

Large Audience Hears Salem High Band, Orchestra Concert

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Statesman Woman's Editor

Perhaps we're a bit prejudiced, but it seems that every citizen interested in public school education should spend at least one evening a year listening to a concert given by the Salem high school band and orchestra. Such a concert was given last night—and to the largest audience assembled for such an occasion in a long time.

The concert was free, as a gesture of thanks to those who had supported the organizations for these past years.

Witness Terms Douk Leader False Prophet

NELSON, B. C., Feb. 22 (CP) Michael (the archangel) Verigin today was described as a "false prophet with three faces and 10 roles," by a witness in the preliminary hearing of three Doukhobors on conspiracy and other charges.

Verigin is leader of a 200-member Doukhobor colony at Hilliers on Vancouver island.

Zakar Barisoff, brought here from the penitentiary at New Westminster where he is serving a seven-year term for arson, told the court that nudism was blessed and became a commandment when Verigin came to Krestova in the main Doukhobor community here in 1944.

"He instructed us to disrupt all, not to have husbands or wives, and to break all ownership ties," Barisoff said.

The witness said he tried to get away from wife-sharing before Verigin's instructions but "my wife is very religious, she always undresses and listens to these commandments."

The Song of Freedom, a 5,000-strong group in the Doukhobor community of 15,000 have employed nudism as a protest against "man-made laws." The practice has been discontinued in orthodox settlements of the sect which came here from Russia in 1900.

Barisoff admitted under cross-examination that he had doubled in wife-sharing for some time.

Verigin was arrested after a two-year investigation of violence, which included burning and bombing.

Pie Social Successful at Spring Valley

ZENA — A pie social sponsored by the Spring Valley Farmers union netted \$34.50 for the national budget fund for educational and organizational work.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Kohn were admitted to membership and the group voted to change its meeting place from Zena to Spring Valley.

W. C. Daughton showed moving pictures of Yosemite and Crater Lake parks. The Junior Farmers union presented a program which included a piano solo by Ruth Carson; recitations by Carolyn Whittington and Dorothy Dickerson; singing led by Martha Williams, Shirley Carr and Norman Whittington, accompanied by Mrs. E. J. Kohn. Hostesses were Mrs. E. E. Chard, Mrs. Harvey McLaughlin and Mrs. B. McKinney.

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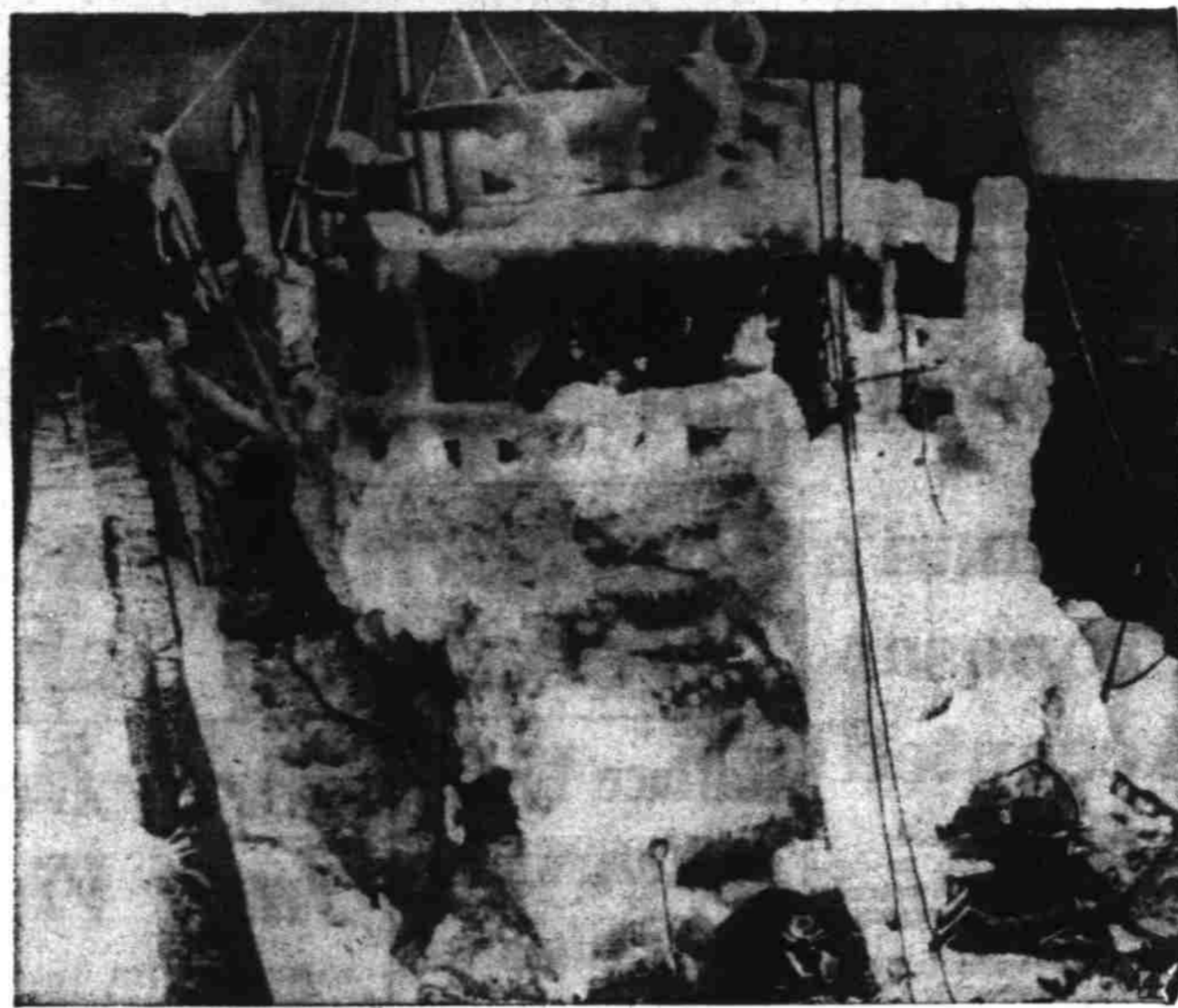
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Ice Coated Trawler



