peterson, Oregon director of agriculture.

The annual twilight beer garden party will be held Thursday at the Crystal Gardens. Dancing will be one of the evening's entertainments.

Hop Breeding Project

The Friday morning session will start at 9:45 with F. L. Ballard, assistant director of extension, Oregon State college, and Dr. R. K. Keller, USDA agronomist at Oregon State college, will speak. This will be Dr. Keller's first report on the hop plant breeding project at Oregon State college. Hop specialist at Oregon State college will also speak. Colored movies of hop production will complete the morning program.

The Friday afternoon program will open with pictures of California production to be followed by a market discussion. G. H. Hooper, which Dean Walker will be chairman and W. J. Broadhead, PMA, Portland, will be counselor. Others on the panel discussion will be P. G. Batt, Caldwell, Idaho; Earle W. Peterson, Santa Rosa, California; Edward M. Schott, Selah, Wash.; and Ray J. Glatt, Woodburn. An open forum will follow. Reports of committees, including resolutions, will complete the day.

Banquet Friday

The annual Hopper's banquet will be held at the Marion hotel at 7 p. m. Friday night with Walter Leth as toastmaster. Robert F. Maquire, Portland, one of the judges in the war trials in Germany, will be the speaker.

The convention will close with a tour of points of interest locally Saturday forenoon.

Marion hotel will serve as headquarters for the convention with meetings to be held at the Crystal Gardens ballroom. A special feature will be the women's get acquainted party at the Marion hotel Thursday from 3:30 to 4:30 with Mrs. Gordon F. Hadley in charge. R. W. Goulet of Brooks is entertainment chairman for the convention.

USEFUL INSTRUMENTS

MANITOU SPRINGS, Colo.—(INS) Muffin tins and rubber balls have been transformed into useful instruments of education at the Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind at Manitou Springs. Miss Forest Creighton, a teacher who works with children at the school, developed the idea of using muffin tins and balls to teach them the Braille system, which is based on different arrangements of six dots in two parallel rows.



OPERATION 'QUACK'—Lt. Gen. Clarence R. Huebner, Gen. Thomas T. Handy, and Lt. Gen. John K. Cannon, (l. to r.) of U. S. Forces in Europe, return from duck hunt near Bremerhaven.

Air-to-Air Navy Rocket Fired Successfully

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6—(AP)—A powerful new aircraft rocket, nicknamed the "Mighty Mouse," has been developed by the navy for air-to-air combat in any future war.

The department of defense took the wraps off the secret project today with the announcement that the rocket has been successfully test-fired over the California desert.

The department sketched this picture of the new weapon: It has far greater speed and range than aircraft rockets developed during World War II.

It is small enough to be carried in quantity by its "mother" aircraft, yet fast and powerful enough to destroy any known plane with a direct hit.

It was built specifically for use on modern, high-speed planes against other aircraft.

The department called it the "first successful air-to-air rocket."

The "Mighty Mouse" was designed for use with a new type airplane rocket launcher now under development by the navy. The rocket operates with folding fins which reduce air resistance on the mother plane and increase the carrying capacity of the launcher.

Folding Fin Used

"The folding fin principle has proved highly satisfactory in tests," the department's statement said.

"The fins, which give directional stability to the rocket after it is fired, fold together while in the launcher and immediately extend outward to their normal flight position when the rocket is fired."

The rocket was fired by a Navy attack plane, the Douglas AD-4 Sky-Raider, at the naval ordnance test station at Inyokern, Calif., where it was developed during the past two years.

Five Gunmen Rob Library of \$16,000 Cash

BALTIMORE, Feb. 6—(AP)—Five gunmen walked into the library at Morgan State college late this afternoon, scooped up \$16,000 in registration fees and escaped—all in three minutes.

The bandits entered the building at 5 p. m., just a few minutes after the last student had paid his mid-term fee and departed. They held 12 persons at bay with guns and scooped the money into a canvas handbag, a college official said.

Morgan is a state college for negroes.

Lt. Brace Knapp Named Marines Medical Officer

Lt. (jg) Brace I. Knapp, USNR (MC) a Salem physician, Monday night was named medical officer of C battery, 4th 105mm howitzer battalion, of the marine corps reserve.

Brace replaces Lt. (jg) Donald E. White who recently enlisted in the army air corps.

