

Farmers Creamery Slates Annual Meet

Members of the Eugene Farmers Creamery will elect three new directors and hear several guest speakers at their annual meeting in the Masonic Temple here Wednesday, Feb. 27, at 10 a. m., it was announced Thursday.

R. S. Waltz, president of the Consolidated Dairy Products Company in Seattle, will speak on the "Relationship of Cooperative Marketing to the Dairyman's Anticipation and Realization." G. A.

Brown, manager of Interstate Associated Creameries at Portland, will speak on "Trends and Market Outlook of the Dairy Industry." Third speaker will be O. S. Fletcher, Lane County agent, who will discuss current topics of interest to local dairymen.

Members also will hear the auditor's annual report.

Eugene Men Get Creamery Awards

CORVALLIS—(AP)—Ralph W. Gillette, Eugene Farmers' Creamery, Wednesday was awarded the plaque for the best cold storage butter as the Oregon Dairy Manufacturers' Association continued its convention.

Another Eugene Farmers' Creamery representative, Marvin Mikkelsen, ranked fourth in a junior buttermaker contest.

Delegates heard Dr. D. R. Theophilus, of the University of Idaho dairy department, warn that the present butter shortage may educate customers out of the habit of eating it. While dairymen naturally prefer to sell cream at prices above those allowed for butterfat, he said, they may eventually "pay the piper for the present prosperity."

In Australia failure to vote without good reason is punishable by a fine up to \$7.



JOHN CHARLES THOMAS

John Charles Thomas to Give Concert Here Thursday Night

By ANN CONNELL
Looking forward with interest to his concert at McArthur Court Thursday evening, because the audience will reflect both town and campus, John Charles Thomas arrived in Eugene Wednesday, with time to look about him before the event. "Although I find that audiences are pretty much alike—they reflect the artist," the singer said.

Thomas spent much time singing at military camps and hospitals all over the United States during the war years. He had to pass up the opportunity to go overseas on camp programs, because of having a regular radio program, and so he amassed a record for appearances before military personnel in this country. Asked what the soldiers liked, he said: "About everything. They seemed to shy away from jazz, but they liked light opera. I carried with me a soprano and 'fiddler,' and they gave good music."

'Musical Snobbery'

The singer is of the opinion that too many people are guilty of musical snobbery, when they affect to think the only good music is the classics, and look down upon music that is entertaining. We must have a standard of good music, it is true, he avers, but a good song is a good song wherever you find it. He cited Duparc's cycle of "Fourteen Perfect Songs," (of which we had not heard) and went on for clarity: "A good song is one which has words of beauty and tells a story; or else a truly remarkable melody; to be perfect, it must have both poem and melody above the ordinary."

It is not always necessary that the audience understand the words, if they understand the general meaning of the song, and it has fine melodic quality, the singer said; but wherever possible he studies his words and gives them all the meaning he can. He likes to sing informal songs, we gathered—"but you can't get informal, after all, with Brahms and Schubert," said he.

Governed by Requests

Do encore songs reflect the choice of the singer? No, not always; rather, he is governed chiefly by requests. (Numerous requests have been sent to the Civic Music Association, so Eugeneans, PLEASE, bear with the hard benches a little longer and give the man a chance to sing your neighbor's song request.)

The baritone's home is in Los Angeles. He is on his way there, where on Monday evening, Feb. 25, he will take part in the celebration of the 80th birthday of Harry Davenport, ancient and adorned film actor. In a skit which will be presented, Thomas is to appear as Davenport's butler.

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