

Portland Miss Baton Champ; 15 Competed

Whistles, catcalls, stomping feet, and deafening applause greeted Pat Crane, from Cleveland High School, Portland, as she won the Elks Club drum majorette contest Thursday night.

Fifteen girls from different high schools strutted and twirled before a crowd of 1200 at Salem High gymnasium.

James Byers, one of the auditors at the event, reported the scores for the whole group were "the closest they've ever been, and especially for the first five." Out of a possible 100 per cent, scores for the first five, in order, were as follows:

Pat Crane, 89.5 per cent; Mary Wettstein, North Portland in Aurora, 89.4; Clarine Gilbertson, Roosevelt High, Portland, 89.3; Joan Short, Grant High, Portland, 89.2; Donna Flora, Canby High, 88.1.

The lowest score was 81.1, Byers reported.

The other ten participants in the contest were Nancy Adams, Newberg; June Huskey, Tigard; Linda Lundy, Tillamook; Carol Bickel, Salem; Sarah Chapman, Corvallis; Elaine Cox, Waldport; Janie Smith, Jefferson; Elaine Radway, Cottage Grove; Royallene Cook, Willamina; and Marvella Truman, Silverton.

Judge for the twirling was Gloria Ellexson of University of Washington, widely known majorette, who has been on recent tour of Hawaii and Europe. Capt. Frank Jirak was inspection judge for the event. Salem High band provided the music.

Mary Jane Wait, a 14-year-old from Rickreall, performed for the audience during the half-time period.

James Byers and Orval Lama officiated as auditors and Emile F. Aufranc was timekeeper. Mrs. James Byers was chaperone for the girls. Co-chairmen for the contest were Vernon Wiscaron and Tom Hill.

Each of the five winners was awarded a baton in recognition of their skill and an award to take to their schools. Each participant was given a gold medal.

Citizens Arm, Stop Robbery

MIDDLETON, Tenn. (AP)—A furious night erupted in this little Southwest Tennessee town Thursday when a gunman tried to hold up the bank. The mass fire of angry citizens cut him down.

The bandit and a hostage backed nervously to the back of Middleton into what witnesses described as another "battle of Shiloh." Both were wounded.

The FBI identified the gunman as Robert H. Bondurant of Memphis, Tenn. He was charged with bank robbery. He was taken to a clinic at nearby Bolivar for treatment.

Agents said Bondurant hitchhiked a ride with T. L. Maddin, Memphis businessman, and forced Maddin to accompany him on the holdup attempt.

Town Marshall Terry Hodge said: "We knew of the robbery 15 minutes before the men came out of the bank. About 15 or 20 townspeople went home and got their guns. Some had shotguns, pistols and rifles. I guess they're tired of these bank robberies."

Bondurant was hit three times. His condition was listed as serious. Maddin was not badly hurt.

The bank has been robbed four times since 1946, with the FBI reporting all cases solved. The town has a population of about 350.

HIRSCH QUESTIONED

NEW YORK (AP)—Walter Hirsch, Kentucky basketball captain in 1950-51, appeared before the New York grand jury Thursday and later was paroled as a material witness until Feb. 25 when he is to post \$500 bail. Wallace is a material witness in the basketball fixing scandal involving former Kentucky players.

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TB Hospital Work Okehed

State officials Thursday received a permit from the National Production Authority to proceed with construction at the State Tuberculosis Hospital here aggregating a cost of \$750,000.

The program includes an addition to the main hospital building and an employees' dormitory. The permit carries allocation of critical materials.

Construction of the two projects recently was approved by the State Board of Control contingent upon favorable action by the federal agency.

WU Finances Improved, Smith Claims

Willamette University is in better financial condition than it was expected last June, Dr. G. Herbert Smith said Thursday at a meeting of the University Board of Directors in Portland.

He said enrollment was less affected by the military draft than anticipated, but there still was need to complete the \$45,000 trustees' emergency fund voted at the June meeting. More than half the amount has been raised, George H. Atkinson, chairman of the finance committee, said.

Smith said his decision to send the tenure of Dr. Edward Kollman, associate professor of philosophy, at the end of the school year.

A petition from University students last fall requested the board to reconsider its action taken a year ago. Dr. Smith said Kollman with three other professors, had been dropped from the faculty because of a drop in the university's enrollment.

