

HEALTHY YOUTH ANTICIPATED IN RADIO INDUSTRY

ATWATER KENT CONTEST TO BE HEARD LOCALLY

New York (AP)—Singing youth of the nation will come to the radio to determine which boy and girl are the country's best.

Over a coast to coast NBC network Sunday evening, December 15, during the A. K. hour, 10 boys and girls will participate in the finals of the third annual national radio audition, sponsored by the Atwater Kent foundation.

All finalists are to receive music scholarships, in addition to cash awards. Identical prizes will go to both boys and girls. The boy and girl winning first place will each receive \$5,000, a gold decoration and two years' music scholarship.

One of the finalists, Calvin Hendricks of Los Angeles, has been blind since birth. Four of the boys are tenors and the other is a baritone. Two of the girls are sopranos while the others are coloratura sopranos.

The five district winners who thus will have an opportunity to increase their chances for musical careers are:

Eastern district—Agnes L. Skillington, coloratura soprano, of Springfield, Me., and Charles E. Carlisle, tenor, of Central Falls, R. I.
Central—Genevieve Rowe, coloratura soprano, of Wooster, Ohio, and Carline W. Bennett, tenor, of Chicago.
Southern—Frances Tectorich, soprano, of New Orleans, and Edward Kane, tenor, of Atlanta, Ga.
Southwestern—Josephine Louise Antoine, soprano, of Boulder, Colo., and John Jamison, tenor, of Denver, Colo.
Pacific—Floy Hamilton, soprano, and Calvin Hendricks, baritone, both of Los Angeles.

BANKERS BACKED INCREASED TAX

There have been more or less in the forefront of such moves, state citizens and taxpayers of the country. In the light of these money spending activities the same persons have expressed surprise that the national banks of the county have not been just as anxious to furnish their fullest financial support to such moves by paying in full taxes assessed against their capital stock.

Even though the national banks have been guarded in their stand by a federal court opinion, state those interested, nevertheless the surprise has been just as great because they say bankers are certainly aware, if anyone is, that all such activities cost money and a lot of it. And they cannot understand why, with the bankers advocating progressive measures they should stop in their advocacy and not throw in to the fullest extent of any moral obligation that might exist their financial backing as well.

Some such questions are expressed daily on most any street corner, in lobbies of public buildings, or where citizens happen to meet and discuss public questions.

It has been intimated that these questions are apt to be asked bankers on future occasions when they appear to advocate such proposals as may come up from time

TO TIME FOR THE PROMOTION OF THE PUBLIC WELFARE AND PROGRESS BY EXPENDING PUBLIC FUNDS.

At the same time they say the most satisfactory answer would be the wiping off of the tax rolls of any apparent bank tax indebtedness by the first of the coming year. By such method it is stated the representatives of national banks could appear gracefully in the future and advocate any measures they might see fit for the city, county or state.

SCIO SAWMILL DEAL PENDING

Scio—Parties from Portland interested in the proposed Ballin mill deal in the Liska and Beran locality recently visited the premises, presumably on business connected with the pending negotiations. It is believed by some that the sale of the Ballin mill will be consummated and that operations in the timber will start as early in the spring as climatic conditions will warrant.

Satisfactory headway is reported on the extension of the Lulay rail track 2000 feet into timber acquired some months ago by the Lulay company. The work will extend well into January, it is stated. The sawmill is closed during most of the track-laying operations, although the company's planer at West Scio and shipments from that point continue on part time.

RADIO WRITER QUITS PRESS ASSOCIATION

New York (AP)—William J. Fagan, radio editor of the United Press, has resigned that post to join the staff of the Columbia Broadcasting system. He will be heard on the air over the coast-to-coast Columbia network announcing news and sporting events and as a concert baritone.

Fagan came to the United Press organization in 1918 as office boy. He worked up through a number of positions to that of radio editor, to which he was appointed in 1924 when broadcasting became an important factor in American life. In addition to writing a weekly column and supervising radio news for the United Press, he has reported debuts and premieres at the Metropolitan opera house and other musical events of national importance. His summertime nightly sports talks over WEAF and associate N. B. C. stations for the past four years has gained Fagan prominence as a broadcaster. He also has made many concert appearances as a singer.

U. S. ARMY BAND OPEN FT. SNELLING STUDIOS

St. Paul, Minn. (AP)—An army broadcasting studio has been opened at Fort Snelling, Minn., under the direction of post officers and radio engineers of KSTP.

The Third Infantry band, organized in 1781 as a unit of three men, a fife and drum corps, played the inaugural program. The band now has 28 men.

Sergt. Wayne Lovejoy, who directed the first program, will wield the baton during future broadcasts planned from the new studios over KSTP at 3 p.m. on alternate Sundays. He is acting in the absence of Warrant Officer Carl Dillon, who is on leave after 30 years of army service.

