

## Eugene Gleemen's Concert Tops Usual High Standards

By Maxine Buren

Lions and Rotarians can report a thoroughly successful program by the Eugene Gleemen Friday night in the Salem high school auditorium. The house was full, the concert excellent. The 50 singers in this 20-year-old choral group do an excellent job of giving a concert. Their conductor Donald Alton has brought them into an even better singing group than when last they came here. Smoothness of singing and richness in tone are characteristic. Their enunciation is unusually clear for so large a chorus.

The first group was made up of numbers by Grieg, Cain, Purcell and Tume. The last of the group, "Kathryn's Wedding Day," was repeated at the concert's end

and dedicated to Harry Johnson, a member of the Gleemen for 15 years, now principal of the high school here.

Three religious numbers made up the second group, "Ave Maria," "Jesus, Joy of Man's Dearing" and the "Lord's Prayer," set to music by Wynn York and sung for the first time. Rather heavy numbers by Brahms, Grode, Murray and Bornschein were then sung, followed by two negro spirituals and Mariotti's "Pledge to the Flag." "De Animals A-Comin'," first of the group, was repeated at the insistence of the audience.

The guest violinist, George Boughton, played two groups and was encored after each. The adagio from "Raymonda" ballet by Glazunov, "Perpetual Motion" by Novacek, "Hark, Hark, the Lark," by Schubert, and "Souvenir de Moscow" by Wieniawski were his excellent contributions to the fine program.

## Light Snow at Santiam With Chains Advised

Light snow at the Santiam junction was reported, Friday night, with chains advised by R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer. Packed snow on pavements throughout the area was also reported.

Two-way traffic on the Columbia river highway near Tongue Point naval base was restored, Friday, after several weeks of one-way traffic and a detour through the base. One-way traffic on the Oregon Coast highway near Manzanita was still reported.

Baldock's report on road conditions Friday:

Odele lake—Packed snow and overcast. Total snow at summit 132 inches. Siskiyou summit—Packed snow. Klamath Falls—Roads sanded and in normal condition. Ten above zero at Green Springs.

Portland—Overcast. Eugene—Light fog and overcast. Roseburg—Overcast. Grants Pass—Fog. Medford—Overcast. Astoria—Rain. Coquille—Overcast. The Dalles—Rain and snow. Pendleton—Rain during Thursday night. Pavement wet. Beaverton—Snowing lightly with five inches of new snow. Packed snow on pavement. LaGrande—Snowing with six inches new snow. Packed snow on pavement. Baker—One half inch new snow. Packed snow on pavement. Bend—Overcast. Burns—Overcast and new snow. John Day—Overcast and one inch new snow. Astoria—Eleven inches new snow. Snowing hard.

**JOURNALISTS JOURNEY**  
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 1—(AP)—Robert McLean, president of the Associated Press; Norman Chandler, publisher of the Los Angeles Times, and B. M. McKelway, associate editor of the Washington Evening Star, are scheduled to leave here by air tomorrow on a five- to six-week study of Pacific and Far Eastern problems.

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## Bevin Blasts Propaganda Attack by Reds

LONDON, Feb. 1—(AP)—Ernest Bevin openly accused Russia to night of endangering world peace by "incessant propaganda" and demanded a straight yes or no verdict from the world security council on Soviet charges that Britain was jeopardizing peace by "intervention" in Greece.

In a gloves-off, cards-on-the-table session of the 11-nation peace council, the British foreign secretary declared:

"The real danger to peace is the incessant propaganda, the incessant attacks on Britain by the Moscow radio and the communists, as though there were no friendship with the British people."

Bevin, saying such attacks lead to suspicion, remarked he had difficulty in understanding why Russia made the complaint about Greece, and added: "I can't help feeling there is a deeper reason, known only to the Soviet government."

## Underwater Sound System Locates Survivors at Sea

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1—(AP)—Development of an underwater sound system enabling the location of air and ship survivors at sea as far as 2000 miles from shore stations was announced recently by the navy.

It was developed jointly by the navy and the Oceanographic Institution, Woods Hole, Mass. Workings of the sea—rescue aid system, given the name of "sofar" from the initial letters of the phrase "sound fixing and ranging," were explained as follows:

Survivors in a life raft drop a five-pound TNT bomb developed by navy ordnance, and increasing pressure explodes it at a depth of 3000 to 4000 feet.