Four men were recruited Monday night by the Salem marine reserve company. They are: PFC John L. Jarvis and Donald J. Duncan and Privates Seola T. Hill and Dale L. Sheridan. All reside in Salem.

Mrs. Needham, Former Salem Resident, Dies

Mrs. Anna Simmons Needham, native of the Willamette valley who lived nearly 60 years in the Salem area, died Monday at her residence at Brookings.

Mrs. Needham was born near Turner, the daughter of the pioneer Simmons family. She was married about 50 years ago in Salem to G. Wilbur Needham, native of Salem and brother of W. I. Needham, owner of Needham's book store here.

The couple resided in the Salem area most of their married life. They had lived at Brookings for about three years.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 1:30 p. m. at the Clough-Barrick chapel with Dr. Seth Huntington officiating. Interment will be in the IOOF cemetery.

Surviving are her widower in Brookings and four grandchildren in Portland.

Judson Webster Succumbs at Portland Home

Judson D. Webster, former Salem resident who lived 46 years in Oregon, died Sunday night at his home in Portland. He was 68.

Webster lived in Salem several years during the early 1940s and among the survivors are a daughter, Mrs. Donald F. Blake, and a grandson, Donald Webster (Blake), jr., both of Salem. Also surviving are his widow, Mrs. Grace Webster, Portland, and a daughter and granddaughter in Clackamas.

The deceased was a druggist in Portland and was active in the Al Kader Shrine there. He performed for 32 years in the shrine band which will play at his funeral services Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Portland Crematorium.

British Editor Claims Russia Has H-Bomb

(Reports attributed to Kenneth DeCourcy, London editor, that Russia has exploded a hydrogen bomb, are without confirmation or authoritative acceptance. Associated Press inquiries show. Foreign office and other British government sources regard the reports with "cautious skepticism," although DeCourcy correctly predicted that Russia would explode an atom bomb in 1949).

By Hal Cooper
LONDON, Feb. 6—(AP)—Kenneth DeCourcy, British editor of the monthly "Intelligence Digest," declared today Russia has made and exploded the world's first hydrogen bomb.

DeCourcy, who correctly predicted the Russians would set off their first atomic blast in 1949, said in a statement to the press "There is now evidence of Russia already having made an H-bomb—she has in fact made three and exploded one of them."

He did not say when or where the purported super-bomb was tested, but added that "barring accidents or deliberate changes," the Russians planned to set off 11 more atomic blasts beginning at 2 a. m., Greenwich mean time, on March 3 or 4.

He did not say whether these would be hydrogen of uranium bombs.

(American scientists said scientific instruments would detect such an explosion as DeCourcy reports. Dr. Hans A. Bethe of Cornell university, whose studies laid the foundation for work on a hydrogen bomb, said last Saturday the United States could detect a Russian hydrogen bomb blast. There has been no report that such an explosion was recorded.)

DeCourcy is now in Marrakech, Morocco. His statement to the press, issued from his home in Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire, said he has fully confirmed that a second Russian atomic explosion occurred on January 7.

DeCourcy predicted last January 5 the Russians would attempt a second explosion at midnight, Greenwich mean time, January 7, in Kazakhstan, Russia. Later he said this explosion had occurred as predicted but there has been no confirmation from any other source. DeCourcy claims to have intelligence contacts in Russia as well as western Europe.

Production of Jersey Cows Earns Medals

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Feb. 6—(AP) Three registered Jersey cows owned by Independence, Ore., residents have compiled outstanding production records, as announced by the American Jersey Cattle club.

June Volunteer Pletje B., owned by Mr. and Mrs. John E. Lindow, produced 12,874 pounds of milk and 809 pounds of butterfat at 2 years and 10 months, earning the cattle club's gold and silver medals award.

Her records were made on 365 day actual production, and her butterfat production exceeds that of the average dairy cow in the United States by more than four times.

Signal Star Model, owned by June Lindow, produced 9,557 pounds milk and 617 pounds butterfat at 3 years and 11 months, also meriting gold and silver awards. Her records were on 305 day actual production and triple those of the average dairy cow.

Lilac Victor Patricia, owned by Loren E. Tibbles, has completed a production record of 8,331 pounds milk and 941 pounds butterfat. This qualified her for the silver medal and a "good plus" rating. Her record was made on '05 day actual production at the age of 3 years and 4 months. She produced two and one-half times as much butterfat as the average dairy cow.

