

Shaw, Rodman To Argue Rents

The question of rent controls, subject of heated, emotional charges and counter-charges in the press during the last few weeks, will take the spotlight Tuesday in the Persian Room of the Eugene Hotel, when Lane County Town meeting goes on the air over station KUGN at 8:30 p. m.

Speaking for the affirmative on the question "Should We Retain Rent Controls?" will be Rupert K. Shaw, OPA area rent control representative. Shaw will draw on the fund of facts and figures his official rent control position gives him.

James Rodman Sr., chairman of the state Republican committee, will take the opposing view. Rodman also is a member of the Eugene Realty Board, and in this double capacity is well qualified to present his side of the rent control picture.

Ten minutes will be allowed each speaker, after which the last ten minutes will be given over to questions from the audience. Rebuttal and any further discussion from the audience will be encouraged after the program goes off the air at 9 p. m., and those interested in hearing the entire program are urged to attend the meeting at the hotel.

Anyone wishing to join the Lane County Town Meeting Committee, which will arrange for subjects and speakers on future programs, is asked to attend the Tuesday forum and contact Steve Worth, moderator.

DRIVER ARRESTED

Hanford Hoyt, 1510 Charnell St., was given a ticket for driving without right of way and for driving with defective brakes after a traffic accident at Nineteenth and Willamette Sts. Sunday afternoon. Police said Hoyt's car collided with another driven by Cornell E. Martin, 774 Mill Race Drive. There were no injuries.

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'Met' Tenor Melchior Found Well Worth Waiting For

By BARBARA HEARTFIELD
Lauritz Melchior was well worth waiting for.

A tremendous, enthusiastic audience packed McArthur Court Sunday afternoon to welcome the Metropolitan's great Danish tenor and his accompanying orchestra, who were unable to appear last week as scheduled by the Eugene Civic Music Association.

They stayed to applaud him through encore after encore, and finally to join with him in a rousing version of "Vive la Compagnie." The audience went home delighted; so did Melchior, who was eloquent in his praise of their response.

Melchior is noted for his unerring taste in suiting his programs to his hearers. Sunday's concert was no exception. Composed of folksongs from his native Scandinavia, Wagner excerpts, the familiar "M'Appari" from the opera "Martha," four nineteenth-century European songs, a group of American musical comedy numbers, plus four good, colorful, and very familiar orchestral selections, it was calculated to delight both the naive and discriminating music-lovers of Eugene.

From the moment Melchior stepped onto the stage he had most of the audience in the palm of his hand. Tall, poised, well-groomed, with snow-white hair and a ruddy complexion, he smiled his genial smile and the audience beamed in return. That, of course, is an advantage—but an advantage which he did not need. With his first song he completely convinced all comers that there was to be an afternoon spent with a master.

He stands immobile while he sings, with only the expressions of his face to emphasize the tale his music tells. But there is never any doubt what that tale is, for whether he sings Danish, Finnish, Norwegian, German, Latin, or English, Melchior sets the mood for each song immediately and profoundly.

No program is necessary to explain the overflowing joy of the Norwegian "Drick," the rushing urge inherent in Rachmaninoff's "Floods of Spring," the passionate awakening in "Siegfried's Love Song," or the ethereal calm of Bizet's "Agnus Dei."

It was to be expected that the excerpts from "Lohengrin" and "Die Walkure," two of the Wagnerian roles with which Melchior is always identified, would be the highlights of the program. Instead he gave the same care and skill to such simple favorites as Greig's "I Love You" and the Bizet "Agnus Dei," keeping the standard of excellence high throughout the program. It is rare indeed to hear a singer at home in so many fields of music. Outstanding also are his easy delivery, his control of range, volume, and phrasing.

The much publicized orchestra which was to travel with him

turned up 35 strong, under the direction of Otto Seyfert. Melchior is wise to sing with orchestral accompaniment. His tremendous voice needs the support of many instruments; the music he sings benefits by the addition of orchestral color.

The particular orchestra which appeared in Eugene was not the one which began the tour, but rather an emergency one gathered from Portland and way stations. It had not had adequate rehearsal, but managed to play accompanying parts very surely, and solo numbers with spirit. It showed its mettle in the opening "Finlandia," in which the string section was overbalanced and the edges were ragged, but which was performed precisely, intensely, with a fine feeling for solo lines. Conductor Seyfert is to be commended on whipping together such a creditable ensemble.

Ex-Railroaders Feted at Dinner

Twenty eight retired veterans of railroad service were honored Saturday night by the local lodge of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. A turkey dinner with all the trimmings was served by the wives.

A featured event of the evening was a playlet in costumes of the "Gay '80's," a burlesque on "Votes for Women." Those taking part were Mrs. Clara Rice, Mrs. Tashady, Mrs. Woodson, Mrs. Otto Troxel, Mrs. Ryan, Mrs. Peterson, Mrs. Gilmore, Mrs. Vaughn, Mrs. Weichlein, and Mrs. Gonier.

Chief Engineer Warren Burt introduced E. B. Miller, representing the Railroad Retirement Board, who explained many features of the amended retirement act and its provisions relating to present and future pensioners.

Among the old timers called on for a few remarks were Ben F.

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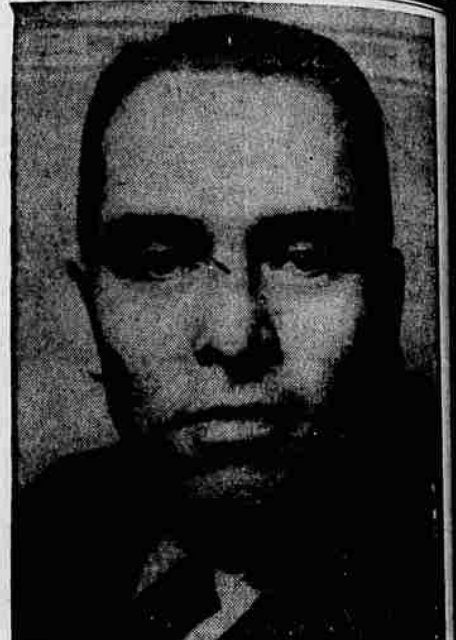
Robert Clyde Dwiggins, about 23, Eugene, was being brought back from Portland Monday after his arrest there Saturday night on auto theft charges.

State police said Dwiggins would be charged with the theft of a 1946 sedan belonging to the Weyerhaeuser Timber Co. The car was stolen from Lester Calder, 1117 Eleventh Ave. W., and recovered in Portland Saturday night.

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