The sound is picked up by operators of three widely-spaced shore stations, using hydrophones fixed at the 3000-4000 foot depth.

## Daughter



GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Feb. 1—Dorothy Ann Siple (above), daughter of Rev. Frank W. Siple, as she appeared a short time before her death in 1939. Prosecutor Memo R. Bolt said the minister admitted administering poison to his daughter because "she was mentally incompetent and I didn't want her sent to an asylum." (AP Wirephoto to The Oregon Statesman.)

## 2 Moves on to Bust Log-Jam Of Walkouts

By the Associated Press

Separate moves designed to break the log-jam of reversion-impeding strikes went ahead yesterday at the White House and in congress.

President Truman summoned the steel fact-finding board and Price Administrator Chester Bowles to a White House conference amid reports the administration was getting ready to move in again with some new plan for settling the vast steel strike.

In the house, a strike control bill won support of the American Farm Bureau federation and house leaders predicted passage of the measure—or of similar legislation—despite a split among republicans on how rigid it should be.

The new plan for ending the 12-day strike of 750,000 CIO steel-workers was reported in the hands of White House advisers, with federal seizure not yet in prospect.

## Rainfall Tops 13-Year Mark In January

Rainfall for the month of 6.57 inches made January the wettest one since 1933 when 9.26 inches were recorded. Totals were an inch in excess of the average for the month of 5.52 inches.

Closest competitors were 1934 with 6.40 and 1937 with 6.17 inches. Last year's total for the first month was 5.27 inches and 1943's total was only 4.35 inches.

Greatest total was in 1895 when 13.72 inches fell and precipitation for 1894 reached 11.09 inches. For only three years has the rainfall been below the two-inch mark; driest was January, 1917, with 1.30 inches. Only 1.48 inches were recorded in 1902, with 1.90 inches in 1893, which was the first year for which records were kept.

## Wood Bows From Miami Net Meet

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 1—(AP)—Sidney B. Wood, of New York City, fifth ranking tennis player in the nation, bowed out of the University of Miami net championships today when he lost to Alejo Russell of Argentina, 6-2, 7-5.

The victory sent Russell into the semi-finals, where he will meet Pancho Segura. Billy Talbot and Gardner Mulloy also made the round of four.

## Silverton Auxiliary Announces Program

SILVERTON, Feb. 1—(Special) Mrs. John Demas, president of Delbert Reeves unit, American Legion auxiliary, has announced plans of her group for the coming weeks.

Included are attendance at the district 2 conference, Salem, on February 8; Marion county assembly in Salem Friday night, February 15; unit sewing club Wednesday night, February 20; junior girls' Valentine party February 14, with mothers and eligible members as special guests, and the annual birthday party for March 25.

The auxiliary will also join the Legion post in plans for the memorial service for Donald Eugene Bailey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Bailey, who was killed in action in November, 1944. The date will be arranged early next week.

## Jews Strike in Protest

TEL AVIV, Feb. 1—(AP)—A three-hour strike of Jewish workers protesting against immigration restrictions in Palestine, passed quietly here yesterday. Explosion of a "leaflet bomb" at a mass meeting was the only incident.

## NEAR MILE DOWN, NO OIL

PORTLAND, Feb. 1—(AP)—The Texas company's Cooper mountain No. 1 oil test well in Washington county was reported at 4,936 feet, with no show of oil.

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## Russians Discovered How To Split Atom 2 Years Ago

By Howard W. Blakelee

Associated Press Science Editor  
NEW YORK, Feb. 1—(AP)—Discovery of the spontaneous splitting of uranium atoms by Russians, announced in connection with the award of Stalin medals, is not the discovery of anything not already done by American and allied atomic scientists.

But the great significance in the Russian dispatches today is the surprising fact that the Russians did all this apparently two

or more years ago. That means they have been working on atomic energy for years, just as the American scientists have been asserting. It also bears out the contentions of allied scientists that the Russian scientists are among the best in the world, and quite competent on their own to learn how to make atomic bombs.