All tests were verified by both Oregon State college and the American Jersey Cattle club.

U.S. Mediator Asks Delay in Phone Strike

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6—(AP)—Cyrus S. Ching, government mediation chief, today called on the CIO telephone workers to put off their nationwide strike until February 24 and sternly told both sides they "must" reach a prompt settlement.

With the walkout now set for 6 a. m. Wednesday, local time, Ching spoke out for intensified bargaining. He warned that a strike might have international consequences by damaging the national economy and our prestige abroad.

Joseph A. Beirne, president of the union, wired Ching tonight that his executive board was being polled on Ching's proposal. He promised a reply as soon as the voting is completed. The large board is widely scattered.

Ching's unusual, gravely-worded statement, delivered as negotiations in New York appeared to be hopelessly deadlocked—told both the Communications Workers (CWA) and the Bell Telephone System that failure to agree would risk their own freedoms. Ching said:

"... the consequences may not be limited to a temporary inconvenience to the public—both sides presently enjoy, and are enjoyed by employers and unions, generally, will be endangered by a demonstration of an absence of sound and stable management-labor relations in the critical communications industry."

Ching appeared to be hinting that a strike possibly shutting down the telephone network of the nation, vital to the economy and national defense, might force congress to pass legislation extending beyond the telephone industry.

Ching asked company and union to say by noon tomorrow whether they would cooperate in his request for a 16-day delay and a report by Monday, February 20, on the results of stepped-up negotiations.

The strike threat directly applies to 100,000 workers. Union leaders say another 200,000 would be involved because they would refuse to pass picket lines. Because of the far-flung extent of the operations, a union leader said that any decision to delay the walkout would have to be made before tomorrow.

"We could not possibly call off the strike within 24 hours, said this official, Ernest Weaver, president of the installation division of the union.

Republican Wins Thomas' Congress Seat

HACKENSACK, N. J., Feb. 6—(AP)—William B. Widnall, a republican state legislator, seemed headed for any easy victory tonight in his bid for the congressional seat vacated by imprisoned J. Parnell Thomas.

The 43-year-old Widnall was running better than two to one ahead of his democratic opponent, George T. English, as initial returns were reported from today's special election in New Jersey's 7th congressional district. The district traditionally has been republican.

Unofficial returns from 137 of the district's 230 election precincts gave Widnall 23,679 votes to 9,432 for English.

The house seat has been vacant since January 2 when Thomas resigned. The GOP congressman relinquished the office after being sentenced to six to 18 months in prison and fined \$10,000 for padding his office payroll and accepting kickbacks. Thomas, who once headed the house un-American activities committee, now is serving time in the federal correctional institute in Danbury, Conn.

The winner of today's election—a congressman election in the nation this year—will serve until the end of 1950. The full two-year term will be filled in November's elections.

C. of C. Hears Marshall Dana

"Where a dollar can do it, it's well done, but where it takes some technique to do it, we sometimes fall down on the job," declared Marshall Dana, Oregon Journal editorial page editor, in a talk Monday noon before the Salem Chamber of Commerce.

Dana, discussing his inspection in Germany during the airlift days of last year, made the connection to the problem of re-education for German youth. He indicated that young Germans were not being won over to the American concept of human freedom and "it probably will take a second generation of Germans schooled in democracy to create a responsible German state."

Dana was introduced to the chamber luncheon group by Joseph A. H. Dodd.

Public Records

MUNICIPAL COURT
Clyde Cole, Portland, charged with soliciting without a permit; posted \$25 bail.

CIRCUIT COURT
Lade V. Koutny vs Loman C. and Cecil Wright: Defendants file separate answers admitting and denying.

Frank Maselli vs Loren White and others: Plaintiff files reply admitting and denying.

Monie Thompson vs Loren White and others: Plaintiff files reply admitting and denying.

Marion county vs Ellsworth Swaggett and Calvin Wagner: Order dismisses case with prejudice.

Iva Mae Favver vs Earl LeRoy Favver: Final divorce decree entered.

LaVerne Cox vs Raymond P. Dvorak: Complaint seeks judgment totaling \$44,143 for injuries allegedly incurred in auto-motorcycle accident.

Harvey H. Fox vs Pauline Helen Fox: Final divorce decree granted.