BOSTON, Feb. 22—The fishing trawler Crest makes port at Boston, Mass., heavily coated with ice after a frigid trip from the fishing banks in sub-zero weather. Three members of the crew (left to right) Paul Berringer, Leo Doucette, the captain and Ernest Dobbins smile happily from the bridge as the vessel docks. (AP Wirephoto to the Statesman.)

Large Mushroom Shipment Leaves Salem by Airline

Enough mushrooms to smother every steak in Los Angeles left Salem for the southland on a United Airlines plane about midnight Wednesday.

The huge cargo of mushrooms—2,822 pounds—was shipped by West Foods, Inc. of Salem. The firm has been making smaller air shipments regularly, according to a UAL spokesman.

The southbound DC-6 that picked up the mushrooms was one of several landing at McNary field after 9:45 p.m. when fog "socked in" the Portland port. There was no fog in the Salem area.

Snow Storms Slow Traffic

Snow or sleet slowed highway traffic to a crawl Wednesday in a broad belt from New England to Missouri.

Road conditions were the most hazardous of the winter in ice-sheathed northern and central Indiana. Three highway deaths were blamed on the ice.

Fresh snow over a coating of ice made Chicago's streets so treacherous that police officials ordered all cruising squad cars off the roads.

The Washington weather bureau, in a special bulletin, warned motorists of the dangerous road conditions.

The snow was expected to total five to seven inches in southern New York and northern Pennsylvania, three to five inches in northern Ohio and three or more inches in northern Illinois.

Flywheel Denudes Sawmill Operator

HINTON, W. Va., Feb. 22 (AP) A flywheel on Silas Stanley's sawmill stripped him of his pants (two pairs), shirt, sweatshirt, and underwear in a twinkling yesterday.

Stanley got too close to the flywheel (2,500 revolutions a minute) and a screw on it snagged his clothes.

Stanley landed in a pile of sawdust, still spinning. There he was, shamed and unhurt, in his sox, shoes, and the wristlets of his sweatshirt.

Dodd May Run Against Morse

PORTLAND, Feb. 22 (AP) A possibility that Norris E. Dodd, director-general of the United Nations food and agricultural organization, may run for the senatorial seat of Wayne L. Morse, arose today.

Democratic National Committee man Monroe Sweetland said Dodd's office had asked him for information on filing procedures. Dodd himself is in Brazil at the moment.

