

### SUCCESSOR TO PAUL JOHNSON TO BE SELECTED

At least three men were being mentioned today for possible election to the Salem civil service commission to succeed the late Paul V. Johnson. They were C. Small, Arnold A. Krueger and Charles Davis. Election is by the city council and may take place at tonight's meeting.

Small, a Salem attorney and former justice of the peace, has recently been fired from membership on the city council. Krueger is a grocer at 1199 South Commercial and lives at 220 East Lincoln. He served on the staff of assistants at the state fair. Davis is head of the workers' union at the mill of the Oregon Pulp & Paper company and is a member of the northwest conciliation board. He was also a member of the Marion county NRA compliance board.

Tonight's meeting of the city council will not be a particularly busy one, from indications during the day. An ordinance bill to make Chemeketa street a through street from 14th to 24th is expected, and the 30 minute parking bill for the downtown area doubtless will be up for third reading.

Eight or 10 options for right-of-way for the Stayton Island-Salem gravity line will be up for acceptance and payment. Out of a number of condemnation suits that were threatened two or three weeks ago to complete right-of-way for the line only two remain as possibilities, City Attorney Paul R. Hendricks said today. These involve a distance of about a mile. Settlement practically has been reached on all the other mileage.

There have been rumors that Alderman E. C. Goodenough might resign to become a candidate for city attorney, but this is not probable tonight.

### Three Card Table Evening Enjoyed

Mt. Angel—Mrs. Louis A. Schwab entertained at three tables of bridge at her home here Thursday evening when she was hostess to the members of her bridge club and several extra guests.

High score honors in cards were won by Mrs. Jos. L. Wachter and Mrs. Leo A. Schwab received the second prize. Following the card playing a luncheon was served by the hostess who was assisted by her sister, Miss Charlotte Kruse.

Those bidden were Mrs. A. A. Eboer, Mrs. J. F. Sauvain, Mrs. Leo Schwab, Mrs. Eugene Hoffer, Mrs. L. A. LeDoux, Mrs. Otto Wellman, Mrs. William Kloft, Mrs. Fred Gooey, Mrs. Paul Schwab, Mrs. Fred J. Schwab, Mrs. Joseph L. Wachter and Mrs. Herman Schwab.

### NEW POST BOXES WON'T DO



New pillar post boxes, bearing the inscription "E. VIII R." (Edward VIII, Rex), were taken to London for painting and distribution, but because of Edward's abdication, all are now worthless. Here are two of the shiny new ones which won't ever be used. (Associated Press Photo)

### \$24,137 FOR CAPITOL VAULT TO REVERT

The \$24,137 appropriated by the 1931 legislature for an underground vault for the state capitol cannot be used in construction of the new capitol and the law should be repealed to permit the money to revert back to the general fund, Attorney General I. H. Van Winkle ruled today.

The legislature appropriated \$25,000 for a vault, and plans were drawn for the construction. The board of control was given control over the matter and during the year 1931 the proposal was vetoed several times by Governor Julius L. Meier. Voting with him at that time was Rufus C. Holtman, state treasurer, Secretary of State Hal E. Hoge was sponsor of the move to construct the vault.

Van Winkle stated the fund cannot be used for any other purpose since the old capitol was destroyed by fire, and that the law should be repealed to permit reversion of the balance to the state.

Spinach was introduced to Europe about the fifteenth century. It is probably of Persian origin.

### \$35,000,000 CUT IN VALUES FOR TAXATION

The assessed valuation of Oregon property for 1936 showed a decrease of \$35,000,000 as compared to the valuations set by the county boards and state tax commission a year ago tabulations released here by the commission revealed.

But while county valuations as a whole and utility valuations showed material drops, an increase was noted in farm property and equipment, in general merchandise, in household goods, livestock, and engines and machinery during the past year.

Property valuations within counties, exclusive of utilities and railroads, were set at \$736,384,750 compared to \$761,229,734 in 1935.

Utility valuations, established by the state tax commission, were given at \$273,269,382 as compared to \$283,733,287 in 1935. The valuations were set for tax levying purposes.

Aircraft companies, with valuations of \$120,000 were listed for the first time this year.

Other utility valuations for 1936 compared with those in 1935 follow:

Electric companies, 1936 valuation \$92,801,189.95; 1935 valuation \$63,288,773.20.

Electric and street railway companies, 1936 valuation \$5,059,468; 1935 valuation \$5,183,109.90.