The spontaneous splitting of atoms of uranium 235, the kind that makes bombs, was described more than once in the Smyth report issued last August six days after the Hiroshima bomb. The Smyth report not only told of this spontaneous splitting but how it is useful both for setting off the explosion of an atomic bomb and how it can start an atomic fire spontaneously.

The Russian dispatches have not been specific as to whether the prize was awarded for learning that atoms of uranium 238 also split spontaneously. This type of uranium is non-explosive and does not make the heat of atomic fires. Nevertheless the atoms of 238 also split spontaneously. That discovery by allied scientists also was announced with official permission in this country, although not until several months after the war in the Pacific ended.

## GI Amateur Extortionist Ordered Held

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 1—(AP)—A mild-mannered, blond young soldier, Sgt. Lyle O. Larson, 23, today was ordered held for federal court action on a charge of using the mails in a futile attempt to extort \$25,000 from Albert E. Schwabacher, San Francisco investment executive.

Clinton W. Stein, FBI chief here, said Larson, born in Wheelock, N. Dak., is the son of Lars Larson, a retired farmer now living at Puyallup, Wash. (route 1, box 336). He was inducted into the army at Burbank, Calif., in 1943 and had no overseas service.

Larson sat quietly in the courtroom of U. S. Commissioner Francis St. J. Fox while FBI agents testified that he had admitted, in a handwritten and signed statement, that he had made the attempt because he "wanted a stake" when he is discharged from the army next week, Feb. 7, that he saw the Schwabacher name on the Market street building of the investment broker's office and typed a letter to him at the San Francisco YMCA. The statement read in part:

"I demand \$25,000 or the lives of your family—which do you prefer? . . . I shall see that my boys do the necessary work in wiping out not only your family but you as well, off the face of the earth. May I remind you not to call the law. That would only hurt you in the end. If any signs of a tipoff to the cops are made, I shall have to ask the boys to start playing rough. . . . Put \$25,000 in bills and mail it with this note to Rex Robinson, general delivery, post office, not later than noon January 30."

The federal bureau of investigation had no trouble in felling the amateurish scheme. Schwabacher is in Palm Springs, and the letter was opened by his secretary Jan. 26 and reported, and the arrest followed. Schwabacher has three grown children.

Larson, who has been stationed with the army air forces at Merced, was ordered held in default of \$25,000 bail, pending the next meeting of the federal grand jury.

## Aumsville 4-H Clubs Organized for Work

AUMSVILLE, Feb. 1—(Special) Four H clubs have been organized in the school as follows: Sewing 1 and 2 are led by Mrs. Elmer Klein and have 13 members; cooking 1, 2 and 3 are led by Mrs. N. K. Bates and have 18 members. A calf club which will be organized is to be led by N. K. Bates.

## SHOWER GIVEN

FALLS CITY—A bridal shower was given at the home of Mrs. Laura Horne honoring Mrs. Hubert Taylor (nee Mabel Tede), Monday.

## Young Republicans To Support Morse

George Baldwin, Multnomah county auditor, spoke of the political duties of members at the Young Republicans' dinner Friday night. New officers were elected and a resolution supporting Senator Morse in his stand against Senator Taft was proposed. Robert DeArmond was elected president and Ralph Schleisinger was elected treasurer. Election of vice-president and secretary was postponed until the next meeting. Six new members of the executive board are Richard Wicks, John Hay, Elmer Church, Howard Teeple, Steve Anderson and Adam Lefor.

## Lions Club Underwrites Stayton School Survey

STAYTON, Feb. 1—(Special) The Lions club Tuesday voted to finance a school district survey in this area if the school board requests such action.

It is expected the survey will be under the direction of Dr. C. L. Huffaker, with the bureau of research in the department of education at the University of Oregon. Huffaker spoke on district consolidation at the Parent-Teachers' meeting here recently. A petition is out and will be presented to the school board requesting the survey, it is understood here.

## Nine Girl Mystery Play To Be Given on Sunday

MT. ANGEL, Feb. 1—(Special) The senior girls of Mt. Angel academy will present a mystery drama, "Nine Girls," in the academy Sunday, February 3, at 2:30 p.m., and again on February 4 at 8 p.m.

The cast includes Bertha Hassing, Dorothy Hettwer, Arlene Michels and Rose Hauth of Mt. Angel; Linda Pedron, Eugene; Jacqueline Royes, Summerville;

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