Lenten Season Begins in Salem With Symbolic Religious Rites

By Conrad G. Frange
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(Photo on page 1.)

"Remember, man, that thou art dust, and unto dust thou shalt return," murmurs the priest as he marks with ashes the forehead of each kneeling parishioner.

Thus, the penitential season of Lent began yesterday, Ash Wednesday, in Catholic and several other churches throughout the Willamette valley. For 40 days, until

Caveman Asks \$1,000,000 for Modern Ark

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 (AP)—A Missourian cave man asked the Reconstruction Finance corporation today to lend him a million dollars to fix up a five-level hole in the ground as a modern Noah's ark.

It would come in mighty handy if someone started flinging hydrogen bombs around, Lester Dill, owner of the Meramec Caverns at Stanton, Mo., told the government.

While Dill said the cave would be a good site for an emergency seat of government or a war plant, he emphasized its possibilities as an atomic refuge for scientific, industrial, educational and medical leaders.

His loan application, which was eagerly made public by his press agent, said: "Those selected for admission should be representatives of the sciences such as Einstein, the nuclear physicists, medical experts, chemists, engineers, etc."

"There also should be a chosen representative group of young people who would insure a future generation. These youths should be screened for their potential attributes in science, arts, agriculture, etc."

"This subterranean community could be the nucleus for an entirely new world in the event of global wide bombing."

Dill's publicity man said that Jesse and Frank James, the outlaws, used to ride into the cave on horseback. A stream known as Lost River flows through the cavern, located about 65 miles southwest of St. Louis in the Ozark foothills.

Amity Church Women Plan Prayer Service

AMITY—The Amity Council of Church Women is sponsoring the annual World Day of Prayer Friday at the Christian church from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Baptist, Methodist and Christian churches will all participate in the program. Edith Hsi, Chinese speaker at Linfield college, will speak, and Celia Haynes, also of Linfield, will be the soloist.

Swegle Club Plans Dinner for March 2

SWEGLE—Plans for a covered-dish dinner March 2 were completed in a meeting of the Jolly Neighbors club at the home of Mrs. W. Segun. Husbands will be guests at the dinner.

Present were Mesdames Henry Preim, John Jansen and Mary Edgar Wilson, Ray Bernardy, Elmer Currie, George Brown, Judith Segun and the hostess. The next meeting will be held at Mrs. Currie's home.

Spruce Budworm Funds Pass Congress Hurdle

PORTLAND, Feb. 22 (AP)—A federal appropriation needed to combat spruce budworm in Oregon and Washington forests has moved past another hurdle in Congress.

Senator Guy Cordon (R-Ore) telegraphed the Western Forest Industries association today that a deficiency subcommittee of the senate appropriations committee had agreed to add \$880,000 to funds marked for urgent passage.

Senate Orders Probe of Red Spies Charge

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 (AP)—The senate ordered its foreign relations committee today to investigate a republican's charges that communist spies are operating from inside the state department.

The charges were made by Senator McCarthy (R-Wis) in a senate speech Monday night. He said there are or have been 81 card-carrying communists in the department and that their operations were directed by a "Big Three"—two men and a woman. He refused to name them.

Secretary of State Acheson has said there is no truth in the accusation and that he is satisfied with the operations of the loyalty program in his department.

The investigators were ordered to subpoena the secret loyalty records and files of all state department employes accused in the inquiry.

The committee was instructed to hold public hearings on any formal charges of disloyalty made against any individual.

The scope of the inquiry was broadened to cover former employes of the department as well as those now on the payroll.

Blaze Destroys Huge Cyclotron

PRINCETON, N. J., Feb. 22 (AP)—The 18,000,000-volt cyclotron which helped make the atom bomb was virtually destroyed by an oil fire today.

The cause of the smoky, stubborn fire inside Princeton university's \$400,000 atom-smashing machine could not immediately be determined. Dr. Milton White, professor of physics, said that only the magnets could be salvaged.

The machine currently was being used on a nuclear research project for the office of naval research.

Parts of the 35-ton machine were shipped to the Los Alamos, N. M., atom bomb project during World War II and returned here after the bomb was completed. Built in 1936, it was one of this country's first atom-smashing devices.

Dr. White estimated it would take six months to rebuild the machine now.