Edith B. Wells vs Lewis H. Wells: Default order for defendant; final divorce decree granted.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS
Keith Duncan Evans, 23, retailer, Independence, and Barbara Eloise Brundage, 23, stenographer, 760 Bredys ave., Salem.

George Bantruff, 27, warehouseman, Salem route 6, and Barbara Richardson, 20, clerk, 689 N. Capitol st., Salem.

DISTRICT COURT
Albert LeRoy Crowe, Salem, charged with assault with intent to commit rape; pleaded guilty; bound over to grand jury; held in lieu of \$3,500 bail.

David Robert Cook, 635 S. Liberty st., charged with burglary not in a dwelling on two counts and forgery; bound over to grand jury; held in lieu of \$5,000 bail.

Jean L. Cook, 635 S. Liberty st., charge of forgery dismissed; bound over to grand jury on charge of burglary not in a dwelling; held in lieu of \$2,000 bail.

Robert Morrow, 3995 Cherry ave., bound over to grand jury on one charge of forgery; second count of forgery dismissed due to insufficient evidence following preliminary examination; held in lieu of \$1,000 bail.

James Edward Baylie, Silverton, charged with driving while intoxicated, continued to February 7 for plea; held in lieu of \$500 bail.

James Lloyd Nett, 531 N. High st., charged with larceny; preliminary examination held; defense attorney given 10 days to file brief; posted \$500 bail.

ANIMAL CRUELTY
PITTSBURGH, (INS)—The 1949 report of the Western Pennsylvania Humane Society, a Pittsburgh organization, lists 5,073 cases of cruelty to animals. Of these, 5,006 were corrected by advice and warnings. During the year the society received 5,073 cases of cruelty to children and 31 examples of cruelty to adults. After investigation, corrections were made.

Normal Winter Weather Back In Northwest

By the Associated Press
Winter weary Pacific northwest residents were to share almost normal February weather Monday night—rain west of the Cascades, snow showers in the mountains and freezing temperatures in the eastern sector.

The weather bureau said there might be some scattered freezing in western Washington and Oregon early Tuesday morning. It was expected to be slightly cooler Monday night and early Tuesday than the night previous. But not much.

Southwesterly winds that blew warm rains off the Pacific Monday were to continue through Tuesday.

Winter eased its grip on the western sector highways and at such cities as Aberdeen, Wash., where the freezing of an intake pipe had produced a serious water shortage.

Oregon's Columbia river highway, choked by snowdrifts, was reopened to traffic.

Trouble still beset British Columbia, where slides in the Fraser Canyon broke telephone circuits, cut rail connections to the east and half-buried a Canadian Pacific train with 40 passengers for seven hours.

The slow thaw sent rivers and streams up only gradually, and weather forecasters saw no danger of floods.

Shipping in the Columbia river still was hampered. Ocean-going ships were forbidden to travel at night between Portland and the sea until ice-damaged channel lights and markers are repaired. That is expected to take 10 days.

POTLAND, Feb. 6—(AP)—Potato support prices for the 1950 crop will be somewhat lower in Oregon, the department of agriculture disclosed today.

For most of the state the support prices will range from \$1.55 in September to \$1.75 in December, and from \$1.85 in January, 1951, to \$2 in March, 1951. That compares with the 1949 schedule

Salem School News

By Gilbert Bateson
School Correspondent

FARRISH JUNIOR HIGH
Jane Moorefield and Otis Phillips have been elected by their schoolmates at Parrish to be the Valentine day King and Queen of Hearts. King Phillips is ninth grader; the queen is a seventh grader. The couple will be crowned at the Valentine day mixer February 14.

SALEM HIGH SCHOOL
The Salem high dance band, managed by Jim Todd, presented a mock radio program at an assembly Monday morning. Howard Wilson served as master of ceremonies for the 30-minute program. Vocalists were Margie Atwood and Frank Papenunt. Bob Meaney and Doug Rogers played a piano duet.

HIGHLAND SCHOOL
The Highland school mothers club held its annual visiting day at school recently. After a short business meeting, Mrs. Metten-dorf's third grade presented a "Fairland Skit" using the new stage lights that the club had purchased for the school.

After visiting the rooms, which were decorated with cherry trees and hatched, the mothers went to the cafeteria for refreshments.

of \$1.55 in September to \$1.95 in December and \$2.15 in January to \$2.25 in March. The prices will be 20 cents lower in the four eastern Oregon counties of Baker, Wallowa, Union and Malheur.

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