Car companies, 1936 valuation \$2,634,439.85; 1935 valuation \$2,851,327.70.

Steam railroad companies, union station and depots, 1936 valuation \$122,022.34; 1935 valuation \$127,729.280.

Water and gas companies, 1936 valuation \$17,628,524; 1935 valuation \$19,276,777.

Telephone companies, 1936 valuation \$2,370,146.47; 1935 valuation \$2,333,099.80.

Telephone companies, 1936 valuation \$30,422,799.10; 1935 valuation \$30,571,220.35.

County valuations are:

Tillable lands, 1936 valuation \$196,976,290.06; 1935 valuation \$216,442,313.62.

Timber lands, 1936 valuation \$38,054,085; 1935 valuation \$37,715,340.

Non-tillable lands, 1936 valuation \$60,874,936; 1935 valuation \$60,129,395.

Improvements on deeded or patented lands, 1936 valuation \$44,227,385; 1935 valuation \$44,622,801.

Town and city lots, 1936 valuation \$172,123,098; 1935 valuation \$183,868,978.

Improvements on town and city lots, 1936 valuation \$1,909,479; 1935 valuation \$2,033,634.

Railroads under construction and rolling stock, 1936 valuation \$1,663,872; 1935 valuation \$1,739,412.

Steamboats, stationary engines and equipment, 1936 valuation \$13,388,912; 1935 valuation \$17,633,873.

Merchandise and stock in trade 1936 valuation \$30,765,654; 1935 valuation \$29,291,130.10.

Farm implements, motor vehicles,

etc., 1936 valuation \$5,838,003; 1935 valuation \$4,136,048.

Furniture and fixtures, 1936 valuation \$4,014,849; 1935 valuation \$3,904,479.

Horses and mules, 1936 valuation \$2,860,300; 1935 valuation \$2,826,062.

Cattle, 1936 valuation \$9,692,239; 1935 valuation \$9,135,834.

Sheep and goats, 1936 valuation \$3,493,055; 1935 valuation \$3,985,320.

### BARRS MAKE TRIP

Silverton—Mr. and Mrs. George Barr and Mr. and Mrs. Al Johnson and George, left Sunday for a two-weeks' vacation in Chico, Calif., to be with the Robert Barrs over the Christmas holidays.

Silverton—A house guest for the week at the homes of the Nels and Nester Tokstads was Mrs. Tina Olsen of Astoria.

### METHODIST WOMEN PRESENT PROGRAM

Jefferson—The Woman's Foreign Missionary society of the Methodist church held its regular meeting Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Earl Phelps with Mrs. Charles McKee assisting hostess.

Mrs. George C. Mason led the devotionals and Mrs. J. O. Van Winkle was program leader. Mrs. Van Winkle read an article on "The Origin of Christmas Carols." She also led the group in singing Christmas hymns. Mrs. Grace Thurston read a poem. Mrs. R. C. Thomas read an article on African music, describing the various instruments used by the natives. Mrs. C. J. Thurston gave

the stewardship ritual with the lighting of the candles. Mrs. E. B. Redmond, in costume, acted the Nativity scene, assisted by Mrs. Mason who read the scripture. Following the scene Mrs. Redmond gave two poems. Refreshments were served by the hostesses.

Members present included Mrs. R. C. Thomas, Mrs. Grace Thurston, Mrs. W. P. Willings, Mrs. C. J. Thurston, Mrs. E. C. Hart, Miss Addie Libby, Mrs. E. B. Redmond, Mrs. J. O. Van Winkle, Mrs. Geo. C. Mason and the hostesses, Mrs. Charles McKee and Mrs. Earl Phelps. Guests were Mrs. Baltimore, Miss Josephine Getchell and Miss Margaret Savage.

Newspaper columnists are called by Dr. B. A. Botkin, English professor at the University of Oklahoma, the most prolific makers of slang terms in America.

### Wedding Ring Club Has Holiday Party

Jefferson—Members of the "Wedding Ring" club entertained with a Christmas party at the L.O.O.F. hall. A Christmas tree and distribution of gifts by "Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus," were features of the evening. Several tables of pinocle and monopoly were in play and at midnight a supper was served.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Looney, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Dorman, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hart, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Dixon Vose, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Stephenson, Mr. and Mrs. Leland Wells, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Boyer, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Phelps and Mr. and Mrs. Herald Thurston.

The age range of University of Florida students is 15 to 56.

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