



AT SALEM SCHOOLS

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SALEM HIGH SCHOOL
The cast for the annual Snik-poh play, "The Barretts of Wimpole Street," scheduled for February 1 at Salem high school, has been announced.

Characters of the three-act play will be John Bone as Edward Barrett, Clarine Woolery as Elizabeth, Doris Willard as Henrietta, Marvel Coleman as Bella Hadley, Wally Carson as George, Mike Deeney as Henry Bevan, John Rehffuss as Dr. Ford Waterlaw, Jim Boudreau as Capt. Surtees Cook, Jerry Slattum as Septimers, Ed Castillo as Alfred, John Davis as Charles, John Prince as Henry, Bill Cranor as Dr. Chambers, David Rhoten as Octavius, Barbara Ruhle as Arabel and Louise Owens as Wilson. Margaret Burroughs, drama teacher, will direct the play.

WASHINGTON SCHOOL
Two large classes totaling 27 students in instrumental music at Washington school are taking advantage of free instruction given by the Salem schools system.

Their instructor is Karl Thelen and he is assisted by Charles Martin, a Willamette student who is practicing teaching.

Members of the advanced class are Janet Goodman, Duane Mc-

sent over the public address system the second of four chapters of the story, "Blue Willow." The story will be finished on December 14 and 21.

The cast includes Jane Larkin, Judy Atwood, Jim Larkin, Roger Shaffer, Mrs. Larkin, Janice Drakely, Doctor Pierce, Monte Kruckenberg, Bounce Rebyburn, Terry Meisinger, Lupe Remero, Carol Anderson, Nils Anderson, Shirley Beutler, announcer, Willis Holscher, sound, Asa Daily, and music, Judith Wyatt.

Federal Red Tape 'Slowing' Small Firms

DETROIT, Dec. 12-(AP)—A manufacturers' agent told a congressional subcommittee today "too

much red tape" keeps hundreds of small manufacturers from bidding directly on defense contracts.

"Any small manufacturer who bids on a government job without consulting his attorney first is flirting with bankruptcy," said Samuel S. Willis.

The house group is investigating government expenditures, concentrating in its Detroit phase on how such expenditures are affected by buying defense needs from middlemen—some of them

admitted five-percenters—rather than from basic producers.

Rep. Porter Hardy (D-Va.), chairman of the group, contends this practice has cost the government an extra \$305,000,000 in the last three years.

Willis cited numerous examples where he said defense needs were supplied by him for a much lower bid than that submitted by any of the manufacturers themselves.

A committee investigator, John L. Shaffer, said his study of contracts let by the army's big or-

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nance tank automotive center here showed that "many fly-by-night outfits" without plant facilities were "participating to a considerable extent in the automotive parts program."

Willis contended the middleman's reputation had been hurt by "promiscuous use of the phrase 'five-percenter.'"

"I contrast to the influence peddler," he said, "the traditional manufacturers' agent is a combination salesman, executive, expediter, engineer, wet-nurse and bird-dog."

Another manufacturers' agent, George F. Day, a former employee of the tank automotive center, said he had entertained center officials "occasionally." He insisted the entertainment was confined to "lunch, dinner, a golf game or tickets to some event" and cost only \$350 over a year's time.

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