Harold Jory, registrar, was granted a three-month leave of absence for a special tour of duty in the school system of Washington. A full summer session this year was also authorized.

Three law school professors were raised from assistant to associate professors. They were Edwin W. Butler, Charles A. Jens, and John C. Paulus. Named associate professor of psychology was Dr. Charles H. Derthick, presently an assistant professor.

George L. Koehn, Portland, was named to the board to succeed A. A. Schramm, who died recently.

Gas Flames Cut Highway

MEDFORD (AP)—Flames from an overturned gasoline tank truck closed the Pacific Highway north-west of here for two hours Thursday.

The truck driven by Raymond Allen Gabriel, Grants Pass, skidded on ice on the east slope of Blackwell Hill, 16 miles from here. The truck slid 60 feet on its side and the sparks set off the escaping gasoline.

Bullets were fired by state police into the tanks to speed draining and lessen the hazard of explosion. The fire burned out in two hours. Gabriel was not hurt.

Eagles Lodge Leaders To Meet in Portland

Five Salem leaders in the Eagles Lodge will meet with other Eagles in Portland Sunday to discuss benefit fund, social room and membership operations.

Going from here will be E. C. Lindstrand, president; Cecil Fletcher, vice president; L. A. Hamilton, secretary; Edwin Gregson, a past president, and Ed Bristol.

REDMEN LENGTHEN SKEIN

NEW YORK (AP)—St. John's of Brooklyn thrashed Cincinnati 76-64, for its 11th straight triumph Thursday night. Manhattan upset favored New York University, 74-66 in overtime in the opener of a college basketball doubleheader at Madison Square Garden.

Salem Obituaries

TISCHLER Frank L. Tischler, late resident of Brooks, at a local hospital Feb. 22. Survived by widow, Mrs. Irma V. Tischler, Brooks. Announcement of services later by Virgil T. Golden Chapel.

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Defense Plan Change Eyed By Europeans

LISBON, Portugal (AP)—The Atlantic Pact ministers pondered Thursday the possibility of re-vamping European defense plans in the light of the shift of Soviet pressure to Asia.

Foreign, defense and finance ministers of the 14 member nations of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization met there behind closed doors to hear top-level reports on the Soviet Union and its latest world policies.

U.S. Secretary of State Acheson was reported to have told the NATO Council there are good chances for a Korean armistice before spring.

But, far from cheering the NATO partners, Acheson's statement was said to have stirred up fears that such an armistice will free the Communists to undertake new adventures elsewhere in Asia.

Reports of increased Soviet attention there and a slackening of Russian cold war activities in Europe caused the ministers to consider at length the possibility of scaling down plans for 50 to 60 European divisions by the end of 1952 and nearly double that by the end of 1954.

But there was no hint that any definite decision along these lines had been reached.

The 1952 target of combat-ready troops—recommended by NATO military chiefs—was approved earlier Thursday by the defense ministers in a separate meeting and then was turned over for study by the full Council.

But there is a conflict between military chiefs and W. Averell Harriman's temporary Council committee on the 100-division target for 1954.

The committee says the target must be reduced by 12 per cent to ease the rearmament burden of Europe's growing economies. The military still wants the full goal.

The ministers put off until Friday the most ticklish question facing them—the role of West Germany in Europe's defenses.

More Entered In Primaries

(Story also on Page 1)

Monroe Sweetland, Portland, Thursday filed at the Statehouse for reelection as Democratic National Committeeman from Oregon at the primary election.

Other filings Thursday: Harold B. Christopher, Portland Democrat, for state representative, 5th district, Multnomah County.

George A. Ulett, Coquille Republican, for state senator, 8th district, Coos and Curry Counties.

Paul L. Patterson, Hillsboro Republican, for state senator, 11th district, Washington County. Patterson is the incumbent and served as 1951 president of the senate.

George Stadelman, Republican and former mayor of The Dalles, for state senator from Hood River and Wasco Counties.

Walter D. Nunley, Medford Republican, for Jackson County district attorney.

Sanford Quits District Post

SILVERTON—Aulton B. Sanford, head of the Silver Creek Soil Conservation District for the past 2 1/2 years, submitted his resignation to the board of supervisors here this week.

Sanford said the move had become necessary because of "the diversion of all activities of the district by a member of the board of supervisors."