Fort Snelling is the first post in the country to undertake broadcasting on an extensive scale.

West Salem—The play, "The Path Across the Hill," was given Friday night by a cast of players from the Epworth League of Ford Memorial church. The parts were well taken and the large audience was very appreciative. The league will present it in a number of nearby communities a little later on in the season.

EIGHT YEARS AS ENTERTAINMENT MEDIUM CLOSE

New York (AP)—Better broadcast radio, with television slowly becoming more distinct in the background, led the 1929 parade of the air.

Radio awaits 1930 with a feeling that its eighth year as an entertainment medium has taken it into healthy youth.

Within the industry itself there has been further evidence of stabilization in an effort to find a more even keel.

Prospective figures give an insight into progress. Estimates made by Bond P. Geddes, executive vice president of the Radio Manufacturers' association, place the number of radio receivers sent from the factories at 4,000,000 compared with 2,000,000 the year before. A total of 75,000,000 tubes have been put in the market compared with 50,000,000 in 1928.

Mr. Geddes said these figures represented a value of \$650,000,000. Last year the amount was \$650,000,000.

Television was given somewhat of a spurt in the laboratory at least, with the announcement of the development of a tube—a special cathode ray "kinescope"—that eliminates moving parts in television reproductions.

Broadcasting, as represented by the two national chains, National and Columbia, introduced a number of novelties together with a general advance in program presentation.

Individually, stations also sought the best in program building, with an increased trend toward high power transmitters. Stations using 50,000 watts grew in number, and plans were announced by others to boost power.

Programs themselves showed more of the influence of the drama, and sketches of all sorts took up more of the air time channels. Often strictly musical programs were altered to include a hint of the stage. Impetus was given education by radio as more of the classroom type of programs were presented.

The year experienced the successful rebroadcast by an NBC group of stations of programs originating across the Atlantic. Pick-ups from airplanes of important events was climaxed with the broadcast of the experiences of a parachute jumper as he dropped to earth. Special short wave transmitters and receivers were used.

Increased use of the radio for sponsored programs added many new enterprises to the ether lanes. More electrically recorded features were presented. In the news broadcasts were the inauguration of President Hoover, and the arrivals and departures of the Graf Zepplin.

Screen grid tubes, operated by the house current, came to produce a better current. Remote control and automatic tuning devices appeared in greater numbers. Eclipses of the table model set by the console also was accompanied by the

VIRTUAL PASSING OF THE METAL CABINET TO BE SUPPLANTED BY WOOD.

The condenser speaker, or talking "wall paper," was introduced in competition with improved dynamics.

In chain broadcasting, a fatality occurred. The American Broadcasting company, with headquarters at Seattle, Wash., passed from the picture.

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ALETHA BOULDEN IS CALLED AT DAYTON

Dayton—Miss Aletha Marie Boulden, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Boulden, died at her home in Dayton Thursday after three years' illness.

Funeral will be held at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Macy & Son funeral chapel in McMinnville, with burial in the Evergreen Memorial park at McMinnville.

HANDWORK CLUB IS GUEST BOSCH HOME

Brooks—The 4-H handwork club met at the home of their leader, Mrs. H. H. Bosch, the business meeting conducted by the vice president, Arieta Wood. The afternoon was spent working on lunch cloths. Refreshments were served by the hostess, Mrs. Bosch. In the group were Hattie Aspinwall, Arieta Wood, Mary Chastain, Clara Umamoto, Genevieve Chastain, Gladys Epley, Evelyn Moisan, Edna LeFlemme, Millie Teichida, Pearl LaFlemme.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. H. H. Bosch with Gladys Epley, Hattie Aspinwall and Evelyn Moisan on the refreshment committee.

YATES' CHANGE ADDRESS
Silverton—Lave Yates and wife have moved from the Potter house across the bridge to the G. A. Steedhammer house on South Second street. Mr. and Mrs. Yates have lived in this Potter house for the past seventeen years.

BLACKWELL GOES SOUTH
Jefferson—James Blackwell left Thursday morning for Los Angeles, where he will spend the holidays at the home of his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. William Thompson.

STATE REVENUE FROM FORESTS OVER \$265,000

The largest federal forest reserve in Oregon is the Whittman national forest reserve which extends over Baker, Grant, Malheur, Umatilla, Union and Wallowa counties, totaling 1,352,476 acres.

The state's 25 per cent of the rentals (timber sales and other sources from which the government derives an income from the forests amounted to \$13,849.94 from this one forest for the fiscal year ending June 30.

As distributed among the six counties according to the area in each it returned to Baker county \$4,770.63, Grant \$5,223.29, Malheur \$32.62, Umatilla \$8.32, Union \$3,074.33 and Wallowa \$440.76.