Hotel Tenants Forced To Flee Night Blaze

GLENS FALLS, N. Y., Feb. 22 (AP)—A roaring fire enveloped the Hotel Towers with terrifying speed today and forced guests clad in night clothes to jump for their lives.

Fifteen persons were injured in the pre-dawn blaze, which gutted the four-story, 100-room hotel on the 78th anniversary of its opening.

Evangelist Leading Amity Church Rites

AMITY—The Rev. Frank McCray of Portland is the special evangelist for services which began at the Amity Baptist church Sunday.

He was also guest speaker Tuesday at the grade school and addressed the high school student body Wednesday. Services will be held each evening at the church at 8 p.m. through March 3 except on Saturdays. Children's meetings will be at 7:30 p.m.

AP Writer Dies

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Feb. 22 (AP)—W. A. (Arch) Wells, an Associated Press writer more than a quarter of a century and a Capitol correspondent at Sacramento 14 years, died tonight after a long illness. He was 61.

Labor Move Would Hand Coal Mine Profits to Government

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 (AP)—With only two days to go before the government really begins cracking the contempt of court whip over striking coal miners, a move started in congress today for federal seizure of the pits on terms the miners like.

The proposal, sparked by Chairman Lesinski (D-Mich) of the house labor committee, is to give President Truman power to take over the mines, with any profits from operations under seizure going to the federal treasury. That would tend to put pressure on the operators. In past seizures the profits have gone to the owners.

Meanwhile the government moved in for more active mediation in the dispute as cooling furnaces drove new thousands of non-mine workers out of their jobs and chilled more public places such as schools. The threat of cold hearths in homes grew too.

While the chill spread, John L. Lewis and the operators ground through two more long court-ordered bargaining sessions. Federal mediators called the morning one fruitless. They wouldn't talk at all at the end of the afternoon meeting.

Leaving others to carry on the afternoon talks, Lewis was closeted for an hour with federal Conciliation Chief Cyrus S. Ching and David L. Cole, chairman of President Truman's coal fact-finding board.

"I just cannot discuss it," Cole said of the Lewis meeting.

Operators held a brief huddle after the close of the afternoon talk which ended only minutes after Lewis and the federal mediators came back in. The next session comes at 11 a.m. tomorrow.

It all added up to no solution. And the rank and file of the United Mine workers stay pretty much on the sidelines, still crying "no contract no work" and paying scant attention to the stop-strike injunction, work orders from Lewis or the threat of contempt action against their union.

1. Jones & Laughlin steel mills where 23,000 men were ordered laid off with the banking of furnaces at Pittsburgh and Alliquippa, Pa. That pushed unemployment in allied industries, resulting from the coal strike, well past 75,000.

2. New York state where Gov. Thomas E. Dewey got unanimous legislature approval for new emergency powers to seize even private coal stocks and to clamp price controls on suppliers already dangerously drained. Dewey said New York city dealers had only six days' supply of soft coal. He called the situation "desperate" and said President Truman had "mishandled the coal situation" by not moving in firmly sooner.

There were prospects of an order for shorter industrial work hours and curtailment in amusement places.

Mechanic Dies In Jet Crash

MANHATTAN BEACH, Calif., Feb. 22 (AP)—An aircraft technician was killed in the flaming crash of a jet night fighter plane today which started a spectacular oil fire.

The pilot, however, bailed out suffering leg and arm fractures in his parachute descent which ended with him dangling unconscious in a tree.

The dead man was identified as Arthur Turton of nearby Redondo Beach. His body lay amid scattered wreckage of the two-place F-80 plane.

The pilot, Charles Tucker, 30, of La Crescenta, Calif., has been a test pilot for Northrop since 1948 and formerly was with Lockheed and Bell Aircraft companies.

Witnesses said the plane seemed to explode in the air at about 500 feet elevation. Flaming wreckage set fire to oil in a drainage pit on Standard Oil Co., property at El Porto Beach.

a dislocated neck vertebra in a gymnastics mishap Monday. He has been in critical condition since.

Bert J. Mehl Dies

Bert J. Mehl, a civil engineer and former resident of Salem, died Sunday at Hayward, Calif., friends were informed this week. The body is being brought to the Eckman Funeral home at Silverton for services. Mehl was the foster son of Mrs. W. M. Bushey, 1760 S. High st., Salem.

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