Sanford told friends he would reside on his 140-acre farm located between Silverton and Brooks.

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Pendleton Widow Named 1952 Oregon Mother by Gov. McKay

Selection of Mrs. A. C. McIntyre, Pendleton, as Oregon Mother for 1952, was announced by Gov. Douglas McKay Thursday.

She was selected by the Oregon Mother Committee of the Golden Rule Foundation at a meeting in selection was based on exemplifying the finest tributes as a mother, homemaker and citizen as well as her varied interests on the local and state level.

Mrs. McIntyre is a former state president of the State Federation of Women's Clubs and has played an important part in Presbyterian Church work.

She is a native of Oregon and the widow of A. C. McIntyre, attorney and former district attorney of Umatilla County who died in 1944. Her three daughters, Mrs. Ralph Cook, Mrs. John Hale and Mrs. William Johnson live in Pendleton.

Mrs. McIntyre's maiden name was Frankie Cauthorn, and Cauthorn Hall, located on the campus of Oregon State College, is named after her father. Mrs. McIntyre received her B.A. degree at Oregon State.

Concentration Camp Opposed By Farm Union

By LILLIE L. MADSEN Farm Editor, The Statesman (Story also on Page 1)

WOODBURN—Concentration camps for subversives in the United States drew the fire Thursday of Oregon Farmers Union.

Establishment of such a camp at Tulelake, Calif., was opposed in a resolution adopted by the approximately 100 members who ended their three-day annual convention here Thursday.

Another resolution asked Oregon's senators for an investigation of the matter and a report on the authority, justification and expense of the camps, why they are being hastened to completion and who would be imprisoned in them.

The Oregon Statesman's publisher, Charles A. Sprague was commended by resolution for his editorial opposition to the camps and for "staunch defense of civil liberties in Oregon."

Tabled rapidly without discussion was a proposed resolution in opposition to pari-mutuel betting.

Adopted were resolutions recommending the creation of a state department for supervision of cooperatives; a "hunter's choice" deer season for west of the Cascades to "help break up the large bands destroying crops," and favored unanimously was direct primaries for the election of president and vice president of the United States.

Opposed were construction of the Pelton dam, importation of foreign labor, a universal military training bill and daylight saving. On the latter, President Jones reported petitions bearing 3,500 signatures were already in the state offices of the Farmers Union with more signatures being added daily.

A standing "Memory Moment" was observed for Lyle Thomas, former secretary of the organization, who died last September, and a greeting was extended by resolution, to Walter Pierce, who is ill in a Salem hospital.

Speaker Finds Wrong Audience

EUGENE (AP)—Municipal Judge John L. Barber ate his lunch and was about ready to give his speech before he discovered he was out of place. He was supposed to speak to the Exchange Club, not the Cascade Lions Club where he had lunched.

By some quick footwork he got to the Exchange Club in time to make the speech.

U. N. Rejects Red Proposal For Inspector

MUNSAN, Korea (AP)—The United Nations Command Friday again rejected Communist nomination of Russia as a neutral inspector of the Korean armistice and served a sharp reminder that the question was "not open to debate" by staff officers.

A brisk exchange between Allied and Red officers featured a 50-minute session in Panmunjon on truce supervision terms — deadlocked now on the issue of what neutral nations should be invited to police a Korean truce.

During the meeting both sides offered to compromise on the number of ports of entry and amount of troops to be rotated in Korea. Neither plan was accepted.

The Communists offered to boost the number of entry ports from four to five if the Allies would agree to rotate only 30,000 troops through them per month.

The Allies countered with an offer to lower their demands for entry ports from seven to six, if the Reds would agree to the U. N. rotation figure of 35,000 troops monthly.

Both "package deal" proposals were rejected.

500 Million Gallons of Gas Used in Year

It required 541,034,754 gallons of gasoline to supply Oregon motor vehicle traffic last year which was a net gain of 5.9 per cent over gasoline consumption in 1950, Secretary of State Earl T. Newbury announced Thursday.

This upward spiral of Oregon gasoline sales that started at the end of World War II now sets an all-time record. Total 1951 gallonage was 81.6 per cent higher than in 1941.

For the first time since the war's end, however, slightly lowered sales were noted in three monthly tabulations—July, August and December.

The state's 6 cents per gallon tax returned \$32,462,143 during the year.