The total federal forest area in the state is 13,297,938 and the total amount received by the state from the government is \$265,039.51.

Some counties, of course, contain parts of the area of several national forests. The several federal forests in Oregon, the counties in which they extend, their total acreage and the amount they returned to the state are as follows:

Cascade forest—Douglas and Lane counties; 1,027,440 acres; \$34,308.52.
Crater forest—Douglas, Jackson, Josephine and Klamath counties; 815,497 acres; \$84,312.60.
Deschutes forest—Deschutes, Jefferson, Klamath and Lake counties; 1,303,113 acres; \$57,066.10.

Fremont forest—Klamath and Lake counties; 849,298 acres; \$17,487.52.
Klamath forest—Jackson county; 8,723 acres; \$7.65.

Maheur forest—Baker, Grant, Harney and Malheur counties; 1,051,191 acres; \$12,436.95.
Malheur forest—Clackamas, Hood River, Jefferson, Marion, Multnomah and Wasco counties; 1,036,936 acres; \$9,125.65.

Ochoco forest—Crook, Grant, Harney and Wheeler counties; 721,973 acres; \$4,253.71.

Santiam forest—Clackamas, Jefferson, Lane, Linn and Marion counties; 614,914 acres; \$8,788.04.
Siskiyou forest—Columbia, Curry, Douglas and Josephine counties; 1,033,252 acres; \$1,263.52.

Siuslaw forest—Benton, Coos, Douglas, Lane, Lincoln, Polk, Tillamook and Yamhill counties; 931,314 acres; \$771.06.
Umatilla forest—Grant, Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa and Wheeler counties; 939,464 acres; \$5,937.65.

Umpqua forest—Coos, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine and Lane counties; 1,015,731 acres; \$4,158.47.

Wallowa forest—Union and Wallowa counties; 969,618 acres; \$11,513.11.

Whittman forest—Baker, Grant, Malheur, Umatilla, Union and Wallowa counties; 1,332,476 acres; \$13,849.94.

KIRKWOOD IS BACK

Hopewell—Tom Kirkwood has returned from California, where he went to visit his son who had been in poor health for some time.

SILVERTON BEACON NEARING COMPLETION

Silverton—The department of commerce now has a crew of men at work at the local airport installing a 24-inch, 2,000,000 candlepower beacon which is expected to be ready for use soon.

DALLAS CRASH VICTIM DIES

Dallas—Elmer Hayes, 23, died Friday morning from injuries received a week ago when he and Irvine Holman were caught between the bumpers of two cars while pushing their own car. Funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.

He is survived by his parents, two sisters and a host of friends. Irvine Holman was operated upon Friday morning. He withstood the ordeal well and the doctors think now that he will recover. His right leg, which was torn at the knee, was amputated several inches above the joint and the left leg was put in an extension plaster cast after setting the broken bone.

BILLY JOHNSON IS WINNER OF CONTEST

Silverton—In the poster contest held by the local junior high school, which advertised the junior high opera, "Tommy Murphy's Christmas," given at the Eugene Field auditorium Thursday evening, Billy (Edna) Johnson won first prize; Ruth Strand, second, and Michael Hanson, third.

The school received about \$150 at the doors Thursday night for their operetta, and played to a packed house.

WEEK IS OBSERVED

Hopewell—The S. D. A. church is now having its week of prayer. Two meetings are held daily in the afternoon and night. Rev. Watson spoke at the church Wednesday evening. Services begin at 7:30 o'clock.

STAR HAS MEETING

Jefferson—At a special meeting of Euclid Chapter O. E. S., Wednesday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Kingsley Thurston took the initiatory degrees, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lyle of Scio, were received by transfer. At the close of the meeting refreshments were served to a large crowd of members.

Stayton—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Potter left Wednesday for Portland where they will visit their son, Willis, and other friends and do some Christmas shopping. They expect to be gone a week.

MEETING PLACE BEING SOUGHT DALLAS CLUBS

Dallas—Rev. Orval D. Peterson has been appointed by chamber of commerce as chairman of the committee in charge of general arrangements for the annual meeting of the club to be held January 8 at 6:30 o'clock in the evening.

Dinner ticket, and program committees will be announced later as they were not appointed at the last meeting of the club Wednesday.

A joint committee consisting of R. S. Kreeson, Earle Richardson and N. L. Guy, chairman, representing the chamber of commerce, and R. B. Turner, Lloyd Soehren and Dr. A. B. Starbuck, chairman of the Kiwanis club, will report at the annual meeting upon their search for a suitable place where both the civic organizations could hold their meetings.

Mill City—Alfred Ward, a student at O. A. C., is home for the Christmas vacation. Arthur Mason and Charles Kelly of the University of Oregon, are also home for the Christmas vacation. They all will return for school January 6.

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