In World War II, Army and Air Force total casualties amounted to 9 per cent of a total mobilization of 10,400,000.

Nunan Clients Spared, Tax Prober Claims

WASHINGTON (AP)—In another blast at Joseph C. Nunan and the Internal Revenue Bureau, Sen. Williams (R-Del.) said Thursday "not one dime" has been collected on tax claims of almost two million dollars against four of Nunan's law clients.

Nunan resigned as Internal Revenue commissioner in 1947 and set up a law practice.

Williams told the Senate that Nunan and others in his law firm have enjoyed a "flourishing" business in tax cases which were pending in the Revenue Bureau before they left their jobs there.

The four cases cited were: Lawrence Bardin of Racine, Wis., whom Williams described as a man with "an established criminal record." The senator said Bardin owed the government \$728,608 in income taxes, excluding penalties and interest.

Alvin Bardin of Racine, Lawrence Bardin's brother, against whom the government claimed \$599,112.

Two breweries Williams said owned by the Bardins, the Eulberg Brewing Co., Portage, Wis., and the Denmark Brewing Co., Denmark, Wis. The claim against Eulberg Brewing totals \$396,669, Williams said, and against Denmark Brewing, \$259,191.

At Milwaukee, where he now lives, Alvin Bardin declared, "I don't know what Williams is talking about. The government never assessed me. He said he had a further comment. Alvin Bardin still operates the Eulberg Brewing Co., but the Denmark firm has been liquidated."

In all four cases the claims cover the years 1944, 1945 and 1946, he reported.

Nunan got special government permission to represent these taxpayers, since their cases were pending while he was still working for the Treasury.

The Treasury recently revealed that Nunan and his associates got "102 such special waivers" to represent persons in tax trouble.

Williams has been hammering away at the Revenue Bureau for more than six months. His disclosures have given impetus to the recent congressional probes of the nation's tax collecting machinery.

Tugs Tow Half Ship to Port

BOSTON (AP)—Two tugs dragging half a ship and 13 mariners plodded portward Thursday night through wind and snow while in Boston an investigating board probed the disaster which ripped apart two steel tankers in Monday's gale and killed 14 men.

At 11 p. m. the captain of the tug M. Moran — towing the tug Mercer — reported to his New York office that he was 47 miles south-east of the entrance to Narragansett Bay. (Photo on page 1.)

Madam Blue Beard Awed By Attention

POITIERS, France (AP)—Mme. Marie Besnard, widow charged with arsenic murders of 11 of her kith and kin, expressed amazement Thursday at the attention her trial is getting.

"You mean they have come from all parts of the world to see the monster?" she asked a reporter.

Mme. Besnard, 54, is stout and bespectacled and has a shy and awkward manner in the courtroom. But she is talkative outside.

She is charged with poisoning her parents, two husbands, three cousins, three in-laws, and a friend over a 25-year period. Her trial opened Wednesday in the Palace of Justice. Testimony is expected to begin Friday.

Actually 13 bodies were found. Arsenic was found in the body of her first husband, but his death in 1927 is ruled out for her trial by the statute of limitations.

Another body was found with only a trace of arsenic, and no charge was made in the case.

Cpl. Svarverud Returns From Korean Service

News of their son's return from Korea reached the home of L. W. Svarverud, Salem Route 8, Thursday.

Cpl. Martin D. Svarverud is one of 23 Oregon Marines from the First Division to return on the USS Aiken Victory. The ship landed in San Diego Thursday. Sgt. L. Ellis of Lebanon is also on this ship.

Cpl. Svarverud is a veteran of World War II having served two years and eight months in the South Pacific. He was recalled to active duty with the Marines Jan. 3, 1950, and has been in Korea since May 9 of last year.

"Martin was on the front lines with the artillery," his father informed The Statesman. When he telephoned yesterday "he sounded real happy to be home, safe and sounded very anxious to return to Salem."

Horseshoe Pitchers To Meet in April

Salem Horseshoe Pitchers Club will meet in April to plan a local tournament.

The new organization this week elected Roland Anderson president, Frank Arthur vice president and E. T. Prescott secretary-treasurer.

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Republicans Hear Issues For '52 Vote

An outline of issues Republicans must face in the next presidential election was given to about 125 members of the Marion County Republican Club at a meeting Thursday night.